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### **Local Realtors Honored to Help Retire American Flags with Dignity** **Weichert, Realtors® - Coastal Properties partners with veterans group to collect old flags**

HILTON HEAD, S.C. / Aug. 6, 201 – Weichert, Realtors® - Coastal Properties was honored to offer area residents and businesses an opportunity to retire their faded, worn or torn American flags with dignity during the month of July.

“People often struggle with how to properly retire an American flag,” said Karen Ryan, the broker/co-owner of Weichert, Realtors® - Coastal Properties. “That’s why we decided to partner with a local veterans group and fire department to help collect weathered flags from area residents and businesses.”

Collection bins were set up at the Weichert® affiliate’s offices in Hilton Head, Beaufort, Bluffton and Okatie throughout the month for flag owners. The donated flags were later delivered to the Sun City Veterans Association in Bluffton, where they were properly retired.

“We truly appreciate the effort put forth by our friends at Weichert, Realtors® - Coastal Properties to help us retire the greatest symbol of hope and freedom, the American flag, with dignity,” said representatives from the Sun City Veterans Association in Bluffton and the city’s fire department. “We can’t thank them enough for all they did with this flag retirement campaign.”

Weichert, Realtors® - Coastal Properties is an independently owned and operated Weichert affiliate. The company has offices in Hilton Head, Bluffton, Beaufort and Okatie.

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Barbara Garrad, an agent who works out of the Weichert, Realtors® - Coastal Properties office in Okatie, places a worn out American flag into a collection bin. The collected flags were delivered to the Sun City Veterans Association for proper retirement.

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