



# Radiologists in Iraq and Afghanistan: a meager, but heartfelt thank-you

Peter J. Strouse<sup>1</sup>

Received: 19 January 2018 / Accepted: 25 January 2018 / Published online: 23 February 2018  
© Springer-Verlag GmbH Germany, part of Springer Nature 2018

In this issue, Drs. Naylor, April, Roper, Hill, Clark and Schauer present their experiences as military radiologists in Iraq and Afghanistan [1]. For those unfamiliar with military medicine, which comprises most of us civilians, the numbers and descriptions are startling, particularly the pediatric component, which was probably unknown to most readers.

We invited Veronica Rooks, M.D., of Tripler Army Medical Center to provide a commentary based on her experience as a military radiologist for the United States [2]. Dr. Rooks was deployed as a lieutenant colonel, trauma radiologist, for the 47th Combat Support Hospital in Mosul, Iraq, from August to November 2006 during Operation Iraqi Freedom. I implore you to take a few minutes to read Dr. Rooks' commentary – it speaks for itself.

We thank Drs. Naylor, April, Roper, Hill, Clark, Schauer and Rooks for sharing their experiences and enlightening our readers. Much more importantly, we sin-

cerely thank them for their sacrifices in serving our country and for providing compassionate care to children (and others) in great need in Iraq and Afghanistan. For this, we have immense gratitude.

## Compliance with ethical standards

Conflicts of interest None

## References

1. Naylor JF, April MD, Roper JL et al (2018) Emergency department imaging of pediatric trauma patients during combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. *Pediatr Radiol*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00247-017-4065-9>
2. Rooks V (2018) Thanks from Iraq. *Pediatr Radiol*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00247-018-4095-y>

---

✉ Peter J. Strouse  
Rad-Ped-Radiol-Journal@med.umich.edu

<sup>1</sup> Section of Pediatric Radiology,  
C. S. Mott Children's Hospital, Room 3-231,  
Department of Radiology,  
University of Michigan Health System,  
1540 E. Hospital Drive,  
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-4252, USA