

Flag Officers Flags

The Symbols of Command



ZFC3275 U.S. Army General of the Army Personal Flag, 5 Stars, 1944-1945, WWII. This extremely rare, wool, five-star rank flag designates the personal presence of General of the Army, the highest possible wartime grade in the United States Army.



ZFC3288 U.S. Navy Fleet Admiral's Personal Flag, 5 Stars, 1944-1945, WWII. This well worn, dark blue wool rank flag defaced with five white stars is unmarked and does not reveal which of the four men entitled to it, as Fleet Admirals, might have displayed it during WWII.



ZFC0518 U.S. Army General Personal Flag, Robert Eicherberger, 4 Stars, 1944-1945, WWII. This is a U.S. Army designating field flag for the grade of full general, which belonged to General Eichelberger. In the United States Army all general officers are entitled to display personal rank flags and a corresponding National Color.



ZFC0978 A full Admiral's flag dating from the Vietnam War Era, 1966 – 1975. This nylon Admiral's Flag bears the four stars of his grade. It dates from the Vietnam war era. It would have been used for display on small boats and Admiral's barges; however the officer whom it represented is still unknown.



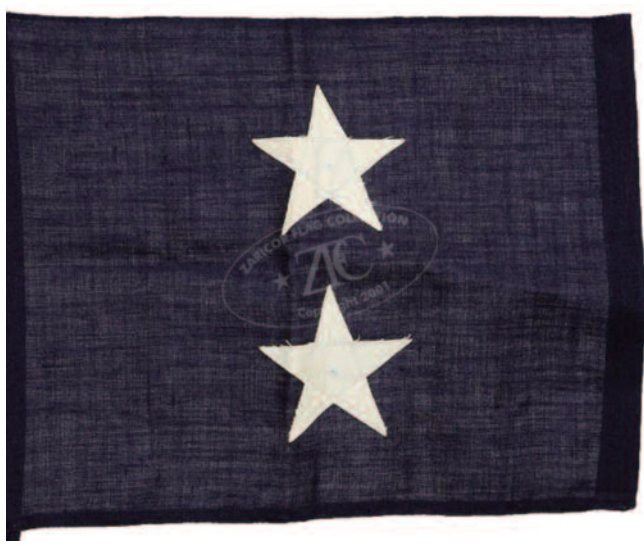
ZFC3697 Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps Personal Flag - General Cates. This flag was hoisted to indicate the presence of General Clifton Bledsoe Cates at the naval funeral service of the Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Forrest Percival Sherman aboard the U.S.S. Mount Olympus.



ZFC1273 U.S. Army Lieutenant General Personal Flag, Gen. Ridgway, Deputy Chief of Staff, Pentagon, 1945-1951. This flag was used by Lieutenant-General Matthew B. Ridgway from his appointment to that rank on 4 June 1945, at the close of World War II, until taking command of U. N. forces on the Korean Peninsula as a full general in April of 1951.



ZFC3276 U.S. Army, Brigadier General, Gen. George Strong, SHAEF Chief of Intelligence, 1942-1945. Strong used this flag (and ZFC3278) from 1942 to 1944, during his WWII tenure as the Chief of Army Intelligence.



ZFC3280 U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Auto & Miniature Flag - John Jennings Ballentine. This small, blue woolen Auto & Miniature flag with two white five-pointed stars arranged vertically and finished with a sleeve and ties was used by John Jennings Ballentine, during WWII, who was a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy.



ZFC3282 U.S. Army Air Force, Major General's flag, Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Deputy Air Commander-in-Chief, S.H.A.E.F., HQ, 1944. This is a large linsey-woolsey flag exhibiting blue field with Army Air Corps insignia in center with star to left and right, flag measures 35" x 64" and presents canvas pole sleeve with interior leather tabs as well as grommets at top and bottom.



ZFC2468 U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral Flag - Upper Half, 1960s. This U.S. Coast Guard, size 5, Rear Admiral (Upper Half). Coast Guard personal flags are used according to the same rules followed by the Navy, serving as a distinctive mark in lieu of the commission pennant when a flag officer is on board a ship.



ZFC3283 U.S. Army Brigadier General Personal Flag - Gen. Hesketh, Military Mayor of Berlin. This U.S. Army, Brigadier General Personal Flag was used by Brigadier General William Hesketh, in 1947, when he served as the "Military Mayor" or City Commandant of Berlin's American Sector under the Allied Military Government of Germany.



ZFC3543 U.S. Navy Commodore's Broad Pennant, Commodore Stephen Decatur, 1869-1876. This is an extremely rare Commodore's Broad Pennant used by the U.S. Navy for a brief period. During this period, the U.S. Navy abandoned its system of blue flags bearing the appropriate numbers of stars for an admiral's grade, replacing it with 13 stripe flags, some defaced with red stars.



ZFC3583 USMC Brigadier General Personal Flag - Gen. Alexander A. Vandergrift, 1940-1942. Marine Corps General Alexander Vandergrift's Brigadier General's Flag with Signed Card from the Naval Relief Fund Auction. Hero of Guadalcanal, Medal of Honor Winner, and Commandant of the Marine Corps, Alexander A. Vandergrift was the epitome of a Marine.



ZFC3277 U.S. Army, Brigadier General, General Staff Corps, 1928 - George Veazey Strong. This Boat Flag was used by Brigadier General George V. Strong (1880-1946). As a career army officer he served with distinction in World War I, during which he was awarded the U.S. Army's Distinguished Service Medal for his part in the assault on St. Mihiel.



ZFC3281 U.S. Army Brigadier General Quartermaster Corps Automobile Flag, 1930s. This example was made to identify the vehicle of a brigadier general of that corps. All officers of the general staff were authorized a field and boat flag as well as a car flag, and this is an example of the later.



ZFC3696 A U.S. Army Air Corps Brigadier General Automobile flag, 1930s. This flag was made to identify the vehicle of a brigadier general on the staff of that corps. All general officers of the corps staff were authorized a field and boat flag as well as a car flag, and this is an example of the later. The Philadelphia Quartermaster depot made it in 1939.



ZFC3217 U.S.A.F. Base Commander Automobile Flag, 1970s. This small blue, worn cotton flag, with a machine-sewn silhouette of an American colonel's eagle, is not an item of US Air Force (USAF) issue but rather a "Base Made" interpretation of a Base Commander's flag, or at least how one ought to look.