

# PRESIDENT'S EXIT STRATEGY FOR IRAQ IS FILLED WITH HOLES

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Since the start of the war in Iraq 2,110 U.S. soldiers have been killed, while anywhere from an estimated 15,000 to 48,100 have been seriously injured. With support for the war fading quickly and his approval rating dropping to an all-time low, President Bush is under serious pressure to announce an exit strategy.

In a press conference earlier this month, President Bush announced that he has a plan to quickly, and successfully, end the military operation in Iraq, and bring our troops home. President Bush began the press conference, "In 1972, a crack commando unit was sent to prison by a military court for a crime they didn't commit. These men promptly escaped a maximum-security stockade to the Los Angeles underground. Today, still wanted by the government, they survive as soldiers of fortune. Look people, we have a problem the no one else can help us with and if we can find this group of soldiers we might be able to hire them."

President Bush went on to announce that if this group of rogue soldiers helped bring a quick end to the war in Iraq, he would offer them a complete pardon.

"I'm asking for the help of the press and the American people, we need to find and hire The A-Team," said President Bush.

The LowDown made an attempt to track down the A-Team, led by Colonel John "Hannibal" Smith. Upon doing roughly five minutes of research, The LowDown was able to find out that The A-Team was never a "crack commando unit,"

but rather a group of actors hired by NBC to star in a sitcom called the *A-Team*, which ran from 1983-1987. In all, the A-Team did 94 episodes in five seasons.

When The LowDown attempted to find George Peppard, who played Hannibal and was best known for his work on *The A-Team*, we quickly discovered that Peppard died from phenemena in 1994.

The LowDown was unable to contact Dirk Benedict, who played Lieutenant Templeton "Faceman" Peck and was best known for his work on *The A-Team*; and Dwight Schultz, who played Captain HM "Howling Mad" Murdock and was best known for his work on *The A-Team*.

We were, however, able to contact Lawrence Tero AKA Mr. T, who played Sergeant Bosco "BA or Bad Attitude" Baracas. When asked if the operation in Iraq would've been a mission The A-team could've successfully taken on in their prime, Mr. T responded, "We were actors, The A-Team wasn't real. No one was injured by bullets or bombs on The A-Team, what's happening in Iraq is real. Real people are dying on both sides. The A-Team go to Iraq? Where did you come up with such a stupid idea?"

When we played Mr. T a copy of President Bush's press conference where he called upon The A-Team for help, Mr. T simply shock his head in a disapproving manner and added, "I pity the fool."



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