

Leadership and Success

Saving the USS Samuel B. Roberts in the Persian Gulf

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Format: Keynote 45-90 minutes

Description:

In the early evening hours of April 14, 1988 the frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts FFG58 struck an Iranian mine in the Persian Gulf while on patrol to protect and escort oil tankers. The explosion broke the ship's keel and blew a massive hole in the hull below the waterline. A fireball ripped through the stacks, setting fires on four decks. For hours the 220 sailors on board fought with courage, bravery, and heroism to save the ship and themselves from a sea full of sharks and sea snakes. Incredibly, not a life was lost. The Commanding Officer, Captain Paul X. Rinn, tells the phenomenal story of how, sinking and on fire, ordinary U.S. Navy seamen achieved the extraordinary and kept the ship afloat. Preparedness, courage, innovation, and teamwork decided the outcome. Rinn's exhilarating description of the events of that night has a lasting impact on every audience that hears him speak.

Leadership essentials:

- Goal Setting
- Teamwork, Courage, and Character
- Communication
- Management by Walking Around
- Training—to Raise the Performance Bar
- Innovative Thinking and Problem Solving
- The Significance of Diversity
- Heritage as Inspiration
- Preparation and the Pursuit of Excellence
- Keeping Your Sense of Humor

About your presenter:



Captain Paul Rinn, USN (Ret.) is an unforgettable speaker. He weaves the principles of leadership and the pursuit of professional excellence into each of his gripping presentations. An expert story teller, he underscores the value of goal setting, preparation, teamwork, and staying focused in the most challenging situations. His timeless lessons apply to every entrepreneur, leader and manager in today's work place, school, and civic organization. Rinn's US Navy experience is combined with business acumen demonstrated during his years as corporate vice president of a prestigious Washington D.C. international consulting firm. He is sought after to speak in the public and private sectors for military, government, educational and corporate audiences. His success has generated invitations to tell the story of the *Samuel B. Roberts* on Good Morning America, the History Channel and

the Military Channel. You'll appreciate his practical wisdom, engaging style and his inspiring message of courage under fire.

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