

explosives and ball bearings, Norton discovered that the detonators were still connected. He immediately, and without thought for his own safety, made the device safe by hand. Furthermore on 23rd June 2005, whilst investigating the scene of an improvised explosive device, Norton discovered, concealed by the roadside, a secondary claymore mine. His quick and instinctive thinking ensured that the area was rapidly evacuated, and allowed a United States Explosive Ordnance Disposal team to clear the device, thereby saving further loss of life. Norton has come under fire and has been exposed to significant danger on a number of occasions. He has consistently behaved in an exemplary fashion and his professionalism has been of the highest order. Norton displayed outstanding bravery at the incident in Al Bayaa and throughout his tour.

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