

Newcomers are most welcome!

I understand why some people from other methods are sometimes hesitant to attend a training camp where they might not know anyone. I promise you will discover one of the most friendly and welcoming groups on this planet. Amoks treasure our brotherhood and by the end of the first day, you will have friends that may well last for the rest of your life.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions you may have. If you've never traveled internationally before, I stand ready to help you every step of the way.

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Has someone fed you some FAKE news about AMOK!?

For the past ten years I have heard rumors and whispers about a secret group of fanatical knife fighters called AMOK! whose training is so intense that numerous practitioners have been stabbed, maimed, and even in one instance killed during classes and demos. I was told to stay clear. I was told I couldn't handle the training. I was told this was a closed-door system and I wouldn't be welcome. As always in my life I gravitate towards everything that people tell me I cannot do or that I shouldn't do, and that's what led me down a path that took me 8,000 miles to Pattaya, Thailand and changed how I view martial arts and combat science forever.

As I arrived at class on day one, I was pleasantly surprised to realize that all of those rumors and whispers were nothing more than urban legends. The first myth that was dispelled was that of the fanatical leader at the helm of AMOK! Tom Sotis proved to be not only one of the most talented and knowledgeable martial artists that I have ever crossed hands with, he is also one of the nicest and generous human beings I have had the pleasure of knowing in my 40 years (and one day) on this planet.

I hope Tom doesn't mind me defining AMOK!, but as I do so I found it to have three strong foundational pillars. The first is that it is an effective and lethal stand-alone art onto its self. AMOK! will save your life and protect your loved ones. Secondly, AMOK! is a dynamic combat methodology that can be applied to enhance and improve any martial background no matter the system or the experience level of the practitioner. Lastly, and most importantly, AMOK! is a brotherhood. Tom has done an amazing job of setting the bar high in regards to the standards he holds his students too. Not only are his students skilled and dangerous martial practitioners, they are also men and women of quality and character. These are the people you want watching you back on a dark night in unfamiliar waters.

Thank you, Tom Sotis, and thank you to my new AMOK! brothers that took me in sight unseen and treated me like family from the first meeting. AMOK!