

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

THE VETERANS LECTURE



JACOB SCHICK
FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

TI AUDITORIUM (ECSS 2.102)

PRESENTED BY:

THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
AND THE VETERAN SERVICES CENTER



Jacob Schick, Cpl. USMC, Ret.

Jacob Schick, Executive Director for 22Kill, is a third generation Marine who epitomizes service and sacrifice.

After a triple-stacked tank mine detonated below his vehicle in Al Anbar Province, Iraq in 2004, Jake suffered compound fractures in his left leg and left arm; multiple skin, ligament and bone losses; varying burns; partial loss of his left hand and arm; amputation below the knee of his right leg; traumatic brain injury (TBI); and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Jake has undergone 46 operations, 23 blood transfusions and countless hours of rehabilitation. Jake will tell you his physical injuries weren't the worst that happened to him. For years he dreaded his TBI and PTSD diagnosis, a common mindset among warriors. "Physical pain reminds you you're alive, mental pain tests your will to stay that way," is a saying that Jake repeats often in regards to suffering mentally.

Jake has become a staunch advocate for maximizing the potential in people from all walks of life. He shares his story, and the effects of being severely wounded, at public speaking engagements throughout the country in order to motivate people to be better tomorrow than they were today, and to raise awareness of the epidemic of the 22 warriors who die by suicide every day.

A passionate and fearless leader whose quick wit and stories of intestinal fortitude have a profound impact on everyone he meets, Jake has appeared on James Gandolfini's HBO special, "Alive Day Memories: Home from Iraq," as well as 60 Minute Sports and various other local and national venues. Jake also plays a role in Clint Eastwood's production of American Sniper. You can read Jake's "Open Letter to Warriors" and his eloquent wisdom on resilience in Psychology Today.

Purpose

During their time in military service, many individuals immerse themselves in purpose and a mission-oriented mindset while in uniform, but they may temporarily lose that sense of purpose during their transition back into civilian life. To address these and other related concerns, ODCE and the Veteran Services Center has chosen to partner with military veteran Jacob Schick to tell his story and provide the UT Dallas community with tools and strategies to help bridge the military-civilian gap at UT Dallas. University faculty, staff, students and the corporate community are all invited to attend this Veteran Lecture.

At the lecture, information, resources and discussion will reflect some of the promising approaches available to support veteran UT Dallas students in meeting classroom demands and the new global economy. To maximize these approaches, there will be particular attention paid to increasing veteran students' engagement while closing the military-civilian gap at UT Dallas. This event will support UT Dallas' goals related to broadening awareness among individuals interested in strong partnerships between students, staff, faculty, civilians and former military personnel in the North Dallas area.

Agenda

Welcome and Introduction	George Fair, PhD Vice President, Office of Diversity and Community Engagement
Introduction of Speaker	Lisa Adams Director, Veteran Services Center
Keynote Speaker	Corporal Jacob Schick Executive Director 22KILL
Q&A and wrap-up	
Thank you	George Fair, PhD
Meet and Greet Activity The Veteran Services Center McDermott Library MC1.204	Corporal Schick

Save the date!

THE 8TH ANNUAL
DIVERSITY AWARDS CEREMONY AND SOIRÉE

April 20, 2017
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

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