

Steve Ford

Actor & Son of President Gerald Ford

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About Steve Ford

Steve has enjoyed a successful acting career for over 25 years appearing in over 800 hours of film and television productions. He has worked on over 25 films and many guest leads in television. Most recently you would have seen Steve appearing in the hit movie **TRANSFORMERS** and **BLACK HAWK DOWN**. Steve's other film credits would include films such as **CONTACT** with Jodie Foster, **ARMAGEDDON** with Bruce Willis, **STARSHIP TROOPERS**, **ERASER** with Schwarzenegger, **HEAT** with Al Pacino, **CARRIE II**, **YOUNG DOCTORS IN LOVE** and **WHEN HARRY MET SALLY** as Meg Ryan's boyfriend. He has also done numerous guest leads in television shows such as **SUDDENLY SUSAN**, **J.A.G.**, **DARK SKIES**, **FLIPPER**, **WALKER TEXAS RANGER**, **DR. QUINN**, **BAYWATCH**, **MR. AND MRS. SMITH**, **THE CAPE**, **PENSICOLA**, **THE SENTINEL**, **COLUMBO**, **MURDER SHE WROTE** and **HAPPY DAYS**. Steve also hosted a full season, 22 episodes of the prime time series **SECRET SERVICE** for **NBC**. Early in Steve's career he spent six years playing the character Andy Richards on the Emmy Award winning daytime show **THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS**.

Before becoming an actor in 1980, Steve worked on the professional rodeo circuit as a team roper and still ropes today in his spare time. He owns a ranch in California. Steve served three years on the Board of Directors of **THE NATIONAL COWBOY HALL OF FAME** in Oklahoma City and currently serves on **THE GERALD R. FORD PRESIDENTIAL FOUNDATION**.

He is also highly sought after nationally as a motivational speaker for corporate events relating his inspiring experiences during his family's stay in the **WHITE HOUSE** and his years in Hollywood. Steve also speaks about his own successful battle overcoming alcoholism over twenty-five years ago. He shares with audiences inspiring stories of character and leadership that lead to the Ford family's success which will help audiences rethink their own lives. He is the third son of President and Mrs. Gerald R. Ford.

Select Keynotes

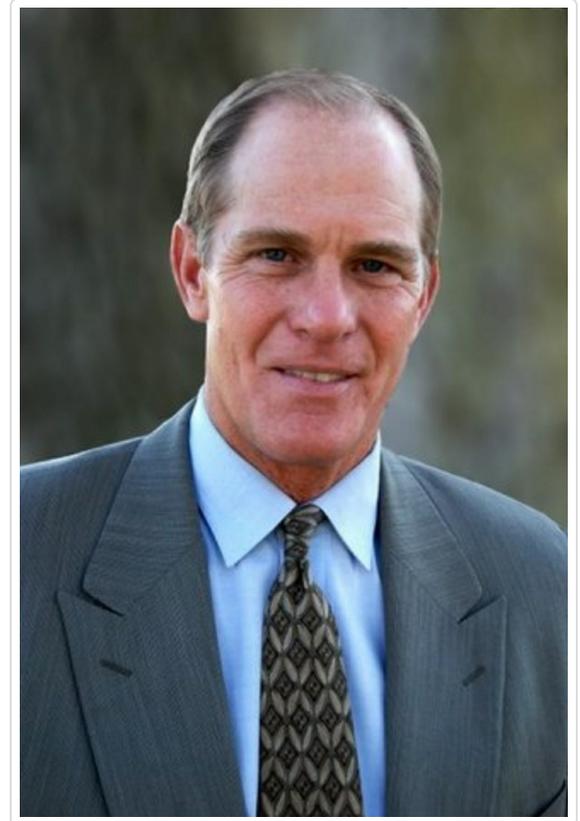
- **Beyond the Limelight: Overcoming the Struggle**

As a motivational speaker, Steve Ford has entertained and inspired audiences with anecdotes of how his famous family dealt with his mother's battles with alcoholism and breast cancer and how he overcame his own struggles with the bottle. He talks about the high price he paid for bad choices involving drugs and alcohol, the early habits he formed that led to his addiction, and his road to recovery. He will share many historic and never-before-seen photos, slides, and videos.

- **Inside the White House & Hollywood: Getting to the Top with Character**

During this presentation, speaker Steve Ford will share the tools that led his parents, former President Gerald Ford and Betty Ford, to success in the White House as well as his own success in Hollywood as an accomplished actor. He focuses on such issues as leadership, overcoming adversity, the value of a strong family unit, living with values and character, setting and juggling priorities, and making the right choices in life. His unique position as the President's son provides him a unique perspective in relating a broad range of experiences, such as being 18 years old and having ten Secret Service agents as constant companions, his father's leadership in taking over the reins of the presidency following the resignation of Richard Nixon, two assassination attempts on his father's life, and his mother's bouts with alcoholism and breast cancer.

- **Leadership with Character**



What makes a great leader? History shows that those who have sought service over self interest in times of indecision, turmoil, and crisis are regarded as true leaders. On August 9, 1974, Vice President Gerald R. Ford became the 38th President of the United States when President Richard Nixon resigned his office in disgrace because of the Watergate scandal. Today, most historians and political observers agree that President Ford's difficult and controversial decision to pardon Nixon was the right thing to do and was in the country's best interest. By leading with character, he helped heal a nation and restored confidence in the office of the President of the United States. In this presentation, President Ford's son, speaker Steve Ford, talks about what it takes to be a good leader and lead with character.

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Steve is the best there is! There is no way you can put a price on perfection but I can guarantee that you will receive a gift to be treasured and you will hear only great comments from each and every person that is fortunate enough to be in attendance...if you are planning an event and want it to be a success, you must use Steve Ford..."

— *Community Bankers Association of Alabama*

It has been eight weeks since you were with us as the keynote speaker for our Annual Luncheon and Silent Auction, and still hardly a day passes that I don't get overwhelmingly positive feedback about your presentation at our event. You connected with everyone. Your stories of life's challenges and successes were both inspirational and entertaining.

— *EVENT PLANNER, COMMUNITY BANKERS ASSOCIATION*