

Dave has been training and handling working dogs for the United States Army and civilian contract companies since completing DoD Working Dog School in 1995. He has had several assignments in the US and overseas as a patrol dog handler, narcotic detector dog handler, explosive detector dog handler, trainer, and kennel master. He has trained and certified seven different Military Working Dogs to Department of the Army standards.

Most recently he completed work as a police dog/handler trainer at Tarheel Canine Training, Inc. Previously he completed work in Iraq as a civilian contract EDD Handler providing service to the US State Department. His assignments providing EDD coverage and security took him all over Iraq, including Ramadi, Mosul, Basrah, and Baghdad.

He has employed dogs as a handler, and dog teams as a supervisor, in demanding situations involving all facets of police, prison and military K9 work. He was instrumental in the planning and distribution of K9 assets in the Afghanistan/Middle Eastern theatre in 2002, while working as an explosive detector dog handler and kennel master concurrently. Dave has been involved in the training of hundreds of working dog teams in preparation for their Department of the Army certification Dave has provided explosive detector support to high profile dignitaries such as the President and Vice President of the United States, Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, U.S. Secretaries of State, military officials, and foreign dignitaries with no incidents. His dedication to excellence and desire to learn has led him to train with many different local police departments and federal agencies.

Working Dog Related Assignments:

- Patrol/Explosive Dog Handler, Narc Dog Handler and Training Supervisor Fort Benning, GA 1995-1996
- Patrol/Narc Dog Handler Camp Hialeah, Pusan Republic of Korea, 1997-1998
- Explosive Detector Dog Handler, Trainer and Interim Kennel master (8 months) Fort Bragg, NC 1998-2003, with deployments to Hungary, Kuwait, and Afghanistan
- Between 50-75 missions providing EDD (Explosive Detector Dog) support of the POTUS, VPOTUS, Secretary of State, and several Foreign dignitaries
- Multiple EDD (Explosive Detector Dog) contracts, Iraq 2003-2006
- Trainer and Evaluator Tarheel Canine Training, Inc.
- Evaluator NTPDA (National Tactical Police Dog Association)

Education & Achievements

- Graduate "Top Dog" DoD Working Dog Handlers course June 1995
- United States Forces Korea Patrol Dog Competition Winner September 1997
- US Army Veterinary Technician Correspondence Course Completion November 1997
- Graduate, DoD Working Dog Supervisors course October 2000
- Certified Police K9 Instructor, North State K9 Academy, June 2003
- Graduate, Blackwater 126 hour High Threat Protection Class 29, 2005
- 72 credit hours toward General Studies degree, University of Maryland, 2007
- Owner Eclectic Personnel Solutions Consulting, Inc 2005-2007
- Trained and qualified M4, 249, 240G, AK47, RPD, PKM, Glock 19, Beretta 92F
- Subject matter expert in implementing EDDs with Personal Security Details