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Summary

Veteran and nonprofit executive focused on veteran reintegration, leadership development, and community-based training. Executive Director of Argos Academy, a Santa Fe-based organization founded in 2023 that supports veterans through structured dog-training and peer-led programming.

Leadership Experience

Executive Director, Argos Academy — Santa Fe, NM (2023 – Present)

Founder and Executive Director of a veteran-focused training organization using dog training as a practical framework for rebuilding structure, responsibility, and confidence. Design and lead hands-on programs that develop leadership, emotional regulation, and clear communication. Provide direct instruction and mentorship to veterans in both group and one-on-one settings. Oversee program development, partnerships, and overall organizational direction.

Community Partnerships & Outreach

Active partnerships with the Santa Fe Vet Center and coordination with VA systems serving Northern New Mexico, including the New Mexico VA Health Care System in Albuquerque.

Military Service

Sergeant (NCO), Infantry Reconnaissance Unit (Sayeret Givati)

Israel Defense Forces (1995 – 1999). Served as a noncommissioned officer in an elite infantry reconnaissance unit. Led small teams in training and operational environments. Developed deep experience in leadership, discipline, accountability, and decision-making under pressure.

Education

Bachelor of Arts, St. John's College — Santa Fe, NM (2003)

Core Focus Areas

Veteran mentorship • Leadership development • Program design • Community-based training • Nonprofit leadership