Rekindling the Courtship: Super Starters for Redeployment Conversations

If your service member isn't ready to or would prefer not to talk deployment and you need a date night topic that doesn't include the kiddos you left behind, try these conversation starters. You might be surprised at how your answers have changed over the months of deployment or the years of marriage.

- 1. List 20 random facts about yourself.
- 2. Describe 3 legitimate fears you have and explain how they became fears.
- 3. List 10 things you would tell your 16-year-old self, if you could.
- 4. What are the 5 things that make you most happy right now?
- 5. What is the hardest thing you have ever experienced?
- 6. What is your dream job and why?
- 7. What are 5 passions you have now, in this moment, today?
- 8. List 10 people who have influenced you and describe how.
- 9. Describe your most embarrassing moment.
- 10. Describe 5 pet peeves you have today that you may not have had when I met you.
- 11. Describe a typical day in your current life.
- 12. Describe 5 weaknesses you have.
- 13. Describe 5 strengths you have.
- 14. If you were an animal, what would you be and why?
- 15. What are your 5 greatest accomplishments?
- 16. What do you believe about God? How has that changed in the last month? Year? 10 years? Why?
- 17. What has been the most difficult thing you have had to forgive? Do you ever struggle with bitterness in that area?
- 18. If you could live anywhere, where would it be and why?
- 19. If you could have one superpower, what would it be and what would you do with it first?
- 20. Where do you see yourself in 5 years? 10 years? 15 years?
- 21. List your top 5 hobbies and why you love them.
- 22. Describe your family dynamic of your childhood vs. your family dynamic now. What can we learn from your childhood, both good and bad, to apply to the culture we create for our own family?
- 23. If you could have dinner with anyone in history, who would it be and what would you eat?
- 24. What popular notion do you think the world has most wrong?

- 25. What is your favorite part of your body and why?
- 26. What is your love language?
- 27. What do you think people misunderstand most about you?
- 28. List 10 things you hope to be remembered for.
- 29. Who would you want to give your eulogy at your funeral and why?
- 30. What today, in this moment, do you love so much you would be willing to die for?
- 31. Who in your life are you the most proud of?
- 32. Whom in your life have you made an impact on, and how did seeing your influence on that person's life change yours?
- 33. What is something you have always wanted me to do but I have never done? (No judgy eyes, spouses!)
- 34. What is something I have done for you/said to you/given you that you would like again?
- 35. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you trust me with your heart?
- 36. What could I do today to make you feel like our relationship was a 10?
- 37. What is your favorite memory from our dating life?
- 38. What was your very first thought the moment you met me? Has it changed at all? In what ways?
- 39. How did you know I was the one?
- 40. When in your life have you felt the most loved and why?