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Tim: The evening news came on and they were showing the big protests and the room just went completely silent. We had all these Marines in various shapes of disarray. I remember a guy across from me, just a body cast from neck down to feet. And a guy next to me with part of his leg missing and everybody just laid there. It was a wound that probably hurt more than the shrapnel from the RPG and still obviously affects me today, but it's pretty... it just felt like the country was against us.

I came from a situation where on a daily basis these Marines sacrificed for each other. Most of these guys were 18, literally, and really did a great job. And then to come home and to just have people discount that and it was like we were somehow doing something wrong.



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