FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .  

DON HEALY

Recently vexillologists from all corners of the world assembled in Barcelona, capital of Catalonia and one of Spain's greatest cities. Every two years an International Congress of Vexillology is held somewhere on our ever shrinking planet.

For those of you that have never attended a Congress, you are missing a true vexillological treat. It is a chance to meet the authors of the books we devour, the editors of the various newsletters and flag magazines and put faces with the names we all recognize.

Even if you could not make the Congress, several NAVA members were there and if you come to NAVA 25 in Minneapolis this October you will get to hear all about it.

NAVA 25 will kick off our celebration of our silver anniversary year, celebrating a quarter century of vexillological study and fun as the oldest and largest of the vexillological associations on earth.

Now is the time to set aside America's Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving weekend for a trip to the very center of the continent. Minneapolis is the hub for Northwest Airlines, so airfares should be reasonable; but as frequent fliers know - you must book your flights early for the best prices.

And what can we see in the area when we get there? Well, I want to check out the Minnesota state collection of historic military flags. Included in the collection are the Civil War standards of some of the units that suffered the worse losses of any of the battle of Gettysburg.

I intend to rent a car while there, since just west of Minnesota lie the Dakotas, home of Mt. Rushmore, the Black Hills, the Badlands and the Sioux or Lakota people (and maybe a few more Indian tribal flags?). To the south lies Iowas and its riverboat gambling towns which recapture a bygone era of "Showboat".

Now is the time to make that commitment - "This year I am going to attend a NAVA meeting". I assure you, you will be pleasantly rewarded.

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CITY OF AUSTIN SEAL

by Charles A. Spain, Jr.

A federal district judge in Austin, Texas has held that the City of Austin's seal does not violate the first amendment to the Constitution, which both prohibits an establishment of religion by the government and forbids laws that prohibit the free exercise of religion. The city seal contains a Latin cross, a pair of wings, a lamp, and a silhouette of the state capital. The lawsuit was brought by Jon G. Murray and the Society of Separationists, a group associated with American Atheists.

The court found that the cross and wings in the city seal and flag came from the court of arms of Stephen F. Austin, the "Father of Texas". The cross was originally used to indicate that an ancestor of Austin had participated in a crusade, and the wings were designed to represent St. Austin, also known as St. Augustine, Archbishop of Canterbury, who converted Wales to Christianity.

Relying on prior rulings of the United States Supreme Court, the court found that the seal had the secular purpose of recognizing the coat of arms of Stephen F. Austin in the adoption of the seal and the seal was not intended to endorse or advance Christianity. Finally, the court found that the plaintiffs had not demonstrated any evidence of the seal's alleged coercive effect on them, or any other burden or interference with their religious beliefs or nonbeliefs due to the city's use of the cross along with the motto, "God Reigns".

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER
“N is for Norway”
“O is for Oman”

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This series of Collector's Corner articles covering changes in the national flags of the world began with "A is for Afghanistan" in the July/August 1989 issue of NAVA News. Like its predecessors, "N is for Norway - O is for Oman", the tenth in this series, covers major changes to flags of countries that are now members of the United Nations plus others whose independent status has been variable over the last century or so. My intent is to indicate the span of years that a particular international usage as follows:

R-red; Y-yellow; B-blue; V-green; N-black; W-white; O-orange; P-purple (only to be found on flags of the Spanish Civil War of the 1930's)

Norway pre-1898 with "Union Mark"; Royal Arms of Sweden imposed.

The numbers following some of the flags listed are the sizes of the vintage flags I have in my own collection of obsolete flags of the world. I am eager to correspond with other flag collectors worldwide. In my search for vintage flags I come across many which are duplicates to those in my collection and I would like to make them available in trade for other flags or related material.

NAMIBIA
pre-1990 Horizontal stripes of B-R-V. (Flag of SWAPO party in the struggle for independence). (4'x6')
1990-date Diagonally divided flag. Upper hoist is B with Y 12-rayed sun. Lower fly is V. Diagonal stripe is R fimbriated W.

