

# EAGA Business Builder

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People are allowed inside some non-essential places now. We are almost free. June 9, 2020

## Today's presenter was Pat Wallace—Essential Pest Management



Mr. Wallace began his presentation by answering a timely question, or two: Was the company name (“Essential”) sufficient to allow him to continue to operate during the recent government’s stay at home orders? Smiling, Pat noted that he never had to play the ‘name card’ since his type of business was deemed to be essential in the first place. He was able to combat critters without worry about encounters with the ‘shelter-in-place monitors’. He was already expecting the second question...what was with all the moths that were pesting up the joint a couple of weeks ago? The “Mothpocalypse”, as Pat called it, was probably not a biblical sign. Just part of the seven to ten year cycle that we experience for these moth invasions. This year the moisture, wind and whatever, were just right for the little buggers to prosper. Pat also cautioned that we may have a much larger than usual occurrence of cicadas this year, too. That whiney-bussing noise may not be just a mental state for me this year. A very patriotic Mr. Wallace decided that, rather than promote his business, he would prefer to use his presentation time today to talk about a subject that he feels is very interesting, and important...The American Flag. The topic is very timely as well, since Flag Day is June 14th. The information, photos, examples, and details that Pat provided today were very interesting indeed.

The flag was authorized in 1777 by the Second Continental Congress. The first flag was designed by Frances Hopkins—a New Jersey attorney, and one of the original signers of the Declaration of Independence. His 13 star design was made to resemble the Great Seal



Betsy Ross has long been promoted as the person who made the first American Flag. She was a tailor for George Washington, and did indeed make flags, particularly for the military. But she may not have actually sewn the original flag for our country. That story was first promoted in 1870 by her grandson, William Canby. Some historians believe that the first flag may have been made by another seamstress named Margaret Manning.

The first battle of the civil war took place at Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. When it became apparent that the Union Army could not hold the fort, a surrender was negotiated. The terms included that the army would be allowed to leave and to take their tattered American flag. That flag was taken down by the fort commander Major Anderson and Abner Doubleday (yep, the inventor of baseball). The flag was subsequently flown at various sites throughout the north on a rally trip known as “Flagmania”.



Francis Scott Key wrote the Star Spangled Banner while aboard a British ship. There was a major battle going on at Chesapeake Bay and one of Mr. Key's friends had been captured by the British. Mr. Key went aboard that ship to negotiate with the British Commander for his friend's release. He was successful in that endeavor, but since Mr. Key had now been exposed to some of the British battle plans, he was required to stay aboard the ship until the battle was over. As the fighting raged through the day and night of September 13 and 14 of 1812, Francis Scott Key wrote the poem on the back of an envelope that he had carried with him. Initially printed and distributed as a poem, it wasn't until 1931 that the poem was set to music and declared to be our National Anthem.

The flag raising during the battle of Iwo Jima is one of the most widely produced photos ever. That was actually the second flag raised on that island. The first was too small to be seen from the ships at sea, so a larger flag was raised. Pima Indian, Ira Hayes (subject of the famous ballad) was the soldier at the bottom right.



### Some of the many flags shown during the presentation



Continental Colors

Our Flag



9.11.2001



Pat Wallace—cyclist

Thank you very much to Pat for the great idea, and the wonderful presentation. He spoke about a lot more bits of history about the flag and related events than have been noted here. If you missed today's event, you will have to take Pat to lunch and get the details first hand. He has a wealth of knowledge about our flag. You can also give Mr. Wallace a call at 505-900-1322 if you want to know just what is an 'essential pest' and how are they managed. He will also scare the bejeebers out of you discussing insect things like killer bees. Standard bees protect their home by sending 15 % of the hive to attack. They keep at it for 5 to 10 minutes. Killer bees will send 85 to 90% of the hive on an attack that can last up to 2 hours. The magnitude of that attack has drastic results for anyone involved. Sometime that 'stay home' order may be beneficial.

- ◆ Thank you to Paul Losey for bringing his truck to us for accessories. We appreciate the business.  
- Phil Kenny—Trucks Unique
- ◆ Thank you to Klint Hall for some financial advice that he provided 5 years ago with the anticipation that it would pay off this year. It really did pay off.  
Thank you to Scott Peck for delving into his large mental database of knowledge and providing some quick answers to complicated accounting questions.  
- Bill McCabe

- ◆ Mario has provided the following status updates for a few items:
  1. Plans are being made to hold our Summer Bash on Aug 1st at Kit Turpen's outdoor event area. More details to follow, dependent on our Governor's orders.
  2. There is no start date yet for when we will resume breakfast at Tanoan. Mario will provide updates as more information becomes available.
  3. Mario is planning for a Happy Hour at Rio Bravo Brewing within the next 3 or 4 weeks. Details to follow.
  4. On June 16th, we will elect three new Board Members. Nominees are Steve Grant, Mike Blomker and Steven Douglas.
- ◆ Virtual meetings continue. The next one will be at 7:00am this coming Tuesday, June 9th. The link is noted in the outlined box below.
- ◆ Upcoming Presenters:  
June 16th: John Mead—John Thomas Jewelers
- ◆ We are in need of presenters. Slots are available for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> meetings, and for all the meetings in July. Please contact Mario if you can help out by presenting at one of our meetings.
- ◆ If you have a question about the the quarterly statements, or want to check on the status of your account, please contact Mario. His information is at the bottom of this page.

**EAGA Tue, June 16th, 2020 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (MDT)**  
**Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/940475581>

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