

BRETT PARKS

US Navy (Retired)

Brett Parks was shot and left for dead in 2012 after intervening in an armed robbery. After twenty days in a coma plus losing a kidney, one third of his colon and the lower part of his right leg, Brett had a decision to make: Roll over and die, or get out of bed and earn his second shot in life. He chose the latter.

Since then, Brett, who was medically retired after six years of service as a "Naval Aircrewman: Flight Engineer (E-3)," has competed in all kinds of "Adaptive Sports" competitions and recently competed in Prince Harry's "Invictus Games" in both Sitting Volleyball and Swimming where Brett was awarded the Gold medal (Sitting Volleyball) and a Silver medal (Swimming: 200 Relay). Brett has also competed in the D.O.D. Warrior Games and was awarded four Gold and two Silver medals. While playing for the USA Sitting Volleyball Paralympic team he had his eye on the Paralympics in Tokyo in 2020.

Brett, now retired from sports, has written an impressively engaging book detailing his experiences. Brett Parks' *Miracle Man: A Bullet That Ignited a Purpose-Filled Life* can be found on Amazon, Books & Books, and Barnes & Noble in print, audio and e-book.