The 33rd Annual Convention of the North American Vexillological Association will take place concurrently with the 18th International Congress of Vexillology in Victoria, British Columbia. The dates are Wednesday, 28 July through Monday, 2 August 1999. The Congress formally opens at 9 a.m. (0900 hrs.) on Thursday, 29 July 1999. NAVA’s Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday night, 1 August 1999 at 6 p.m. (1800 hrs) local time.

Members are reminded there will NOT be an October meeting this year. Elections of officers, reports, proposed amendments to the bylaws and the adoption of our annual budget will take place at the Annual Meeting session on 1 August. The Executive Board will meet twice, as is traditional: once before the opening of the Congress (Wednesday night, 28 July) and once after the formal closing of the Convention (because of other scheduling conflicts, the NAVA Convention will be formally closed following the Annual Meeting on 1 August thereby allowing the new Board to convene that night). The Congress itself closes on 2 August at 2:30 p.m. (1430 hrs).

All members are urged to attend this fantastic opportunity to host/meet fellow vexillologists from all over the world. It will be a chance that will not be repeated for many years to show the world community North American hospitality and comraderie.

Receptions and tours have been arranged; Carey Castle, Maritime Museum of British Columbia, Christ Church Cathedral, Legislative Buildings and a Farewell luncheon at the Crystal Gardens Ballroom with the Chief Herald of Canada. Many papers will be presented and a few seminars will be conducted. More details are available from the Congress organizing committee.

We are pleased to announce the NAVA Web site has won an award, the Links2Go Key Resource Award, granted to no more than 50 sites in each category from among millions of sites evaluated. The award is based on the number of links back to the site and the number of references to it, so, if you have a web site, please feel free to link to http://www.nava.org/ whenever you can!

The NAVA Board would like to especially thank our new web master, Dick Gideon and the organizer extraordinaire of the ICV, Chantal Webb for all their fine work. Thanks go also to the dozens of other volunteers without whom this organization would not function.

Pro vexillis!

NOTICE of 1999 NAVA ANNUAL MEETING

As required by the NAVA bylaws, I notify you of the following:

Annual Meeting
The 33rd Annual Meeting of the North American Vexillological Association will be held in the ABC Breakout Room of the Laurel Point Inn, 608 Montreal Street, Victoria, BC, Canada on 1 August 1999 at 6:00 pm (1800 hrs).

Voting
Only active members and organizational members who have appointed a voting representative may vote at the annual meeting. Proxy voting by members is not permitted. Organizational members who wish to designate a representative or to change their representative should immediately contact the NAVA Secretary.

Elections
The nominating committee’s proposed slate of officers and the executive board’s proposed slate of nominating committee members for 1999-2000 can be found on page 3.

Bylaws amendments
Proposed bylaws amendments to be voted on at the annual meeting can be found on page 14. The current text of the bylaws is available at http://www.nava.org/bylaws.htm or by request from the Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

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NEW EDITOR SOUGHT

NAVA News is looking for a new editor. Duties to include determining editorial content with the advice of the NAVA Publications Committee, arranging for layout and design of each issue in a timely manner, receiving and responding to authors and letters to the editor, determining articles and columns for each issue, arranging for production and mailing of each issue. The editor will be assisted by the NAVA Board and the Publications Committee to a degree required by the editor and as agreed by the individual committee and board members.

Those who may be interested in this volunteer position may contact the NAVA President:

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There are many different types of flags. Early in 1998, a unique or at least rare type of flag was unfurled: the Maritime Republic of Eastport. Few of you may have heard of Eastport or know where it is. It is a small residential community located on a peninsula on the West side of Chesapeake Bay. Its Northern boundary is Spa Creek and the City of Annapolis. Most Americans are familiar with Annapolis - it is the Capital of Maryland, home of the United States Naval Academy, site of the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783, and was for a short time, the Capital of the United States. Among boaters it is famous for the Annapolis Boat Shows and the Annapolis Yacht Club. Some vexillologists know it as the home of the Shaw Flag, which was recreated with the assistance of former NAVA president Grace Cooper, an authority on 13-star flags. Eastport, once an independent community, was annexed to the City of Annapolis in 1951.

Late last year, the Maryland Department of Transportation announced that the Spa Creek Bridge would have to be closed for several weeks in January to make needed repairs. The bridge is located near the mouth of Spa Creek and connects downtown or historic Annapolis with Eastport. The Annapolis Yacht Club is at the Northerly end of the bridge and its boatyard is at the Southerly end. The bridge is the closest connection between central Annapolis and Eastport. This announcement caused some concern among the business owners in Eastport. They envisioned an intolerable loss of revenue because of the unfamiliar route their customers would have to travel to patronize their businesses or that they would stop coming until the bridge reopened. In November, two of the business owners met to discuss ways to alleviate their losses.

After many meetings between the business owners, it was agreed that they needed a great deal of publicity so their customers would realize that the bridge was closing and that they would have to use other routes to get to the Eastport businesses. They decided to stage a secession from Annapolis and establish the Maritime Republic of Eastport. Because this was a sham secession, and would hopefully ease the anticipated transportation and parking problems, the City Fathers gave their support. Politically, Eastport would still be a part of Annapolis.

The promoters could see the need for a coat of arms and a flag. The arms consist of a quartered generic boat transom topped with a mooring bitt. The first quarter displays the port side of a Chesapeake Bay dead rise work boat. The second quarter has a Great Blue Heron in flight. The third quarter shows a Maryland Blue Crab. The fourth quarter is the starboard side of a cabin sloop. For supporters they chose two rampant Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, each mouthing a tennis ball. Although mouthing a tennis ball is not an heraldic term, there must have been an amateur heraldist somewhere in the group.

They chose a flag of gold with the arms centered in black. Above the arms is an arched ribbon with swallow tailed ends and severed in the middle with the motto WE LIKE IT — THIS WAY. This of course represents the closure of the bridge and Eastport’s separation from Annapolis. Below the shield and supporting the rampant retrievers is a second ribbon with the legend MARITIME REPUBLIC OF EASTPORT.

While the design of the arms and the flag were important, the flag would have to be used in a way to get a great deal of publicity. The way they chose was a force of arms.

On the morning of the 25th of January 1998, nine groups of armed revolutionary and civil war reenactment troops assembled at the Southern end of the Spa Creek Bridge. They called themselves the Chowderhead Eastport Militia. Their Commander was Tom Russell. In addition to their muskets, they had four muzzle loading cannons. An estimated 400 Eastport residents gathered with the militia.

The Unanimous Declaration of Independence of the Maritime Republic of Eastport was read:

"When in the course of Public Works it becomes necessary to dismantle the Bridge connecting the Eastport Peninsula with the Annapolis Mainland, it is fitting that we, the People of the Neighborhood of Eastport, also dismantle and by doing so dissolve the social, economic and political bands as well as the physical bands which have connected us. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal as evidenced by the fact that, no matter their social or economic status, they all wear the same beat-up deck shoes. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. That is to say, to get a Life and enjoy our Work as well as the jovial companionship of Family and Friends; Liberty from suits, ties and socks; and the Pursuit of prize Rockfish, the Finish Gun, two-week cruises, Crabs, Beer and Oysters. That to secure these rights, a new government shall be instituted among us, deriving its powers from the consent of the Governed as well as the impetus of the Governed to thumb their noses at the establishment. That two score and seven years ago, we the People of Eastport were annexed against our will into the City of Annapolis, and ever since have suffered a second-class status at the snobbish hand of Annapolis Proper. Therefore we now Declare our Independence and thereby do celebrate the unique maritime character of our own Culture, our own History, our own Heritage, our own Horticulture, Architecture and Naval Architecture, our People and our Retrievers and Felines, our own Neighborhood, our own Eastport! We, therefore, the representatives of the Maritime Republic of Eastport do solemnly declare that this Neighborhood is, and by Rights ought to be a Free and Independent State, that we are Absolved from all Allegiances to Annapolis Proper, and that we have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and do all the other Stuff which Independent States may of right do, especially to throw really big Parties. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the fact that nobody’s ever going to take us too seriously anyway, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Sense of Humor."

The Declaration was signed by 25 citizens of Eastport. At each pause during the reading, there was a large cheer from the crowd. After the reading, the bombardment of Annapolis started. Overhead one of the three planes of the Eastport Air Force towed a banner that read “Eastport is Revolting — Join Us.” During this time, the Eastport Coffee Shop owners threw tea into Spa Creek. When they had expended sufficient black powder, Commander Russell declared a cease fire.

There were many of the new yellow Maritime Republic of Eastport flags being waved. Unbeknown to most people at the time, the flags were not the correct color. This is a problem familiar to most flag designers, manufacturers and retailers. The printer had been unable to obtain any gold colored cloth. The entire group, accompanied by a band, route stepped to Leon’s Barber Shop. There the Declaration of Independence was read again and Leon Wolfe was appointed Prime Minister. Credentials were given to all the appointed ministers. Passports and discount coupons good at Eastport businesses were distributed. The crowd then dispersed. Some of the males in attendance were probably intent on getting home to watch the Super Bowl.

The event was covered by the Baltimore Sun and was pictured on page B1 the next day.

Up till this time Eastport was probably best known in Anne Arundel County for its “Winter Sock Burning Day” which was celebrated on the 1st day of Spring.

The whole operation was an extremely successful marketing ploy. During the bridge closure, the Eastport businesses all had an increase of business. During the same period, similar businesses in Annapolis proper had less business. Unbelievably, the promoters made $20,000 selling flags and other souvenirs.
The Weekend of Flags

Whereas, The Canadian Flag Association and the North American Vexillological Association are national non-profit organisations, with members across the continent and overseas, dedicated to the promotion of vexillology, the scientific and scholarly study of flag history and symbolism, and

Whereas, its members include people in all fields of vexillology, including flag collectors, flag historians, government officials, museum directors, flag manufacturers, encyclopedia editors, and those interested in flags as a hobby, and

Whereas, the International Federation of Vexillological Associations, an international non-profit organisation, has brought these groups and others, and their members, to Victoria for a brief visit over the weekend of Saturday, July 31 to Sunday, August 1, 1999. This weekend is dedicated to sharing information, experiences and friendship as relating to vexillology.

Now Therefore, I do hereby proclaim the weekend of July 31 - August 1, 1999, as “The Weekend Of Flags” in the City of Victoria, British Columbia and in issuing this proclamation ask our citizens, organisations and institutions to recognise this week and to join in its observance.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of June, Nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Robert Cross
MAYOR
CITY OF VICTORIA
BRITISH COLUMBIA

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January/April 1999

NOMINATIONS

As per NAVA’s bylaws the Nominating Committee is submitting the following slate of Officers for consideration at the next Annual Meeting to be held in Victoria, BC, Canada:

President:
Dave Martucci
of Washington, Maine, USA

1st Vice President:
Andrew Biles
of Seattle, Washington, USA

2nd Vice President:
Carita Culmer
of Phoenix, Arizona, USA

Secretary:
Truman Pope
of Muncie, Indiana, USA

Treasurer:
Peter Orenski
of New Milford, Connecticut, USA

In accordance with NAVA Bylaws Section 6.02 (e), this notice is within the present bylaws, which require the submissions of the proposed slate to be included by the Secretary in the notice for the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted.
Nominating Committee
Peter Edwards
Scot Gunter
Gustav Tracchia, Chair

As per NAVA’s bylaws the Executive Board is submitting the following slate for Nominating Committee members for consideration at the next Annual Meeting to be held in Victoria, BC, Canada:

David Breitenbach
of Grosse Pt Pk, Michigan, USA

Peter Kinderman
of Cincinnati, Ohio, USA

Gustav Tracchia
of Kew Gardens, New York, USA

Respectfully submitted.
Executive Board
Dave Martucci, President
David Breitenbach, 1st Vice President
Carita Culmer, 2nd Vice President
Truman Pope, Secretary
Peter Orenski, Treasurer
by Dr. Whitney Smith

White is the second most commonly used color in the national flags of the world (70%) because, like yellow, it provides contrast to the other colors of which flags are composed (red, green, blue, black, and sometimes others). The least common of the basic flag colors, black, appears in only 21% of national flags. Among flags of two colors only the combination of white and black is not common, although many flags have black and white plus other colors. There is room for speculation about the reason(s) for this — whether those colors are associated with a somber appearance, negative symbolic associations, or some other factor.

Of those limited to black and white, the three flags of Brittany are among the best known — its armorial banner of arms, its black cross on white, and the modern “stripes and ermine spots.” Another Celtic nation, Cornwall, also has a flag of black and white.Dating from at least the 19th century — (and perhaps earlier), this flag is symbolically associated with the tin which made Cornwall famous and the ore from which it is derived. The exact origins of this flag, the “banner of St. Piran,” are not known.

Elsewhere in Europe, the ancient coat of arms of Corsica (a black head with a white band over the eyes or forehead, all on a white shield) is the basis for several versions of the flag that characterizes the island. Sicily also once had another flag of this color combination — a black spread eagle on a white background. This is associated with Emperor Frederick II Hohenstaufen whose reign brought such glory to the island.

Perhaps the most widely used flags of black and white are those associated with the Kingdom of Prussia from its establishment in 1701 until its suppression in 1935 under the Nazi regime. Ultimately, the inspiration for the Prussian colors was the banner of the Teutonic Knights, a warrior order which exercised control over substantial territories. During the years of its grandeur, Prussia used a variety of black and white flags, although some of these also bore an eagle which included the colors gold and light blue.

A number of other flags in German-speaking areas were also influenced by this design tradition. The flags of the Prussian provinces and the maritime flag of the city of Königsberg, for example, were fashioned of black and white only. Those colors became the basis for many German flags under the Second Reich and then were revived by Hitler. Today in Germany the black cross on white, embellished with a central black eagle and a canton consisting of black-white-red stripes bearing the Iron Cross, is associated with neo-Nazis who, being denied the right to display their real flag, the infamous Hakenkreuz, flaunt the Reichskriegsflagge.
Black is found in many Arab national flags. Historically, the Abbasids — one of the leading dynasties of early Islam — favored the use of black for their banners. These were often covered with inscriptions, but available evidence suggests that those inscriptions were usually of gold not white. Never the less the black Abbasid flags inspired four modern national flags of Afghanistan in use from 1919 to 1928 and again (briefly) in 1929, which incorporated only black and white.

Elsewhere in Asia, the Muslim peoples of the East Indies have made use of black and white as favored flag colors. An all-black flag, for example, was displayed by the Arab merchants of the Sultanate of Acheh; Trumong and Riouw are among the small states in what is today Indonesia that also had flags of black and white. In what is now Malaysia there have been black and white national flags used by Pahang (two flags since 1887) and Trengganu (several flags since the late 19th century). Johore for a brief time (1855-1865) also had a black and white flag.

In Africa the rule of the Senussi dynasty in Cyrenaica led to the creation of a national flag for that territory based on black and white religious banners previously in use. Following World War II, Cyrenaica under British administration was organized as the kernel for what eventually became the modern country of Libya. The national flag of Cyrenaica in use from 1947 to 1950 was black with a white star and crescent; the royal standard added a white crown in the upper hoist corner. When Cyrenaica united with Tripolitania and Fezzan to form Libya, the new flag was created by adding stripes of red and green at the top and bottom to the flag of Cyrenaica.

Perhaps there have been other black and white national flags used at some point in history. Can any reader suggest examples? Certainly, there have also been non-national flags in these colors. Many of these, unfortunately, evoke memories of death and destruction: the flags of the Chetniks of World War II notoriety, the banners of the special elite SS troops and of the Hitler-Jugend in the same era, and the Jolly Roger of pirate fame come to mind.
Recent Work of Vexillologists in the Flag Periodicals of the World

(A list of Journal titles with a key to abbreviations and language follows this report. Illustrations from GdeB and FV)

VEXILLOLOGISTS IN THE NETHERLANDS
Klaes Sierksma, with Armenian archivist, Margarita Chungunian, introduces an Armenian flag book of 1815, and Jos Poels writes on Israeli symbols. VN 219 (see also South Pole flags in 217); Jan Reijnen looks at flags on the stamps of South Arabia, TFB 184: Marcel van Westerhoven examines community flags, VN 217-219. Anton Jansen advises of the merger of Vlaggen with Info-Bulletin, Vl. 102. Dirkwillem Visser intimates (via Laszlo Balogh, Hungary) that St. Eustatius has a flag for the first time a triband of yellow-blue-red, 3:1:3, I-B 95.

NORTH AMERICAN VEXILLOLOGISTS
John M. Hartvigsen analyzes a little-known American flag - the Brandywine flag. TFB 186. Dr. Whitney Smith deals with the symbols of La Communauté TFB 183. Dr. John M. Purcell. Great Waters V.A. features the flags of Columbus, Ohio in FLWR. Robert Wasserman’s letter on a White Ensign over American soil appears in THG (Dec. ’98). Doreen Braverman in F&B (v. 11, no. 2) has an editorial on the red in Canada’s flag. Peter Edwards of Toronto has had his work on the burgees of recreational boating in South Africa published in SJ, 6/97. Canada’s Chief Herald Robert Watt introduces the arms and flag of the new territory, Nunavut, in Fgsn 53. Kevin Harrington reveals the popularity of swastika burgees in the 1920s in Fint 5.

THE BELGIAN, BRETON, FRENCH, ITALIAN, CATALAN, AND SPANISH FLAG SCHOLARS
Michel Lupant, editor, regularly features new flags in GdeB. Léon Nyssen studies Belgian naval flags from 1815, VN 217; he has several articles in Vexillacta, 1 & 2. Roger Baert describes the royal ensign of Belgium in LeV 78.

In AR 7/98 and 8/99 are articles on Breton flags by Breton vexillologists Alain Raullet, Dr. Philippe Rault and Divv Kervella.


Bruno Fuligni reveals the four flags of Comunia in the Amazon jungle, TFB 183.

Jaume Ollé’s FR 10 contains details on flags of the present and the past - the Chilean regions, the Venezuelan air force, the Land of Punt and other Somali flags, etc. His Electronic Bulletin of Vexillology from Catalonia is in FDB 9. In FR 9 he introduces the Customs flag of Malaysia and the Nigerian presidential flag. In B 69 Ollé deals with the flags of the departments of El Salvador; in 70 with Tobago.

Cuban and Philippine (Katipunan) flags are featured in articles by Spanish vexillologists Jorge Hurtado Maqueda and José Luis de Frutos in B 69. Flags over Gibraltar from 1502 to 1778 are covered in B 70 by Félix Martínez Llorente.

Alfredo Betocchi writes on Lithuanian symbols. Roberto Breschi refers us to a Czech trian-

gular problem in the Olympic parade, and Aldo Ziggio reviews nine books on flags and badges in VXXV-2.

FINNISH AND SCANDINAVIAN HERALDISTS AND VEXILLOLOGISTS
Kari K Laurla is arguably the world’s most prolific vexillo-heraldic writer. Under the auspices of the Collegium Heraldicum Fennicum, Laurla has written most of the articles in LMT 5 to 8 ranging from scout emblems and party flags to boating club flags. He also writes for LV: new emblems of the Finnish armed forces, a tsarist standard at sea, an interview with Alexander Basov - the Belarusian vexillologist in Minsk, and changes in international flags, Estonian police flag, etc., nos. 3 and 4/98. Laurla also writes on the Finnish flag in a trilingual publication Suomen Lippu and his work on the proposed national flag of 1918 appears in Hiidenkivi, a magazine of Finnish culture, 6/98.

Jan Oskar Engene writes extensively on flags in NFK’s ‘jubilee’ edition, 1998, e.g. new Icelandic flag legislation and flags of the Aland Islands. He also writes in FDB 9 on how to cite Internet sources. We see that the Nordic vexillologists are proposing a FIAV Congress for 2003 in Stockholm.

SWISS AND GERMAN FLAG-LORISTS
Dr. Günter Mattern continues a discussion of German flags with an article on the Republic of the Upper Rhine TFB 184; he also edits FLMG.

Ulrike Schwalm writes about the U.S. flag in American films. TFB 186.

The yearbook VH 1996/97 contains the history of the flags of Fribourg by Sabine Sille.

Arnold Rabbow treats us to a rol-
licking account of marijuana or hashish flags and the Amsterdam Summit flag in DFK 6/98. Erich Dieter has translated Norman Martin's opus on German flags from the Middle Ages to WWII in the same issue. Editor Dr. Andreas Herzfeld discusses Leipzig Fair symbols, Erwin Günther imparts information on the flag of the Saugaise Republic, and Falko Schmidt chronicles the flag history of Syria in 7/98. Questions and answers - with contributions by Erwin Günther, Thilo Biegler, Jörg M. Karaschewski and Gunnar Staack are a regular feature of Nrn. 10/98-13/99.

Heraldists and Vexillologists of Britain, Malta, Australia

Michael King’s letter provides information on flags of the new Ethopian regions, and Ray Allen describes British flags of civilians at war, e.g. National Fire Service, Civil Defense Corps, in FM 93, and editor Michael Faul explains how colour burst into Flagmaster. Robin Ashburner writes to THG on the Welsh dragon (Sept. '98). An article on protocol and the Union Jack by Bruce Nicholls is reprinted in E&J 4.

Ralph Kelly elaborates on French Levantine flags (Lebanon, Syria, Latakia) in CA 50. He and Tony Burton examine the flags of South-East Asia, SEATO and ASEAN, in 51. Elaine Peters updates civic flags in GeDeB 50. Articles by the Czech writers also appear in DFK in 1998. The two writers and Peter Exner do reviews of flag publications in Vie 109; Roman Klimes and Jaroslav Martykan have an article on presidential flags, e.g. Belarus, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Croatia, Namibia and Taiwan in 110 and 111. Writers Klimes and Tenora each publish communiqués on new flags and changes in flags and arms. FWS (worldwide) and CDC (Eastern Europe and the former USSR). Zeljko Heimer draws our attention to the great variety of stars that appear in flags DFK 6/98. Dr. Andriy Grechyo, editor of Z. L'viv, has published a booklet on the arms of the right-bank Ukraine 1791-92.

Other Scholars

T. Saleem Marwat discusses tribal flags in Pakistan, GeDeB 51. Bruce Berry writes on new civic flags in South Africa, in SN 23/98, and introduces us to the newest flag society, the Vexillological Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina <velidiga@bih.net.ba>. David Prando writes on an historic Argentine flag in B 69. Alberto Perazzo reviews changes in the shield of arms of Buenos Aires (city) in E 26.

ABBREVIATIONS USED

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These illustrations are a few examples of the illustrations being prepared by NAVA's Treasurer, Dr. Peter Orenski for an upcoming issue of Raven. They have been scanned from the originals and consequently some quality has been lost but the final product will indeed be an excellent vexillological contribution. See article on page 10.
(Above) Jim Croft delivering his paper at the NAVA 32 Convention in Québec City, October, 1998.

(Above) The flag of the 18th International Congress of Vexillology designed by NAVA member Truman Pope.

(Right) The Flag of the City of Victoria, BC, which is the host site of the 18th ICV.
PORT COQUITLAM, BRITISH COLUMBIA

by James Croft

Flag description: On a green field, the shield of the coat of arms of Port Coquitlam in the canton and in the fly, a white disc bearing three interlaced red salmon. Colour illustration on page 8.

On 21 December 1992, the Canadian Heraldic Authority granted a flag, coat of arms, and a badge to Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, a city located east of Vancouver with a population of approximately 28,000. The area where Port Coquitlam is now located was originally an Indian village at the mouth of the Coquitlam River. Prior to 1912 there were two Coquitlams, one a rural municipality of approximately 28,000. The other was a new industrial city within the municipality. It was this growing new city of approximately four square miles bounded by the Pitt River on the east and the Fraser River on the south, that became incorporated on 7 March 1913 as the City of Port Coquitlam.

The new flag of the city (see the colour illustration on page 8) has a green field and incorporates the shield from the coat of arms in the canton with a special badge in the fly. The shield has a red salmon in its upper section and the special badge bears a white disc with three red interlaced salmon on it. “Coquitlam” is a Native People’s name meaning “little red fish” and the Coquitlam River, at the mouth of which this community is located, was famous for its hordes of this Pacific Coast fish. The use of the salmon honours the river from which the city derives its name. The red steam locomotive wheel and the two golden horizontal bands running through the center of the shield signify the railway. It was the railway which was the economic impetus in the creation of the city, as the Canadian Pacific Railway’s Pacific Coast Terminals were located here at the beginning of the century.

The wide green band or heralic “fess” indicates the pathways which first opened up the community, while the distinctive cedar twig pattern is emblematic of the green spaces in Port Coquitlam and the sustaining wealth and amenities derived from the local forests.

The future of this growing new city of approximately four square miles is secured with the addition of the new civic flag. The new flag succeeds the previous flag, which bore a royal crown, a train, a ship, a beaver, and the motto, “By Commerce and Industry We Prosper.”

A special badge was also created for the grant which bears the Salish spindle whorl on a red locomotive wheel.

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The Flag and Banners of Cola Di Rienzo, Tribune of 'Lo Buono Stato', Rome the Holy Republic, in 1347

by Kevin Harrington, M.A. (T.)

My first knowledge of a Roman flag designed and flown by Tribune Cola di Rienzo came from a re-reading of Luigi Barzini's The Italians (1964). He was not the first writer to mention the flag and banners of Cola di Rienzo but probably the only historian to write about di Rienzo in a popular work. Yet the vexillological literature has been strangely silent on these flags, as far as I can determine, with the exception of a few words in Vexilla Italica.

This is what Barzini says: "Over his head flew always the great banner of the republic, designed by him, a sun with a circle of stars and a dove with olive branches." (p. 129) Other flags in use in di Rienzo's Rome had been mentioned in Barzini's description of Cola di Rienzo's first entry into power, one of impressive pageantry, on Saturday, May 9, 1347. Here he was acknowledged by the crowds of Rome as the person the people desired as head of a new state. "...preceded by four flags, he marched on the Campidoglio...The first flag, dedicated to liberty, was red (it was perhaps the first appearance of a revolutionary red flag in history) with gold-embroidered letters and figures, Rome sitting on two lions, holding the globe in one hand, a palm in the other, and the legend Roma caput mundi. The second flag was white, dedicated to justice, with Saint Paul wearing a crown and carrying a sword. The third was also white, with Saint Peter holding the keys, symbols of concord and peace. The fourth was a banner of Saint George, so old and ragged it had to be carried in a wooden box on top of a pole." (p. 126)

