

Peacekeeping – Air ForceTech. Sgt. Stephen Thackery  
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He was deployed in Afghanistan as a medic on a helicopter. One week after being deployed he was flown out to a suicide bombing, in two missions he treated four patients all were critical.

While treating patients, he would be thinking about how he'll treat the next, afterward trying not to think of it at all. These actions demonstrate responsible citizenship because he is going out into the field of danger to help another who has been hurt, he could be killed trying to save this person. He flies out in a helicopter which poses a great threat to be targeted while in the air. He reflects the qualities needed in the navy, army and air force, the ability to go out into danger to help someone. And with little resources as you would have saving someone's life in a hospital, he would be the only medic no nurses or help. Missions flown in the night with little vision and different terrains every flight means he needs to be alert at all times. And after all hard work to save lives they are exposed to harsh results of Taliban attacks, this can lead to emotional scaring. Sgt. Thackery quoted that they have to stick together and talk to each other about it.

I believe that he is a responsible citizen for being able to help others in need with danger to him.

I think that the role of peacekeeper should be commemorated at a public speech by a school group, a plaque or statue should be inscribed with the names of all who participated in the operation. A school group should be given the opportunity to thank those that they might like up to as responsible citizens.