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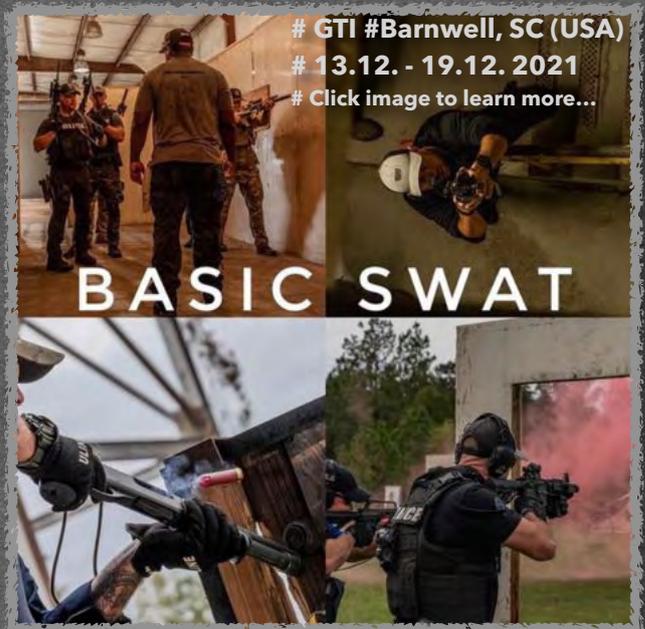


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Wodan Security International Bodyguard Conference 2022



Ralf Kassner, founder of Wodan Security Germany, has confirmed that there will be another International Bodyguard Conference in 2022.

Wodan Security's International Bodyguard Conference (IBC) is an industry leading event for tactical training in Europe.

IBC events take place over several days with a line-up of various instructors to cover crucial aspects of real-life operations.

Fred Mastro and Walter Bizzarri (Universal Shield USA) have already confirmed to be instructors on the IBC 2022... We will keep you updated!

Registration for IBC 2022 will be open to professional operators, only!



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#Tactical Tracking # Talon Wilkinson # Tactical Tracker Training School



In the past, tracking was a skillset only possessed by those who had received training in the military or was minutely discussed in woodland courses that covered a variety of other primary topics.

In the present, visual tracking has grown in popularity in the law enforcement community over the past decade and can now be found from a variety of training venues and vendors across the globe.

As the desire to learn to track has increased in the law enforcement community, so has the misconceptions about the process, the skill set, and the benefits trained trackers can offer their agency.

One of the most frustrating expressions we hear as Tracking Instructors from within our own community is "Tracking is Tracking."

While it is true that the fundamentals of tracking are the same no matter what terrain or environment you are applying them to; the phrase is usually said to dismiss other venues of training.



That line of thought is detrimental to the industry. We as Tracking Instructors should be encouraging our students in the Law Enforcement community to seek as much training as possible, whether it is from our own company or others. You would never hear a Firearms Instructor or SWAT Instructor say that their course was the only course that officers needed to take to be proficient in that skill, and tracking should be no different. Basic tracking fundamentals only provide the student the basic knowledge to track.

After a five-day course, the officer should feel confident that tracking works and is real. The officers should feel confident that they can track an individual through varying terrains, but the officers should also realize that to become a proficient tracker they will need as much training as possible in the months and years to come.

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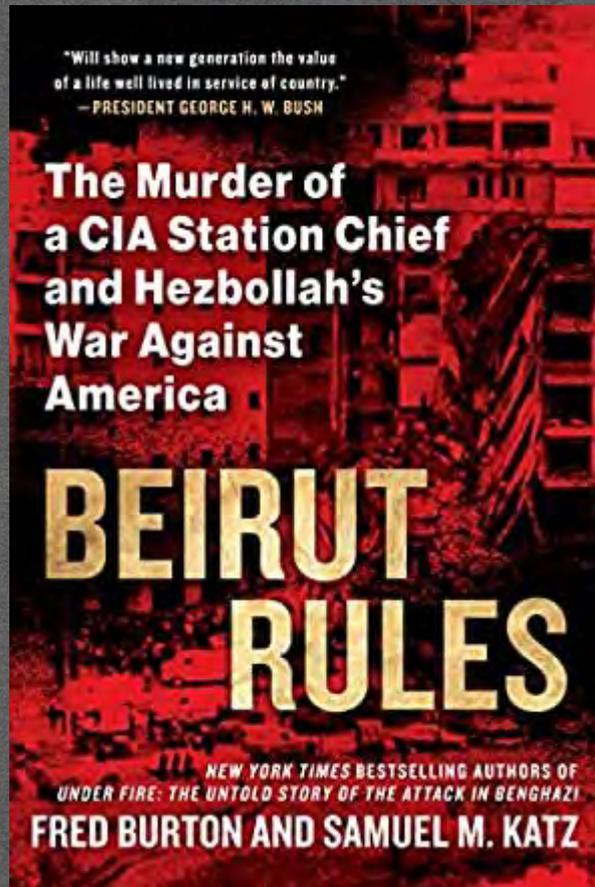
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Hezbollah's War Against America
And It's Global Reach Of Terror



