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ST. CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT MILITARY VETERANS HOSTING FLAG COLLECTION JUNE 14

ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – If you have a worn or damaged U.S. flag and don't know where or how to dispose of it properly, the military veterans of St. Charles County Government are ready to help.

The County's Veterans Best Practices Working Group is hosting its annual Flag Collection for the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Flag Day, Wednesday, June 14. The event takes place at a drive-by collection site, located at the corner of Monroe and Second streets in St. Charles, between the County Administration and Corrections buildings. The flags are donated to the AMVETS, who retire the flags ceremoniously.

"This is a simple but important way to show respect for the American flag and our country," says Kurt Bahr, Chair of the Veterans Best Practices Working Group and U.S. Air Force veteran. "As veterans, we are honored to be able to provide this service to the public to help ensure worn flags are retired in a dignified way."

The group has collected more than 8,566 flags since the event launched in 2017. Those who cannot drop off flags that day can do so at the recently installed flag collection boxes, donated by a local Eagle Scout, located outside the County Administration Building (201 N. Second Street, St. Charles) and at Veterans Tribute Park (1031 Kisker Road, Weldon Spring).

The Veterans Best Practices Working Group was established in 2014 after passage of an ordinance by the County Council. The group exists to foster an employment-friendly environment for those who have served in the armed forces of the United States, to encourage businesses in the community to develop veteran-friendly employment practices, and to inform veterans seeking employment of opportunities and benefits with County Government.

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About St. Charles County:

St. Charles County, Missouri, founded in 1812, is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri. With a population of 405,262, it is the state's third largest county. It is home to 22 scenic county parks of which three are in reserve, encompassing 4,509 acres.

With one of the largest economies in the state, St. Charles County is home to multinational companies including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government has more than 1,170 employees in more than 30 departments and offices who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit sccmo.org.