



**W.R. CASE & WINKLER KNIVES UNVEIL NEWEST
'AMERICAN HEROES' KNIFE COLLABORATION:
THE CASE® WINKLER HAMBONE**

***Knifemaker continues to pay tribute to American Heroes with
new collaboration debuting at BLADE Show 2018***



June 1, 2018, Bradford, PA – The Case® Winkler Hambone is a new fixed blade knife crafted collectively by Case® and Winkler Knives. The design is the result of a shared vision between Master Bladesmith Daniel Winkler and U.S. Army veteran and Medal of Honor recipient Clint Romesha. Case will be unveiling a collection of two different variations of the new knife at BLADE Show 2018, which takes place June 1-3 at the Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, GA.

The Case® Winkler Hambone is the third in a series of collaborations that celebrate American heroes, an idea inspired by Case's historic military connections and Winkler Knives' ongoing involvement with members of the U.S. military. Co-produced by an elite team of knife makers, the Case® Winkler Hambone brings together Case's quality craftsmanship and performance standards with the superior reputation of Winkler Knives' custom manufactured blades.

The Case® Winkler Hambone is a high-performance field knife that is lightweight, well-balanced and built for dependability. The curved blade is made from tough 80CrV2 steel, known for its enduring lateral strength, superior edge retention, and ease of sharpening. Knowing the importance of minimizing the need for packing multiple tools for different tasks, Romesha incorporated a glass breaker into the end of the handle to create a lightweight, versatile knife. The sheath and the knife are paired up with a strong, lightweight clip adorned with the green and black star, the epitome of military service.

All of these premium features make the Case® Winkler Hambone the perfect ally to take on any adventure, whether hiking, camping, hunting or just exploring in your own unique way.

“As a company that prides itself on integrity and perseverance, we are humbled to continue to honor our heroes through the American Heroes program with Daniel Winkler,” remarked Brent Tyler, Senior Brand Manager, W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company. “Clint Romesha embodies what it means to be a true hero, and it is a privilege to have the opportunity to collaborate with him on this special project as part of our ongoing program.”

With more than 30 years of knife experience to his credit, Daniel Winkler brings multiple disciplines to this project – as a Master Bladesmith, respected metallurgist, blade geometrist and full-time knife maker who, through Winkler Knives, has served some of the most elite Special Operators across all branches of the U.S. military. “I am pleased to continue to partner with a company known for not only its quality of knives, but the integrity of those who work behind the scenes and the programs they support. The American Heroes Project is one of the most important projects that I’ve ever been a part of. Not only are we developing beautifully designed, well-made working knives, but we’re doing so in a way that honors the heroes, like Clint Romesha, that had given so much to our country.”

As co-designer of the Case® Winkler Hambone, Clint Romesha brings years of outdoor sports adventures and military expertise to this collaboration. A Medal of Honor recipient for his bravery at the Battle of Kamdesh, Romesha’s extensive knowledge of knife design, construction and tactical use hails from the many situations and extreme environments in which he had to depend on knives to survive.

“This process represents my first endeavor into the world of knifemaking, and it has been both exciting and gratifying to be able to bring to life a knife that can serve both the outdoorsman at home and my fellow servicemen and women deployed here and abroad”, shared Romesha. “Eight brave men sacrificed their lives in Kamdesh. I’m proud to honor their service with the creation of this piece, which has been emblazoned with eight stars in their memory.”

The knife’s name, “Hambone,” is a tribute to the pack mule that served at Fort Carson before Romesha. He reflects on the service of not only every service man and woman, but also the livestock and equipment that they use to perform their duties each day. Romesha believes the Hambone knife pays homage to the extraordinary service of that honorable mule, an animal that performed a litany of services and delivered exactly what was required.

The Case® Winkler Hambone is 9.75 in (24.8 cm) in length; AKTI blade length is 4.9 in (12.4 cm). The knife will be available for purchase beginning in June, 2018 from Case authorized dealers nationwide and at caseknives.com with MSRP’s ranging from \$325 to \$350. For additional information, please visit caseknives.com.

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ABOUT DANIEL WINKLER AND WINKLER KNIVES



Daniel Winkler is an award-winning custom knife maker based in Blowing Rock, North Carolina. His early recognition came from hand-forging Early American-influenced knives and axes. The historical styling of his work led to Winkler being commissioned to create cutlery for principal characters in the award winning 1992 film, *The Last of the Mohicans*. In more recent years he has had the honor of working with members of elite units within the U.S. Military and Allied Forces around the world, a development which prompted the establishment of the Winkler Knives II product line that continues today.

ABOUT CLINT ROMESHA



Clint Romesha is an American hero who has honorably served his country in the U.S. Army for more than 12 years. In 2009, Romesha was section leader assigned to Bravo Troop, 3-61 Cavalry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division during the deadly attack on the Kamdesh district for which he received the Medal of Honor for his leadership, bravery and valor. He has since separated from the U.S. Army and lives in North Dakota.

ABOUT W.R. CASE & SONS CUTLERY COMPANY

W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company is an American manufacturer of premium knives that are built on a legacy of quality and perseverance. Based in Bradford, Pennsylvania, Case's offerings cover a wide range of product categories, from traditional folding pocket knives to fixed blade sporting knives. Since 1889, Case has been building knives with integrity for people of integrity, and that legacy continues today. Case is owned by Zippo Manufacturing Company, makers of the world famous Zippo® windproof lighter. Call (800) 523-6350 or visit caseknives.com for more information; you can also follow Case (@WRCase) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WRCase), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/WRCase) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/WRCase).

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