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As a state sponsor of terror, Hezbollah's reach is indeed global. I've seen this first-hand. In the 1980s, the terrorist group seemed always to be one step ahead and we had a hard time figuring out their main players and actors. Rarely, if ever, did we forecast their next move.

The organization certainly has the capability to strike Western or Israeli interests around the globe, if desired. But, there are also constraints; if any act of terror could be directly attributed to their actions, there would be reprisals. Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, their leader, knows this.



DSS special agent Fred Burton, somewhere over the North Atlantic, on a USAF military special air mission (SAM) with freed American hostage David Jacobsen.

Some intelligence services watch the group better than others, i.e., the Israeli MOSSAD. From a tactical perspective, the penetration of the organization has always been tough due to a range of tradecraft reasons.

To be blunt, we lacked the human intelligence assets to find Bill Buckley in 1984, the kidnapped station chief, and the other Western hostages (to include German hostages). It was an intelligence failure on the part of many Western intelligence services.

I think about that pretty much every day. We should have done more.



Bill Buckley on patrol in Vietnam - Courtesy of Beverly Surrett



ID badge photograph of William Buckley - Courtesy of the CIA

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Often when violent attacks occur, tons of people answer "that is why I carry" or "that is why we need guns."

But are you really safer just because you carry a weapon?

Hear me out...

I'm cool with you carrying a mechanical weapon if you're also a human weapon!

1) Unless your weapon is in your hand at the time of an attack, you still need to weather the ambush (both psychological and physical).

2) Depending on the nature of the attack (aggression/proximity/etc.) you will still need to recalibrate your mind and body, then assess, then move. [That's why understanding neuroscience is important.]

During a sudden attack at extreme close quarters, your body's survival system can override executive function, limiting access to your learned complex motor skills.

These pictures (above) are from our SPEAR System Concealed Carry Combatives course (C3)

In these drills, YOU are the primary weapon system and your firearm (or knife) is your backup. You need to be able to weather the emotional ambush (fear) as well as the physical (the assault).

This is the formula for safety during an extreme close-quarter ambush:

1) Weather the ambush, if you don't accomplish that there is no next move!

2) Manage the fear spike - we teach a specific system around the neuroscience of fear and how it influences movement and decision-making.

3) Convert the flinch - this is the bread and butter of our tactical system.

4) Regain emotional & psychological balance - mindset and resiliency are key to making good decisions while under duress.



5) Engage the threat using primal gross motor movements [not complex motor skills] ... when you flinch your hands will move to protect your head, so unless your gun is in your hand already it's actually moving further from your holster, this reality needs to be integrated into this type of scenario training.

6) When you are emotionally and psychologically in control of yourself and physically dominating your opponent, transition to your backup weapon - prematurely going to your weapon could prove costly depending on the nature of the attack.



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Note: this formula is 'principle based' designed for 'extreme close quarters' - if you can break contact, get to cover, those are obvious options, the scenario must dictate. This course and drill sequence are for when you are stuck within arms reach.

I sincerely hope this inspired you to dig into our research more, especially if you're LEO, military, or concealed carry holder.



If you want to learn more about my research on fear, click on the image above.

One last thing:

When I began researching this in the 80s, I was fascinated by the speed and power of the startle-flinch response.

