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### R.E.D. Shirt Fridays Recognize Deployed Service Members

**GRANGER, IN** — Firefighters' at the Clay Fire Territory will be showing their support for all service members deployed overseas by participating in a national program known as R.E.D. Shirt Friday.

R.E.D. is an acronym that stands for "Remember Everyone Deployed."

Clay Fire will be recognizing one of their own on R.E.D. Shirt Fridays' – United States Army National Guard Specialist Bryan Obando. In addition to his duties with the United States Army National Guard, Specialist Obando is a career Engineer / Paramedic at Clay Fire. A 5-year member of Clay Fire, Specialist Obando is currently activated and deployed to the Middle East in support of "Operation Enduring Freedom."

To show their support and appreciation for not only one of their own, but for all uniformed members of the armed services, Clay Fire personnel will begin wearing a special edition duty shirt known as the "R.E.D. Shirt" on each Friday starting this week on Friday, May 25, 2018.

Although called the "R.E.D. Shirt," the duty shirt is actually a standard issue navy blue t-shirt with special flare. Designed by a fellow member of the Clay Fire staff, the Clay Fire logo on the back of the shirt will be emblazoned with an American flag. A special R.E.D. logo will be featured on the right sleeve of the shirt. The standard Clay Fire patch will still be prominently displayed on the front left chest of the shirt. These special edition shirts will be limited to employees of Clay Fire.

"Wearing R.E.D. Shirts on Fridays sends a strong and unified message to our service members' and families that they are not forgotten and we appreciate their sacrifice and service to our country," said Fire Chief Timm Schabbel. "Wearing a R.E.D. shirt is a simple gesture, but the meaning behind the shirt is significant."

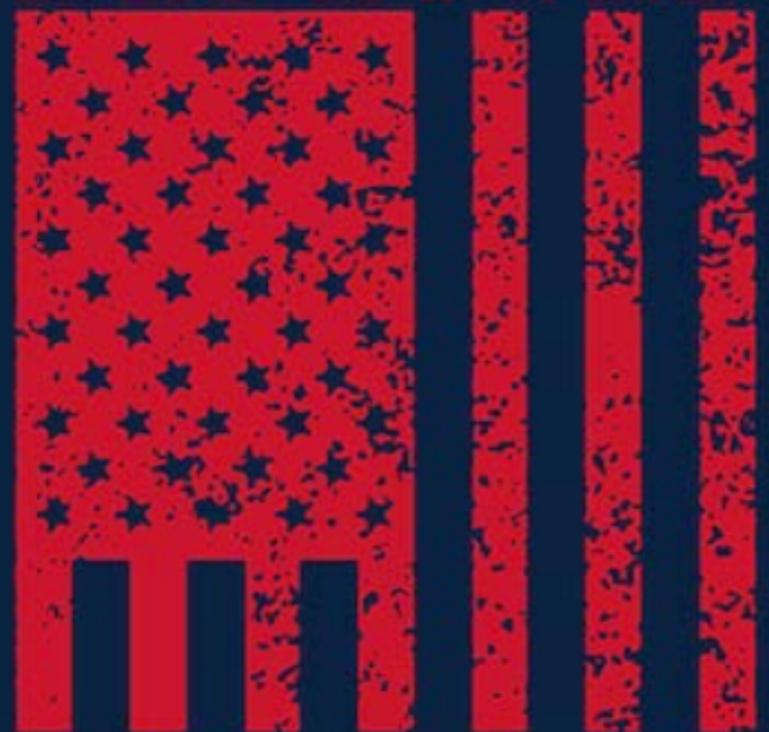
Area employers, schools, and citizens are encouraged to demonstrate their support by:

- Sending cards and letters to a deployed soldier.

- Create a banner or video from their organization to send to a deployed unit.
- Check-in with the family of a deployed service member.
- Provide a meal for the family of a deployed service member.
- Use the hashtag #RememberEveryoneDeployed when posting pictures to social media sites.

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**R.E.D.**  
**REMEMBER**  
**EVERYONE**  
**DEPLOYED**



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**FF Bryan Obando**