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From the Editor's Desk

Mark Maestrone

A Hidden Treasure in Georgia

A few weeks ago, while looking for an interesting summer destination, I stumbled across the National Civil War Naval Museum in Columbus, Georgia. I must admit that before then I had never heard of it. Yet it turns out to be one of the most fascinating museums dedicated to naval history anywhere in the country.

Unlike most Civil War museums, which naturally focus on the armies and famous battles fought on land, this museum tells the story of the war's two navies. In fact, it is the only museum in the United States devoted entirely to both Union and Confederate naval operations during the Civil War.

The museum's centerpiece is the massive remains of the Confederate ironclad *CSS Jackson*, originally known as the *CSS Muscogee*. What visitors see today is the salvaged hull of a vessel that was burned and sunk in 1865 as Confederate forces retreated. Standing beside the remains, it is easy to appreciate the sheer scale of these early armored warships. A framework above the wreck outlines the ship's original dimensions, helping visitors visualize what the completed ironclad looked like in service.

Another remarkable artifact is the *CSS Chattahoochee*, one of the few surviving Confederate naval vessels. Portions of her hull and even her original steam engines were recovered after lying underwater for nearly a century. The museum also houses an impressive collection of Civil War naval flags, including a battle flag from the ironclad *CSS Arkansas* that disappeared after a nighttime engagement in 1862 and remained hidden for more than 130 years before finding its way back into public view.

For collectors, museums like this offer an important reminder. Every artifact on display survived because someone recognized its historical value and took the time to preserve it. Whether we collect naval covers, ship cancellations, postcards, photographs, or memorabilia, we are doing much the same thing. Today's collections often become tomorrow's museum exhibits, and every item we save helps tell a piece of our nation's maritime story.

If your summer travels take you anywhere near Columbus, Georgia, the National Civil War Naval Museum may be worth adding to your itinerary. You might come away with a renewed appreciation for the role collectors play in preserving history. For more information, visit their website:

<https://www.portcolumbus.org/>

President's Message

Laurie Bernstein

The convention in Denver was great. The USCS had nine exhibitors! That's a record for recent years. Lots of lovely awards too. Look for Lloyd Ferrell's article which begins on page 8 of this issue of the *Log*.

I'd like to shout out a thank-you to Randy Pence. One of our members had the logbooks from a couple of German E-boats. Randy was kind enough to translate them. I'm hoping to see an article from their owner.

Charles Bogart's presentation on Allied Military Gov't Postal Stamps of Italy was complex and fascinating. If you couldn't join us live be sure to look it up on our YouTube channel. The July presentation on the 18th will be presented by Maurice Weight called "Jackspeak." Ever wonder where some of our everyday words come from? Join us and find out. Please consider doing a presentation for the group – remember, there are monetary awards for the best ones. It's easy to do and enjoyable for everyone.

AND We're still looking for someone to step up and run for the Treasurer position this next election. If you have basic computer skills and internet access, please consider running for this important position. It would be best if the group didn't have to hire outside help for this position.

Future USCS Convention Schedule

2027 April 23-25, Burlingame, CA
In conjunction with WESTPEX

USCS YouTube Channel

See our archived USCS Zoom Presentations
You can access this channel via:

<https://www.youtube.com/@uscsuniversalshipcancellat1129>

2026 Commissioning Anniversaries

45 Years – Ohio SSGN 726, 11/11; **40 Years** – Nevada SSBN 733, 8/16; Theodore Roosevelt CVN 71, 10/25; **35 Years** – Arleigh Burke DDG 51, 7/4; Kentucky SSBN 737, 7/13; Ashville SSN 758, 9/28; Patriot MCM 7, 10/18; **30 Years** – Wyoming SSBN 742 7/13; Cheyenne SSN 773, 9/13; Gonzalez DDG 66, 10/13; Milius DDG 69, 11/23; **25 Years** – Howard DDG 83, 10/20; Bulkeley DDG 84, 12/8; **20 Years** – Texas SSN 775, 9/9; **15 Years** – William Lawrence DDG 110, 6/4; Spruance DDG 111, 10/1; California SSN 781, 10/29; **10 Years** – Montgomery LCS 8, 9/10; John Murtha LPD 26, 10/8; Zumwalt DDG 1000; 10/15; Illinois SSN 786, 10/29; **5 Years** – Daniel Inouye DDG 118, 12/8

Calendar

Dates listed represent the best information available at the time of printing. Delay/change is beyond the control of the *Log*. Send #10 SASE with a 78-cent or "Forever" stamp to Richard D. Jones, 137 Putnam Ave., Ormond Beach FL 32174 for updated shipyard address list. OR request via e-mail: bmcmjones@yahoo.com end only two covers per request and one request per event.

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2026

Announced/Projected Commissioning/Deliv. Dates (Tent.)

PCU *Ted Stevens* (DDG 128) Commissioning Fall 2026

PCU *Jeffrey Palazzo* (WPC 1163) Commissioning 12 September 2026

PCU *Jerimah Denton* (DDG 129) Commissioning Late 2026

PCU *Patrick Gallagher* (DDG 127) Commissioning Spring 2027

PCU *George M Neal* (DDG 131) Christening 2026

PCU *Louis H Wilson Jr.* (DDG 126) Commissioning 2027

PCU *William Charette* (DDG 130) Commissioning 2027

PCU *Bougainville* (LHA 8) Delivery July 2027

PCU *Fallujah* (LHA 9) Delivery July 2031

PCU *John F Kennedy* (CVN 79) Delivery March 2027

Announced Decommissioning/Inactivation Dates

USS *Fort Worth* (LCS 3) 31 July 2026 Inactivation

USS *Georgia* (SSGN 729) 31 July 2026 Inactivation

USS *Alexandria* (SSN 757) 4 August 2026 Decommissioning

USS *San Juan* (SSN 751) 6 August 2026 Decommissioning

USS *Germantown* (LSD 42) 29 September 2026 Inactivation

USS *Shiloh* (CG 67) 30 September 2026 Inactivation

USS *Lake Erie* (CG 70) 30 September 2026 Inactivation

USNS *Big Horn* (T-AO-198) 31 March 2026 Inactivation

USNS *John Ericsson* (T-AO-194) 31 July 2026 Inactivation

USNS *Pecos* (T-AO-197) 31 July 2026 to MARAD

USNS *Watkins* (T-AKR 315) 1 July 2026 to MARAD

USNS *Red Cloud* (T-AKR-313) 30 September 2026 to MARAD

USNS *Vice Adm. K.R. Wheeler* (T-AG-5001) 01 July 2026 to MARAD

Thanks to Mike Brock for updated information. Information on U.S. Navy ship commissionings can be found here: <https://www.navycommissionings.org/#> and on Facebook under individual ship entries.

Out of the Past

Bob Lamb

1 July 1974 (Modern)

The oldest active shipyard in the Navy, the Boston Naval Shipyard, Massachusetts, closes its gates after 174 years of service. Among the ships built in the yard were the 74 gun ships of the line *Independence*, *Vermont*, and *Virginia*, and the screw sloop *Housatonic* (sunk by the Confederate submarine *Hunley* in 1864).



USS Arleigh Burke commissioning cover.

5 July 1991 (Modern)

Arleigh Burke (DDG-51), lead ship of a new class of Aegis guided missile destroyers, is commissioned. Appropriately, the ship is named for the Navy's most famous destroyer skipper (and later CNO).

10 July 1943 (Seabees WW II)

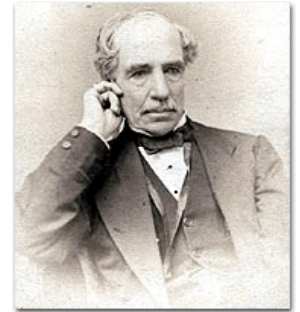
The Seabees introduced their secret weapon on the beaches of Sicily: the famed magic boxes, steel pontoon sections which revolutionized the strategy of amphibious warfare. The German and Italian defenders were dug in along the northern coastline of Sicily where the best beaches were located. There was only one thing wrong with the German strategy. They had not heard of the new development for joining pontoons to form invasion causeways. Capt. John N. Laycock, CEC, developed a method to join pontoons together by angle iron and bolting pads so that a string of these connected pontoons became a solid structure of cantilevered integrity.



Model of the "magic boxes" pontoon assembly.

12 July 1836 (Classic)

Charles H. Haswell becomes the first engineer commissioned in the U.S. Navy. He remains in the service until 1852 and during his time in uniform writes the standard engineering reference book *Mechanic's and Engineer's Pocket Book*.



Charles H. Haswell.

14 July 1993 (Modern)

The USS *Iwo Jima* was decommissioned after over 30 years of service in a ceremony at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia. The ship was named for the World War II battle during which three Marine divisions ousted 20,000 entrenched Japanese troops. The *Iwo Jima* was commissioned 26 August 1961, and it was the first ship specifically designed as an amphibious assault ship from the keel up.

17 July 1944 (WW II)

During the loading of ammunition into the holds of the merchant vessels *Quinault Victory* and *E. A. Bryan* at the Port Chicago Naval Magazine, California, a series of explosions is triggered, igniting nearly 5,000 tons of munitions. *E. A. Bryan* is literally blown to pieces and the adjacent pier disintegrates. 320 servicemen were instantly killed and only 51 remains could be identified.

21 July 1905 (Classic)

A boiler explosion on board the gunboat *Bennington* (PG-4) at San Diego, California, showers the ship with steam and scalding water, taking the lives of 60 crewmembers and seriously injuring 40 others. Ten members of the crew receive the Medal of Honor for heroism in the wake of the tragic accident.



USS Bennington monument at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego.

27 July 1793 (Coast Guard)

President Washington ordered full complements for cutters and increased monthly pay to \$40 for Captains, \$26 for 1st mates, \$20 for 2nd mates, and \$18 for 3rd mates. Captains to have subsistence of Captain in Army, three mates' subsistence of Army Lieutenants and mariner's subsistence not to exceed \$10 per month.

Navel News

Dennis W. Gill



Figure 1. Undated photo of Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine. Four Arleigh Burke-class DDGs are present in various stages of fitting out.

