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**BRONZE STAR
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PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION MEDAL
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM RIBBONS**

**Pat Tillman Award for Service
(2022 ESPY Awards)
Founder of Team UNBROKEN
U.S. Veterans Hall of Fame
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Foundation Hall of Fame
No Barriers USA Ambassador
Lead over 30,000 ground troops
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Under heavy mortar fire in Afghanistan, Gretchen Evans was thrown headfirst into a bunker while trying to get her troops to safety. Days later she woke up with a traumatic brain injury and permanent hearing loss, ending her 27-year military career as one of the most decorated women veterans in U.S. history. Despite these setbacks, she persevered and applied her unwavering determination to civilian life, where she now serves as a mentor, coach and community activist. CSM Evans worked her way up to the highest rank an enlisted soldier can achieve. And then her career ended.

While these life altering events, and complete hearing loss, profoundly changed Evans. Her heart was broken, not only due to the injuries she sustained but also due to the sudden loss of a team, the fellowship and her purpose. With grit, gumption, resilience and determination CSM Evans navigated through a changed life and found her new passion and purpose which includes advocating for veterans of all services to accomplish new goals. Often quoting, We are not "broken".

CSM Evan's powerful story has been featured on the Today Show and CBS Courage in Sports. Speaking to many Fortune 100 companies, she delivers a message of hope and inspiration. As an avid hiker, marathon runner, cyclist and adventure racer she now leads a new RopeTeam - Team Unbroken.

Speaking fees for Gretchen Evans are a charitable donation to Team Unbroken, an adaptive athletic team breaking barriers.