

Flag Retirement Ceremony at Virginia War Memorial

With 12,000 U.S. flags fluttering on the lawn of the Virginia War Memorial, a ceremony was held one day after Flag Day June 14. The program was held at the Heilman Amphitheater and was attended by Council Board Member Frank Carlomagno who reported a stirring event. The distinguished speaker was the Honorable Abigail Spanberger, U.S. Representative. A Flag Retirement Team of seven distinguished veterans performed the dignified ceremony, with explanations, and then burned portions of a flag representing flags taken out of service because of wear. The words of President Ronald Reagan were recalled: “Let us never forget that in honoring our flag we honor the American men and women who courageously fought and died for it.” The ceremony concluded with the playing of Taps.