NAURU
1968-date B+ field with narrow Y horizontal stripe through center. W 12-pointed star offset towards hoist located below central stripe.

NEPAL
pre-1962 Double pennant. Fields are R bordered in B. W moon symbol in upper pennant, W sun symbol in lower pennant. Sun and Moon faces have eyes, nose, mouth details. (2'x3', 30"x42")
1962-date Face details deleted from sun and moon symbols.

NETHERLANDS
16th C-date Horizontal tricolor of R-W-B. (Top stripe had been O prior to mid 16th century.)

NEW ZEALAND
1902-date National flag is U.K. "Blue Ensign" with four R stars, fimbriated W, in the fly.

NICARAGUA
pre-1908 Horizontal striped B-W-R-W-B. (2'x3')
1908-date Horizontal striped B-W-B. State flag has arms in center.

1959-date Horizontal striped O-W-V with O disk in center of W stripe.

1960-date Vertical striped V-W-V.

NIGER
pre-1898 R field with offset B cross fimbriated W. In upper hoist corner the "Union Mark" indicating Swedish sovereignty. Union Mark was a diagonal arrangement of the colors of the two flags: B, Y, R, W, B. (See illustration of a U.S. made version with the Royal Arms painted in the center. To be a correct Royal Standard, the fly of this flag should be cut into three pennant-tails. (3' x 5', 2' x 3')
1898-date R field with offset B cross fimbriated W. (The Union Mark was removed for international use in 1898 and the union between the two countries was ended in 1905).

OMAN
pre-1970 R (3' x 5')
1970-1985 One third of the field, that nearest the hoist, is R. The fly is divided horizontally: a broad W stripe above, a broad V stripe below, separated by a narrow R stripe. The state emblem in W is in the upper hoist.
1985-date An artistic change to the flag provided for details of the state emblem on the flag to be W on R, the emblem then being fimbriated W.

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ORIGIN OF THE FLAG OF LISBON

by Gus Tracchia

The flag of the City of Lisbon, Portugal, takes its colors from the city's coat of arms which represents a ship with white sails and two black crows on the ship.

The origins of the rather curious elements go back to the 12th century during the wars against the Moors and represents the ship that brought back to Lisbon the remains of St. Vincent, martyr, who was buried secretly by Christian knights on the Cape of Sagres (today called Cape of St. Vincent), in the province of the Algarve. (see map)

MAP OF THE PROVINCE OF ALGARVE, PORTUGAL

Twenty-six years after St. Vincent's death it was decided to appeal to King Alfonso Henriques to bring back the remains of the saint. It has been said that where the saint was buried it was always guarded by crows, and because of that, the site could easily be identified. The crows followed the ship carrying the remains of the saint all the way back to Lisbon, arriving on September 26 of 1176.

The first seal representing a ship with the crows was in 1271 used by the Council of Lisbon. On September 28th, 1920, the Council of Senators of the City of Lisbon, appointed a committee to study and regulate the seal and the flag, its origins, and proper design and usage.

COAT OF ARMS

The first document that legalized the usage of the seal as a coat of arms of the city was dated 31st of March 1897. This document, with some heraldic mistakes and discrepancies over the type of ship and the number of crows, mentioned the uninterrupted usage of the seal since King Pedro I (1357-67), and even goes back in documenting the use of the seal not only by the city officials but also by kings such as Alfonso III in 1285, and Emmanuel I in 1505.

The flag is a gyronny of eight, black and white. The black represents the ship and the crows, and the white the sails. The flag's usage can be traced to the military campaign to Africa and the capture of Ceuta in 1430. Ceuta, which today is part of Spain, still uses the same flag but without the shield. The flag was also used during that period as an ensign, and on land alongside other military flags. Today it is used only as the city flag of Lisbon.

