PAVE HAWK Crew Saves Afghan POW

A wounded Afghan prisoner of war owes his life to the crew of an U.S. Air Force HH-60G PAVE HAWK helicopter.

On Feb. 11, the helicopter was ordered to the Bagram area of Afghanistan to pick up a POW with a gunshot wound.

The Combat Rescue was performed by the 41st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The rescue saved the life of the POW, who had a severe injury to his left leg. It was conducted under both day and night vision goggle conditions from a mountainous landing zone in an area of known enemy activity, according to the Air Force.