First Steel Cut x 2

In ceremonies just two days apart, Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine (Figure 1), held first steel cutting ceremonies to mark the start of construction on two Arleigh Burke-class DDGs. On 19 May 2026, steel for the future USS *J. William Middendorf* (DDG 138) was cut. Middendorf was a former Secretary of the Navy and Ambassador. A similar ceremony was held on 21 May 2026 for the future USS *Thomas G. Kelley* (DDG 140), named for U.S. Navy Lieutenant Kelley who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his 1969 actions in Vietnam. Both DDGs will be Flight III variants.



Figure 2. USS Cleveland (LCS 31) arriving in its namesake city on 9 May 2026 for its commissioning.

Last Freedom-Class LCS Commissioned

The U.S. Navy commissioned its newest and last Freedom-variant Littoral Combat Ship USS *Cleveland* (LCS 31) in Cleveland, Ohio, on 16 May 2026. This was the first Navy ship to be commissioned in Ohio (Figure 2). The ship has transited through the St. Lawrence Seaway to the Atlantic for passage to its homeport at Naval Station Mayport, Florida. Of the 16 Freedom-class ships built, 11 remain in active service.

CVN Construction Delayed

Citing "...acute labor shortages and ongoing disruptions with suppliers," the Navy has announced that construction of the fourth Gerald R. Ford-class nuclear aircraft carrier, the future USS *Doris Miller* (CVN 81), has been delayed by at least two years (Figure 3). The ship is being built by Huntington Ingalls Industries at its Newport News Shipbuilding yard in Virginia. It was previously projected that the aircraft carrier would be delivered to the fleet in 2030, but the timeline has now been pushed back to 2032. Additionally, the future USS *Enterprise* (CVN 80) delivery date has also shifted, from July 2030 to March 2031, again, for supply disruptions.



Figure 3. Messman 3rd Class Doris Miller, wearing his Navy Cross, speaking at a War Bond rally on 7 January 1943. The future USS Doris Miller (CVN 81) will not be completed until 2032.

MSUV Prototype Testing

The U.S. Navy invited seven U.S.-based companies to build and submit for prototype testing medium surface unmanned vessels (MSUV). The requirements state that the ships must have the ability to travel 2,500 nautical miles at 25 knots in sea state 4, carry a payload of up to 25 metric tons and have autonomous software able to operate the vessel remotely (Figure 4). The prototypes were tested in June 2026; companies selected to further develop their prototypes for series production will be announced in September 2026.

Another Towing, Salvage and Rescue Ship Christened

Builder Austal USA christened the future USNS *Solomon Atkinson* (T-ATS 12) at its Mobile, Alabama, shipyard in a 2 May 2026 ceremony. The traditional bottle(s) of sparkling wine (Figure 5) were broken across the ship's railing by the vessel's



Figure 4. Saronic Technologies' entry into the MSUV prototype competition "Marauder" enters the water for sea trials on 22 May 2026.

sponsors: the ship's namesake's widow and two daughters. Retired U.S. Navy Chief Warrant Officer 4 Solomon Atkinson (1930-2019), a member of the Metlakatla (Alaska) Indian Community, was an original member of the first U.S. Navy Sea, Air, and Land (SEAL) Team, established in 1962.



Figure 5. USNS Solomon Atkinson (T-ATS 12) is christened on 2 May 2026 at Austal USA's shipbuilding yard in Mobile, Alabama.

DDG Named

On 7 May 2026 Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine, announced it had received a contract to build previously-named Arleigh Burke-class destroyer the future USS *Robert R. Ingram* (DDG 149). The ship is named after U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman Third Class Robert R. Ingram, born in 1945, who was awarded the Medal of Honor for actions in Quang Ngai Province, Rep. of Vietnam, in 1966 (Figure 6). Ingram, despite receiving four

wounds from enemy gunfire, continued attending to wounded Marines during an intense firefight. The destroyer when completed will be the 98th to join the fleet.

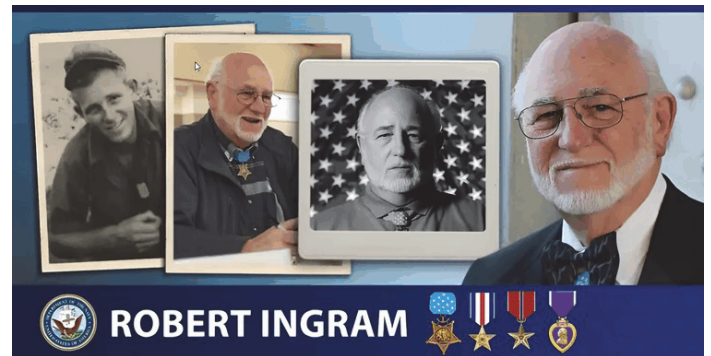


Figure 6. A 2022 photo sequence showing former U.S. Navy HM3 Robert Ingram (left), born in 1945. Ingram was awarded the Medal of Honor, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his 1966 actions as a combat medic in Vietnam.

Fast Response Cutter Commissioned

The U.S. Coast Guard commissioned its newest Fast Response Cutter, USCGC *Vincent Danz* (WPC 1162), for official entry into its service fleet during a ceremony held in New York City on 22 May 2026 (Figure 7). In a traditional commissioning held at the USS *Intrepid* Museum with the cutter moored nearby, sponsor Ms. Angela Donahue, widow of Vincent Danz, oversaw bringing the vessel to life. Danz was a New York City police officer, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and U.S. Coast Guard reservist who died in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The cutter will be homeported in Guam.



Figure 7. USCGC Vincent Danz (WPC 1162) on delivery to the Coast Guard base in Key West, Florida, 26 Feb. 2026.

U.S. Coast Guard Polar Activity

The USCGC *Storis* (WAGB 21) and USCGC *Waesche* (WMSL 751) conducted a proof of concept fueling at sea evolution while moored in Dutch Harbor, Alaska, 1 May 2026 (Figure 8). While not an underway refueling (the activity was confined to the pier) the exercise demonstrated that fuel could be transferred cutter-to-cutter, allowing *Storis* to stay on station



Figure 8. USCGC Storis (WAGB 21) left, and USCGC Waesche (WMSL 751) conducting a refueling exercise pier side at Dutch Harbor, Alaska, on 1 May 2026. Inset shows the small line (note red floats) passing fuel from Waesche to Storis.

longer and improve the U.S.'s position in the polar regions. The two cutters also conducted at-sea passing exercises in late April will just one nautical mile south of the Arctic ice pack.

Drones Used in SINKEX

Four aerial drones and one surface drone variant were used to sink the decommissioned USS *Simpson* (FFG 56) in a September 2025 exercise, Fourth Fleet officials just recently confirmed. The drones, launched from the USS *Cooperstown* (LCS 23), were directed from an on-shore facility; reports indicate three of the drones struck and sank the frigate (Figure 9). The activity capped the weeklong, multinational UNITAS 2026 exercise. Lessons drawn from this exercise may eventually impact how the Navy plans to incorporate drones into future warfighting.



Figure 9. USS Cooperstown (LCS 23) underway at speed, unknown date.



Figure 10. The ODIN laser (Optical Dazzling Interdictor, Navy) was designed and built by the Navy at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren, Virginia. It has now been deployed on at least seven Arleigh Burke-class destroyers.

Laser Developments

Open-source reporting indicates nine U.S. Navy Arleigh Burke-class destroyers are now equipped with laser weapons. The Navy is moving aggressively to reduce reliance on expensive single-use munitions such as missiles to counter swarms of cheap drones and missiles, such as seen in combat with Iranian forces. Lasers are a long-term solution to offset the limited number of missiles carried by DDGs (typically 96); lasers only require electrical power to operate. Seven of the nine DDGs currently field ODIN lasers (Figure 10). Although not officially confirmed, it is believed two laser-equipped DDGs were or are currently active in operations against Iran.

Additional research and input by Mike Brock and Ken Pearson.

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Overview of the USCS Convention at RMSS in Aurora, Colorado

by Lloyd Ferrell
uscstreasurer@aol.com

For those who could not attend the USCS convention this year, I will try to summarize how everything went. Comments made are based on my own observations and experience, but I think that members who attended will agree that the USCS was treated very well in Colorado. The Rocky Mountain Stamp Show (RMSS) committee went out of their way to accommodate what we needed with regard to the society table, meeting rooms, and exhibits.

In response, I think the USCS made a good impression with the RMSS organizers, especially with regard to our participation with exhibiting. More on that later, but we had nine members who brought exhibits, I counted 43 frames, the most we've had in several years. The USCS provided speakers for five different talks, and we also had four member-dealers set up on the bourse. I think we did well representing our society. The number of members attending the convention, however, was down from last year.

The USCS Society Table – Before the show opened, Steve Shay put up the USCS banner, some applications, handouts, and some giveaway covers for visitors. When



Broad view of the exhibits at RMSS. There were more than 240 frames at the show – 43 brought by USCS members.

I arrived, I prepared the new convention cachets and also put out a variety of older convention covers. In recent years, instead of a signup sheet for manning the table, we've simply used a tag team method. With fewer people around this year, however, there were times it wasn't manned at all—we thought it more important to attend and support scheduled talks for USCS speakers. So, that's what we did. We also had to shut down for the General Membership Meeting,

When manned, we did have a few people stop by the table to talk, but no new members were recruited. We also sold some convention cachets.



Steve Shay and Randy Pence manning the USCS society table.

Convention Cachets – This year the cachets were designed and printed by Tricia Richmond, who did a great job. She created three cachets, one for each day of the show, printed them, and mailed them to me ahead of time. All done as her donation to the USCS. At the show, the USPS table was conveniently right next to the USCS table. The plan was to get cancels applied each day. But when we learned that USPS wouldn't be setting up on Sunday, we canceled two of the cachets on Saturday. Individual covers (\$3 postpaid), or the set of three (\$8 postpaid), are available to purchase (see ad elsewhere in the Log).



Tom Kean, with technical help from his daughter, Jenny Pisarra, about to start his presentation.

Scheduled USCS Speakers at RMSS – In earlier announcements about the scheduled talks at the convention, my understanding was that the USCS had three. As I discovered, however, Ted Bahry had made arrangements directly with RMSS for two talks under the USCS banner. With that, the USCS had five presentations this year, the most I've seen during my 11-year tenure.

