



**Lance Corporal Eric L. Ward, USMC**  
**Operation Enduring Freedom 2009-2010**

LCpl Eric Ward served 16 months as a proud Marine with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines (2/2), a light infantry battalion based out of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Eric was a 4th generation Marine who enlisted to serve his country during a time of war. His goal was to enlist, later to earn a Commission as a Marine Corps Officer (a Maverick), then retire from Active Duty and move to Los Angeles and become a member of the SWAT Team.

LCpl Ward was killed in Afghanistan on February 21, 2010 during his first tour and was in country for less than 4 months when he was killed by an IED. When his convoy broke down during a sandstorm they had to evacuate their vehicles where he stepped on an IED and was killed immediately.

Eric Ward was a vibrant young man with a big heart and big smile. Eric's family was blessed to have many of his Marine buddies visit and several have named their children after Eric. Several couples have even met and married after they met at events that honored and remembered Eric.

LCpl Eric Ward - a Son, Step-son, Brother, Grandson, Nephew, Cousin, Friend – American Hero.



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