

# NAVA NEWS

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### NAVY FLAG AS U.S. COLORS IN 1789

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April 1989 marked the Bicentennial of the Washington Inaugural period, denoting numerous firsts of this new nation.

One of the firsts that no doubt will escape notice is the first actual recognition and acceptance of the Navy Flag as THE colors of the United States by Washington and his new government, then eventually by the nation. Washington previously, in 1779, expressed a preference for a design for the Continental Army other than the Navy or "marine" Flag (which carried the 3-2-3-2-3 star pattern.) Washington's preferred design was never forthcoming.

I find no reference to use of the Stars and Stripes (or stripes with the stars) as a national flag except for naval use 1777 to 1789 and, frankly, the absence of a national flag was not much missed, apparently.

During the Inaugural Week, April 23-30, 1789, contemporary reference is made to the use of the "ensign", an obvious reference to the Navy Flag. Also contemporary art works depict, somewhat hazily, flags with stripes and staggered stars.

I would appreciate comments from flag collectors on this observation, with either supporting or opposing evidence.

The date of the actual inauguration was April 30, 1789. Bicentennial ceremonies in New York City had TV coverage for events on April 29 and 30.

### A NEW CANTON TO OLD GLORY

by Steve Duke  
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Despite the assertions of a former mayor of Alice Springs' the 51st US state will not be that fair city. There are strong rumblings that the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia are the most likely candidates. If this is only partially true, a new canton to Old Glory must be created.

If the change is to 51 then 3 alternate rows of 9 and 8 stars respectively will be the ticket. If the change is to 52 states then perhaps 4 alternate rows of 8 and 5 are needed. Then again, perhaps 7 and 6 stars would be more fitting. Will the new constellation be vertical or horizontal? Given the 45-star flag and President Taft's 1912 flag proclamation the answer would seem to be horizontal.

If President Bush wishes to get statehood for either territory this year then he had better extract the digit! It would be wonderful to

have a new 'old Glory' for this year's Fourth. Puerto Ricans will rightly see this as a recognition of their continuing contribution to the nation's history, culture, and free enterprise system. It would also be a sign of the vitality of America's democratic society. Considering the ongoing Constitutional Bicentennial the new state(s) will be seen as completing the message of independence started by the words: "We, The People . . ."

<sup>1</sup>See "Crux Australis" Vol. 2 #3/9 footnote 6 on P.57.

### NAVA XXIII, DALLAS, TEXAS OCT. 20-22, 1989

by David Pawson

With this copy of the NAVA News, you will be receiving your Hotel Reservation Card and NAVA 23 Registration form. Please take a few moments now to reserve your room and register. Also note that the Hotel Reservation Cards are not fold-over cards. Because you are asked for a credit card number, you may wish to place your card in an envelope before mailing. The Saturday night dinner will feature Chicken Cordon Bleu. If needed, special dietary requirements can be accommodated. Please note this on your card.

When your registration form is received, you will be sent an acknowledgement as well as a Texas State Road Map and a simple metropolitan area map with directions to the hotel to assist you in finding your way if you drive to Dallas or rent a car at one of the airports.

If you fly in and do not wish to rent a car, you will need to take a taxi or the Super Shuttle. Taxis from DFW and Love Field cost about \$25.00 and \$15.00, respectively, while Super Shuttle costs \$12.00 from DFW and \$10.00 from Love Field. The hotel does not provide transportation to and from the airports, although they will drive you to local malls.

While the room rate during the conference will be \$36.00 per night, the Holiday Inn is offering registrants a rate of \$39.00 per night from the Monday before to the Wednesday after the conference. This will allow you the opportunity to consider coming early for the State Fair, or staying afterwards for other purposes. Please keep this higher rate in mind when you are reserving your room.

You are also invited to bring your favorite 3x5' flag for display from your room's balcony. Our initial block of rooms will be poolside above the first floor, and every room will be provided an aluminum pole and bracket so that we may deck out the pool area with a colorful display. For this reason, you are asked not to bring U.S. or Canadian national flags - we want diversity. If you do not actively collect flags, please indicate this on your registration sheet, so that one can be provided for your balcony. We are looking forward to an unforgettable array of distinctive flags.

# NAVA BYLAWS TO BE UPDATED

By Rev. John R.B. Szala

"The time has come," the Walrus said,  
"To talk of many things:  
Of shoes - and ships - and sealing wax -  
Of cabbages - and kings -  
And why the sea is boiling hot -  
And whether pigs have wings."

from: Alice in Wonderland  
by Lewis Carroll

And NAVA's Executive Board has decided that it is time to talk about updating the Association's Bylaws.