My interest aroused I hastened to find other works on Rienzi, as the populist leader was sometimes called, hoping perhaps to find first sources, details, an illustration. The earliest source I could locate was the work by a contemporary, unidentified other than as Anonimo Romano (An anonymous Roman), written towards the middle of 1300 (published Milan, 1979), written in an atrocious yet decipherable Italian. Here is where the great banner of the Republic is mentioned: "...veniva Cecco de Alessio e portava sopra capo uno stennardo a muodo regale. In quello stennardo era lo campo de bianco; in miedo stai dove uno sole de aoro splennente e atomo staevano le stelle de ariento. In capo dello stennardo era una palomma bianca d'ariento, la quale portava in vocca una corona de oliva." (p.167) So Barzini has written accurately, staying faithful to the description in the original, but omitting references to colours, and his translator has done likewise. The same applies to his description of the flags in use on Rienzi's pageant-like entry into Rome. Still, I pondered, there may be more information. Perhaps other historians in writing of Cola di Rienzo used other sources. Let's see.

In Christopher Hibbert's Rome: The Biography of a City (New York, 1985), I found the first helpful illustration, apparently taken from the original Vita. It was however, not an illustration of a flag, but of di Rienzo's coat-of-arms. Hibbert refers to the arms as 'assumed', p. 102. The arms appear in black and white above the left shoulder of Rienzi in a woodcut portrait. They are very helpful clues inasmuch as among the devices on the shield appear a sun in splendour. Three stars appear above and also below the sun emblem.

Other devices on the shield are a Latin cross, keys in saltire, and a St. George's cross quartered with the initials SPQR. The latter stands for Senatus Populusque Romanus - the old motto of Rome, meaning, of course, the 'Senate and People of Rome'.

The arms then suggest to us a possible arrangement and the number of stars as well as the form the sun takes on the flag, and the relative sizes of the emblems.

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Moving on to other writers, we try a French biographer, Pierre Frédérix in *Rome: histoire de la ville éternelle* (Paris, 1969). He does not describe the great banner of the Republic other than as ‘une bannière royale’ but our attention is drawn to the flags used in that first pageant of 1347, “la bannière rouge et or de la liberté, la bannière blanche de la justice, la bannière bleue de la paix.” So Frédérix ascribes the colour blue to the field of St. Peter’s flag, an interesting variation.

Now we tackle the writing of a German historian Ferdinand Gregorovius, in an English translation of his *History of Rome in the Middle Ages* (London, 1898). He describes the pageant flags this way: “Three great banners were carried before him: the red and gold banner of freedom, with the image of Rome; the white banner of justice, with S. Paul; the banner of peace, with S. Peter; a fourth banner, that of St. George, being old and tattered, was carried in a coffer on a lance.” No mention of blue in the Petrine flag.

More details emerge in an Italian work, *Roma: dal Commune di Popolo alla Signoria Pontificia*, by Eugenio Dupré Theseider, Bologna, 1952. Here we find the illustration again of a coat of arms for Cola di Rienzo. We also read a description of that part of the arms which used the devices on his standard, “nel quale scintillava un sole d'oro circondato da sette stelle argentee, in campo azzurro”, i.e. a sun in splendour encircled by seven silver stars, on a blue field.” Oliphant in quoting an earlier writer reveals again this blue: *The standard was white with a sun of gold set round with silver stars on a field of blue.* (p.434). This is the problem that I am unable to solve. How can the flag be white yet the stars appear on a blue field - unless the stars, perhaps, are within a blue circle or other form, separating them from the white background of the standard. Since, however, the quarter in the arms show a simple arrangement of stars above and below the sun, I think perhaps that pattern would be the most likely, i.e. silver stars and golden sun on a blue field. Perhaps a sky blue field may have given the impression of a white field. Could ‘the dove above’ (*in capo dello stendardo*) refer to the finial?

Flags are of such import to Cola di Rienzo that in his meeting with envoys from the other Italian cities and regions, he distributes to each specific flags. Some of the envoys refused to accept them lest acceptance be considered a sign of submission to the Tribune of Rome. We will mention but one, that assigned to Florence. It depicted three women signifying Italy, with an orb in her hand, Rome with a *look* of triumph, and Christian faith.

