

## BAYONET

### Mission

To defeat the enemy in hand-to-hand combat.  
 Also used as a general field and utility knife

### Entered Army Service

M6 (1957), M7 (1964), M9 (1987)

### Description and Specifications

The M6 bayonet knife is used as a bayonet on the M14 series rifle and as a hand weapon. The M7 bayonet knife is used as a bayonet on the M16 series rifle, the M4 carbine, and as a hand weapon. The M9 multipurpose bayonet system is used as a bayonet on the M16 series rifle, on the M4 series carbine, as a hand weapon, and as a general field and Utility knife, as well as a wire cutter together with its scabbard, and as a saw.

	<b>M6</b>	<b>M7</b>	<b>M9</b>
<b>Blade Length</b>	6.75 in	6.5 in	7 in
<b>Total Length</b>	11.5 in	11.75 in	12 in

*Information courtesy [Army.mil](http://Army.mil)*



**M6**



**M7**



**M9**

Retired Col. Lewis L. Millett led what was believed to be the last American bayonet charge, Feb. 7, 1951. Millett ordered "fix bayonets" to two platoons, leading a charge up Hill 180 near Soam-Ni, Korea. Millett was a captain at the time and commander of Company E, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division.

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### Manufacturer

Multiple manufacturers over the years