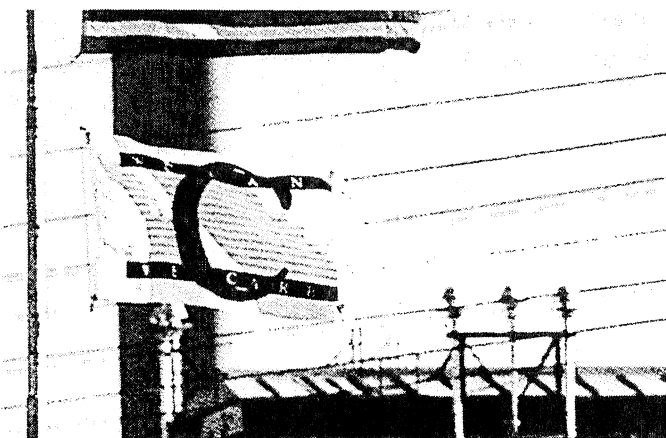
With this in mind, three members have been appointed to the SPECIAL BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Chairman, The Rev. John R.B. Szala, 38 Broad St., Salem, MA 01970; Members, Mrs. Grace Rogers Cooper, and Dr. John Lowe.

NAVA's Bylaws were adopted on the 18th of November in 1967 and have been amended six times since then.

Members are asked to carefully read through the Bylaws and submit any recommendation for change, deletion, or addition to any of the above mentioned members of the Committee.

Those who wish to secure a copy of the present Bylaws can obtain one by sending a self-addressed, legal size envelope, with fifty cents in postage stamps affixed, to the Chairman.

The deadline for any proposals will be August 30th. This will permit the Committee to compile all information received and submit the same to the Executive Board which, in turn, will present the recommended, updated Bylaws to the membership.



C-Flag represents recognition of Texas Utilities Electric employees by President Reagan for outstanding volunteer projects.

SUBMITTED BY BARRY PRITTS

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## 4 x 6 CORNER

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Okay, NAVA members, this time its our arts and crafts class. For those of you willing to do a little work and are pretty careful, you can have some truly rare small flags.

What is required for this "assignment" is a common yellow felt tip marker, known generically as a Highlighter. What we'll be doing is converting white areas on some common 4"x6" flags into yellow, thus producing different flags.

I do not recommend doing this with other colors because the ink will do some bleeding. Only the lightness of the yellow allows us to get away with it at all.

So, with yellow marker in hand we are ready to change the following flags:

- Somalia will become the Belgian Congo
- Iceland turns into the Aland Is.
- Monaco makes Baden (Ger) or Burgenland (Austria)
- Poland becomes Pichincha, Ecuador or Liechtenstein's old royal flag
- Austria becomes Tungurahua, Ecuador
- Denmark becomes Scania, Sweden
- Netherlands makes Roumania of the 1860's

If you use your staple remover and reverse these flags, and then use you trusty Highlighter, you can create Cundinamarca Province, Colombia from Luxembourg.

On another topic, the provinces of the Netherlands are available in Holland in a size almost identical to the 4"x6" size we are used to on this side of the Atlantic. If you, or friends are Europe bound, keep an eye open for them. They are right up to date including the new South Flevoland and the changed South Holland flags. I know of no dealers in the United States or Canada that stock them, sorry.

## SOURCES FOR 4"x6"

by Glenn Nolan  
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For those seeking some rather obscure flags and some city flags, here is a selected list of sources to contact:

### CITY OF ST. LOUIS (\$2.45)

Baldwin Regalia Co., 2904 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63103

### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (\$3.25) (Comes with US flag)

Supply Dept., VFW, 406 W. 34th St., Kansas City, MO 64111

### AUBURN UNIV. & UNIV. OF ALABAMA (\$2.00 ea + postage)

American Flag Co., 221 Oxmoor Blvd., Birmingham, AL 35209

### CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, TX (\$4.40)

Dixie Flag Mfg. Co., 1930 N. Pan Am, San Antonio, TX 78208

### BOY SCOUT & CUB SCOUT (\$3.39 ea.) (with US flag)

Boy Scouts of America, Box 909, Pineville, NC 28134

The flags of some pretty obscure places, Niue, Anguilla, Sark, Montserrat, Faeroe Is., Norfolk Is., are available from FLAG MAKERS, Box 9545, Wellington, New Zealand.

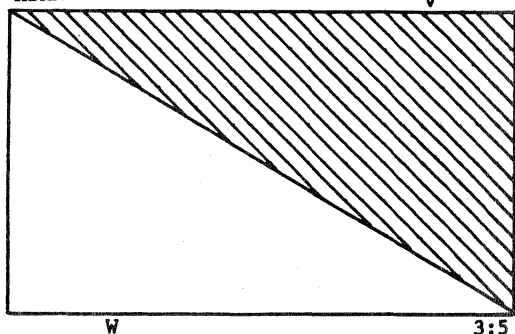
Lastly, I have several flags from Bardstown, KY for collectors if they write. My address is available.

