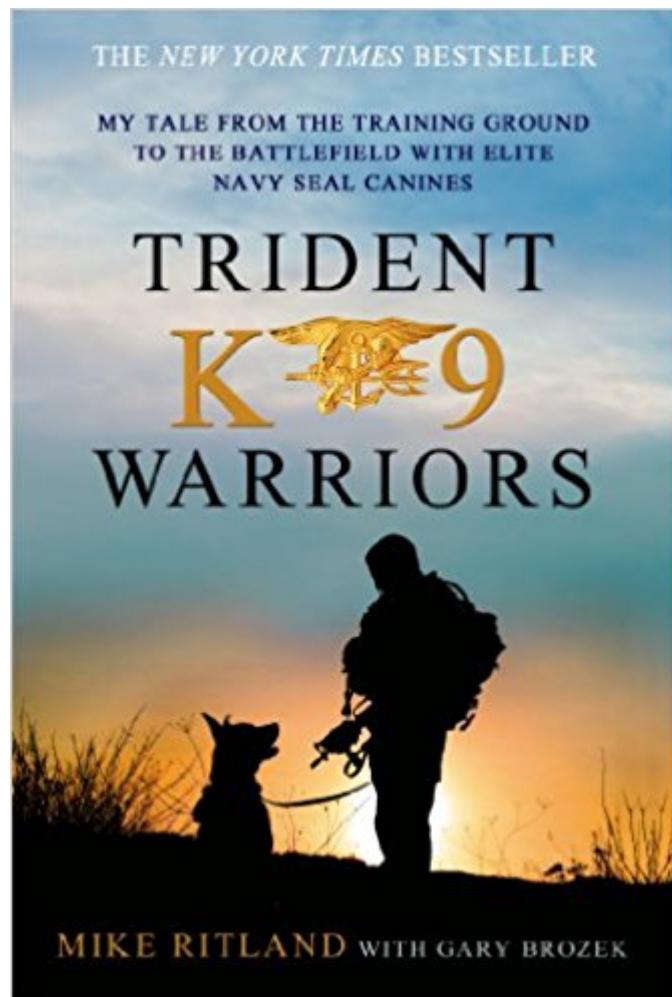


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# Trident K9 Warriors: My Tale From The Training Ground To The Battlefield With Elite Navy SEAL Canines



## Synopsis

The New York Times bestseller featured on 60 Minutes, this is the first book to take readers inside the world of elite Navy SEAL dogs. As a Navy SEAL during a combat deployment in Iraq, Mike Ritland saw a military working dog in action and instantly knew he'd found his true calling. Ritland started his own company training and supplying dogs for the SEAL teams, U.S. Government, and Department of Defense. He knew that fewer than 1 percent of all working dogs had what it takes to contribute to the success of our nation's elite combat units, and began searching the globe for animals who fit this specific profile. These specialized canines had to pass rigorous selection tests before their serious training could begin. The results were a revelation: highly trained working dogs capable of handling both detection and apprehension work in the most extreme environments and the tensest of battlefield conditions. Though fiercely aggressive and athletic, these dogs develop a close bond with the handlers they work side by side with and the other team members. Truly integrating themselves into their units, these K9 warriors are much like their human counterparts—unwavering in their devotion to duty, strong enough and tough enough to take it to the enemy through pain, injury, or fear. For the first time ever, *Trident K9 Warriors* gives readers an inside look at these elite canines—who they are, how they are trained, and the extreme missions they undertake saving countless lives, asking for little in the way of reward. From detecting explosives to eliminating the bad guys, these powerful dogs are also some of the smartest and most highly skilled working animals on the planet.

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## Customer Reviews

Being a Viet Nam Dog Handler I was very interested in Mike's book of todays war dogs. Mike does a great job of explaining the bond between the handler and the dog. We were not allowed to bring our dogs home when we left Nam and I spent the last two days in country in my dog's (BRUNO) kennel. That was 40 years ago and I still think of Bruno. Thank you Mike for sharing, thank you for your service active and now supplying dogs to the military. The lives saved by these brave warriors is countless. The men who have served with them know what they mean to the "Team".

This book is an easy, enjoyable read. I've read several books about Navy Seals and several more on the topic of Military Working Dogs. This book is definitely a favorite as it merges the two. The book details the highly refined process of developing some of the best trained dogs in the world for dangerous, life-threatening missions. While it does focus more on the training and development of the Military Working Dogs than it does the training and development of Navy Seals, Mike Ritland goes into great detail discussing the relationship that these dogs and their handlers develop, while providing interesting, real-world stories along the way. I'd recommend this book to anyone interested in Seals or MWDs.

I've known Mike since we graduated BUD/S Class 215 together. He's an incredible individual with a passion for training these amazing animals. I give most my teammates, but not all, honest reviews on their books. This one is no exception, and I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in what goes into training these incredible four-legged teammates. Great work Mike. Brandon, Former Navy SEAL Editor of SOFREP.com, and NY Times Best Selling author of The Red Circle, and Benghazi: The Definitive Report.

Easy to read. Very informative on positive reinforcement training . Doesn't sugar coat what these dogs are bred and used for. But also shows how they can be integrated into families and other professions. I respect and admire his dedication to making sure the dogs are well placed throughout their entire lives.

This book is a must buy! It accurately depicts life as a military working dog, and as a handler. I highly recommend it to anyone who is interested in the military, or is just curious about life as a MWD handler

I waited, and waited for this to come out. I just finished it. It was very easy to read, and gave me insight to what goes into training dogs for war! It gave history and current. Loved it! I know I will read it again and again!!! Kudos, to you guys!!

Reading other reviews, especially the ones highly rating this book, made me wonder if I was reading the same book. I chose this book because of the story it was to tell. I have an interest in the story of mwd and special operations. So this was an all in one so to speak. The content of the book kept me pulled in the book while the writing and construction was doing its best to push me out. In particular was the author's pervasive use of play by play. "I am now going to tell you about..." Or the author reminding me what I just read 10 pages previously. Doing so insults the intelligence of the reader. The content is not so dense and complex that it requires such literary tools especially for an adult audience. If book was written for a much younger audience then I can see the need for it. Furthermore I get that the dogs selected and trained for the teams are elite in the mwd world and the domesticated pet world. However the author belabored this point too many times. I got it the first time. The authors repeating such fundamental understanding insults the adult reader. Not sure if my disappointment should be focused on Mike Ritland, an elite warrior trying to tell an honorable story, or Gary Brozek who is a trained and experienced writer with numerous books to his credit. The story in the book is compelling. The writing is amateurish.

Pretty rare that I give up on reading a book, but this one almost earned that distinction. If I still had my dog, or was planning on getting another dog, I'd rate it "4-stars", but if you aren't interested in a dog training primer, then save your money. Very scant on action/adrenaline, and more than a few of the stories that are included are from training in the US. Typical diversions into the lives of few of the men behind the dogs, which is understandable, but not why I bought the book. THANK heaven that he spared us yet another blow-by-blow of BUD/S, which so many SEAL books drag us through. THAT earned him an extra "star".

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