

Jay Allen, a veteran of the Vietnam War, has always loved the forests and trees. As a youth, he and his grandmother used to cut wood together with a 2-person bucking saw. Using the wood to keep them warm during our cold winters. Later, in his young adulthood, wood again became important to him. He served as a Long Range Recon Patrol Scout in the central highlands of Vietnam, and the forests provided crossbows and cover for him and his squad. As an adult, he fell into bad times [PTSD] and friend, David Colburn of Vintage Fret Shop, gave him a 36" x 4" x 4" piece of mahogany. After some creative thought, he made his first exotic hardwood box and has been making them ever since.