On Friday, Tom Kean gave an interesting talk that focused on an uncle he never knew, a survivor of the destroyer *Porter* when she sank, but killed in action shortly afterward on the destroyer *Barton*. Tom showed some family photographs and correspondence, supplemented by other navy covers from his collection.

That afternoon, Steve Shay did a great presentation on U.S. and Coalitions ships associated with Desert Shield and Desert Storm. I admit that I had no idea how extensive Navy operations were or that so many ships were involved. Dozens of covers, both philatelic and commercial mail, were shown during the talk. That talk, recorded earlier, can be seen on the USCS Zoom YouTube site (the link for Zoom presentation is on the USCS website under "Resources" tab).

That same afternoon, Ted Bahry gave an outstanding talk titled "Midway and Wake Islands 1935-1941." It was the best attended talk at the show, with at least 16 people. For those who don't know, Ted is a retired Marine who has collected Midway and Wake covers for at least 50 years. It's his area of expertise, and he has personally known or met many of the old Marines once stationed there, including some who were taken as prisoners of war. It was a real treat to hear Ted speak about the events that took place at these locations, not



Audience at one of the meetings (l-r), Ted Bahry, Randy Pence (back), Dave Kent, Laurie Bernstein, and Joe Bock (names of the couple at far right not known).



Lloyd Ferrell finishing presentation at the Pearl Harbor Chapter meeting.



This cachet showing the explosion of USS SHAW at Pearl Harbor was given to those who attended the meeting.

to mention the outstanding covers we saw on the PowerPoint slides.

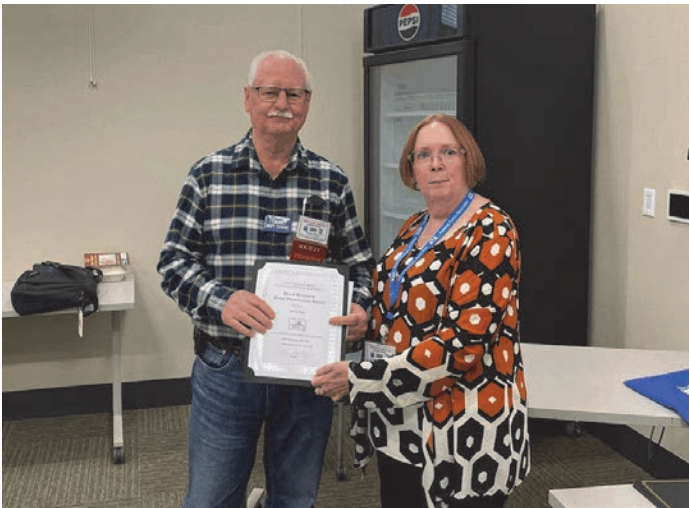
On Saturday morning was the Pearl Harbor Chapter meeting where I gave a talk about the destroyer *Shaw*. Most of us are familiar with the famous photograph of



David Wells with Henry Sweets at the hospitality room. In the background is Laurie Bernstein visiting with Joan Wells.



Ted Bahry checking out one of the exhibits.



Laurie Bernstein presenting Steve Shay with the David Bernstein Zoom Presentation Award.



Lloyd Ferrell receiving the Ray and Helen St. John Award from Dave Kent.

Shaw exploding during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Despite the damage, she was repaired and returned to the war. We looked at examples of covers and postal devices used by the ship, especially the well-documented December 7, 1941 “socked on the nose” cancels that first appears in early 1942. Those attending the meeting also received a cachet prepared just for the meeting.

After the general meeting on Saturday, Ted Bahry gave an outstanding presentation about Iwo Jima, the flag raising, and the postage stamp issued to commemorate the event. Once again, Ted has known many of the veterans who participated; his understanding and respect for what they sacrificed is evident when he talks about what they went through. His talk was illustrated with many interesting photographs and covers.

Board Meeting – The board meeting was held Friday night, with six officers and directors present for the live meeting, plus three others attending via Zoom. After the usual reports by the secretary, treasurer, and others, we set about the business of the society. Details are in the minutes published elsewhere in this issue of the *Log*, but we had some frank discussions on results of the recent survey regarding frequency of *Log* publication, dues, donations, and especially the issue of finding a new USCS treasurer. If any member reading this is willing to take on even part of the task of treasurer, it’s critical that you contact an officer or board member immediately. We’re looking at a variety of options, and decisions need to be made very soon—the election is this fall and candidates need to be locked in by October.



Member-dealer Dick Thomas checking out some bargains he found at the show.

General Membership Meeting – The lower member attendance at the show was apparent at the General Membership Meeting—there were only about 10 people in the room. Laurie Bernstein called the meeting to order. The names of members who passed away in the past year were read. Steve Shay gave a short secretary report, and I gave a brief treasurer report. Various USCS awards were then announced.

A complete listing of the awards is shown elsewhere, but I will mention one that is very meaningful to me. It was my honor to receive the Ray and Helen St. John Award, presented only occasionally following years or decades of service to the USCS. Sponsored by the Nathan Hale Chapter, it was Dave Kent who presented the plaque. That was very special to me as he is one of my personal heroes in the USCS, someone who has done

more to advance the hobby than just about anyone. I am very grateful.

With nothing more on the agenda, following tradition, the USCS member present with the lowest number has the honor of adjourning the meeting. This year that was Dave Kent (#5148), and with that the meeting was over.

USCS Member Dealers – We had four dealers at RMSS who are also USCS members. For Dick Keiser and Charlie Hamilton, both board members, this was the third show in as many weeks. They were set up at WESTPEX and PIPEX before coming to the convention in Colorado. Dick has a shop in Silverdale, Washington; Charlie and Diane Hamilton are from Virginia.

For Dick and Glenda Thomas, semi-retired now living in Utah, this was the first show they had done in several years. Dick, especially, had a good time seeing and talking to people at the show.

Finally, there was Paul and Becky Huber from North Carolina. They do a limited number of shows these days, so it was really nice that they could set up at RMSS. Paul, as most know, is a former USCS president who has done a lot for the society. He has been handling the sale of covers from the Jim Myerson collection, so there was quite a bit of activity at his table.

Exhibits by USCS Members – The listing of USCS exhibitors, levels, and awards, is shown elsewhere, but first I wanted to say something about our participation at the RMSS. I was excited that we had nine—NINE—members of the USCS bringing exhibits to the show. That is very encouraging to me, because it's been



USCS member-dealers Paul Huber and Charlie Hamilton.



Member-dealer Dick Keiser with some of the impressive stock he brought with him to the show.



Novice exhibitor, Randy Pence, with the plaque for the Herbert Rommel Award given him for his single-frame exhibit on the USS *Quiros* (right) which won a gold.

a long time since we've seen so many naval exhibits. The USCS made a very good showing, and the judges were impressed by what they saw. I'm planning on writing a short article this summer on the status of exhibiting in the USCS, but for now I'll just talk about the show in Colorado.

It was Randy Pence, I think, who rather "stole the show" with his one-frame exhibit of covers from the gunboat *Quiros*. As a novice exhibitor, Randy received gold—that just doesn't happen very often. He was also given the USCS Herbert Rommel Award for the best single-frame naval exhibit. Well deserved. It took a lot of convincing (arm twisting) before Randy decided to do it, partly because he was nervous about using the computer to create exhibit pages. But he stuck with it and figured it out. Sometimes the reality of such things aren't as difficult as you might imagine them to be. A gold medal right out of the chute—quite an accomplishment (my first exhibit rated silver-bronze.) Way to go Randy!

There were two USCS members local to the Denver area that brought exhibits, Donald Evans and David Durbin. Those both came as a surprise to me, and I was really happy to see them. Donald had a two-frame

exhibit about discovery of various sunken ships, and David's single-frame exhibit focused on correspondence from a sailor in the 1930's.

Another local participant was Tim Bartshe, who was also head judge at the show. He helped to fly the USCS flag by bringing a single-frame exhibit on the submarine USS *Trout*, shown non-competitively because of his position. Tim is a long-time USCS member, and I appreciate his thoughtfulness in bringing this exhibit which, by the way, was very nicely done.

Henry Sweets, now living in Omaha, Nebraska, brought a 5-frame exhibit on the USS *Hannibal* that rated gold. The subject goes along with Henry's former job as head of the Mark Twain Museum in Hannibal, Missouri. He used to regularly exhibit years ago, but this is the first

one he's done in a long time. It was given the USCS Locy Award. Welcome back Henry.

My friend Joe Bock, from Arizona, was not originally planning to exhibit at RMSS because of the upcoming international show in Boston. He decided to participate by mailing in an exhibit, but changed his mind and came to Colorado in person. It was great to see him. His single-frame exhibit focuses on the 20-cent Airmail stamp used in WWII, and includes some great navy covers.

Steve Shay brought his 7-frame exhibit on U.S. Navy Airmail covers from ships covering the period 1918 through 1941. Some really great material representing a unique aspect of navy cover collecting. A pleasure to see.

A new exhibit by Laurie Bernstein got a lot of attention from the judges. This 8-frame exhibit focuses on Operation Neptune and the role of the Navy in during the D-Day invasion. Included are many official covers, often LST's, that she displayed in creative ways. It rated gold, which is very high for the first showing of an exhibit. The exhibit also received the USCS Jesse Burgess Thomas Award.



Listening to one of the presentations (l-r), Dave Kent, David and Joan Wells, and Ross Marshall.

For the RMSS, I brought the same three exhibits I had at PIPEX the week before. No time to make changes before beginning the drive from Oregon to Colorado. Because the single-frame USS *Oregon* exhibit won the grand award at PIPEX, it was not eligible at RMSS. But I was still allowed to have it there for viewing. The other two exhibits focused on Pearl Harbor ships, both rated as large gold. My 10-frame exhibit about the transition to war as seen in the cancels of Pearl Harbor ships was invited to participate in the George Brett competition (an honor just to be invited). That exhibit received the USCS Fernandez Award.

A complete listing (Palmares) of exhibits and various awards is available on the RMSS website, including the ribbon levels and points.

