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The Power of Choice An aspiring gymnast in childhood, Melissa Stockwell dreamed of someday representing Team USA at the Olympics Games. As college approached her Patriotic dreams shifted to representing her country as a member of the U.S. Army. Upon graduating, she was commissioned and soon thereafter deployed to Iraq. It was there that a roadside bomb made her the first female American solider to lose a limb in active combat. What followed was a remarkable story of resilience and perseverance, and of the indominable spirit of a woman who chose not only to survive, but to thrive. Now a Paralympic medalist, a World Champion, a World Record Holder and an Ironman, Melissa's keynote "The Power of Choice" is an emotionally commanding presentation that will both redefine your perception of disability and inspire you to rethink your own limits.

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