

# Past presidents



## Historical References

The Executive Board decided that exofficers would be entitled to display the normal rank flag for the office in question with the red and blue colors reversed. The first such flag was made [by Paramount Flag] for former president Grace Cooper and presented to her during the course of the meeting. The red background and dark blue chevron of the flags of current officers derive from the NAVA flag. The special emblem added (in gold) is in each case an authentic symbol from a traditional culture, appropriate to the officer's duties. Thus the Cheyenne Indian wohehiv, a star symbolizing guidance and hope, suggests presidential responsibilities. . . . The flags, designed by Whitney Smith, were first made in 1977.

**Notes:** In 1999 Harry Oswald had the past presidents flag made, and he consulted with the then-immediate past president Charles Spain, who had streamers made with the names and years of service for each past president. The streamer for Whitney Smith, the founder and first president, is gold, and the subsequent streamers rotate between red, white, and blue.

Oswald and Spain donated a pole-hemmed flag, streamers, and finial, steamer holder, and staff to the Association in 2000, and the flag was first displayed in public at NAVA 34 (East Lansing 2000). Tradition is for the flag to be kept by the immediate past president, although there is discussion about keeping this flag with the rest of the NAVA Flag Collection as this flag is part of the Collection.

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## FLAG SPECIFICATIONS

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### PAST PRESIDENTS

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Year designed: 1987      Designer: Whitney Smith

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Mfg dimensions (inches): Hoist: 36      Fly: 34

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Mfg ratio: 1:1      No fringe      Mfg type: appliqué

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Manufacturer: Elmer's Flag and Banner (Portland, Oregon)      Year mfg: 2003

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The flag photographed above is an outdoor version of the past presidents flag, made at the same time and in the same size as the indoor flag. This outdoor flag was given as a gift by Oswald to Spain. A photograph of the Association's indoor past presidents flag appears in *NAVA News* number 184.

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"I, as I am sure many others are, am personally indebted most directly to Dr. Whitney Smith, Jr. who has done such an unbelievable amount of work in a field he has made known as Vexillology."

[1997] The flag has a dark blue field with a red abstract "77," fimbriated white, incorporated into its design. This figure has several symbolic references. First, one "7" signifies this was the Seventh International Congress of Vexillology. Since this flag was also used for NAVA 11, which was being held in conjunction with the ICV 7, the number "11" is represented by the diagonal white upright section of the "77." The double numeral sevens represent the year of the Congress, 1977. Finally, the figure symbolizes the reason the Congress was held in Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States, to commemorate the bicentennial of the adoption of the national flag by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777. The colors red, white, and blue are found in the flags of the host nation, the United States, and Congress organizer, the North American Vexillological Association.

**Notes:** The flag was originally manufactured in 1975 by Paramount Flag Co. (San Francisco). The 1991 annual meeting minutes state that Lynn Knights indicated "NAVA's Washington conference flag was missing." This assumed that the Congress flag belonged to the Association, instead of belonging to The Flag Research Center, which was also a Congress organizer.

Another flag was manufactured and donated by Bill Spangler of Dettra Flag Co., probably in 1994, after an inventory of the NAVA Flag Collection was conducted by James J. Ferrigan III and Richard A. Kenny at the request of the executive board.

## Whitney Smith *continued from page 37*

Dr. Smith's flag is the badge of the Whitney Smith Fellows. It is 1 1/2 inches square and is pictured below at actual size.



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Whitney Smith+, Ph.D. LF FF WSF FFI FVAST (1967–1977)

John Lyman+, Ph.D. (1977)

The Rt. Rev'd D. Ralph Spence (1977–1978)

The Rev. John R. B. Szala+, M.Ed. (1978–1980)

Robert S. Gauron+ (1980–1981)

John M. Purcell+, Ph.D. FF WSF (1981–1983)

Grace Rogers Cooper+, WSF (1983–1986)

Doreen Braverman (1986–1987)

Woodrow W. Ridgeway+ (1987–1989)

Donald T. Healy (1989–1991)

Scot M. Guenter, Ph.D. LF FF WSF FVAST (1991–1994)

Nicholas A. Artimovich 2d (1994–1996)

Charles A. Spain, Jr., J.D. WSF (1996–1998)

David B. Martucci (1998–2004)

Peter A. Ansoff (2004–2008)

Hugh L. Brady, J.D. FF (2008–2014)

# Past president's streamer



## Historical References

The banquet closed with a new tradition, John Hartvigsen giving an executive-board resolution to [Hugh] Brady authorizing the presentation of a past president's streamer that may be attached to the flagstaff of the past president's personal flag. The streamer was made by Emily Hartvigsen, the wife of Kenneth Hartvigsen.

[Resolution] The Past President's Streamer is presented to Hugh L. Brady in recognition of his outstanding service to the North American Vexillological Association serving as the Sixteenth President of the Association from 2008 to 2014.

NAVA's Past Presidents are authorized to use and display a flag, which reverses the colors of the flag approved for the Association's current president. The Past President's Streamer reproduces the design of the flag as a streamer that may be attached to the flagstaff displaying the Past President's personal flag.

The blue background and red chevron displayed on the Past President's flag and streamer are adapted from the flag of the North American Vexillological Association. The flag and streamer feature the star Cheyenne Indians called "woheiv," which symbolizes hope and guidance. The gold used to depict the symbol is the traditional color of authority.

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### STREAMER SPECIFICATIONS

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#### PAST PRESIDENTS

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Year designed: 2014	Designer: John M. Hartvigsen
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Mfg dimensions (inches): Hoist: 3	Fly: 39.5
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Mfg ratio: 1:13	No fringe	Mfg type: appliqué
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Manufacturer: Emily Hartvigsen	Year originally mfg: 2014
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