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CSUSB Palm Desert Campus continues its American flag collection and exchange program

PALM DESERT, Calif. – Cal State San Bernardino’s Palm Desert Campus is once again assisting its students and the local community with disposing of their faded or ripped American flag and replacing it with a new one.

The campus’ Veterans Success Center is a year-round collection hub for gathering old U.S. flags that need to be put out of service. The collected weathered flags are taken to the Veterans of Foreign Wars for proper disposal. Regardless of their condition, American flags should never be thrown in the trash.

Jack P. Macfarlane, U.S. Navy veteran and director of campus operations, donates 10 embroidered flags each year for the program. While supplies last, the Veterans Success Center will exchange old flags with new 3-foot by 5-foot flags before the summer break in June of each year. To qualify for the exchange, participants must bring an old U.S. flag of similar size.

“Perhaps more than anyone else, veterans feel that torn and faded American flags are especially saddening,” Macfarlane said. “Although the goal of replacing all of the damaged flags

in the Coachella Valley is highly optimistic, the Veterans Success Center at CSUSB Palm Desert Campus is taking a small step toward achieving it.”

Donations of new 3-foot by 5-foot flags are welcome in order to increase the capacity of the program.

For more information about the program, contact the campus’ Veterans Success Center at 760-341-2883, ext. 78129.

The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus offers bachelor’s and master’s degrees, a doctorate in educational leadership, and teacher credentials and certificates. With more than 1,400 students, it is the Coachella Valley’s four-year public university and plays a vital role in educating and training the region’s growing population.

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