# Personal Flags of NAVA Members

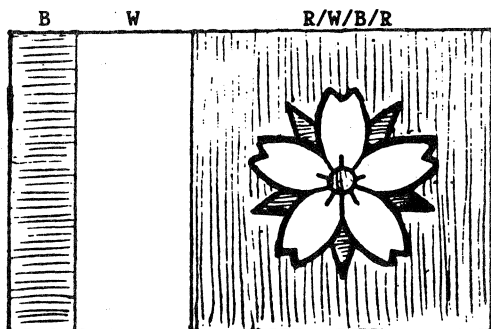
by Ted Kaye  
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In the Jan/Feb Issue we asked for contributions to the NAVA Personal Flag Project and this is the beginning. "Personal flags" should be limited to those whose purpose is to represent the NAVA member or family. Submit black and white line drawings, with a short description, in a quality suitable for photo-copy reproduction. Hatching or FIAY color notation is encouraged. If you don't have a flag then design one.

ADAM STOLFI

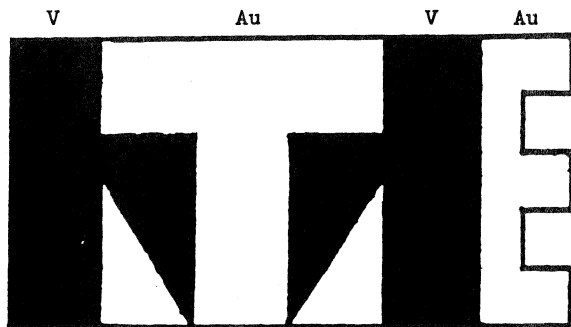


Green (any shade is valid) stands for Youth, Life, and Hope. White stands for purity.



ALBERT S. KIRSCH

The cherry blossom is a cant on the German "kirsch": cherry. The style pays homage to Japanese art. The Golden Mean is represented in the overall proportions and the pentagrams formed by the petals and leaves.



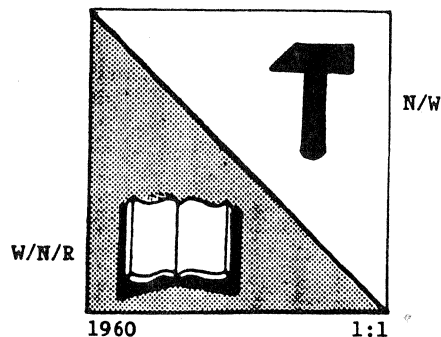
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MIKE TANCEY

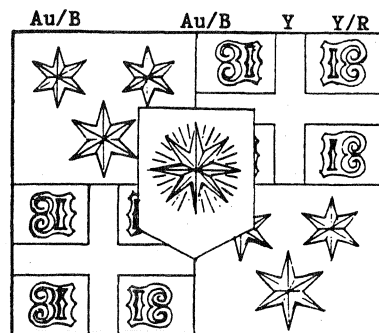
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The "utilitarian" use of initials that is legible on both sides, with a decorative fly-end. Colors are Kelly Green and Gold.

WHITNEY SMITH



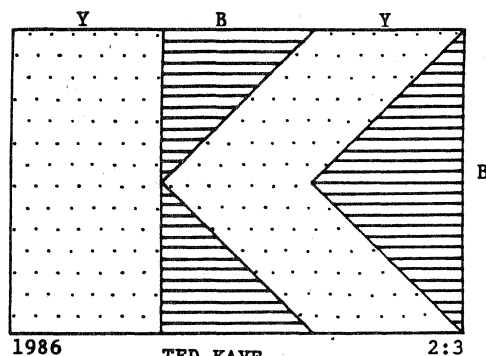
The hammer signified Smith. The book is for reading, writing, and publishing, and for Dr. Smith's alma mater, Harvard (its arms bear three such books on crimson).



GARY CSILLAGHEGYI, KSJ

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FAMILY STANDARD - Marchional title from Transylvania. Stylized "B"s/Betas are otherwise fire-steels within crosses. Families represented: Czillei, Palaiologoi, Csillaghegyi.

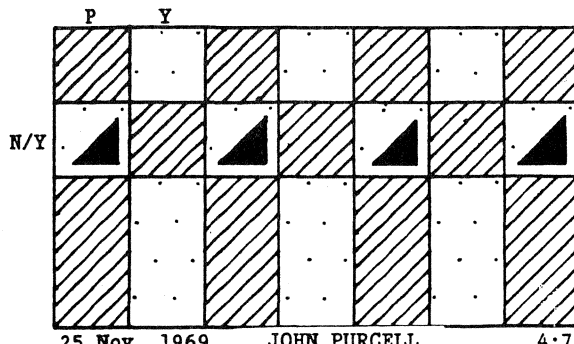


1986

TED KAYE

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A "K" nautical signal flag, with a wedge moved out from the right section, such that the whole forms the letter K. Yellow and Blue also represent Oregon and California (native and adoptive states).



