

11-10-07 at the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House in Baltimore, MD

Peter Ansoff, Nick Artimovich, Chris Bedwell, Daniel Broh-Kahn, Tom Carrier, Dick Clark, Dale Grimes, Charlie Heyda, Jack Lowe, Roy Mock, Jon Radel and new member Greg Nedved, who popped in and out as he was working as a docent at the museum.

A late lunch began the meeting, followed by an extended period of show and tell. Among the items displayed were new acquisitions of Chris Bedwell and Dick Clark, the new flag of Strasburg, VA (shown by Tom Carrier—it's first time in public outside of Strasburg), a World War II commemorative flag and the new flag of Lafayette, Indiana, which was designed using the principles of NAVA's "Good Flag, Bad Flag." Chris also showed (and offered for sale) a Prussian royal standard, made by Peter Orenski. Nick Artimovich had many valuable flag charts and books for sale. Dale Grimes showed a slideshow of the Veterans Day presentation he was to make the following day, which he has already shown at his school. Dale showed several photo variants of the flag-raising at Iwo Jima and spoke about the flags in his collection which are of the same type as those that flew over Mt. Suribachi.

Business discussed was the CBFA-GWAV joint meeting in Pittsburgh the weekend of May 3-4, 2008. It was the sense of the group that the meeting should be on Saturday, with optional time on Sunday morning. Jack will co-ordinate with Dave Breitenbach of GWAV.

Eric Voboril, the curator of the Flag House gave us guided tour of the Pickersgill house where the Star-Spangled Banner was made.

Finally, there was an auction of duplicates and discards from people's collections. Tom, Dick, Nick, Peter, Chris and Jack contributed. The group enthusiastically adopted Dick's suggestion that the money raised should be contributed to the NAVA conservation fund, and that we could use this as a challenge to other regional vexillological organizations to match what we had done. \$317 was raised in this manner and will be sent to NAVA. Daniel Broh-Kahn, NAVA NEWS editor, will put a squib in the next NN.

Dale Grimes graciously accepted the job of arranging our next meeting, to be held at the National Marine Corps Museum in Quantico, VA on February 23, 2008, the 62nd anniversary of the raising of the US flag on Mt Suribachi during the battle for Iwo Jima.