

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BLOGGERS ROUNDTABLE WITH ARMY STAFF SERGEANT BRETT M. PERRY; ARMY STAFF SERGEANT WILLIAM BURNS; AND ARMY STAFF SERGEANT ERICK GALLARDO VIA TELECONFERENCE SUBJECT: THE MOMENTS DURING THE BATTLE THAT LED TO ARMY STAFF SERGEANT SALVATORE GIUNTA BEING AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR TIME: 1:00 P.M. EST DATE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2010

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ASHLEY WASHINGTON (Army Public Affairs): Again, this is Ashley Washington, and I'd like to thank everyone for participating in today's roundtable.

I am honored and privileged to be in the room today with Sergeant Brett Perry, Sergeant Michael (sic/William) Burns and Staff Sergeant Erick Gallardo. These soldiers, as you all know, were in a battle the night of October 25, 2007, in Afghanistan, for which Staff Sergeant Giunta was awarded the Medal of Honor on November 16. Today, they will talk to us about that night and answer any questions. So before we begin, some housekeeping items: I ask that you please speak loud and clear so they can hear and understand you. State your name and your affiliation before asking a question and keep your phones on mute if you're not asking a question to decrease any background noises. I think we have two other people that just joined us, if you could state your name please?

Q Ensign C.J. Grisham from A Soldier's Perspective.

Q Airman Michael Hoffman from Army Times.

MS. WASHINGTON: All right. Okay, so without further ado, I'll begin with Sergeant Perry, Sergeant Burns and Staff Sergeant Gallardo telling us a bit about themselves and then having them begin the conversation and from there we will open the call to questions.

SGT. PERRY: This is Staff Sergeant Brett Perry. I've been with the Battle Company, 2nd Battalion of the 503rd for about four years, served as a machine gunner, team leader, squad leader, rear attachment and NCF. That's about it.

MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.

SGT. BURNS: I'm Sergeant William Burns. I've been with the 173rd since June 26, '06, was an AG the night in question here, and still serve with the 173rd at the moment.

SGT. GALLARDO: It's Staff Sergeant Gallardo. I've been with the Battle Company since June 1st of 2006. I'm still in 1st platoon. I was -- I mean, I've acted as a squad leader there. I was Giunta's squad leader, 1st squad and currently as the weapons squad leader for the platoon now.

MS. WASHINGTON: Can we ask the question, if that's fine? Okay, so we are going to go ahead and start with questions. Leo, from Stars and Stripes, did you have a question?

Q Yeah, hi guys, thanks for taking the time for us. Let me just ask you a general, easy question here. It's not an easy question, but a simple question. I know that there's still a lot of raw emotions about what happened that day and the men you lost. But I don't know what yesterday's ceremony means to you, what's going on your mind. Staff Sergeant Giunta was very clear to say that he doesn't feel like he deserves it. But I'm wondering where you guys come down on all this.

SGT. PERRY: We're just -- this is Sergeant Perry speaking. We're just all really proud of him and it's a good thing for everybody. I think it brings a lot of closure and it's been a good reunion. It's been a good thing.

SGT. BURNS: This is Sergeant Burns here. I feel pretty much the same way as Sergeant Perry is saying here, just extremely proud and honored and just in awe at the moment right now. A lot of things are happening pretty quick, as you can imagine, but it's just an honor to be with these people right now and everything that's going on.

SGT. GALLARDO: Staff Sergeant Gallardo. Yeah, I'm in agreement with these two and it's a whirlwind of emotion right now like Sal is saying. But for us, I'm sure Sal at the same time along with the rest of the families and the rest of the guys that were there that night, to us, we're finally getting able to close that book, that chapter in life and finish up with that. We just got done with our last deployment about 10 days ago. We just got back home and we're barely closing the book on 2007 on that deployment.

Q All right, great.

MS. WASHINGTON: Jackie, with Soldier's Magazine, did you have a question?

Q Not at this time, no. Thank you.

MS. WASHINGTON: Okay, Dale Kissinger, Military Avenue, did you have a question?

Q I did. Thank you, gentlemen, for your service to our country and especially in combat. My question is the Medal of Honor is

so rarely given, could you describe the actions of Sergeant Giunta that you saw during that engagement that earned him the Medal of Honor?

