

# Indiana State Prison Support Activated Staff

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ISP Superintendent



Mark Levenhagen, Assistant Superintendent, Kim and Ron Amor

Michigan City Indiana - The Indiana State Prison is honoring staff activated in the military by placing their names with a yellow ribbon on signs, which are mounted on the fence in front of the prison. Superintendent Buss said, "The prison staff is very proud of their co-workers who are serving their country in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is just one of many ways that we honor the sacrifices they are making for us and the rest of America." Prison staff are also in the process of sending care packages to the deployed staff including a picture of the signs.

The facility has six staff members who are presently activated and one member who has just returned home. Michael Amor, Ryan Darschewski, Clarence Davis, Jerry Peavey, and Robert Wells are the correctional officers serving as well as Chaplain Don Salisbury. Johny Morton Jr. has recently returned home after receiving a medical discharge.

Kim and Ron Amor of Walkerton, Indiana visited the prison on Monday and saw the signs honoring their son Michael and the other staff. Mike is stationed in Iraq. Mike serves with Fox Company 151st Infantry Division which is stationed in South Bend. Michael Amor began his career as a correctional officer in January of this year and was activated in May.

While Kim and Ron were being photographed, Kim made a sign with her right hand. When asked what it meant she said, "It is sign language for I love you." She said she taught herself sign language when her daughter Sarah and son Michael were growing up and she would practice on them. They just naturally picked it up. She said, "The day Mike was deployed and she and her husband were frantically trying to find the bus he was on she spotted his hand signing "I love you".

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