NAVA 26 AT THE ALAMO
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, OCTOBER 10, 1992

SCOT GUENTER RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

NAVA 26 in San Antonio was a wonderful gathering of those interested in the study of flags. Our gracious hosts demonstrated true South Texas hospitality, and in the very shadow of the Alamo we heard our banquet speaker, historian Richard Santos, provide exciting new information about actual flag use at that symbolic shrine to Texas independence. The quality of scholarly presentations at the conference was very high this year, and a review of the range of topics and intellectual approaches to vexillology presented at NAVA 26 indicates the rich areas for analysis that continue to develop in this field. In recognition of this state of affairs, in honor of its 25th anniversary, and as acknowledgment for the true purposes of the association, NAVA commits itself in the coming year to produce a new publication. This journal will not replace *NAVA News*, which continues to be the vital communications link of our organization, but it will supplement it in the area of flag scholarship. Annually, the journal will present a collection of scholarly articles, selected by an editorial board according to juried review, presenting cutting edge work in North American vexillology. Our goal at this time is to make the journal available to all NAVA members as one of their membership privileges, but to develop plans to make it available to non-members at a subscription rate. As the re-elected president, I will make the successful development of this project my primary focus at the beginning of the 1992-93 administration. Let us work together, remembering the purposes of NAVA, to establish the journal as a reality. Down the road you'll be hearing more details about the planned submissions policy, a target date for publication, and the editorial board and the editorial staff of the journal. We do already have a name for this gift to ourselves. In recognition of the symbol on the first flag reputedly flown by Viking explorers of the North American continent, the annual shall be called: RAVEN: A Journal of Vexillology.

NAVA has also created a new committee to review Canadian-American relationships and dynamics in the association; because of my high regard for cross-national sensitivity and my penchant for alliteration, I have named this the Committee for Continental Cooperation. Among the proposed amendments to the by-laws, only one was defeated. The membership were against giving organizational members the right to vote in the business meeting if this also included giving certain organizations (with similar goals to NAVA — the committee's intent was to help regional groups) membership status while waiving their obligation to pay dues. Since the opposition was not against giving dues-paying organization members the right to vote, I am hopeful that a reworded amendment clarifying such will be presented next year in Maine. Marianne Doktor-Smith has some exciting plans for NAVA outreach in her role as chair of Public Relations Committee: look for details in future issues of *NAVA News*.

On behalf of all of NAVA, again, let me thank Local Chair Pete van de Putte and his support committee in San Antonio. Personally, let me thank all the executive board and committee members who volunteered their time and good works in the past year. I am beholden to you all. And to those members of the executive board and elected and appointed committees for 1993 I say thank you for your commitment. Let's work together to continue to build an organization we can all be proud of . . . AND KEEP STUDYING THOSE FLAGS!
IMPRESSIONS FROM NAVA 26

by Dave Pawson

Kris, Jared, and I arrived on Thursday, to help set up for the convention. The drive from Dallas to San Antonio is about five hours, so we were all a bit tired, cramped, and cranky, although I was especially excited. As co-host of NAVA 26, I was directly involved in “throwing the party” for the second time in four years, and knew that we had great things awaiting us.

As usual, Kris got sick immediately. When I hosted NAVA 23 here in Dallas, she had just had a wisdom tooth removed. In Toronto, at NAVA 24, she suffered morning sickness, being in the early stages of pregnancy with Jared. This time, she just caught a cold. Alas, we may never see her again.

On entering the hotel, we encountered Rich Kenny’s marvelous display of city flags: both the old and new San Antonio flags were hung over the check-in desk. Next to them were both the old and new flags of Richmond, and next to them the old and new flags of Duncanville! Wrapping around the foyer we could see about forty Texas city flags in a rare on-site display. Pete van de Putte, my co-host and Convention Chairman counted this as his first “home run,” as the hotel had never before had its lobby decorated by visitors.

After settling in, and ensuring that Gerri did not need any immediate help, we began introducing Jared around. He enjoyed “High Fiving” everyone, and showing off “what you do with a flag.” He took an immediate shine to Gloria Kinsella, who reciprocated and babysat him most of the next day while I was running around putting up my display of flags of the German states, setting up the NAVA Shopper table, getting name tags put together, dressing Teddy Bears in their “Official NAVA 26 Flag Widows Companion” T-shirts, distributing convention packets with Gerri and Rich, and otherwise going crazy.

That evening, after registration, we all enjoyed a mixer with NIFDA members who had just completed their conference. The live mariachi was wonderful, the food was enjoyable, and all had a good time. Pete considered this “home run” number two.

Saturday was given over to the business meeting and sightseeing. We were given a tour of Pete’s manufacturing area, then went over to Fort Sam Houston to visit the Medical Museum. I find it curious that a medical museum would have so many flags on display, especially since their military museum only has one. From there we went on to the Institute of Texan Cultures and Hemisfair Park, from which we would walk back. One must wonder about the Institute: knowing that a bunch of flag fanatics were coming, they failed to display any of their outdoor flags on the 28 poles in front of their building. Unfortunately, Kris and I had to miss this last part of the tour, as Jared had just conked out, and we brought him back to the hotel.

