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Living History Knives Crafted from Trees that Witnessed History

(NAPSI)- Trees are the oldest living witnesses to the lives and events that shaped our nation. Silently, they stood over battles at Little Big Horn, the Civil War, and the defenders of the Alamo; trees shaded the lives of great American generals like Robert E. Lee and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Before the American Revolution, large trees were designated as Liberty Trees, meeting places for colonists to debate independence from Britain. With the help of American Forests, nation's oldest nonprofit conservation organization, Browning has introduced a new line of products to commemorate these events.

The Browning® *Living History Series* is a unique collection of limited edition knives that incorporate historic wood from trees that have stood witnesses to the event that helped shaped American History. This distinguishing element earned Browning **Knife of the Year** by Shooting Industry's Academy of Excellence.

The design of each knife has been researched to embody important elements of the times they represent. Obsidian blades and horsehair tassels adorn the Crazy Horse knife with a historic aspen hilt; a recreated Bowie knife hilted with live oak from the Alamo shrine recalls the weaponry used by the ill-fated Texans; a "D-guard" design shafted with black oak wood from Lee's Arlington home was a prized Civil War weapon; the ancient tulip poplar that sheltered early cries for freedom has been turned into hilts for a traditional colonial-era blade; a M3 GI World War II standard issue knife utilizes green ash wood from Eisenhower's birthplace.



Jeff Meyer, Project Director of AMERICAN FORESTS Historic Tree Nursery, with the Knife of the Year Award and Browning's Alamo Knife

The wood was harvested by American Forests. Since its founding in 1875, American Forests has been watching over historic sentinel trees. When historic trees ultimately succumb to old age or weather disasters the organization promptly harvests the venerated wood and preserves it.

With each purchase of a Browning® *Living History Series* knife, American Forests, will plant trees in Liberty Forests, environmental restoration projects dedicated to the 1.4 million men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces. American Forests also provides a complimentary one-year membership in the organization to the knife owners.

To learn more, including placing orders, please visit www.livinghistoryknives.com or call (800) 320-TREE (8733).

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