

# "Newswyletter" Stephen Decatur Chapter No. 4, USCS

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## Decatur Chapter Issue

### Decatur Chapter Meeting Notice

The chapter will hold its next meeting at Bux-Mont show on **March 6, on Sunday at 1PM**. I have made arrangements for an ad in the upcoming PNSE (Philadelphia National Stamp Exposition) show at Oaks PA in 2011. We have also been asked if we would like to hold a chapter meeting at the show, and they suggested opening day, Friday for the meeting as we did in 2010. I just need to let them know what time.

I also have the opportunity to have a chapter information table at the PNSE show, as we did last year. Unfortunately, I don't want to man the table all three days as I did in 2010. I would cover the first day, Friday, but will only ask for the table if others can cover the two final days of the show. I can provide past issues of the USCS Log, and chapter covers with application cards to give away, if we can cover the table for the final two days. Please let me know if you are interested in donating your time to the last two days. Whatever you suggest, I will see if we have full coverage. Perhaps three hours, perhaps all day, your call, just let me know so we can decide if we reserve a club table or not.

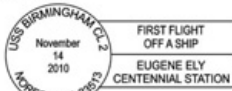
Please call me, email me or write and let me know your thoughts on the meeting and a table at PNSE.

### Navy Celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Naval Aviation

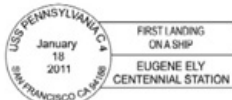


On the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Naval Aviation, preplanning led to a commemorative postage stamp

issued by the Post Office. Not so for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. But, several websites tout the extraordinary changes that have taken place in the aviation community during the last 100 years. The chapter started off the centennial with a cancel in 2010 commemorating the first take off from a Navy ship by Eugene Ely from the USS Birmingham. The pictorial was at Norfolk VA on 14 November.

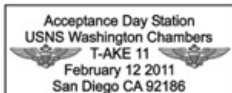


Our next pictorial cancel should be at San Francisco, for the first landing on a U S warship, aboard the USS Pennsylvania. The postmark has been submitted.



Hopefully, the postmark will make its appearance, but the San Francisco postmark has not acknowledged my submission yet.

Another pictorial submitted to note naval aviation, was the Acceptance Day of the USNS Washington Chambers by the U S Navy. The event is scheduled for 12 February 2011. The submitted cancel is shown below.



An attempt to verify that this pictorial was approved has the officials in San Diego doing a tap-dance. No one remembers the request arriving, nor do they know if it is approved. Several officials seem to be passing the buck, and even saying they no longer have anyone who is a customer service rep any longer. So, the jury is out on this one also.

### New postal rate increases

#### April 14

The USPS announced that first class rates will not increase in 2011, but some items will increase. Post card rates will go up, as will foreign mail. Priority mail rates already increased so I don't expect increases there. It appears that periodical rates as well as bulk rates will increase. The good news is that most new commemorative and regular issues will now be "Forever" stamps, so future postal increases will be easier to cope with.



Above cancel submitted to Master of USNS Washington Chambers T-AKE 11.



### Navy may issue pictorial cancel for Naval Avitaiton Centennial

Preliminary design above for a possible pictorial to be used on U S Navy aircraft carriers as planned by the USN, MPASA and DOD. Plans could change as could the design. The above design does not show the ships name yet, nor where the date will appear. This is similar to the situation with the preliminary design for the Great White Fleet postmarks. For the Great White Fleet cancels, the date was put in the center and ships names at the bottom. No information yet on when the cancels will be available, as the information is preliminary. I suspect May 8, 2011 would be the date they will reach for, as it is the accepted date of the beginning of Naval Aviation. Note the design also salutes USMC and USCG.

Check out the naval items on eBay. Proceeds go to Decatur Chapter. Seller: CGCOVERGUY

Feel free to send any information that you think may be of interest to other collectors.

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