

# RAVEN

## a JOURNAL of vexilloLOGY

### 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:

- **Raven: A Journal of Vexillology** (our annual book-length jury-reviewed journal)
- **NAVA News** (our quarterly newsletter with short articles and recent information about flags)
- **[www.nava.org](http://www.nava.org)** (our award-winning web site)

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

NAVA encourages you to research and write articles for publication in these media.

### Questions?

If you want more information or would like the membership committee to contact you, please write to us at:

**North American Vexillological Assn.**

**PMB 225**

**1977 N Olden Ave Ext**

**Trenton NJ 08618-2193 USA**

or send an email to [sec@nava.org](mailto:sec@nava.org)

*We feel certain that if you like flags, you will find NAVA membership rewarding.*

**Please Join Us!**



### Meet Other Flag Enthusiasts at NAVA's Annual Conventions!

For many people interested in flags, a NAVA meeting is often their first opportunity to meet with others that share their interest. Each year NAVA holds its annual meeting somewhere in the United States or Canada, the largest gathering of flag scholars and enthusiasts in the continent. NAVA's meetings are nearly always scheduled for 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.

### Honors

NAVA bestows three awards:

- The **Whitney**, awarded to outstanding contributors to North American Vexillology,
- The **Captain William Driver Award**, awarded at each annual meeting for the best paper, and
- The **Vexillonnaire** which honors a significant success in activist vexillology.

An invitation to join the

**NAVA**  
[www.nava.org](http://www.nava.org)



**NORTH  
AMERICAN  
VEXILLOLOGICAL  
ASSOCIATION**

**...established to  
promote the study of  
the history and  
symbolism of flags**

**Do flags interest you?** Are you curious about their design, history, and symbolism? Do you wonder why these bits of cloth have such a profound effect on people and nations? If your answer is "Yes," then **please join us!**

### What is NAVA?

NAVA is a scholarly, nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to the promotion of *Vexillology*, the study of flags. Its members come from all fields of vexillology, including flag collectors and historians, government officials, museum directors, flag dealers and manufacturers, writers, designers, and teachers, as well as those interested in flags as a hobby.

NAVA publishes *Raven: A Journal of Vexillology* and a newsletter, *NAVA News*, hosts a web site, holds annual meetings, undertakes special projects, and participates in international vexillological events. NAVA has no commercial, religious, or political objectives, nor does it participate in the patriotic promotion of any particular flag. Although based in North America, NAVA's membership is multinational.

### 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, and manufacture
- furthering a strong and growing interest in flags as a serious study or as an avocation
- promoting research into the origins, history, 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 Member Flag registry, documenting the personal flags of NAVA members
- cooperating with other vexillological associations, agencies, and research centers, and foundations
- representing vexillologists of North America on an international level.

### Membership

All members receive *NAVA News*, *Raven*, and occasional publications; they may subscribe to NAVA's list serv and participate in its chat group; they may register their personal flag and access the "Members Only" section of NAVA's web site; and they may participate in NAVA's efforts in flag conservation, design, and publishing.

- **Active members** may attend meetings, vote, hold office, serve on committees, and receive publications without additional cost. They are eligible for one free classified ad in *NAVA News* per year and one free non-commercial exhibit table at the Annual Meeting. Active membership is open to any individual eighteen years of age or older.

**Dues are US\$40 annually.**

- **Associate members** have all the privileges of active members except voting and holding office. Associate membership is open only to spouses of active members, individuals under the age of eighteen, and full-time college or university students.

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- **Organizational members** have all the privileges of active members, plus free insert privileges in *NAVA News* (one page per issue, member supplies inserts), preferred rates on ads and exhibit space at the Annual Meeting, and a listing on the NAVA Commercial Members web page. Organizational membership is open to any commercial or nonprofit organization. **Dues are US\$60 annually.**

To join NAVA, fill in the requested information, and mail it with your dues to the address below.

**North American Vexillological Association  
Membership Committee  
PMB 225  
1977 N Olden Ave Ext  
Trenton NJ 08618-2193 USA**

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 (US\$20-please check appropriate box):
- spouse of active member,  under the age of eighteen  full-time college or university student
- Organizational (US\$60)

If accepted for membership, I will abide by NAVA's bylaws (available on NAVA's web site <[www.nava.org](http://www.nava.org)>.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- I am donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a tax-deductible gift to further NAVA's mission.
- My business is interested in advertising in NAVA's publications. Please send information.
- All payments must be in U. S. dollars, and either by: (1) check drawn on funds deposited in the United States; (2) money order; (3) international postal money order; or (4) over the Internet through PayPal ([www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)), directing the payment to "[treas@nava.org](mailto:treas@nava.org)". Please do not send cash. 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](http://www.nava.org) and pay through PayPal.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: (please include ZIP/postal code) \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone Number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your interest in flags: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 October 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.