Saturday evening brought a wonderful lecture by guest speaker Richard Santos, who spoke of the myths of the Alamo, and certain unpopular truths he seems to have uncovered concerning the various flags claimed to have been there during the seige. We were all somewhat in awe of the extend of his research, and the apparent validity of his sources. One conventioneer went so far as to question Mr. Santos’ wisdom in publicizing his findings — if true, the allegations made will tarnish the image of the Alamo; if false, he will only embarass himself. Either way, he will stir up strong emotions and be the object of ill feelings. Pete considered this amazing guest speaker to be the third “home run.”

After dinner, most of us went to the meeting room downstairs for “Vexi-Jeopardy,” which brought a great deal of excitement as three of our members vied for valuable prizes. “Home run” number four, or perhaps a “grand slam” was scored this time, but the fun was far from over.

After that game, Don Healy, by popular demand, brought out his infamous deck of Flag Flashcards for a heated competition among a dozen members, with at least as many observers. Jim Ferrigan edged out John Hall by a score of 50 to 45, with other competitors getting lesser scores.

Sunday finally brought the meat and potatoes of the meeting: presenta-
tion of research, lectures on flags, and a b-u-n-c-h of door prizes.

Gus Tracchia blamed his talk on “The U.N., its Flags, and Poles” on me: my “Flagpoles and Finials” in Minneapolis got him stuck on poles, he said. This was an excellent bit of research on how the U.N. has coped with the population explosion of nations since the end of World War II.

Don Healy spoke later in the day about flags inspired by the flag of the Ottoman Empire that have emerged throughout the near and far east, with special attention on those recently brought about by the fall of the Soviet Empire, hence his title, “The Empire Strikes Back.”

Jim Ferrigan spoke on the flags of the State of Nevada, while Martin Francis shared with us slides of the historic U.S. flags hanging in Judge John Ball’s courtroom in California. My own “Schizophrenic Morpheme,” about the use of the word “flag” in language, got a lot of laughs and many compliments, while Whitney Smith took us for a stroll down memory lane, with “A NAVA Retrospective, 1967-1977.”

But it was Anne Platoff who, with “Where No Flag has Gone Before,” became the first woman to win the Driver Award. Her research into the political, physical, and practical problems faced by NASA in planting that first flag on the moon included information not commonly available to and not frequently considered by most of us. When asked if the $100 prize would help pay for her conference expenses, she replied, “This is going into the ‘Let’s Buy Flags fund.’ We’ll congratulate Anne on her fine piece of work, and wish her many happy flag purchases.

Many other fine presentations were given, all of high caliber, making this one of the most enjoyable, informative, and productive meetings in rather a few years (in my opinion, anyway). I don’t think any of us will soon forget NAVA’s silver anniversary meeting in San Antonio!

A special mention must be made of the enchanting young Vanessa van de Putte, who convinced her father that she was interested enough in flags to be permitted to attend the meeting. She was a most charming hostess and helper, and we look forward to seeing her again.

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FLAG SCENE CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

The United States Flag Foundation and National Flag Foundation announce a contest for the selection of the “52nd Historic Flag Scene.”

PARTICIPATION: All interested parties are invited to submit an entry.

INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE: are extended to NFF, NAVA and NIFDA members.

DEADLINE FOR FILING A NOMINATION: Lincoln’s birthday, February 12, 1993.

JUDGES: The USFF Advisory Board members and NFF.

WINNER: will be announced in the publications NAVA, NIFDA, and NFF - + Prize $250.

ENTRY: The entry shall be accompanied by the nominator’s name, address, and phone number, and a self-addressed number ten envelope. It shall be one page, double spaced typewritten, giving the name(s) of the suggested flag and the rationale for its selection, a brief statement concerning the flag’s history, and (on the same page or on an attached page) a drawing, picture or print of the flag.

BACKGROUND: NFF commenced its matched Historic Flag Scenes collection in 1962. Two artists, Donald C. Hewitt of Flemington, NJ, and Calvin Lynch of Pittsburgh, PA, have painted the scenes for this one-of-a-kind collection. Many fine historians, writers and editors have assisted in constructing the companion histories.

There are now 51 scenes in the collection. (List available from NFF).

The purpose of the contest is to aid NFF in selecting the 52nd flag which, probably, will be the final scene and complete the collection.

SUBMISSIONS: An individual has the right to submit as many entries as desired. All submissions become the property of NFF and will not be returned.

The decision of the judges is final and NFF and the judges accept no responsibility for any perceived injuries or offenses occurring as a result of participation and/or failure to participate.

If more than one person nominates the winning flag, the prize will be shared equally. The judges decision in the matter is final.

All persons who submit a nomination, by doing so, are agreeing upon request, to submit copies of documentation and references concerning the history and viability of the flag nominated.