25 Nov. 1969

JOHN PURCELL

4:7

Yellow and Black are from the Purcell arms. Purple is John Purcell's personal color. The vertical stripes are for the 7 letters in Purcell. The triangles symbolize the 4 black boars' heads on the Purcell arms—a warlike representation of the early meaning of "Purcell": "piglet".

# VEXI-Bits . . .

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INTERNATIONAL - BALTIC STATES - The blue, black and white horizontal tricolor of independent Estonia flew recently over the stone tower used to fly the flag of the ruling power's banner. The flag was raised on the 71st anniversary of Estonia's independence from Czarist Russia with Soviet acquiescence (San Francisco Chronicle, 2/25/89 c/o Steve Tyson) . . . . . Lithuanian SSR voted to adopt its former national flag as the new national flag for the republic. The new flag, a horizontal tri-color of yellow over green over red had formerly been used when Lithuania was independent between 1918-1940 (San Diego Union 11/18/88 c/o Don Healy) . . . . . TIBET - China's official media reported one Tibetan Buddhist monk was killed and 13 people were injured when police fired warning shots at 30 Tibetans who marched into the central square waving their banned nationalist flag. (Houston Post 12/13/88 c/o David Ott) . . . . . JERUSALEM - Rabbi Michael Ben-Horin heads a group intending to found a Jewish state of Judea in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to protest Israel's failure to annex the two occupied Arab lands. "We are declaring independence in order to be annexed by the state of Israel," Ben-Horin said. The flag is described as a blue and white flag like Israel's but with a lion and a candelabrum inside its Star of David. No final word on the state's creation yet. (Houston Post 12/27/88 c/o David Ott) . . . . . MELBOURNE - Remember to make your travel plans now for the 13th ICV in Melbourne coming 24-29 September 1989.

MISC - David Montoya, formerly of the Flag Store in San Francisco, reports from his trek through Europe, that Bornholm, the easternmost island of Denmark has a local flag. The flag follows the standard Scandinavian design of green with a red cross . . . . . Glenn Nolan and Bob Coykendal recently found Nicaragua, Albania, Montenegro, Austria (Austria-Hungary), and the Confederate States as "felt flags". . . . .

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NATIONAL - WASHINGTON, D.C. - The inauguration of President George Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle brought out a number of flags making it a very nice vexillological event. David Ott (Tx) notice a Cuban flag, the white-blue-red tricolor of Slovakia, and the Peace Corps flag (the agency symbol on a white field). I noticed the use of the presidential and vice presidential automobile flags, a new flag of the Executive Office of the President (the agency symbol on a dark blue field), the Palestinian flag, banners bearing the inaugural seal, and the state flags of Texas and Indiana. A major faux pas by the float builders—floats bearing the seals of the president and vice president were evident at the head of the inaugural parade except that the vice presidential seal used was the seal from 1944 through 1975. The seal was changed in 1975 to correspond more closely to the presidential seal. Former VP Rockefeller thought the old VP seal looked like a "wounded quail" and had it changed. Letters to the Washington Post and the manufacturer, Hargrove Inc. of Maryland brought no response.

CONFEDERATE FLAG - Montgomery, AL: A federal judge threw out an NAACP lawsuit seeking to remove the Confederate flag atop Alabama's Capitol, ruling that the banner did not violate the constitutional rights of blacks. US District Judge Robert Varner said the NAACP failed to show that the flying of the flag somehow created a form of segregation. (Boston Globe 3/2/89 c/o John Szala) . . . . . Florida - A Gannett News Service telephone hotline poll in Brevard County, FL last April showed 4353 believe Southern pride outweighs the negative connotations some minority groups find in the Stars and Bars waving above certain public buildings while 559 say the flag should be banned. The poll was conducted when NAACP members failed to stop a flag raising to commemorate Confederate Memorial Day at the Manatee County Courthouse. Later, the KKK marched to protest NAACP claims that the flag is a symbol of racism. "Anywhere the NAACP is - the Ku Klux Klan will be," Tony Bastanzio, grand wizard of KKK Klan 87, said. "My concerns are strictly for the White race, including the preservation of the rebel flag." The march, with counter-demonstrations, was peaceful. (Press Journal, Apr/May 88 c/o Bernard J. Couture)

CHICAGO - Scott Tyler's exhibit at the School of the Art Institute here entitled "What is the Proper Way to Display the American Flag?" includes a flag draped on the floor and a ledger for comments. It is necessary, for most, to step on the flag to write in the ledger and it is this aspect of his exhibit that has ignited patriotic protests by veteran's groups but also has raised questions about the right to freedom of expression. The exhibit was closed, reopened, then closed again with the School unable to satisfactorily decide between the question of patriotism and free expression. Under Federal law, trampling, mutilating, defacing or defiling the flag is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in prison or a fine of up to \$1,000. (John Szala, Ted Kaye, John Purcell, Donald Klett, Josh Stenburg thru Mother — Thanks).

