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## **Moran & Goebel Launches Flag Collection Program to Honor Veterans**

### *Retired Flags to be Used as Part of Cremation Services for Veterans*

DECATUR, Ill. - Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services is launching a new program to honor veterans who have chosen to be cremated. "Honor Flags, Honor Heroes" allows both veterans and retired flags to be joined together in a patriotic cremation service. This program serves as a tribute to veterans as well as a way to properly dispose of old or worn United States flags. Decatur community members are invited to contribute to this program by donating their old American flags.

"When a veteran is buried, the casket is draped with an American flag to commemorate their service to our country for eternity. If a veteran chooses to be cremated, he or she deserves the same honor," Moran and Goebel Funeral Director and Owner, David H. Goebel said. "Through the Honor Flags, Honor Heroes program, each veteran will be draped with an American flag before the cremation process. This is a great way to honor all those who have served our country."

The United States Code Title 4 Chapter 1 Section 8 states that when a flag is worn out, faded, tattered, or stained then it is no longer in a condition to serve as an emblem, burning a flag is the honorable way to dispose of it, preventing flags from being tossed in the garbage.

Macon County is home to more than 13,000 Veterans with troops coming home every day from the War in Iraq and Afghanistan. As the exclusive provider of Veteran's Funeral Care in central Illinois, the Honor Flags, Honor Heroes programs fits into Moran & Goebel's commitment to serve veterans and their families.

Donors interested in contributing their old flags to the program can drop them off at Moran and Goebel, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Moran & Goebel is locally owned and operated by David and Karen Goebel. Their son Joshua enlisted in the Air Force after graduating from High School in 2004. He served our country for six years with one six month deployment to Iraq.