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U.S. Marines dismount from a CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopter in Helmand province's Nawa district, Afghanistan, Aug. 26, 2009. The Marines, assigned to Regimental Combat Team 3, are conducting counterinsurgency operations with Afghan forces in southern Afghanistan. U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Jeremy Harris



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