NFF reserves the right to ask the nominator (or any other individual selected by NFF) to submit additional recommendations with regard to the scene in which the flag should be depicted and to author the text to accompany the flag scene, and to remunerate such person and additional sum not to exceed $250.

For any questions concerning the contest and/or copies of supporting information, contact George F. Cahill at National Flag Foundation, Flag Plaza, Pittsburgh, PA 15219 or call (412) 261-1776. Direct entries to Flag Contest, % NFF.
Albanian Merchant flag displayed during Don Healy's presentation "The Empire Strikes Back". Jim Ferrigan and others held the flags.

Richard Santos, guest speaker, presents his exciting research "Will the Real Alamo Flag Please Stand Up?"

Joyce Colon receives the first Door Prize from NAVA 26 Host Pete Van de Putte.

John Hall presents a gift to NAVA President Guenter from the Flag Institute (Great Britain).

Anne Platoff receives the NAVA 26 Driver Award, for her paper "Where No Flag Has Gone Before", from Pres. Guenter.

Whitney Smith receives "The Whitney", the newest Vexillological award, for his continuing achievements.
PAPERS PRESENTED AT
NAVA XXVI

Gus Tracchia - "THE U.N. ITS FLAGS & POLES".
John H. Gamez - "THE CONTROVERSY OVER THE ALAMO BATTLE FLAG".
Dr. Carolyn Marvin - "REPRESENTATIONAL POLITICS OF THE STARS AND STRIPES".
Dave Pawson - "A SCHIZOPHRENIC MORPHEME".
Dr. Scot Guenter - "TWO BANNERS OF THE ROSICRUCIANS".
James J. Ferrigan, III - "THE NEVADA STATE FLAG AND SOME OF ITS PREDECESSORS".
Kevin Harrington - "IRRESPONSIBLE FLAGS - AND OTHER FLAGS WITH A POLITICAL MESSAGE".
Don Healy - "THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK".
Anne M. Platoff - "WHERE NO FLAG HAS GONE BEFORE".
Martin A. Francis - "AUTHENTIC EARLY AMERICAN FLAGS IN A COURTROOM DISPLAY".
Dr. Whitney Smith - "A NAVA RETROSPECTIVE 1967-1977"

WINNER OF THE DRIVER AWARD

WHERE NO FLAG HAS GONE BEFORE:
Political and Technical Aspects of Placing a Flag on the Moon

by Anne M. Platoff

(abstract)

The flag on the moon represents an important event in vexillological history. This paper examines the political and technical aspects of placing a flag on the moon, focusing on the first moon landing. During their historic extravehicular activity (EVA), the Apollo 11 crew planted the flag of the United States on the lunar surface. This flag-raising was strictly a symbolic activity, as the United Nations Treaty on Outer Space precluded any territorial claim. Nevertheless, there were domestic and international debates over the appropriateness of the event. Congress amended the agency's appropriations bill to prevent the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) from placing flags of other nations, or those of international associations, on the moon during missions funded solely by the United States. Like any activity in space exploration, the Apollo flag-raising also provided NASA engineers with an interesting technical challenge. They designed a flagpole to "fly" without the benefit of wind in order to overcome the effects of the moon's lack of an atmosphere. Other factors considered in the design were weight, heat resistance, and ease of assembly by astronauts whose space suits restricted their range of movement and ability to grasp items. As NASA plans a return to the moon and an expedition to Mars, we will likely see flags continue to go "where no flag has gone before."

A SCHIZOPHRENIC MORPHEME

by Dave Pawson

(abstract)

Phonemes are the smallest units of linguistic sound, and carry no meaning in and of themselves. Most phonemes are represented orthographically by one or two characters or letters. Examples of phonemes include the sounds of "F", "D", "NG", and "SH". Phonemes are indivisible.

Morphemes are made up of one or more phonemes, may or may not comprise words, and always convey some meaning. Examples of morphemes include "dog", a word by itself; "cran", a prefix which cannot stand on its own, yet identifies a specific type ofberry; and "-s", which also cannot stand on its own, yet indicates plurality when suffixed to nouns.

Schizophrenia is a condition in which multiple identities exist within a single entity. A schizophrenic morpheme, therefore, is one with multiple meanings. "FLAG" is such a morpheme. The word "flag" occurs in English both as a noun and a verb, as well as in compound forms, including idioms.

The paper continues with 39 examples of flag as a noun and 20 examples as a verb. The twelve page paper has a two-page bibliography and a nine page Flag lexicon. Copies of the full presentation will be available from the Historian. Details of this will appear in the Jan./Feb. NAVA News.

VEXI-JEOPARDY

by Dave Pawson

Following the Saturday night dinner and lecture, most of the people attending NAVA 26 adjourned to our downstairs meeting room where Lynn Knights and I had previously set up for the much awaited "Vexi-Jeopardy." We had only five people willing to risk making fools of themselves in front of everyone, and the names drawn to participate on stage were Kevin Harrington, Rich Kenny, and Adam Stolfi. William Crampton's name was drawn as the recipient of the special "I had the Guts to Risk being Embarrassed" prize, a set of Old Glory on Parade, graciously donated by the National Flag Foundation.

