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Lewis MacKenzie

One of the World's Most Respected Peacekeepers
Lessons on Leadership

When it comes to leadership, few people -- anywhere in the world -- can approach the level of experience, of credibility, that Major-General (ret'd) Lewis MacKenzie has reached. He's considered the most experienced peacekeeper on the planet. MacKenzie has commanded troops from dozens of countries in some of the world's most dangerous places: the Gaza Strip, Vietnam, and Central America. In Sarajevo, during the Bosnian Civil War, while leading troops from 31 nations and under fire from all sides, he famously managed to open the Sarajevo airport for the delivery of humanitarian aid. As a result he became the only Canadian, military or civilian, to be awarded a second Meritorious Service Cross. During that time, the BBC said MacKenzie was interviewed more than any other human being over a thirty-day period in the history of television.

MacKenzie retired from the Canadian Forces in 1993. His book, *Peacekeeper: The Road to Sarajevo*, was a #1 bestseller, and an award-winning documentary based on it, *A Soldier's Peace*, has aired in over 60 countries. His follow-up book, *Soldiers Make Me Look Good*, was released in 2008 to critical acclaim. Since his retirement from the military, Lew MacKenzie has been under contract to CTV and CBS and frequently appears on many international TV and radio networks as a commentator. He is a regular contributor to *The Globe and Mail* and is in demand as a lecturer on the subject of leadership. MacKenzie is currently the president of Major General MacKenzie Enterprises. He also assists in fundraising for the International Community for the Relief of Starvation and Suffering. For his lifetime achievement in protective services, MacKenzie, in 2006, was named a member of The Order of Canada, the country's highest honour.

Lewis MacKenzie Speech Topics

Lessons on Leadership

In this masterful keynote, Lew MacKenzie distills the lessons of 36 years of experience into 10 practical, enduring and easy-to-apply tips that will enhance your leadership style. Leadership is about building trust, forging commitment to a common purpose, and understanding what needs to be done to convince others to follow -- things MacKenzie has done, time and again, under the most difficult of circumstances. With charisma, expertise on conflict resolution, the courage to think for himself in a crisis, and a natural talent for storytelling, not to mention an unconventional streak a mile wide, MacKenzie captivates and commands attention like few others can. *MacLeans* has called him "the greatest living speaker in Canada." He doesn't just talk about leadership; he demonstrates it.

Interactive Leadership Workshop



In this interactive talk and workshop, Lewis MacKenzie teaches groups the real value of leadership and how to solve the many problems facing your business every day. Beginning with a brief keynote, MacKenzie divides your group into small committees and presents them with real life scenarios that are customized for your business. Giving each group one-on-one mentoring, he helps group through possible solutions, which the group leader then presents to the rest of the workshop. This unique workshop allows your group to learn by doing, all while being coached by one of Canada's most respected leaders.

Canada: The World's Reluctant Hero

"When the UN voted Canada the best country in which to live our first reaction was to apologize for the honour! On the contrary. We should be proud of our accomplishments. We paid a lot for them with the lives and limbs of young Canadian men and women." In this talk on a united Canada, MacKenzie explores the role Canadians play in making the world a safer, more peaceful, and better place, and the many things that we, as Canadians, should celebrate.

Global Military and Political Developments in a Post-9/11 World

How did the post 9/11 international landscape get so complicated, so dangerous? Which countries and regions are likely to cause trouble in the months and years ahead? When, if ever, will the war on terror end? MacKenzie, one of the UN's most experienced field commanders, sheds insight on current global military and political events.

The New World Order: The UN or the U.S.?

MacKenzie looks at the showdown between the UN and the U.S. over Iraq, and other hotspots, and what it means for Canada and the rest of the world. He shows you the likelihood of various potential outcomes and challenging you to think about the real options for peace and national security in a fractured world.