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## Iraqi child to receive life saving surgeries June 30

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FOB DELTA – When she was born, doctors didn't expect her to live a week, but a one-year-old Iraqi girl is defying the odds. She overcame the initial diagnosis, but without proper care, Noor Majeed could still die.

Fortunately, surgeons in Boston have agreed to donate their services to help her, and a donor in Cambridge, Mass., donated \$100,000 for the medical care of this patient. Noor's surgery is scheduled for June 30 at Boston Children's Hospital.

Noor was born with bladder exstrophy, which is a rare congenital disease in which the bladder protrudes outside of the abdominal wall. It occurs once in every 30,000 - 50,000 births, most often in boys. Separation of the pelvic bones also accompanies the condition, which is often associated with other birth defects. Surgery to repair bladder exstrophy is usually performed within the first 48 hours after birth.

The care required to correct bladder exstrophy is unavailable in Iraq. In addition to surgery to repair the bladder, Noor will also require orthopedic surgery on her pelvis and hips as well as reconstruction and corrective procedures, said Capt. Michael Mullaly, an operating room nurse with the 912th Forward Surgical Team. Mullaly was attached to the 948th FST as an operating room nurse when Noor began treatment in the FOB Delta medical facility.

"When Noor was born...and when I saw her condition...I wished to die," said Zainab Najy, Noor's mother. I felt



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Niles

**Captain Mike Mullaly, an operating room nurse anesthesiologist attached to the 948th FST, carries Noor into the operating room with her mom, Zainab Najy looking on. The infant received several life-saving procedures at the FOB Delta medical facility. She will undergo reconstructive surgery in Boston June 30.**

hopeless and helpless...and because of the lack of adequate care that can treat her and because of our financial situation, we could not afford to help her. I was expecting her to die at any moment; I even told my mother that I don't want to get attached to her, because I thought she would die soon."

"But as days go by, Noor resisted... and stayed alive. I was hurt all the time as I watch other children walking and playing...but Noor can't even sit or walk. My life became filled with depression, sadness and pain," said Najy.

"I was so sad and depressed, but

now, I am happy because I feel that Noor will live and all this made possible by the American people...and the American Troops and the medical staff who helped us save Noor's life," she added.

"My feeling was desperate, for a father who sees his daughter suffering...and we could not help her. The Iraqi doctors could not help her, that's why we came (to Army doctors)," said Neseer M. Jemeel, Noor's father.

"I was so happy when I heard my daughter will be treated... because I had lost hope completely...but I am so happy now. I feel safe because (the Americans) are caring. They care about children, mothers; they know life is valuable, and they are true human beings."

When Noor and her mother arrive in Boston, they will be greeted by a friendly face – Mullaly, an operating room nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Worcester, Mass., plans to meet them when they land.

"It can be overwhelming," said Mullaly of traveling to a new country where you know no one and don't speak the language. "I think a familiar face would make it easier."

Mullaly has seen Noor on five occasions.

"I'm pretty vested in this case. I'm attached to this baby," said Mullaly.

Doctors from the 948th Forward Surgical Team first saw Noor in February. Without treatment, Noor's ailments could be catastrophic. Both conditions are rare in the U.S., and the causes for both are unknown, said Lt. Col. Paul Brisson, general and pediatric surgeon with the 948th FST.

# The music of Victory: Service members, contractors sing away stress



Photo by Spc. Sophia R. Lopez

**Specialist Thomas Hairston, a battalion training clerk for 44th Expeditionary Signal Battalion, sings "Bad Day" by Fuel during karaoke night at MWR 124 on Camp Victory June 3. Hairston, a Winston-Salem, N.C., native, has been singing since he was a child and said karaoke is a way for him to get away now and then.**

**SPC. SOPHIA R. LOPEZ**  
MND-C PAO



**CAMP VICTORY** – In an open area of the room, Spc. Thomas Hairston steps up to a microphone, preparing for lyrics to light up in front of him on a television. The music starts, and Hairston begins to sing at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation center on Camp Victory.

Hairston goes to karaoke night at MWR124 on Tuesdays from 2000-2400 to get away every now and then, and because he enjoys singing.

"I've been singing since I was knee high to my momma," said the Winston-Salem, N.C., native. He hadn't been to karaoke in a while, and after seeing the posters at the gym and the dining facility, he decided to get out and find an escape.

Jose Bribiescas, the MWR coordinator, started karaoke night a year ago to boost the morale of the service members.

"It's a way for Soldiers to relieve stress," Bribiescas said. "It's fun at the same time. You don't need to know how to sing to do karaoke."

Bribiescas, a Houston native, came to Iraq in 2004. He was initially here serving a one-year contract but decided to stay longer to serve the troops.

"You get used to being around the Soldiers," he said. "I like being here when they say they aren't coming back," he said with a chuckle, knowing that he'll still be here when some of them show up again on their next tour of duty.

Gil Garcia, a logistician with General Dynamics, helped Bribiescas with karaoke nights. Garcia, a Vashon Island, Wash., native, has been a karaoke disc jockey in the States for 17 years. He enjoyed singing karaoke so much he sought a place to do it here. When the original host went on a mission, Garcia was asked to stand in for him. Eventually, it became his own, "additional duty."

