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Erected by Colonial Flag, this giant 30 x 60 foot U.S. flag marked the side of the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square, the host hotel for NAVA 47. MATT GLADE, DESERET NEWS.



NAVA 47: "Salt Lake City Welcomed Us" as Organizers Host Exceptional Meeting

While the Association has met in cities ranging from Boston to Los Angeles and Vancouver to San Antonio, members and their guests were welcomed for the first time to the Beehive State from 11-13 October 2013 for the 47th Annual Meeting.

In honor of NAVA 47's coming to Utah, Governor Gary Herbert declared the week of 7-13 October 2013 as Vexillological Week in Utah encouraging Utahns to "respect and share an affinity for the heritage and tradition of flags."

Colonial Flag Company, a major sponsor of the 2013 annual meeting, provided the specially designed NAVA 47 flag for displays at the meetings. To make sure the meeting's attendees were certain of their welcome, Colonial displayed a gigantic 30 foot by 60 foot U.S. flag on the west side of the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel at Temple Square where the presentations and business meeting were held. In addition to welcoming NAVA 47 partici-

pants, the huge flag announced to the city that NAVA had come to town. As Kevin Harrington rode the Trax Green Line, the light rail line running from the airport to downtown Salt Lake, he suddenly realized that he had forgotten the name of the host hotel. Looking out of the Trax's car window just then, he could not miss the huge flag displayed on the outside wall of the Plaza Hotel. Quoting Brigham Young, Kevin declared "This is the place" as he disembarked at the Trax Station directly in front of the meeting site.

To make sure local residents could recognize that the Association was meeting at the hotel, Colonial also temporarily erected a 20 foot flag pole in front of the Plaza Hotel where the NAVA 47 flag flew during the weekend.

Early arrivers attended the weekly rehearsal of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir Thursday evening which began with a tour of Temple Square lead

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Entering the Home Stretch

Thank you for again entrusting me with the lead-
ership of the Association by re-electing me as
president. Over the past five years, I have worked
to justify this trust and am grateful for this
renewed opportunity to continue serving you and
our shared discipline.

My philosophy remains unchanged: focusing on
our long- and short-term needs while building a
collaborative atmosphere of trust and understand-
ing that promotes organizational stability and fos-
ters the ethical use of entrusted authority.



We bid *adieu* to Mary
Ann Docktor-Smith as
treasurer; Christopher
Bedwell takes her place.
Mary Ann and husband
Randy Smith are still in
a “building season” after

last spring’s fire at Advertising Flag; we wish them
continued success in that endeavor. Chris’s execu-
tive ability was evident while serving as second
vice president, and his capable successor is Dr.
Ken Reynolds, *Raven* editor, Driver Award win-
ner, and trusted advisor. Dr. Reynolds is the first
Canadian in seven years elected to the board; I
hope that we won’t wait that long for another.

NAVA 47 was an exceptional meeting thanks to
Secretary John Hartvigsen, the organizing com-
mittee chair. Excellent food, welcoming hospitali-
ty, engaging people—the perfect combination!
First Vice President Gustavo Tracchia ably coordi-
nated and chaired the program as always.

The central charge on the president’s flag, the
Cheyenne Indian “Woheiv” star, symbolizes hope
and guidance. Once again, I will endeavor to pro-
vide both this year, my last as president under the
term limits bylaws amendment that I supported.
So much has been done, yet so much to do: sup-
porting initiatives that improve our scholarship
and our outreach is my priority. The Preble
Lecture, conceived by John Hartvigsen, is a won-
derful step in that direction. May our path this
year be full of wonderful steps!

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“One of the best meetings: Amazing presentations, wonderful fellowship, and warm hospitality.”

LEFT: Vanessa Van de Putte, Randy Smith, Amy Langston, and Pete Van de Putte pause during Friday night's Presidents' Reception. Pete was named as a fellow of the Vexillological Association of the State of Texas at Saturday's Whitney Smith Dinner in recognition of his work to help secure the Flag Research Center Collection at The University of Texas. RIGHT: Jack Lowe and Chris Bedwell examine a flag at the inaugural Preble Lecture. DENISE HARTVIGSEN LINGEN.



by John Hartvigsen, the NAVA 47 organizing committee chair. As requested, John pointed out and explained the various symbols carved in to stones set into the walls on the temple. He then led the group into the domed Tabernacle where soloists, choir and a full orchestra practiced and prepared a wide range of musical numbers ranging from the classics and hymns to Broadway show tunes. One particularly enchanting selection was “Look to the Rainbow” from *Finian's Rainbow* performed by a soloist accompanied by the full orchestra with the Tabernacle Choir providing backup.

