

## **FLAG DISPOSAL**

County buildings customarily display the U.S. flag, the California State flag, and the County of Los Angeles flag. When any of those flags become too worn to be displayed properly, they must be disposed of in a correct and respectful manner, known as retirement of the flag(s).

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs under Acting Director Ruth Wong will handle arrangements for proper disposal for flags that are delivered to the department office. The Boy Scouts of America Western Los Angeles County Council under COO Lee Harrison has also offered to dispose of flags that are delivered to their office.

Correct retirement of flags displayed at County facilities may be facilitated by contacting the Office of Protocol by telephoning 213-974-1307 or by emailing:

- Lourdes Saab at [lsaab@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:lsaab@ceo.lacounty.gov)
- Glenda Wina at [gwina@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:gwina@ceo.lacounty.gov)

The caller will be given contact details for proper flag retirement.

More information on flag retirement ceremonies in general is available at the following websites: <http://www.usscouts.org/ceremony/flagret1.asp> and <http://www.americanflags.org/docs/etiquette.jsp?pagelId=0690200091781119362389761>

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14, which commemorates the adoption of the U.S. flag on that day in 1777.