SGT. GALLARDO: Yeah, it's Gallardo. What I saw him do, from the very beginning when it all started and the first rounds came in at us, there was no time to really think or react. It was just instinct going in and before I knew it, I was going to the ground and I had been shot in the head and next thing I saw was Sal coming up behind me and grabbing me and pulling me back to his firing team so we could continue our assault and get through to our other team of soldiers that were fallen in front of us. From there, just the aggressiveness, he had his team online and ready to go. So it made my job a lot easier assaulting through and getting the fight going.

Q Okay, thank you very much.

MS. WASHINGTON: Andrew, did you have a question?

Q Yes, I did. Gentlemen, Andrew Lubin here, Jane's Intelligence Review. Kind of an offbeat question here, how do you see your Army careers changing because of all this? Staff Sergeant, obviously we want to start with you, and Sergeants, the two of you also please.

SGT. GALLARDO: For me, I don't really -- I hope it doesn't change anything for my career. It's still kind of surreal what's going on with this. I'm a career soldier and all I want to do is be able to train and train leaders and the rest of the soldiers in the Army and hopefully just set that example right there alongside with Giunta's.

Q Okay, gentlemen, Sergeants, what do you guys think?

SGT. BURNS: Sergeant Burns here. I'm not really sure at this time, kind of like everything is new and what not. As far as the career, hopefully -- I mean, I don't see why it would affect anything particularly. Like I said, just on the personal, I'm still in the whirlwind of it all and just proud to be around and know Sal and everything that's going on. This career stuff is not really something that's on my mind right now.

Q Okay, thank you.

SGT. PERRY: Staff Sergeant Perry, I'm getting ready to ETS in a couple of months. This has been a really nice way to close out my Army career, coming into D.C., for this and getting this closure.

Q This doesn't make you want to stay in?

SGT. PERRY: (Chuckles) -- no.

Q What can you do on the civilian side to top this?

SGT. PERRY: Not get shot at.

Q Okay, fair enough. That's a good answer. Thank you.

MS. WASHINGTON: Troy, did you have a question?

Q Yeah, sure did. Hey guys, this is Troy Steward from Bouhammer.com. I had the fortunate ability to spend a night talking over some beers with Brendan O'Byrne and Jim Hetherington a couple of months ago when I hosted a screening of "Restrepo" in New York and we talked at great length. We already knew -- pretty much the word was out that Sal was going to be getting -- receiving the Medal of Honor and I had great discussions with them about how this would affect Sal and what their thoughts were on it and they had a lot of reservations about how he probably would not like it and would not like the attention and would be very uncomfortable with it and that it may impact him negatively going on in life because it's just so much attention. Those guys knew him just like you guys know him and I'm interested in what your perspective is on it and what do you think this is going to do to him in the long run as far as how he operates in life day-to-day.

SGT. GALLARDO: Again, Staff Sergeant Gallardo. For Sal, I think what everybody sees on T.V. and the way he's been handling it so far, that's genuine Sal right there. That Sal is not a character. It's not anybody telling him how to act. That's Sal right there and he's got a strong family to support him along with his wife Jenny. They're close friends to my family as well and I think with the way their family is and how close-knit they are, they'll be able to support him and help him out and the same thing, Sal is always going to be able to come to us and we're still going to be there for him.

Q Sergeant Burns, you guys -- any of you guys got comments on that or insight into what you think -- how he'll deal with this.

SGT. BURNS: This is Sergeant Burns. I agree with Sergeant Gallardo. I think just exactly pretty much what he said is how I feel about it.

SGT. PERRY: This is Sergeant Perry. I think he doesn't want to be in the limelight but I think he sees that this country is in need of somebody to look up to right now and he can be that inspiration for people and I think it's for the good of the country and I think he's going to step up and be that person for people to look up to.

Q Thanks a lot, guys.

MS. WASHINGTON: Chuck, did you have a question?

Q Yes, I do. Gentlemen, I want to talk about the battle itself for a moment. Do you guys have any lessons learned from that particular battle that you're going to pass on to the soldieries that you lead or that you have passed on? Anything stand out as lessons learned?

SGT. GALLARDO: Sergeant Gallardo. The biggest thing we've been training our guys getting ready for this deployment today because we did go back to the same province for our last deployment, went back to Kunar,

and we knew what we were facing and the only thing we could tell everybody, it's what I repeat to my guys as doctrine. Some people may not believe in it and that it works all the time what that Army has going but doctrine works and it worked that night. We went straight by the book and what the Army has published in its field manuals and obviously everybody's seen what came out of it.