Lynn took on the role of Alec Trebek, the host of the TV show. Because we are not as well equipped as the popular game show, we needed to draft Vexi-Jeopardy from "Wheel of Fortune": she was portrayed by Don Healy. I took on the part of Don Pardo and the support staff, introducing the players, keeping score, and running the equipment.

Categories included Accoutrements, British Influence, Cantonese, Designers, Firsts, Flages in Song, Inscriptions, Number Crunch, Obsolete Flags, Proportions, Starts with "Q", and the ubiquitous Pot Pourri. (Sample answers will follow.)

There were embarrassing moments for all, including myself, when the first category selected proved to have been mislabeled. A quick cut to commercial and adjustment of the board rectified the situation, and the game went on.

There was much cheering and sighing as our contestants showed off their knowledge (or lack thereof) and the lead changed hands, as well as some giggling, including from myself, whenever baby Jared would get caught up in the excitement and his juvenile hoorays and clapping could be heard above the deeper voices of the adults.

Rich lost an early lead, to be overtaken by Kevin by the end of round one, with Adam trailing through most of the game. Rich never could get out of the minus column in Double Jeopardy, and failed to qualify for Final Jeopardy. Adam, with less than half Kevin's score had only one hope of winning that Kevin would bet the farm which, (like the good sport that he is) he did.

For Final Jeopardy, we first tried Literature, but no one could question the answer: I had apparently gotten too obscure. But, since we are not under the same restrictions as the TV Show, and since the audience would have demanded my blood, I opted to use my back-up Final Jeopardy question in the category of Customs and Etiquette. (#13) Could you have won?

The final scores were Adam 3500, Kevin 0, and Rich -2000. For their efforts, they won 4x6" flag sets of the United Nations, the US States, and the OAS, respectively.

The audience participation prize, another UN set, went to first-time attendee Michael Olson, whose name was chosen at random from those who had "bet" on Adam to win. Mike was really lucky, too, because his name was also chosen the next day for a door prize: a set of3x5' Confederates, Pardo and the support staff, introducting the

SAMPLE ANSWERS

Can you guess the right question?

1. Accoutrements: A decoration of twisted thread attached to a flag's edges.
2. Brit. Influence: This nation's naval ensign bears a green cross throughout, rather than a red one.
3. Cantonese: This nation's flag makes up the canton of the flag of Orange Free State.
4. Designers: His design was adopted as the flag of NAVA.
5. Firsts: On 20 July 1969, a flag was raised over this sea for the first time.
6. Flags in Songs: Pirate ships would lower their flags when he "roared out his name".
7. Inscriptions: Liberte et Patrie is the motto on this Swiss canton's flag.
8. Number Crunch: Japan's Rising Sun ensign has this many rays.
9. Proportions: These are the relative proportions of the French ensign's
bars.
10. Starts with "Q": The Stars and Stripes received its first foreign salute in this French Bay.
11. Pot Pourri: These are the "Pan-African" colors.
12. Literature: His Sarroris was originally submitted for publication under the title Flages in the Dust.
13. Customs/ Etiqu: These three U. S. States give their own flags precedence over the flags of any other nations or states.

Obsolete Flags was a visual category, and cannot be presented here at this time.

Answers appear on Page 6

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A SUMMARY OF THE
NAVA TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 1991 - SEPTEMBER 1992

Presented by David Pawson
San Antonio, 10 October 1992

NAVA has added 63 new members in all categories to its roster since last year, while 67 were deleted for failure to keep their dues current, a new loss of 4 members. It should be noted, though, that two members are known to have passed away in the last year.

NAVA currently (as of 30 September 1992) has members in the following categories and quantities:

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Income and expenses during 1992 are summarized. A copy of the full report may be obtained for reproduction costs, from the Historian.

DUES: 9,518.50
INTEREST: 308.21
MISCELLANEOUS: 230.00
SHOPPER: 982.05
TOTAL INCOME: $11,038.76

PRINTING OF PUBLICATIONS
- MEMBERSHIP LIST: 537.86
- 92 NAVA NEWS: 3,452.04
- 91 REPRINT: 487.74
TOTAL EXPENSES: 4,477.64

MAILING OF PUBLICATIONS
- 91 NAVA NEWS: 378.25
- 92 NAVA NEWS: 966.82
- MEMBERSHIP LIST: 231.06
- 91 REPRINT: 282.35
- RELATED MAILINGS: 57.41
TOTAL EXPENSES: 1,915.89

MISCELLANEOUS: 1,076.97
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REFUNDS: 60.00
PHONE: 222.56
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THE U.N. FLAGS & POLES

by Gus Tracchia
(In Part)

The name "United Nations" suggested by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was first used on the 1st of January 1942 when representatives of 26 nations pledged to continue fighting together against the Axis Powers.

