



AUTHOR • KEYNOTE SPEAKER • RETIRED USMC LT. COLONEL

Shanelle Porter-Simmons

“Stop calling it success when it feels like a cage.”

Shanelle Porter-Simmons helps accomplished women recognize the call toward something more — and find the courage to take the first step. A former world-class athlete (America's top high school 400-meter runner, American record holder, once ranked 15th in the world), she went on to serve more than 20 years in the Marine Corps, complete two combat tours, and make history as the first Black woman to command a Marine Corps Recruiting Station. She has lived every transition she teaches — and gives audiences a repeatable framework, not just inspiration.

WHY BOOK SHANELLE

- Retired U.S. Marine Corps Lieutenant Colonel — 20+ years, two combat tours
- First Black woman to command a Marine Corps Recruiting Station
- World-class 400m athlete — American record holder, ranked 15th in the world
- Author of *Try a New Path: Breaking Free, Growing Beyond Comfort*
- Two master's degrees — Leadership & Military Science
- SHRM-CP certified HR & organizational leader

FORMATS

Keynotes (45–90 min) • Half- & full-day workshops • Virtual or in-person. Every format ends with a plan, not just inspiration.

BOOK SHANELLE

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SPEAKING TOPICS

Stop Calling It Success When It Feels Like a Cage

Signature keynote • 45–90 min

Names the Success Trap, maps the causal chain keeping high achievers stuck — conformity, doubt, fear, comfort — and delivers the first step toward purposeful freedom.

How to Build Your Next Chapter Without Burning Out, Shrinking Back, or Starting Over

Leadership keynote • 45–75 min

For women who know something has to change but don't want to blow up what they've built. A way forward that doesn't require destruction.

New Path in Motion: The P.A.T.H. Method

Interactive workshop • Half- or full-day

Participants work through Pause, Awaken, Train, Honor the Call — and leave with a personal action plan they can use the next morning.

“I have watched Shanelle live the principles she teaches. She brings discipline, courage, and authenticity to her work, and her presence invites others to rise with honesty and intention.”

— Dina Poma-Barnes, Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

IDEAL AUDIENCES

Women's leadership events & conferences • Corporate & government leadership programs • ERGs & affinity groups • Veteran & military transition organizations • Events focused on transition, identity, burnout, and purpose