

PRESS RELEASE

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Summary: Cranberry Township Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory

All American flags, respectfully known as "Old Glory", should be retired in a dignified and respectful manner when they are no longer a fitting emblem for display and replaced with a new flag as described in detail in the [US Code Title 4 Chapter 1-The Flag](#).

Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory is a campaign that has been introduced into communities to provide patriotic collection bins in prime locations for tattered, faded and torn American flags to be deposited. The old American flags that are collected are retired ceremoniously in a dignified and respectful manner by members from the American Legion, Veteran's of Foreign Wars, Boy Scouts of America and the Girl Scouts.

Project wide more than 3,000 faded, torn and tattered unserviceable American flags have been collected since the start of the campaign in May of 2011. The flags range in size from small stick flags, outdoor house flags, large flags from local businesses, military burial flags and to our surprise there have been some 48 star flags placed in the bins for retirement. The 48 star flags are very faded and discolored, pretty old and ready to be retired.

Collecting old flags is not a new idea but the Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory is a new campaign that places patriotic bins in common, convenient locations for citizens to retire their old tattered/faded flags. The bins are placed in high traffic areas with daily access.

Cranberry Township was the first municipality to welcome the new project. Next to follow was the Erie Maritime Museum and Fairview Twp. in Erie, Pa, Upper St. Clair Twp., The Greentree Women's Civic Club sponsored a bin located at Greentree Boro Bldg. and The Crafton Memorial Committee sponsored a bin located at the Crafton Boro Library.

The success of the project takes the cooperation of many different people, the sponsor, the location and the different service organizations who retire the flags. Each Old Glory bin location chooses and works with their own group for the retirement ceremonies. The Cranberry flags have been retired by Cub Scout Pack #406, The Cranberry Area Girl Scout Troop, Girl Scout Camp Redwing, VFW #879 of Cranberry Twp., the American Legion and some have been retired at Camp Agawam during their summer day camp for Scouts.

The official start date was May 2011 in the Pittsburgh and Erie, PA areas. The project has been well received. The results are posted at the website – www.retireyouroldglory.com

Individuals, companies, special events or municipalities interested in participating in the campaign can make contact through the website www.retireyouroldglory.com and/or the email address: retireyouroldglory@gmail.com.

Renew the American Spirit, Fly a New Flag!

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