

**Flag Day Program Planned at the National Museum of the Pacific War  
Flag Disposal Ceremony to be Conducted by Local Boy Scout Troop #137**

**WHAT:** The American flag has been our national symbol for 231 years, and it remains a beacon of freedom wherever it is flown. Since the Second Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as our flag in 1777, it has stood for freedom, justice, and the resolve of our Nation.

On Flag Day and during National Flag Week, we remember those in uniform whose courage and sacrifice inspire us here at home. We also remember the rich history of one of our oldest national symbols and reflect on our duty to carry our heritage of freedom into the future. <sup>1</sup>

The National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas is hosting a special Flag Day program on Saturday, June 14, 2008. The Memorial Courtyard will have over 4000 flags on display in honor of this day.

The program will feature education on proper flag etiquette and the history of the United States flag. It will be followed by a flag disposal ceremony conducted by Boy Scout Troop #137 of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Citizens and friends of the Fredericksburg community are invited to bring their worn flags for proper disposal.

The Flag Day program, including the flag disposal, is free and open to the public. Standard admission prices will apply for visitors who want to view the Museum's galleries.

**WHO:** The National Museum of the Pacific War, a Texas Historical Commission Property operated by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, will host the Flag Day program. Boy Scout Troop #137 will conduct the flag disposal.

**WHEN:** The program will be on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the George H.W. Bush Gallery and will be immediately followed by the flag disposal in the Plaza of the Presidents.

**WHERE:** The National Museum of the Pacific War is located at 340 East Main Street in Fredericksburg, Texas. The entrance to the George H.W. Bush Gallery is at 311 East Austin Street.

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<sup>1</sup> Previous two paragraphs from the June 6, 2008 proclamation by the President of the United States of America.