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**SOG® showcases top-tier knives and tools at 2014 Special Operations Conference**

*Kiku Series, Elite Entrenching Tool and Dark Energy Flashlights among products to be featured*

**Lynnwood, WA. - XXX, XXXX** - SOG® Specialty Knives and Tools announces they will showcase several of their top-tier knives and tools at their booth (#1113) at the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference (SOFIC) in Tampa, FL, May 20-22, 2014.

Among the products to be featured, **The Kiku Fixed Series**, a rugged and elegant fixed blade made in collaboration with the legendary Japanese knife maker, Kiku Matasuda. The knife features a 5.6-inch straight edged clip point AUS-8 stainless steel blade in satin polished finish. The handle is linen micarta with full tang construction and includes a Kydex sheath with a removable belt clip for easy access as it's attached to your gear. The overall length is 11.2-inches and weighs 11.2-ounces.

Additionally, SOG will be highlighting their **Elite Entrenching Tool**, a lightweight, compact folding shovel with a glass reinforced nylon handle and nylon carrying case with gear loops to easily attach to molle or your kit in any environment. The tri-fold and telescoping design makes transporting the tool easy, and the steel blade and concealed, removable hand saw makes the Elite Entrenching Tool one of the best accessories you can carry - indispensable in our war-fighter's constantly changing environment.

SOG will also showcase several more of their versatile knives, lights and tools, including:

- **Kiku Folder Series** – Once again working with Kiku Matsuda, SOG brings the Kiku Folder to the plate, with a 4.6-inch straight edged clip point AUS-8 stainless steel blade in a series of finishes. The handle is a linen micarta with a liner lock construction and a low-carry pocket clip for easy concealment. With an overall length of 9.4 inches and a weight of 7 ounces, this is the first-ever folding knife from Matsuda.
- **Flashback Series** – SOG's fastest assisted opening blade available, this knife includes a locking safety and reversible pocket clip – making it ideal knife everyday carry. With a 3.5-inch straight edge AUS-8 steel blade (available in tanto or drop point shape), and low-carry reversible pocket clip, the overall length is 8 inches and weighs 3.7 ounces.
- **Zoom Series** – Utilizing SOG's patented assisted opening technology, the quick one-hand opening and built-in safety make this knife a favorite among users. The 3.6-inch straight edge AUS-8 stainless steel blade and anodized aluminum handle make it light weight, balanced and versatile. Overall length measures 8.3-inches and weighs in at 4 ounces, making the Zoom a compact and easy choice for everyday carry.
- **Trident Elite Series** – Designed to tackle any emergency situation, the Trident Elite is ready to go at a moment's notice with its assisted opening mechanism, slot cutter and

glass breaker. The knife is equipped with a 3.7-inch hard cased straight edge AUS-8 stainless steel blade and a glass-reinforced nylon handle with textured rubber inserts. The built-in slot cutter ensures you can easily cut through thin rope, belts or webbing without having to open the blade. The front of the handle provides a built-in glass breaker for any situation. Overall length is 8.7-inches, with a weight of 4.4-ounces.

- **Dark Energy Flashlights** – SOG's line of flashlights pack between 120 - 750 lumens (depending on the model). Each light features a cool white Cree R5 LED bulb with an optical grade polycarbonate lens and textured aluminum reflector. Water resistance: IPX-7 Protected against water immersion.

"SOG provides knives, tools and lighting solutions, tailored to our customers' needs," said Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Nando Zucchi. "We take pride in delivering top-quality products while meeting the needs of individuals who continue to put themselves in harm's way to protect our freedoms."

#### **About SOG**

Taking its name from an elite Special Forces military group from the Vietnam era – the Studies and Observation Group – SOG was founded in 1986 by designer and toolmaker Spencer Frazer. SOG has gone on to produce the favorite models of specialty knives and tools used by the military, law enforcement, industrial tradesmen and outdoor enthusiasts worldwide. SOG's diverse range of award-winning knives and tools are sold worldwide. For more information, visit [www.sogknives.com](http://www.sogknives.com).

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