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This is from the Gainesville MOAA chapter's newsletter, "The Eagle's Eye". What they're doing is working with the local VFW and American Legion by notifying their members (through this message in their monthly chapter newsletter) about the drop boxes for old flags at local Publix stores. Co-operating with other veteran groups in the area can be helpful to everybody. Gainesville's President is Carter Nute (Capt. USN Ret) and the editor of "The Eagle's Eye" is Jim Gleason.

Worn or Tattered Flag Disposal or Retirement.

Well known WWII Veteran Bob Gasche has put a drop box in every Publix store and the Gainesville Health and Fitness Club in Gainesville for people to turn in US flags that are no longer serviceable, and, as a matter of respect, need to be properly disposed of — Bob ensures that the drop boxes are emptied, and the flags are properly burned. Flags also can be taken to the VFW on Waldo Road, or the American Legion Post 16 hall at 4701 NW 6th Street in Gainesville.

Bits and Pieces is a collection of odd bits and pieces of news that I glean from chapter newsletters. The idea is to pass those items along to other chapters if we think someone else might be able to use them. If we trade our useful bits and pieces around, we can all get better and stronger. If you have something your chapter has done that you think others might be able to use, please contact me at dccalusa@comcast.net or (239) 542-5627 and I'll pass it along.

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