

"Newseyletter" Decatur Chapter No. 4, USCS

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Deposit Balance \$ _____

CONA carrier cancel set progressing



So far, I have completed six of the Centennial of Naval Aviation carrier pictorial cancel covers. So, with only five carriers to go, I may be able to wrap this project up before the end of the end of the year. For those who ordered the complete sets; those who sent SASE's for each have received them as they were produced. If you only sent one large SASE, they will be all be returned at the same time, when I finish up the entire set. Sorry it has taken so long, but some of the carriers have been slow to return covers.

Pictorials for October and November

USS OHIO SSGN-726
★ 30th Anniversary ★
11-11-11 Station
November 11, 2011
Keyport, WA 98345



USS Olympia Chapter has requested a pictorial for the 30th Anniversary of the USS Ohio SSGN-726. Postmark will be at Keyport WA on 11-11-11.

Decatur Chapter has also requested pictorial cancels for USS California SSN-781 Commissioning 10-29-11 at Norfolk, USS Louisville SSN-724 25th Anniversary at Groton CT on 11-8-11, USS Ohio SSGN-726 30th Anniversary, Groton on 11-11-11, USS LaJolla SSN-701 30th Anniversary, Groton and Christening of USS Mississippi on 12-3-11 at Groton.

Bollinger get contract for four more USCG cutters

The Coast Guard awarded a \$179.7 million contract option to Bollinger Shipyards of Lockport, La., September 22 for the production of four more Sentinel-class Fast Response Cutters (FRCs). This option award brings the total number of FRCs under contract with Bollinger to twelve, with a current contract value of \$597 million. The current FRC contract contains options for up to 34 cutters and is worth up to \$1.5 billion if all options are exercised. The FRCs acquired under this contract option are scheduled to be delivered to the Coast Guard in 2014 and home ported in Key West, FL.

Names of first 14 Fast Response Cutters



Bernard C. Webber WPC-1101
Richard Etheridge WPC-1102
William Flores WPC-1103
Robert Yered WPC-1104
Margaret Norvell WPC-1105
Paul Clark WPC-1106
Charles David WPC-1107
Charles Sexton WPC-1108
Kathleen Moore WPC-1109
Joseph Napier WPC-1110
William Trump WPC-1111
Isaac Mayo WPC-1112
Richard Dixon WPC-1113
Heriberto Hernandez WPC-1114

The first two have been launched.

Pictorial cancels issued for 9-11 and USS New York

The chapter and Greg C have coordinated the issuance of two pictorial cancels for 9-11. The

cancels will be available aboard the USS New York and the Staten Island NY post office on 9-11 and for thirty days after the event.



"Never Forget"
2001 - 2011

Visit of
USS NEW YORK LPD 21
to New York City



"Never Forget"

10th Anniversary
Remembrance

Decatur Chapter will meet at Fall Bucs-Mont show

As we have done on previous occasions we will have a chapter meeting at the Bucs-Mont Stamp Club fall show in Warminster.

Date: Saturday Oct. 22

Time: 1:30 P.M.

Location: Benjamin H. Wilson Senior Community Center, 580 Delmont Ave. Warminster, PA 18974 (just off Street Road)

This is a change in meeting time, because I have to work from 8AM to 12 noon, and I would not make it in time for a 1 PM meeting.

Key West CONA pictorial

Latest news on my quest to move a mountain and get the May 8, 2011 CONA pictorial for Key West FL approved, was a note from the Manager of the Cancellations Division of the USPS, telling me that she will speak to the OIC at Key West and issue the postmark at "the caves" I'll post it on the "chat" page when final approval is released, along with the proper mailing address. Covers will not go to Key West.