Q Any of you other guys draw any lessons out of that?

SGT. BURNS: For me, this is Sergeant Burns, for me I agree with Sergeant Gallardo about the doctrine of course, but the night was just so chaotic that it was just you basically did fall right back on your training and what's muscle memory and as far as lessons learned, I don't know. I'm just glad that I had the training, that I was trained by the NCOs when I was a Joe last deployment. But I don't know if I could give you a specific lesson learned or anything, just that I appreciate the training and the time and energy that they put into taking care of me as a younger soldier coming into the unit.

SGT. PERRY: This is Sergeant Perry. Sergeant Gallardo said it and I can't really add anything to that. Everybody did their job that night and it should have been a lot worse than it was and we got ourselves out of it because everybody did their job.

Q Thank you.

MS. WASHINGTON: C.J., did you have a question?

Q Yes ma'am. First of all, I want to tell everyone, hey, thank you very much for your service and Sergeant Perry, thank you for your service. Even though you're leaving the military, you've done a great thing for the country and they owe you just as much a debt of gratitude, whether you stay in or not. So personally, thank you very much. My question goes to sort of what you all alluded to about the fact that Giunta will be able to lean on you guys. Did this experience -- I know that infantry guys are pretty close to begin with, but did this experience draw you guys even closer together and do you see yourself as lifelong friends based off of this particular experience?

SGT. GALLARDO: You know, this is Sergeant Gallardo, once you meet Sal, he's going to be a life friend no matter what. That guy is going to stick on you. He's a good dude. But yeah, that night, we keep in touch with everybody. It's like you said, the infantry, we're a tight group of guys. But after that night, there's a lot of us that are really close, epically with all the media that's out there, the Facebooks and the MySpaces and whatnot, using that stuff to keep in touch with each other. We always know what's going on. We always have reunions every year. Guys are getting together in Vegas or something, getting together on the 25th of October. Guys still get together that night and go party somewhere. Guys will come from all over the States and some guys will come back from Italy and we'll have a reunion.

SGT. BURNS: Yeah, this is Sergeant Burns here. Once again, I don't really have anything else to caveat that with. But just I think

it's pretty crazy even before that situation, just people from all over the world, Italy and the States, all over the States, how everybody does stay in touch and actually take the time to travel just to see each other and stuff. I'm always amazed by that.

SGT. PERRY: Yeah, Sergeant Perry, going through this stuff with each other, yeah, there's just an unspoken bond and you just have it with everybody that's there and that lasts your whole life. Q I'd like to follow that up, if I could really quick? This was a pretty tragic event and I guess my concern also, how are you guys keeping in touch with each other to ensure that no one kind of falls off the bandwagon and that the coping skills are there and they know -- you each know that you're not alone in dealing with the issues that you faced in combat?

SGT. GALLARDO: Just the unspoken bond that we all have, we know each other. We just did 15 months where we literally slept next to each other every night and every day. We're on small fobs and cots and whatnot. You get to the point where you know people's mannerisms.

I can tell when Sal needs me to be right next to him and talk to him. Just like with the two guys sitting next to me, I can see in their faces. We don't have to speak to each other to know that something's wrong with somebody. I know when Sergeant Burns here is having a tough day. I can just go up and talk to him. He doesn't need to tell me. We'll be there and Sal's got that bond with all of us.

Q Thank you.

MS. WASHINGTON: Mike from Army Times, do you have a question?

Q Yes, I do. Thank you very much. I guess this kind of follows with a couple of the other questions that were said, but I was just wondering what it's going to be like in the unit now for Giunta as the Medal of Honor winner. I mean, how do you think he'll be treated? I guess that tradition of saluting the Medal of Honor winner is kind of different from a commander's side. I'm just wondering what it's going to be like when this is all over and you guys go back to the unit.

SGT. GALLARDO: We're just going to make sure salute him every chance I get.

SGT. PERRY: Well I mean, that's not going to change anything. It's custom and courtesies. He deserves it for what he did. It's part of the medal. It's part of the honor that comes with it. As for in the unit when we get back, he's still Sal to us. He's just got a prettier medal than the rest of us. That's it. But he's not going to wave that in anybody's face or anything like that. He's still Sal. That's all he is, just Sal. Other people might tell you one way, but no matter what, 1st platoon Battle Company, he's Sal to us.