On Friday morning, there were tours of the State Capitol, the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers Museum, the Fort Douglas Military Museum, and Ensign Peak. At Fort Douglas, the group examined the United States Color of the 24th Infantry Regiment's Buffalo Soldiers, who were stationed at Fort Douglas in the 1890s. Although Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders took undeserved credit for storming San Juan Hill, it was the black soldiers of the 24th who captured the fortress at the crest of the hill. John's adult children drove vans to transport members to the

tour locations, and they reported to their dad that they thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the meeting attendees and seeing these local sights through the eyes of vexillologists.

Invited Association members who are flag conservation experts and specialists took part Friday morning in a charette examining the historic Life Guard Bear Flag, purported to have been carried by the Mormon Battalion to California during the Mexican War. This examination represented a significant contribution made by Association members in furthering flag research NAVA 47's host community. As Jim Ferrigan and Gwen Spicer joined local conservators and curators in examining a significant vexillological artifact, John Hartvigsen noted, “I expected that we would make a good beginning in examining the flag, but I was surprised at how much we were able to learn in just one session.” A report of the charette will be printed in a forthcoming issue of *Flag Research Quarterly*.

The Relief Society Room at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building (constructed in 1909 as the Hotel Utah) was the setting Friday afternoon for



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: John Hartvigsen, organizing chair, welcomes everyone to the inaugural Whitney Smith Dinner, held in the historic Lion House. Kevin Harrington receives the inaugural Kevin Harrington Award for his outreach through non-vexillological publications. Mary Ann Docktor-Smith marks her retirement from the Executive Board. Austin Smith, Whitney Smith's son, presented a humorous slideshow in honor of his father. Doreen Braverman receives the inaugural Doreen Braverman Award for outstanding contributions by an organizational member. DENISE HARTVIGSEN LINGEN.

the inaugural George Henry Preble Lecture, a new outreach event established by the Executive Board to bring together vexillologists with the local community to expand areas of mutual dialogue and inquiry. Dr. Richard E. Bennett, president of the Mormon History Association and a professor at Brigham Young University where he currently serves as the Department Chair of Church History and Doctrine, focused his lecture, entitled “Terrible as an Army with Banners,” on five banners displayed by early Mormon Pioneers “to identify and appreciate the dual allegiances of the early Latter-day Saints from 1830-1848 as shown by their respect to the banners of both God and country.” The LDS Church History Museum displayed four historic flags from their collection to illustrate Dr. Bennett’s lecture.

After the Preble Lecture, attendees gathered in Ron Fox’s 13th-floor condominium apartment overlooking downtown Salt Lake City and

Temple Square for the newly-renamed Presidents’ Reception in honor of all former presidents of the Association. Fox, a member of the organizing committee, and his wife Linda invited attendees into their beautiful apartment lending a breathtaking backdrop to an unforgettable evening. Linda—who cleaned, straightened and readied the furnishings and decorations for the gathering—made an even greater sacrifice that was unknown to her guests. Having undergone unplanned dental surgery that very day, she tried to rest in the couple’s bedroom while guests enjoyed her hospitality. Rather than the hors d’oeuvres, canapé and assorted finger foods normally served at receptions, reception guests Presidents’ Reception enjoyed a “Lion House Bakery Cake Buffet” featuring an assortment of mouthwatering cakes personally selected by Association President Hugh Brady, who discovered the cake menu on the Lion House webpage. Members renewed friend-

ships and met first-time attendees. Scot Guenter commented that it was a time “to relax and talk with friends. Loved it!” Annie Platoff added, “I had a great time. It was great to see old friends and to meet some new ones.”

The opening ceremonies on Saturday morning featured the first public performance of the musical anthem *Winchester Fanfare*, composed by member Mason Kaye and approved by the Executive Board for use at all Association events. Having recently completed his master’s degree, Kaye is currently composing music professionally in the Los Angeles area. Amid the beautiful strains of the *Fanfare*, a color guard of Utah Sea Cadets posted the national, Utah, Association, and meeting flags at the front of the Plaza Hotel’s Salt Lake Room, the setting for a dozen high-quality presentations over the weekend.

Flag exhibits abounded at NAVA 47. Saturday featured a special display of two flags from Eisenhower’s Oval Office, including a rare hand-embroidered 49-star presidential flag. The display was arranged by Chuck and Donna Douglas in the Plaza Hotel’s Guest Library for NAVA 47 participants and Utahns. Later that afternoon, the Association sponsored a flag exhibit at the City Creek Center Commons where flags and materials from four collections were on display, including the Life Guard Bear Flag. Brent Ashworth, a local collector of historical artifacts, shared part of his amazing collection of flags and flag related memorabilia. Although the Common Room, arranged by Ron Fox, was spacious, the room was jam packed with as many flags as it could hold.

