

Air Warrior...

Donning the ASEK Knife

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FINAL ANSWER
ON KNIFE
PLACEMENT!



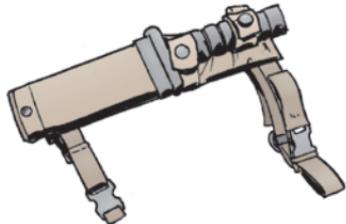
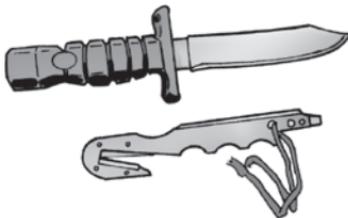
Crews, how to place the aviation survival and egress knife (ASEK), NSN 1095-01-530-0832, on the primary survival gear carrier (PSGC) has been the subject of much debate!

Because there has been no standard on placement of the knife and whether it could be mounted on the GEN II or GEN III vests, most followed their best guess.

There was talk that the knife could only be worn on the leg near the calf. Still others said the knife couldn't be worn on vests because a hard landing or aircraft mishap could cause the knife to stab its wearer.

Let's put the knife issue to rest and bury the hatchet! The final answer is found in the newest TM, dated 12 Mar 2012. Check out WP 0077 00 of TM 1-1680-377-13&P-1. The ASEK **cannot** be worn on the PSGC. That's the bottom line. The TM says the knife must be worn on the inside or outside of either calf.

Authorized placement of knife...inside or outside of either calf!



Because the knife placement has been the subject of much talk, any concerns with the TM procedure must be addressed by submitting a DA Form 2028 change request to the manual.

The TM is available on the LOGSA website at:

<https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms>