SOME REFLECTIONS ON NAVA 30
by Scott Guenter

It was a beautiful Friday morning in October in Sacramento, the capital of California known affectionately to locals as “the Big Tomato,” as I left the commuter train from the Bay area to see a smiling Rich Kenny waiting to greet me. I had run into fellow GAVA member, Martin Francis, on the train, and Rich drove both of us over to the luxurious Fountain Suites Hotel. It was time for another NAVA convention! Rich Kenny and Jim Ferrigan, the two GAVA members who had taken on the responsibility of co-hosting this event, drawing on the expertise they had developed in organizing and running the XII International Congress of Vexillology/NAVA XXI in San Francisco nine years earlier, had put together a weekend full of flag-focused activities.

Ron Hesson, a regular at GAVA meetings who was attending his first NAVA convention, had been assigned to work the registration desk with me that first afternoon. We had the pleasant responsibility of welcoming the arrivals; this afforded me the opportunity of introducing old regulars to Ron, many of whom he already knew through their contributions to NAVA News or to vexillology in general. Together we had the pleasure of meeting some of the folks attending their first NAVA meeting, such as Susan Smith and Eric McCallan from Earlysville, Virginia; Nandra Courtwright and Peter Hildyard from Park City, Utah; or Ben Zaricor from Santa Cruz, California. There was a distinguished group of foreign guests and NAVA members as well: FIAV President William Crampton made the journey from Great Britain; Jiri Tenora and V. Bernhardt came from Germany, and good ol’ Ron Strachan showed up as a surprise for many, bringing greetings from his home in Darwin, Australia.

That first Friday afternoon many conventioneers took advantage of the pre-conference tour down to historic Sonoma. There they visited the site of the first Bear Flag raising one hundred and fifty years ago. The group wore bright California flag baseball caps, which helped build a sense of community from the outset. Back at the Fountain Suites that evening, prior to a very pleasant opening reception, Kevin Harrington and I got a sneak peek at the official NAVA 30 flag, a description of which is located on page 3.

Saturday morning, after the opening flag ceremony put on the splendidous (if I do say so myself) membership of GAVA, Kevin Harrington gave a rollicking account of the various imperialistic flag-raisings on a godforsaken guano-rich 5 square kilometers of island known as Clipperton Isle, or romantically en francais, Isle de Passion. Then NAVA President Nick Artimovich did a praiseworthy job of running an efficient business meeting that allowed the voicing of the wide range of views members held on a variety of topics while ensuring that the will of the majority would direct the organization. He also didn’t let the meeting get bogged down in minutiae, wisely recalling that our primary focus was the study of flags. (Of course, maybe I am partial to President Artimovich—he was also my roommate for the conference!) Details on the business meeting and the various officers elected can be found elsewhere in this issue. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Former NAVA President, Nicholas Artimovich II, passes on to newly elected President Charles Spain, Jr. Michael Halleran (Recording Secretary), David Breitenbach (Corresponding Secretary), and Peter Orenski (Treasurer), are the other newly elected members of the Executive Board (shown from left to right). Absent from the photo is William Trinkle, Vice President.

PRESENTATION OF THE DRIVER AWARD

NAVA President, Nicholas Artimovich II, presents John Gamez with the Driver Award for his presentation “Evolution of the U.S. National Air Insignia: 1861-Present.” (In the right foreground is Howard Madaus - NAVA XXXI banquet speaker.)
Following the business meeting, lunch was on your own. Jack Lowe ended up leading about twelve of us to a great Thai restaurant, so here is a good tip: If you are ever at a NAVA meeting and not sure where to eat, find and follow the loquacious, witty individual with the "Jack Lowe" name tag.)

Following lunch, we devoted the afternoon to a thorough tour of vexillological and historical sites of Sacramento. We began with a visit to Sutter's Fort, a state park representative joining Jim Ferrigan in a flag-raising ceremony with a re-created early flag once raised on that site that David Ott remarked could also be mistaken for a communist variant of the Italian flag. After exploring Sutter's Fort, we wandered back around to the California State Indian Museum. Our docent was of the Washoe people of Nevada and California; after Don Healy displayed and explained that group's flag, many of us tasted the traditionally prepared acorn that was a culinary treat for the day at the museum. (The Washoe refer to it as soup, but it had the consistency of runny tapioca.)

Next stop on the tour was the California Secretary of State's Office Building, where we were privileged to get a preliminary glimpse of a display of the county flags of California. The first flags to be included in this display were already set up in the building's rotunda, and NAVA members moved about the room evaluating and critiquing the various flags. It was my sense that many preferred the flag of Santa Cruz County, perhaps because it used the rainbow, perhaps because its designer had the good sense not to include written words upon the flag. From there it was on to the Capitol, where Martin Francis had his collection of historic flags of the United States of America impressively hanging from above as we entered the rotunda. Jim Ferrigan had made arrangements for us to visit, just a few at a time, a rare flag of the Confederacy that had been displayed in California during the American Civil War. Few citizens are privileged to see this flag, usually protected in storage. The glee in Howard Madaus's eyes was evident as he carefully measured and assessed this vexillological treasure.

From the Capitol we moved on to Old Sacramento, where Rich Kenny's internationally recognized collection of city flags was represented by the largest single showing of California city flags at one place ever: the California State Railroad Museum. Jim Ferrigan also led a delegation of interested vexillologists down to the State Military Museum. There was time for browsing in the boutiques and curio shops of Old Sacramento before we returned to the hotel to prepare for the elegant banquet that night. Our keynote speaker, Howard Madaus, Curator of the Cody Firearms Museum at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming, followed the serving of dessert with a precise and detailed review entitled "The American Flag and the West: A Survey of Its Evolution, 1777-1876." For me, particularly fascinating was the way he explored the type and function of flags the government and military used in interactions with Native Americans. For those with fast recall and incredible memories, the tradition of Don Healy's "Flag Flash Card" competition closed off Saturday evening.

Sunday was devoted to scholarly presentations, when NAVA members weren't visiting the display room to see, buy, trade, and explore flags and flag-related materials. Personally, I found Vanessa and Pete Van de Putte's display of well over one hundred flag ties remarkable. Upstairs in the lecture hall, I was impressed with the high quality of research into flags demonstrated by participants this year. First Don Healy gave a review of "Flags of the Sioux Nations of South Dakota." Watch for the special longer issue of Rauer that will bring to print the entire Native American vexillological scholarship of Don Healy! Next Carita Culmer gave us a provocative review of the controversy that consumed Phoenix when an art exhibit entitled "Old Glory," that had earlier run in Cleveland, Ohio, without engendering much of a reaction, set off a storm of protest at the Phoenix Art Museum in the spring of 1996. Carita's talk, "Trial by Jury in the Court of Public Opinion," was effective at considering the perspectives of a wide range of patrons of the exhibit while also taking the audience on a simulated tour of the exhibit ourselves. Following this we heard Steve Tyson's personal insights into the selection of the rainbow flag by San Francisco's gay community in "Under the Rainbow," and Paul Mill's description of "The Santa Barbara Flag Project," reviewing the twelve flags of California highlighted in the display. Throughout the day, between talks, Jim Ferrigan popped up to share elements of his ongoing study into the evolution of the Bear Flag in California. For a slight change in format, I moderated a group discussion of the future of vexillology, beginning with reflections on research (by Henry "Skip" Moeller), on publications (by Kevin Harrington), and on cyberspace (by Don Healy). The discussion broadened to include a range of perspectives from NAVA participants both new and old, and many commented that such an exercise in methodological reflection and disciplinary assessment should become a more regular activity at our meetings.

After lunch Whitney Smith gave "American Perspectives on Vexillology and Heraldry," reviewing important distinctions in the way practitioners of these disciplines vary in some basic assumptions. John Gamez, aided by scrupulous drawings and his scholarly attention to detail, overviewed "The Evolution of the U.S. National Air Insignia: 1861-Present," an exercise which would ultimately win him the coveted William Driver Award for the best example of new flag research presented at the meeting. Following a final afternoon break, Henry Moeller read us his "Flags Used by the State of Pennsylvania By Order of the Navy Board in 1777," drawing on review of James Wharton's family tree and his day books. Ending the scholarly presentations, our convivial Master of Ceremonies, Gus Tracchia, in delivering "San Martin, Bajo Tres Banderas 1814-1822," enlightened us on the role of San Martin of Argentina in liberating Chile then Peru, and the flags and flag symbols on military uniforms that were involved in the process.

Randy Smith and Mary Ann Docktor-Smith then invited all participants to NAVA 31 in Chicago—so start making your plans now to join them in the Windy City next October! A buffet dinner brought NAVA 30 to a close. Old friendships were renewed, new friendships were begun, and Canadians, Americans, and foreign guests had united once again for a celebratory weekend of flags, flags, flags.
A FINAL NOTE FROM...

NICHOLAS ARTIMOVCfCH
PRESIDENT, 1994-1996

The NAVA Annual General Meeting in Sacramento elected a new Executive Board for 1996/1997 that I predict will be a dynamic force for our organization and for vexillology. Charles "Kin" Spain, who as NAVA Treasurer provided me with invaluable fiscal, political, and legal advice, is your new President - a post for which he is eminently qualified. Under Kin's leadership I expect to see the organization undertaking new efforts to promote vexillology. My thanks to Kin for his past work on the Board, and my best wishes for his success as President. NAVA's new VP is William Trinkle, to whom I owe thanks for serving as Recording Secretary for 1995/96 and still as chair of the Goals Committee. Bill has done some excellent work in furthering the study of flags by getting us access to the flags of San Francisco's De Young Museum. Bill also has explored numerous other avenues for the organization to consider in the future. David Brietenbach, NAVA's new Corresponding Secretary, established his commitment to vexillology through his work in helping to run NAVA 29 in Covington last year. Michael Halleran, NAVA's new Recording Secretary, filled in at a moment's notice and took the meeting notes in Sacramento as the incumbent Recording Secretary was unable to attend. We are also pleased to have Michael on board as a representative of our Canadian members. Finally, Peter Orenski of New Milford Flag fame, is the new NAVA treasurer. His business expertise and acumen should assure that NAVA remains on a strong financial footing.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the officers who are departing the Executive Board who have served us so well. Gus Tracchia, Vice President from 1994 to 1996, was NAVA's program coordinator and Master of Ceremonies in Covington and Sacramento. Gus was instrumental in seeing that things went as smoothly as possible during our tight three-day schedules. Mary Ann Docktor-Smith, Corresponding Secretary, established a new method for providing you with membership cards integral with the annual Welcome letter, thus settling a long-standing topic of discussion at our Board meetings. Finally, to Peter Edwards, a long-time friend and fellow bibliophile, who served us as recording secretary until 1995. Peter's notes helped us remember our duties and promises brought up in our Board meetings, and to record the transactions at our Annual General Meetings.

Thanks are also due to the appointed officers and the many committee chairs and their members who perform the duties essential to running this organization. Without their volunteer efforts we would have to pay for these services, if they would even be available at all.

Finally, I want to thank you, the rank and file NAVA members, whose interest in Vexillology makes the organization possible in the first place. You find and share flag-related articles for NAVA News, you participate in local flag organizations, you share your knowledge and expertise with the public at schools, libraries, society meetings, and more. As a final note, I would like to challenge each of you to become more active in promoting vexillology. See that copies of the NAVA membership application are available at your local library, contact your local newspaper in advance of a patriotic holiday and offer to write an article about flags or to be interviewed about your avocation, offer to lecture a scout or school group about flags. There are many ways that all of us can share our knowledge and love of flags with the rest of the world, and we should not waste those talents.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you as President for the last two years. It has been a rewarding challenge.

NAVA XXX CONVENTION FLAG
by Rich Kenny

The Flag of NAVA XXX was compiled by the NAVA XXX co-hosts, Rich Kenny and Jim Ferrigan. The convention flag is based upon the swallow tail white over red field of the historic "California 100," the only unit formed in California to fight in the Civil War. The red Bear and Star in the upper white half of the flag are to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the original "Bear Flag" of Sonoma. The three Golden Xs, bordered in blue, in the lower half are the Roman Numerals for 30, and each X designated 50 years of history since the original "Bear Flag" was raised in Sonoma 150 years ago. To acknowledge the Sesquicentennial of the Bear Flag was the reason the NAVA XXX Convention was applied for and held in Sacramento. We would also like to say that if you counted all the Vs which are part of the three Xs you would count 30. The colors of Red, White and Blue, the colors of the NAVA Flag, are all present in the flag as well as gold which is the designate for the State of California "The Golden State." A swallow-tail configuration was chosen since NAVA 20 also designed a swallow-tail and it was suggested that a new tradition be declared that each even decade flag (designable by 10) be designed in a swallow-tail field.
PHOTOS FROM NAVA XXX

Courtesy of Harry Oswald

1.) Harry Oswald and the Raven flag he made in front of the State Capitol building in Sacramento, California.

2.) Peter Edwards displaying the Service Appreciation Award he received from President Nick Artimovich II, for his former service as NAVA Recording Secretary. Nick Presented each member of the Executive Board with a set of 13 stamps produced in 1943-44, entitled “US Commemorative Series—Flags of the Over Run Nations of World War II.

3.) Two of the world’s eminent vexillologists, Dr. William Crampton of Cheshire, United Kingdom (viewer’s left), and Dr. Whitney Smith of Winchester, Massachusetts, U.S.A. (viewer’s right), sit at the front table and share a light moment of vexillological fellowship before the start of the NAVA business meeting. Other NAVA members are in the background with the NAVA annual meeting flags gracing the far wall.

4.) Howard Madaus delivering the banquet speech entitled “The American Flag and the West: A Survey of Its Evolution, 1777-1876.” Mr. Madaus if the Curator of the Cody Firearms Museum at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming.

5.) Rich Kenny and Jim Ferrigan, co-hosts of NAVA XXX, displaying the annual meeting flag.

6.) Michael Halleran of Victoria, British Columbia, newly elected NAVA Recording Secretary, displays the flag of Venice, Italy.

BOOKS!!!

Flags of Louisiana - Update
by William J. Trinkle

In the Jan/Feb 1996 edition of NAVA News, Jeanne Frois’ new book, Flags of Louisiana was reviewed. Subsequently, the reviewer has received a very kind letter from Ms. Frois. Of significance, she noted: “While researching this book, I phoned approximately 55 - 60 mayor’s offices & police juror offices over the entire state, in addition to libraries. . . . I was told consistently that no parish nor city flags existed. . . . Several towns, such as Eunice, Louisiana, use the State Seal as their city flag, and it seemed redundant to repeat the design previously covered. A bibliography was offered to the publisher, who opted not to print it.”

TEXAS

NAVA President, Charles A. Spain, Jr., has written the “Flags of Texas” (volume 2) and “Seals of Texas” (volume 5) sections for The New Handbook of Texas. This newly revised edition of a Texas classic contains updated information on both of these subjects. The New Handbook of Texas has six volumes and is published by The Texas State Historical Association in Austin (1996), with Ron Tyler as Editor in Chief.
The Herald-Sun, Durham, NC, 24 June 1996. After 400 hours of research, historian Joseph Carrera has concluded that a bloodstained flag on display at the Pike County Historical Society Museum in Milford, PA, was used as a pillow for the bleeding head of President Abraham Lincoln on the night of his assassination.

V. Paul Struthers presented the flag to the museum in 1954. His mother was a cast member of "Our American Cousin" on the night that Lincoln was shot. Struthers' grandfather was an actor and part-time stage manager at Ford's Theatre. (submitted by Peter Edwards)

Soldier of Fortune, August 1996. According to this magazine stuffing the US flag into a toilet and charging admission to see it is art. If you pull the formentioned flag out and fold it in the prescribed method then it is considered vandalism. The magazine also laments the Dread Scott "What is the Proper Way to Display the American Flag (T)" display where people are invited to stand on the US flag. The classified pages show an add for a t-shirt bearing a US flag in the shape of the lower 48 states with the catch phrase "IT'S ALLRIGHT TO BE WHITE." (Vexi-Bits Ed.)

People Weekly, 8 July 1996. On 22 June the Ku Klux Klan held a small rally in the Ann Arbor Mi city hall while 300 anti-Klan protesters assembled outside. The protesters turned violent when a white male wearing Confederate flags on his clothes was attacked by the crowd. The fallen man was quickly shielded by a young African American woman named Keisha Thomas, She told reporters "You don’t beat a man up because he doesn’t believe the same things you do." (Vexi-Bits Ed.)

Houston Chronicle, 20 Aug. 1996. The break away "Republic of Texas" has informed the United Nations of its "official symbols of its defense forces." The announcement included a description of a flag and military insignia. The flag is blue with a gold star in the center. This was the national flag of the Republic of Texas from 1836 - 1839 and was the national war flag from 1839 - 1846. The flag would be displayed "... in the event that defense is required on, over or under the soil of Texas, along its waterways, or within its boundaries ..." The self proclaimed group has since late last year claimed that the original Republic of Texas was illegally annexed by the United States. On various occasions the self proclaimed government has threatened to arrest state officials, expel federal officials, and has set up its own courts and laws. (submitted by Charles A. Spain)

