

Introduction for D.J. Vanas

D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas is an internationally-acclaimed motivational storyteller whose expertise is in leadership and personal development. He is also the author of the celebrated book *The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery & Achievement* which is printed in six countries. His latest book, *Spirit on the Run*, is his first novel.

D.J. is a tribally-enrolled member of the Odawa Nation and a former military officer. He shows organizations how to *practically apply* the power of the warrior spirit to perform at their best, stay resilient and thrive in tough, changing environments. For twenty years, he's delivered his dynamic programs in 49 states and overseas to over 7,000 audiences including Walt Disney, NASA, Intel Corporation and hundreds of tribal governments, communities and schools. He's also been invited to the White House to speak – twice.

He holds a B.S. from the U.S. Air Force Academy and an M.S. from University of Southern California and has served on the Board of Directors on the National Board of Certified Counselors. After serving ten years as an Air Force officer, he is now the president of his own company, Native Discovery Inc. D.J.'s mission is to "build the warriors of tomorrow...today".