



Bio of D. Scott Mann

Scott is a retired Lieutenant Colonel with almost 23 years of active-duty service. He spent nearly 18 years in Army Special Forces (Green Berets) with tours throughout Central and South America, along with three combat tours in Afghanistan. He is the founder of *Task Force Pineapple*, which has enabled the evacuation of 1,000 Afghan Allies during the August 2021 NATO withdrawal from Afghanistan. He wrote the book, *Operation Pineapple Express*, which became a New York Times Best Seller, and chronicled the courage of at-risk Afghans risking everything for freedom and the volunteer efforts of veterans and other volunteers who supported them. While writing the book, Scott interviewed hundreds of Afghan Allies and veteran volunteers, along with numerous key leaders of the Afghan Evacuation. During his final tour in Afghanistan, he was a lead architect in the design and implementation of the Village Stability Program, an initiative that engaged rural Afghan tribes and communities to stand up on their own against Taliban threats. Scott also authored the #1 International Best Seller, *Game Changers, Going Local to Defeat Violent Extremists*, a comprehensive work that spells out the Afghanistan community engagement methodology to law enforcement and special operations forces. Through his work with rural Afghans and Tribes, Scott has lectured extensively on Afghan Tribal Dynamics at Department of State, USAID, Department of Defense and to dozens of special operations forces preparing for deployments to Afghanistan. Scott is a small business owner of Rooftop Leadership, leadership coach, and professional storyteller. His non-profit, the Heroes Journey, conducts storytelling workshops for veterans, military family members, and Afghan Veterans to help them find their voice and tell their story in military transition. Scott is also a playwright and actor who wrote and performs, with a military veteran cast, the award-winning play, *Last Out - Elegy of a Green Beret*, a theatrical rendition of the Afghan War and the journey from moral injury to moral recovery. Since the collapse of Afghanistan in 2021, Scott has leveraged his Rooftop Podcast to interview relevant Afghanistan Constituents such as Ahmad Masoud (Leader of the Afghan National Resistance Front), Afghan Special Operations Commander General Sami Sadat (Former Commander of Afghan Special Operations Command); General Haibutullah Alizai (Former Chief of the Afghan National Army), and Hasina Safi (Former Minister for Women's Affairs), and numerous veteran volunteers of Afghan rescue groups. He is also a member of Moral Compass Federation, a group of veteran volunteer groups banding together to advocate for Afghan Allies. Scott also founded *Operation Pineapple Express Relief*, a non-profit 501C3 that provides episodic financial relief to Afghan Allies who are in duress within safe passage and resettlement. He has made regular appearances on CNN, Fox News, CBS, NBC, and other major networks. regarding the Afghanistan Withdrawal, Global Terrorism, and Veterans' mental health and moral injury issues.