

MEMORIAL FLAG PROGRAM



Families of veterans are invited to donate their memorial flags to the State of South Dakota to be flown in Hilger's Gulch. United States flags are flown by the State on several holidays and other special occasions. Located just north of the State Capitol, Hilger's Gulch Park is part of the Capitol Complex in Pierre, and is a beautiful park with almost 1.5 miles of walking paths. Each donated United States flag will be flown on holidays and special events until the flag is worn. Another memorial flag will then replace the flag. Once replaced, the worn flag will be disposed of in an honorable and

dignified manner. For several years, worn flags have been provided to service groups and organizations for use in flag disposal ceremonies.

The Memorial Flag Program was started in 1987 by Jackie Marso as a way to honor her husband and other deceased military veterans. The program was transferred to the State in 2002, and we are pleased to continue this tribute to our veterans.

It is recommended that casket flags be re-sewn before donating the flag to the Memorial Flag Program as re-sewing increases the life span of the flag. Flags are placed in inventory and used to replace worn flags.

Individuals wishing to participate in the Memorial Flag Program should complete the form below and include it with their memorial flag. The name of the designated veteran will be included in a Registry which may be viewed online.

Thank you for considering donating your memorial flag to the Memorial Flag Program. Please contact the South Dakota Bureau of Administration at (605) 773-3688 with any questions.



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Please place my memorial flag in the Memorial Flag Program. The enclosed United States flag is to be flown in memory of:

Name of Veteran

Veteran's Military Branch

Years of Military Service

Flag Submitted by:

Name

Mailing Address

Phone

City/State/Zip

Please mail the flag and application form to:

Buildings & Grounds, Memorial Flag Program, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501