



## MATINA JEWELL - INTRODUCTION

Major Matina Jewell grew up in the hinterland of Byron Bay and after joining the Army at age 17, served on military and peacekeeping operations around the world.

During her 15-year military career:

- Matina earned eight war medals,
- Completed the physically demanding Navy divers course,
- Served on operations with the elite American Navy Seals,
- Boarded smuggler ships in the Arabian Gulf, and eventually
- Was posted as a peacekeeper with the United Nations in Syria and Lebanon.

Matina was featured on the ABC's Australian Story, is a best-selling author and has served on the Prime Minister's Advisory Council and the National Mental Health forum.

Among her many honorary roles, Matina is a founding Ambassador for the 'Project Thankful', a movement partnered with the United Nations to help empower women and children globally.

To share her experiences today, please welcome Matina Jewell...

