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9th Annual U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony

Community Members are Encouraged to Bring Worn Flags to the Ceremony

Rancho Santa Margarita, CA – In honor of Flag Day, Saddleback Valley American Legion Post 862 and Scout Troup 623 will be retiring worn and unserviceable U.S. flags during a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Friday, June 14. The ceremony will begin at sunset (approximately 7:45 p.m.) in the City Hall parking lot located at 22112 El Paseo.

According to the U.S. Flag Code, "The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning".

The community is encouraged to participate in this sacred and honored tradition by bringing their worn flags to the ceremony. To stay comfortable, the American Legion recommends the public bring chairs. Residents who are unable to attend the ceremony may drop worn flags off at City Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., no later than June 14 at 5:00 p.m.

The colors of the flag are symbolic as well; red symbolizes hardiness and valor; white symbolizes purity and innocence and blue represents vigilance, perseverance and justice.

For more information call Jim Clements at 714.343.4788 or email Commander@post862.org.

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