

Decatur Chapter #4 Newseyletter

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Recent pictorials submitted



While we are awaiting a determination of what happened to all covers and pictorials from Norfolk VA, future anniversary pictorials will be requested at the Newport News post office. Local member Leonhard Venne is assisting in the cancelling of covers sent in with the permission of Bessie Maupin our contact at the Newport News post office. Thank you, Leonhard.

Speaking of the problems at the Norfolk post office, with the assistance of the Cancellation Division of the USPS in Kansas City, work has begun to determine an outcome for the backlog there. I was advised by another cachet maker that he was told that the person who had been servicing our requests for over 10 years, was assigned additional tasks and simply put everything in a box until she had time to do them. This started years ago, when covers took six months and longer to come back to collectors. Since June 2019, nothing has returned. I am told the covers will start returning soon.

China's Newest Aircraft Carrier Now Conducting Sea Trials

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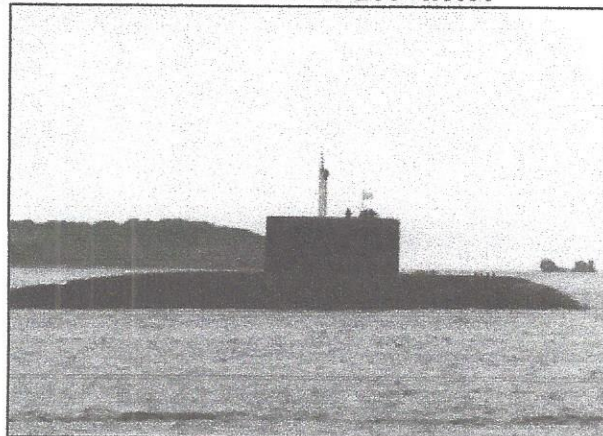
China's newest aircraft carrier, Type 001A *Shandong* (Hull 17), is conducting sea trials at a time Beijing's military leadership criticizes the pace and scope of U.S. Navy operations in the region. *Shandong* departed the Dalian Shipyard on May 25 to test the ship's weapons and equipment, to train crew

members and enhance the carrier's ability to conduct missions, Senior Col. Ren Guoqiang, a spokesman for China's Ministry of National Defense, confirmed on Friday during a media briefing.



Footage of *Shandong*, released by the ministry, shows the carrier launching and recovering Shenyang J-15 fighters. *Shandong* is China's People's Liberation Army Navy's second aircraft carrier, but the first one built domestically. China's other carrier is *Liaoning*, which was initially built by the Soviet Union. China spent years refitting the carrier before putting it into service in 2012.

Russian Kilo-class sub B-260 CHITA partially sinks while under tow / Б-260 ЧИТА



B-260 Chita. submarines.narod.ru, V. Muratov

Decommissioned Russian Navy Kilo-class missile submarine B-260 CHITA (Б-260 ЧИТА) on the morning of Dec 12 2019 partially sank in the Sea of Japan in Primorye Region waters, while being towed from Vladivostok to Nakhodka for dismantling. Submarine was unmanned, she sank vertically by stern on 42 meters depth, with her length of 73 meters, she's partially above the waterline, with her stern resting on bottom.

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

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