

Press Release

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Summary: Is It Time to Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory?

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As spring and summer arrive, it is time to check your American Flag to be sure it is not faded, torn or tattered before you put it out for display at your home or business.

Our Nation's Flag Code (US Code Title 4 Chapter 1-The Flag) describes in complete detail how and when to fly the American flag and when and how to properly dispose of an unserviceable flag. 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. It also states that the American Flag should be displayed from sunrise till sunset every day and especially on national and state holidays.

Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory is a unique project in our community that provides a patriotic collection bin for tattered, faded and torn American flags. There are 14 convenient locations to retire your unserviceable Old Glory. Visit the website: www.retireyouroldglory.com for locations.

The flags that are collected are retired in a dignified and respectful manner as outlined in the US Flag Code by members of the Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion, the Girls Scouts, the VFW and other select service groups.

Project wide more than 6,500 faded, torn and tattered unserviceable American flags have been collected since the start of the project 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 even flags with 48 stars that were very faded and discolored and ready to be retired.

The goal of the Retire Your Unserviceable Old Glory Project is to collect all tattered, torn and faded flags and encourage Americans to fly the American Flag. Our national banner with 50 stars, one for each state, became the official flag of the United States of America in August of 1959; it is a symbol of liberty and carries the message of freedom that all citizens should embrace.

Individuals interested in learning more about the Old Glory Project can access the project information at www.retireyouroldglory.com.

Let's renew the American spirit and fly a new flag.

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