



# JOHN KRIESEL

## MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

# STILL STANDING. STILL SMILING



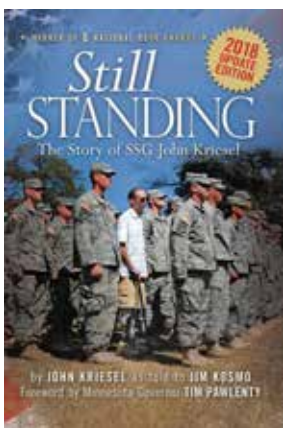
A sought after public speaker, John Kriesel travels throughout the country sharing his story, inspiring and motivating others. Kriesel's intensely positive attitude infects every person he shares his story with from students to senior corporate executives as he relays lessons learned overcoming extreme tragedy.

On December 2, 2006 the vehicle Kriesel and four of his comrades were riding in encountered a 200 lb. Improvised Explosive Device (IED). The blast killed two of Kriesel's best friends and he was severely injured, losing both legs, suffering numerous broken bones and internal injuries. He was transported to two field hospitals in Iraq where he died three times on the operating table before doctors saved his life. He woke up in Walter Reed Army Medical Center after an 8-day medically induced coma where he learned about the death of his two comrades and the severity of his injuries.

Nine months after his near-death experience in Iraq, John returned to Minnesota to begin his new life. His transition from military to civilian life offered many challenges, but his amazing support system, positive attitude and sense of humor allowed him to bounce back stronger than ever.

During John's presentation he will describe his decision to join the military at 17 years of age, and his overseas deployments. He will discuss in detail the tragic events of December 2, 2006, and his thoughts and feelings as he laid on a dirt road in Iraq, nearly bleeding to death. He will describe what it was like when he woke up from an 8-day coma in the United States and began his recovery. John's story, sense of humor, and positive outlook on life will leave your audience inspired.

**"Kriesel is something special.  
A gifted communicator..."**



Working with author Jim Kosmo, Kriesel reveals his story in "STILL STANDING: The Story of SSG John Kriesel," winner of eight national book awards.

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"Tremendously inspirational and impactful. John really connects with the attendees - bringing both laughs and tears. Months later, our staff still talks about the incredible impact - and are reminded that "life is good!"

-Robert Donohoe, President and CEO - Texas Medical Liability Trust



"John presented his story to a group of business leaders and Minnesota Wild clients. The audience was completely engaged and inspired. Even weeks later, attendees are still talking about how authentic and powerful his message was."

-Bryan Bellows, Director of Corporate Partnerships - Minnesota Wild



"John was invited to present to our best customers. His message was deeply inspiring, it provided everyone with a cause, that if implemented has the potential to differentiate their businesses in the sea of sameness."

-Michael Fieblkorn, President - West Central Distributing



"John is an authentic and inspirational speaker with an even better message of perseverance and having a great attitude. Thank you for sharing your message with our team and clients"

-Jana Stangler - Compeer Financial



"John's story had me simultaneously wiping tears from my eyes while smiling and laughing. A truly inspiring reminder that life is to be cherished, life is short, and life is good."

-Darin Mjoen - Thomson Reuters Corporation



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Watch sample clips from some of John's presentations on his YouTube channel



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