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MPD flag rescuing officers did the right thing

Joint statement from Aldermen Bob Donovan, Mark A. Borkowski, Joe Davis, Sr., Michael J. Murphy, Terry L. Witkowski and Robert W. Puente

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Last evening – on the eve of Veterans Day – Milwaukee Police Officers rescued our nation’s flag from a group of protesters who were desecrating it and preparing to burn it.

The officers rightfully picked up the flag from the ground and folded it, showing the appropriate level of respect our flag deserves. The outrageous actions of the protesters deserve an apt description, and the only word that comes to mind is “shameful.”

To us and to millions of Americans, the flag is our highest symbol of honor and freedom, and a sacred one that has been secured at great cost. Very simply, the flag represents the greatest nation ever formed on the face of this earth.

Although the protesters have every right to exercise their First Amendment rights in order to express their opinion (including burning the flag), we also have the right to use our First Amendment rights to clearly express our opinion about their actions.

We commend the officers, and God bless them for doing the right thing.

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