

250th Anniversary of the U.S. Army

By Doug Files

This spring the U.S. Postal Service will release a stamp commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States Army. The author served in the Army as have other members of our club so let's briefly consider the history this stamp represents.



A year before the Declaration of Independence the Continental Congress authorized the raising of an army to protect the American colonies from British aggression and occupation. The initial June 14 the 1775 order read as follows: "Resolved, that six companies of expert riflemen, be immediately raised in Pennsylvania, two in Maryland, and two in Virginia...that each company, as soon as completed, shall march and join the Army near Boston, to be there employed as light infantry, under the command of the chief Officer in that army."

The next day Congress selected a Virginian with extensive military experience to serve as the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army. George Washington was unanimously approved to take on the daunting task of fighting the British. Two months elapsed since the Battles of Lexington and Concord had taken place in Massachusetts. The war had begun. In fact, the Battle of Bunker Hill took place on the 17th of June that year, before General Washington arrived in New England.

The first part of the U.S. Army formed

was the infantry, followed by the corps of engineers, finance, and the quartermaster corps which obtained supplies. Soon thereafter Congress provided for Army surgeons, lawyers and clergymen. Five months later the artillery section was established to manage cannons.

Alexander Hamilton of General Washington's staff later wrote that the goal of the Continental Army was to preserve their troops rather than to protect any particular city. Some older continental citizens had fought in the French and Indian War, and far more had drilled in local militias. But otherwise the Americans were lacking in practical military experience.



Battle of Lexington by William Barnes Wollen

Washington initially hoped the Americans' zeal would make up for their lack of military training, but this proved not to be the case. As Washington faced challenge after challenge, he wrote a steady train of letters to members of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

During the long years of the American Revolution General Washington won some battles and he lost many. But he managed to preserve his army each time, coordinate with political leaders and procure supplies. American leaders also arranged to get help from European nations, such as France and the Netherlands. After 7 long years of war, the American troops won their freedom from Great Britain. At that point, under the Articles of Confederation, the Army was disbanded in favor of having only

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Meetings / Activities

Meetings are held on 1st and 3rd Mondays (adjusted for holidays) at Christ Church 3440 Shroyer Rd Kettering OH 45429

For the Zoom invitation and link, please email daytonstampclub@gmail.com

Member's Socializing and Silent Auctions begin at 7:00 PM - Club Meeting & Programs begin at 7:30 PM Board Meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

JUNE

6/2 >>Club CASH Auction PREVIEW 7:00-7:25PM<< International Baseball DSC Member Speaker - Joe Shearer

6/9 Board Meeting

6/16 AUCTION #4 - Club CASH Auction 6/20-21. Colopex 2025. Madison County Fairgrounds, 205 Elm Street, HRS: Fri 10am-6pm; Sat 10am-5pm. The Columbus Philatelic Club. Guy M. Purington, 6830 Shook Road, Columbus, OH 43217. PH: 614-306-3701. Email: gpu-purington@homesteadcos.com. Website: www.colopex.com.

JULY

7/7 German Influence on Airmail to South America DSC Member Speaker - Jeff Fisher

7/14 Board Meeting

7/21 6:30PM Picnic at Church Picnic Shelter

AUGUST

Aug 1&2—Greater Cincinnati Philatelic Society Bourse CINPEX 2025, Friday and Saturday Hrs: noon to 6pm and 10am to 4pm. United Methodist Church in Monfort Heights, 3682 West Fork Rd. Cincinnati 45247.

8/4 My Other Hobby - Member Participation - 4-6 minutes

8/11 Board Meeting AIRPEX Preview

8/18 Panel of DSC Members Discuss What and Why They Collect Foreign Stamps by DSC Member Carol Costa

Aug 22-23 (Fri-Sat) Dayton Stamp Club. AIRPEX 2025@ Bobel Banquet and Event Center, 3119 Stop 8 Rd, Dayton Between Miller Lane and Dixie. HRS: F:12-6pm; Sa:10am-4pm**

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Army and Navy Issue from 1936-37

On December 15, 1936, the first of 10 stamps in the Army/Navy Set was issued. This set is packed with important American history. And did you know stamp-collecting President Franklin Roosevelt pushed for it to be created?

