

Dedication Program

Welcome	Dave Nash Chairman, Celebrate Mooresville
Presentation of the Colors	Boy Scout Troop 231, Mooresville
Indiana Historical Markers	Casey Pfeiffer Historical Marker Program Manager Indiana Historical Bureau
Honoring Paul Hadley	Keith Lindauer President and CEO, Citizens Bank
The State Flag Legacy	Lois Huntington, State Regent Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution
The Memory of Paul Hadley	Charles “Bud” Swisher Healthier Morgan County
The Torch and Stars	Janice Bolinger, Honorary State Regent, Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution
Unveiling of the Paul Hadley/State Flag Historical Marker	
Post-Dedication Reception	

The Indiana General Assembly adopted the Indiana state flag in 1917. The flag was designed by Paul Hadley of Mooresville as part of Indiana’s centennial celebration flag design contest. The flag has a blue background with yellow symbols. The torch in the middle of the flag represents liberty and enlightenment. The rays illustrate their far-reaching influence. There are a total of 19 stars on the flag, with the outer circle representing the 13 colonies. The stars in a semi-circle stand for the states admitted to the Union prior to Indiana. The star directly above the torch symbolizes Indiana, the 19th state.

Source: Indiana Historical Society

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**Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution
Ten O’Clock Line Chapter**

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The Torch and Stars - Our Indiana State Flag

On May 31, 1917, the Indiana General Assembly adopted the Indiana state banner. The contest to choose the design was sponsored by the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution. While both the contest and the adoption of the design were completed during the time of Indiana’s centennial, most Hoosiers believe that the design contest was a centennial project. While this is true in part, there’s more to the story.

When the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution began holding their annual Continental Congress in their own building, Memorial Continental Hall, a plan was initiated for a decorative band of state flags to surround the auditorium.

In January 1914, a request was presented to the National Board of Management seeking permission that a letter be sent to each State Regent asking for a state flag for the display. The response to the request for state flags was so prompt that at the conclusion of the 23rd Continental Congress, 34 flags were in place. Spaces were left for each state not having an emblem, including Indiana. The Hoosier delegates quickly created a temporary flag to fill their space: a bunting flag bearing the Indiana state seal.

When the Indiana members returned home from the National Congress, State Regent Mrs. Henry Beck of Indianapolis, conferred with Governor Samuel M. Ralston after which she appointed Mrs. John N. Carey as state chairman of a special committee to come up with an official banner. A statewide contest for an “original, simple, bold and beautiful” banner was opened to all Hoosiers. A \$100 prize would be given to the winner. Over 200 designs were submitted.

On October 1, 1916, a meeting of the heads of all on-going patriotic organizations was called in Indianapolis. The group gave 11 votes to a single design and the remaining four votes to a second one.

Mrs. Carey diplomatically submitted these two designs and another of her choosing to Henry B. Smith, Indiana Adjutant General, and several other military men for their

opinions. The winning design, by Paul Hadley of Mooresville, Indiana, was submitted to the Indiana General Assembly and, with only the addition of the word "Indiana," was adopted just a few weeks before the United States entered into World War I.

The term "banner" was the official name as designated by the Indiana Legislature. The Grand Army of the Republic, one of the patriotic organizations involved in the selection, was willing to endorse the DAR proposed design, provided that the new emblem would be regarded as "the State Banner" and always be displayed subordinate to "Old Glory." They believed that there was only one flag and that being the "Stars and Stripes." Their desire was honored until 1955 when the Indiana General Assembly designated the state banner as the state flag.

When preparing to construct the first official banner, Mr. Hadley met with Mrs. Carey at L.S. Ayres in Indianapolis to select the correct colors and appropriate silk fabric. When completed, Indiana's first state banner was sent to the battleship Indiana. An Indiana Banner was presented to the National Society for placement in Memorial Continental Hall in 1919. In ca. 1923, Herron art students created one for the state.

Paul Hadley was a designer and artist. At the time of his death in 1971, he was regarded as the dean of Hoosier water color painters. However, in the opinion of many Hoosiers, his most lasting contribution is the Indiana State Flag.

*--Janice Bolinger
Honorary State Regent, Indiana DAR*

The 1923 Indiana State Banner and other pieces of Paul Hadley artwork and memorabilia are now on display at the Mooresville Public Library.

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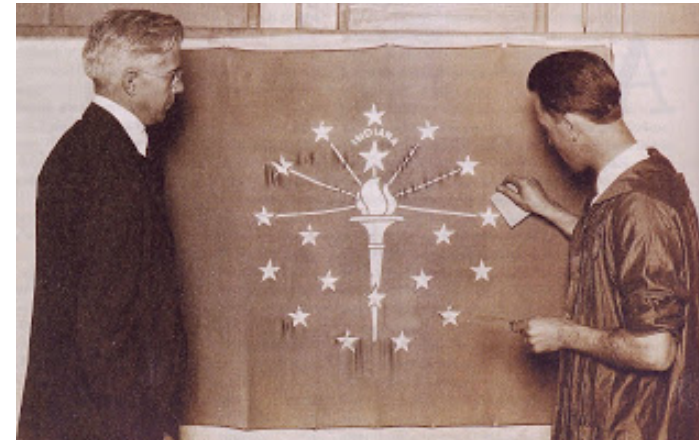
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The Dedication of the Paul Hadley/ Indiana State Flag Historical Marker

Saturday, August 6, 2016

10 a.m.

East Main and Indiana Streets,
Mooresville, Indiana 46158