

# **“Does America Still Have Heros?”**

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Every person has a different perception of what a hero is. I believe that a hero is someone that does good deeds when someone is not obligated to. It is someone that chooses to work everyday to benefit other people. It is a person that leads by example by striving to make the world a better and safer place. There are three types of people that shape the definition of a hero which are everyday heroes, professional heroes, and patriotic heroes

Throughout every day, heroes are people all around us that influence and make a difference in people's lives. An everyday hero generally goes unnoticed because the person does good deeds on a smaller scale. It is the person that stops on the side of road to help someone that is having car trouble. It can be the parent whose struggling paycheck to paycheck to provide the best for the family. It might be the person that stands in freezing cold weather to collect money for a child in need. There is always that one teacher that goes the extra mile for a student who is having trouble understanding the material. It may be the student that stands up for the kid that is getting picked on. You will not see these heroes on the lead story of the news, but if you stop and look around, they are everywhere. These types of heroes might only affect one person, but that can make an impact on that one person for a lifetime.

Besides the everyday hero, there are people that just try to live their lives doing good deeds, there are people that make a profession out of constantly being a hero. A fireman goes to work realizing that he may not come home, but is doing the job for a greater cause. A fireman goes into a burning building when everyone is running out in order to save people. My father is a Chicago fireman, risking his life every time he is on the job, and the passion he has gives me undeniable inspiration. Police officers have a very high risk job too. They serve and protect people, even if that means being held at gunpoint. Nurses and doctors spend their lives saving people's lives also. They go to school for years to help people; whether it is giving a sick child

the proper medicine or performing brain surgery. All of these people should be admired for their dedication to making the world a better place.

Although, there are common heroes and occupational heroes, the arguable greatest heroes are the ones that are devoted to serving their country and people. The people in the Armed Forces have to leave their loved ones and their lives to go and fight the war. They fight for every single person so others can live their lives unharmed. The people in the Army are in danger every minute through exposure to bombs, shooting, and explosions. The soldiers go on the battlefield and the violent fighting causes wounds, dismemberment, and death. They face emotional and physical damage that nobody should ever have to endure. The people in the military have permanent pictures in their heads of suffering and pain. Every person in the Army is courageous and strong, which are character traits that should never go unnoticed. Everyone should continually keep the soldiers in their hearts, because they are going through more than imaginable to keep our country safe.

Overall, these three heroes have different missions, but are all trying to lead better lives. It takes great fortitude to be a brave person. Honestly though, wouldn't you rather want to help others, then go through life never making a difference? Every single person has the power to be a hero, whether it is making a difference in one life or a million. Go out there and be the example that you want people to follow. I express great gratitude to the people that are fighting for this nation, the people that continue to strive to make a difference, and the people that have influenced others to live to their full potential. I encourage everyone to discover what type of hero they want to be and become that person.