



On January 17, 1991, America suffered a tremendous loss. Navy pilot, Lieutenant Commander Michael "Scott" Speicher, was shot down while flying a combat mission over western Iraq on the first night of Operation Desert Storm. The next morning, then-Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney told the news media that the United States had suffered one combat loss. When questioned whether or not it had been a death, he confirmed that the service member had been killed.

Four months later, Scott Speicher was declared KIA/BNR—Killed In Action, Body Not Recovered—by the United States Navy. Hailed thereafter as a hero, mourned by family and friends, it wasn't until nearly two full years had passed that it was discovered that LCDR Speicher had almost certainly ejected from his aircraft before it crashed. He had left his E & E (Escape and Evade) sign on the desert floor, and had apparently waited for a rescue that was never launched by the U.S. military.

Over the ensuing years, evidence began to surface that proved Speicher's captivity by Saddam Hussein and his loyal followers. Witnesses—some who had defected from Iraq, some who were questioned or came forth on their own—told stories of having seen or even spoken to Speicher in his captivity. The letters M.S.S. were found etched into a wall at the notorious Hakmiyah prison in Baghdad. Documents were found there as well, which had logged Speicher's imprisonment there. More of the same initials, written in the same handwriting, were found north of Baghdad, in 2004—near Saddam's hometown of Tikrit. The initials marked on that beam were written in what appeared to be finger-painting onto a carport beam in a brownish-colored substance. The date beneath the initials in that instance is written as 9-15-94.

Much evidence has come forth that would definitely suggest—more than suggest, it would seem to insist upon—Speicher's continued survival. The United States Navy apparently agrees; he has been twice promoted in light of the evidence that has come forth. Though Saddam is no longer in power, it is believed that those loyal to his regime continue to hold Speicher prisoner, for unknown reasons.

Friends Working to Free Scott Speicher believes in Scott and continues to fight for his release. Along with letter writing campaigns to our elected officials, the Friends' group participates in public events such as a yearly candlelight vigil for Scott, as well as monthly meetings with any news updates or ideas on how to raise public awareness of his plight. This website has a forum where the public can join in and ask questions, share ideas, and communicate any news they may discover.

The goal: To bring Captain Michael Scott Speicher back to the United States of America, his home.