

## A MESSAGE FROM REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM HAMZY

### REGARDING FLAG COLLECTION DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2009

If you own an American Flag that is tattered and torn and no longer serviceable and want to make sure it is disposed of in a respectful and honorable manner, you may want to consider dropping it off at American Legion Seicheprey Post # 2, 22 Hooker Court, in Bristol, on June 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

State Representative Frank N. Nicastro Sr., Post Commander Jay Meisinger and Mayor Art Ward and I will be hosting a Flag Collection Day at the Post that Saturday.

The flags will be disposed of properly in a lawful, dignified, respectful ceremony at the Post later in the day. We scheduled the event for Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> because it falls between Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, when people think about displaying the flag.

For those who have a flag that is no longer usable, the U.S. Flag Code specifies that they must be properly retired. It is our hope that Bristol and Plymouth residents will take advantage of this opportunity to properly retire their old flags.

Seicheprey Post # 2 has been collecting and properly disposing of flags for many years. One year the Post collected more than 5000 of them. If you are unable to bring your old flags to the Post on June 20<sup>th</sup>, you can bring them down any other day of the year. The Post schedules ceremonial burnings as needed throughout the year. The Post considers it both an honor and a privilege to perform the service.

Sincerely,

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