

	NATIONAL TREASURES Unites States Grand Luminary Flags <i>E Pluribus Unum</i> - The Many are One
Samuel Chester Reid was an American naval officer and privateer captain who did not invent, but rather promoted the “Grand Luminary” design for the flag of the United States of America as a “Peoples Flag.” It is a graphic representation of the national motto, <i>E Pluribus Unum</i> - “Out of many, one.” The flag design remained popular in the public imagination for decades. Image source: Engraving of Samuel C. Reid from Admiral George Henry Preble’s <i>History of the Flag of the United States of America</i>, 1880.	
	
ZFC0604 13 Star U.S. Flag - Great Star in Glory. Grand Luminary design, Revolutionary & Early Federal Period. The design form the crest of the Great Seal of the United States.	ZFC0420 16 Star U.S. Grand Luminary “Peoples Flag,” for the admission of Tennessee, 1796 to 1808.
	
ZFC0422 21 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Flag, for the admission of Illinois, 1818 – 1819. This rare flag contains seven white and six red stripes.	ZFC0696 26 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” flag for the admission of Michigan, large maritime or institutional flag, 1837 to 1845.
	
ZFC0606 26 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Flag - “Gildersleeve Meteor Flag,” 1837 – 1845.	
	
ZFC0634 26-Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” printed parade flag commemorating the addition of Michigan to the Union, 1837.	ZFC0607 26-Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” printed parade flag commemorating the addition of Michigan to the Union, 1837.



ZFC1444 28 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” National Color, 4th Louisiana Militia, 1845-1846.

ZFC0585 31 Stars U.S. “Grand Luminary” Flag Commemorating California's Admission into the Union, September 9, 1850, note the 14 red and white stripes.



ZFC2512 16 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Northern Abolitionist Exclusionary Flag, 1850-1858.



ZFC2511 33 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Flag, 1859 - 1861, Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum, Pittsburgh, PA.



ZFC1155 33 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Flag, 1859 – 1861. This flag is likely a conversion.



ZFC1241 34 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Flag used in President Lincoln’s Funeral, Albany, NY, 1865.



ZFC0005 34 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Parade Flag, 1863 – 1865.



ZFC0699 35 Star U.S. Flag - Grand Luminary “Hidden Star,” 1863-1865. This flag is likely a conversion, note the infantry blue fringe, likely for militia use.



ZFC0617 36 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Flag - President Abraham Lincoln Mourning Flag, 1865. This flag was used again to mourn President John F. Kennedy.



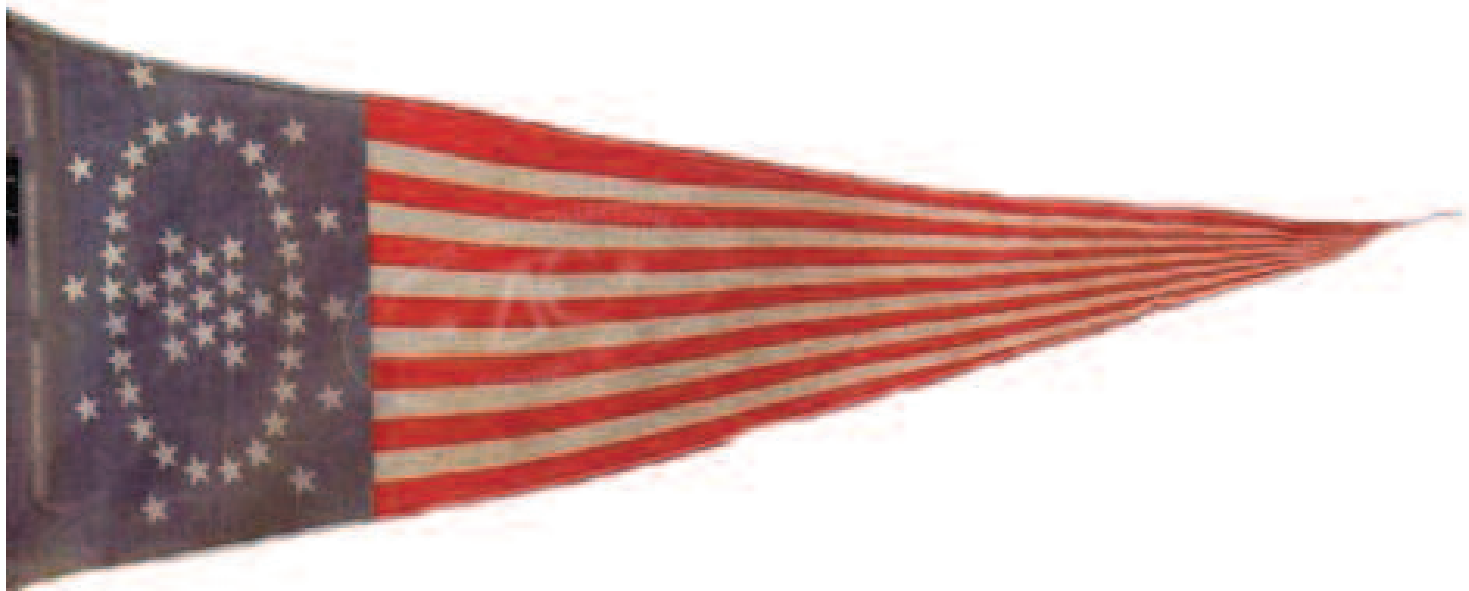
ZFC1423 38 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Flag used to commemorate Colorado’s admission into the Union, 1876. The last mass produced traditional Grand Luminary flag.



ZFC2276 48 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Flag, 1898. This is an anticipatory flag with a single ring and vernacular construction.



ZFC0635 48 Star U.S. “Grand Luminary” Whipple Flag, “Peace Flag”, 1912.



ZFC0705 48 Star Grand Luminary American Whipple “Peace Pennant”, 1912.