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About Sgt. Eddie Ryan

Eddie had wanted to be a Marine since he'd been 12. His dad was a Marine. In his senior year at Ellenville High School, Eddie knew he was destined to join the few, the proud, as the Marines advertise themselves. He had gotten more intense after the terrorists attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. "He had tunnel vision," Angela said. "He lived on working out and staying in shape. In June 2002, he graduated high school and immediately enlisted for a four-year hitch. One month later he hit boot camp. In September that year, he left for Iraq, manning a machine gun. He fought in Nasariya and Ramadi, 70 miles northwest of Baghdad.

On April 13, Eddie was shot twice in his head, once in his lower jaw and once above his eye. Eddie was severely wounded and suffered a life threatening brain injury. He was 21 years old. Doctors thought he would not live. But, he has done that and more. He's still going, battling through rehabilitation, learning to walk again, improving his speech and recapturing his life. The problem is now trying to off-set the continuing out-of-pocket costs of physical and occupational therapy not being covered by the Veterans Administration. Eddie and his family desperately need your help to continue his fight.

