Mike Dowling is a Marine Corps and Iraq War veteran who was born and raised in the SF East Bay. He served in the Marines from 2001-2011, was the honor graduate of his military police class and went on to become a military working dog handler. He and his military dog Rex served with 2nd Battalion 2nd Marines in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004 and were part of the first group of Marine Corps K9 units to operate on the front lines of combat since the Vietnam War. For their actions they were awarded a Navy Achievement Medal. His critically acclaimed book 'Sergeant Rex: The Unbreakable Bond Between A Marine and His Military Working Dog' is a memoir of his time serving with Rex in the Marines. He has advocated for military dogs and shared his story at venues across the country including the Pritzker Military Library Chicago, Marines Club San Francisco, and as a TEDx NapaValley speaker. He has consulted on various productions about military working dogs including NCIS on CBS, Glory Hounds on Animal Planet, and the documentary Always Faithful by the academy ward winning team James Moll and Harris Done. A consummate advocate for military dogs and the veteran community, he now serves on the advisory board of Wings for Warriors, Hounds & Heroes and is CoFounder of the non profit Veterans in Film & Television.
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