

HHAD's Pre-Announcement for our 10th Annual **Hoosier Heroes Appreciation Day**

(Formally, the Mayors' Veterans Appreciation Day)

A Day to Show Our Appreciation to our:

Hoosier Veterans, Military & First Responders

Saturday, the 23rd of September 2023

from 10 AM to 6 PM – Ballgame Starts at 6:30 PM

White River State Park in Downtown Indy



Program & Main Events	Other Proposed Events
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 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, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, Hospitals & EMS groups. 4) We will acknowledge those lost to Suicide. 5) A Catered Lunch for our Hoosier Heroes and their Families after the program 6) Indianapolis Indians game in the evening starting at 6:30 PM at Victory Field w/ Fireworks. 7) Indianapolis Zoo for our Hoosier Heroes and their Families 8) Indy Municipal Band, plus 2 or 3 local bands, play throughout the day in the Celebration Plaza 9) Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show on the old Washington St bridge 10) Job / Career Fair - WorkOne 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Hundreds of Vendors & Exhibitors from Service providers that offer goods, services, programs, benefits, counseling, etc., to our Hoosier Heroes 2) All types of entertainment games and events for the kids (bounce houses, sports, etc.) 3) Balloon Rides 4) Petting Zoo - A Farm Animal group with various farm animals they can pet for the kids. 5) Other State Fair-type food vendors with food and drinks for sale will also be available. 6) Workshops on learning what others are doing to help our Hoosier Heroes 7) Sports Team Members - signing autographs and taking pictures. 8) Sports Cheerleaders & Mascots (football, baseball, hockey, soccer, etc.) for the kids 9) Competitive activities 10) Mobile Vet Van, Blood Mobile, BMV Mobile 11) Drawings for Great Door Prizes all-day 12) Food Drive for Indy's Homeless (Drop non-perishable food items off at the gate)
<p>Fund Raiser – VSC will have a Motorcycle Ride this summer to help fund Hoosier Heroes Appreciation Day.</p>	

We plan to produce this Major Event honoring our Veterans, Military & First Responders, and we need your help pulling it all together. We're looking for 1) Volunteers, 2) Vendors / Exhibitors, 3) Sponsors, and 4) Planning Committee Members. We want to raise enough money from our Sponsors to offer at least 2,000 of our Hoosier Heroes Free lunch, Parking, Zoo, & Indians game. If you are interested in helping us with this project, please visit www.Veterans.ooo and click on the "Sign-Up" link 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.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/4041895202?pwd=TTIwSFBpeDJma0dORFBybUZmTGMOZz09> (password "Don")