

**I am your Flag. I have been kicked, trampled,
burned, and shot full of holes. I have fought
battles but I prefer the untroubled air of a
world in peace.**

**I am your Flag. I represent the freedom of
humanity, and I shall fly high, thundering in
silence for the whole world to hear. My gentle
rustling in the breeze sounds out the warning
to all who would bury me forever and that be-
low stand a population
dedicated to liberty.**

**For those who have perished for my right to
freedom of flight, for those who will die, and
indeed, for those who will live, I stand as a
symbol of
freedom-loving people.**

**I have been carried into battle in faraway
lands,
always for the cause of freedom. I am blood-
stained, torn, and many times wearied and
saddened by the thousands who have paid the
supreme sacrifice. Do not let it be for noth-
ing. Tell me the brave have all died for a
worthwhile cause. Be proud of what I
represent, and display me for all to see.**

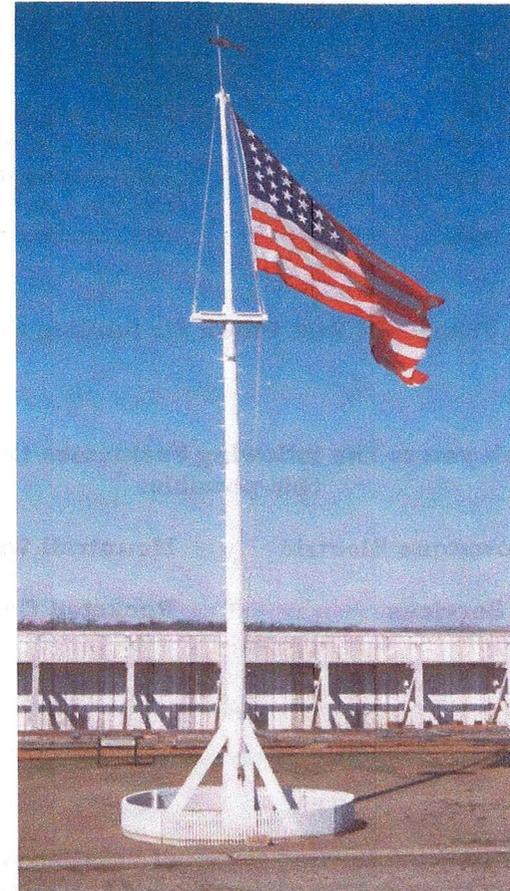
**Whether you call me "Old Glory," "Stars and
Stripes" or "Star-Spangled Banner," I shall fly
forever as a symbol of your freedom, as I did
for your ancestors, and as I shall for your
heirs.**

I am YOUR Flag.

-Unknown

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site

Flag Pole Dedication



June 20th 2009

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