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Anonimo Romano, *Cronica*, (Vita di Cola di Rienzo), Milan, 1979, pp 88, 166, 310
Ugo Reale, *Vita di Cola di Rienzo*, Rome, 1982 pp 69, 75, 91, 95
Eugenio Dupré Theseider, *Roma dal comune di popolo alla signoria pontificia* (1252-1377), Bologna, 1952, pp 528, 544, 552, 624, 672, 688
John Wright, *The Life of Cola di Rienzo*, Toronto, 1975, pp 46, 52. (transl. of *La Vita*)
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Section 3.07. Term of membership.
(d) Honorary membership may be conferred by action of two-thirds of the voting members upon recommendation of the executive board, upon recommendation of the membership committee.

Words shown in strike out to be removed; words shown in underscore to be added.
Explanation: To modify the requirements for honorary membership so that
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The associations is [a an Illinois not for profit corporation under, and subject to, the provisions of the Act.
(b) Comment: To correct a grammatical error.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS
(a) Section 1.08(d) of the bylaws of the association is added as follows:
(d) Only proposed amendments timely submitted under this section may be considered by the voting members. Proposed amendments shall be considered as submitted and may not be amended.
(b) Comment: To codify NAVA's existing practice since 1991. In order to allow all NAVA members an opportunity to comment on any proposed bylaws amendments regardless of whether they are able to attend the annual meeting, the precedent is that the text of a proposed bylaws amendment may not be amended at the annual meeting. The current practice recognizes the complexity of drafting bylaws amendment and avoids prolonged discussions at the meeting. The current practice elevates prudence over expediency by strongly encouraging consensus and compromise on potentially controversial proposals.

SECTION 3. MISCELLANEOUS
(a) Severability. Each of sections 1 through 2 of this resolution may be separately considered by the voting members at the 1999 annual meeting and approved or disapproved individually.
(b) Font. Additions to the bylaws are indicated by underlining and deletions to the bylaws are indicated by [enclosure in brackets and strikethrough]. If approved, the modified text shall appear in nonunderlined font without the bracketed and struckout text.
(c) Comments. The comments to sections 1 through 2 of this resolution are provided for explanatory purposes only and do not form part of the proposed amendment.
(d) Effective date. Each of sections 1 through 2 of this resolution receiving approval by action of two-thirds of the voting members shall be immediately effective at the time of its approval, provided a copy of this resolution shall have been sent to all voting and non-voting members with the 1999 annual meeting notice.

The NAVA President notes the following: Section 1 is a grammatical error and does NOT need a motion to correct it. In order to save time at the meeting, I will say “If there is no objection, the error in 1.02 of the Bylaws will be corrected to read ‘an Illinois’ rather than ‘a Illinois.’”. If there is No objection, it will be so ordered.
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Chapel Hill NC USA
Area of Interest [Aol]: Geography and Louisiana

Ms. Marilyn Murray Jensen
Chroma Design
Portland OR USA
Aol: nautical, heraldic and medieval flags, large-scale commercial flags

Mr. Mason E. Kaye
Portland OR USA
Aol: research on tribar flags, flag design

Dr. Peter J. Keim, M.D.
Natrona Heights PA USA
Aol: collects US flags: flag history

Prof. Akira Kumagai
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Aol: Heraldry

Mr. Douglas Clem Lawrence
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Aol: European and military

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New Milford CT USA
Aol: Irish county flags

Mr. Robert H. Manning
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Aol: Maritime/maritime heritage

Mr. Jeremy March
Los Angeles CA USA
Aol: Soviet era and inter-war European flags

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Aol: flags in general

Ms. Stanisław A. Milkowski
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Aol: Poland

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Aol: US State, Europe, Native American

Master Jack Fletcher
Bunkie LA USA
Aol: collects desk size 4x6"

Mr. David Le Gallant De M.-C.
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Aol: French flags, royal arms

Mr. Thomas J. Hale
Quincy MA USA
Aol: national, military, naval, historic flags

Dr. Douglas F. Hedwig
New York NY USA
Aol: relationship of flags and music

Mr. Thomas H. Hitchcock
Sturbridge MA USA
Aol: flags of Germany from 1900 to present

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Normandy Park WA USA
Aol: General, likes geography

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Aol: member of Canadian Corkscrew Collectors Club

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Aol: US Colonial & Revolutionary War; British Isles, heraldry, flag design

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Richmond VA USA
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Aol: California, Washington, Europe

Mr. Dennis R. Stevens
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Aol: Flag manufacturing

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