In honor of Whitney Smith’s remarkable record of achievement as a vexillologist, the Executive Board renamed the traditional Saturday night dinner as the Whitney Smith Dinner. The Banquet Room of the Lion House, Brigham Young’s home when he was territorial governor, was setting for the inaugural dinner. After a dinner of Sarah Salad, Chicken Alabam, Sting of the Bee Cake, and plenty of renowned Lion House rolls, Brady delivered the keynote address, which was a report on the recent transfer of the Flag Research Center Collection to the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at The University of Texas. The relocation insures that the unmatched collection of flags, books, articles, and other

material assembled by Dr. Smith over a lifetime will remain intact and available for future vexillological research.

The Whitney Smith Dinner was the venue for honoring those persons who have made significant contributions to both vexillology and the Association:

- ◆For his scholarly and organizational work over two decades, including securing the transition of the Whitney Smith Flag Research Center Collection to the Briscoe Center at The University of Texas, the Executive Board elected past president Charles A. Spain as a Whitney Smith Fellow.
- ◆For their work to transition the FRC Collection to the Briscoe Center, the Executive Board elected Austin Smith, Dr. Kirby A. Baker, and Dr. Don E. Carleton as Honorary Members of the Association.
- ◆For the conception, planning and execution of the inaugural George Henry Preble Lecture and for organizing the charette of the Mormon Life Guard Bear Flag, the Executive Board honored John M. Hartvigsen with the John Purcell Award for these exemplary contributions that promote public understanding of vexillology in North America.
- ◆For his lifelong commitment to outreach to non-vexillologists and for scholarly excellence in vexillology, the Executive Board honored Kevin Harrington with the inaugural Kevin Harrington Award.
- ◆For her continuous and remarkable service to the Association over three decades, the Executive Board honored Doreen Braverman with the inaugural Doreen Braverman Award.
- ◆To mark her service to the Association, the Executive Board presented retiring Treasurer Mary Ann Docktor-Smith with a commemorative certificate.

At Sunday morning’s business meeting, the members elected the 2013-2014 Executive Board: Hugh Brady, president; Gustavo Tracchia, first vice president; Dr. Ken Reynolds, second vice president; John Hartvigsen, secretary; and Christopher Bedwell, treasurer. H.P. (Pete) Van de Putte, Jr., Dr. Scot Guenter, and Edward Kaye were re-elected to the nominating committee.

At the business meeting, the members consid-

ered the proposed bylaws amendments. After considering the comments submitted by members before the business meeting concerning the proposed creation of graduate affiliate membership and clarifying the geographic scope of active membership, the Executive Board proposed a friendly amendment that incorporated member suggestions. The friendly amendment was approved by the members.

The friendly amendment expands active, voting membership to include all undergraduate and graduate students. There is no geographic limitation for active, voting membership and members living overseas will be able to vote at meetings, serve on committees or in appointed office, and receive all publications and notices. Active members who are students pay reduced dues while they are completing their studies. To avoid legal issues related to having overseas board members, elective office may be held only by members residing in Canada or the U.S. As the only vexillological association with a robust, online membership directory, the amendment authorizes the Executive Board to adopt any policies necessary to comply with all applicable privacy laws and regulations, including any necessary changes to the availability of personal information in the membership directory, in order to keep the membership directory available as a resource to members pursuing research and other flag interests.

The members adopted the proposed bylaws amendment adopting term limits for board members and the editors of *Raven: A Journal of Vexillology* and *Flag Research Quarterly*. Under the amendment, a person may serve three consecutive terms in a single office and six consecutive terms on the board. The only exception is that a person may serve for three years as president if the person has already served six years on the board. There is a three-year waiting period before a term-limited board member may again serve on the board. For editors, they serve five-year terms and may be reappointed for a single three-year term. There is a five-year waiting period before a term-limited editor may again serve as an editor.

Members also adopted amendments:

- ◆codifying the French translation of the Association's English name.
- ◆making the Association's honors and awards

permanent and increasing participation in the awards process.

- ◆codifying the change in Illinois law that permits meeting notices to be sent by electronic mail. This eliminates confusion between the bylaws and Illinois law.
- ◆renaming the annual convention as the annual meeting to reflect our long-standing custom and making conforming changes (such as renaming the convention committee as the program committee).
- ◆renaming the historian position as the archivist and codifying the *Raven* and *Flag Research Quarterly* editors as appointive officers, which they have long been.

