

GARY SILVERTHORN



LEADERSHIP KEYNOTE SPEAKER • BUSINESS STRATEGIST • EXECUTIVE ADVISOR

Leadership under pressure. Clear decisions. Teams that execute.

Gary helps leaders think clearly, communicate decisively, and build accountable teams when conditions change and the pressure is real.

Full Speaker Biography

Gary Silverthorn is a leadership keynote speaker, business strategist, and executive advisor who helps leaders make sound decisions, build accountable teams, and execute under pressure. His perspective draws on a 22-year military career spanning service as a U.S. Marine and Army Ranger, including service as an Army Ranger First Sergeant and senior instructor at the U.S. Army Ranger School. His experience supporting operations in Afghanistan and Iraq reinforced a central leadership lesson: disciplined preparation, clear communication, sound judgment, and trust are essential when the consequences are real.

After retiring from military service, Gary applied those principles in corporate security, business development, entrepreneurship, and consulting. He has led teams in austere environments, supported senior defense organizations, overseen security and growth initiatives, and founded or helped build multiple companies. Today, as President and CEO of Coastal Barrier Inc., he advises executives, business owners, and leadership teams on strategy, accountability, organizational performance, and execution.

Gary combines candid, real-world stories with practical frameworks audiences can use immediately. His presentations help leaders recognize changing conditions, make decisions with incomplete information, establish clear standards, strengthen accountability, and turn strategy into action. His direct, grounded style connects with executives, managers, entrepreneurs, veterans, and emerging leaders while remaining focused on substance rather than hype.

Whether speaking at a conference, corporate retreat, association meeting, leadership program, or podcast, Gary gives audiences a clear challenge: leadership is measured by what people understand, own, and execute after the message is delivered.

What Audiences Take Away

- A practical framework for making sound decisions when information is incomplete
- Methods for creating accountability without weakening trust
- Ways to recognize changing conditions before they become larger problems
- Leadership behaviors that convert strategy into disciplined execution

BOOKING-READY BIOGRAPHY OPTIONS

Approved copy for programs, websites, introductions, and media

Short Biography | Approximately 120 Words

Gary Silverthorn is a leadership keynote speaker, business strategist, and executive advisor who helps leaders make sound decisions, build accountable teams, and execute under pressure. During a 22-year military career spanning service as a U.S. Marine and Army Ranger, Gary served as an Army Ranger First Sergeant and senior instructor at the U.S. Army Ranger School and supported operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. He later applied those leadership principles in corporate security, business development, entrepreneurship, and consulting. As President and CEO of Coastal Barrier Inc., Gary advises executives, business owners, and leadership teams on strategy, accountability, organizational performance, and execution. His presentations combine compelling real-world experience with practical frameworks audiences can apply immediately, with a clear focus on substance and results.

Brief Biography | Approximately 55 Words

Gary Silverthorn is a leadership keynote speaker, business strategist, and former U.S. Marine and Army Ranger. Drawing on a 22-year military career and extensive executive and entrepreneurial experience, he helps leaders make sound decisions, strengthen accountability, build trust, and execute effectively when conditions change and pressure is high.

Stage Introduction | Approximately 75 Words

Our speaker knows what leadership requires when conditions are uncertain and the consequences are real. Gary Silverthorn completed a 22-year military career spanning service as a U.S. Marine and Army Ranger, including service as an Army Ranger First Sergeant and senior instructor at the U.S. Army Ranger School. He later became a corporate executive, entrepreneur, and business advisor. Today, he helps leaders make sound decisions, build accountable teams, and turn strategy into action. Please welcome Gary Silverthorn.

Speaker Positioning

Primary audiences

Executives, managers, entrepreneurs, professional associations, veterans, and emerging leaders

Core subjects

Leadership under pressure, strategic thinking, accountability, decision-making, trust, and execution

Event formats

Keynotes, conferences, executive retreats, breakout sessions, leadership workshops, panels, podcasts, and media interviews

Availability

National and international travel; in-person and virtual engagements