

Tactical Prepper ABCs - “Always Be Learning”

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I came to work for Modern Combat & Survival back before it was called MCS. Over the years this has not just been fun and helpful to others; it has personally educated ME, Buck Greene, about survival and preparedness. As I conducted interviews, reviewed products, and learned more about these topics, I realized I was getting a series of “master classes” on survival, self-defense, self-protection, and self-reliance.

- This is part of why we’re making the transition to Warrior Life, to more directly engage with YOU as we all become better prepared and protected citizens.
- Here are several lessons that I, personally, learned from my time here at MCS.

1. The Machete Is More Than An Agricultural Tool

I’m old enough to remember when machetes weren’t seen as “sexy.” My father had an old machete, of the military/OD canvas sheath type, that today you can buy for 5 bucks at a Wal-Mart (or you could before they upgraded their “house machete”). I never thought of it as much of anything but something for clearing brush (infrequently).

- Jeff Anderson was one of the first survivalists who taught me that you don’t even necessarily need a “survival knife” (and I grew up during the Rambo Knife era). A machete can do the job thoroughly with maybe a small razor knife for fine work.

- The machete is also a self-defense short sword, and one of my favorite DVD resources is my set of our Combat Machete training. I have multiple machetes now.

2. Get Ahead Of The Bugout Crowd

MCS taught me that the WRONG time to bug out is when everybody else is doing it.

- You have to look for the warning signs of collapse and, if you’re going to bug out, the time to do it is before everybody else does.
- You also have to be prepared to bug out on foot, so I learned to REDUCE the weight of my bugout bags for this, rather than carrying too much.

3. The “Square Range” is What Most Shooters Use... And It’s Not Enough

MCS taught me that realistic “tactical shooting” is not something the “square range” teaches you, and that real close-quarter gunfights are a close-quarters problem.

- I also learned the importance of point shooting and other CQC methods from MCS. Without MCS, I would still think plinking paper at the range was enough.

4. What Have YOU Learned?

What have YOU personally changed as a result of our podcasts or posts? Leave a comment on our blog to let us know!

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