

Two Legends, One Hawk High-Flyin'

The storied names of Peter LaGana and Maj. Robert Rogers converge in the Rogers' Rangers Spike Tomahawk

By **BLADE®** staff

The Rogers' Rangers Spike Tomahawk from American Tomahawk Co. employs a historical design, traditional materials and the input of legendary hawk designer Peter LaGana.

The Spike is one in a series of the company's Rogers' Rangers tomahawks, all "based on historical documents and drawings provided by the Ranger Training Brigade at Fort Benning, Georgia, depicting the tomahawks used by Maj. Robert Rogers and Rogers' Rangers" during the French and Indian Wars (1754-63).

"The American Tomahawk Company's first offering is marked by its affiliation with the U.S. Army Ranger Training Brigade," noted American Tomahawk's Andy Prisco. "The Ranger Training Brigade was quick to share its approval and endorsement of a tomahawk series dedicated to one of its most significant historical figures, Maj. Robert Rogers."

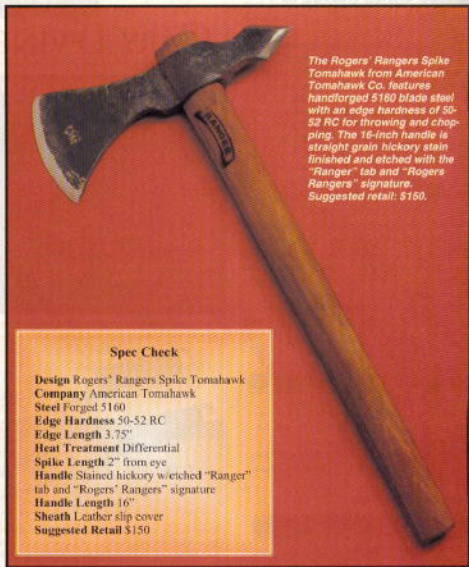
Handforged and hand finished, the Spike Tomahawk has a mild-steel body and a 5160 cutting edge hardened to a Rockwell of 50-52 RC for throwing and chopping. The hickory handle is "fire branded" by hand with the "Ranger" tab and "Rogers' Rangers."

American Tomahawk Co. was owned from 1966-70 by LaGana, professional knife-and-tomahawk thrower and designer of the "LaGanahawk," which was used extensively by some U.S. ground troops during the Vietnam War. Through the collaborative efforts of Prisco and Bobby Branton, LaGana has been encouraged to return to the cutlery industry through the rebirth of his old company.

"American Tomahawk is proud to be a sponsor of the Best Ranger Contest held this past April at Fort Benning," Prisco noted, "and even prouder to have been asked to administrate Best Ranger's first-ever tomahawk-throwing event for the Rangers competing in the contest."

Prisco said a portion of each tomahawk sale benefits the Rangers competing in the Best Ranger Contest each year that American Tomahawk Co. is a sponsor.

For more information on the Spike Tomahawk, contact American Tomahawk Co., attn: Andy Prisco (877) 357-5200 AmericanTomahawk.com.



The Rogers' Rangers Spike Tomahawk from American Tomahawk Co. features handforged 5160 blade steel with an edge hardness of 50-52 RC for throwing and chopping. The 16-inch handle is straight grain hickory stain finished and etched with the "Ranger" tab and "Rogers Rangers" signature. Suggested retail: \$150.

Spec Check

Design Rogers' Rangers Spike Tomahawk
Company American Tomahawk
Steel Forged 5160
Edge Hardness 50-52 RC
Edge Length 3.75"
Heat Treatment Differential
Spike Length 2" from eye
Handle Stained hickory w/etched "Ranger" tab and "Rogers' Rangers" signature
Handle Length 16"
Sheath Leather slip cover
Suggested Retail \$150