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Mayor Oberlie Seeks Assistance in Locating Service Personnel

Mayor Chuck Oberlie issued the following statement today:

“On Veteran’s Day, Friday, November 11th, the city intends to award the first Homeland Patriot Medals to qualifying resident service personnel. Michigan City’s Homeland Patriot Medal will be awarded to service personnel who have earned hazard duty pay (imminent danger duty) since September 11, 2001, and have as their ‘home of record’ an address within the Michigan City Area Schools boundaries.

While the city has officially requested from the Department of Defense the names of service personnel from Michigan City, this information has not yet been received. Therefore, the city is seeking assistance from the general public to inform us of individuals who you believe are eligible for Michigan City’s Homeland Patriot Medal.

If you know someone from the Michigan City area who has served our country and earned hazard duty pay since September 11, 2001 please bring the following to the Mayor’s Office at City Hall: a completed ‘Form 214’ if the service has been completed; or, the current service record if the individual remains on duty. Any documents will be copied promptly and forwarded to the Veterans Committee for review.

The deadline for submitting an individual’s name and service record for medal consideration is next Friday, November 4, 2005, in order that we can process the information in time for the November 11, 2005, ceremony.

We greatly appreciate the public’s cooperation in this effort as we honor the sacrifices of our local service men and women.”