The appointed body of 1920 passed a resolution about the definite representation of the coat of arms with respect to the flag, differentiating between the city's flag and the Municipal banner which is the flag with the coat of arms at its center. The Portuguese system of differentiating the status of each city should be explained. All of the city flags are based on a gyronny design. The colors are taken from the city's coat of arms. The number of partitions of the field are as follows: the capital city of the kingdom is a gyronny of eight, as we saw in the case of Lisbon. The coat of arms has a mural crown of gold with five towers. The head city of a province is a gyronny also, but the mural crown of the shield is of silver with five towers. Finally a township or village, head of a municipality or county, has a flag quarterly divided, and the mural crown is of silver with four towers.

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4" x 6" CORNER

by Don Healy

Regular contributor, Glenn Nolan, has written to say that he has a supply of extra 4"x6" flags that he is willing to trade with other members, or sell to them at his cost. He also has a supply of flag staffs for 4"x6" that he will give anyone asking for them if they pay postage.

Here is a list of his extras:

- Toledo, OH
- Paducah, KY
- Cincinnati, OH
- Charlotte, NC
- Frederic, MD
- Ft. Wayne, IN
- Concord, NH
- Bardstown, KY
- Hagerstown, MD
- Indianapolis 500 Race

You can write Glenn at 11111 Flora Road, Harrison, Ohio 45030.

Two other flags have appeared lately, Kingsport, Tennessee and the Farmer's Insurance Group. Unfortunately, I have no source for these two, so you will just have to hunt for them.

One last item, NAVA member, Glenn Compton, makes his own 4"x6" flags by cutting linen into the appropriate size and painting them. He has several spare, including several Nazi Germany flags. You may wish to write to him (see your latest membership list for his address) if you would like to purchase some of his extras.

This installment will introduce you to another source for small table flags, not 4"x6" but 3"x6". These flags are made by Zephyr Flag of Great Britain, a frequent advertiser in The Flag Bulletin, and are made of a stiff nylon material with the design painted on a white material. That means that a flag such as Guinea, would be completely painted.

The most notable characteristic of Zephyr flags is their behavior when placed on small flag poles. The flags stand out just like the flag planted on the moon, they do not drape as nicely as their US and Canadian cousins. They do, however, come in a wide variety of designs, many of which are found in no other way.

A sampling of Zephyr flags includes:

- England, Banner of Arms
- Scotland, Banner of Arms
- Abu Dhabi
- All Australian states
- including Northern Territory
- Old Jersey (our Alabama)

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A PERSONAL FLAG?
by James B. Lipinski

Within NAVA, as demonstrated by recent NAVA News items, it appears desirable to have a 'personal' flag. When one has made the decision to create such a flag, how does one or how should one proceed? There are almost as many approaches available as there are members to utilize them. Whatever method, it appears a series of decisions is required to reach the production point. From personal experiences, here is one method. 

Probably the first decision is: Is my design to be only for present, temporary use, or do I intend it to last into future generations? This is perhaps the most important decision affecting the design. 

A temporary personal flag can include all the elements of the designer's existence: family history, vocation, avocation, desires, whims. One can be as wild as desired, with the sky the limit. 

Conversely, if the flag is intended to serve not only the designer but future generations as well, it may be highly desirable to limit the design to that which would be meaningful and, most of all, applicable to future members of the family.

In my instance, for example, my early-on decision was for a permanent design; one that could be passed on to my son and his son, etc. My first thoughts were to feature some icon of a military nature, since family members participated in the Battle of Hastings, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Civil War; I, in World War II, and as a professional soldier; and my son, who was in service during the Viet Nam conflict. However, I thought about those who would follow who might abhor the military and military service. For those, I discarded the military sign and eliminated it from consideration.

What other factors could I consider as appropriate? Again, family ethnic history, vocation, avocation, whims, etc. Vocation has been and would be inconsistent among generations (witness the three living generations: myself - soldier; son - data base manager; grandson -probable teacher), so that consideration fell by the wayside.


Whims: Display my love for pets by depicting dogs, cats and birds in the design? I know my son loves them also, but what about later generations? Son is a 'weather buff.' Should I incorporate that? Mrs. Lipinski loves Hawaii with a passion. Include that? The considerations become endless - and readily subject to discard.