USCS Exhibit Awards for 2026

Anthony Fernandez Award – (best multi-frame exhibit):

Lloyd Ferrell – “Transition to War: Pearl Harbor Ships Before and After December 7, 1941”

Jesse Burgess Thomas Award – (outstanding multi-frame for maritime or naval history):

Laurie Bernstein – “D-Day at Sea: Operation Neptune”

Francis E. Locy Award - for best study/use of the Locy system:

Henry Sweets – “Postmarks and Postal History of USS Hannibal”

Captain Herbert F. Rommel Award – (best one-frame exhibit):

Randy Pence – “USS *Quiros*: A Little-known Yangtze Patrol Gunboat (1906-1921)”

2026 USCS Awards Announced

Ray and Helen St. John Award – Given only occasionally for years or decades of service to the USCS: *Lloyd Ferrell*

Stanton Honeyman Award – Annual award, for LOG articles during prior year:

Phillip Nazak – Best postal history article: “USS *Pennsylvania* Machine Cancels”

Lloyd Ferrell – Best multipart series: “Not Just For Beginners”

Jake Wilhelm – Best naval or maritime historical article: “USS *Mississippi* and Her Role In US Naval Aviation”

Walter G. Crosby Award - for excellence in creating cachet covers: *Richard Jones*

David Bernstein Zoom Presentation Award – Annual award, for the best presentations during the previous year:

First Award – *Steve Shay* for “USCS Reference Materials”

Second Award – *John Germann* for “When Austria had a Navy”

Third Award – *Lloyd Ferrell* for “What’s with Those 1935 Merchant Marine Covers?”

York Briddell Award - for excellence in leadership and work benefiting the society: *Dennis Gill*

USCS Chapter Recognition Award (Anchor Awards) –

Annual award for activities during the prior year:

Mercator Chapter Belgium #85

SS Savannah Chapter #109

USS Constitution Chapter #110

Pearl Harbor Chapter #112

Wrap-Up – Besides the exhibits above, I should also mention that new member Ross Marshall also had three exhibits at the show unrelated to naval covers. Ross is from New Zealand and has been active with exhibiting and judging for over 50 years. While at PIPEX, Pete Peters signed him up for the USCS, so perhaps his interest in navy covers will develop. Ross rode with me to Colorado, and I very much enjoyed talking with him—a fount of knowledge and enthusiasm about exhibiting. Two of his exhibits received large gold.

With that, I think, the events of the 2026 convention have been pretty well covered. In my opinion, the highlights were the speaking presentations by USCS members, and the number and quality of our exhibits. We made a good showing for the hobby, and a good impression on the organizers of the RMSS. A lot of work went into this from both sides, especially from our own Steve Shay who coordinated the details, keeping all of us informed along the way. Thank you.

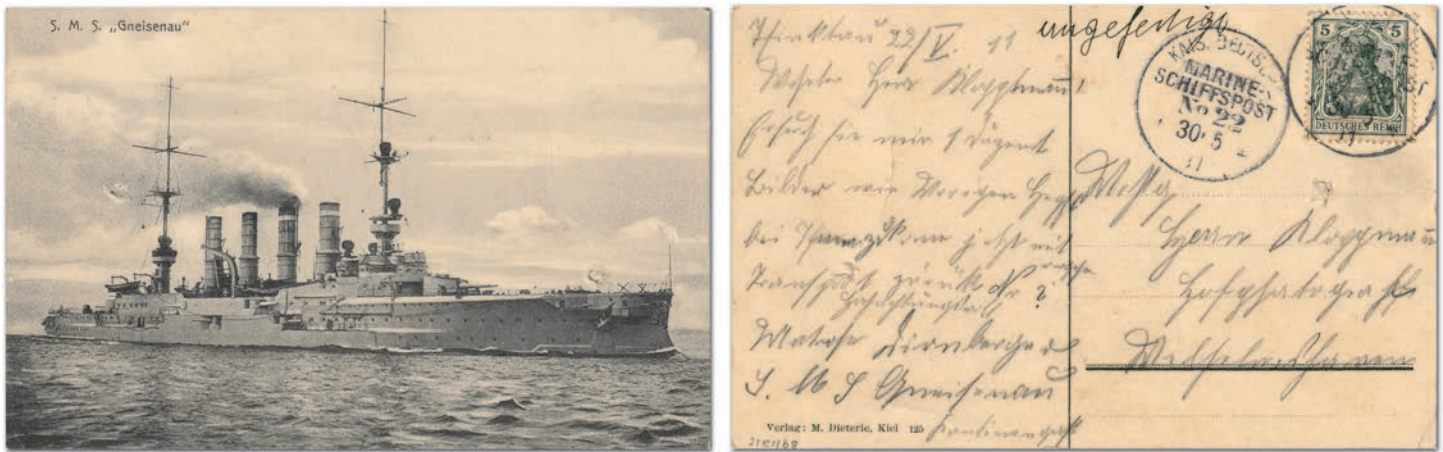


Figure 1. One of Germany's two principal war ships, the SMS Gneisenau, is shown on this postcard mailed 30 May 1911 while based at Tsingtau, China.

The Saga of Friedrich Lewerenz – A WWI Naval POW in Japan

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Background

In 1897 China was “forced” to give up territory to Germany in the aftermath of the killing of two missionaries. This resulted in Germany acquiring a 99-year lease to what became Germany’s heavily fortified naval base of Tsingtau (Qingdao) for the East Asia Squadron of the Kaiserlich Marine (Imperial Navy).

Germany’s two principal war ships based there were the armored cruisers SMS *Scharhorst* and SMS *Gneisenau*. Figure 1 is a postcard, posted 30 May 1911, showing the *Gneisenau* while it was based at Tsingtau. These ships were sunk by the British on 8 December 1914 in the Battle of the Falkland Islands.

When WWI started in August 1914, Japan saw an opportunity to expand its influence in the region, so it declared war on Germany (23 August 1914) and subsequently attacked Tsingtau along with some help from the British. The attack lasted until 7 November 1914 when the Germans, outnumbered 6 to 1, asked for terms. Japan took control of Tsingtau on 16 November 1914. Nearly 4700 German and Austro-Hungarian POWs were then sent to POW camps in Japan.

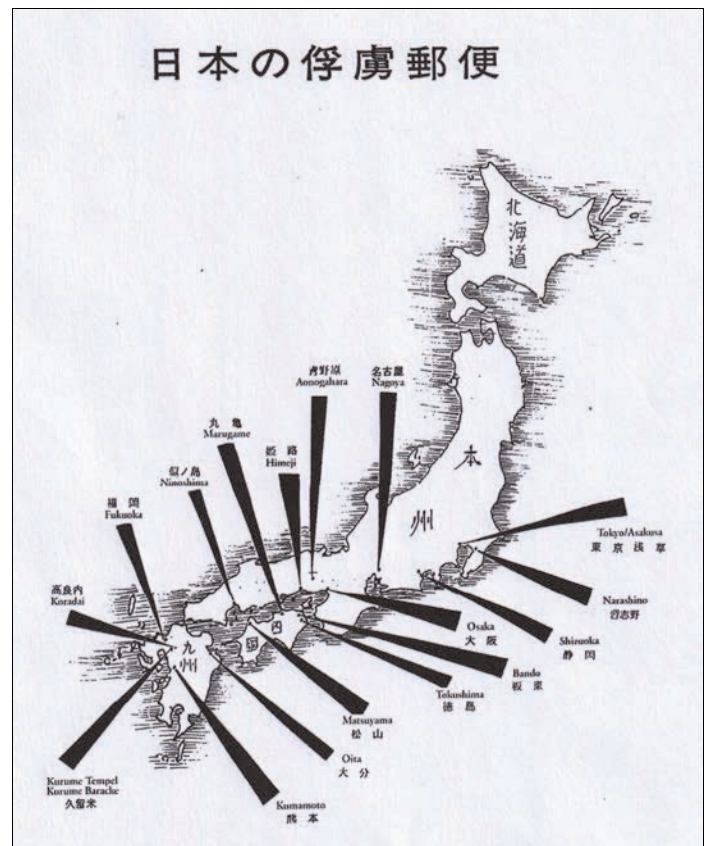


Figure 2. Map showing the POW camps in Japan.

Friedrich Lewerenz

Friedrich Heinrich Emil Lewerenz was one of the prisoners sent to Japan. Figure 2 is a map showing the camps in Japan. Friedrich was assigned POW number 2291 and was initially sent to the Himeji camp, aboard the *Kumano Mora*, in November 1914. He was relocated on 20 September 1915, to the Aonogahara Camp where he remained until released in December 1919. Camp activities included sport matches, musical and theatrical groups, gardening and weekly escorted excursions. A little different than the treatment POWs received during WWII.

Figure 3 shows a “Japanese Offices in China” card dated 21 December 1916, sent to Friedrich by a civilian in Shanghai, China. The black Japanese handstamp translates to “POW Mail” and signifies that the card was “proper” to be given to the POW. This handstamp is not listed as being used at the Aonogahara Camp. However, similar handstamps are reported as being used in some of the other camps.

Note that the card sent from Friedrich showed him to be an “Ob Deck Offz” which translates to “Chief Warrant Officer.” This was the highest rank a non-commissioned career specialist could achieve in the Kaiser’s Navy. He was promoted to this rank just before the surrender. Friedrich was responsible for the technical management (ammunition, weapons maintenance, logistics, etc.) of the five naval field gun batteries.

So who was Friedrich? My research indicates that he was born around 1878 in Rostock on the German Baltic coast. His father was a tenant farmer. Friedrich entered the German Navy on 7 May 1898. On 1 April 1909 he was promoted to an ordnance officer in the Artillery Depot.

Friedrich left for Tsingtau on board the steamer *Konigin Luise* and arrived there on 7 January 1913 where he initially lived in the Seemannshaus (Seamans house). He was assigned to the Matrosen-Artillerie-abteilung Kiautschou (Marine Artillery Detachment Kiautschau).

His girlfriend, Betty Jahn, followed him to Tsingtau and they were

married on 15 November 1913. After the surrender of Tsingtau she and the other German and Austrian civilians were allowed to stay there and she resided at Deutschlandstr. 36. During the war she sent letters and packages to Friedrich and other POWs.

When the war ended, the POWs in Japan remained stranded there until transport to Germany could be arranged. Because Friedrich had a wife in Tsingtau, he was allowed to return to be reunited with Betty. He left in January 1920 on board the *Kifuku Maru* in February 1920, arriving in Wilhelmshaven in April 1920. After the war he was employed as a technician and administrative officer in Rostock and specialized in mechanical systems and logistics.

