

Wilson

Box 50

Folder 5

Public Relations: Flags

1955, 1958, 1963 & 1964

A large collection of letters, news clippings, pamphlets, memos, office notes, postal cards, a 13 page poetry booklet from Florence Elementary School, a dedication booklet from Lyman Judson Gage Elementary School & items from Francis Parker School. Most of this folder indicates Congressman Wilson's decision to send flags flown over the capitol to various groups and organizations. **There are only 2 items from 1955 & 1 from 1958:** a letter (3/1/55) from Wilson to Office of the Architect, Capitol, Washington 25, D.C. & attached news clipping "Sharp Hospital Dedication Set for March 27," *Evening Tribune*, March 17, 1955 re/ "This is an American Flag we would like flown over the United States Capitol on Sunday . . . the 'Opening Day' of the Donald N. Sharp Memorial Community Hospital, San Diego, California. The flag will be presented to the Hospital by the Congressman and 3 letters (1/16/55) from Wilson & copies of "Procedures for having Flags Flown over the Capitol" (7/25/55); letters from June & July 1958 are "we are forwarding you a flag which has been flown over the Capitol for presentation to the Alvin M. Dunn School." This was a new school opened in Vista, California & PTA President Margaret (Ellen) Bismaier had requested a flag. Her letter also has personal comments to friend Wilson. **The remainder of the folder is focused on items primarily from 1964 with a few from 1963. These are filed in reverse chronological order from December 1964. A few selected examples are:** letters (Oct.-Dec.) re/ Wilson forwarded a flag flown over the Capitol to R.E. Gwin, U.S. Savings Bond Chairman, U.S. Public Works Center, San Diego. Over 92% of the 1200 employees at the Center had signed payroll deductions in the recent Savings Bond Drive – as a result the Public Works Center was the only Naval activity in the San Diego area to also have the right and honor to fly the Savings Bond Minute Man flag; letters (June-Nov.) re/ several examples of flags flown over the capitol being sent to organizations and schools; letters (Oct.-Nov.) re/ Josephine F. Newman (Linares Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution) thanks Wilson for the flags sent to be flown over the Curie, March & John F. Kennedy Elementary Schools; letters & memo (Sept.-Oct.) re/ flag to be flown over the Church of Saint Therese of the Child of Jesus; letters (Oct.) re/ flag to be presented to ground breaking ceremony for the Rio Seco High School in Santee; note (n.d.) & memo to Cathy from Maggie – "Please have a large flag flown for presentation to SEAWORLD. Have flown right away for presentation by the Boss to George made and framed" – attached is a "Congressman Bob and Dick Invite You to a Free Sea World Party – Exclusively for Wilson Workers" ticket; letters (Aug.-Oct.) re/ flags for retiring men from Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Eight; letters (Sept.) re/ "a flag which has flown over the Capitol for presentation to Boy Scout Troop #355 of Spring Valley;" letters & memo (Sept.-Oct.) re/ "a flag which has flown over the Capitol for the San Ysidro Women's Club;" letters (Sept.) re/ "we have forwarded you a flag that was flown over the Capitol for presentation to the Cultural Center, Grossmont Junior College. I understand your V.F.W. Post, #8680, will present the flag to the officials at the Center;" letters (Sept.) re/ flags flown over the Capitol are sent to the Old San Diego Community Church, the El Cajon American Legion Post #303 & for the Montgomery Memorial in honor of Montgomery Day; letters (Sept) re/ Wilson responds to request from Charles Ross (*The San Diego Union*) to forward a flag flown

