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### COUNTY GOVERNMENT MILITARY VETERANS HOST FLAG COLLECTION JUNE 14

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

The County's Veterans Best Practices Working Group hosts its second annual Flag Collection for the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Flag Day, Thursday, 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 collected will be properly disposed of at a ceremony later this year.

Last year, the group collected over 1,000 flags. "The flag is deeply meaningful to all our veterans," says Dennis Wiss, Chair of the Veterans Best Practices Working Group. "We are excited to honor the flag by providing this convenient service to the public and look forward to exceeding last year's collection!"

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.

For more information, contact Dennis Wiss at 636-949-7900, ext. 1893, or [dwiss@sccmo.org](mailto:dwiss@sccmo.org).

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*With a population of 385,840, St Charles County is home to large employers 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 employs nearly 1,100 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 [www.sccmo.org](http://www.sccmo.org).*