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Figure 3. Card sent to Friedrich Lewerenz properly stamped with the rectangular black “POW Mail” handstamp in Japanese at lower left.

The Wreck of the *USS Nezinscot*

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Having researched the story about the loss of *Nezinscot* and the tragic events that followed, I found it especially interesting to learn that the wreck was discovered almost 100 years later. In July 2007, a team led by North Atlantic Dive Expeditions (NADE) of Beverly, Massachusetts, documented and photographed the wrecksite. This organization has done amazing work on many such wrecks off the east coast—their purpose is to promote shipwreck research, exploration and discovery.

After I'd finished my draft of the *Nezinscot* article, I contacted Heather Knowles, a diver and one of the founders of NADE. She was very helpful and provided photographs and other information about the wreck. As I learned, Heather was well aware of the story of the sinking and courts-martial that followed in the aftermath. She shared a well-researched article for the NADE



David Caldwell and Heather Knowles of North Atlantic Dive Expeditions (NADE).

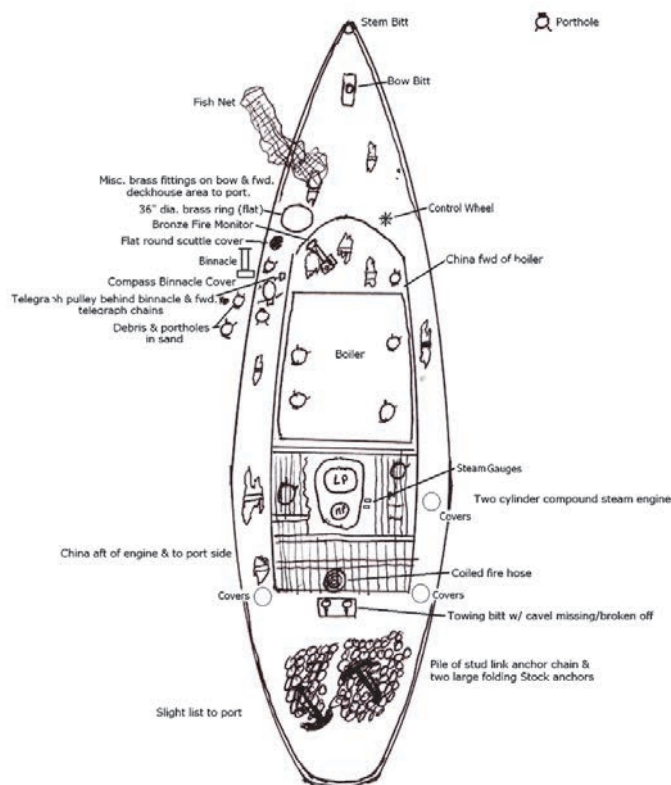
newsletter from 2009, and also sent a PDF version of a slide show (PowerPoint) presentation she has used. I found the sketches the team made of the wrecksite especially interesting.

With that introduction, what follows is a short summary about the discovery and wreck of *Nezinscot*, along with a few photos.

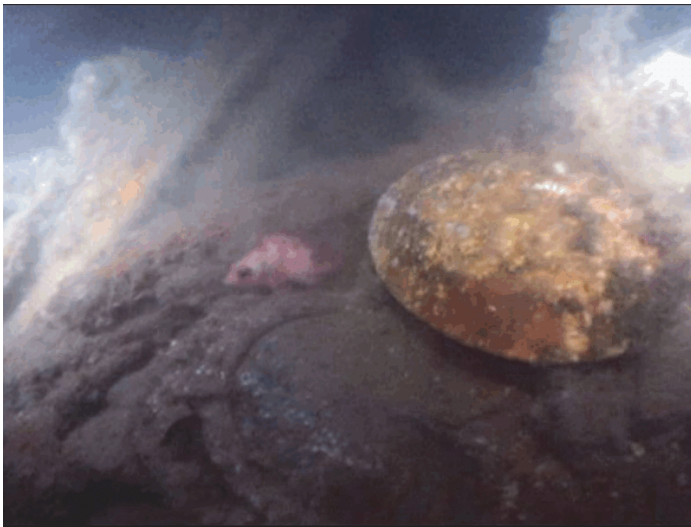
The Wreck of *USS Nezinscot*

Research for locating and documenting the *Nezinscot* wreck site began in 2005, but it was two years later before the NADE team was able to put divers in the water. At a depth of 250-feet, off the coast of Cape Ann, Massachusetts, on July 19, 2007, the team encountered the wreck of a small ship. As they began to explore, they found an anchor and a pile of chain on the stern deck which, based on size and location, was apparently being carried as cargo. Also on the stern, mounts for a large towing bitt were seen indicative of a tug. There was no doubt, this was the wreck of *Nezinscot*—the first time she had been seen in 98 years.

In her article, Heather Knowles describes some of the challenges the dive team faced in documenting the wreck site. A total of nine dives were made during 2007-2008. It's a challenging dive even for experienced divers, she says, mostly due to the depth. There is little room for error with regard to gas supplies, and a long decompression period is needed regardless of the length of a dive.



The wreck as drawn by the NADE dive team. Per description given by the boatswain who loaded the ship, there would have been 2 piles of chain on the forward deck. The 2 piles and 2 anchors loaded near the towing bitt are still in place.



Visibility at the wreck site is very poor, but a porthole and china dish are visible--as is a small (pink) fish.

The team found that *Nezinscot* sits about 6-8 feet above the sea floor. Her superstructure is mostly degraded or has fallen off, and there are some potential entanglement hazards for divers. Most notably, an old drag net from a fishing vessel, perhaps 20 feet in length, is snagged near the bow that billows upward toward the surface, "full of hooks and other fishing tackle." The mooring line from the dive boat would sometimes become snared in the net.

Another challenge to divers was visibility, which decreases the deeper they went. It also affected their ability to observe and document the site. Near the bottom, visibility under the very best of conditions was perhaps 5-10 feet. The wreck sits on mud at the bottom of a basin where silt is easily stirred up by currents or even by movement of the divers themselves. There are very large cod fish moving about inside the wreck. In her article, Heather talks about the "pig pile" of cod scattering when divers approached, kicking up huge clouds of silt. While exploring areas near the wreck, the silt sometimes caused the dive team to lose their points of reference.

My Observations

I'm no expert, but having studied testimony about the sinking of *Nezinscot* and the photographs and drawings of the wreck, several things stand out to me. When the tug sank, she rolled to port and remained sus-

pending briefly before going under. The wreck site shows the ship sitting on her keel, so it appears that she must have righted as she went down. Considering the debris field is mostly on the port side, the ship may have hit the sea floor with a slight lean in that direction.

When *Nezinscot* left Portsmouth there were two piles of chain forward of the house, two piles aft, plus two anchors. Interestingly, the wreck shows the chain and anchors in the after section still in place; what's missing is the chain originally placed forward. During testimony taken after the sinking, crewmembers thought the roll to port was caused by cargo shifting after being struck by a large wave. Arguably, the missing piles of chain on the foredeck support what they said. It's possible the chain shifted to port causing the ship to roll, then fell off the deck as she went under. That would also perhaps explain why the tug righted and landed at the sea bottom on her keel.

My thanks to Heather Knowles and the NADE team for photos and sketches provided of the wreck of USS Nezinscot.

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Emails & slide show from Heather Knowles



A cachet cover I made utilizing an image from the NADE website with additional text added. Four of the original dive team members signed: Heather Knowles, Jeff Downing, Scott Tomlinson, and David Caldwell. Only 25 covers were made, most of which were given to NADE for their help and support.

Exhibiting Angst

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Many of us have collections that we are justly proud of after spending several years putting them together. The collection could consist of a single ship, a study of different Locy cancellation types from a variety of ships, or perhaps a specific battle or event that many ships were involved in. We get immense enjoyment in constructing these collections, and revel in the research that helps us to add depth to them. But few of us take the next step ... sharing these covers with others through exhibiting them in juried exhibitions at a stamp show.

Having attended many national stamp shows, I always marveled at the quality of the exhibits. Where did this collector find the oldest known cover from colonial Massachusetts? Or where did another collector find material from an SS volunteer from Switzerland, when less than 90 Swiss men were enrolled in the SS? How could my collecting interests compete with exhibits such as these?

And then there are the naval cover exhibits. Lloyd Ferrell's two award-winning exhibits detailing the ships that were at Pearl Harbor around December 7, 1941, or Steve Shay's very impressive (and also award-winning!) exhibit of covers from ships at Tokyo Bay on or close to September 2, 1945, literally leaves one in awe. How could I compete with these?

I never imagined putting up an exhibit in a national show. But some of the members of the USCS kept prodding me to do so until I finally said that I would. So, having made the commitment, what should I exhibit? I collect ships that were

attached to the Yangtze Patrol, both before and after that designation became official. But how to make an exhibit about this area of collecting? Should I focus on the several ships that were on the Yangtze (there were more than you might imagine)? Should I include non-US, non-Chinese naval ships that were also on the river (six other nations had a naval presence there)? How should I present my collection without overwhelming not only myself, but the people who would view the exhibit?

Lloyd Ferrell suggested that for my initial foray into exhibiting, I look into creating a single frame exhibit.

USS Quiros (PG 40)

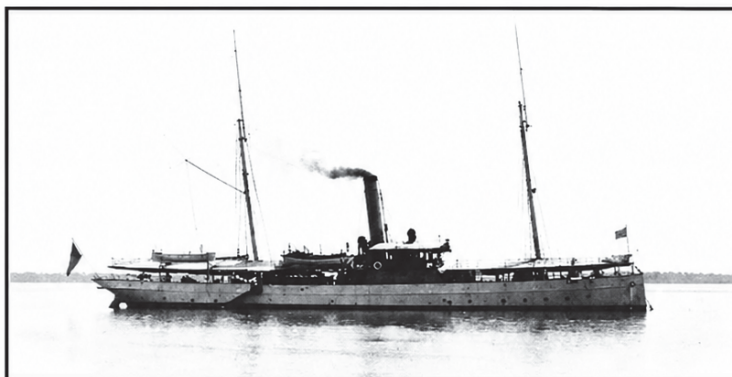
A Little Known Yangtze Patrol Gunboat

Purpose and Scope: This exhibit makes use of postcards and postal history to bring to light the history of the USS Quiros (PG 40).

