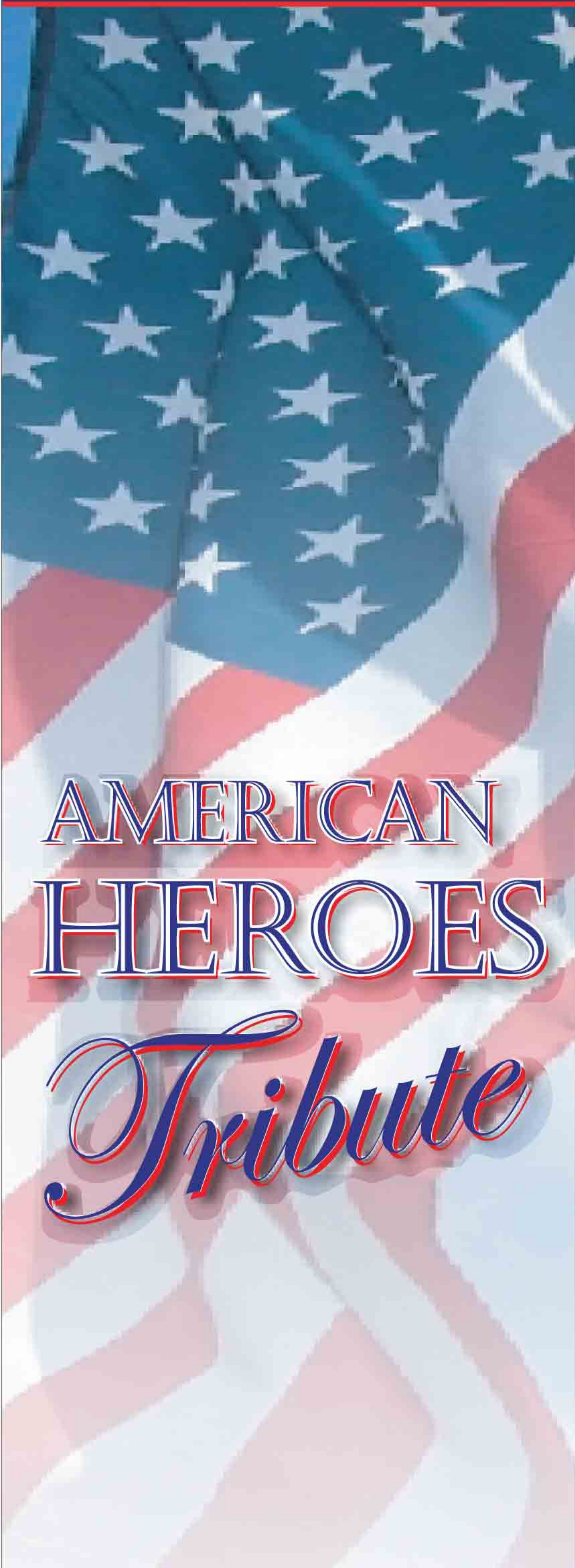


A gift of:



# American Hero



Lance Cpl

**Mathew D. Puckett**  
U.S. Marine Corps

Age: 19

Hometown:  
Mason, Texas

Gave his life on:  
September 13, 2004

A letter arrived on the day he died.  
"The peanut butter cookies were  
AWESOME. I even shared a few..."  
He also shared concern for a coming  
dangerous mission. He was awarded  
the Bronze Star for zealous initiative,  
courageous actions, and exceptional  
dedication for personally taking out  
an enemy position and saving  
wounded Marines. "...I love you, Mom."