

Suggested Interview Questions for

ERIC BLEHM

author of *Fearless: The Undaunted Courage and Ultimate Sacrifice of Navy SEAL Team Six Operator Adam Brown*

1. Welcome Eric Blehm, author of *Fearless: The Undaunted Courage and Ultimate Sacrifice of Navy SEAL Team SIX Operator Adam Brown*. Eric, what initially drew you to Adam's story?
2. Tell us a little about Adam's childhood and how his daredevil antics prepared him for a career as a SEAL.
3. Adam lost his way after graduating from high school and had to overcome some serious issues to qualify for the military. How was he able to rise above that and dedicate himself to the rigorous SEAL qualifying process?
4. Adam had a checkered past, to say the least. How does somebody with a record of drug addiction, felonies, and crime, get into the Navy, much less to the top tier of the Naval Special Warfare community with top secret clearance. How?
5. Adam owes a lot of his success to the unwavering love of his wife, Kelley, and her belief in the man she knew he could be. Can you tell us a little about their relationship, and what you learned about Adam through your interviews with Kelley?
6. What kind of reputation did Adam have during the BUD/S training?
7. Adam's teammates and commanders have described him as "the best of the best—the top one percent of the Naval Special Warfare Community." How did Adam's bravery stand out among his fellow SEALs, who are all incredibly heroic in their own right?
8. To qualify for SEAL Team SIX, Adam had to overcome incredible physical challenges, most of which would have been career-ending. What injuries did he suffer, and what motivated him to overcome these?
9. Adam was killed in action in March 17, 2010. What can you tell us about his final mission and how his teammates honored their fallen brother?
10. You conducted extensive face-to-face interviews with Adam's family and teammates. Seven of Adam's fellow SEALs were killed weeks after your interview in a devastating Chinook



crash. Why was it important to them to be interviewed for the book? What kind of impact did Adam have on each of them?

11. Some books have reported on the Osama Bin Laden raid, others about SEALs from TEAM SIX more than a decade ago, but *Fearless* is the first real look inside the MODERN and current SEAL Team SIX brotherhood. What steps did you take so anything you disclose will not endanger the lives of SEALs in future operations. How did you walk that line, providing a compelling narrative of SEAL operations, yet maintain the OPSEC, or operational security required by this elite unit?
12. There is a lot of speculation in the media that the SEALs killed in the Chinook tragedy of August 6, 2011 were the same SEALs who were on the Osama Bin Laden raid in Pakistan a few months earlier. Can you shed any light on this?
13. What do the operators on SEAL Team SIX think about the media attention they have gotten since it was announced they were the unit that took out Osama Bin Laden?
14. Can you tell us about The Bronco Project that NASCAR is involved with? In what other ways can our listeners help with preserving the legacy of Adam Brown, and other fallen military heroes?
15. When people read *Fearless*, what do you hope is the take-away?
16. Where can we learn more about you and the book?

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