In April 1945, representatives of 50 countries met at the San Francisco Opera House and worked out a plan for an organization to help keep peace in the world. This plan was described in a document called the Charter of the United Nations. In June 1945, 50 nations signed the U.N. Charter. They were the first U.N. members. Since then 128 more countries have joined the United Nations.

The first session of the General Assembly opened in 1946. The delegates took up the question of where the permanent Headquarters should be located. In December of 1946, the Assembly accepted a gift of $5/ million from J.D. Rockefeller to buy 18 acres of land along the East River in New York City. The city itself donated additional land in the area. In 1947 the General Assembly approved the plans for a Headquarters Building. The Building was completed in fall of 1952 with only 60 country members.

That wonderful idea of nations getting together to solve their differences or to help other nations to do the same, presented sort of a "nightmare" to the office responsible for hoisting the flags. Furthermore, in order to hoist a flag you must have a pole. Therefore adding new poles became a different kind of "nightmare".

Another situation emerged when countries split into two, or two nations joined together as one single member nation, or changed their names, and/or their flags.

In the original plans drawn by the architects, it was not foreseen that many nations would join, year after year, the U.N. membership. Therefore gardens had to be re-arranged, trees had to be removed, and other modifications still in progress today, had to be made in order to keep adding poles.

The flags are arranged following the English alphabet and the U.N. Official Terminology Code, which takes the short form of the full official names of the country. Exception is made when a country requests to be listed a certain way, as the case of Ivory Coast which requested to be listed under its official name, therefore we found Ivory Coast under the "C" for Cote d'Ivoir. Tanzania as the United Rep. of Tanzania under "U". The article used with the name of a country as in the case of: "The" Dominican Republic, is omitted. However the case of El Salvador, the Spanish article, which is written with a capital 'E', should never be omitted as it forms an integral part of the country's official name.

When a new country is admitted into the U.N., the flag or flags in case of more than one country being admitted, is hoisted for one day (on the day of admission) in a place of honor, which is today Row C. After the customary statements following the admission of the new States, the meeting is suspended for a few minutes so that a flag raising ceremony could be held outside. In most of the cases, each of the new Members States are represented by a high-level delegation. In many cases by the president of the country or its Foreign Minister.

Over the next 10 years since U.N. formation, nine countries joined the Organization. In 1955, 16 nations became Members States and in 1956, five more were admitted bringing the total membership to 81. By 1992 the country count is 179.

The paper continues with the problems and measures taken to accommodate all the additional flag poles. The full paper will be available from the Historian.

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Charles Spain sends along a clipping showing the book *The Alamo & The Texas War for Independence: 1835-1836* by Albert A. Nofi. The book cover bears a large representation of the current Texas flag in tattered condition, leading the reader to associate the flag directly with the events covered in the book. Charles points out that the pictured flag was not adopted until 1839 - three years after the events detailed in the book! 

*New York Times*, August 6, 1992 - report on move by the delegates to the national political conference in Zaire to abolish the symbolic changes initiated by Pres. Mobutu Sese Seko. The intent was to return the country to its former name, The Republic of the Congo, and revert to the former national anthem and flag. Later reports said this movement was quashed by Pres. Mobutu's government.

John Hall reports on the same subject that the proposed flag actually was different from any past flag according to British reports. The new proposal would have been a light blue flag bearing nine small yellow stars along the hoist and a large yellow star in the center, similar, but not matching the first flag of the independent Congo. Keep tuned for future details!

*The Sunday Oregonian* (Aug. 30, 1992) carried a report on a Vincent W. Paramore of Hollywood, FL. Mr. Paramore, inspired by the sight of a flagless Martin Luther King Day parade on television in 1987, set out to find his own design for Americans who draw their roots from Africa. His patented design (mentioned in an earlier 4"x6" Corner) incorporates elements from the United States flag, the Ethiopian (Imperial) and black nationalist (Marcus Garvey colors). (His flag is composed of 1/3 of each flag: U.S. at the hoist, Ethiopian with lion in the center and the red, black, green at the fly end). Mr. Paramore has, for the last two years, been selling his flag and its image on T-shirts, bumper stickers, and other items for popular consumption. (Submitted by Ted Kaye and Donald Klett).

At the close of NAVA 26 Lynn Knights unveiled the NAVA 27 flag, designed by John Szala, and invited the group to enjoy the delicious New England repast that gave the members a taste of 1993 in Portland, Maine. Each attendee was also given a packet of NAVA 27 information: a Tentative Agenda of the activities October 8-11, 1993; a Registration Form; a leaflet on Maine Vexillology; Selections from How To Talk Yankee: a hotel registration card and brochure for the Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine, and a Maine flag. The Registration Fee is $100, but it includes a Reception meal, Saturday lunch, Saturday banquet, Sunday full breakfast plus Saturday and Monday Continental breakfasts, and Sunday dinner. The Holiday Inn also provides gratis shuttle service to and from the Portland International Jetport. Optional Tours will be offered on Friday afternoon and Monday. The New England group is to be commended for the advance planning. Portland sounds great.

