

The City of Douglas' new flag design celebrates its rich cultural heritage, natural landscape, and enduring community values through intricate symbols that honor the history, geography, and spirit of the city and its people.

## Outer Circle

### Border Representation:

The outermost circle of the flag, with progressively smaller and more open lines, symbolizes Douglas' shared border with Agua Prieta. This element represents the community's sense of unity and connection with its neighboring city.

### Symbols in the Outer Circle:

1. **Family:** Emblematic of the community's strong family values and the close-knit bonds cherished by Douglas residents.
2. **Water Droplets:** Three droplets symbolize the transformative monsoon rains, which bring life to the vegetation and uplift the community's spirit.
3. **Creosote Bush:** This plant, which emits a distinct scent before rainfall, captures the nostalgia and local knowledge of the region's monsoon season, a part of Douglas' heritage. Additionally, the creosote bush symbolizes resilience, as it thrives in harsh desert conditions, representing the strength and endurance of the Douglas community.
4. **Pine Tree:** The pine tree represents native plant life and symbolizes growth, continuity, and the deep-rooted heritage of the Douglas community.
5. **Big Mountain:** This symbol stands for the surrounding mountain ranges; it is the embodiment of abundance and prosperity in the Native American cultural tradition. It reflects Douglas' collective strength and communal spirit.
6. **Bulldog:** As the mascot of Douglas High School, the bulldog is a symbol of community pride, representing loyalty and tradition under the motto, "Once a Bulldog, always a Bulldog."
7. **Copper Pick:** A homage to the second oldest rivalry in the United States, commemorated by the Pick game against Bisbee High School, which is celebrated on one of the nation's oldest fields.
8. **Guitar/Music:** Represents the role of music in uniting the community through song and dance, reflecting the joy and cultural vibrancy shared in Douglas.

## Inner Circle

Past the symbols on the outer circle, the flag features **eight alternating black and white dots**. These dots represent day and night, symbolizing time in the Native American tradition. This detail honors Douglas' resilience and longevity over time.

## Central Circle

At the heart of the flag, the central circle presents symbols that illustrate the foundations and distinctive achievements of Douglas:

1. **Smelter Smokestacks:** An acknowledgment of Douglas' industrial roots, as the Phelps Dodge smelter produced a significant portion of the world's copper during WWII, playing a pivotal role in the city's establishment.
2. **Cow, Lamb, and Chicken:** These icons represent the city's ranching heritage and ongoing agricultural contributions.
3. **Military Helmet:** Honors the deep respect for military service and the strong presence of veterans within the community.
4. **Airplane:** An outline of the Emigh Trojan A2 model, manufactured at the Bisbee-Douglas International Airport, symbolizes Douglas' place in aviation history.
5. **Baseball Player:** Commemorates the 1958 Douglas Copper Kings' record-breaking game, where every starting lineup player hit a home run.
6. **D Hill:** Positioned below these symbols, D Hill is a distinctive geographical landmark that signifies community identity and lights up nightly using solar power thanks to community pride led by the Rotary Club.

## Center of the Crest

In the very center of the flag lies a **globe encircled by a sun**. In Native American symbolism, the sun represents happiness, mirroring the joy Douglas residents experience in their shared community life.

### Details within the Globe:

- **Two Arrows:** These arrows signify Douglas' role in global trade, emphasizing cross-border relations and trade with Agua Prieta. The arrows are in the colors of the city, further symbolizing Douglas' unique identity and pride.
- **Purple Heart:** The location of Douglas is marked with a purple heart within the globe, honoring its status as a Purple Heart Community.

This flag design is a visual narrative of Douglas' unique heritage, values, and enduring community ties, encapsulating both history and hope in its carefully chosen symbols.

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