Dallas Morning News, 2 Aug. 1996. Two Taiwanese fans were arrested for fighting with police. The scuffle started when police tried to remove Chen Kung Chung because he was wrongfuling the banned flag of Taiwan. Taiwanese athletes must use a special flag to represent their country. (submitted by David Pawson)

The Toronto Star, 1 July 1996. CFA and NAVA member Kevin Harrington appears with part of what is presumable his collection of flags. He talks about his start in vexiology and some unusual Canadian flags. Some foreign manufacturers have produced maple leaves that resemble an oak leaf and in one case a marijuana leaf. The article also describes the Canadian flag industry. (submitted by Kevin Harrington)

Classical Pulse, June 1996. An angry subscriber asked that his name be taken off the magazine's mailing list. Part of his reason was because of the April cover story by Robert Levine which featured "a sideways Christian symbol." The editor responded: "That 'sideways Christian symbol,' a blue cross, is the Finnish flag. - Ed." (submitted by Gus Tracia)

Newsweek, 12 Aug. 1996. The flags of the following countries appeared for the first time in Olympic medal ceremonies: GOLD - Costa Rica, Ecuador, Hong Kong, Syria; SILVER - Malasia; BRONZE - Mozambique, Trinidad, Uganda. (In another article in the same issue...One of the reasons that Iraqi weightlifter and flag bearer for his country, Raed Ahmed, defected during the games, "We were told to turn our heads away form President Clinton. We were told that President Bush and Clinton wanted to destroy Iraq ... But I turned my head and looked at him and I could not believe my eyes. He was standing and applauding for us. I know that if the Games were in Iraq, Saddam Hussein would not clap for the U.S." (Vexi-Bits Ed.)

Fusion Video. This company has produced a 60 minute home video entitled Flags of the Nations. The art work on the tape cover looks a lot like the dust jacket of Flags of the World by William Crampton. (submitted by E. Hardy)

CNN Headline News, 30 Aug. 1996. Rebels calling themselves the EPR (Ejercito Popular Revolucionario or Popular Revolutionary Army) attacked several government buildings in southern Mexico. Video shot at what is presumably their jungle hideout showed two flags. One was light green with a black star with the letters EPR; the other was a green and black diagonal bicolor with a red star. (submitted by David Ott)

San Antonio Express-News, 3 Sep. 1996. Perhaps inspired by porn star turned Italian legislator, Ciccillina, city council candidate Alessandra Goncalves, 22, appeared topless on television campaign ads. Voter support in the Brazilian city of Varzea Grande (pop. 160,000) rose when the topless candidate had her body painted in the colors of the municipal flag. (Vexi-Bits Ed.)

Toronto Globe and Mail, 9 July 1996. Three related articles reported on alleged acts of desecration against the Canadian flag by Francophone Canadian soldiers stationed in Haiti. The soldiers of the Quebec based Royal 22nd Regiment were later exonerated after a military investigation. (submitted by Peter Edwards)

The Toronto Star, 23 July 1996. Officials of the Canadian Olympic Association feared that if any Quebec athletes reached the medal podium they might wave a Quebec flag or make some other form of protest. (submitted by Peter Edwards)

Toronto Globe and Mail, 2 Aug. 1996. The International Olympic Committee has forced the organizers of the Paralympic Games to change their flag. Originally it had five teardrops arranged in two rows, but will now only have three. Marketing programs were cited as the reason for the change. (submitted by Peter Edwards)

Because of the rash of bombings combined with tragedy at the Olympic Games, articles have been published in various newspapers concerning flag etiquette. Of special interest was the cover of the Special Edition of Time (Summer 1996) featuring U.S. track star Michael Johnson standing on the U.S. flag. (submitted by David Pawson, David Ott, and others)

Beaumont Enterprise, 22 Mar. 1996. Taiwanese students burned four flags of the People's Republic of China to protest the four M-6 surface to surface missiles fired near Taiwan during recent exercises. (submitted by David Ott)

Beaumont Enterprise, 14 - 15 June 1996. The surrender of the Montana "Freemen" was signaled by the lowering of the upside down US flag and replaced by a Confederate "battle flag." The next day in court "Freeman" Steve Hance argued with the judge and pointed to the US flag and announced "That's not my flag." US Magistrate Robert Holter shot back, "My brother died for that flag." (submitted by David Ott)

The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer, 17 Aug. 1996. Solomos Solomos, a Greek Cypriot, was killed by Turkish soldiers when he attempted to pull down a Turkish flag on the Turkish side of the UN buffer zone on the island of Cyprus. Turkish Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller said that Turks will "break the hands" of anyone who insulted their flag. Solomos' coffin was draped in the Greek flag. (submitted by John Purcell, Peter Edwards)
Soldier of Fortune, April 1996. The article “Folded Flags, Empty Caskets,” by John E. Mann, suggests that several flag-draped caskets that came back from Viet Nam were empty due to a lack of body parts. (Vexi-Bits Ed.)


