Marc the Medic

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My hero was a soldier that lived in the back of my neighborhood. When he was young, he attended the same school district I do. In the Army, he was stationed in Afghanistan. He loved his job as a medic and especially helping children. My hero is Staff Sergeant Marc J. Small.

In the first place, I admire my hero because he was so caring. For example, he went out of his way for others by joining the Army and becoming a medic. By doing this, he was able to help poor people and children who were sick and helpless. Another example is he had to learn their language so there wasn't trouble because of the language barrier.

In addition to being caring, my role model is brave. For example, he risked his life by going to Afghanistan. Also, you have to be brave to go into the Army. Marc was so courageous that he was awarded the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and many others during his military career.

Besides being caring, his determination was amazing. For instance, he went through months of training to become a good soldier. He never gave up fighting for his country, America! His sacrifices and leaving his family shows his dedication to the U.S.A and making the world a better place!

In the end, Marc J. Small gave his life for his country. While serving in Afghanistan, he was killed by a roadside bomb. In Marc's honor, his fiancée, Amanda, started the "Small Steps in Speech" program to help children with disabilities learn to speak and make their world a better place for them to live.