



The mark side of Bob Dozier's 9/11 10th Anniversary Knife honors those fallen via Sandra Brady's vivid scrimshaw. "We Remember 9-11-2011" commemorates the 10-year anniversary. Brady put a shadow outline of the Twin Towers where the missing jet would be in the "missing man" formation, with a soldier saluting. Softly enveloping the scene is the American flag. The knife rests atop a raw piece of cut steel from the South Tower and, below it, a piece of South Tower and 1095 carbon steel forged into ladder-pattern damascus by Daryl Meier, the latter which also serves as the blade steel.

Own a Piece of 9-11 History



BOB DOZIER'S KNIFE RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO FELL
WILL BE AUCTIONED TO BENEFIT THE FIRST RESPONDERS' FAMILIES

In an exclusive to *BLADE*®, knifemaker Bob Dozier has announced the donation of a special knife commemorating the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy in honor of the brave first responders who served our country so well on that day, and the military personnel who have served so well since.

As noted in "9/11 Knives: Ten Years After" in the October *BLADE*, Dozier received a large package of the twisted 9/11 steel circa 2003 from retired New York City firefighter Keith Kaiser, and charged noted damascus specialist Daryl Meier with forging several billets of blade material using 1095 carbon steel as the second part of the blend. For the special 9/11 10th Anniversary Knife, Dozier used the last bar he had of Meier's patterned steel for the blade.

The project was very personal to Doz-

ier as many of the firemen who perished that tragic day were friends and customers. "The attacks on 9/11 are never to be forgotten," he began. "We haven't seen the likes of it since Pearl Harbor in World War II. I had one piece of the steel left and felt like I needed to make a contribution. There have already been contributions

made but there will never be enough to repay our debt for what [the first responders] paid. All proceeds from the auction of this knife will go to help the families of the firefighters and policemen who lost their lives that day."

According to Dozier, the steel he sent Meier was from atop a pile of debris from



Bob Dozier (right) puts the finishing grind on the 9/11 knife. (Dozier photo)

On the obverse side of the knife (top right), Sandra Brady focused more on the firemen and the event itself, "Lest We Forget 9-11-2001." The silhouetted firemen face a roaring fire, the towers before them in flames. As with the flip side, the flag envelops the scene.



Sandra Brady (above) said the emotions came gushing forth as she conceptualized the scrimshaw scenes for the knife. (Sandra Brady photo)

the Second Tower of the World Trade Center. The pattern is Meier's Turkish damascus. He chose Meier to forge the steel because, in Dozier's opinion, "Daryl is the father of modern-day damascus steel. He is a true master at what he does." As an aside, it is interesting to note that Dozier spent many years in the Northeast and others parts of the country as a foreman in the structural steel industry.

He made two knives from the Meier damascus—one donated during a special tribute to the New York Firefighters Burn Unit in 2003 (see pages 90, August 2003 *BLADE* and 66, November *BLADE*), and a second he gave to a customer. "It wouldn't have been right charging for these knives—not then and not now," Dozier noted.

Initially, Meier had reservations about forging the steel from the World Trade Center.

"I was a little apprehensive at first due to a concern about toxins. The steel worked

fine, however, and I mixed it with 1095 to give it contrast," he said. "Structural steel typically has low carbon content whereas 1095 has high carbon content, and after forging the two I got a nice contrast."

As for what working with the special steel meant to him personally, Meier did not mince words.

"Of course, 9/11 was a highly emotional thing. As an American who pledges allegiance to the flag, I was emotionally affected," he noted. "It was an honor to work with the 9/11 steel knowing where it came from. It was a piece of history. It's another warm spot in my life experiences."

Brady's Exquisite Scrim

The knife is Dozier's "Improved Trapper" with a 3.5-inch drop-point blade. Closed length: 4.75 inches. In addition to the Meier Turkish damascus blade, the folder features pre-ban ivory scales, titanium liners, and a LinerLock™ in the style of



Blade Magazine Cutlery Hall-Of-Fame® member Michael Walker. The scales sport Sandra Brady's exquisite scrimshaw.

According to Dozier, Brady was a natural for the art end of the project. "I've followed Sandra's work for many years and admire her skill and dedication to the craft," he said. "She is one of the top scrimshanders today."

When Dozier approached Brady about the project, she expressed great interest.