The stamps honor notable military leaders from the Revolutionary War through the Spanish-American War. Five honor the Army, five commemorate the Navy. The complete set is very affordable.

The first two stamps pictured George Washington and Nathanael Green, and Washington's home, Mount Vernon. John Paul Jones and John Barry and their ships the *Bonhomme Richard* and the *Lexington*.

The second pair of stamps was issued one month later on January 15, 1937. The Army stamp pictures Andrew Jackson, Winfield Scott, and Jackson's home, the Heritage. The Navy issue pictures Stephen Decatur and Thomas MacDonough with a contemporary warship.

The third set of stamps was issued on February 18, 1937. The Army stamp honors three Civil War generals—William T. Sherman, Ulysses S. Grant,

and Philip Sheridan. The Navy stamp pictures adopted brothers David Farragut and David Porter. It also lists each man's most notable ship—the *USS Hartford* and the *USS Powhatan*, and pictures a warship from the era.

The fourth set was issued on March 23, 1937. The Army stamp was the most controversial in the series, as it pictured Confederate generals Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and Lee's birthplace, Stratford Hall. When it was first announced, a rumor had spread that the stamp would also picture Jefferson Davis. After it was issued, Southerners protested the stamp because Lee only had two stars (instead of three), even though it was a simple mistake because of a design change. The Navy stamp issued on that day pictured three heroes of the Spanish-American War—Admirals William Sampson, George Dewey, and Winfield Schley.

The fifth pair of stamps, issued on May 26, 1937, was quite different from all the earlier issues. They were the only stamps in the set to not honor specific military men, rather, they honored each



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2024 U.S. Issue Album Pages Available Now!

The American Philatelic Society 2024 U.S. issue album pages are available to download now — exclusively for APS members! The album contains spaces for the issues of 2024.

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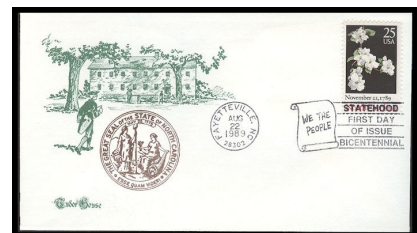
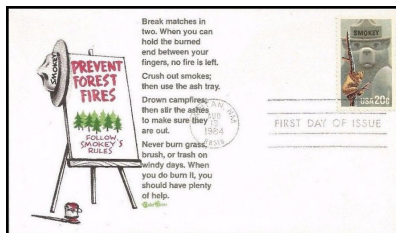
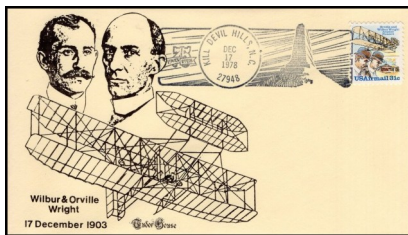
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TUDOR HOUSE Cachets



Philatelic Inquiring Discovery

Here's what I found out about Tudor House:

Tudor House cachets were produced by Harry Harn (1926-2009) at 376 Marathon Ave Dayton 45406. Harn passed away March 10, 2009. He was owner of Post Horn and Eagle Stamp & Coin shop for many years. He was member of Dayton Stamp Club and American Legion.

The first FDC cancel was for Marianne Moore (Sc # 2449). In 1990, Harn's entire stock was purchased by Gene Bell of the Bell Stamp Company in Iowa. Both unserved and serviced FDCs over the 13 year period were sold.

George, Philatelic Investigator, Dayton Stamp Club Member

REQUEST for information!