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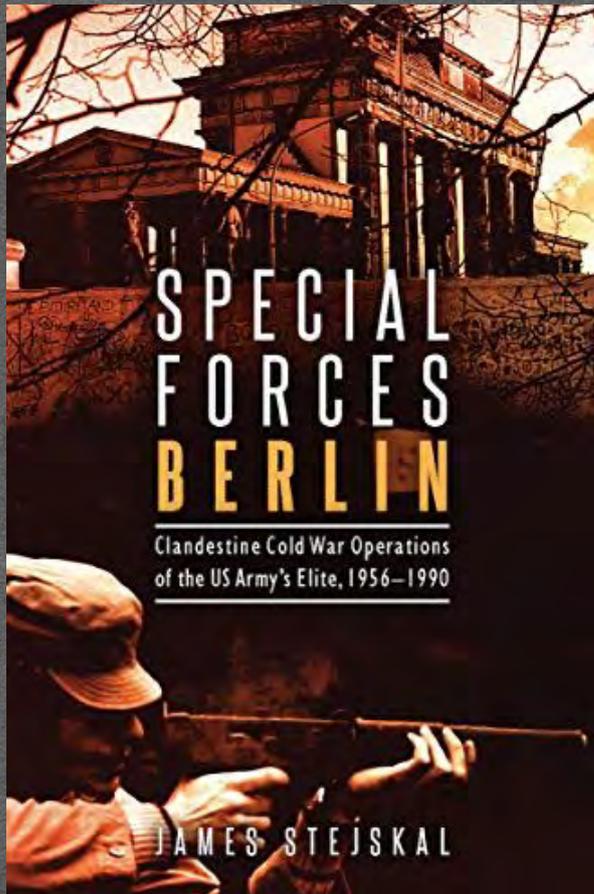


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James Stejskal

Special Forces Berlin and the Beginnings of Counter Terror Ops and CQB in the US Army



It was the height of the Cold War between NATO and the Warsaw Pact. Berlin was the focal point of that struggle, although many bloodier skirmishes took place elsewhere around the world.

Our mission in Berlin was secret. We were known to the outside world as Detachment "A" or Det "A" for short. The classified designation was Special Forces (SF) Berlin. This unique SF unit had been stationed in Berlin since 1956 waiting for the moment when the Cold War might turn hot.

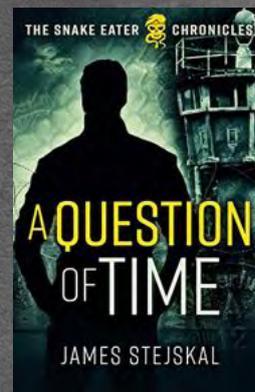
If conflict did come, SF Berlin was tasked to disrupt Soviet rear area security and slow the advance of the Warsaw Pact's forces towards Western Europe.

The men of the unit had to be experts not only in unconventional warfare but urban operations as well. It was a tall order for 90 men posted 110 miles behind enemy lines. The odds weren't good but we accepted them.

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We were located in Berlin, the "Outpost of Freedom" as it was called in the western press. There were only a few of us Special Forces types in the city, a small fraction of the 12,000 American, British, and French – the Allies – stationed there. That was an even smaller fraction of the roughly 1,000,000 Soviet and East German troops surrounding us.



Day-to-day life was always interesting – training for special operations under the nose of the enemy was a challenge. The men became consummate professionals at war in the shadows, much like their predecessors in the Office of Strategic Services.

They had to work under cover using esoteric intelligence tradecraft skills taught by case officer instructors from the Agency. Wearing an American army uniform was not part of the mission, but wearing someone else's was. Very good language ability and an intimate knowledge of local customs was mandatory. Of course there were other unique tasks to learn like where and how to cross East German border defenses without being shot.

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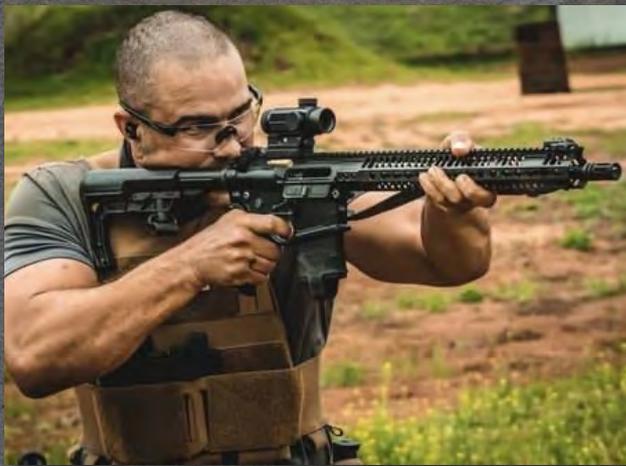
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Competitive Shooting: What I wish
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I have one last tip for the newer competition shooter. I see all the time that newer shooters tend to group together and squad away from the top competitors.

I know this is partly because they don't want to look silly or embarrass themselves in front of these competition shooting veterans in their bright jerseys and top dollar guns and gear (color coordinated of course).

I know that, because that was my reason, years ago! I know it's also sometimes just out of fear that they will slow down the squad or get in the way. Throw those ideas away! You have just as much a right to be there and shoot as the guy who eventually walks with the top trophy!