**ANSWERS TO VEXI-JEOPARDY**

1. What is Fringe?
2. What is South Africa?
3. What is the Netherlands?
4. Who is H. Manoug?
5. What is the Sea of Tranquility?
6. Who is Puff (the Magic Dragon)?
7. **What is Vaud?**
8. What is sixteen?
9. What is 30:33:37?
10. What is Quiberon Bay?
11. What are red, yellow, and green?
12. Who is Faulkner?
13. What are Texas, California, and Hawaii?

**SHARING INFORMATION**

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Dear Mrs. Cooper,

You do a great job with the NAVA News. I have an item which may be of interest to you as a VEXI-Tidbit.

Tired of flags wrapping around bracketed poles? A practical inexpensive solution has been created. A dowel with a riveted clip and belt leather pole attachment has been devised by Herb Dusinberre, 957 Ivycroft Road, Wayne, PA 19087. (215-964-9326). These rods are 90% effective, except in very heavy wind. Herb’s solution has made this flag flyer’s life easier.

Sincerely,
William E. Spencer

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Dear Editor,

The Potomac Maritime Historical Society operates the miniature sailing ship FEDERALIST (see enclosed photo); we display the vessel at historical and maritime events. FEDERALIST is a full-size replica of a miniature ship that was presented to George Washington by the merchants of Baltimore in 1788.

We recently participated in the 18th Century Market Fair in Old Town Alexandria, VA. A spectator at this event, who I presume was a member of NAVA, spent several minutes lecturing me on the incorrectness of the FEDERALIST’s ensign (it’s a 13-stars-in-a-circle US flag). He loftily informed me that “there is a science called vexillology, which is the study of flags,” and implied that I was an unwitting accomplice in a conspiracy to promote Betsy Ross as the designer of the flag. (Curiously, he seemed undisturbed by the fact that FEDERALIST also flies the modern state flags of Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia, none of which were in use in 1788). Unfortunately, he walked away before I could explain that 1) I’m aware of vexillology, 2) while the stars-in-a-circle flag was not common during the Revolution, there is some evidence for it by 1788, 3) we use it because it was easily obtainable and had at least some historical justification, and 4) as a historical society, we are all in favor of letting historical chips fall where they may.

Public education is primary goal of NAVA. However, I think we should try to avoid my friend’s approach. If studying history has taught me anything, it’s that we must be very careful about making absolute statements on such matters. Perhaps it’s unlikely that the FEDERALIST of 1788 flew a stars-in-a-circle, but that’s not the same thing as saying that she didn’t, or couldn’t have.

If perchance my friend is reading this, I hope he will drop us a line. We would be very interested in chatting with him about FEDERALIST’s history and vexillological aspects thereof.

Best regards,
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Editor’s Note: In my 1973 book on Thirteen-Star Flags, published by the Smithsonian Institution, I reported that the earliest use of the 13-stars in a circle I had found (at that time) was in 1792. The 1981 Furlong book, So Proudly We Hail, shows the third committee’s great seal with a U.S. flag showing a circle of thirteen stars. The original drawing is in the National Archives. No date for this drawing is given; the committee was appointed in 1782. A 13-star flag of 1788 would most likely be 3-2-3-2-3 or 4-5-4, especially a ship flag.

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THE FLAG OF THE BEAUMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

by David Ott

The Beaumont Independent School District, educating the schoolchildren of Beaumont, Texas, adopted its flag in 1984, designed by Superintendent Mike Tatlor. Its white field has in blue a logo of a boy and girl reading books while sitting on the letters BISD. Administrative assistant Jolene Ortego said the district settled on its logo “because it represents children, and that’s the business we’re in. A lot of logos do not reflect what schools really do.” The previous logo had a gushing oil derrick standing in for the “I” in “BISD”. The flag flies at the school district’s central administrative office, along with the United States and Texas flags.
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EDITOR'S NOTES:

Additional appointments by the president will be made to staff the Editorial Board and Editorial Staff of RAVEN. More information on this will appear in later Issues of NAVA News. Judge Robert CoyokendaU will continue the Special Project on Rules of Order.

This November/December NAVA News goes to the Printer on October 28. The deadline for the Jan./Feb. Issue is December 1. By keeping this deadline we will be able to get back on schedule. Please remember to type all material submitted for publication, double space and limit each line to 64 characters (letters and spaces both count). Articles for NAVA News should be limited to 150 lines when there are no illustrations and to less if there are illustrations. Allow 12 lines per illustration. If you have more material to present, please present it in serial form.

An 8"x10" enlargement of the Group Photo, NAVA 26, San Antonio, October 10, 1992, shown on page 1, is available from Gerri Reynolds, Dixie Flag Manufacturing Co., 1930 N. Pan Am, P.O. Box 8618, San Antonio, TX 78208-0618; cost is $5.50, which includes postage.
ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE NORTH AMERICAN VEXILLOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION
(NAVA) OCT. 9-11, 1992,
EMILY MORGAN HOTEL, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, U.S.A.

Minutes of the Business Meeting,
Saturday a.m., October 10, 1992

1. Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by President Scot Guenter, Dave Pawson having verified that a quorum existed.

