

"Newseyletter" Decatur Chapter No. 4, USCS

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Marine Aviation Centennial



A second mention that 2012 is the 100th Anniversary of Marine Aviation. Perhaps those who collect and those who have produced pictorials for USMC events in the past, should start to plan now to get pictorials in place for the event. If there is any advice or guidance I can give, just let me know. I don't want to be in a position to do this for 2012, but will be there as support for anyone who wants to tackle an event and city for this centennial. I have to say, projects like this are very time consuming and stressful. It is always an uphill battle to get cooperation from some post offices to get them issued. Many play the "can't afford the cost" game. To those, I offer to get them made and shipped to them. I am told that local post offices get charged around \$70.00 to 100.00 for a pictorial. An outrageous amount, since I have a manufacturer who can do them for 17.00 plus shipping. As you can imagine, every post office in the US has a very tight budget to adhere to, and those budgets are very important as the USPS works in the red from year to year. Expenses like pictorials are a dent in the budget, and some post offices don't want to fit them in. So, plan your event, and city, and let me know what advice you need to carry out your planned pictorial. It is also time for the USCS convention planners next year to honor USMC Aviation in the show cancel. Greg C, any ideas yet? We will be at Westpex in San Francisco. I am sure Greg probably can find a "tie-in" to the Marine Air Centennial

and the region where we will be meeting. Was there an MCAS in this area one time?

CONA shipboard postmarks trickling in

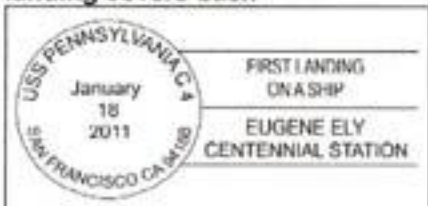


My sendings for CONA carrier postmarks have been slowly trickling in. The following have returned so far: *USS Enterprise*, *USS George Washington*, *USS John C. Stennis*, *USS Theodore Roosevelt* (no date) and *USS George H W Bush* (no date). I have written again to the last two, asking for cancels with dates in. I have been sending 5 at a time, to comply with the DOD mandated limit of five per collector. I will be using some relatives and neighbors names, so I can get a few ahead to do chapter covers.



Our chapter covers from the carriers will be limited, and will take awhile to get them back and finished. The USNS Washington Chambers also returned their CONA cancel.

USS Pennsylvania, 1st aircraft landing covers back



After waiting several months (sent in

January) the covers from San Francisco CA post office to note the 1st landing of an airplane on a Navy ship (*USS Pennsylvania*) by Eugene Ely have finally returned. Others who sent, got returns about a month ago. Another huge cancel, not the size I submitted and requested. Some postal folks just can't read directions or just don't care. These covers will be included in the next mailing.

Chapter submits cancel for Commissioning USS William P. Lawrence in Mobile AL



Originally planned for Pensacola, FL the event was moved to Mobile AL due to the shallow channel in Pensacola that could not support a Navy ship arrival due to lack of dredging. Our design was changed as was the location to Mobile. Another Greg Cielski design. Thanks, Greg.

Great Lakes Naval Training Center centennial postmark

"Boot camp" to most attendees, the Great lakes training center celebrated 100 years and member Wolfgang Hechler designed this pictorial that will be used. I did make an appearance there while in the Coast Guard, attending BT "A" school there in the 62-63 timeframe. Seems like just yesterday! (Just kidding).



Thanks Wolfgang Hechler for a nice design, closely emulating the centennial logo.

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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