

Good Morning;

My name is Charles J. Grzywacz; I am the Manager of Mt. St. Benedict, St. Patrick & Holy Trinity Cemeteries. I would also like to add that I am a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

If this Bill were enacted it would certainly create a maintenance nightmare for all cemeteries. Mothers Day and Memorial Day are the two busiest days for a cemetery.

At this time of the year we are just finishing spring clean up and are entering into the mowing season. It has always been our goal to have our cemeteries at their best for these two special days. If flags were allowed seven days prior to Memorial Day it is certain we would face much difficulty in meeting that goal.

In the past we have asked Veteran's groups to refrain from placing flags in mass quantity until after 12:00 pm on the Saturday prior to Memorial Day. With the Veterans groups in compliance with our request in the past, we have been able to meet our goal.

While I have the up most respect for the American Flag and all veterans of the United States Armed forces, I am strongly against Proposed Bill #5138.

I would also like to inform my fellow veterans that we do display the American Flag year round on a 25' flagpole adjacent to our office building.

Thank you,