Q What about the rest of you guys? You want to weigh in there?

SGT. BURNS: Yeah, I mean that's his thing. He wants us. His real friends are the ones that are going to still give him a hard time every day and keep him in check, let him know how it is. But that's what he wants because he doesn't necessarily like all the attention and being treated special. MS. WASHINGTON: Okay, we can go back down the line. Leo, did you have an additional question?

Q Yeah just going back to that night, I don't know when you guys realized just how significant this was, with the chaos you'd seen quite a bit of action at that point, you'd see quite a few bad situations. I don't know if it was instant that you knew that Sal had done something above and beyond or if it was later on when you got a chance to think about it. Sergeant Gallardo, were you evacuated that day? I know you were shot in the head but I don't remember if you did the march back down or if you were evacuated out of there.

SGT. GALLARDO: No, I was not evacuated. I led the squad back.

Q Okay, so I mean on the way back, were you -- obviously you've got the battle plans, you've got the immediacy. But what's going through your mind after you saw all this?

SGT. GALLARDO: You know, the march back, the biggest thing was I had to make sure the boys were still focused. I had to make sure my squad -- we still had the two-and-a-half hour walk back to the cot. We still had some pretty treacherous terrain to walk down and I just had to make sure the guys were focused.

They weren't thinking too hard about what just happened. You hear Sal talk about we all had extra gear. We were carrying Mendoza's and Brendon's and all this extra stuff. I mean, I just had to keep going up and down the line and making sure my guys were good. I had no time yet to really think about it and neither than Sal. Of course Sal knew it. He was instead of being the rear team leader, now he was on point. So Sal had to take us back on point.

Q So at what point did you realize how significant what he did was?

SGT. GALLARDO: I mean, when I saw that body lying there, that sergeant, and Sal stopping them and actually bringing Josh back to us was pretty significant at the time. But really we didn't think anything of it. The next day the word started buzzing of what the commanders were going to put him in for, this and that. I remember sitting down with Sal and talking to him and we just sat in a corner of the Korengal outpost and just hung out on our own, just had our own conversation about it and how he didn't want to do any kind of recognition like that. He was just doing what he did, like he's been saying the whole entire time.

Q All right, great.

MS. WASHINGTON: Bill, did you have an additional question?

Q No, that's great.

MS. WASHINGTON: Andrew Lubin? Q No, I'm good. Thank you very much.

MS. WASHINGTON: Troy Steward?

Q Yeah, it's Troy again from Bouhammer.com. You know, when I read that part of the book, of Sebastian's book about that battle on that night of the 25th, I immediately thought to myself, yeah, that's Medal of Honor material. But there's so many other instances that I read about in the book and that were captured in the movie and there are probably many more that weren't. In looking back, are there other instances that you guys look back on that tour, and even your more recent tour, that you're sitting there going these were just as significant, people acted just as bravely. Are there many or are there any that stand out in your mind that like how -- not that everyone else -- we're trying to spread awards around, but people acted at the same level of honor and valor that Sal did that night but just somehow has not really been recognized?

SGT. GALLARDO: You know, Captain Kearney at the time, Major Kearney now, and the rest of the chain of command did an outstanding job of making sure everybody was recognized for any type of valorous acts they did in that deployment and recognizing everybody. With the stuff that went on in that deployment, there's nothing that's ever going to compare to being in the Korengal. Like I know the Marines had Fallujah and we have the Korengal Valley. There's nothing ever going to be like that place again, that valley. The Valley of Death, it's not a name we just gave it for nothing. It actually means something for us.

Q Any other feedback from the other guys?

SGT. BURNS: This is Sergeant Burns here. I mean, throughout even both deployments, especially the last one, there were a lot of brave acts, even my team leader at the time, Sergeant Ganglier, was just always just under fire just walking around conducting his team and doing his stuff and he was just always being extremely brave and setting an example of that and kind of setting a pace for that and also just 15 months and being out there for that long of time and getting in a routine.

Some things that are probably pretty outstanding probably went -- maybe went unnoticed. I think like Sergeant Gallardo was saying, the chain of command did an awesome job of recognizing everything. But I'm talking about more of just the usual stuff that you're used to just because you live there and that's what you do. But obviously Sal definitely set himself apart.

