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Glenn Beck says his presidential "dream team" would feature rookie U.S. Rep. Allen West, R-Plantation, for president and U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., as his running mate.

"I want to start a Draft Allen West movement," Beck said on his radio show today.

West has a strong national following, but has rejected presidential speculation and criticized "leadership by cult of personality." Bachmann is exploring a White House run.

Beck praised West for the 2003 incident in Iraq in which West fired a gun near the head of an Iraqi detainee to get him to divulge details of a suspected ambush. West, who was initially charged with assault, ended up being relieved of his command, paying a \$5,000 fine and retiring as a lieutenant colonel with a full pension.

Said Beck of West (around the 4:00 mark on this [therightscoop.com](#) clip): "He's not afraid to pull the trigger. He's not afraid, and he takes responsibility. That's what I love about him the most. The guy takes responsibility. He's like 'OK, yeah, I did it. I did it. Here's my gun. Cuff me. Take me away, 'cause I'll do it again.' And he was right, but he was willing to take the consequences for what he did....I love that. That's the kind of honor that we need....It is time to restore honor and I think Allen West, I think he's the guy."