WASHINGTON, DC - Rep. Harley O. Staggers Jr has reintroduced the American Flag Fidelity Act (HR 1036), which would ban the importation of foreign-made versions of the US national flag. Recently, a three page letter from the Ming Teh Flag Co. Ltd of Taipei dated 1987 came to light suggesting changing "Made in Taiwan" labels after the flag shipments had cleared customs to labels reading "Made in USA". Federal Trade Commission is looking into the situation and has said "there is no evidence yet that an American flag importer has violated country-of-origin labeling requirements." NOTE: The bill has gone to the Committee on Ways and Means and as of this writing is not scheduled for hearings anytime soon. Write: House Document Room, H 226, US Capitol, Washington, D.C. 20510 with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for copies.

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COPIES OF CERTAIN ARTICLES FREE (with a self-addressed stamped legal envelope) - The flag of Texas is 150 years old as of January 25, 1989. While NAVA News has carried articles describing the Texas flag in detail, an article in the Houston Post Jan 25, 1989 written by Mr. Lynn Ashby provides a specific historic review of this state's flag . . . . . A pamphlet titled "The Story of the Presentation of the State Flags Now Standing in Independence Hall" describes the presentation ceremonies of certain state flags to the refurbished Slate Roof House on High Street in

Philadelphia to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The pamphlet is not dated, but a newspaper clipping dated 1931 was included describing the presentation ceremony of the flag of West Virginia . . . . . States Members of the United Nations listing 159 members and their dates of admissions as of December 1986 . . . . . Senate Report 98-588, Senate Resolution 369, descriptions and line drawing of the Senate Seal, all relating to the new Flag of the Senate. Either write to me for a copy or to US Senate Commission on Art and Antiquities, Room S-411, US Capitol, Washington, DC 20510, Diane K. Skvarla, Associate Curator (202) 224-2955 . . . . . A card highlighting the uses and manufacture of seals prominent in the Middle Ages. The most interesting features is a paragraph highlighting the different classes of seals and their respective colors. A very useful piece for those interested in early seals.

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LASTLY - US Sprint's recent full page advertisement in many newspapers features a 13 star flag (circle of 12 with one centered) with a caption reading "Our Newest Customer is Over 200 Years Old." This refers to their selection by the Federal Government to provide the new federal telephone system. In small type at the top right fly of the flag are the words "Hand-sewn 18th century flag." After calling the advertising agency responsible for the misleading description of the flag I was assured that the flag will no longer bear the inscription. If a member continues to see the inscription please let me know . . . . . W. Graham Bland of Jacksonville, FL recently gave a talk to the Ancient City Chapter, UDC, on "The Flags of Florida". [Editor's Note: NAVA members interested in the "flags of Florida" can purchase a boxed set of the six (in an approx. 4" x 6" size) Spanish, British, French, Confederate, Florida, and U.S.A., with information about each flag, from the DeSota National Memorial, P.O. Box 15390, Bradenton, Florida 34280-5390, for \$5.95 in U.S. currency plus \$.90 for postage and handling. There is an additional 6% tax for Florida requests, but out-of-state requests pay no tax. The DeSota National Memorial is a facility of the U.S. Department of Interior.] . . . . . For those wanting current flags of Australia and the Australian provinces manufactured to correct detail and design in Australia will do well to correspond with Chris Draper at the Australia Design Store, The Shops at National Place, 529 14th St NW, #366, Washington, DC 20045 (202) 393-1180. It's the only Australian store in the States where authentic flags of Australia are sold . . . . . Nick Artimovich is trying to compile lists of member collecting interests so that members more easily correspond their interests amongst themselves. If you wish to be part of this "vexillophil-List" correspond with Nick directly at 6260 Light Point Place, Columbia, MD 21045.

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Thanks to everyone who has provided NAVA News with a most comprehensive of materials from publications and periodicals. Information received for VEXI-Bits has increased dramatically because you are becoming more vigilant. Keep up the terrific work. Regular repeat contributors to VEXI-Bits such as Don Healy, John Szala, David Ott, John Purcell, Steve Tyson, Ted Kaye, and new contributor Bernard J. Couture (so many articles, Bernard, thanks) are my heroes.

LARGEST US FLAGS - Elizabethtown, TN - Quality Products has displayed on the side of its building an 1800 sq. ft. American flag measuring 30 x 60 ft, weighs 55 pds with stars 2 ft and the stripes 37 1/2 inches wide (from James W. Ritchie) . . . . . Mount Rushmore, SD - Unveiled July 2, 1987 (officially unveiled Flag Day 1987 in Boston), this permanent park addition measures 45 x 85 1/2 ft, weighs 300 pounds, takes a 100 ton test rope to fly it, a bar weighing a ton and a half to hold it, and 400 people to fold it. The flag has travelled throughout the US and was recently seen at the presidential inaugural . . . . . Washington-on-the-Brazos, TX - A flagpole 13 stories high (conceivably the world's tallest) is being contemplated on the spot where Texas' independence was declared from Mexico in 1836. The flagpole would fly a Texas state flag 1/8th the size of a football field (19 x 45 ft ?).