International Herald Tribune (Paris, New York), 13 Sep. 1996. In a related story, the flag of Bosnia’s Democratic Action Party was featured in a front page photo. It is a horizontal tricolor with the stripes in proportions similar to the Spanish flag. The center stripe has a large, thin crescent moon with the letters “SDA.” (Vexi-Bits Ed.)

CNN Headline News, 18 Sep. 1996. The colors of Bosnia’s SDA party flag are shown to be medium green, white and medium green. The logo in the central stripe is also medium green. (Vexi-Bits Ed.)

Christian Science Monitor, 12 July 1996. The article ‘Cultural Symbols of the Old South Clash with Spirit of the Olympics’ examines Atlanta’s image problems. Part of the article focuses on the state flag which contains the Confederate battle flag. The commander of the Georgia chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans states that they are not “... willing to wave the Confederate flag as a symbol of hatred ... Its a symbol ... like a coat of arms ... hanging from your wall.” Black leaders say that it is “... an ugly symbol of defiance and nullification.” (submitted by David Ott)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, n.d. The flag of the 1st Tennessee Regiment which was captured by the 1st Wisconsin Regiment will be hung in the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. Some think that the flag should be returned to Tennessee because “People (in Wisconsin) don’t care and I really don’t think they would value the flag as much as the people of Tennessee,” according to Bill Crowley, who is commander of the Wisconsin chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. (submitted by Thomas Foley)

Vexi-Bits Editor’s Note: In the electronic age it would be unwise to ignore any vexillological items that may appear on television, radio, or the internet. Along with any information submitted please include the source (e.g., CNN Headline News, CBS Evening News, or local news, KENS-TV, WOAI-radio) and the date. Information from reliable sources on the ‘Net please include a hard copy which includes the source address.

VEXILLIANA

NAVA News Looks at Some of the World’s Flag Journals and Newsletters by Kevin Harrington

Australia

Crux Australis, no. 45, pp. 22. The flag and emblems of the Northern Territory; Flagman of the North - Ron Strachan; Rules for displaying national and territorial flags. No. 47 (ahead of time) The upgrading of a government publication on the Australian flag and rules for its use.

Canada

Flagscan, no. 43, pp. 32. Prince Edward Island’s arms and flag; Flags in world poetry; Ottawa Heraldic Congress report; Loyal Orange flag; Fishermen’s Union flag in Newfoundland; Flags of 50 to 150 years ago; Flags of Portugal; Full colour centre spread: national flags of 1896; Its the Law - U.K.; new flags - Seychelles, Ethiopia, Padania.

Hogtown Heraldry, July 1996, v. VIII, no. 2. pp. Editor Bruce Patterson features recent grants of arms to Ontario municipalities - Scarborough, Niagara, Markham, Ameliasburgh; comments on the Beaver versus the Canadian Goose as a national animal.

Finland

Liehuvat Värit, 2/96, 20 pages, Finnish language. (The title means ‘Flying Colours’): Flag and heraldic terms; troop badges; flag statute of 22 March 1996; flag display guide; new flags of Montenegro, Seychelles, Bosnia-Herzegovina; overview of flags of Uzbekistan. With this issue came two other publications: Suomen Mieli (Finnish Viewpoints) no. 1, summer 1996 - numerous articles on the Finnish flag; the 14 Finnic tribal flags (in colour); and Lippusanausto ja Kasitteita, no. 19/1996, a 20 page well-illustrated vexillological glossary from the Finnish Heraldic Society.

Germany

Flaggen, Wappen und Siegel (the title translates ‘Flags, Arms and Seals’), nos. 33, 34, 35, 1996, pp. 20. Editor Roman Klimes, Bonn, records data on old and new official flags and emblems, with b&w line drawings - description (in German), proportions, date of adoption, and source of information, e.g. Seychelles Republic, arms, new flag and presidential flag, introduced 08/01/1996, flag proportions 1:2, Statute No. 2/1996 from 08.01.1996.

