
Book a speaker from Purple Heart Homes Speakers Bureau for your next event. They know what true commitment and loyalty means.

These men and women either served our country or they are friends and family of Veterans who understand the residual effects of war and deployment.

Our speakers will bring their experiences to you.

They have redefined leadership as they have found their purpose and passion in making the world a better place.

Audiences will be inspired and motivated with their personal stories about adapting and overcoming injuries or how they have welcomed Veterans home with open arms to help them heal and adjust to civilian life.

Book a Purple Heart Homes Speaker and thank them for their dedication to our service men and women. A percentage of the agreed upon speakers fee will be allocated to help Purple Heart Homes improve Veteran’s lives one home at a time.
Dale Beatty was a Staff Sergeant in the Army National Guard. He deployed with his battle buddy John Gallina to Iraq in early 2004. While on a very dangerous mission the vehicle they were in hit two anti tank mines leaving Dale a double amputee below the knees. He returned determined to make a difference and continue to serve others at home. He has done so by Co-founding Purple Heart Homes.

What audiences will learn from Dale Beatty:
- The meaning of loyalty and commitment – to our country, our community, our families, and to one another
- Value of life saving team work
- What it means to work as a team
- Valuing the Mission and the commanders intent
- Pushing yourself to the limits
- The value of paying it forward

SEE: CNN Heroes
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXCJ6HHzyg
Weston High School – Speech to student body
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSVP15xMxBQ

Garrett Garland was a US Army Special Forces Captain (1966 – 1971) and served in Vietnam. He was a CIA trained Cambodian Linguist serving the Army Security Agency. Garrett briefed two Presidents in the Oval Office, was a Divisional VP with LoJack and was awarded Businessman of the Year 2006 by President George W. Bush. Garrett also was a member of the US Ski (B) Team and was a PGA Professional.

What audiences will learn from Garrett Garland:
- Lessons from Special Operations including Preparation and Adaptability
- The Power of Commitment
- Dogged Determination
- Importance of Attitude
- What is more important than Skill and Talent?

SEE: Battle Buddies on a Mission
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOz9GT2kzUw
SEE: Who we are
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-w26fb-35M
Cory Collins knows the meaning of duty, honor and country. He wanted to be a soldier and stepped forward to serve our country and deployed to Iraq. While on a mission – the Humvee he and three other soldiers were riding in hit a roadside bomb. Cory was the sole survivor.

Cory endured 30 broken bones in his back, pelvis, and left arm. Doctors amputated his leg above the knee and he still lives with pain and survivor’s guilt.

Today, Cory is the event coordinator for Purple Heart Homes. He remains connected to the wives and children of his three friends killed by the roadside bomb in Afghanistan.

**What audiences will learn from Cory Collins:**
- What selflessness means
- Learning to make tough decisions
- Finding your purpose
- Picking yourself up – starting over and never giving up
- Reach out to those that you can help
- Staying motivated and motivating others
- Leading by example

Staff Sergeant Sandra Lee answered the call of duty to serve our country when America went to war to fight terrorism on foreign soil after the attacks on 9/11. She deployed to Iraq to help rebuild schools in Western Baghdad where she served as a liaison between local councils, military and international organizations, and the Ministry of Education.

Sandra was involved in 4 IED explosions and was a victim of MST. Today, she deals with the ramifications of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post Traumatic Stress. She has her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Portland University in International Relations and Social Services with a minor in music. She is currently active in community, regional and off Broadway productions.

**What audiences will learn from Sandra Lee**
- Learning to live with the choices you have made
- Living with PTSD
- Taking action and taking charge of yourself and your life
- Finding your passion and purpose
- The value of getting involved in your community
- How to reinvent yourself

Demond Taylor is a history graduate from Heidelberg College, OH, whose dream was to make the military his career. He was 27 when he deployed with US Army in the 82nd Airborne to Iraq. As a foot patrol soldier, he was involved in several explosions that resulted in PTSD and short-term memory problems.

Demond works at the Veterans Administration among other things such as volunteers for a local charity that provides veterans therapy dogs and continues to pursue his masters degree.

**What audiences will learn from Demond Taylor:**
- The impact of 9/11
- How to do your best and get it done
- The importance of loving yourself and impact on you if you don’t
- The importance of your own self-identity
- Don’t give up – find ways around to achieve what you want
- The importance of setting life goals

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Cory Collins
US Army, 101 Airborne
Sole survivor of a roadside bomb while serving in Iraq

Sandra Lee
US Army retired, singer, actress, and dancer

Demond Taylor
Iraq Veteran, 82nd Airborne
2001 – 2005
Scott Emory grew up in a patriotic family with multiple generations serving in the military. They were always ready to step forward to serve our country. Scott dreamed of growing up to be a US Marine and felt it was his duty to make the same career choice. After serving almost 11 years, Scott was severely injured when a heavy artillery gun shifted, almost crushing him. He was left wearing a back brace and was discharged.