over the Capitol to honor a new U.S. citizen, retired major Gary Groot in the Netherlands Army. He "is looking forward to registering as a good Republican;" letters & a color photo graph (July-Aug.) re/ flags for V.F.W. Post 9327, Republic Van & Storage, Co., Linda Vista National Little League & Calvary Southern Baptist Church; Memorandum to Arlene from Maggie (7/11/64) re/ clarification on flags flown over the capitol "we do not have flags flown for individuals because the purchases come out of the Boss' pocket;" letters (July) re/ flags for VFW Post 3788, Harley F. Smart, Georgetown University Hospital, Del Cerro Women's Club & Navy Wives Clubs of America for Girl Scout Troop 318, Bayview Elementary School, Pacific Beach; letter (6/15) from Gil Kuhn to Wilson re/ flag received and office staff comment on tax issues for Wilson; office note & letters (May-June) re/ more on Gil Kuhn (Ocean Garden Products) – "he is always so nice in sending the Boss abalone; letters (May-June) re/ flags for U.S. Air Force Mothers Flight #22 – President Mrs. Edgar M. Williams of La Mesa, The Reverend Richard H. Lutz (All Saints' Episcopal School), Boy Scouts of Explorer Post 135 & the China-Burma-India Veterans Assn. of San Diego; letters & post card (May) re/ several examples of individuals paying for flags flown over the capitol; letters (4/11 & 5/6) & a booklet entitled "Thirty-eighth Annual Flag Day Observance, Sunday, June 14, 1964 – Masonic Temple, San Diego," re/ request & thank you from John R. Heap, Chairman, Flag Day Committee, Spring Valley (San Diego County Masonic Officers Assn.); letters (May) re/ flags flown over the capitol for Girl Scout Troop 1344, Western Little League of El Cajon, Indoor Sport club of San Diego, National Automobile Dealers Assn. & Fleet Reserve Branch 61; letters (Apr.) re/ flags flown over the Capitol for Boy Scout Troop Post 72, the San Diego Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America, Indoor Sports Club of San Diego, Joseph H. Stone (The Safari Mobil Home Park, El Cajon) & the Girl Scout Troop 1117 of the Sacred Heart Academy of Ocean Beach; letters (11/63-3/1/6/64) re/ the Lakeside students & staff of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School request and receive a flag flown over the Capitol; letters (Feb.-Mar.) re/ the United States National Bank assists the McKinley Elementary School PTA obtain a flag; stapled packet (Feb.) containing letters & a copy to "Mr. Bob Wilson" of "Room Three [grades 4 & 5] of Florence School Writes Cinquain now for you. Something different in poetry; Enjoy!" re/ a flag for the school & this booklet of poetry for Wilson; a letter (2/13) from J. Rollin Grant (The Francis W. Parker School) to Wilson re/ "our heartfelt thanks for your part in our program last week" & the flag presentation; stapled packet of letters, notes, etc. (10/63 – 1/64) regarding background information leading to Wilson's participation at the Francis Parker School; memo & letters (Jan.-Feb.) re/ flag and dedication of new fire station for the Lakeside Fire Protection District; a letter (rec'd 2/10) from Brad Birkeland (Troop Scribe) to Wilson re/ "We of Boy Scout Troop 229 San Diego wish to express our sincere thanks for sending to us, the American Flag which was flown over our nations' capitol;" a letter (2/5) from Nathan J. Naiman (Principal, Lyman Judson Gage Elementary School) to Wilson & a copy of a booklet "Welcome to the Dedication of the Lyman Judson Gage Elementary School January 30, 1964;" letters (Jan.) re/ flags for Henry Salvatori & Joseph Robinson of Los Angeles; letters (Jan.) re/ request for new flag for the National Society United States Daughters of 1812 California State Society from Mrs. Josephine Newman; letters & office note (11/63-1/64) re/ flag to be presented to Mrs. Nat Nuddleman for her Boarding Home for the Aged in La Mesa; letters (11/63-1/64) re/ 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Roger Benton – Alcott School – requests & receives a flag from Wilson for the school; letters (11/63-1/64) re/ Dennis Knittel (Scribe, Boy Scout Troop 292)

requests and receives a flag for his troop; letters (Jan.) re/ Cub Scout Master Jerry E. Baker (Pack No. 375, Lakeside, CA) requests and receives a flag for Pack No. 375).