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Paramedics under fire - Awards for Valor

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On Monday, July 12, at an awards ceremony, SGT Jason A. Adams and SPC Nicholas P. Welgat were awarded the Army Commendation Medal for valorous actions during combat operations outside Baghdad, Iraq.

As a member of the platoon rescuing an ambushed fuel convoy, Adams and Welgat, both qualified paramedics, voluntarily and without orders moved under fire to treat the many wounded personnel and assist the platoon medic with their evacuation to MEDEVAC helicopters. This expert medical care and disregard for his personal safety reflect greatly upon him, F/202 ADA, TF 4-5 ADA, the First Cavalry Division, and the United States Army.

SGT Adams has since the incident been promoted to Staff Sergeant.

Both are with the F/202 ADA, Galva National Guard Unit. Brigade Combat Team, COL Michael D. Formica presented the Army Commendation Medal for Valor.

Through the end of June and back to the start of the war in Iraq, only 308 of these awards have been presented

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