Seems little left that I care to consider - mostly ethnic family history. How can that best be represented? Flags. Why not the flag colors of the ethnic areas constituting the history: the USA, first (or lost), of course; Poland, for obvious reasons (my father and my wife from there); France, from whence came the earliest ancestors on mother's side; England, where the French ancestors came with William the Conqueror, and remained for generations before coming to America.

Fine, except there is an awful lot of red, white and blue there. How does one differentiate? Have to limit something. Let's take the two most prominent family traits: USA and Poland. That gives us red, white and blue over red. A starting point.

From there, my "assistant" (my wife) and I went through some twenty-five or thirty 3 x 5 inch designs: horizontal stripes; vertical stripes; quartering, swirls and bias; and any number of combinations thereof. At this point, price considerations came into play to compete with the aesthetic approaches we envisioned. For example, bias cut is much more expensive than stripes. Finally, we decided that five simple horizontal stripes for the USA and Poland would be most appropriate; the aforesaid red, white, blue, white, red. So we drew that up in a larger version, not yet lifesize. Something was wrong - the design was flat. My assistant suggests that the center stripe of blue should be much wider than the others. We redrew the design. 

Jackpot! Now, what about personalization? The letter "L," of course. Drew that up, placing it at various points on the stripes. It soon became obvious that the overlay should appear on the blue stripe. Settle on that. But is looked lost there. Needed to be against a dedicated background. Try some light blue around it, to differentiate from the dark blue stripe. Bingo again! Exactly what shade of blue? Ancestors from Normandy - French blue, of course. Add a gold border, gratis.

Ah, but what type style for the L? Ancestors from England. Old English type would be most recognizable as unique. White, to contrast with the French Blue.

Now, near life size. Looks fine. Start on specifications to have it manufactured. Get out my book of flag catalogs for formats and terminology. Wait a moment; what is that? "Members of the United Nations." But there is our basic design - Thailand. Identical! Now all we have to do is add the letter plaque. (This is a true sequence of events!)

So we ordered the Thailand flag, drew the plaque lifesize for positioning, off-center near the fly, and found that we had exactly what we wanted. Off to the flag seamstress to have the plaque cut and sewn and appliqued.

The finished product: red, white and blue stripes for the USA where, thank God, we live; white over red for our Polish ancestors; an Old English L for English ancestors; on French blue for French ancestors. And we always hope that perhaps someday, the family will be surrounded by gold! Someday!

LIPINSKI PERSONAL FLAG

Now we have a flag that serves not only our purposes quite well, but can be handed down to future generations whom we hope will be as endeared to it as we are.

Is a personal flag desirable? Definitely! Any may you be so fortunate as we to select a design that affords such exact and complete satisfaction at a stock reduced cost!

THE NAVA SHOPPER

Quantities shown are as of January 1, 1991. Write to the treasurer, David Pawson.

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THE FLAG OF THE ARCHIPELAGO OF MADEIRA

by Gus Tracchia

The archipelago of Madeira became an autonomous province in 1976. The design of the flag of Madeira is similar to the flag used by the Political Association of the Madeira Archipelago, which was described in The Flag Bulletin, No. XVI, 5. Figure 1. However, the present flag instead of the quinas has the Cross of Christ (Figure 2) at the center.

![Fig. 1](image1)

![Fig. 2](image2)

This cross, which is really two crosses, a narrow white cross over a red cross with flanged ends, is a very old symbol of the Portuguese nation. The Cross of Christ has been used in flags since the reign of John I (1358-1433) in the military and naval campaigns to Africa, and later into Asia and America. The military order of the Cross of Christ was created by King Deniz (1297-1325) from the ashes of the Templars, and approved by Pope John XXII in 1320. It was continuously used during the reign of Edward I (1430-1438) through John II (1481-1559).

