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**VETERANS OFFICE EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILD U.S. FLAG DROP BOX**



Mayor Carlo DeMaria Jr., pictured with Joe Hickey, Director of Veterans Services, George Leydon, Director of Alternative Education for the Everett Public Schools, as well as Brian Engvik, Larry Denish and Brad Carberry, students of Everett High School carpentry shop. Under Mr. Leydon's direction the students built drop boxes for proper disposal of old and tattered US Flags.

According to Joe Hickey, Director of Veterans services, disposal of any US flag is dictated by Federal Law, and should be treated accordingly. "Everett is a proud Veteran community," stated Mr. Hickey, "after a long and cold winter, the flags have become tattered and worn, these young men have designed great boxes for those who wish to dispose of their flag."

The drop boxes are located at City Hall and the Parlin Memorial Library. The Veterans Services office will collect the flags for proper disposal. In June, on Flag Day June 14<sup>th</sup>, the Veteran Services office will hold a special ceremony to properly honor the retired flags.

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