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Bodyguard's Peacekeeper CCW Jacket features false pockets allowing the user to have a firm grip on his or her handgun if needed.



# STREETS THREADS



Stay in the fight with these three lifestyle pieces for the utmost in self-protection

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**“You have enemies? Good. That means you’ve stood up for something, sometime in your life.”** —*Winston Churchill*

**S**tanding up for what’s right isn’t always easy. While some will admire and respect you, chances are you’ll make some serious enemies. I found this out the hard way. When a government agency invited me to become part of an investigation that they claimed would put a dangerous cartel out of business, I felt like it was my patriotic duty to help. I did so diligently. Initially, I was told my involvement would last just a couple of weeks. This operation and subsequent additional investigations lasted for more than three years. But here’s a shocker for you; it turns out the government never really cared about putting a cartel out of business.

Their goal turned out to be to send as many guns to Mexico as possible with hopes they would turn up at crime scenes. Then President Obama and Attorney General Eric Holder could plead their case to the American public that the Assault Weapons Ban needed to be reinstated because, as Holder said, “Mexican people are dying at the hands of American guns.” Can you imagine that Democratic politicians placed their desire for gun control above that of innocent Mexican lives? Believe it!

This ugly affair came to light after a Border Patrol agent was killed with one of the trafficked guns. BATFE, the agency that recruited me to sell guns to the cartels,

immediately started backtracking hoping to cover their tracks. I was exposed by the feds as the confidential source on Operation Wide Receiver with the hope the mafiosos would silence me.

You know, it really sucks when the bad guys want to kill you, and the supposed good guys are hoping they do! That’s just one way to become a target!

Maybe you’ve had an unscrupulous business partner who lost his mind when you pulled your funding from his pet project. Or maybe your daughter finally broke up with that loser you never liked? Or, how about that neighbor that gives you the death stare every time you back out of your driveway because you called the cops one night

when he and his buddies kept your kids awake while being drunk and loud asshats?

### **PEACEMAKER JACKET**

Regardless of whatever circumstance has made you the target of someone’s hate, the ability to be bulletproof can be comforting and add to your confidence. Now, Bodyguard offers the Peacemaker Level 3A Jacket with two ballistic plates that are designed to provide protection, front and back, for rounds ranging from .22 all the way to .44 Magnum.

The jacket’s outer shell is constructed from a triple layer of lightweight, breathable nylon-spandex blend, which is waterproof and offers protection from both wind and rain. It features a center-line zipper, utility pockets and the ability to



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➔ The Peacemaker Jacket utilizes two lightweight ballistic panels providing protection for everything from .22 LR to .44 Magnum.



Blackhawk's new Stache holster is ambidextrous and has adjustable ride height, cant and retention!

conceal 10x12-inch Level IIIA soft armor panels both front and back.

The black waist-length jacket makes it possible to have protection without wearing a ballistic vest. It is easy to put on and take off and is very comfortable to wear for extended periods. The soft ballistic plates can be easily removed, and the jacket can then be worn like any other windproof garment. By the way, the IIIA plates weigh just a hair more than 1 pound each, and because of their light weight do not cause the garment to sag around the plates. With the ballistic plates removed, the jacket can be machine washed like any other nylon-spandex garment and air dried.

One neat feature of the Peacemaker jacket is its



↑ The Peacemaker's ballistic panels are easily removable, and the jacket is machine washable to ensure simple cleaning and maintenance.

“Hidden Draw System.” The jacket has false pockets on both sides that will allow you to access and get a firm grip on your CCW pistol. If you push the gun forward into a presentation, the false pocket snaps will unbutton, or you can simply remove the gun through the pocket opening.

Damian Ross, the founder of the Self Defense Company ([myselfdefensetraining.com](http://myselfdefensetraining.com)), put a good deal of thought into this system. No one will give a second thought to you having your hands in your pockets when it's chilly or rainy. Having a firm firing grip on your pistol before the poop hits the fan is an incalculable edge.

The soft plates are detectable with a cursory pat down, but if the bad guy has his hands on you, you've already lost the initiative. The

Peacemaker Jacket might also work for undercover assignments and plain-clothes security work.

You can buy the Peacemaker Jacket without the plates for \$195 or with the two Level IIIA 10 x 12 inches soft ballistic panels for \$349!

### **BLACKHAWK STACHE**

Blackhawk sent a sample of their new Stache holster for one of my favorite CCW pistols, the Springfield Armory Hellcat Pro. Blackhawk injection molds the Stache from high-impact polymer that gives the holster strength without the thickness of Kydex and provides rounded edges for comfort. It is ambidextrous and comes with a 1.5-inch belt clip to lock it into its IWB. I wear mine at the appendix position. Retention is adjustable with



The Stache accommodates optics-equipped pistols. The company injection molds the holster from high-impact polymer to give it strength without the thickness of Kydex.

**PROTEK OFFICIAL USMC 1011 WATCH**

It's not very hard to spot a former Marine. If it's not the scarlet and gold bumper sticker, it's probably the Marine polo shirt, haircut or tattoo sleeve that gives them away. Jarheads are rightfully proud of their service and equally proud to fly their colors. Time Concepts now offers another way to put their service on display; the ProTek Official USMC Series 1011. This handsome watch will garner almost as many envious looks as a crisp set of dress blues.

As rugged as the Leatherneck who wears it, ProTek claims the 1011 is water resistant to an

the friction lock at the front of the triggerguard. It has a "shirt guard" or modified sweat guard on both sides, and this is where the belt clip attaches so the gun sits very low on your waistline. The holster is also cut for a red-dot optic. Blackhawk sells the American-made Stache for \$40, but here's the really neat thing, you can upgrade the holster, depending on your needs, to include an attached magazine carrier and concealment claw.




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incredible 300 meters. It uses a carbon composite case and bezel with a screw-in crown with a rubber grip, and the sapphire crystal has an anti-reflective coating. The 1011 Series utilizes a super accurate Japanese Quartz Miyota 2S60 three-hand and date movement powered by a 10-year battery. Another neat feature of the 1011 Series is the Swiss self-powered Pro-Glo T25 illumination system that ProTek claims is 100 times brighter than conventional watch lumens and will glow continuously for 25 years without the need to be charged with an external light source.



**“As rugged as the Leatherneck who wears it, ProTek claims the 1011 is water resistant to an incredible 300 meters!”**

But what will appeal to most is its embossed case-back that features the Eagle, Globe and Anchor Marine Corps logo. “The legend, United States Marine Corps” is also included on the watch face. ProTek outfits the 1011 with a rubberized watch strap for durability and comfort. With a suggested retail price of \$450, it should prove popular with The Few, The Proud! 

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