



Jason Haag, Capt. USMC (Ret) served two active combat tours in Iraq during his years of service: Baghdad in 2003 and Fallujah in 2008, as well as a tour in Afghanistan in 2010. After sustaining a machine gun injury and multiple traumatic brain injuries during service, Jason struggled with the after effects of post traumatic stress disorder, including alcohol and substance abuse, fear, depression and seclusion.

In 2012 Jason Haag contacted K9s For Warriors, an organization that provides veterans with service canines. Within 7 months of applying, K9s For Warriors provided Jason with his post-battle buddy and lifesaver, a service canine named Axel.

Since experiencing the firsthand benefits of service canines, Jason has toured the country, educating policymakers, veterans organizations and warriors on the importance of service canines for military veterans. He has been featured on over 50 news outlets including CNN and FOX News, and has been invited to speak publicly at Quicken Loans National benefit for the Tiger Woods Foundation, The University of Mary Washington, The K9s For Warriors Inaugural Warrior's Gala, the first reading of the names of the fallen from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and more.

Jason has played an integral role in the creation of new laws regarding the acceptance of service canines in public establishments in Virginia and Florida. He now lives each day with purpose and the confidence of having his post-battle buddy, Axel, by his side.

This program is recommended for veterans and their families, medical professionals, policy makers, caregivers, and veterans organizations.