During the reign of Emmanuel I (1495-1521) the cross of the Order of the Cross of Christ was added to the royal flag which was a white field with the royal coat of arms superimposed on the Cross of Christ. (Figure 3) John III, son of Emmanuel removed the cross from the royal flag but kept its use in other flags of a secondary nature. Not only was the Cross of Christ used in flags and royal banners, but it also appears on the shields of the ships, especially during the 15th and 16th centuries on the trips of discovery. Vasco de Gama, Alfonso de Albuquerque, Alvarez Cabrol and other famous Portuguese navigators used the cross extensively wherever they sailed.

We see the Cross of Christ again in 1640 as a revolutionary flag when John IV, Duke of Braganza, as commander of the Portuguese forces, was called by his countrymen to become their king and break the ties of Portugal with the Hapsburg dynasty. This time the cross was on a green flag and the stem of the cross was larger than the other three arms. It looked more like a Latin cross.

When Brazil became a separate entity from Portugal its King Pedro I, (later Pedro IV of Portugal in 1826) by royal decree of September 18, 1822, adopted the Cross of Christ as one of the symbols to be represented in the Brazilian royal coat of arms. The same decree adopted a flag for the new state, which is charged at its center with the full coat of arms, thus the Cross of Christ appeared also in the Brazilian imperial flag.

The island of Madeira since discovered in 1420, became a stop for every ship bound to the New World, and the Cross of Christ either in the sail of the ships and/or in the flags, may have been a familiar sight to the inhabitants of the island. Today we see it on their own flag as a symbol of continuity of the Lusitianian nation. (Figure 4) The three vertical stripes are of blue, yellow and blue. The blue represents the ocean and the yellow symbolizes gold.

DATA BASE

Items that have rocketed into outer space on U.S. space shuttles:

- 71,651—American flags
- 25,113—NASA flags
- 1,838—Kansas state flags
- 150—California state flags
- 47—Washington state flags
- 35—Oregon state flags
- 114—American Society of Mechanical Engineers flags
- 1—University of Texas jersey
- 3—hockey pucks
- 1—piece of the Wright Brothers' original airplane
- 1—school letter from Pullman High School, Pullman, WA
- 1—copy of Ebony Magazine
- 1—pair of socks worn by Ezra Cornell, from Cornell Univ.


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INVITATION TO FORM A NEW CHAPTER

NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA

Any NAVA member in New York or the Tri-state Area please get in touch with Gus Tracchia about attending an organizational meeting with the purpose of forming a Chapter. Tentative plans are to have a meeting in late July or early August. No date or site has been chosen, so please submit your ideas and suggestions to: GUS TRACCHIA, 82-67 Austin Street, #205, Kew Gardens, New York 11415. Telephone: (718) 947-2616.
NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER OF NAVA

The fifth meeting of the New England Chapter of the North American Vexillological Association was held on Sunday, November 18, 1990 at the First Church of Salem in Salem, Massachusetts. Hosted by Reverend John Szalo, the meeting was attended by Pam Anderson, Whitley Smith, Lynn Knights and Jim Croft.

The meeting began at 2:15 p.m. The secretary, Jim Croft, read the past meetings' minutes and they were passed unanimously. A discussion ensued about the sites of the next two NAVA meetings. Members suggested a letter be drafted to President Don Healy requesting clarification as to the exact sites and dates of these meetings. In addition, several members were also curious as to the source of Dorothy Claybourne's nomination to honorary membership in NAVA and the reasons why she should be nominated to this position. It was suggested these questions be posed to Don Healy in the same letter. A vote was taken and passed unanimously that the above two issues be presented in writing to the president.

Lynn Knights next gave a presentation on Portland, Maine as a proposed site for NAVA 27, which the New England chapter is to host. Lynn mentioned how this beautiful New England coastal city would be an ideal site for the NAVA 27 meeting. Maine's largest city has an international airport, it also contains the Maine Historical Society building, which houses a flag collection with its main emphasis on signal flags. The city is also close to L.L. Bean, a national clothing distributor, which would make a nice side trip for spouses who would like to shop during the conference or thereafter. Lynn stated the Holiday Inn offered NAVA a very reasonable room rate of approximately $105.00 per room which included in the price a meeting room for NAVA. Considering early October is the height of the foliage season in New England, this is an excellent rate. The members voted unanimously in favor of Portland, Maine as the site for NAVA 27.

