



"I SERVE QUIETLY, WITHOUT RECOGNITION OR ACCOLADES..."

Commander Daniel Patrick O'Shea, USNR is a qualified SEAL officer and 1991 graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. In the 1990's he deployed to the Middle East numerous times as a Platoon and Task Unit Commander with SEAL Team Three. In 1998, Dan left active duty to pursue a career in multi-sport adventure racing and a Master's degree in Executive Leadership. Following the attacks of 9/11, he immediately volunteered to return to active duty and served as a Special Operations Forces advisor to General Tommy Franks and US Central Command headquarters during the wartime planning and execution of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

After two years on active duty, O'Shea accepted a final assignment to help establish the Inter-Agency coordination effort at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq. Tasked by the Deputy Chief of Mission, he established and served as the Coordinator of the Hostage Working Group (HWG), the US Mission's primary planning facilitator, intelligence fusion node, and coordinating element for all hostage-taking incidents in Iraq. The HWG brought to bear all elements of national and regional power: diplomacy, intelligence, law enforcement, and military, conventional, and special operations forces (SOF) as hostage situations developed. Arriving at the height of the hostage-taking campaign targeting foreigners averaging more than 40 per month; by the end of Dan's service, foreign kidnappings in Iraq were in single digits with only one foreigner reported taken, in each of the last two months of his tour.

Recognized as the subject-matter expert on the kidnapping problem in Iraq, Dan has presented his findings to numerous military, US and international law enforcement agencies including the National Security Council-Hostage Working Group, US Central Command, US Special Operations Command, Scotland Yard, MI5, and MI6. A series lecturer at the Joint Special Operations University Dynamics of International Terrorism course, Dan continues to brief official and private sector organizations engaged on hostage recovery and survival, and to military personnel on the kidnapping threat in high-risk environments.

Dan is recognized as an Islamic-extremist subject matter expert, and past guest interviewee on CNN, BBC, and CBS and quoted in numerous publications including the Wall Street Journal, Newsweek, Time, and Esquire among many others. He has delivered his Into the Lions' Den lecture series nationally and abroad. Published in the Journal of International Security Affairs, he served as a member of the



McCormick Tribune Foundation's Irregular Warfare working group, led by General David Grange USA (retired), that produced the "Irregular Warfare Leadership in the 21st Century," envisioned as a blueprint for attaining and retaining US national strategic interests. He is the recipient of the Navy League's 2007 MERITORIOUS CITATION the organization's highest award given to individuals who have made significant contributions to the improvement of national security, one of only five presented annually. O'Shea is the Founder and Principal of Daniel Risk Mitigation and continues to serve in the Naval Reserves.