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## Active Duty Armed Services To Be Represented on Summer Festival Float in MC and LP Parades

**Michigan City, IN** (June 23, 2003) – Mayor Sheila Brillson invites all Michigan City men and women who are currently on active duty in any of the Armed Services and in Michigan City on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to be part of the patriotic parades in Michigan City and LaPorte.

“The Michigan City Summer Festival parade theme is ‘Proud To Be American,’ and we can’t think of any better way to illustrate that theme than by featuring our citizens who are currently serving our country,” said Mayor Brillson. “I encourage all active duty men and women to join together and carry the flags of all branches of the Armed Services as well as the POW flag on the Summer Festival & Labor Dayz float on July 5<sup>th</sup>.”

Joe Doyle, Summer Festival chairman, said, “We have room for 20 men and women on the float, and we hope that others in active duty will march behind the float, representing their branch of the service. Family members of any active duty man or woman, whether they are in the parade or serving their country in a distant land, are invited to walk the parade route behind the float carrying those in active duty.”

The Summer Festival & Labor Dayz parade float will also be featured in the LaPorte parade; the theme for the July 4<sup>th</sup> event in LaPorte is ‘Standing Tall With Pride’. “We hope that those in active duty and their families will be available for both parades,” said Mayor Brillson, “but even if they can only make one parade, we’ll be honored to have them on the float.”

To reserve a seat on the Summer Festival float, contact Joe Doyle at 219/874-8213. Family members who wish to walk the parade route behind the float should contact Joe Doyle for information on line-up locations and times for both parades.

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