2. Adoption of Previous Minutes: Scot Guenter moved, and Whitney Smith seconded, that the Minutes of NAVA 25 as published and corrected in issues of the NAVA News during 1992, be adopted. All were in favour. The motion was adopted.

3. Correspondence Report: Lee Herold reported on Correspondence of the past year.
   (a) He read the letter (attached), Sept. 29, 1992 to the NAVA officers, board and membership from Bruce E. Druckenmiller with respect to the International Museum of Vexillology (St. Louis, Mo.) proposal. In essence, the proposal has been delayed by 'a dragging economy'. 'Bud' Barnes and Bruce Druckenmiller will keep the Board informed with updates on their progress.
   (b) Annual Report (attached) of the Corresponding Secretary, Lee Herold was read by him. Lee reports expenditures of $626.06 for the fiscal year Oct. 1991 to Oct. 1992 - for stationery, now a much improved red, white and blue letterhead; envelopes; postage; annual meeting notices; and shipping. A duplicate copy of the membership list is maintained by the Corresponding Secretary. He commended Dave Pawson for setting up a computerized system that keeps accurate records and reduces the workload of the officers of NAVA. The Treasurer and Lee would like to see membership cards to enable direct computer printing the use of which may affect the duties of either position. Lee sends out to new members membership cards, the NAVA handbook, flag reprint articles and past NAVA News issues as available, an application form to promote NAVA, and a NAVA flag pin.

4. Treasurer's Report - Dave Pawson
   The report (attached) was read by Dave Pawson wherein he indicated the addition of 63 new members while 67 deletions occurred, a net loss of 4 members. Total membership as of Sept. 30, 1992 was 344. Income and expenses were summarized - there is an apparent gain of $6,266.39. After convention expenses are counted, a net gain of $597.04 is expected. He thanked Jon Radel for the success of the volunteer member mailing program. Mailing costs have plummeted thanks to this in-house mail handling. NAVA has acquired a laptop computer( entering irrevocably into the computer age), to be in the keeping of the treasurer and to be passed on to subsequent treasurers or another officer of NAVA.

5. Standing Committee Reports
   (a) Auditing Committee - Gus Tracchia, assisted by Tom Montgomery in Doreen Braverman's absence, reported that the books have been examined and found to be in good order.
   (b) Budget Committee - Nick Artimovich
   Nick's report (attached) was read in his absence by Lee Herold. The 1992-1993 NAVA Budget looks like this: Income $10,100; Expenses $10,105, - for all intents and purposes a balanced budget. Expenses include NAVA News printing $4200 (6 times $700; Mailing of same $1500 (6 times $250); Journal $500, Publicity $300. Moved by George Cahill, seconded by Rich Kenny that the Budget report be accepted. The motion was adopted.
(c) Mailing Report - Jon Radel reported on the successful in-house handling of the mailings.
(d) Membership Report - Dave Pawson read in his treasurer's report above the activities of this committee.
(e) Public Relations Committee
Kevin Harrington brought members up-to-date on the activities of the committee drawing attention to the numerous ideas for publicity which Mary Anne Doctor-Smith and Don Klett have come up with. Kevin has found it difficult to operate with committee members so far removed and asked that his efforts be devoted primarily to publicity for NAVA in various periodicals. He asked for and has received a budget for this which will enable him to insert ads in U.S. and Canadian publications throughout 1993.
(f) Publications Committee
Grace Cooper's report attached showed that the six issues (from Nov.-Dec. 1991 to Sept.-Oct. 1992) of NAVA News cost $3478.14; the membership list $537.86. There was no reprint. Total expenses $4016.00 Grace noted that an issue with more line drawings is less costly than an issue with mostly text. To avoid the costs of lengthy articles, Grace suggests that an annual publication comprise these. Proposed budget for 1992-1993 $5450 - Nava News $3650; Computer print-out of membership list $300; annual publication $1500.
(g) By-Laws (Special) Committee
Lee Herold referred to his report as published in NAVA News July-August issue of 1992. In essence the report recommends that NAVA recognize semi-autonomous local groups as organizational members of NAVA, with dues to be waived at the Executive Board's discretion.
(h) Historian's report
Mark Liss read his report. Mark has been successful in rounding up various NAVA conference papers that were not part of the archives, has sent copies of these papers to several members at their request. Mark has updated bibliographies by author and subject. He submits a monthly report on archival business to the president.

6. President's Report - Scot Guenter
In his report (published in NAVA News Sept. Oct. 1992), the President stressed the need for less bureaucracy and more scholarship. He thanked the members of the Executive Board and the chairs of the various committees for their work this past year and drew special attention to the work of the Bylaws committee, the Publication Committee and the Mailing Committee.