On Independence Day 1976, at the post office parking lot in Dayton, I purchased an envelope with a cover. It was from a company here in Dayton, Tudor House. Over time, I collected their first day covers. I sold off all other brands. Now, I collect Tudor House exclusively.

At some point, they stopped producing covers and, I assume, went out of business.

Tudor House was a member of the Dayton Stamp Club. Unfortunately, that is about all I know about the organization and nothing about its owners. There is no information online that I can find.

If anyone has information on Tudor House, I would appreciate hearing from you!

George Hummel
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Centennial International Exhibition — May 10, 1876

On May 10, 1876, the first official World's Fair in the United States was held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The fair also commemorated the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

The US Post Office Department had a strong presence at the fair. They wanted to sell every US stamp at the exhibition, even those that were no longer in use. Because many of the original plates couldn't be found, new ones had to be engraved. Observant collectors noticed subtle differences, so Scott gave them their own numbers.

Not realizing they had created philatelic rarities, the Post Office Department sold them as planned. Most of these stamps weren't valid for postage and were issued in very small quantities. And most of the unsold stamps were later destroyed!

Only a small number of new postage stamps were printed in 1875, in fact, there were numerous reprints but only two new issues and they were never sold through regular post offices.

The Post Office created these special reprints ahead of the 1876 Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia. They wanted to display a complete set of US stamps at the fair – and also respond to growing interest



2c vermilion Jackson #180 only 23 known and 5c blue Taylor #181 only 10 known

from collectors who still hoped to own the earlier, demonetized issues.

Some of the reprints were made from the original plates. Others required entirely new plates because the originals were missing or too badly damaged. In those cases, engravers completely re-engraved the designs by hand, using the earlier stamps as a guide.

The reprints were printed on stiff white paper with no grills, using brighter ink and fresh impressions. They also have a different perforation –

gauge 12, instead of the original 15½ – making them easy to tell apart from the stamps issued in the 1850s and 60s.

While the stamps were on display at the fair, not all were sold there. For some, a collector had to place a special request directly with the Office of the Third Assistant Postmaster General in Washington, DC – which helps explain why so few were ever distributed. Most of the unsold stamps were later destroyed.

Both 5c and 10c stamps were reprinted with the intention of selling them as a set at the 1876 Centennial Exhibition, along with all U.S. stamps produced up until that time. However, at least one source says these two were only available from the office of the third assistant postmaster general in Washington, D.C.



SC. #3 & 4. Both only sold at the Fair. Only 4,779 #3 stamps were produced. #4 sold 3,883.

Meetings / Activities

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SEPTEMBER

9/1 No Meeting Labor Day Holiday - Church Closed

9/6-7. MDSA Columbus Ohio Stamp Show. Midwest Stamp Dealers Association. Westgater Park Shelterhouse, 3271 Wicklow Rd., Columbus.

9/8 DSC Board Meeting AIRPEX Review

9/13 TUSCOPEX 2025 Stamp Show. Tuscora Stamp Club Tuscora Park Pavilion, 161 Tuscora Ave NW, New Philadelphia.

9/15 **DSC AUCTION #5 - Regular Member Auction**

9/19-21 INDYPEX. Indiana Stamp Club. Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Exhibition Center. 1900 E. Main St. Danville. website: indianastampclub.org.

9/26-7 3 Ohio Precancel Club (OPC) FALL Gathering. McKinley Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 2370, 5024 Monticello Ave NW, Canton HRS: Fr9am-9p Sat9am-3pm. Bill Latchie 740-260-2891 or Marty Adams

9/29*DSC 5th Monday Stamp/Cover That Illustrates an Item on My Bucket List (or would, if I had a one) Member Participation - 4-6 minutes

OCTOBER

10/6 >>Club CASH Auction PREVIEW 7:00-7:25PM<< Mineral & Fossil Stamps DSC ember Speaker - Greg Brown and Pat Westby

10/13 DSC Board Meeting

10/20 **DSC AUCTION #6 - Club CASH Auction**

NOVEMBER

11/1 WOOPEx. Wooster Stamp Club 2025 Annual Stamp Show. Exhibits, Multiple dealers, USPS Reps, Silent Auction & FREE admission. Ida Sue School, 266 Oldman Rd, Wooster OH. HRS: 9am-5pm.