Before World War II China was a country in turmoil. Internally, power was fought over by the various warlords, Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang, and Mao Zedong's Communist Party. Externally, several European countries, the United States, and Japan made their presence known. Many of these struggles occurred along the Yangtze River, where some of China's most important cities were located. The river could be navigated by motor ships for approximately 1000 miles from the river's mouth at Shanghai to the western city of Chungking. Several of the cities on the river were declared "treaty ports" beginning in 1842, allowing non-Chinese investments by various countries. Because of the political uncertainties seven non-Chinese countries, including the United States, established naval presences on the Yangtze. The United States Navy first appeared on the river in 1854, and in 1922 the Yangtze Patrol was formalized as a distinct unit. Many US naval vessels served on the river, both before the Patrol was established and extending until the Patrol was dissolved in 1941. This exhibit tells the story of one of the lesser known of these ships, the USS Quiros.

Presentation: Because there is no known postal history from the Quiros' service in the Spanish Navy (1896-1900) or the first commissioning of the ship into the US Navy (1900-1904), this presentation will consist of both the second commissioning (1904-1908) and the third commissioning (1910-1923).

Sections: Second commissioning	Service in China
Third commissioning	Service in the Philippines and China





22 January, 1912
Third Commissioning
Locy Type 9v

The USS Quiros left Olongapo on 11 November, 1911. Traveling north, she went around 630 miles, stopping at Amoy (today's Xiamen), in the western part of the Taiwan Strait. After spending some time there, she continued north, eventually reaching Shanghai sometime in late November or early December. It was at this time that she officially became a member of the Yangtze River Patrol (Yangtze Patrol after 1922), a part of the US Navy's Asiatic Fleet. She remained on the Yangtze for the rest of her career. This piece of postal history is dated 22 January, 1912. The Republic of China had been established three weeks earlier.

This is the only recorded example of the Locy Type 9v (registered) marking.



Postmarks. A couple of years back, I purchased a cover with an unlisted *Quiros* postal marking, a Type 9v registered rubber stamp, which definitely had to go into the exhibit, as it is the only one thus far known. I also have the earliest incoming mail to the ship, the only known USS *Quiros* stationary stating, "USS *Quiros* Sulu Sea," the only recorded USS *Quiros* corner card, as well as other rare pieces. Thus, I had the focus of my exhibit. Now all I had to do was to put it together.

This was more fun (and challenging) than I had imagined. How do I put forth what I wanted to tell about the *Quiros*' history without overwhelming the viewer with excess verbiage? How to physically present all sixteen pages in a way that does not cause a person's eyes to glaze over? After a few weeks of trying out different ways of presenting, and employing fellow collectors, as well as my wife, to critique my work, I finally had my exhibit finalized. The only thing left to do was to take it to the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show in Aurora, Colorado, and mount it in the frames.

As a novice, I was pretty intimidated by the other exhibits on view. I could only hope that I wouldn't get one of the lowest awards given – a Certificate of Participation or a

This would consist of sixteen 8½ x 11 inch sheets of paper. Doing so would force me to limit what I wished to show.

So, what is my rarest Yangtze ship that would best lend itself to this parameter? That turned out to be a no-brainer: the USS *Quiros*. The *Quiros* was a gunboat built for the Spanish Navy in Hong Kong in 1896, captured by the US at Manila during the Spanish American War, and then served with the US Navy in both the Philippines and on the Yangtze until she was sunk as a target in 1923.

Her Locy Type 2r(AC) cancel is rated R2, or 10-25 copies known, according to the *USCS Catalogue of*

Bronze. But, lo and behold, when the ribbons went up on Saturday morning, I had earned a Gold! And with the points awarded at RMSS, I was only four points away from a Large Gold! To make this even sweeter, I was awarded the Captain Herbert F. Rommel award for best single frame exhibit of naval covers!

So for everyone out there who might have the urge to exhibit, do so!

It is a very rewarding experience, and opens up a door for enhanced enjoyment of our hobby. Share what you have, expand our knowledge with your covers, and join in the fun of competitive exhibiting. You just might surprise yourself with what you can accomplish!

The Tragic End of USS *Sturtevant* (DD-240) in Florida Waters

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The *Sturtevant*, named in honor of Albert D. Sturtevant, was a Clemson-class destroyer laid down less than two weeks after the end of World War I. Launched 29 July 1920, it was commissioned on 21 September 1920.

Initially, the ship was assigned for a couple of years to the Adriatic, eastern Mediterranean and the Black Sea (southern Russia) for various assignments including scouting Russian ports for relief supplies to be supplied by the American Relief Administration.

She then became the flagship of Division 41, Squadron 14, Scouting Fleet which took her along the east coast of the U.S., the Caribbean, and a tour of the Pacific conducting military exercises near Oahu in Hawaii.

In the fall of 1930 she was homeported in Charleston and in January of 1931 was ordered to Philadelphia to be decommissioned effective on the 31st.

DD-240 was recommissioned 9 March 1932 reporting for duty on 30 April at Coco Solo in the Panama Canal Zone as part of the Special Service Squadron until early 1934. During this period, she served the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean areas, frequently supporting marines in Nicaragua, Haiti, Cuba, as well as Latin America in general. During part of 1934 and most of 1935 she was homeported in Norfolk, Virginia. In 1935 she was assigned to the Battle Force in the Pacific until being decommissioned yet again for about four years.



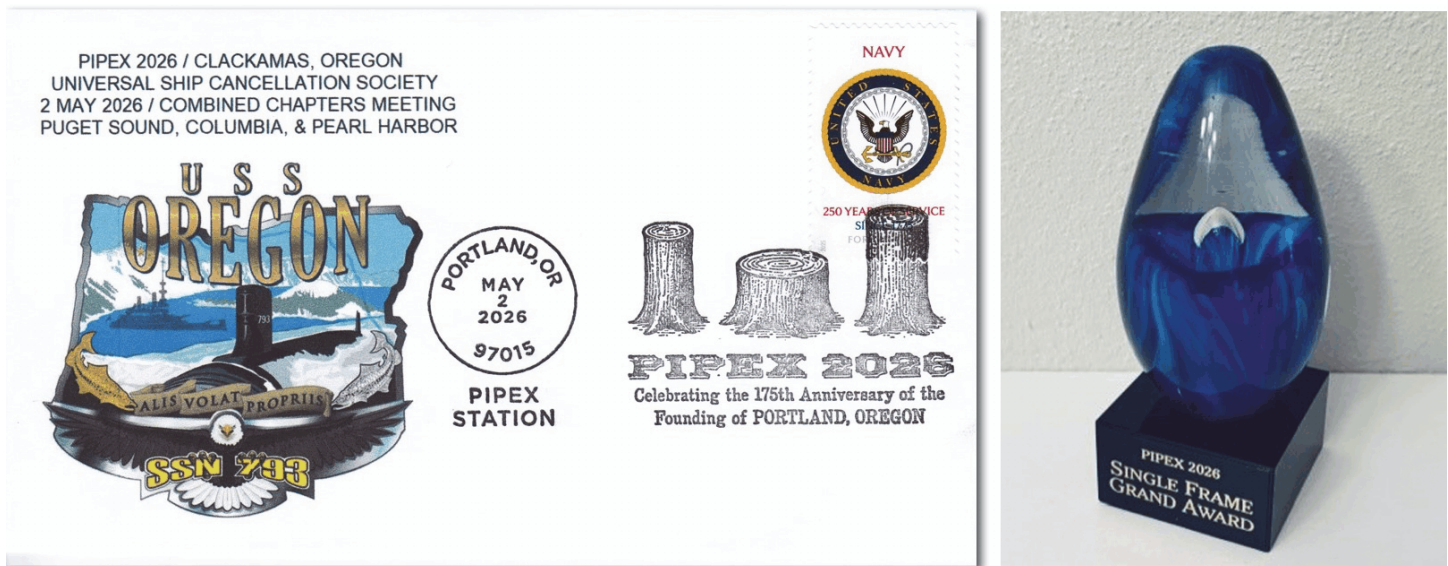
USS *Sturtevant*, Philadelphia Navy Yard, April 1932.

On 26 September 1939, *Sturtevant* was recommissioned a third time, and assigned to Neutrality Patrols and escorting convoys. After escorting a convoy from New York to the Canal Zone DD-240 reported for duty to the Caribbean Sea frontier screening convoys between the various ports of the Caribbean.

On 26 April 1942 *Sturtevant* departed Key West with a convoy. A couple of hours later a violent explosion lifted the stern out of the water, but apparently no damage was done to the ship. Suspecting a submarine attack, countermeasures were carried out; two depth charge barrages were launched. This led to a second detonation that rocked the ship; once again it settled on an even keel. Minutes later a third explosion ripped the keel apart and half the ship sank immediately, while the bow remained afloat for hours before sinking.

The *Sturtevant* sank about 8 miles north of the Marquesas Keys (roughly 20 to 25 miles west of Key West, Florida). It lies in two pieces in 60 feet of water. Fifteen crewmembers were lost with the ship. It was later determined that the ship passed through an American-laid minefield that the ship had not been notified about. The vessel was withdrawn from the Naval Vessel Register on 8 May 1942.





(Left) Mike Brock cachet to commemorate the 2026 USCS meeting at PIPEX. The theme for PIPEX was the 175th Anniversary of the founding of Portland, originally known as Stumptown. (Right) The PIPEX Single Frame Grand Award given by the judges for Lloyd Ferrell's Battleship Oregon exhibit.

Combined Chapter meeting at PIPEX Clackamas, Oregon – May 2, 2026

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In what has become a regular event for USCS members in the Pacific northwest, in May we held a combined chapter meeting at PIPEX. It was a lot of fun! Included was a presentation, a special cachet, and even a couple of awards.

Besides the meeting, the USCS was well-represented in other ways. We had a society table, there were some naval cover exhibits, and member-dealers Dick Keiser and Charlie Hamilton were also set up.

Clifton ("Pete") Peters once again spearheaded the society table, making plans weeks in advance. Besides the usual handouts and copies of the *Log* (provided by the USCS), he even had an exhibit frame to show examples of covers. Pete, along with Shar Wilkey, manned the table for all three days of the show. During that time, he signed up five new members for the USCS (one sent over by Charlie), and Dick Keiser also talked with someone who joined. Great work with the recruiting!