In truth the competition shooting community is 99% incredibly welcoming, accommodating and mentoring of newer competitors. And that's due to the incredibly high caliber of people in this sport. The real reason I am suggesting that newer shooters purposely squad and shoot with the more experienced and successful competitors is simple and true. That's how you get better the fastest.

Overcome those inhibitions and jump in there with those guys and gals and you will learn more in one match watching them, and yes, even asking questions (no not a crime), than you ever could staying in a group of all newer shooters.

This seems like a no brainer and quite obvious but its surprising how frequently I see this not only not being done but intentionally avoided.

Ok, that's what I got for anyone just getting into the wonderful and challenging sport of competition shooting. I am always happy to personally offer any help to any newer competitors, so don't hesitate to reach out to me on Facebook or Instagram.

Get out to a local match and check it out. Every match I know of allows spectators free of charge, just take eye and ear protection. You can learn a lot just from watching and possibly make some connections with local competitors which can be of further help.

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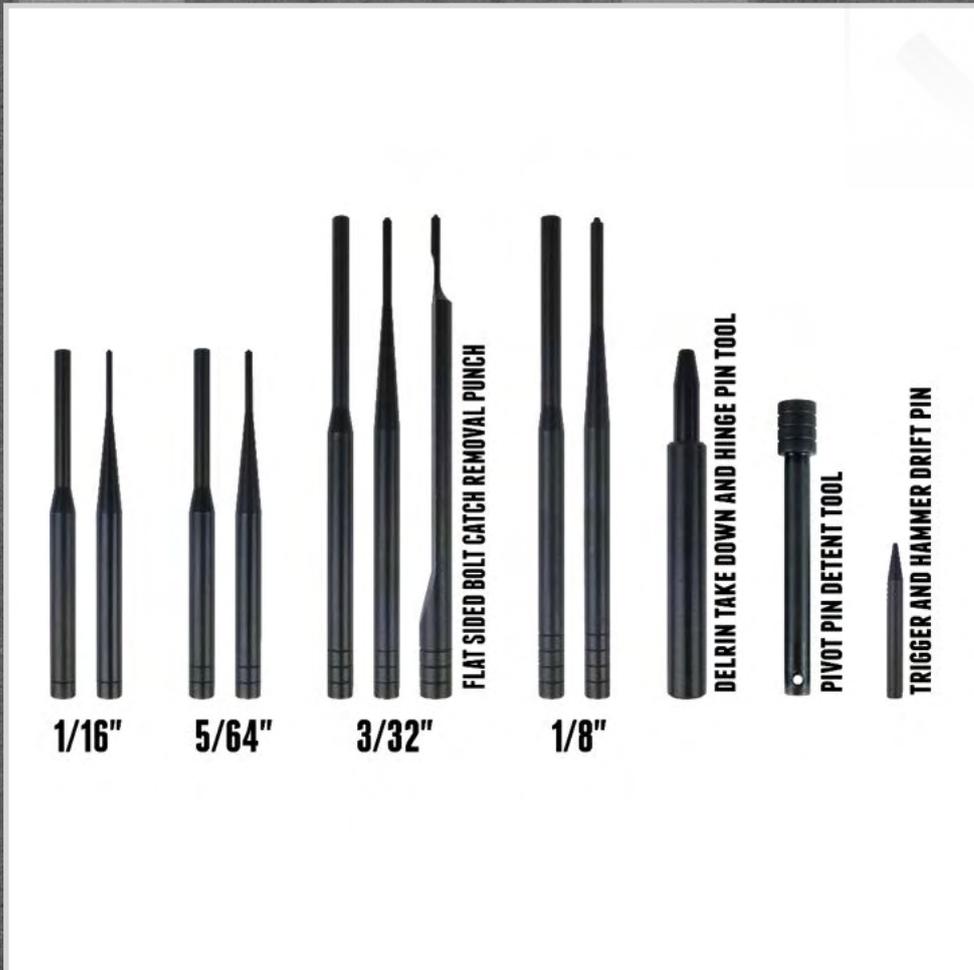


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The 2022 Trigger'd Expo will bring all of the great promised features from the 2021 event, but now without having to compromise any elements due to concerns in the area. With that said, Trigger'd is still taking place at the Government Training Institute (GTI) in Barnwell, SC. GTI was founded in 2003 to address needs of state and local law enforcement agencies throughout the United States with research-based training. GTI's expansive, one-of-a-kind facility is a decommissioned nuclear processing facility that never went active.

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