The sixth meeting, the first of 1991, of the New England Chapter of the North American Vexillological Association was held on March 23rd, 1991 at the First Church in Salem, Massachusetts. Hosted by Reverend John Szalo, the following members attended: Pam Anderson, Whitley Smith, Lynn Knights and Jim Croft.

The meeting began at 1:30 p.m. Whitney volunteered to hold the next chapter meeting on Tuesday, May 7th, at 11 a.m. at the Flag Research Center. He stated it would be appropriate if the chapter could hold its meeting at this time, as Ralph Bartlett, a prominent member of the Australian Vexillological Society, will be visiting him. The members agreed to this, as it would offer us the opportunity to learn of the latest news and developments in vexillology from Australia and the Pacific region.

Lynn next suggested the autumn chapter meeting be held at the Holiday Inn in Portland, Maine, site of NAVA 27 in 1993. He suggested the meeting be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 26th, 1991. The members agreed to this location and time for this meeting. Lynn then reviewed correspondence with the Holiday Inn and how the approximate rate of $105 per room was a very competitive rate and how this hotel should satisfy NAVA needs.

Jim followed Lynn by reading the last meeting's minutes and the members passed them unanimously. Jim next read three letters he had directed to write by the membership at the previous meeting. One was to Joe Staub inquiring if he would like to hold a chapter meeting in Hartford, Connecticut. The second letter was to Grace Cooper and requested her to print in NAVA News the dates, sites, and addresses of the sponsors of NAVA 25, 26, and 27. It also informed her the chapter members chose Portland, Maine as site for NAVA 27. The final letter was to Don Healy to inform him of the NAVA 27 location and to request him to inform our chapter members of the sites and dates for NAVA 25 and 26. Jim also read Don's reply to this letter in which he stated Minneapolis was the site for NAVA 25 and the city for NAVA 26 was still pending. The members then suggested the secretary write to everyone on the Executive Board of NAVA to relate our hope that the site for NAVA 26 be finalized as soon as possible. This in order that the publicity for NAVA 27 can begin to be disseminated. The chapter members felt that publicity on NAVA 27 could adversely affect NAVA 26 unless the site is chosen, as NAVA members may become confused over which site was for what meeting.

There then was a general discussion on projects the chapter could undertake for the coming year. Lynn mentioned how there will be much work in preparing for NAVA 27 and Whitney mentioned how his time is limited for special chapter projects. Whitney did state there could possibly be some role the chapter could play in regard to a project he is trying to organize. That being a bibliography of vexillological items. This topic was left to be explored in more detail at future meetings.

Jim stated how it would be appropriate to have a special NAVA handbook produced for NAVA's 25th year and maybe some members would want to become involved in it should the publication committee decide to go ahead with it. It was suggested the chapter secretary, Jim, who is also a member of NAVA's publication committee, write to Grace Cooper and the remaining members of this committee to seek out their ideas on this project.

Lynn and Pam next displayed flags that Pam manufactured recently. The first was the "NACL 44" flag or the National Association of Letter Carriers District 44 of Vermont. Jim volunteered to organize in New Hampshire and he decided to have a flag done for his district. Whitney gave the basic design for the flag early in 1990 at the chapter meeting in Northampton, Massachusetts and Pam sewed the flag. The design incorporates an envelope with a silhouette of the state of New Hampshire in the center along with the letters "NACL 44". The other flag shown was that of the American Catholic Church. Pam talked about some of the different flags for Desert Storm that U.S. flag manufacturers are producing and how difficult it is to keep supplied of American flags during this patriotic period — some flag manufacturers report an eight month backlog!! John graciously passed out photocopies of clippings he had seen in various newspapers — John is an ardent "clipper" — and the members appreciated this kind gesture. The clippings contained vexillological cartoons dealing with the Gulf War, flag fashions (clothes with the U.S. stars and stripes incorporated into the design), and an article about a movement by Native Americans to change the design of the coat of arms on the Massachusetts state flag. The last clipping lead to a discussion about the modifications proposed and the members agreed that they were unnecessary.