After reviewing the comments submitted by members before the meeting, the Executive Board announced at the business meeting that it had created a Special Committee on Vexillology in Mexico to study if and how the Association can aid in assisting vexillological research activity in that country and to examine whether persons resident in Mexico desire to form an independent Mexican vexillological association or operate as a part of the Association. If the committee determines that persons resident in Mexico wish to operate as part of the Association, the committee is charged with making recommendations to the Executive Board for respecting those wishes by, among other things, including the use of Spanish in Association publications, the holding of annual meetings and International Congresses of Vexillology in Mexico, and the election and appointment of Mexican residents to leadership positions in the Association. The committee's preliminary report is due September 30, 2014. The committee is chaired by First Vice President Gustavo Tracchia; the other members are Dr. Scot Guenter, Dr. Ken Reynolds, and Judge Charles Spain.

The business meeting's end allowed a return to a more enjoyable pursuit: more talks about flags, including Gwen Spicer's hand-on workshop on how to conserve flags and flag-related materials. After all presentations were concluded, Brady announced that Dean Thomas won the Captain William Driver Award for his paper "Flags and Emblems of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea: Vexillidolatriy in Its Purest Form." He

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Scot Guenter receives a VAST fellowship for his work in transitioning the FRC collection. Charles Spain displays the FIAV gavel during his remarks accepting a Whitney Smith fellowship for his scholarly and organizational work in vexillology over more than two decades. Dean Thomas presents his Driver Award-winning paper, "Flags and Emblems of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea: Vexillidolaty in its Purest Form." A variant of a U.S. flag with a beehive in the canton displayed during the Preble Lecture. Annie Platoff's display showcases her scholarly work and flag interests. DENISE HARTVIGSEN LINGEN.



noted that the uniform response to the presentations this year at NAVA 47 was that the presentations were some of the best ever presented at an annual meeting.

Finally, an auction of flags to raise funds for the Association's activities concluded the official activities, with members adjourning to local restaurants to continue fellowship.

NAVA 47 attracted more attendees than any recent regular Annual Meeting, including fifteen first time attendees, which is also a record. Many attendees arrived early or departed a day or two after the meeting's close to enjoy Salt Lake City's hospitality.

Pete Van de Putte summed up NAVA 47 when he noted: "This was one of the best meetings I have ever attended. Amazing presentations, wonderful fellowship, and warm hospitality."

"Salt Lake City welcomed us and we were excited to visit Utah's capital city," said Hartvigsen.

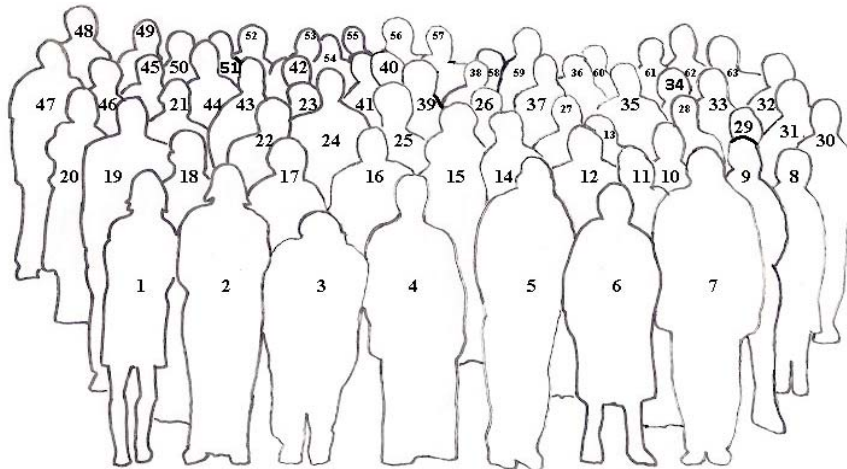


"When NAVA meets for its 48th Annual Meeting next year, the bar is set higher thanks to NAVA 47's success!"

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NAVA 47 group photograph, taken 12 October 2013 in front of the LDS Church Administration Building, 47 E. South Temple St., Salt Lake City, Utah. DENICE HARTVIGSEN LINGEN



- 1-Amy J. Langston
- 2-Anne M. Platoff
- 3-Scot M. Guenter
- 4-Doreen Braverman
- 5-Col. Hal D. Hichborn
- 6-Marilyn Hichborn
- 7-Hugh L. Brady
- 8-Gwen Spicer
- 9-Christopher Bedwell
- 10-Mary Ann Docktor-Smith
- 11-James J. Ferrigan 3d

- 12-John M. Hartvigsen
- 13-Deanna Hartvigsen
- 14-Gilbert (Gil) Vegas
- 15-Heinke S. Ka'anoi
- 16-Kevin Harrington
- 17-Joan Merrington
- 18-Kevin J. Murray
- 19-Michael Platoff
- 20-Ellen Baker
- 21-John A. Lowe
- 22-David E. Ott
- 23-Mary Ansoff

- 24-Peter A. Ansoff
- 25-Patrick Ka'anoi
- 26-Kathleen Forrest
- 27-Bobbue Rezutek
- 28-Vanessa Van de Putte
- 29-Kate Cushman
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