

# FROM COMBAT TO SUPPLY

**SCORPION 6 KNIVES**  
MAKES MODERN  
WEAPONS FOR THE  
MODERN WARRIOR

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2004, an elite Army Infantry unit, call sign "Scorpion," roamed the mountains of Afghanistan looking to make friends with the locals. This is where Scorpion 6 originated ([ScorpionSixKnives.com](http://ScorpionSixKnives.com)).

**A**t our recent family reunion, I was sitting with a cousin looking out at the lake when he asked me if I had ever heard of Scorpion 6 Knives. When I mentioned that I hadn't, he told me I had to check out Shane Magnussen. He had served with Shane in Afghanistan and kept in touch with him after they returned home. Knowing that I am always on the lookout for extraordinary talent, he figured his friend would be right up my alley. He was not mistaken.

## 01 What's in a name?

In the U.S. Army, units and individual teams are given call signs to disguise their identities over enemy radios. The number following the call sign signifies the role within the unit. The number 6 is the command element. In 2003-

## 02 The Challenges

Shane has found that his greatest challenge unfortunately is finding companies that will provide supporting elements to help in his operations here in the United States. From steel to marketing materials, he has found that overseas operations have greater interest and faster turnaround. He also finds that manufacturing companies that can help him with things such as waterjet are not interested in working with local companies, opting for large contracts over steady local business. However, with these challenges he prides himself in maintaining 100%-American-made status.

## 03 Inspired

Considering himself a sculptor and artist before knifemaker, Shane draws inspiration from his time in an elite light infantry unit in Afghanistan, during

his time in the U.S. Army. Although, he considers his family to be the most important source of inspiration, along with the support of his customers.

## 04 Time to Get Creative

Shane finds that he is at his most creative around 2200 hours (10 p.m.), when he is winding down for sleep, at which time he will sketch out his idea to be followed up in the morning. He also enjoys working with people who come to him with specific issues with their current EDC, and has had the opportunity to do this recently with Phoenix SWAT, as well as a few frontline operators overseas.

## 05 Picking Favorites

Always wanting to expand himself, Shane really enjoys making folders, because he says that they are more complex and it is challenging to make them function properly. But, he does also make fixed blade knives and strives for designs unlike anything anyone else is creating.

## 06 Ordering

Shane has an average waiting period of 8-10 months out of his Gilbert, Arizona shop, but occasionally has a "flash" sale on social media. Although he prefers to do his own designs, he is always open to helping create solutions for the men and women serving our nation on the front lines. **KI**

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