North American Vexillological Association

...the flag-studies organization of the United States of America and Canada

Do you love flags? Then join NAVA, the world’s largest organization of flag enthusiasts and scholars, promoting excellence in vexillology and camaraderie among those interested in flags since 1967.

NAVA members include flag scholars and collectors, educators, museum professionals, government officials, flag manufacturers and retailers, writers, designers, and those interested in flags as a hobby. We are an all-volunteer, non-political, non-profit, multinational association.

NAVA members actively participate in many flag-related activities, including flag research and conservation, local flag-studies groups, World Vexillology Day (October 1), flag-design competitions, and sharing flag information with the public.

All NAVA members receive Raven (our annual scholarly journal) and Vexillum (our quarterly full-color magazine), our e-mail bulletin Semaphore, and access to the members-only section of NAVA.org (with recent publications, our member directory, and much more). Memberships are based on calendar years—new members receive all publications for the year they join.

What Does NAVA Publish?
To keep you informed of current news about flags, flag-related articles and books, NAVA meetings, and similar information of interest to vexillologists, we publish:

- **Vexillum** (our quarterly magazine with short articles, vexillological scholarship, recent information about flags)
- **Semaphore** (our monthly e-newsletter with breaking flag news and NAVA updates)
- **www.nava.org** (our award-winning website)

In addition, NAVA maintains a robust Facebook presence, supports a list-serv for up-to-date flag information, occasionally publishes special reprints of out-of-print flag publications, and distributes flag-design guidance through surveys, guidebooks, and case studies.

NAVA encourages you to research and write articles for our publications.

Questions?
If you want more information or would like the Membership Committee to contact you, please visit our web site at www.nava.org, send an email to sec@nava.org or at:

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Share Your Flag Interest at NAVA’s Annual Meeting!
For many people interested in flags, a NAVA meeting is often their first opportunity to meet with others that share that interest. Each year NAVA holds its annual meeting somewhere in the United States or Canada, the largest vexillological conference on the continent. NAVA’s meetings are often scheduled near the U.S. Columbus Day/Canadian Thanksgiving weekend. Those assembled enjoy fellowship with other vexillologists, hear papers presented on a wide variety of flag topics, go on field trips, view flag displays, exchange information, and trade or purchase books, flags, and related materials.

Awards and Grants

**The Captain William Driver Award** at each annual meeting recognizes the best presentation of vexillological scholarship.

**The Cooper Conservation Grant** helps conserve endangered flags in museum collections.

**The Cannon Research Grant** supports academic research in vexillology.
**What Does NAVA Do?**

NAVA pursues the study of flags by:

- bringing into closer cooperation people interested in all aspects of flags such as their history, significance, specifications, use, design, sale, and manufacture
- furthering a strong and growing interest in flags as a serious study or as an avocation
- promoting research into the origins, history, design, and symbolism of flags
- publishing on flags and vexillology
- formulating standards for flag terminology, methodology, and data recording
- studying and providing guidance on flag usage and design through national surveys and guidebooks
- maintaining a Personal Flag Registry, documenting the flags of NAVA members
- cooperating with other vexillological associations, agencies, and research centers, and foundations
- representing vexillologists of North America on an international level (NAVA is a founding member of FIAV, the Fédération internationale des associations vexillologiques)

**Membership**

Joining NAVA is easy and inexpensive!

**Active membership** for those 18 and over is US$40 annually (US$20 for full-time undergraduate and graduate students).

**Associate membership** for those under 18 (and spouses of active members) is US$20 annually with all privileges of active membership except voting and holding elected office.

**Organizational Membership** for non-profit or for-profit Organizations is US$60 annually, including preferred rates on exhibit space at the annual meeting, a listing on the Commercial Members page at www.nava.org, and all privileges of active members except holding office.

To join NAVA, visit www.nava.org or complete the application below and mail it with your dues.

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Date: __________________________

Recommended by (optional):

I wish to apply for membership in the North American Vexillological Association in the category below:

☐ Active (US$40; available to individuals eighteen years of age or older.)

☐ Associate / Student (US$20—please check appropriate box):
  ☐ under eighteen  ☐ spouse of active member  ☐ full-time college or university student

☐ Organizational (US$60)

If accepted for membership, I will abide by NAVA’s bylaws (available at www.nava.org)

Signature: ___________________________________________________________________________________

☐ I am donating $____________ as a tax-deductible gift to further NAVA’s mission.

All payments must be in U.S. dollars, and either by: (1) check drawn on funds deposited in the United States; (2) money order; or (3) PayPal (www.paypal.com), directing the payment to “treas@nava.org”.

Please make all checks or money orders payable to “NAVA”.

Your membership will be processed after your first year’s dues are received. This normally takes 3–4 weeks. To accelerate the process, you can apply online at www.nava.org and pay through PayPal.

**Name:** ___________________________________________________________________________________

**Address:** ___________________________________________________________________________________

**Organization (optional):** ___________________________________________________________________________________

**Telephone Number:**

  ☐ Home __________________________

  ☐ Work ________________________________

  ☐ Mobile: __________________________

**E-mail Address:** _____________________________________

**URL:** ___________________________________________________________________________________

**Describe your interest in flags:** __________________________________________________________________________

**Local Vexillological Organization Membership:** ____________________________________________________

**Notes:** Dues are payable on an annual basis (January 1 to December 31) and are not prorated. An applicant may request that membership become effective on January 1 of the following year if the application is submitted after the annual meeting. NAVA is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, and membership dues and other donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed under United States law and article XXI of the 1980 United States-Canada tax treaty.