

# Iraq Lies: NBC's Brian Williams Forced to Admit His Tale of Being on a Downed Helicopter in Iraq Was Pure Fantasy

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Just in case you still harbor any doubt that mainstream media is nothing but a pathetic amalgamation of useless liars and propagandists...

Enter NBC's star reporter Brian Williams. A man apparently so vain and attention starved that he actually invented a war story from 2003 to make himself look tougher. Then he continued to tell the false narrative until U.S. soldiers called him out on it.

What a complete and total embarrassment.

From [Stars and Stripes](#):

WASHINGTON — NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams admitted Wednesday he was not aboard a helicopter hit and forced down by RPG fire during the invasion of Iraq in 2003, a false claim that has been repeated by the network for years.

Williams repeated the claim Friday during NBC's coverage of a public tribute at a New York Rangers hockey game for a retired soldier that had provided ground security for the grounded helicopters, a game to which Williams accompanied him. In an interview with Stars and Stripes, he said he had misremembered the events and was sorry.

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"I would not have chosen to make this mistake," Williams said. "I don't know what screwed up in my mind that caused me to conflate one aircraft with another."

I don't know what screwed up either, as it seems pretty hard to mistake having your helicopter hit with an RPG versus...not.

Remember, these are the people who shape the news for tens of millions of unsuspecting, ignorant Americans.

"The story actually started with a terrible moment a dozen years back during the invasion of Iraq when the helicopter we were traveling in was forced down after being hit by an RPG," Williams said on the broadcast. "Our traveling NBC News team was rescued, surrounded and kept alive by an armor mechanized platoon from the U.S. Army 3rd Infantry."

Williams and his camera crew were actually aboard a Chinook in a formation that was about an hour behind the three helicopters that came under fire, according to crew member interviews.

The claim rankled Miller as well as soldiers aboard the formation of 159th Aviation Regiment Chinooks that were flying far ahead and did come under attack during the March 24, 2003 mission.

"It was something personal for us that was kind of life-changing for me. I know how lucky I was to survive it," said Lance Reynolds, who was the flight engineer. "It felt like a personal experience that someone else wanted to participate in and didn't deserve to participate in."

Reynolds said Williams and the NBC cameramen arrived in a helicopter 30 to 60 minutes after his damaged Chinook made a rolling landing at an Iraqi airfield and skidded off the runway into the desert.

Miller, Reynolds and Mike O'Keeffe, who was a door gunner on the damaged Chinook, said they all recall NBC reporting that Williams was aboard the aircraft that was attacked, despite it being false. The NBC online archive shows the network broadcast a news story on March 26, 2003, with the headline "Target Iraq: Helicopter NBC's Brian Williams Was Riding In Comes Under Fire."

O'Keeffe said the incident has bothered him since he and others first saw the original report after returning to Kuwait.

"Over the years it faded," he said, "and then to see it last week it was — I can't believe he is still telling this false narrative."

Next you're going to tell me there were no WMDs in Iraq.

The following remains one of the best videos of all time:

I mean, do these guys tell the truth about anything?

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