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| **1. To what size group will the speech be delivered?** Large (100+ people) |  |
| **2. The speech will be delivered to a group made up of mostly?** Military Co-workers (Senior and Subordinate, Government Employees, US Secret Service, Family, Friends,  |  |
| **3. Where will the event be held?**VFW, Suitland, MD |  |
| **4. What kind of speech do you want?**A combination of funny, Poetic, Heartwarming (I lecture a lot about life, success, motivation and how attitude is everything…so anything that would fall in line with that will definitely be my style; and I am a jokester) |  |
| 5. Is there a key person(s) to whom the speech will be given? Tell us their name(s) and a little about his/her personality. The retiree is Tamika Simmons. She is a Navy Chief who is an absolute FIRECRACKER! She is very head strong and driven. She is probably the most “passionate” person I ever met. Passion is the word I use instead of saying she has a bad attitude😊. When she feels strongly about something, she feels REAL STRONG about, and will sing it from the mountain top. With that said, she is the most caring, helpful, committed, “JANE NAVY” person I have ever seen as well. She is an awesome mother to a daughter, MacKenzi; which she is a single parent serving, which makes it so much more challenging. So of course her daughter is the only time she shows true emotion. She is the life of every event, the loudest for sure, will give the shirt off her back; and is the most committed Cheer Mom on earth, her daughter is a very successful tumbler with a Cheer Squad.  |  |
| 6**. Please share information about events or memories you have together that you would like mentioned in the speech.** There are actually no specific memories. But when I think of her, I think of someone who always had my back. I was her boss, and reported to the command wanting to “Build Rome” in two seconds. Getting her to pace herself was a challenge. She had such a fiery attitude, and the word “no” was not allowed in her world.No matter how much we quarreled, she was the Chief I could always rely on to get it done. There was one time in particular she absolutely hated me I am sure. She was going through Chief initiation and she was assigned a sponsor other than me. She despised this guy, and felt like I should swoop in and save her, but that is not the way the process works. I was forced to keep a professional distance, and always hoped she would get it eventually. Little did she know my heart ached to watch her struggle, but I need her to “get it” on her own, the entire point behind the initiation process is for them to think like Chief’s without the genuine Chief’s hold their hand and cottling them.\*\*\* This was the biggest “episode” between us, it caused a lot of anger and tension, however, I have to tread lightly if the other Chief I am referring to is in attendance at this ceremony. As of now, he is not coming; but I want to be very tactful if this is mentioned in any way.Another thing I can think of, she has HORRIBLE test anxiety. I have taken several classes with her, and she sits and shakes and trembles uncontrollably at the word “test” but passes with flying colors every time. |  |
| **7. What do you want your audience to think or feel as a result of experiencing your presentation?**I want the audience to understand the challenges and sacrifices that comes with serving our country, as well as the balance that is required to keep your family happy…and to the friends who don’t understand that we are not just away because we want to be, it’s a call to duty. I want them to understand that her absence from them over the past 20 years was for a greater purpose; and to display what her efforts meant to those she served with |  |
| **8. Is there an action that you would like your audience to take as a result of experiencing your presentation?**I always aim to motivate and inspire. At my retirement in November, apparently I said “attitude is everything..it determines….blah…blah..blah..”…I can’t even remember what I said, because I was shooting from the hip; but people loved it, and said I was in inspiration. As for me, I heard a speech once that was based on “the wake” that a boat, or alligator leaves behind as it trails to through the water..I heard this speech 15 years ago, and it still resonates with me, the premise behind it, was “what will your legacy be”.. I want the audience to think and reevaluate their position, whether it’s military, career, or family, and ensure they are putting their best foot forward to make a difference |  |
| 9**. What is your deadline for delivering the speech?**I have to deliver the speech early morning of 20 Jul |  |
| **10. Finally, please provide your speechwriter with any additional information you would like to have included in your speech. Include all information you feel is essential to your speech.**Tamika and I have only known each other since 2015. I honestly thought she was not a fan of me “typical boss/ employee relationship”. When she called and asked me to do this speech, I was actually speechless. I thought it was a joke. I found out through other friends that she apparently thinks very highly of me. I want to make sure I honor her in the best way possible. In the Navy the Chief’s Mess is like a Fraternity/Sorority. So she would be known as my “Sister”. … I want to say something to that effect, that she is and will always be my sister.She is a crier, so I have to make her cry😊. I started jotting words down, I will attach that as well, don’t judge, it’s bad 😊   |  |

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