"[The 9/11 terrorist attack] brings up so many emotions for me," she recounted, "so when I sat down to conceptualize my ideas for the artwork, all those emotions came out. My design comes from all those vivid images from that day.

"The right side of the knife honors those fallen. 'We Remember 9-11-2011' is on this side and commemorates the 10-year anniversary. The salute to those heroes and the missing man formation of the jets are appropriate, and I think evocative of the feelings of U.S. citizens toward those brave men and women who died in 9/11, and also those who have fought and died since then. I placed a shadow outline of the Twin Towers where the missing jet would be. This will not be lost on the military readers out there, or on a large part of the public. Then softly surrounding this scene is the American flag.

"On the reverse side of the knife I focused more on the firemen and the event itself, 'Lest We Forget 9-11-2001,'" she continued. "Since this knife is made from the steel of the Towers and brought to you from a fireman who survived the [event], how could I not? So the silhouetted firemen are facing a roaring fire, the Towers before them in flames. This scene is also surrounded by the flag. The flag not only symbolizes the patriotism that we feel whenever we think about someone attacking our fine country, but it also serves to tie the two scenes together."

How You Can Own It

You can buy the 9/11 10th Anniversary Knife featured through an auction on Dozier's website. All proceeds will go to the NYPD/FDNY Widows and Orphans Fund. You can send in your bid amount by e-mail to info@dozierknives.com (your telephone number and address are required), or visit the website and register as a member at www.dozierknives.com. Bids will be taken until midnight, Oct. 10,

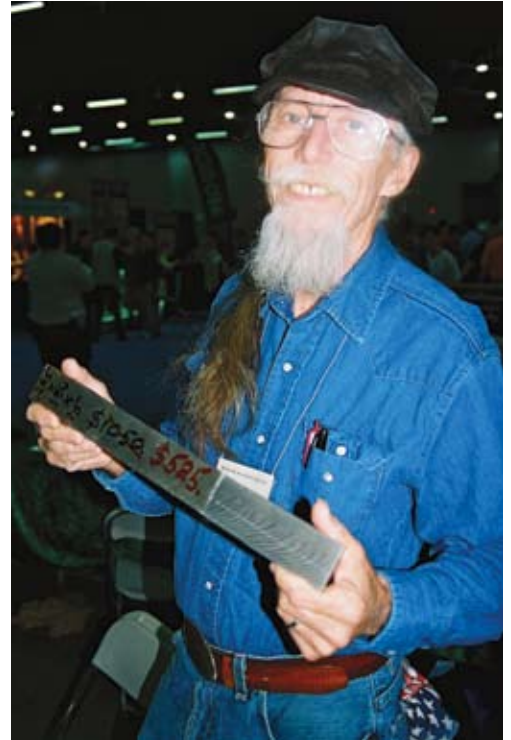
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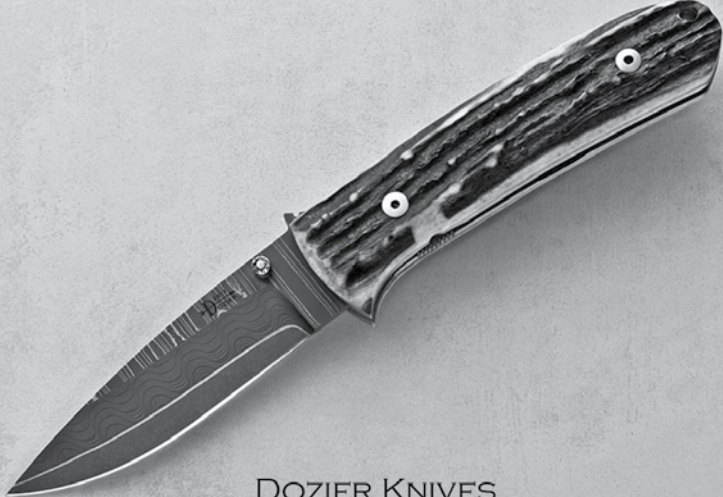
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Daryl Meier forged the damascus for Bob Dozier's folder of structural steel from the South Tower of the World Trade Center and 1095, and refused payment for it. "No way," Daryl reportedly said. "That's something you don't put a price on." Meier (right) holds a bar of his steel at a past BLADE Show.



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