Scott has endured multiple surgeries and therapies for his back and left foot since leaving the Marine Corps. He volunteers with Purple Heart Homes and is a program director at a camp for veterans and their families. He speaks about his journey of resilience and the ramifications of living with the stigma of PTSD, which labels many veterans as they try to re-establish themselves and re-integrate back into society. Scott is an advocate for veterans, an author, and a poet.

What will audiences learn from Scott Emory:
- Redirecting your life when your dreams are altered
- The beauty of volunteering to help someone else
- Using poetry to tell life stories
- Revealing yourself to others
- Reinventing yourself
- The power of hope and having the right people in your life

Charli has been surrounded by the military her entire life. She is a daughter, a sister, and a mother of a navy Veteran. She was also the wife of a Navy Pilot. She has worked with Army and Navy Family Relations and served two years as a Navy Ombudsman, representing military families as their liaison with military command. She has experienced the hardships and challenges military families experience. Charli adds a touch of humor with her message as she reaches out to audiences with a positive message about how to work through the dark times.

What audiences will learn from Charli Straight:
- What a Veterans life is like and how he/she is taught to adapt and overcome
- What life is like behind closed doors – the things we do not see
- How to overcome the tough times in life

Eugene Parrotta is the Executive Director of Purple Heart Homes NY Downstate Chapter. He works with communities to help older Veterans and their caregivers safely age in place. He assists Veterans to make sure they have access to medical care, housing or need just a friend to talk to. He is a recipient of the Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam.

Eugene’s message is about the two towers which influence his life – the tower of service in Vietnam and the World Trade Center twin towers. As a member of the Laborers Local 79 in New York City he worked on the Twin Towers, and he was there when terrorists attacked.

What audiences will learn from Eugene Parrotta:
- That life is very precious and how to live it to serve others
- The importance of family heritage
- How to pick yourself up and start over when you are down
- The value of family and community support
- What America means
- Paying it forward
Joyce Cohen is an educator and trainer of trainers, having taught elementary, secondary, higher education and graduate levels. She has facilitated hundreds of workshops for over 350 companies around the globe.

She developed and created the Boots to Backyards™ mentor program for Purple Heart Homes to help Veterans and their families understand how to deal with life’s realities. The program helps younger Veterans navigate the maze toward financial stability and successful home ownership, as well as helping older Veterans utilize benefits and organize final papers.

**What trainers or workshop attendees will learn from Joyce Cohen:**

- How to build a successful training program
- How to prepare for a Boots to Backyards workshop
- Five training modules including: purpose, concepts, key points, humor, tools, activities, exercises, transitions, AV and admin needs
- Using hands on experience tools to ensure learning and fresh approaches
- How to illustrate key points through storytelling
- How to conduct teach backs to gain comfort with materials and build confidence

Charles Page served in the US Army Reserves as a company commander in the Basic Combat Training Division from 1972 – 1979. He has shown a steady progression of leadership accomplishment over the past 40 years. Charles leads Cool Spring Center, Inc. as president and senior facilitator.

**Charles guides senior leadership and boards toward becoming more positive, responsibility-based, successful organizations by:**

- Discovering and leveraging their highest potential
- Breaking out of traditional restraints that discourage innovation, creativity, and leadership
- Setting goals and creating strategies for sustained, optimum organizational success
- Improving the way people work together
- Practicing actions, communications, behaviors and thinking that improves fiscal sustainability

Vicki Thomas retired from a successful 30 year marking career and found herself wanting to give back. Recalling those who left her high school to deploy to Vietnam, never to return, she set her sights out to help Veterans who did return. After seeing a national news cast about a couple Iraqi Freedom Veterans who founded a charity to help older Veterans she wanted to get involved. Vicki volunteered her time, knowledge, and skills for two years until joining the leadership team and now serves as Director of Special Projects.

**What audiences will learn from Vicki Thomas:**

- The value of being passionate about what you do
- Packaging your skills to offer them to a cause you care about
- Listening to your three best voices, your head, your heart and your gut
- The value of making a commitment
- Staying focused and true to a mission
- Practicing active listening to do the heavy lifting

SEE: Encore.org – Purpose Prize winner
http://www.encore.org/vicki-thomas
SEE: Fortune Magazine – From Selling to Service
http://fortune.com/2014/03/07/from-selling-to-service/
Purple Heart Homes Speakers Bureau is ready to work with you to help deliver messages tied to the theme of your meeting to ensure your event is a success.

We will match the right speaker for your event to provide a genuine value for your audiences.

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