



"I SERVE QUIETLY, WITHOUT RECOGNITION OR ACCOLADES..."



**Aries Lynch** is a retired, U.S. Navy SEAL with over 27 years of time critical, combat proven leadership in Joint Special Operations. He has directly managed and supervised various military missions, personnel and logistics during more than 4,400 HIGH RISK evolutions and employed national level assets to accomplish US strategic goals. His multiple deployments to war torn regions around the world combined with official and personal cultural experiences in over 53 countries, has provided him with unique insights into international activities and current world events.

Aries Lynch is the Owner and President of Shield Consulting Associates, LLC., a Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, located in Virginia Beach, VA. His company provides discreet, subject matter expertise services to government and private industry. Leveraging extensive training capabilities and networking resources, SCA focus on solving requirements for: complex security issues, major training exercises/events, preventing logistic shortfalls, providing personnel coordination, and assisting exclusive companies during contract preparation and acquisition.

Graduating from Del Norte High School, CA in 1988, he joined the military specifically to be a Navy SEAL. Completing Gunner's Mate "A" School and then Basic Underwater Demolition School (BUD/s) Class 168, he volunteered for duty at SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team ONE. Operating in the Pacific Theater for eight years, he then requested orders to an East Coast SEAL Team. There he conducted combat missions and led Joint Combined Exercise Training with Partner Nations throughout the European Theater. Next, he was assigned as a Static Line Jumpmaster Instructor and eventually volunteered as a member of the U.S. Navy Parachute Team. Seeking greater challenges, he volunteered for duty overseas and served with distinction in the Middle East. Transferring back to the US, he was assigned to East Coast SEAL Teams and deployed to both CENTCOM and SOUTHCOM.



Retiring from Active Duty in 2014, he was employed as the Training Coordinator at RMGS. There he provided subject matter expertise in: Irregular Warfare disciplines, operations management, logistics, prepared and maintained courses of instruction, subcontractor acquisition, conducted personnel management, assisted with government contracting, and successfully liaised with various government entities.

An active volunteer in the community, he has helped numerous organizations by: volunteering as a planning committee member, appeared on television, assisted with fund raising efforts and set-up/take down of organized events with the annual Allen Stone Memorial Run-Swim-Run and the Virginia Beach Fallen Heroes (VBFH). VBFH is a group of Virginia Beach, VA residents and business leaders whose members have teamed up with the Noblemen to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for: The Navy SEAL Foundation, UDT/SEAL Museum and Trident House, and Virginia Beach First Responders.

Educational accomplishments include over 57 completed DoD, DOS, and OGA courses including the: George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center, Joint Special Operations University, Joint Special Operations Command Language Training Program, Dale Carnegie & Associates Inc., and Baker Communications Inc.

Aries military awards include: Navy Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal(x8), Combat Action Ribbon, Army Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation(x2), and 31 other additional personal, unit and campaign awards. Aries was the Sailor of the Year at two SEAL commands, one in 1996 and then 2007, he was Instructor of the Year for 2003, and was the Sailor of the Quarter (x4).