The USCS meeting was on Saturday, with 10 people attending. Pete was on the docket for the presentation

about Civil War ships, but before starting we had a surprise in store for him. A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Pete for all that he does for members in the area. It was signed by Denny Gill, president of the Puget Sound Chapter; Mike Brock, president of the Columbia Chapter; and by me as president of the Pearl Harbor Chapter. We thought we'd kept it a secret, but Pete had an inkling that we were up to something—the rascal.

Besides myself and my wife Louise, attendees at the meeting included Steve Brandt, Pete Peters, Shar Wilkey, Bill Slaninko, Denny Gill and his wife Carol, Brian Eubanks, and Ross Marshall. Ross is from New Zealand and an experienced exhibitor visiting Portland. Pete signed him up as a new USCS member.

Just for fun, Mike Brock designed a special cachet for the combined chapter meeting at PIPEX, which we handed out to those attending. The pictorial cancel was added at show just before the meeting started. Mike also got a surprise Certificate of Appreciation, this one from the Pearl Harbor Chapter, for multiple postings he does for the Facebook group.

The three naval exhibits at PIPEX were mine. Originally, I planned on entering only one exhibit, but



(Left) Mike Brock also received a Certificate of Appreciation, from me on behalf of the Pearl Harbor Chapter. (Right) Pete Peters giving his presentation on Civil War ships, both Union and Confederate.

added the other two when the Exhibits Chair was looking for more. My one-frame USS *Oregon* exhibit hadn't been shown in a couple of years and needed work. Following earlier suggestions by judges, I did a complete revamp, converting it to double pages, taking out a couple covers, added new ones I'd since acquired, and reluctantly changed the ending. I guess the judges were right after all—it won the Single-Frame Grand Award. Honestly, I was stunned. These are uncharted waters for me, and I think it's been many years since any naval cover exhibit has been chosen for such an honor. When you read about how well all the USCS exhibits did a week later at the convention in Colorado, I think 2026 has been a bellwether year for our hobby.

PIPEX was an exceptionally good show for the USCS this year. Special thanks to Dave Epps and the PIPEX committee for their support. Much appreciated—we plan on attending again next year.



Certificate of Appreciation given to Pete Peters at the meeting. All three of the chapter presidents signed it before the presentation.

Upcoming USCS Live Zoom Auction – Saturday, September 19, 2026

Mark your calendars for 19 September 2026 for our next Zoom auction. If you have not participated before, you are missing out on the fun! Conducted twice a year, these auctions generate operating funds to keep the Society solvent. You will see future references to CHALLENGE 2032 – an ongoing campaign to make sure the USCS can operate to 2032 – its centennial birthday.

This auction is open to all members. How the auction works: The lots will be displayed on the Stamp Starter web site prior to the event. Steve Shay sends

out a link to the membership announcing when and where. Auctions typically last about one hour.

There are approximately 50 lots consisting of unique and better material. Members can participate live on line or, if not available, proxy bids will be honored.

After the auction, we tally the winning bids, anticipated postage, and notify the successful bidders. Payment can be made by PayPal or personal check.

Watch for further announcements in the *Log* and on Facebook.

**Any questions? Contact me, Bob Lamb
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Minutes of the 2026 Board of Directors Meeting, May 8, 2026, at Rocky Mountain Stamp Show at Aurora, Colorado, and via Zoom on line meeting

Meeting called to order 7:05 PM MDT by President Laurie Bernstein (on site). Present on site: Vice President Charlie Hamilton, Treasurer Lloyd Ferrell, Secretary Steve Shay, Directors Randy Pence, Tom Kean. Also Present via Zoom: Directors Bob Lamb, Denny Gill, Immediate Past President Richard Jones. Not in attendance: Directors Dick Keiser, Juan Riera, Stewart Milstein, Bill Nix.

President Laurie Bernstein made opening remarks and welcomed the Board to the meeting.

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the 2025 Board of Director meeting. The minutes were approved.
2. The Board Internet voting process requires that items voted on outside of Board meetings become part of the formal record by including them in the Board of Director minutes. A motion was made to approve the list of interim internet voting items, seconded and this was approved. Those motions are listed below:
 1. September 2025: Motion by Stewart Milstein for the Sales Circuit to expand to an eBay Store passed with 9 Yes votes and 3 votes not cast (Stewart Milstein, Tom Kean, Dick Keiser).
 2. September 2025: Motion by Laurie Bernstein to accept a cover donation from Mike McGeeney. Approved with 12 Yes votes.
 3. September 2025: Motion by Steve Shay to deactivate the US Coast Guard Chapter #111 for failure to file Chapter reports for 3 years in a row. Approved with 8 Yes votes, 4 votes not cast (Stewart Milstein, Tom Kean, Bill Nix).
 4. January 2026: Motion by Lloyd Ferrell to authorize funds for adding monthly donation capability to the USCS website. Approved with 9 Yes votes, 3 votes not cast (Stewart Milstein, Tom Kean, Dick Keiser).
 5. March 2026: Motion by Lloyd Ferrell to approved the budget for the year April 2026-March 2027. Approved with 10 Yes votes, 2 votes not cast (Bob Lamb, Stewart Milstein)

Reports

3. Secretary Steve Shay presented the membership statistics. As of April 2026, USCS had 578 members, with members in 46 states and 15 countries. 75 members have been members for 50 or more years (13% of the membership) and there are 135 Life members (23% of the membership) and half of the USCS members have been members 22 or more years. A full report was distributed to the board.
4. Treasurer Lloyd Ferrell presented the Treasurer's report. USCS has assets of \$149,476 as of May 1 on the balance sheet. Donations have come in and total more than \$30,000 at this time and there are several members committing to continued monthly donations. The donations have impacted the financials in a very positive manner.
5. Chapter reports (previously distributed by Mel Dick) were discussed. 14 active chapters filed reports. Lloyd suggested that all chapters be eligible for the Chapter Anchor Awards and that the question on the chapter reporting form requiring a chapter to opt for consideration be removed.
6. Donations Heirs Report: Bob Reisinger reports that several have contacted him for recommendations on disposing of collections with dealers.
7. President Laurie Bernstein submitted her report for the *Log* auctions during the past year. The auctions contributed \$5,200 to USCS and almost \$6,900 to those who consigned materials to the auction.
8. Lloyd reported that he and Stewart are working on the financials for the sales circuit. Stewart is no longer sending sales circuits to members and has converted to listing member circuit material on eBay. Stewart has placed on hold plans to open an eBay store.
9. There are no volunteers to handle the Cachet Donations and the Pictorial Postmark Program. Until someone volunteers to handle this, the program is defunct.
10. Greg Ciesielski continues to add images to the Naval Cover Museum. Paul Bunter is looking into changing the host for the website that would have better service and lower costs. Greg is working on posting images of all Taze Nicholson covers. He needs members to review their collection to provide images of the covers the museum is missing. Director Randy Pence asks if a "visitor counter" could be added to the museum.

11. Charles Garniewicz has proposed nationwide cover exhibits at ports of call during the Frigate Constitution cruise to mark the 100th anniversary of the cruise. It is an ambitious project and members will need to participate in the project to make it successful.

Recruitment Ideas

12. Director Randy Pence discussed the idea of posting “how to” videos about naval cover collecting on YouTube and believes this is a viable recruiting method although no progress making YouTube content has been made.

Convention Planning

13. Steve Shay discussed future convention plans. USCS is set for WESTPEX for April 2027 and planning and making arrangements are underway already. No decision will be made on 2028 until the GASS schedule is announced for 2028. Ideally the GASS 2028 site will match USCS needs and we’ll be able to resume conventions at GASS.

GASS 2027

14. Randy Pence has lined up some volunteers to staff a USCS Society table at GASS 2027 being held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This will need to be budgeted in the FY 2027 budget (minimal cost). Sign up with APS for a society table will be needed in early 2027.

New Business

15. The USCS Survey conducted in February was discussed at length. Options for *Log* publishing frequency and format were discussed as well as costs, and the generous member donations that have been received, and cost forecasts taking the donations into account. After further review, within the next 60 days, the Board will develop a plan and announce it to the membership.
16. Laurie discussed the upcoming election (late 2026) to choose the board for the 2027-2029 term and directors duties. She reminded the board that board members are expected to vote on motions, participate in decisions and be involved.
17. There have been no members committing to run for the position of Treasurer in the upcoming election, either for the position as it exists today, or for a proposed modified position working with an outside bookkeeper. Given that the society must have the ability to collect income, pay invoices and maintain financial records, there is no choice at this point except to outsource this function. Laurie and Lloyd will begin the search for an outside source.

Agenda Items

18. The current By Laws, Article 7e, requires that annual chapter reports include an up to date roster of the chapter. With online chapters it is difficult to prepare a roster and the roster is not data that is used in determining the activity of the chapter. To ease reporting, a motion was made that this Article be modified as shown below. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.
 - e. Annual reports from chapters are due by March 15th of each year. ~~and will include an up to date roster of members.~~ The Chapter Coordinator will notify each chapter, annually in February, of the information desired with the report. The Chapter Coordinator will consolidate the reports and forward to the President by March 31.
19. The possibility exists that at some point in the future, the frequency of *Log* publication will have to be changed to something other than monthly. Currently the Constitution contains several articles that mention monthly publication. In order to prepare the society if the need arises to change from monthly to some other frequency, a motion was made to change four Articles as shown below. The motion was seconded, voted on, and approved. These changes will be published in the *Log* and become effective 30 days after the mailing of the *Log* unless a majority of members do not approve the changes, in which case they would become void.

Change to Article 4a as shown:

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20. The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:16 PM MDT. A copy of this report, as well as the original agenda and supporting documents are filed in the Secretary's file.

Submitted,

Steve Shay, Secretary, 5/9/26

USCS Exhibiting Awards RMSS 2026, Aurora, Colorado

There were nine USCS members exhibiting this year at the USCS convention held at the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show.

Large Gold medal and Anthony Fernandez Award for the best multi-frame naval cover exhibit, American Philatelic Society 1940-1980 Award, Lloyd Ferrell: "Transition to War: Pearl Harbor Ships Before and After December 7, 1941."

