

Saturday, May 2, 2009
**2nd ANNUAL
PROCTOR PARK CHARITY RIDE
& COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

*Hosted by the Johnson County Eagles
to benefit Proctor Park.*



10:00 – 11:30am	Registration at Southside Harley-Davidson, 4930 Southport Crossing, Indianapolis
12:00 Noon	Community Celebration event OPENS
3:00pm	Motorcyclists arrive, concluding the Ride
3:30pm	Christy's charity auction begins
4:30pm	Hog roast (Cost: \$5/adult, \$3 for children under 10)
5:00pm	Live music/Band
7:00pm	Festival closes (Go-Karts to run until 9pm.)

★ This year's Ride will begin at Southside Harley-Davidson. A stop will be made at the Joseph E. Proctor Firing Range at Camp Atterbury, then to proceed by Proctor Memorial Park and end at the Johnson County Eagles, 564 N. Front Street in Whiteland.

★ Festival events to be held at the Johnson County Eagles or at the Whiteland Raceway Park. From 12pm – 7pm, music, kiddie rides, go-karts, food vendors, raffle, pony rides, games, craft vendors, military displays, rock climbing wall, live auction, hog roast, karaoke and much more will be available. The Indiana Blood Mobile will be on-site to accept donations.

The cost for the Ride is \$15/bike or \$20/couple.
Dinner is \$5/adults and \$3 for children under 10 years old.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THESE EVENTS WILL HELP FINISH THE MISSION AT PROCTOR PARK.

Please join us as we pay tribute to all Veterans and hometown heroes – the men and women who protect our country and communities.

For more information or to pre-register, please visit www.townofnewwhiteland.com.

Honoring Our Heroes

A recent definition of the word Veteran was given, and it reads: A "Veteran" whether on active duty, discharged, retired or a reservist is someone who at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America, for an amount up to and including their life.

Three years ago one of our own was called upon to pay that ultimate price.

Sgt. Joseph E. Proctor willingly placed himself in harm's way on May 3rd, 2006 when a dump truck loaded with 350 pounds of explosives breached the wall at the compound where he and numerous other soldiers were stationed. Sgt. Proctor stood between his comrades and the enemy vehicle and

fired his weapon striking and killing the driver. Unfortunately, when the truck rolled to a stop, short of the barracks where our brave soldiers lay sleeping, the vehicle detonated killing Sgt. Proctor. Standing tall that day, Joey Proctor once again put others first and unselfishly gave his life to save so many others.

His actions that fateful day, have inspired a community to come together to build a monument reminding all that good conquers evil, as proven by Joey's heroism that day in Iraq. From the evil event that claimed his life a vision was born to create a tribute to not only Sgt. Proctor but every man and woman who has raised their hand to take an oath to serve and protect our freedom, our communities and our nation. From the ashes of that explosion comes our phoenix Proctor Memorial Park. The defining moments of our lives are not determined by the evil done to us, but by our response through the grace and power of God. Joey Proctor's life may have ended that day in Iraq but his spirit lives on in the lives of those who knew and loved him and in this park.

This park is a small but sincere means of thanking all of our Military personnel, those who have served and those currently serving. This park is a tribute to all Veteran's; those living and deceased. We would also like to thank the families of these brave men and women and honor each of you as well for your sacrifices as you are called upon to face separation from your loved ones. There is no greater country in the world than this the United States of America. We are so blessed to call this home and we are forever in your debt for willingly defending our freedom, protecting our borders and keeping us safe.



JOSEPH E. PROCTOR
Sergeant in the US Army
Killed in Action May 6, 2006
Tammin, Iraq

WCHS Graduate, 1987



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

Proctor Park: A place to honor Heroes



Proctor Memorial Park and Playground has been constructed on an 11 acre site located on Tracy Road about ½ mile west of Sawmill Road in New Whiteland. The park was named after Sgt. Joseph E. Proctor who was killed while defending our freedom and the lives of hundreds of American soldiers in Iraq on May 3, 2006. The park serves as a living classroom where families will read the names and stories of all heroes, living or deceased, - Military, Police, Fire, EMS; people who serve unselfishly to protect and serve our communities and country.

We have been given an opportunity to celebrate the lives of these brave men and women, to tell their stories and keep their memories alive. We are the proud owners and benefactors of an amazing piece of American history and we have been called to preserve and perpetuate these stories. What began as a mission to thank one of our own fallen heroes has become an opportunity for us to thank, honor and pay tribute to the many men and women, both living and deceased who have sacrificed for all of us.