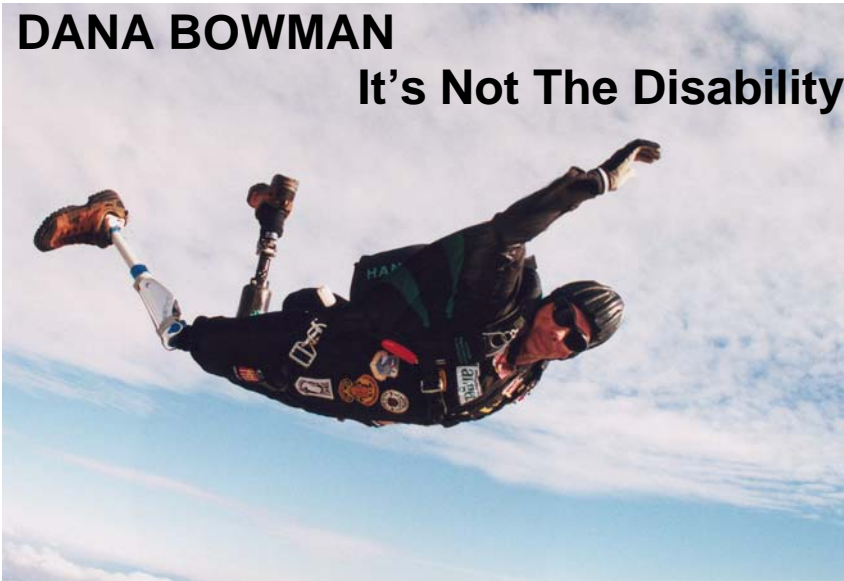


DANA BOWMAN

It's Not The Disability ...It's The Ability!



When You Need A Speaker To Truly Deliver On Overcoming Adversity, Mastering Change & Reaching Your Dreams

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Dana's Amazing Story

Dana Bowman gained worldwide attention in 1994 during a most unthinkable accident. As a member of the U.S. Army Golden Knights skydiving team and a Special Forces soldier, Dana was performing in a routine training exercise. Dana and his partner were demonstrating the Diamond Track, and—wearing smoke-producing “wingtips”—the two “etched” a diamond shape in the sky. The skydivers, traveling at a combined speed of 300 m.p.h. and planning to crisscross, instead collided in midair. Both of Dana's legs were severed instantly, one above and one below the knee. The impact claimed the life of his best friend and skydiving partner, Sgt. Jose Aguillon.

Dana's parachute opened, bringing him back to Earth and “to a life that was changed forever,” as Dana describes it. His extraordinary attitude and determination were key factors in his rehabilitation: Just 9 months after the accident, Dana returned to the Army—becoming the first amputee member of the Golden Knights, the first to reenlist in active duty—and the first to skydive on prosthetic legs into a reenlistment ceremony!

Dana autographs photos, speaks Spanish and knows American Sign Language.

Dana retired from the Army and continues to touch lives through hundreds of speaking engagements, television programs, magazine and newspaper articles, and soon in a movie to be made about his life. Named Veteran of the Year in 1995 and an honors graduate with a BS Degree in Commercial Aviation from the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, he flies multi-engine craft, helicopters, and seaplanes.

In addition to a full-time speaking career, Dana enjoys scuba diving, bicycling, snow and water skiing, snowmobiling—and skydiving. In fact, he combines speaking and skydiving by dropping in—parachute and all—on his audiences! Using two hi-tech prosthetic legs designed by Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics, Dana demonstrates his abilities to thousands of people each year. Dana also spends much of his time with his family, and other amputees and the physically challenged.

His next goal? Dana is currently working on designing parts for prosthetic limbs to improve their function. He is working on a book about his life to date, and he continues to speak out on living a limitless life. As Dana puts it “It's great to open people's minds to the possibilities of amputees—and of everyone who has dreams. If my accomplishments motivate others—not just amputees—to try new activities, my mission is achieved. We face challenges everyday; it is overcoming those challenges that makes us stronger.”

Programs:

Dana's presentations are always custom-tailored for your audience, your needs and your objectives, and appeal to all age groups and professions.

It's not the Disability, It's the Ability

We all have myriad disabilities. As a living example himself, Dana shows us how to focus on what we can accomplish, and encourages the physically challenged and the able-bodied to achieve their goals—no matter how wonderfully large or seemingly small. As Dana's highly personal and passionately told story illustrates, abilities are endless. Disabilities are nonexistent.



Conquering Adversity

At some time—at many times—we face adversity. Overcoming adversity seems easy for some, harder for others. Dana, who has persistently, gracefully, and triumphantly overcome adversity after losing his legs, will help each individual audience member overcome their own challenges as well, through discipline and a deep belief in their own power to succeed.

Mastering Change-The Only Constant

Change—that unavoidable constant. Usually, change comes in small, continuous, and at times insidious adjustments to our reality. Such as new information, a new job, or a new client. Sometimes, as it did for Dana Bowman, change arrives all at once, with unspeakable force—an entire life forever altered. Learn from a man whose body, career, and perspective changed irrevocably in a split second. Become forever inspired by his determination to regain his life and reclaim his abilities. Dana's story teaches us all to expect change-and accept only greatness!

Flying High—and Into your Event

This is a breathtaking, inspirational sight, and the perfect way to begin an unforgettable keynote with Dana. He can skydive into your event—a grand opening, meeting, or sporting event. All wide-eyed attendees will watch a double-amputee land on a dime—every time. Then Dana will remove his chute and further prove that if we choose to be disabled, we will be disabled. If we choose to live life to its fullest, we will find continual fulfillment and inspiration.

A client list of over 1000 includes:

State Farm Insurance
NASA
US Air Force
US Army
US Pentagon
Bell Helicopter Textron
Hanger Orthopedic Group
Paralympic Games
Counter Intelligence Agency
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Disabled American Veterans
American Legion
Boy and Girl Scouts of America
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University of North Carolina
University of North Dakota
Invacare
Smith and Nephew
The Center for Leadership in Education
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Over 100 Elementary & High Schools
Ohio School Boards Association

Member – National Speakers Association

“ From keynote to kickoff speeches to wind-up sales meetings to management seminars, Dana Bowman is a pro at captivating audiences and motivating them towards higher goals.”



Media coverage:

Dana has been the subject of hundreds of national and international press appearances, including:

Sports Illustrated
Readers Digest
People Magazine
ABC Person of the Week
Discovery Channel
History Channel
Dateline NBC
CBS: Eye on America
Lifetime Cable Network
700 Club
Ripley's Believe It or Not
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Keynote Fee:

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