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Critical Issues in Training and Leading Warriors

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Once every few years a book arrives on the market that makes a difference in people's lives. This book can be one for the professional law enforcement officer. Most people do not read book reviews completely, so for those who don't. Simply stated, you must have this book in your criminal justice library.

Now for the full review, "WIN" is a simple, but powerful acronym for "What's Important Now". This is a critical question for warriors and warrior trainers to ask themselves to ensure they remain focused on what is important in their actions, words, decisions, and training. This book contains more than 25 submissions and is a collection of thoughts and ideas from top warriors in North America.

This work is broken down into six chapters; each has a specific focus for everyone in the law enforcement community. The first chapter is "The Mind of a Warrior" which sets the tone for the book or begins the mindset. This leads into the next chapter dedicated to "Warrior Spirit" with a fine read by Joe Truncale. These first two chapters will be defining for every reader.

The remaining portion of the book covers all of the bases for every segment in law enforcement. Chapter three is dedicated to "Warrior Trainers" and the roles that trainers and mentors fill in process. Chapter four is "Leading Warriors" and there are several great works on leadership. Chapter five's focus is "Tactics for Warriors" which every firearms instructor should read and the closing is "Training Warriors".

This entire work is labor of Brian R. Willis who is the editor. What is so fantastic is Brian's ability to obtain renowned trainers and authors to contribute for the greater cause. Anytime you see an article by Joe Truncale, Chief Chudwin, LTC Grossman, Guy Rossi and so forth you give it a place on your shelf. But, Brian has sought out so many other warrior trainers to add to this list, it is a powerful book. Often we ask, what is the need of

a work? This is required reading for anyone assigned to the training, supervision and managing of today's police officers. Too often some authors try to pontificate about how to train a generation or group. This book prepares, trains and leads our warriors.

But even greater, a portion of the proceeds from every sale of WIN will be divided between the Scholarship Fund for the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA). Go to www.ileeta.org for more information on this fine organization. The co-recipient is the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and you must visit www.nleomf.org. Get it, read it and apply its principles' - it is an investment in saving lives.

Review by William L. "Bill" Harvey