



Kyle Carpenter

AUTHOR

Medal of Honor Recipient and Author



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About:

- **Gender:** Male
- **Nationality:** United States
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

Engagement Types:

- Speaking

Topics:

- DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)
- Leadership & Management
- Mindfulness & Resilience
- Motivation and Inspiration
- Personal Development
- Team Leadership

Biography Highlights

- Kyle Carpenter will captivate audiences with the lessons he's learned about adversity, sharing his new-found perspective on life.

Biography

While serving as a Marine rifleman in Afghanistan at age 20, on the morning of November 21st, 2010, Lance Corporal Kyle Carpenter's squad was attacked by Taliban forces. During the attack, a live grenade landed between Kyle and a fellow Marine. In a courageous act to save his fellow Marine, Kyle threw himself on the grenade.

Kyle's injuries were severe - he was unconscious for five weeks and spent over two and a half years recovering at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He had lost his right eye, most of his lower jaw and teeth, and his right arm was broken in 30 places. He went through roughly 40 surgeries during his recovery. During this grueling recovery process, Kyle's spirit remained strong. He set several post-recovery goals for himself: run a marathon, earn a college degree, backpack through Europe, and go skydiving. After nearly three years of recovery, Kyle was released from the hospital at age 24 and has since been able to accomplish every post-recovery goal and many more. And on June 19, 2014, Kyle was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Obama

Websites:

- [Website](#)

Podcasts:



[The Kyle Carpenter Podcast](#)

for his self-sacrificing act of valor. Kyle is the youngest living recipient of the Medal of Honor, our country's highest military honor.

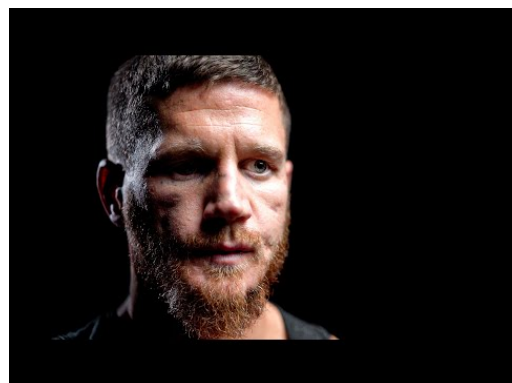
In 2019, Kyle published his autobiography, *You are Worth It: Building A Life Worth Fighting For*. It not only tells the story of the events leading up to November 21, 2010 and the recovery period which followed, but it is also a story of rebirth and overcoming adversity, of how Kyle battled back from the gravest challenge to forge a life of joyful purpose. In the words of General Jim Mattis "Kyle Carpenter's memoir of gallantry beyond the call of duty provides a vivid reminder that grit and valor remain American hallmarks." He is also host of "The Kyle Carpenter Podcast" in which he shares the stories of people who inspire him, expanding perspectives through meaningful conversations on leadership, adversity, and finding a joyful purpose in life.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Kyle's military awards include a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, NATO Service Medal, Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Combat Action Ribbon and a Purple Heart, the award for which he is most proud.

Why Book Kyle Carpenter for Your Event

One of WSB's exclusive speakers, Kyle's experiences at a young age forged lessons that he passes on to captivated audiences. Through storytelling around his powerful journey in war and recovery, audiences will gain insights into leadership, adversity, and finding a joyful purpose in life.

Videos



Kyle's Topics

A Conversation With Kyle Carpenter

Available: In person, Virtually

Leadership, Perspective and Life

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Available: In person, Virtually

Testimonials

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More than 450 students, veterans, and members of the Ocean County community packed the Grunin Center at Ocean County College to hear Kyle Carpenter's powerful testimony. Carpenter, the youngest Medal of Honor recipient in our nation's history, held the audience in awe and had many in tears as he told of his harrowing and life-changing experience in the Marines and beyond. Carpenter's inspiring talk greatly impacted all who attended.

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Kyle did a wonderful job at the event and added so much to the discussion. He spoke with clarity and passion and the audience was listening intently to his every word. His presence really made this a special event. He is a great Ambassador for WSB.

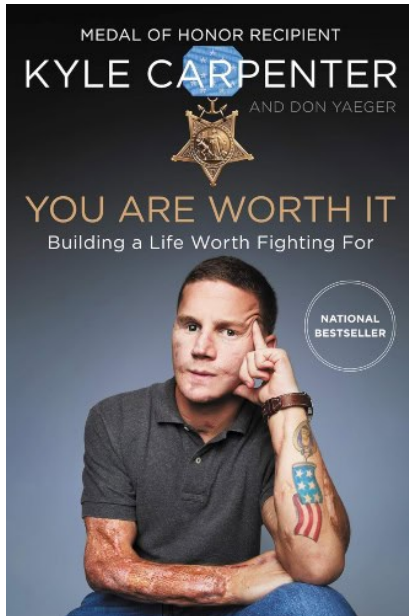
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I think this was hands down one of the most memorable events our fire department has ever had. Kyle is truly an amazing human being. It was a very busy day but Kyle took it all in stride. My phone has not stopped ringing or receiving texts with so many wanting to express their gratitude for bringing such an incredible speaker to talk to them. His presence alone created such a buzz throughout our department. Please extend our sincere gratitude to him and to you and your team for a job well done!

Security

Books



You Are Worth It: Building a Life Worth Fighting For

YouAre Worth It is a memoir about the war in Afghanistan and Kyle's heroics, and it is also a manual for living. Organized around the credos that have guided Kyle's life (from "Don't Hide Your Scars" to "Call Your Mom"), the book encourages us to become our best selves in the time we've been given on earth. Above all, it's about finding purpose, regardless of the hurdles that may block our way. Moving and unforgettable, You Are Worth It is an astonishing memoir from one of our most extraordinary young leaders.

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