"This is my way of giving back to the Soldiers for what they are doing for me and my family back home," Garcia said. He said he believes karaoke is a good way for Soldiers to blow off steam and relax.

The scene in the room confirms Garcia's beliefs. As the music dies down and the song comes to an end, the crowd cheers and applauds; Hairston smiles and puts down the mic. He walks back to his seat, and the next singer is called. Service members and civilians sit around relaxing, immersed in conversation until the music fills the air again.

## PATIO PARTY/KARAOKE CONTEST

**At MWR 124 on Sunday**

**Contest starts at 2000**



**Volleyball courts open**



**Basketball courts open**



**Entertainment provided by 10th Mountain Rock Band**

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# IA recovers large cache near FOB Falcon

3RD BCT, 101ST ABN. DIV. (AASLT) 

**CAMP STRIKER** –Iraqi Army soldiers recovered a cache near Forward Operating Base Falcon following a tip June 14.

At approximately 11 a.m., soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 25th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division received a call from an informant about a suspicious vehicle operating in the factories. The informant claimed the vehicle was a truck transporting munitions hidden underneath bags of cattle feed.

The informant lead the IA Soldiers to a grain warehouse where, “the order (was then given) to search for the vehicle and if no vehicle was found to start searching the warehouses,” said Capt. Daniel Rodriguez, Military Transition Team Chief, 1st Squadron, 33rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

The IA did not find the truck but found a sizable cache after searching warehouses in the area.

The cache consisted of 90 122 mm rockets, 90 new rocket fuses, 14 home-

made Claymore-type mines, five assembled copper explosively formed penetrators, three EFP’s in foam, one Raven body, 22 blocks of C4, 11 blocks of explosives and various other IED-making materials.

The 3/25 IA contacted the MiTT to request assistance with the cache.

“(The explosive ordnance disposal team) said that it was the biggest pull they had seen and said the rockets and RPG-22 were on the top 10 list of foreign weapons,” said Rodriguez, a native of Youngstown, Ohio.

“The (weapons intelligence team) said this was the first time they had actually seen a cache with EFP’s along with the initiating devices.”

All explosives found in the cache were destroyed by an EOD team.

“I’m proud to say that this was an all IA driven operation from beginning to end. The Jackson Corridor is known for its (criminal) activity and I am eager to assist 3/25 IA in conducting future missions in this area,” Rodriguez said.

The Iraqi Security Forces’ success in locating these caches is helping to make



Courtesy photo

**The contents of a large cache recovered by the 3/25 IA await disposal by explosive ordnance disposal personnel at Forward Operating Base Falcon, June 14.**

the area safer, said Lt. Col. Daniel Dolwick, deputy commanding officer with 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT).

“We recognize and applaud the Iraqis’ growing ability to lead, plan and execute operations for a better future of Iraq,” Dolwick said.

## Third Thursday

The 10th Mountain Jazz Combo “Brown Out” is scheduled to perform in building 25C, across the street from Green Beans tonight at 1900.

They play a variety of music including jazz standard, smooth jazz, pop and latin jazz.



## MIXED MARTIAL ARTS TRAINING

In the basement of 51F

Saturdays 1200-1330

Headed by Staff Sgt. Dimas Estrada

### Safety Corner: Generator Safety Reminders

- Allow only licensed operators to operate and maintain generators.
- Ensure generators are properly grounded.
- Ensure that Soldiers wear hearing protection when working around areas where generators are running.
- Store spare cans of fuel at a safe distance from the generator.
- Position a fire point between the generator and the fuel storage area.
- Never refuel a generator while the engine is running.
- Keep generators and the area around them clean and free of oil and fuel spills to prevent fires.
- Operate generators in a well-ventilated area to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Periodically inspect power cables for cuts, frays, and breaks.
- Keep adequate distance between camouflage nets, solar shades, and the generator exhaust to prevent the possibility of them catching fire.
- For guidance on working with generators, consult the appropriate TM or operator’s manual.

## IF YOU COULD BE ANY SUPERHERO, WHO WOULD IT BE?



Photo by Spc. Henry Jara-Viteri

**"I would be Elastagirl because she's flexible."** – Spc. Chanel Fimon, of Breda, Iowa. Fimon works in G-1, HHC, 10th Mountain Division.



Photo by Spc. Henry Jara-Viteri

**"I would be Storm. I could make it rain because it's really hot here."** – Private 1st Class Jacqueline Olvera, of Milwaukee, Wis. Olvera works in G-1, HHC, 10th Mountain Division.

## IF YOU COULD BE ANY SUPERVILLIAN, WHO WOULD IT BE?



Photo by Spc. Henry Jara-Viteri

**"I would be Dr. Evil, because he has the coolest sidekick, Mini Me."** – Sergeant Christopher Baird, of Bartlett, Ill. Baird is an MVB driver for HHC, 10th Mountain Division.



Photo by Spc. Henry Jara-Viteri

**"I would be Lex Luther because he's really rich."** – Private 1st Class Benjamin, Sieben, of Astora, Ore. Sieben is a personnel actions clerk HHC, 10th Mountain Division.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

**Solution to yesterday's puzzle:**

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8	7	4	1	5	9	3	2	6

### ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Get me a...

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