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Mackinac State Historic Parks Announces Procedure to Assist with Flag Retirement

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICH. — As a service to its local communities, Mackinac State Historic Parks (MSHP) will facilitate the proper disposal of United States flags. As the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp conducts regular flag retirement ceremonies for park flags, this service is being extended to the public.

“We are honored to be able to fulfill this community need,” said Steve Brisson, Mackinac State Historic Parks Director.

Flags can be dropped off at the following MSHP locations: the Post Hospital Administrative Office on Mackinac Island, located off Huron Road next to Fort Mackinac (May-October); the Mackinac Island State Park Field Office, located across from Fort Mackinac on Huron Road (November-April); or the Petersen Center, located at 207 W. Sinclair in Mackinaw City all year. Flags will be turned over to scout troops during the summer for retirement at regularly scheduled ceremonies.

The Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp has been assisting Mackinac State Historic Parks in various park service projects since 1929. Scout troops from around Michigan serve in one-week stints from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Former president Gerald R. Ford is among the alumni of the program.

More information on the flag retirement program is available by calling 231-436-4100.

Mackinac State Historic Parks, a family of living history museums and parks in northern Michigan’s Straits of Mackinac, is an agency within the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Its sites—which are accredited by the American Alliance of Museums—include Fort

Mackinac, the Biddle House, The Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum, Historic Downtown Mackinac, and Mackinac Island State Park on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, Historic Mill Creek Discovery Park and Michilimackinac State Park in Mackinaw City. Mackinac State Historic Parks is governed by the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, established in 1895 to protect, preserve and present the parks' rich historic and natural resources for the education and recreation of future generations. Visitor information is available at (231) 436-4100 or online at www.mackinacparks.com.

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