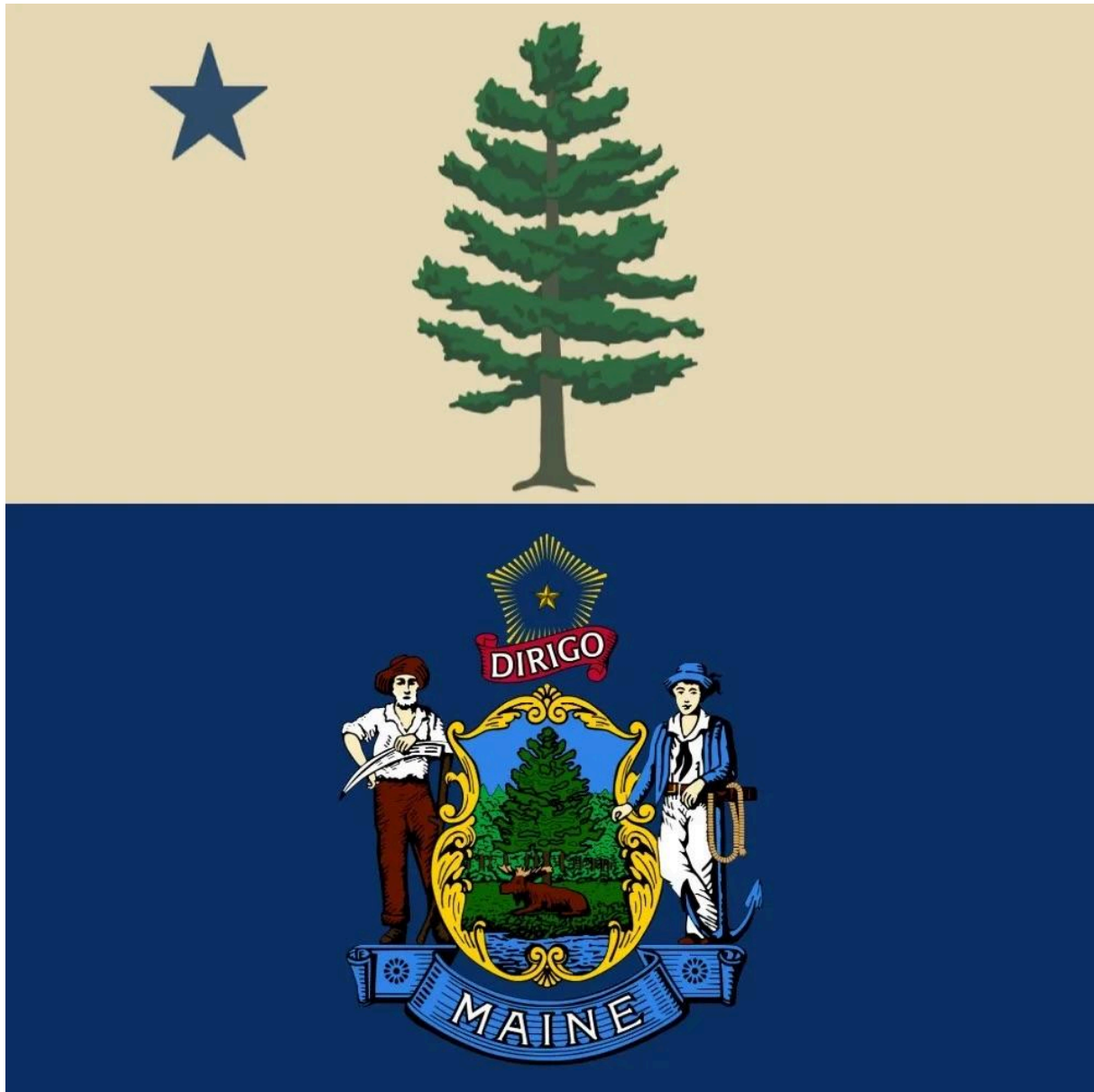


A not so humble opinion on the failed Maine flag vote



Pictured bottom is the current Maine state flag above is the proposed flag to replace it.

Maine voters made the decision to keep the current flag which is the state seal on a blue background. In 1909 the flag was adopted to get rid of the old flag which was seen as too individualistic which today is a good thing.

On the 5th of November 2024 as the nation voted on who the next leaders of the country would be, we here in Maine also voted on another matter; would we keep our flag or change it? The

vote unfortunately failed to change the flag. In this article I will make the argument for why we should have changed our flag.

At the turn of the century from 19th to 20th in the year 1901 Maine adopted our first flag. The first Maine flag was beige with a pine tree and the north star, and is the flag on all our tourist trap merchandise. However 8 years later our flag changed, it changed to our current flag with the blue background and state seal. The reason that our flag changed is because at the time the people in the state legislature were mostly civil war veterans who thought anything other than the state seal on a blue background was too individualistic, like the southern states.

The main reason why I think that we should change our state flag is because of the same reason that changed to our current state flag, it is too similar to exactly half of all state flags as of January 15th 2025. Our old flag was just so much more unique and in the modern day that unique state identity can be very important.

We as a state have a few ways that we can go. We could hold another vote, the last one was during a major election, or we can wait. The way most likely to succeed is to simply wait, peoples opinions are not going to change overnight but the longer the wait the more debate and hopefully the more people willing to change the flag.