The meeting was ironically held on the same day as the "Bunny Bazaar" at the church and members did have a chance to go downstairs to view items on sale — and yes, there were some of vexillological interest! One was a wooden block puzzle incorporating the design of a U.S. flag which one of the members purchased.

Finally, the meeting concluded with Pam and Lynn using the church computer to show the chapter members a "PC Globe" software program which displays U.S. state and foreign flags. Adjournment took place at 3:45 p.m.

Submitted by Jim Croft

GAVA STARTS SECOND YEAR SOGGY BUT SUCCESSFULLY

On a most welcome rainy day in California, GAVA (Golden Gate Area Vexillological Association) started its second year with the gracious hosting of Phil Allen in his home in Berkeley. Eight enthusiasts gathered to experience Phil's home, hospitality and flag involvements. Phil showed flog cords he had collected, discussed his research into the history and use of the "Football Penalty Flag" and showed a "zip pole" for which he had found a local source.

It was suggested that we might like to visit local displays if their location were known. Some displays were noted to be: 1) Clorox Building, 2) Lombard Street in San Francisco, 3) Oakland Center, 4) "Mare Island", 5) Russian Orthodox Church Community Center (Russian Flag Collection by President), 6) DeYoung Museum (Dutch Art Exhibit—Flags). Old business discussed was that pertaining to the bylaws changes proposed for NAVA. These changes effecting the acceptance and guidelines for chapter status were, of course, the main topic of discussion. Many disagreements were voiced concerning 1) Membership requirements, 2) Formation and Dissolution of Chapter Status, and 3) General Control provision of the Executive Board of NAVA. It was also interesting to note that to acquire Chapter Status, it is proposed that it be required a petition with signatures of no fewer than ten members be submitted. To our present knowledge GAVA is the only proposed chapter with at least ten members.

Future projects will be promulgation of Bibliography of Flag Books and Heraldic Books. We have been invited to have our next meeting aboard the S.S. Jeremiah O'Brien, one of the few remaining Liberty Ships still intact, now home berthed at Fort Mason in San Francisco — invitation accepted for 9 June 1991.

Apology was made by Rich regarding the application form for the Desert Storm Flag which included no mailing address. In light of this omission one Desert Storm Flag was donated by Rich for raffle. Martin Francis was the lucky recipient of the flag.

Submitted by Rich Kenny
LETTERS...

For the entire month of September, NAVA member Zach Hirsch will have a large display on flags at the Prescott (Arizona) Public Library. The exhibit will include many 4’ x 6’ flags in a large glass enclosed display case; flag books and charts; 3’x5’ U.S. flags; and a Bicentennial Flag.

This display case exhibit will include: historic U.S. flags; flags of other nations; Armed Services flags; state flags; flags of the Boy Scouts of America; and NAVA flags.

In January, at the annual Recognition Dinner of the grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America, 19 Eagle Scouts presented a series of historic U.S. flag re-creations in an opening ceremony attended by Governor Rose Mofford. The Governor, in her remarks later in the program, spoke highly of the patriotic ceremony which was supported by slides showing events in the nation during the time the flags were in use.

Sincerely,
A. Zach Hirsch, Jr.

Those NAVA members fortunate enough to visit Minneapolis this October for the annual meeting will have a chance to see if I have done any good for the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport. During a brief layover at MSP while on a trip to San Diego I couldn’t help but notice the display of international flags in the main airport terminal. At that time (April) there were no less than one dozen outdated flags still on display. I contacted the person in charge of the flag display who said some new ones were on order, but it turned out that these were mostly for new countries — they were unaware of most of the changes in existing flags that had taken place during the past few years. In an unsuccessful effort to get them to donate the outdated flags to my collection I sent them an annotated list of the flags that needed replacing. They very much appreciated the information, and indeed will order most of the ones I listed (they are ignoring the plumage of Guatemala’s Quetzal (revised 1968) and the tiny star at the base of El Salvador’s arms (removed in 1972)). The flags removed from display, alas, have been promised to an airport employee. When you pass through the airport this fall, take a look at the flags for me. I’d like to know if they got things up to date.