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NEWS FLAGS - University of Mississippi has unveiled a new "ceremonial" flag for the first time in 130 years. The new flag has a white field with a red script Ole Miss capped with a stair-stepped lines and a triangular roof to represent the Lyceum, the oldest building on the campus. The flag is "at least, a 22 x 40 yard (264 x 480 ft) 300 pound version." The Confederate flag, a more traditional flag at University events, sanctioned by the university ended in the fall of 1983 . . . . . MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) has a flag but the newspaper photograph by the AP doesn't reproduce well enough to describe its colors. The overall design are the symbols of a martini glass crossed by a car key inside the international symbol for NO in the middle hoist with the acronym MADD centered vertically toward the fly . . . . . The Christian Boaters Association headquartered in Florida has begun issuing its new flag to members. The flag is royal blue (representing the Lord), with 3 horizontal red stripes with top and bottom stripes equally centered from the center stripe (3 representing the 3 days in the tomb between crucifixion and resurrection and stripes representative of the Biblical quote "by his stripes we are healed"), a white Christian-style fish centered with a red Christian cross as a badge. For information, write Mr. Jeff Rooks, P.O. Box 061021, Palm Bay, FL 32906.

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PUBLICATIONS - The Flag Bulletin XXVII:6/129 describes the new flags of the State of Sarawak, the Republic of Afghanistan, and the United States Senate along with the Index to vol. XXVII . . . . . FLAGSCAN (vol III, No. 4 Issue 12) features Flags of South-Western Ontario (Adelaide Township, Tecumseh, Six Nation Indians, Brantford, Kitchener-Waterloo), the art and science of heraldic charges, a vexillological bibliography (vexilligraphy?) of articles and publications recently uncovered, and CFA news. The color cover of town flags was nicely received. Canadian Flag Association, 355 Church St, Toronto, ON, Canada M5B 1Z8 . . . . . FLAGMASTER 060 Summer 1980 features a terrific historical breakdown of those ever confusing Baltic State flags by country. Questions on the Scottish saltire and early flags of Bhutan are answered, flags of the provinces of Ecuador are detailed, new flags of Sarawak, Sabah, Nevis, Christmas Island and the Sultanate of Oman Land Forces are featured. A Supplement featuring the "Bidston Hill Signals: The Theoretical Origin of House Flags" by William Crampton makes interesting historical reading. Flag Institute, 10 Vicarage Road, Chester, CH23HZ, England.

# SYMBOLS OF THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX NATION

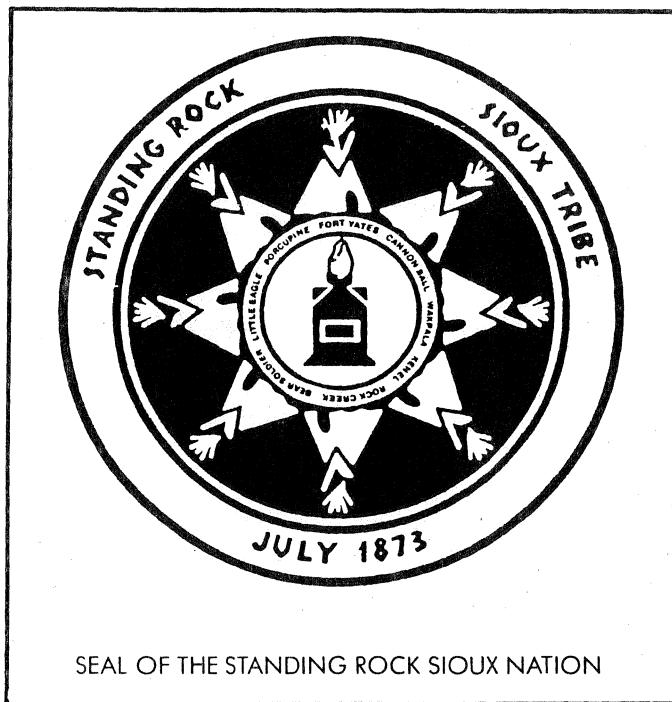
by Don Healy

The Standing Rock Reservation is one of eight Sioux reservations spreading from northern Nebraska thru to North Dakota. Centered around Fort Yates, ND, the Standing Rock Reservation is one of the northernmost points in the land of the Sioux.

The reservations was created in 1873 out of land set aside under the Treaty of 1868 as the Great Sioux Reservation. Currently, the reservation is composed of 2,275,000 acres, 850,000 of which are under federal and tribal jurisdiction. The boundaries of Standing Rock are the Cannonball River to the north, the Missouri river to the east and the Cheyenne Sioux Reservation to the south.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe consists primarily of members from the Yanktonai and Hunkpaba bands of the Teton Sioux.

