

FOR YOUR EVENT MC

Introducing Terry L. Fossum

How to use this: Read the full version when Terry is your featured speaker and you have a minute. The story builds on purpose — don't rush it. **Pause before his name, then lead the applause and invite the room to stand.**

Full introduction

≈ 60 seconds · read aloud, slowly

Tonight's speaker was born in the poorest city in America — surrounded by gangs and drugs. As a boy, he stared down the wrong end of an assault rifle in his own back alley. In high school, his father was killed. And a neighbor told him that *not a single one of his family's boys would ever grow up to be anything.*

That neighbor was wrong.

Because this man had Scouting — and Scouting changed everything.

He became an Eagle Scout. A U.S. Air Force Captain and Executive Officer over a group of nuclear B-52 bombers during the Cold War. A self-made millionaire. A **#1 Wall Street Journal best-selling author**. His TEDx talk was ranked the **#2 New TEDx Talk in the world**. He won Fox's national reality competition *Kicking & Screaming* — representing the Boy Scouts of America as the oldest competitor on the show. And his own brother? He became a **U.S. Astronaut**.

You've seen him on the Wall Street Journal, Fox, ABC, NBC, CBS, and Prime Video. Tonight, he's here with us — and he has a story you will never forget.

Please stand and help me welcome a true Scouter — Terry L. Fossum.

Short version

≈ 20 seconds

Our speaker is a #1 Wall Street Journal best-selling author, the #2 New TEDx Talk in the world, a former Air Force Captain, and the winner of Fox's *Kicking & Screaming* — but more than any of that, he's an Eagle Scout who credits Scouting with saving his life. **Please welcome Terry L. Fossum.**

Quick tips for the MC

- **Pause** for a beat before you say his name — let the room lean in.
- **Lead the applause** and physically invite the audience to stand as you finish.
- Have water at the podium and confirm his mic and any slides/video with your AV team beforehand.
- If Terry is speaking right before your ask, hand the moment **straight** to it — don't reset the energy with announcements.