

Injured Marine's wife waits for more news

While Sgt. Matthew Berube gets ready for his sixth surgery, Lori shares their story and her worries online.

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Lori Berube writes almost every day in her blog about the trials and tribulations of her husband, a Forest High School graduate who stepped on an improvised explosive device in Afghanistan last month.

Her blog, titled "The Diaries of a Wounded Warrior Wife," details how her husband, Marine Corps Sgt. Matthew Berube, 26, will have

another surgery on Tuesday in hopes of saving his left foot.

Matthew Berube was on patrol on Sept. 17 in the Seven Sangin Valley, in Helmand Province, when he stepped on the IED.

The explosion ripped up the left side of his body.

He was serving with the 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, an infantry unit based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. After the blast, he was flown to Germany and then to Virginia.

He has been in the hospital ever since. Tuesday will be his sixth surgery. Doctors say they are not optimistic about saving his foot,



Sgt. Berube

although they will try.

"They are not very hopeful," Lori Berube said, adding that an amputation is likely.

She said she continues to write her diary, which is linked to a Facebook page created in her husband's honor. The Facebook page is titled "Support Sgt. Matt Berube, USMC, Combat Wounded."

Her diary can be found there. Thursday's entry, titled "Hurry Up ... and wait," was poignant.

"Needless to say, I'm a little nervous," she wrote. "I can't imagine what he has to say right now. The point of his surgery was to try and reconstruct as much of his foot as they could."

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Lori Berube said many people continue to contact her, praying for her husband. On Facebook, there are ways to make donations to help the family with expenses.

Matthew Berube currently is at the Port Smith Naval Medical Center in Virginia. The couple

has two children, Savanna, 4, and Sophie, 2. Lori Berube said the family left their home in North Carolina to be with her husband in Virginia.

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