

Decatur Chapter #4 Newseyletter

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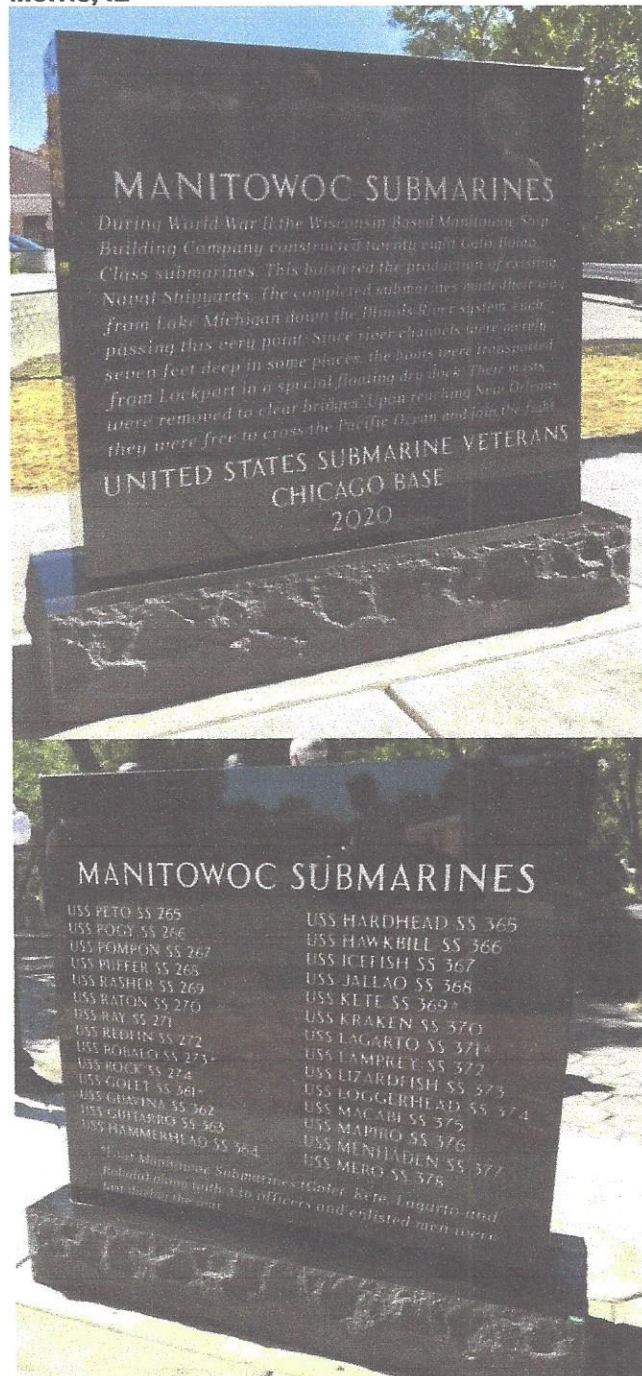
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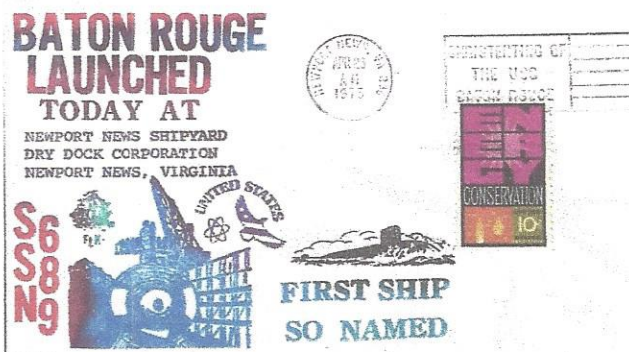
Submarine memorial unveiled in the City of Morris, IL



Twenty-eight submarines built in Maniwoc, Wisconsin went by Morris IL on the way to the Gulf of Mexico and ultimately the Pacific Ocean during World War II. Four were lost in action. Mayor Richard

Kopczick says it's an honor to have the memorial in his city. The USSVI Submarine Veterans USS Chicago Base put the monument southwest of the Grundy County courthouse by the Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Karcher covers on eBay with proceeds to USCS



I have uploaded several hundred Frederick L. Karcher cacheted covers to eBay. Proceeds to USCS. All at 99c. These are good cancels, not his counterfeit cancels or fake FREE mail covers. But, be cautioned many are what is called "gun decked" in that they are probably either backdated or done with actual postmarks that he used while the postal clerk had no idea, he was using their cancel with his own daters. It is said that he had easy access to Navy shipyards and went aboard ships to do his covers. He would ask the postal clerk if he could use their cancels and go off somewhere away from the post office so he was not in the way of the PC. How courteous was that? So, when the PC was not watching he would use his own daters to create any date he needed with the ships cancel. I'm hopeful that some of the dealers who list these covers for more than 5.00 will see their prices drop. His cover holding was said to be over a million covers. The USCS has been the beneficiary of 200.00 at this point from these sales.

