

# Honoring our Heroes



Proctor Park Dedication Ceremony  
May 3, 2008

## THANK YOU!

First and foremost, as a thank you to all of our Veterans and Hometown Heroes—those who have served or are currently serving, a grateful community offers this park as a tribute to your service and your sacrifice. There are no words to express our gratitude for your dedication and commitment to protecting our country and our communities. With this park we honor your names, your stories, your sacrifices, and we reaffirm the promise of 9-11 that you will not be forgotten.

To all who have contributed to this project; those who donated money, equipment, materials, labor, those who held fundraisers or shared the vision of this special place we couldn't have done it without you. To those dedicated individuals who served on the Proctor Park Committee what a blessing you have been. Thank you so much for your faithfulness.

To the Proctor family, thank you for sharing Joey with all of us. We honor your loved one today and we share your sorrow for the loss of his life. We celebrate his courage and his sacrifice, and in his absence we thank each of you for all that he did. Thank you for renewing a spirit of patriotism, pride and community in each of us and for letting us be a part of this tribute.

The Proctor Park vision is now a reality but the mission is not complete. If you would like to get involved please visit our website [www.townofnewwhiteland.com](http://www.townofnewwhiteland.com).



Joseph E. Proctor  
Sergeant in the US Army  
Killed in Action May 3, 2006  
Tammin, Iraq  
WCHS Graduate 1987

When I first arrived on the scene 15 minutes after the blast, a lightly wounded Iraqi approached me and told me "Proctor kill driver. Make truck stop."

The first realization was how incredibly wrong I was in my assessment of the Iraqi's story. The second realization was how clear it became that Proctor had done what very few men in this world could ever imagine.

A dump truck packed with an estimated 350 lbs. of explosives charged the strong point and breached the wall. Before it could make it to the barracks area where dozens sleep, the driver was shot dead by Sergeant Joe Proctor.

Proctor, without hesitation, opened fire on the truck, which was bearing down on him, killing the driver and bringing the vehicle to a stop. Seconds later the vehicle detonated, killing Sergeant Proctor and Marine Corps Captain (Brian Letendre instantly).

Sergeant Joseph Proctor need not be made more of in death than he was in life. In a world full of phonies, Proctor told it like it was.

In his absence we mourn him, comforted by the knowledge that he died the way he lived; standing yards taller than his frame, with courage and strength.

- Nick Miccareli

Sgt. Proctor was awarded the Silver Star  
for his bravery and service to our country.

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Saturday, May 3, 2003

2 p.m.

499 Tracy Road  
New Whiteland, Indiana

Welcome	Maribeth Alspach
Presentation of the Colors National Anthem	Whiteland VFW Color Guard Abby Whitaker (Trumpet Solo)
Pledge of Allegiance	Cub Pack 617
Invocation	Pastor Tim Davis
Introduction and Thanks	Maribeth Alspach
Letter from Senator Richard G. Lugar	Patti Wade
Letter from Lt. Governor Skillman	Sue Galloway
Letter from Governor Daniels	Tom Bland
Proctor Family Remarks	Vicky Moss
Keynote Address	Major General Martin Umbarger
Presentation of Flag to Mr. and Mrs. Proctor	
21 Gun Salute Taps	
Closing Remarks	
Benediction	Dave Wampler