11/3 ***SILENT AUCTION 7:00-7:20PM*** Round-Table Discussions on Buying & Selling via APS, eBay, & HipStamp

11/10 DSC Board Meeting Set 2025 calendar & budget review

11/17 Club Election for 2025 & How to Evaluate (or Research) a US Cover DSC Member Speakers - Dennis Callison & Doug File

DECEMBER

12/1 DSC HolidayPEX Party Starts at 6:30 pm at Church Dinner Party at Church

12/8** 2nd Monday **AUCTION #7 -**

JUNE New USPS Stamps



Issued Date: June 10, 2025. Forever (73c)
The stamp will be issue in panes of 20.

Honor the life and legacy of former first lady Barbara Bush (1925-2018), wife of the 41st president, George H. W. Bush. She was first lady of the U.S. from 1989-1993, and mother of the 43rd president George W. Bush.



Issue Date: June 7, 2025.
Forever (73c) The stamp
is available in booklets of
20, panes of 20, and coils
of 100, 3,000 and 10,000.

ORDERING INFORMATION

U.S. Flag
USPS Stamp fulfillment Services
8300 NE Underground Drive, Suite 300
Kansas City, MO 64144-9900

(73c) Flag Forever Stamp
Nondenominated

Ashton Potter
Pane of 20. USPS Item # 124204

Ashton Potter
Double-sided booklet of 20
plate numbers —P followed by
four single digits. USPS Item
#685404.

Banknote Corporation of
America
Double-sided pane of 20—plate
numbers of B followed by five
single digits. USPS Item
#685402.

Ashton Potter
Coil of 100, plate numbers—P
followed by four single digits,
appearing on every 31st stamp.
USPS Item# 741004.

Banknote Corporation of
America
Coil of 100, plate numbers—B
followed by five single digits,
appearing on every 31st stamp.
USPS Item # 741002.

Ashton Potter
Coils of 3,000 and 10,000 —
plate numbers — P followed by
four single digits, appearing on
every 27th stamp. USPS Item
#752104 (coil of 3,000), 762804
(coil of 10,000).

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branch's respective military academy. They were also the first stamps in the set not issued in Washington, DC. They were issued at each academy. The Army stamp pictures the US Military Academy at West Point and includes the school motto, "Duty, Honor, Country." The other stamp honors the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. It pictures the school seal and two midshipmen—one in the uniform from the school's early days, and one from the time the stamp was issued.

The idea for a set of stamps honoring America's military heroes wasn't a new one. Years earlier, President Theodore Roosevelt had suggested such a series of stamps, but nothing was done during his term.

Then, Franklin Roosevelt was elected president in 1932. An avid stamp collector since childhood, he pushed for the creation of more stamps and often submitted his own design and topic suggestions. Among those suggestions was the Army and Navy Commemorative Series honoring military leaders from the Revolutionary War through the Spanish American War.



President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and his stamps

Franklin Delano Roosevelt not only put his stamp on world history — he put it on the world of stamps, too. The 32nd president began collecting stamps around age 8 and his interest never waned. As a child, stamps helped him learn about geography and foreign leaders. When he contracted polio at age 39, his collection kept him occupied as he recuperated. "I owe my life to my hobbies — especially stamp collecting," Roosevelt once said.

FDR named longtime political ally James Farley as postmaster general and worked closely with him on stamp design. Roosevelt suggested subjects, refined and corrected sketches, and even designed a few himself.

At the urging of Interior Secretary Harold Ickes, Roosevelt approved a series of national parks postage stamps in 1934 to help boost tourism.

FDR's enthusiasm for the hobby was contagious. In 1945, the year he died, FDR was inducted into the American Philatelic Society's Hall of Fame.

