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Mayor Oberlie Seeks Applicants for the Homeland Patriot Medal

Mayor Chuck Oberlie issued the following statement today:

“On November 11th, as part of the Veterans Day Program being held at Skwiat American Legion Post #451 at 11:00 a.m., the City intends to continue the program of awarding the 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 or a member of the 938th so long as it is in Michigan City.

If you are or know someone from the Michigan City area who qualify for the Homeland Patriot medal and will be available to attend the Veterans Day Program, 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 Friday, November 7, 2008, in order that we can process the information in time for the Veterans Day Program. The service personnel must be present to receive the medal.

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

Mayor Oberlie plans to award the medals in public ceremonies two or three times per year. To date, Mayor Oberlie has awarded sixty one medals.