

John Register

U.S. Paralympian; U.S. Army Combat Veteran; Author

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About John Register

John Register is a two-time Paralympian, Paralympic Games Silver Medalist, Persian Gulf War veteran, and TEDx Motivational Speaker. He embraced a “new normal” in becoming an amputee following a misstep over a hurdle while training for the 1996 Olympic Games, after participation in two consecutive Olympic trials.

An Oak Park, Ill. native, Register discovered how to “amputate his fear of disability” and founded the U.S. Olympic Committee Military Sport Program in the early 2000s. He has launched a book titled: 10 Stories to Impact Any Leader: Journal Your Way to Leadership Success, as business leaders return to work with their staff amid stressful circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic and the recent unrest in our urban cities.

Register teaches others through his “Hurdling Adversity” speeches and podcasts to “amputate their fear and embrace their new normal,” as they discover “stories within themselves.” He finds that “it is the personal stories that inspire teams more profoundly with greater impact.”

Register is a four-time All-American graduate of University of Arkansas. He served six years in the U.S. Army—including in operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and in active-duty with the U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program—winning nine gold medals in the Armed Services Competition and two World Military Championships.

Register had his left leg amputated after a misstep over a hurdle changed his life. Register hyperextended his knee and severed the popliteal artery. He started swimming to aid in his recovery, made the U.S. Paralympic Team in 1996, and later won a silver medal in the long jump—as he set an American record—and sprinted to fifth in the 100 meters and 200 meters at the U.S. Paralympic Games in Sydney.

Register resides in Colorado Springs.

Select Keynotes

- **Reach Your Peak: Championship Business Strategies Through the Lens of Olympic and Paralympic Athletes**

Citius, Altius, Fortius. These three Latin words are the foundation of the Olympic movement. They make up the mindset of Olympians and Paralympians to endure the day to day drudgeries of dream pursuits.

Can we capture this spirit of determination, resolve and commitment to win the medals in our lives?

If Olympic and Paralympic athletes are training four years from today the way they are training today, they have already lost the gold medal.

If your company or organization is trying to compete by playing it safe, then you are on the path of going out of business.

What lessons can be learned from an athlete's journey to winning an Olympic medal? How can you harness, in your business culture, the laser focus of the world's greatest athletes? What systems can be employed in reaching one's own podium in life?

These questions and more are answered in this uniquely designed keynote that takes leaders inside the mind of an athlete.



John Register walks you through his athletic journey, from Olympic hopeful to Paralympic medalist. He shares his insights on gaining the edge over competitors to always put him in a position to win.

- **Hurdling Adversity: Jump to Your New Normal Mindset**

How does one bounce back from being an Olympic track and field hopeful and Army Officer Candidate one day and becoming an amputee the next? John Register knows the answer to that question all too well -- it's his story.

Despite Register's devastating setback, he hurdled his adversity. Within 22 months post-injury, he competed on the United States Paralympic Swim Team. Four years later he returned to his first love of track and field and in Sydney, Australia at the 2000 Paralympic Games, John won the silver medal in the long jump, setting the American record in the process.

Register is the first to say that overcoming any obstacle, no matter how great or insignificant one thinks it is, begins with having a resilient and renewed mindset. But how do you get it? Where does it come from? And, can it be taught and learned so everyone can respond better when facing adversity?

Whether you are an executive, a middle manager, or front employee, your life can change with one wrong step, but your life can also change with one right step. In this presentation, John Register shares the pathway and the steps to win, again.

- **Disability Inclusion: Elevating Past the American Disabilities Act**

The Americans with Disabilities Act is now 30 years old, yet the unemployment rate for people with disabilities still over 70% in the United States?

How can we value this fastest growing population which represents 61M people in the US?

How can we move our mindset beyond *tolerating* people with disabilities in the workplace, and actually *value* each person contribution?

Disability cuts across all business resource groups or BRG's.

In this highly interactive presentation, John Register, TEDx speaker on "*Why Tolerance is Not Valuable*," discusses the stigma of attitudinal barriers which continue to hinder the hiring of a dedicated and dependable labor force as explores key indicators that may play a role in those outcomes.

He unpacks the business model for profitability and the revenue lost not paying attention to the demographic.

Select Book Titles

- **2020:** 10 Power Stories to Impact Any Leader: Journal Your Way to Leadership Success (Available on Kindle)