HHAD's Worksheet for our 10th Annual

Hoosier Heroes Appreciation Day

(Formally, the Mayors' Veterans Appreciation Day)

A Day to Show Our Appreciation to:

Indiana's Veterans, Military & First Responders

Saturday, the 23rd of September 2023, from 10 AM to 8 PM White River State Park in Downtown Indy

Program & Main Events

- A program celebrating and honoring our Hoosier Heroes (Guest Speakers, Awards, Acknowledgments, Accomplishments, etc.)
- 2) A program to remember our **POW/MIA Day** Rolling thunder will share their program.
- 3) We will acknowledge our Fallen Hoosier Heroes, Veterans, Military, Sheriff, Police, Fire, EMS, etc.
- 4) We will acknowledge those we lost to Suicide.
- 5) **FREE catered lunch** for our Heroes and their Families after the program
- 6) **Free Concert** (big name) in the evening or late afternoon in the <u>TCU Amphitheater</u>
- Two or three other local (big name) bands playing throughout the day in the Celebration Plaza
- 8) Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show on the Washington St bridge
- Motorcycle Ride <u>riding into the Main Entrance</u> on E Washington St under the big Flag
- 10) Job / Career Fair WorkOne
- 11) All types of entertainment games and events for the kids (bounce houses, sports, etc.)

Other Proposed Events

- Hundreds of Vendors & Exhibitors from Service providers that offer goods, services, programs, benefits, counseling, etc., to our Hoosier Heroes
- 2) **FREE Day at the Zoo** for our Hoosier Heroes and their Families
- 3) Balloon Rides
- 4) **Petting Zoo** A Farm Animal group with various farm animals they can pet for the kids.
- 5) **Other food vendors** with other food and drinks for sale would also be available.
- 6) **Workshops** on learning what others are doing to help our Hoosier Heroes
- 7) **Sports Team Members are** signing autographs and taking pictures.
- 8) **Sports Cheerleaders & Mascots** (football, baseball, hockey, soccer, etc.) for the kids
- 9) Competitive activities
- 10) **Door Prizes** all-day
- 11) Mobile Vet Van, Blood Mobile, BMV Mobile
- 12) Drawings for Great Door Prizes all-day
- 13) Food Drive for Indy's Homeless (Drop off at gate)

We want to produce this Major Event honoring our Veterans, Military & First Responders, and we need help pulling it together. We're looking for 1) Volunteers, 2) Vendors/Exhibitors, 3) Sponsors, and 4) Planning Committee Members. If you are interested in helping with any of the above, please visit www.Veterans.ooo and click on "Sign-Up" at the top of the page.

For additional information on our Event, please contact:

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Check out our website for Updates: www.HoosierHeroes.net

I will be on a Zoom call every Wednesday evening at 7:00 to answer any of your questions.

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