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Keynotes

SGT JOHN M. PECK (Ret)



HOPE

Sergeant Peck has conquered many challenges in life – including being abandoned by his biological father, suffering verbal and physical abuse by his stepfather, being blown up twice in Iraq and Afghanistan, losing his memory and all four of his limbs, being suicidal, then one of only two military members in the U.S. to receive a successful double arm transplant. Through it all, John relied on his can-do spirit and overabundance of hope to get through the tough times. Through his tales of struggle and his ability to hope John inspires audiences to face their own challenges and to never give up hope no matter how hopeless life might seem.

PERSEVERANCE

Sergeant Peck discusses how perseverance is the key to success. From the stories of his first blast, and how it wiped out his memory almost completely, to the painstaking task of having to re-learn almost everything - from driving a car to remembering who his spouse was, to learning how to be a Marine again. John continued to persevere and continued to push day in and day out to re-learn how to do the job he loved. The effort paid off and he was able to re-enlist and become a US Marine for the second time. But again, John was forced to persevere when he was blown up a second time, losing all four of his limbs. It was his perseverance that allowed him to never give up and gave him

the strength of will and spirit to research the possibility of receiving a double arm transplant. Through his story of struggle and perseverance John inspires audiences to never give up on their dreams.

GIVING BACK - HELPING OTHERS

Despite almost insurmountable obstacles in life, John has always reached out a hand to help others. He has helped single mothers pay for Christmas gifts at local stores, given a homeless man a gift card for a warm winter coat, purchased holiday presents for underprivileged children, and mentored other wounded warriors. He has also helped to create and fund specialized Track Chairs for wounded warriors to improve their mobility. Through his strong beliefs in helping others as well as appreciating the donation he received, John enjoys educating the public about the need for organ donation. He has always valued the power of service. Through his stories of giving back even in his darkest times, John motivates audiences to incorporate service in their lives and to recognize how satisfying it is to reach out a helping hand to those in need. John donates 10% of his speaking fees to his favorite non-profit organization.

POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING

Life throws all of us unexpected punches, but we have a choice as to how we handle those unforeseen obstacles. John will take the audience on a journey through his life and how even in his darkest hour - even when he formulated a plan to end his life - he found a way to get out of his “dark spot,” and redirect his thinking to a positive outcome. He will describe his journey from becoming only one of five quadruple amputees from the War on Terror and someone who was depressed and hopeless, to a man who now has two donor arms, a beautiful wife, and a future filled with hope and purpose. John motivates audiences to redirect their negative impulses, and to show by example, that if he has overcome all the obstacles in life that he has - and still be motivating to others, positive in spirit, and understanding the value of giving to others - they can pick up from where they are in life and do the same.