



## 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SCMUA AMERICAN FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

On **Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10:00 am**, the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCMUA) will host the 11<sup>th</sup> annual **American Flag Retirement Ceremony** at the Northern NJ Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Sparta, NJ. This patriotic ceremony is open to the public.

Tattered and torn American Flags collected by the SCMUA from Sussex County residents will be honored. The American Legion "Ceremony for the Disposal of Unserviceable Flags" states: "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 SCMUA has partnered with Abbey Glen to utilize their crematory to provide an environmentally responsible method to retire our national symbol. Since the start of the annual partnership, approximately **11,000 pounds** of flags collected at the SCMUA Recycling Center have been properly incinerated.

Ceremony participants will include the Final Salute Guard of Honor and the Daughters of the American Revolution. The event will be held rain or shine.

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