Der Flaggengenieur, Achim, no. 3, May 1996, pp., large, glossy, numerous colour plates in German language. Eastern German city flags, part 3, by Erwin Günther, Vexillology in the Netherlands by Gunnar Staack; The History of Dutch community flags by Hans van Heijningen; Service vehicle pennants in East Germany 1945-1952 (part 1) by Jürgen Rimann; Fluttering flags (correct hoisting of flags in the vertical) by Jiri Tenora; A proposed flag for Tanga, a German East Africa colony in 1914; inquiries, reviews, and new flags (East Flanders, Tuvalu, Oman).

Kleeblatt, 2/96, 42 pp., numerous heraldic articles and book reviews; the story of the postal flag in Germany.

United Kingdom

Flagmaster, no. 082, 1996, 12pp., The Flag Institute, Chester, England. Flags used by 18 current British dependencies; flags and emblems of the Seychelles; Director William Crampton’s visit to Australia, Brunei, and Singapore. Flag news from Comoros, Lebanon, Ethiopia, and Labuan. A four-page supplement called The Flag Locker features frequently asked questions, flag controversies, the flag trade, and introduces young vexillologists. Another supplement, Flagfax, gives the vexillological history of Albania.

Labuan’s flag is a triband of red, white and dark blue with the federal symbols, in yellow, a crescent and a star, in the centre over all. The island is a federal territory of Malaysia, formerly part of Sabah, and was a British colony in the 19th century.

United States


Ethiopia’s new flag is the familiar triband of green, yellow, and red, bearing in the centre a yellow five-pointed star, similar in form to the Moroccan star or pentagram, on a blue disc which extends slightly into the adjacent bands.


Editor’s Note: The title of this column reviewing other vexillological and heraldic periodicals has been changed from “Around the Publications” to “Vexilliana.” The new editor of this column, Kevin Harrington, coined the title, and I feel it is a little more sophisticated that the past one. The word is based on vexillum, Latin for standard or flag, and “iana,” which Webster’s Ninth Collegiate Dictionary defines as “collected items of information.” Therefore this title is most appropriate as Kevin will be collecting lots of data listed in various periodicals on flags for our interests. Thanks Kevin for the term and volunteering to do this job for NAVA, even with your busy schedule.

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CUMBERLAND, ONTARIO

by James Croft

Cumberland, Ontario is a municipality located just east of Ottawa, Ontario; Canada’s national capital. Surveyed and created in 1789 in anticipation of an influx of United Empire Loyalists after the American Revolution, Cumberland was named after Prince Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cumberland and the fifth son of King George III. Few loyalists ever came to Cumberland, but many Irish immigrants fleeing the “potato famine” settled here in the mid-nineteenth century. Other settlers came from Quebec and arrived from Scotland and England by way of the military settlements at Richmond and Perth.

Cumberland attained municipal status in 1850 and a century later, in the 1960s, suburban growth from Ottawa began to spill over into this community. By the mid 1980s Cumberland had become one of the fastest growing municipalities in Canada.

COAT OF ARMS OF CUMBERLAND, ONTARIO

On April 23rd, 1981, Cumberland was granted a coat of arms and badge from the College of Arms in London. The designer of the coat of arms and flag was Harold Diceman, Director of Ceremonial Events for the Department of National Defence. The College of Arms did make some minor modifications to the final design of the arms. The flag incorporated the badge into its design and the symbolism of the flag and arms are similar, as the two crossed axes signify the importance of lumbering in the pioneer days. The wavy large green stripe at the base of the flag represents forests. The above wavy blue stripe and the wavy stripes at the top of the shield represent the Ottawa River, the water highway and main means of transportation for the early settlers. The badge on the flag and coat of arms both contain a mural crown, long a heraldic symbol of municipal authority.

1 Harold Diceman was Vice President of NAVA in the early 1970s.
2 In the Citizens Guide to Facilities and Services, produced by the municipality of Cumberland, there are explanations of Cumberland’s flag and coat of arms. According to the symbolism of the mural crown, it signifies the royal connection with the Duke of Cumberland. The author questions this symbolism as a mural crown has always symbolized civic authority to his knowledge, and if this was the case a duke’s crown would have been used, especially since the coat of arms was granted by a heraldic authority.

