



Nicole Malachowski

Nicole Malachowski is the **1st woman Thunderbird pilot**, a fighter squadron commander, **White House Fellow**, and keynote speaker who has overcome **overwhelming odds** time and time again.

Keynote & Motivational Speaker
Leadership Expert
White House Advisor
U.S. Air Force Colonel

Speaking Topics

- Harnessing Headwinds
- Pushing the Envelope
- Breaking Barriers
- Conquering Fog & Friction
- The Mach 2 Mindset

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Nicole Malachowski's Story

Colonel Nicole Malachowski is a leader, a combat veteran, the first woman pilot on the Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron, a White House Fellow, and an inductee into both the National Women's Hall of Fame and the Women in Aviation International Pioneer Hall of Fame. She even has a Star Trek Federation starship named after her - the USS Malachowski (NCC-1619).

Nicole's distinguished 21-year Air Force career exceeded her wildest dreams. But that dream came to an end when a devastating tick-borne illness left her unable to walk or speak for nine months.

Her career as a military officer, work as a White House advisor, and continued recovery from her illness have given have made Nicole an incredible speaker.

In her keynotes, Nicole empowers people with three key beliefs: failure and risk is the price of entry for achieving something great; sometimes you need to yield to overcome; and her personal mantra - "Nobody wants to lead a scripted life."

Featured Keynotes

Harnessing Headwinds - Successfully Navigating Change & Adversity

- Effectively navigate organizational and cultural change
- Endure the discomfort of the unknown
- Increase resilience, reinvention, regroup, and adaptability

Pushing the Envelope - Being the Best When It Counts

- Overcome the self-doubt that inhibits personal and professional growth
- Model the selfless trust needed to be an effective teammate
- Build accountability, dependability and reliability that drive performance

Breaking Barriers - Conquering Self-Doubt & Cultural Paradigms

- Define your own possibilities and overcome self-doubt
- Reevaluate traditions, paradigms, and overcome limitations
- Welcome challenges to the status quo

Conquering Fog & Friction - Leading Through Times of Crisis

- How to proceed regardless of the unknowns your organization facing
- Understand the leadership challenges that are unique to times of crisis
- Keep focused on your purpose; perspective is critical

The Mach 2 Mindset - Decision-Making in a High-Speed Environment

- Assess the dynamics that slow your organization down
- Trust, clear roles, and communication are vital to navigate the unknown at speed
- Practice, planning, and preparation move top organizations quickly



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