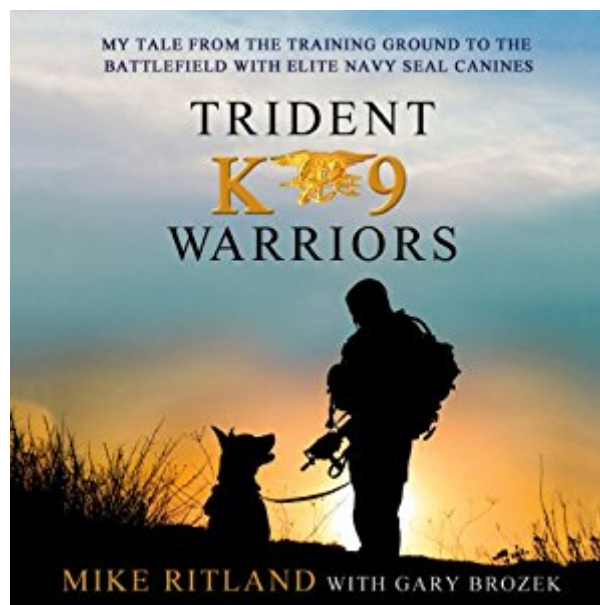




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# **Trident K9 Warriors: My Tale From The Training Ground To The Battlefield With Elite Navy SEAL Canines**



## Synopsis

As a SEAL on combat deployment in Iraq, Mike Ritland saw a military working dog in action and instantly knew he found his true calling. While the SEAL teams had used dogs in the past, they never had dogs trained specifically by SEALs, for SEALs. To fill this void, Ritland started his own company after he retired, training and supplying dogs for the West Coast SEAL teams. He knew that less than 1% of all working dogs had what it takes to contribute to the success of our nation's elite combat units. He searched 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, listeners get an inside look at these elite K9 warriors - 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

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 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.

Since the renowned Seal Team Six raid to take out Bin Laden, more than ten years after the most devastating terrorist attacks on American soil, the clandestine world of the elite Navy Seals has captured the world's attention like never before. Yet, few know of a select and very unique group of warriors who accompany Seal teams on covert missions: Seal K-9 teams. Former Seal instructor and K-9 handler Mike Ritland reveals what it takes to train and go downrange with some of the world's most battle-hardened and versatile Military Working Dogs. Co-authored by Gary Brozek, *Trident K-9 Warriors* sheds light on the reclusive world of Seal Team dog handlers and the highly classified missions that they embark on to ensure freedom and prosperity from the evolving scourge of terrorism. With their sights set on the most cunning and ruthless enemies, K-9 operatives will jump, dive and fast-rope into the most dangerous places known to man. Deployed to detect hidden weapons caches, booby traps, and to apprehend insurgents, these K-9 warriors ensure an extra margin of safety to their brother-in-arms which guarantees success on the battlefield. Mike Ritland does an outstanding job of conveying the rigors of Seal dog training and selection as well as incorporating some historic facts about military working dogs and how they evolved into the elite spec-ops warriors of today. Unlike most of the media hype surrounding special operations, Mike manages to tell a compelling story without divulging sensitive operational secrets that could jeopardize Seals and their K-9 teams out in the field.

I'll try to keep this short and simple. I've read a bunch of the other seal books and find them to be great reads. I'm also an avid dog lover that has served on the board of directors at a canine rescue that specialized in many of the powerful breeds that Mike discusses in the book. I applaud his attention to detail and positive teaching methods. This book provides a great beginning insight into what someone might expect if they are interested in pursuing this field as a career. The author does tend to go off on random tangents, which can either be a source of entertainment or headache. All in all, it is a great book. I just wish that he could have provided further details and insights into the combat sorties and accomplishments of the dogs and trainers. However, I understand the security concerns of providing mission strategy and tactics in public forums with the war efforts still underway. I wish the author the best in his noble efforts and the roles that he serves in defending our nation's freedom.

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!!

This is by far the best of several books I've read about military working dogs. It's the most realistic, gritty and detailed portrayal of these dogs, their abilities and their missions you can find without actually working with the dogs themselves. I've read other books by reporters and observers, but this book is written by an insider - a former SEAL and MWD handler, now a contractor who buys and trains these dogs for the military and law-enforcement. The author has the most in-depth understanding of these dogs I've encountered, and he communicates in a very readable and engaging way. His love and admiration for these dogs is palpable. You will not find more personal accounts or stories of greater heroics anywhere else. I came away with a whole new appreciation for these dogs and their handlers. These are teams who deserve the gratitude of all Americans - military teams who operate at a higher level that is just unfathomable even to those of us well-versed in the canine world. This book is a great read. I highly recommend it.

I am a disabled civilian who once had the incredible honor of working with a police department's K-9 unit for a year or so. It was one of the best times of my life. Like the author, I will always be in awe of these beautiful, loyal honorable creatures. Before my genetic disorder took over my body, I trained obedience dogs in the manner outlined here. I would give anything to still be working alongside them. Who knows, perhaps someday I might be so blessed as to share my home with one of these

retired heroes. So very many thanks for a great book, but many million more for what you have and are doing for my beloved country and the animals and people that protect her freedoms. God bless you.

A story written from the heart. Mike Ritland's been there, done that and the anecdotal stories show it. I write action adventure novels with a former Navy SEAL as a main character. His Belgian Malinois war dog plays an important role. Ritland's REAL stories help me write better fiction. Thanks, Mike.

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