Q Okay, I'm going to take -- I'm going to ask one more here while I've got you. When the decision was made to pull out of the Korengal by the chain of command in Afghanistan, were you guys happy or were you kind of pissed off that everyone just up and pulled out from that same area? SGT. BURNS: I think we were there at the time. We were still in the Kunar -- we were still in the Kunar Province when that went down and they pulled out of the Korengal. For us, as long as the memory

lives of all the blood that was shed there, which obviously now with Sal's award, nobody's ever going to forget about the Korengal.

But the biggest thing that everybody stresses to us is as long as everybody that fell there gave their life is remembered, that's all we ask.

Q Okay, thanks guys.

MS. WASHINGTON: Chuck, did you have an additional question?

Q Yeah, I wanted to ask -- I don't have a real clear picture of what the terrain was like where this battle occurred. How high were you? Were you in a valley? On a peak? Can you kind of describe the physical area you were fighting in?

SGT. PERRY: Yeah, we were on a spur. Do you know what a spur is? I can get more --

Q Like a ridgeline.

SGT. PERRY: Yeah, like a ridgeline but basically a hilltop between two draws or like little valleys.

Q Yeah.

SGT. PERRY: Yeah, we just spent the day up there and we just stated walking down the spur and it was pretty narrow, a lot of vegetation and there was just one way up and one way down. So they knew we went up that way and they knew that was the only way for us to go down.

Q Okay, so you're not talking about a narrow ridge. You're talking about one wide enough that there was enough vegetation and stuff they could hide behind?

SGT. GALLARDO: No, they were pretty much on the side of the ridge just peeking over and crossing over the ridge of it. There's just enough standoff, like Sergeant Perry said. We had to be in a single-file line. You couldn't venture too far off the ridge line. It was no wider than six or seven feet and just vegetation everywhere. You would come out of vegetation and be in an open area before you knew it, just real hard rock, real hard rock and real gray rock.

Q And they were just peeking over the rim at you? SGT. GALLARDO: Yep, pretty much. There was vegetation on the sides of it and they were just kneeling in that vegetation and peeking over it. The sky was probably to our left side, which would have been our western flank. They weren't more than 20, 25 feet and that's being generous with how far they were. A lot of them were within -- I know were in the teens, if not closer.

Q Thank you.

MS. WASHINGTON: C.J., did you have an additional question?

Q No, not at this time. I'm just kind of in awe here, but no.

MS. WASHINGTON: Mike, did you have an additional question?

Q No, I'm good at this time. Actually, I'm sorry. I do actually. Hey, I might have missed all the -- I'm still active so I don't get to watch the news all day. But is Sal -- what are his plans for staying in? What has he communicated to you all?

It's not something that we've really spoken with Sal about. It's a decision he's going to make on his own. Our biggest thing is just getting him back and being by his side. Right now, we're one step at a time, making sure that Sal copes with this. When that time, that decision time comes for him, I'm sure him and Jenny, there'll be a lot of people to help him out and guide him along that path. But as for us, none of us have really talked about it with him. We just -- his biggest thing was he wanted to be there, make sure he could see us on the parade field when we got home last week, back from Afghanistan. Our biggest thing was we wanted to make sure we were here for him today.

Q Yeah, thank you.

MS. WASHINGTON: And were there any other additional questions?

Q Yeah, this is Troy. I've got some more while we've got their time.

MS. WASHINGTON: Okay.

Q I don't know. I can assume what the reason was why Sal didn't go on this last deployment. But can you give us any insight? Was he ticked off, what his feelings were when he didn't go on the second deployment with you guys?

SGT. GALLARDO: Yeah, Sal was -- he was actually stop-lossed during that last deployment. So that's what made it an even bigger thing. A couple weeks after the incident, he was stop-lossed. He was getting ready to get out of the Army and he actually decided, you know what, I want to stay in. I want to help my brothers. I know I'm going to get out. Instead of getting out, he decided to reenlist and stay and be the rear D NCO for the Battle Company.

So he stayed back there and he made sure he watched everything for us. He took care of everything in the rear. So I know he couldn't be there with us. As much as it pained him not to be there, but in turn he still took care of us. He was still in the rear making sure our wives were taken care of, making sure guys' houses were taken care of, especially with the last flood that came in and whatnot. He still took care of us.