7. Old Business
(a) The document Proposed Amendments to NAVA Bylaws developed by the Committee members Lee Herold, Lynn Knights and Charles Spain was tabled for discussion section by section.
Resolution 1 - Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, were moved and seconded by various members and approved by voice vote. Section 5, after much discussion, was moved by Lee Herold, seconded by Lynn Knights but this proposed amendment was defeated. Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, were moved, seconded, voted on and passed. In Section 11, an oversight was revealed where the appointment of a protocol officer had been omitted from the proposed amendment. An amendment to the motion that section 11 be passed stated the President may appoint a protocol officer. This amendment passed. Section 12 passed. Section 13, no vote required. Resolution 2 died as no motion was presented.
(b) IMOV
Scot Guenter reported on his visit to the IMOV site in St. Louis. The Committee not having been invited, the program has been tabled.
(c) NAVA XI Flag
Vice-president Rich Kenny is looking after this missing conference flag.
(d) Parliamentarian's report
Robert Coykendall read his report (attached) that recommended NAVA operate its business meetings under Reformed Rules of Order rather than the full Robert's Rules of Order and outlined the features of this proposal. The motion process would be considerably simplified by requiring only a simple majority vote on motions. All motions will require a second, permit discussion and amendments at the discretion of the chair.
8. New Business

(a) The Journal
Scot Guenter added that in fitting commemoration of this 25th anniversary of NAVA that the Executive Board endorses the plan to target as a major project this coming year the development of an annual journal, to be published by NAVA and separate from NAVA News. The journal would be a venue for scholarly articles, drawing, for instance, from among the presentations made at our annual meetings, as well as accepting other submissions for consideration by an Editorial Board. The Board has endorsed the president’s plan for a special committee for the coming year to develop such an annual, with the understanding that the goal is to make it a regular annual publication. Rick Kenny moved and Lee Herold seconded the proposal be adopted. It was recommended that the publication appear regularly and that a serial number (ISSN) be obtained for it. Passed.

(b) NAVA 27 - Lynn Knights issued an invitation to the members to attend the 1993 conference in Portland, Maine and also invited members to a reception promoting the conference to take place after the closing ceremony.

(c) NAVA 28 - President Scot Guenter indicated that an invitation to hold the NAVA 28 conference in Portland, Oregon, has been received from Harry Oswald.

(d) NAVA 29 - The Board has received a proposal from the Great Lakes group to hold the NAVA 29 Conference in Cincinnati in 1995. The proposal was outlined by member Peter Kinderman.

(e) Lee Herold named Charles ‘Kin’ Spain and Lynn Knights as deserving of our appreciation for their fine efforts in the Special Bylaws Committee.

(f) As he had promised at the NAVA 25 business meeting Kevin Harrington read a proposed motion asking that the NAVA change its name from North American Vexillological Association to something that better reflects its essentially national (i.e. U.S.) characteristics as an organization. He did not however make this motion, instead he substituted the following motion, seconded by Whitney Smith: I move that The Executive Board of NAVA set up a Special Committee to explore the nature, practicality and effectiveness of the original mandate of NAVA to be an organization with a continental and international outreach. Passed.

9. NFF Flag Poster Contest
George Cahill announced that a new contest for a flag poster has been launched by the National Flag Foundation, Pittsburgh, and invited the participation of NAVA members.

10. Nominating Committee
Whitney Smith, speaking for the Nominating Committee of NAVA indicated that Kevin Harrington was not available to fill the post of Recording Secretary and proposed a slate as follows: President: Scot Guenter; Vice-President: Rich Kenny; Treasurer: Dave Pawson; Recording Secretary: Charles ‘Kin’ Spain; Corresponding Secretary: Lee Herold.
The President called for further nominations from the floor. No further nominations were received. Scot called for a vote to accept the slate of the Nominating Committee. Passed.

1993 is FIAV Congress year, and since the by-laws of NAVA state the president is to be the NAVA delegate to such a FIAV Congress, it was desirable to have a first and second alternate. After discussion, it was moved by Woody Ridgway and seconded by Lee Herold that the first alternate be Gus Tracchia and the second Peter Edwards. Passed.

11. Good Words
Pete Van de Putte and Dave Pawson outlined the weekend’s activities for NAVA 26.
A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Pawson, seconded by Pete van de Putte. All in favour.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Kevin Harrington. Please inform him of any errors or omissions.
OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Flags have been used throughout the ages to represent peoples' goals, ideals, and identities.

Texas has a rich flag heritage representing the quest for independence and dignity.

Vexillology is the science which studies flags, their history, their symbolism, and their sociological significance.

The North American Vexillological Association is an organization dedicated to the promotion of vexillology.

Vexillologists from throughout North America will be meeting in San Antonio for the 26th convention of the North American Vexillological Association on October 9-11, 1992.

This meeting marks the 25th anniversary of the North American Vexillological Association.

This meeting will be preceded be the annual meeting of the National Independent Flag Dealers Association on October 7-9.

The National Independent Flag Dealers Association represents small independent business people dedicated to high ideals and conduct in the manufacture and sale of national and state flags.

Therefore, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5 through October 11, 1992, as:

FLAG AWARENESS WEEK

in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition thereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 28th day of August, 1992.

[Signature]
Governor of Texas