



## AMERICAN FLAGS RETIRED IN CEREMONY AT BOWLINE PARK

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When an American flag is old and tattered, it is “retired” from use in a flag burning ceremony. On May 30, 2026, the annual flag burning/retirement ceremony took place at Bowline Park. Approximately 200 flags were ceremoniously burned. Over the years, they have been doing this, thousands of flags have been retired in this fashion.

As I was writing this, I realized that my words were inadequate to convey the ceremony of this event. So I am going to let the words of the people who were there tell you the story.

<https://youtu.be/T0ses46qWXg>

<https://youtu.be/n58Ej4HwuNM>

<https://youtu.be/cQwc4qYwD2A>

<https://youtu.be/SMgKIBhEGZE>

[https://youtu.be/EWt6\\_QE56m4](https://youtu.be/EWt6_QE56m4)

<https://youtu.be/sv4AOPC6vY4>

There are people who will burn an American Flag as a means of protesting against the government. Even though the USSC has allowed this as symbolic speech, it is a disgrace. There are as we have seen, special requirements for respecting the flag when burning the flag.

We have seen here the reverence people hold for the American flag and the allegiance to it and the country that they have.