News on covers MIA at the Norfolk VA post office

After many complaints, Norfolk said they would process all the missing covers. They go back to June 2019. Their first attempt was for the CHARLOTTE anniversary. The result was a disaster. The cancel was oversized, and poorly made. It appears the cancel may have been copied and they did not use an original digital image. Additionally, the cancels were poorly applied. I then appealed to "The Caves" to intercede and not let Norfolk proceed further with the missing covers. Pictorial Postmarks in Kansas City notified me that they were having all the covers sent to them and they would process them in Kansas City. Sounds like a good plan.

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

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News from Rich

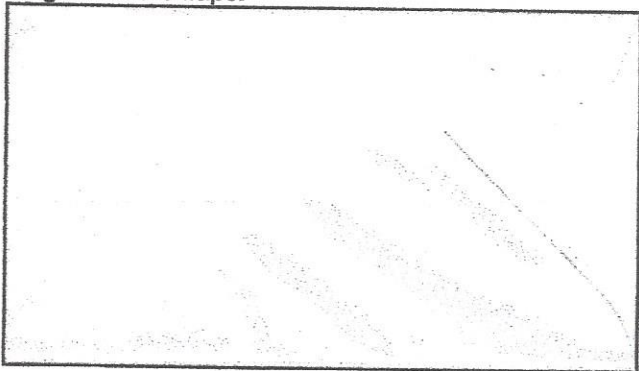
Another catch-up period has concluded with several mailings of chapter covers nearly back-to-back. Some of the covers were covers that I thought would never show up did finally appear. Unfortunately, most of the covers from Norfolk for 2019 still have not been serviced. I had assurances from the Cancellations Division of the USPS in Kansas City, that contact had been made with Norfolk post office and the covers would be serviced. As far as I can tell, only one pictorial was serviced, the anniversary of the CHARLOTTE.

That effort by Norfolk was sub-standard. The cancel was oversized and poorly applied. I did report this to Kansas City to see if they would intervene and for them ask the Norfolk post office to use more care with philatelic cancels.

Free envelopes

I recently ordered 4,000 envelopes from my supplier. They sent the wrong envelopes. When I asked to have them replaced with the proper envelopes I use, they sent them but told me to keep the envelopes sent by mistake.

These envelopes are 25% cotton, 24# substance with no glue on the flaps.



I am offering them for the cost of the postage to send to you. I can get 100 envelopes into a flat rate first class envelope for 1.60. Or I can squeeze 300 into a flat rate priority mailer for 7.75. They are running low, so let me know ASAP if you want any.

The envelopes show signs of wrinkling, possibly from long term storage. See scan.

Private markings

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75TH ANNIVERSARY VJ DAY STATION
END OF WWII 02 SEPTEMBER 1945
PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS SONS & DAUGHTERS CH 5

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75TH ANNIVERSARY VJ DAY STATION
END OF WWII 15TH AUGUST 1945

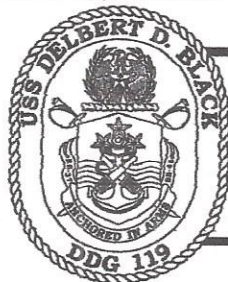
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I recently came across three different #10 envelopes postmarked with three postmarks that were not in the USPS PB. I tracked them down to a P H Survivors Sons and Daughters non-profit group in California. I was advised that the markings were prepared locally and not an approved USPS pictorial postmark. They shared the devices with me to do Decatur Chapter covers. If anyone wants these private markings on their own covers, send them to me quickly and I have to return them.

Late approval from Jacksonville



Homeport Sta.
Commissioning Day
September 26, 2020
Mayport Naval Station
Jacksonville, FL 32228

Postmark will have a 60 or 90-day extension.