



MC Intro: Matina Jewell

Major Matina Jewell grew up in the hinterland of Byron Bay and joined the Army at age 17. During her 15 year military career Matina:

- Served on five missions and earned nine military and war medals
- Is the only Australian to receive two Republic of Lebanon war medals for acts of bravery on the battlefield and being wounded in combat
- Completed the physically demanding Navy divers' course
- Served with American Navy Seals
- Tracked-down war lords in the Solomon Islands
- Fast-roped from helicopters and boarded smuggler ships in the Arabian Gulf, and
- Was posted as a Peacekeeper with the United Nations in Syria and Lebanon where she was the only Australian and the only woman serving at her UN Patrol Bases

Medically retired, Matina served on the Prime Ministerial Advisory Council and continues to champion change for our injured war veterans.

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

Matina has been featured on the ABC's Australian Story, is a best-selling author and her life story has been optioned for a global feature film.

To share her insights on leadership and resilience from some of the toughest environments on earth, please welcome Matina Jewell.