

# "Newseyletter" Decatur Chapter No. 4, USCS

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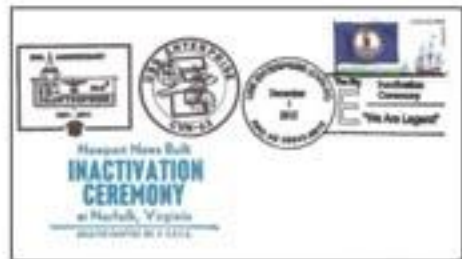
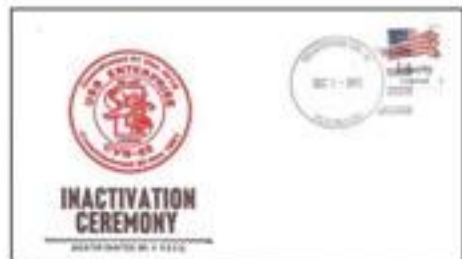
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Thanks Chief "Davey" Jones from  
*USS Enterprise*

With the exceptional cooperation of Chief David "Davey" Jones of the *USS Enterprise*, the chapter was able to have several different covers serviced from the *USS Enterprise CVN-65*, one for the official Last Day of Postal Service and several for her Deactivation Ceremony. The covers follow:



At this point the crew is being disbanded throughout the fleet. Some are retiring. What is left of the caretaker crew is currently living on a barge. I was told that the crew's mail is still being handled by the mail clerks. Most likely taken to and from the fleet mail office on the base in Norfolk. While the official Last Day in Commission is to be in 2014, this is extremely tentative, since most future expenses of the Navy is impacted by the again looming sequestration caused by our government having no budget and inability to agree on spending cuts. All covers are 2.50 each except for the Norfolk VA post office pictorial which is \$2.25. Include a SASE with at least 66c postage attached for the return of any covers you order. While we would like to submit a Last Day in Commission pictorial cancel, the time frame time will probably prevent that.

### Covers on eBay to pay costs of USCS Spring Coverfest

The chapter has been listing covers and programs on eBay with the proceeds going to offset the chapters recent expenses for the USCS hospitality room in early April. We manned a society table at PNSE (Philadelphia National Stamp Exhibition) in Oaks, PA in the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. The hospitality room for USCS members attending was in the Homewood Suites by Hilton in Audubon PA about 15 minutes from the Greater Philadelphia Exposition Center. Seller name on eBay is *cgcoverguy*.

We are planning to hold another USCS Spring Coverfest in 2014. If you missed the event this year don't fret, you can make up for it next year. There was an abundance of naval covers at the show and next years event will reportedly have a USCS member and cover dealer as the shows bourse chairman.

**Show cancels for PNSE designed by Greg Ciesielski.**



On April 5, seventy years ago *USS O'Bannon* sank Japanese sub *IJN RO-34* near Russell Islands in the Solomons. On April 6, seventy years ago *USS Bennett* rescued all survivors from the U S liberty ship *SS John Sevier* that was sunk by U-185 near Great Iguana Island. On April 7, seventy years ago *USS Aaron Ward* was sunk by Japanese Val dive bombers, off Florida Island near Guadalcanal. The flags in the cancels represent families having some one serving in the war. They were common place during WW II in windows across the country. A set of chapter covers is in progress. Price, \$2.25 each or set of three for \$5.00



Above pictorial cancel has been submitted to the Norfolk VA post office to note the loss of the *USS Scorpion SSN-589*.

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

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