The main industry of the reservation is cattle ranching, but the tribe is diversifying its economic base to overcome the burden of high unemployment that reaches up to 80% during winter months.



SEAL OF THE STANDING ROCK SIOUX NATION

The seal of the Standing Rock Sioux contains the circle of eight tepees similar to the well known flag of the Oglala Sioux (see Whitney Smith's "Flag Book of the United States"), but for the Standing Rock Sioux, the tepees represent the eight districts of the reservation. Those districts are the Fort Yates district, Cannon Ball, Wakpala, Kenel, Little Eagle, McLaughlin, Bull Head and Porcupine.

Centered within the ring of tepees is a representation of the Standing Rock Monument. The Standing Rock, according to legend, is the body of an Arikara woman, wife of a Dakota, or Sioux, warrior, and her child that had turned to stone. The stone woman was considered holy (wakan) to the Sioux and it was transported with the tribe whenever they moved. The Rock was carried by means of a lavishly decorated travois pulled by an equally adorned horse. When the Sioux finally settled on the current reservation, Standing Rock was placed upon a brick pedestal outside the reservation agency office.

The flag of the Standing Rock Sioux is medium blue. Centered on this flag is the tribal seal.

When used on the flag, the outer ring is white, bordered by two narrow red bands. The tribe's name and the reservation's founding date appear in red letters. Working inward, there is next, a wide red band, its outer edge fimbriated in white.

On this red band are eight white tepees. Although the eight tepees are also found on the flag of the Oglala Sioux, these tepees are much less stylized in their interpretation.

Inside the circle of tepees is a narrow yellow band, edged in red. On this band is the name of the eight districts of the reservation in red letters.

At the very center is a yellow disk, bearing, in red, the Standing Rock Monument. The rock itself, is white.

Only one copy of this flag exists. The Standing Rock Sioux had it manufactured in Pierre, SD at a cost of more than \$500. The flag is on display in the outer office of the Tribal Headquarters in Fort Yates, ND.

Thanks are offered to Chairman Charles Murphy of the Standing Rock Sioux for his kind assistance in preparation of this article.

## FLAG SOFTWARE NOW AVAILABLE

by Ted Kaye

Flags have entered a new medium. DiskArt, a California software publisher, has begun offering computer diskettes storing hundreds of flag images.

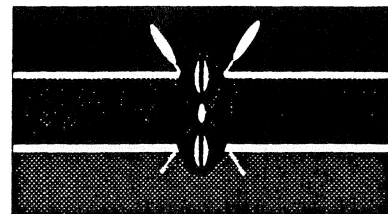
It's known as "clip-art" to desk-top publishers and personal computer users. Anyone needing high-quality graphics of flags can simply call the images up on a screen and reproduce them in electronic or printed form. No more cutting and pasting!

DiskArt's wizardry was seen by the millions watching the 1988 Olympics. Remember those colorful flags appearing on TV screens along with country names and statistics? DiskArt supplied Turner Broadcasting with the electronic artwork. Ad agencies, corporate communications departments, and magazines and newspapers also use the software.

The flags are part of a product line which supplies "Information Graphics for the Information Age". *Flags of the United States & Territories* and *Flags of the World 1988* were developed with materials provided by Dr. Whitney Smith of the Flag Research Center. They cost \$125 each, but are easily worth the price to busy and exacting professional graphics departments.

Many of the flag images now seen in the popular press are DiskArt's. Users include USA Today and the New York Times. Thousands of Macintosh fans saw the DiskArt exhibit at January's MacWorld trade show in San Francisco, and owner J. Warren McGuffin expects continued growth in demand.

DiskArt offers a sample diskette (available for \$5 from DiskArt, Box 354, San Ramon, CA 94583) showing its line of computer-generated images. Computer-compatible vexillologists will be impressed by the color quality and astonishing detail, as well as by the constant efforts to keep the flag designs up-to-date. And all of us should be grateful for DiskArt's commitment to accuracy-in color, design, proportion, and timeliness. The public's perception of flags will be better for it.



FLAG OF KENYA



# LETTERS . . .

February 2, 1989

Dear Editor:

Being retired now, I am selling, as a small dealer, American Flags and I would like some enlightening information regarding our American Flag sizes.

This company I have been buying from is a long established flag manufacturer, but their flags are short of the advertised size.

Their 3'x5' flags are 2'9" in height, their 4'x6' American flags are 3'9" in height and their 5'x8' flags are also short of the advertised size.

Is there a rule or regulation stating that the flags must be as specified? Is 3'x5' standard size for all American flags, and the rest of the sizes as above? I presume all their other larger size flags are all off on height as well.

I don't know whether they are doing this to save fabric or what, but I wrote them a letter stating for over a year and better these flags are short, they said they are allowed a 3-inch variance. I can't believe that! I think they are pulling the wool over the buying public on this 3-inch shortage, just think of the fabric and money they save. Who would ever think of measuring an American flag, well I did and discovered all of this by accident.