FLAG OF CUMBERLAND, ONTARIO

The coat of arms contains additional elements. Upon the mural crown is a blue jay, once prevalent in the municipality, and which is known for its adaptability to urban growth. It holds in its beak a trillium, the provincial flower of Ontario, symbolizing the municipality’s location within this province. The shield is supported by two beavers, the national animal, and they represent Canada. They also recall the native wildlife of Cumberland. The dexter beaver, or the one on the viewer’s left, wears a blue collar charged with a white rose signifying the development of the area by the English, and the sinister beaver wears a red collar charged with gold fleur-de-lis, emblematic of the French participation in the colonization of the region. A special compartment of cut logs upon the ground the beavers stand on again reflects the motif of the logging and lumbering of the early period of Cumberland. The Latin motto “Aurus Honori” or “To Honour Our Ancestors” completes the coat of arms.

NOTE: Although Cumberland has a distinctive badge and a simple shield, on signs indicating the street names and on other municipal property a variant of the shield is used extensively. The shield is modified by having wavy stripes across the middle of the shield and a mural crown placed at the top (chief) of the shield. Why this has been done remains a mystery to the author.

FLAG DATA:

Proportions: 1:2

A white field with a slightly wavy green stripe at the base, one-third the width of the flag. Above are a white and blue stripe, also slightly wavy, each one-fourteenth the width of the flag. In the canton is the municipal badge: A blue disc within a yellow circle surmounted by two yellow axes in salutre, with grey heads. At the top of the disc, between the two ax heads, is a yellow bricked mural crown of three towers, all of these symbols outlined in red.
**Unique Auction!!!**

A Special, One-Time New Year's Flag Offer.

- ca. 245 mixed bag of large flags (2x3', 3x5', 4x6'; Belarus W/R/W stripes, Brunei, Eritrea w/wreath, Finland, Macedonia w/yellow star, Paraguay w/old seal)
- ca. 9,274 mixed bag of 4x6" flags (Afghanistan, Albania, Belarus, Brazil, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Croatia, Eritrea, Finland, Campuchea, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Yugoslavia, Nevada, S. Dakota)

Please mail your bid to: NAVA Treasurer, 101 Bel Air Drive, New Milford, CT 06776, of FAX to (860) 354-2786. Checks are payable to NAVA.

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS IS MARCH 1, 1997.**

✓ Suggested minimum bid = $550.
- Absolute minimum bid = $250.
- *Foreign shipping costs not included.

**NAV A Annual Financial Report**

For the Fiscal Year

October 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996

All amounts are in US dollars.

**Statement of Financial Position**

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...**

Dear Editor:

I'm currently trying to drum up interest in community flags for Seattle area neighborhoods. Peter Orenski's book, "A Flag for New Milford," will serve as a terrific outline for my proposal to generate support. However, to round out my presentation, I'd also like to talk to representatives of a couple of other communities or cities with community flag programs and am seeking contacts with the liaisons between neighborhood associations and cities, and/or the people administering the flag programs. Any ideas or comments would be appreciated. Thanks!

Linda Moore, Owner
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7003 Third Ave. NW, Seattle, WA 98117
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**NOTE FROM THE TREASURER...**

Dear Members:

I would like to sincerely thank all the members who have sent in their 1997 dues. I also urge those members who have not done so, to please send in their dues by December 31, 1996. By doing so you will be saving NAVA money from the postage costs which will be incurred in sending out reminder notices. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter Orenski

Please send your dues and any address and/or e-mail changes to:

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(Editor's Note: The November/December 1996 will be the last to reflect recent address and e-mail changes. All changes after this date will appear in the annual NAVA directory.)

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CAPE TOWN RATES THIRD PLACE

Well respected US Travel publication, The Hideaway Report, recently published statistics pertaining to Visitor Approval Ratings for Major World Cities by their readers. In the first poll of its kind conducted by any travel publication, Hideaway asked its globetrotting readers to tell them worldwide cities they most enjoyed visiting. No biased checklist of pre-selected nominees was provided. Instead respondents were required to write the name of their most favourite and least favourite cities on a blank ballot. Few gave reasons for their choices. Results were based on 1,500 survey responses.

Over 150 cities were mentioned with only 45 achieving over 50 mentions. Remarkably 20 cities were accorded “approval ratings” exceeding 80%. San Francisco was rated first with 1,112 mentions and a 99.5% rating. Wait for it...CAPE TOWN WAS PLACED THIRD with a rating of 98.8% with 80 mentions.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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