

security forces when we go anywhere. It's almost like a platoon. And so afterwards, General Abizaid, a combat veteran, myself, were laughing. I'm very -- I have a good personal relationship with General Abizaid and I professionally respect him. We had a nice laugh about it that it was probably not a smart idea for this very small element, that got repulsed immediately, to go ahead and attack General Abizaid's contingent with me around.

So that's pretty much it. I don't believe it was known that we were there until after the fact. We had Robert Burns from AP with us, so he reported it right there with us. Actually, it was taken a little bit out of context. It wasn't all that much. Three RPGs and some small-arms -- AK-47 -- fire is all it was. And I had paratroopers around us, I had ICDC around us, and we were fine.

Thank you very much for the, I'd say, friendship and the close working relationship, warm relationship we've all had, media and the 82nd Airborne Division. We'll be heading back to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, here in a couple weeks. You're always welcome at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. And I respect you as professionals. I hope you have the same respect for the paratroopers and myself.

Good luck to you and God bless you. Stay safe.

Q: (Off mike.)

Swannack: Thank you.

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