Embracing Serenity: The Art of Meditative Philately

In the fast-paced world we live in, finding moments of tranquility can be a challenge. Yet, for those of us who have discovered the joys of philately, there exists a unique opportunity to combine our passion for stamps with the calming practice of meditation. Welcome to the world of meditative philately, where each stamp becomes a gateway to mindfulness and serenity.

The Intersection of Hobby and Mindfulness

Philately, the collection and study of postage stamps, has long been a beloved hobby for many. It offers a window into history, art, and culture, all encapsulated in small, intricately designed pieces of paper. But beyond the intellectual pursuit, philately can also be a deeply meditative practice. Meditative philately is about transforming the act of collecting stamps into a mindful experience. It's about slowing down, focusing on the present moment, and finding peace in the simple act of observing and organizing stamps.

The Practice of Meditative Philately

1. **Mindful Observation:** Begin by selecting a stamp from your collection. Hold it gently and take a moment to observe it closely. Notice the colors, the design, the texture of the paper. What story does this stamp tell? Allow yourself to be fully present with the stamp, letting go of any distractions.
2. **Deep Breathing:** As you examine the stamp, incorporate deep, slow breaths. Inhale deeply through your nose, hold for a moment, and exhale slowly through your mouth. This breathing technique helps to center your mind and body, enhancing your focus on the stamp.
3. **Historical Reflection:** Consider the historical con-

text of the stamp. What era does it come from? What was happening in the world at that time? Reflecting on these questions can deepen your appreciation for the stamp and its place in history.

4. **Organizational Zen:** Sorting and organizing your stamps can be a meditative activity in itself. Whether you're arranging them by country, theme, or era, allow yourself to enjoy the process. The repetitive nature of organizing can be soothing, much like the rhythm of a mantra.

5. **Gratitude and Appreciation:** Conclude your session with a moment of gratitude. Appreciate the beauty and history of your collection, and acknowledge the sense of peace and fulfillment it brings you.

The Benefits of Meditative Philately

Engaging in meditative philately offers numerous benefits. It provides a respite from the stresses of daily life, promoting relaxation and mental clarity. It enhances your appreciation for the art and his-

tory of stamps, transforming your collection into a source of inspiration and joy.

Moreover, meditative philately fosters a deeper connection with your collection. It encourages you to view each stamp not just as a collectible, but as a piece of art and history that enriches your life.

Conclusion

In a world that often feels chaotic and overwhelming, meditative philately offers a sanctuary of calm and reflection. It invites us to slow down, to savor the beauty of our collections, and to find peace in the simple act of collecting stamps. So, the next time you sit down with your collection, take a moment to breathe, observe, and appreciate. Embrace the serenity of meditative philately, and let it transform your hobby into a mindful journey of discovery and tranquility.

Reprint from 2024 The Stamp Collecting Roundup by Don Schilling



Precancel Stamp Society (PSS).

104th PSS Convention: Albuquerque, NM
Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel
adjacent to the Albuquerque Airport
August 4-9, 2025



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2025 MONTHLY MEETINGS
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
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JUNE Dayton Stamp Club Meetings

June 2 — **Club CASH Auction preview 7:00—7:25pm**

Program: International Baseball, Joe Shearer, DSC Member Speaker

June 9 — **Board Meeting**

June 16 — **AUCTION #4 Club CASH Auction**

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state militias. Frequent conflicts with Native Americans though soon led to the need for a standing national Army.

The U.S. Army was mentioned in the U. S. Constitution, which was adopted in 1787. Because it is considered to be an extension of the Continental Army, the U.S. Army is considered to date to 1775. As such it is older than the United States, and it is the senior of the U.S. Armed Forces, taking precedence over the other services in official ceremonies.

Currently the Army operates under its Chief of Staff, the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of Defense. The President serves as Commander-in-Chief of all U.S.

