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Mayor Oberlie Awards Two Homeland Patriot Medals

Michigan City, IN – As part of Michigan City's continuing efforts to recognize and honor the dedication and service of local military personnel, Mayor Chuck Oberlie awarded two Homeland Patriot Medals on Wednesday during a ceremony at City Hall:

Michigan City Homeland Patriot Medal #68 was awarded to Jeffrey Kohn for his service in the U.S. Army. Kohn graduated from Michigan City High School in 2000 and enlisted in the Army in 2001. He was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, until 2004 when he reenlisted and was assigned to Fort Stewart, Georgia.

In January of 2005, Kohn was deployed to Tikrit, Iraq. While in the Army, he served as an Abrams tank mechanic.

Kohn earned the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal.

Kohn is the son of Rudy and Kathy Kohn.

Michigan City Homeland Patriot Medal #69 was awarded to U.S. Army Specialist Joshua Dunkleberger. He began his military career by completing Basic Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, with special training as a Calvary Scout and sharp shooting.

Dunkleberger graduated at the top of his troop in March of 2008 with commendations and Excellence in Armor recognition. He earned promotion to Private First Class and was stationed on special assignment in Natick,

Massachusetts, for four months, after which he was transferred to Fort Hood, Texas, for additional specialized training prior to his deployment to Afghanistan.

Dunkleberger served in Afghanistan from July 2008 to July 2009. During his deployment, he earned a promotion to Specialist, while receiving his spurs, Stetson and commendation medal.

His dedication to duty and selfless service has earned Specialist Dunkleberger distinct credit and recognition while serving our country proudly and bravely. He has been awarded Four Coins for Excellence and Meritorious Service and Five Medals for formidable and uncanny knowledge critical to successful defense of combat in remote Afghanistan.

Dunkleberger will be stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, for an additional two months, and then he will be stationed at Fort Knox for additional training.

He is the son of Garry and Paula Nichols, and Doug Dunkleberger.