Q So that was his decision to be rear D or was he forced or pressured to stay rear D?

SGT. GALLARDO: I think he reenlisted like the day he got out of the Army. He was less than 24 hours of being a civilian and he was like, you know what, I'm not ready to leave the team. Let me be rear D because we had no rear D NCO at the time.

Q Okay. My other question is, I know you guys have seen "Restrepo", you had to have, and what Tim and Sebastian captured in that movie? Do you think he did the guys, all of you guys justice, and especially the guys that had fallen and not able to come back? Did he do their memory an honor and justice with that movie?

SGT. PERRY: I'm going to say something that will probably get me in trouble but there is a bit of -- we kind of felt like he just kind of made it about one platoon, the platoon he was embedded with and he kind of shunned the other platoons in his book and 1st platoon, we lost the most guys and 3rd platoon had it rough and we didn't do it for glory or to be in a book but in our opinion he kind of just made it about 2nd platoon and who he was with.

SGT. GALLARDO: Yeah, a lot of people don't understand there were more than just one platoon out there in the valley. But he's reaping the benefits of Sal now.

SGT. PERRY: Yeah, he's interested in 1st platoon now.

Q Interesting perspective, thanks guys.

SGT. PERRY: Yeah.

MS. WASHINGTON: Are there any additional questions?

Q Yes this is Jackie Hans from Soldiers Magazine. I just wanted to touch back on a question earlier with the staff sergeant. You had talked about your friendship with Sal. What was your relationship with him before this event?

SGT. PERRY: Staff Sergeant Gallardo or Staff Sergeant Perry?

Q Staff Sergeant Gallardo, I'm sorry. SGT. GALLARDO: Oh, me and Sal were close. I mean, he was one of my team leaders. He was a squad leader. We were close. But I knew him even before I came over to the 1st platoon. I was in 3rd platoon Battle Company just prior to deploying to the Korengal and yeah, we were just close. We were both team leaders together; just different platoons and I came over and became a squad leader once he moved over to my squad.

Q Okay, great, thank you.

MS. WASHINGTON: Did someone else have a question?

Q Leo Shane with Stars and Stripes. Guys, not to be too glib here but since you're in town and you did get to spend the day with him and the day celebrating, what was the post-White House celebration like that you can say to a group of bloggers and reporters?

SGT. GALLARDO: I'll put it this way. The Commander-in-Chief can throw a party.

Q Okay.

SGT. PERRY: Yeah, this is Sergeant Perry. The 12 of us that were with Sal that night, we got to meet the president and his wife, the first lady, in a private room right after the ceremony and it was pretty surreal. He shook all our hands and the first lady gave us all hugs and it was -- I think we were all just stumbling over our words. He's just a really likeable guy. You can't not like the guy and it was something I'll never forget.

SGT. BURNS: Everything yesterday was genuine from everybody. You can't ask for more than that.

Q All right, great. Thanks guys.

MS. WASHINGTON: So if we don't have any additional questions, we'd like to thank -- this part of our roundtable to an end and ask if Sergeant Perry, Sergeant Burns or Staff Sergeant Gallardo have any closing remarks or statements you all would like to make.

SGT. PERRY: This is Sergeant Perry. I've got nothing. Thanks for the interest.

SGT. BURNS: This is Sergeant Burns. I don't really have anything in closing to say. It's just an honor to be around my brothers right now and obviously I'll never forget this.

SGT. GALLARDO: Sergeant Gallardo. Yeah, just thank everybody that's been there for us, everybody that's supported the 173rd airborne brigade, and especially the 2nd battalion, the 503rd, soldiers, angels, Ms. Leda Cruz, Shelley Heller, those ladies, Jill Lombardi, personally those are great ladies who support our platoons, send us care packages to make sure every soldier was taken care of, especially in the 173rd, the 173rd association. So thank you to all of those people.

MS. WASHINGTON: Well, we'd like to again thank you all for taking the time out with us and we'd like to thank you for your service and I think that will end our roundtable. Again thank you everyone who participated and hopefully by the end of today or tomorrow we will have a transcript for you all and I will send that to you as soon as I receive them.

Q Thanks, Ashley. Thanks, guys.

Q Thank you very much.

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