I put American flags up on poles with eye hooks and bolt the flag to the pole to prevent all the theft around here, so last year when I drilled the holes for the flags, I presume they were all the right size, till this year and last 7 months when I went to replace the flags, they were all short to hook on and I had to use wire to make up the 3 inch difference, then I started to measure the flags and that was the trouble.

Would you send me information on what size the flags should be and if this is the rule manufacturers go by. I am not going to buy flags from this company anymore, the other flag companies flags are all as specified . . . not 3 inches short.

Thanks for any information and rules and regulations accorded our American flag much appreciated.

Yours for America,  
Steve Conkovich  
2802 Dogwood Drive  
Granite City, IL 62040

*Editor's Note: Would one of our Manufacturer Members please write to Steve in answer to the questions he has raised about regulations and accuracy of flag sizes. Please send me a copy of the reply and I will include it in the next Issue of NAVA News.*

Grace:

Does British Columbia have a new flag? No, but the Social Credit Goat of our Province prefer their marketing logo to the BC flag. Cheeky!

Doreen Braverman

*Editor's Note: This is not the U.S.A. flag either.*



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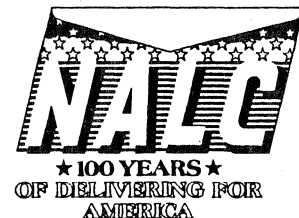
Dear Grace,

The two new Australian members were brought in by Elaine Peters, a great recruiter from Down/Under.

Gus Tracchia, Treasurer

# NEW MEMBERS

NAME	ADDRESS	INTEREST IN FLAGS
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Michael Marino (Associate)	965 Matunuck Beach Rd. Matunuck, RI 02879-7022	Designed the Flag of RI Sierra Group Club
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T.A. O'Donnell (Active)	3150 Third St. San Francisco, CA 94124	
Thomas G. Poelker (Active)	7237 Princeton St. Louis, MO 63130-3028	Terminology and Design
Paul Rich (Foreign)	Box 1300, Doha, Qatar (Arabic Gulf)	Arabic Gulf, Masonic Flags
Daniel A. Schorr (Active)	258 Eutaw Dr. Waldorf, MD 20603	18th century military colors, particularly: Scand., Saxons, Russ.
Ronald C. Strachan (Foreign)	192 Whitehorse Rd. Blackburn, Victoria 3130 Australia	
Eugene T. Tomczak (Active)	1531 S. Fairplay Way Aurora, CO 80012-5724	Flag dealer. History of flags.
Ken Ward (Foreign)	1 Fischer St. Torquay, Victoria 3228 Australia	
Lawrence D. Williams (Active)	2823 Knight Robin Dr. San Antonio, TX 78209	The Flags of TX, writing a biography of TX flags.



Flag of the National Association of Letter Carriers  
SUBMITTED BY LYNN KNIGHTS

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Jim Croft's Series on Civic Flags will continue in the July/August NAVA News with the flag of Gloucester, Ontario, Canada.

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The new Collector's Corner by Nick Artimovich, II, "Obsolete Flags of the World", will begin in the July/August Issue.

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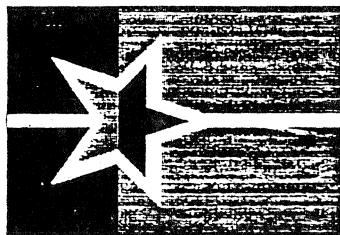
## EDITOR'S NOTES:

Are you making your plans to attend NAVA XXIII in Dallas, Oct. 20-22, 1989? Have you outlined your presentation and listed your equipment requirements? The call for papers will be coming very soon. If you can't decide on a topic, you may be overlooking some flag history in your own locale that is little known to those outside the area. The flag that you decide to bring to hang from your motel balcony window may offer good material for a short talk if not a full thirty-minute presentation. We hope this will be one of the best attended annual meetings NAVA has ever had. Will you be there?

Once again I would like to encourage each and every member to submit a manuscript for publication in NAVA News. The copy deadline is one month before the Bimonthly date of the issue, e.g. deadline for the July/August Issue is June 1. The Ms can be as short as one typed page or as long as five or six typed pages; double space, please, and 60 picas to the line. Line drawing illustrations do not add to the printing cost. We are trying for an early publication date for the Sept/Oct Issue as a number of members will be traveling to Australia in September. Deadline for that Issue is set for July 1. We would also be interested in hearing about local activities related to vexillology.

WITH SINCERE REGRETS . . . We report the sudden death of Devrard Warner, March 10, 1989, from a heart attack. Dev served as editor of the NAVA News 1986-1987. Our sympathies are extended to his wife, Daphne Warner, 732 Greenoch Court, Oshawa, Ontario, L1J 4H4 Canada.

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