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Mayor Chuck Oberlie announced today a “Yellow Ribbon Campaign” to honor the men and women who are serving in Iraq as part of “Operation Iraqi Freedom”.

Mayor Oberlie said: “In support of our troops, I have designated that all city vehicles display a “Yellow Ribbon”. They will be installed over the remainder of the month of October.

As we have read recently in the News-Dispatch, two city employees have been called to active military duty and they will soon be serving in Iraq. Michigan City Police Officer Jeff Piotrowski will be serving as a Captain in the 938th Military Police Unit and Kenny Parks of the Refuse Department will be serving as a Staff Sergeant in the 113th Engineering Unit. In addition, family and friends of numerous city residents have served, are serving, or soon will be called to serve.

In support of Officer Piotrowski, the Police Department has initiated the placement of yellow ribbons on the passenger side rear quarter panel on many of the Police Department Patrol Units. Each yellow ribbon contains the words “Support our Troops” on the ribbons. We will now extend the placement of yellow ribbons onto all city vehicles.

In order to honor our troops in this manner, I extend great thanks to Crismar Graphics of Michigan City for their generous donation of the yellow ribbon decals. In particular, Beverly Owens, the owner of Crismar Graphics, and Crismar's Graphic Designer Bill Cavalier, were both instrumental in the yellow ribbon decal program that we are now implementing.”