Armed Forces. The U.S. Army is our country's largest military branch and boasts nearly a half million active duty soldiers, plus approximately the same number of National Guard and Reserve troops. Its stated mission is to fight and win our nation's wars.

The Stamp

The new Army stamp honors the 250th anniversary of this proud institution. The stamp's design is simply a green, gold and black Army emblem on a white background. Its simplicity causes it to be both functional and classy. Designed by USPS art director Antonio Alcalá it was first sold May 16, 2025 in Washington, DC. It is a Forever stamp

issued in panes of 20, with 240 stamps per plate, and the plate number is a B followed by 7 digits. This bold Army stamp is a vertical commemorative printed by the offset process by the Banknote Corporation of America. Eighteen million stamps were printed in the first run. Buy some today to recognize veterans you know, and especially to honor those soldiers who have died for our nation.

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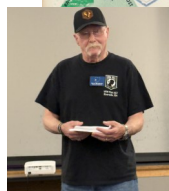
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Dayton Stamp Club Programs

Rattlesnake Island Post



Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) Member, Jack Matheney speaking of Rattlesnake Island located in Lake Erie.

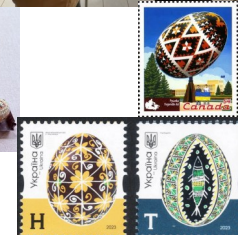
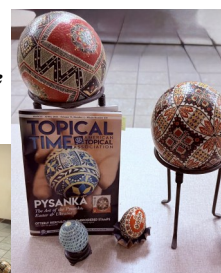
DSC members reviewing tables full of philatelic material for a Stamp Buck Auction



**Stamp collector
visitors welcome
to meetings**

Pysanka

DSC members, Pat Westby and Doug Files are talking about a pysanka which is a Ukrainian Easter egg that is decorated using a wax-resist method, similar to batik.



Photographs by Greg Brown and Susan Kolze

WHAT is the Difference .org and .com?

A website address is made up of two components. The first is the domain name, a unique element that connects your online address to your brand's name and goals. The other one is the domain name extension, which reflects the type of website and its purpose.

The first information is the unique and special (and normally secret password). The information AFTER THE DOT is the domain extension. Domain extensions are used to categorize websites by type, location or business model. Out of the thousands of domain extensions available on the web, the most common ones are .org, and .com.

The .com top-level domain is, by far, the most popular extension, and thus the one with the highest value for professional websites. The .org top-level domain stands for "organization" and is primarily used for nonprofit websites such as NGOs, open source projects, charitable organizations and educational platforms

This domain extension was originally created for organizations that didn't match the intent of any

other domains available at the time: not commercial, not in networking, not a university, not government and not military. Over time, .org became exclusively for nonprofits, however, this restriction was removed in August 2019 after the domain name registry was sold to an investment firm.

The three letters at the end of your web address are as important as everything that comes before them. Not only will they affect your chances of being found online, but also have a significant impact on your audience's perception of your brand.

Country-specific domains like .ru, .uk, and .de have gained significant traction, ranking among the top ten global extensions in 2024.

While .org, .com, and .net are still the most popular, this could change in the future.

The domain extension for the Dayton Stamp Club .org. The extension is not determined by law or some registration-granting body. However, non-profits lean toward ".org" for its connection to community-driven initiatives.

Dayton Stamp Club is now **daytonstampclub.org**

Dayton Stamp Club

Parameters for Members Selling Items Before Club Meetings

- 1) The person selling items must be a member of Dayton Stamp Club.
- 2) The person must clear the activity with the President or the Board Chairman ahead of time.

(The intent of this rule is to know ahead of time which people will be selling when and to not have the sellers interfere with club activities, for example silent auctions or regular auctions.)

- 3) All selling must take place before the meeting from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.
- 4) All sales materials must be completely out of the church before 9:00 p.m.

Note: Donations to the club are welcome but dealers do not have to make a donation to the Dayton Stamp Club.