Thanks to NAVA member Sue Leland, however, I have better prospects at obtaining flags from the Headquarters of the World Bank in Washington, DC. Sue introduced me to the person in charge of keeping the flag display updated. This person was very eager to have me inspect the flags, and invited me to view them in the Board Room in May. I discovered some interesting errors there, for example, the flag representing Egypt was actually that used by Libya from 1972 to 1977, and the flag of the United Kingdom was upside down! My inspection report detailed all the changes from the obvious (the flag of Romania no longer has the arms in the center to the obscure (since 1964 the arms of Costa Rica has had seven stars, not five). They were very appreciative of my efforts and in order to avoid the potential of an international incident, are going to replace some 14 flags in the very near future. I’m keeping my fingers crossed hoping to obtain the ones they remove from the display.

Is there anyone out there free-lancing as a vexillologist? I would think that there would be displays of flags of the world in many large cities in the U.S. and Canada. And if these displays have been up for any length of time there are sure to be out of date flags there. NAVA members should contact the owners and let them know how important these national symbols are. Offer your assistance in getting these outdated flags identified so that they can be replaced. And maybe you would want to add that you will, free of charge, “dispose” of the old flags for them. It’s a very cost-effective way to build a collection. Be careful though, you may end up with more flags than you can store! By the way, does anybody out there need a 9’x17’ U.S. flag of 48 stars from the State Department? I found two of them flying from the flagpoles in front of the Department of State Headquarters in January 1990 when I went to conduct an inspection on their display of international flags. They take up a lot of space on my shelf.

Sincerely,
Nick Artimovich

This is a fine opportunity to congratulate you on your great work in producing NAVA News. I look forward to receiving it, and feel bad that I haven’t contributed to it up to this time.

My hope is to do some research some day that may be of interest to NAVA News. In the meantime I submit the enclosed “poem” for your consideration.

Cordially,
Sr. Shaun Franey
Georgian Court College

YOUR FLAG SPEAKS

I am you Flag and I want to thank you
For the HONOR you have shown me by displaying me in your governmental building, and your churches, and by carrying me in your rallies and your parades.

For the COURAGE shown by those in battle who have raised me in victory, and for those who have saved me from desecration at the hands of those who would destroy me.

For the RESPECT shown by children in the classroom pledging their allegiance, and new citizens accepting me as a symbol of their new freedom.

For the REVERENCE shown by loved ones of fallen heroes who receive me in their time of sorrow.

For these and the many other numerous ways that you have recognized me as an important part of your lives, I thank you.

Sr. Shaun Franey

FROM: DAVID PAWSON
NAVA TREASURER

We are pleased to announce the arrival of Jared Benjamin Pawson at 11:58 p.m. on 19 May 1991 weighing in at 3006 g. (6 lbs., 10 oz.) and measuring 54.4 cm (21.5”). Mother and son are doing well.

CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD WISHES to Dave, Kris and Jared from the members of the North American Vexillological Association.

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See NAVA News, May/June 1991 for identification key to members’ interest. Please submit same to treasurer if none are listed.

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While you are reading this July/August NAVA News I will be in Barcelona, June 30 - July 4, attending the XIV International Congress of Vexillology as your representative. Reports of this will appear in the Sept./Oct. and in other future issues of NAVA News. Thank you for your confidence in electing me your delegate at the NAVA XXIV Annual Meeting.

We need more articles for NAVA News; we would like to keep this newsletter to eight pages. Please digest articles of interest from your area. Follow the guidelines printed in the July/August 1990 NAVA News, page 7. Original research is of special interest.

Have you mailed in your registration for NAVA XXV?

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