Large Gold medal and, Lloyd Ferrell: "Little Known Pearl Harbor Ships - Without Postal Facilities."

Gold medal, Jesse Burgess Thomas Memorial Award for the most outstanding exhibit of covers of Maritime or Naval History and Women's Exhibitors ribbon, Military Postal History Award, Laurie Bernstein: "D-Day at Sea: Operation Neptune."

Gold medal, Francis E. Locy Award for the best exhibit of naval cover postmarks or special markings, Henry Sweets: "Postmarks and Postal History of USS Hannibal."

Gold medal, Captain Herbert F. Rommel Award for the best single frame naval cover exhibit, American Association Philatelic Exhibitors Novice award, Randy Pence: "USS Quiros - A Little-known Yangtze Patrol Gunboat 1906-1921."

Large Vermeil medal, Joseph Bock: "Uses of the 20 Cent Transport U.S. Airmail Stamp."

Large Vermeil medal, Steve Shay: "Mail to and From the U.S. Navy via U.S. Airmail 1918-1941."

Silver medal, David Durbin: "While I'm Away, I'll Write Home Every Day."

Silver Bronze medal, Donald Evans: "Foundered and Found: The Discovery of Famous (and Not so Famous) Shipwrecks."

Tim Bartshe (non competitive exhibit): "USS Trout 202."

Lloyd Ferrell (non competitive exhibit): "The Battleship Oregon (1893-1919): "Bulldog of the Navy."

Proposed Changes to the USCS Constitution

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In May 2026, the Board discussed, voted and approved one motion which makes changes to the Constitution via amendments. These changes make changes that are necessary if USCS needs to change the publishing frequency of the *Log* in the future. Changes for each amendment are shown with strikethrough or additions in red. The complete Constitution can be found on the USCS website at:
<https://uscs.org/about-uscs/constitution-bylaws/>

Make Constitution Amendments as noted:

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These amendments will become effective 30 days after the mailing of the July *Log* unless a majority of the members voting do not approve them, in which case, they will be void. Members are requested to vote Yes or No on the proposed amendments by either postal mail to Secretary Steve Shay at the address above, or by email to shaymur@flash.net. Please submit all votes by July 30, 2026.

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Minutes of the 2026 General Meeting*May 9, 2026*

The 70th USCS Convention and General Membership meeting was held May 9, 2026, in Aurora, Colorado. President Laurie Bernstein called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Ten (10) members were at the meeting.

1. President Laurie Bernstein made opening remarks and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Laurie asked for a moment of silence for departed members with a reading of the list of deceased members since the last convention.
3. Laurie introduced the board members that were present; Treasurer Lloyd Ferrell, Directors Randy Pence, Tom Kean and Secretary Steve Shay.
4. The members that were present introduced themselves; Ted Bahry, Dave Kent, Henry Sweets, Earle Long and David Wells.
5. Laurie provided a summary of the BOD meeting and discussed the acute lack of volunteers for tasks and volunteers interested in being the Treasurer for the next term. Because there hasn't been anyone willing to be Treasurer, USCS will need to look outside for an outside bookkeeper which will increase annual operating costs.
6. Secretary Steve Shay provided a brief summary of membership.
7. Treasurer Lloyd Ferrell provided a brief summary of the financial status of the USCS and discussed the very generous donations that have been received.
8. Laurie discussed the status of *Log* auctions and the income received from them.
9. Dave Kent presented Lloyd with the Ray and Helen St. John Award. This award recognizes, living individuals who have provided exceptional service to the USCS or naval cover collecting over the long term.
10. Laurie presented the Honeymen Awards, an award for the best articles in the *Log* in the previous year:
 - a. Phillip Nazak – Best postal history article – “USS Pennsylvania Machine Cancels.”
 - b. Lloyd Ferrell – Best multipart series – “Not Just For Beginners.”
 - c. Jake Wilhelm – Best naval or maritime historical article – “USS Mississippi and Her Role In US Naval Aviation.”
11. Laurie presented the Walter G Crosby Award for Excellence in developing and producing cacheted covers to Richard Jones.
12. Laurie presented the David Bernstein Zoom Presentation Awards for the best presentation in the previous year:
 - a. 1st – Steve Shay – “USCS Reference Materials.”
 - b. 2nd – John Germann – “When Austria had a Navy.”
 - c. 3rd – Lloyd Ferrell – “What’s with Those 1935 Merchant Marine Covers?”
13. Laurie presented the York Briddell award for excellence in leadership in organizational work, recruiting and promotion to Dennis Gill.
14. Laurie presented the Anchor awards to those chapters exhibiting excellence in furthering the interest in Naval Cover Collecting, promoting community awareness in our hobby and increasing membership in the USCS and its chapters during the calendar year 2025:
 - a. Mercator Chapter Belgium #85
 - b. NS *Savannah* Chapter #109
 - c. USS *Constitution* Chapter #110
 - d. Pearl Harbor Chapter #112
15. Laurie thanked those who coordinated activities and arrangements for the Rocky Mountain Stamp Show: Steve Shay, Lloyd Ferrell with special thanks to Jeffrey Gittelman and Tom Kean for procuring and stocking the Hospitality Room with refreshments. And a special shout out of thanks was given to Tricia Richmond for the convention cachet design.
16. Laurie made a roll call of chapters, with those in attendance asked to raise their hands. Present were members from these Chapters: USS *Columbia* Chapter, Pearl Harbor Chapter, USS *Saginaw* Chapter, USS *Nathan Hale* Chapter, and USS *Puget Sound* Chapter.
15. The meeting was adjourned by Dave Kent, member number #5148.

Submitted,

Steve Shay, Secretary, 5/9/26

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7-01 NOBLE (APA 218) 10/27/46 Navy Day 1946
 7-02 DEWEY (DD 349) 4/6/35 No cachet. KB 1st time thru Panama Canal
 7-03 PHILIP (DD 76) 2/12/33 No cachet. KB Lincoln's B'day. 1-1/2c profile Harding stmp
 7-04 GHERARDI (DMS 30) 7/4/47 Sailor & flag
 7-05 DYESS (DD 880) 3/31/56 Sailor mail
 7-06 ARKANSAS (CGN 41) 8/25/80 1st day postal serv by Hoffner #H164
 7-07 BIDDLE (CG 34) 2/2/84 Deus Clypeus Meus
 7-08 TICONDEOGA (CG 47) 1/14/92 r/s cachet
 7-09 WILLIAM H STANDLEY (CG 32) 7/9/76 10th Anniv by Hoffner #H085
 7-10 ALBANY (CG 10) 8/15/73 r/s cachet
 7-11 VINCENNES (CG 49) 7/6/85 r/s cachet
 7-12 PHILIPPINE SEA (CG 58) 3/18/89 r/s cachet
 7-13 COPELAND (CG 63) 9/18/96 Decomm today by Decatur chptr
 7-14 WILKES BARRE (CL 103) 3/10/47 No cachet
 7-15 MANCHESTER (CL 83) 12/25/47 Christmas Greetings 1947
 7-16 FARGO (CL 106) 3/4/47 Atlantic Fleet Tactical Maneuvers
 7-17 PORT ROYAL (CG 73) 10/25/94 r/s cachet on 19c postal stationary card
 7-18 SAN JANCINTO (CG 56) 11/2/94 r/s cachet on 19c postal stationary card
 7-19 LITTLE ROCK (CL 92) 7/6/48 Sailor mail
 7-20 LOS ANGELES (CA 135) 3/13/51 1st day cancels re-established by Nicholson
 7-21 LEXINGTON (CV 2) 2/12/34 Lincoln's B'day. Fancy F-11b, but KB says San Pedro CA Lincoln's B'day
 7-22 BREMERTON (CA 130) 4/3/52 Sailor mail
 7-23 FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT (CVA 42) 5/4/53 Navy & ship
 7-24 LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CVA 39) 9/19/53 2nd Anniv of recommissioning
 7-25 ANTIETAM (CV 36) 10/4/55 r/s cachet of carrier
 7-26 CHAUMONT (AP 5) 2/22/33 No cachet. KB Washington's birthday
 7-27 TACONIC (ACG 17) 1/17/48 No cachet. T-9
 7-28 PENNSYLVANIA (BB 38) 11/11/32 No cachet. KB Armistice Day
 7-29 DORSEY (DD 117) 2/22/33 No cachet. KB San Diego CA. 1-1/2c Harding stamp
 7-30 IDAHO (BB 42) 4/12/22 No cachet. Cut front only
 7-31 BARTON (DD 722) 8/1/50 Auto by F J Henri NMC
 7-32 SAMPSON (DD 394) 4/1/39 No cachet. KB Guantanamo Bay
 7-33 MEREDITH (DD 890) 6/23/47 Midshipmen's Cruise to Europe 1947
 7-34 COLE (DD 155) 1/14/33 No cachet. 1-1/2c Harding stamp
 7-35 EVANS (DD 78) 10/2/32 No cachet. KB Columbus Day
 7-36 ENGLISH (DD 696) 2/20/50 No cachet
 7-37 MARVIN H McINTYRE (APA 129) 9/23/45 No cachet. T-9
 7-38 LEYTE (CV 32) 7/1/47 Sailor, flag & anchor
 7-39 WACCAMAW (AO 109) 3/22/47 Sailor, flag & anchor
 7-40 CANISTEO (AO 99) 1/21/49 Our navy. Victor in War/Guardian in peace
 7-41 ROPER (DD 147) 8/5/34 No cachet. KB Newport RI
 7-42 Tacloban Postal Service 1st anniv D-Day Leyte. 10/20/45 PM Tacloban Leyte. 2 US Philippine stamps over stamped "commonwealth"
 7-43 US DREDGE CHESTER HARDING 3/5/57 PM Jersey City NJ
 7-44 US DREDGE BURGESS 6/23/65 PM Memphis TN
 7-45 USCS Convention 7/29/78 W T PRESTON 50 years a-snaggin. PM USCS Conventin Station Seattle WA
 7-46 DREDGE YAQUINA 6/12/81 1st day in comm by Hoffner
 7-47 DREDGE YAQUINA 6/4/94 Ship by Oregon Chptr. Welcome to Portland. PM Portland OR
 7-48 M V ESSAYONS 5/18/81 Keel laying by Hoffner
 7-49 M V ESSAYONS 4/24/82 Launch by Decatur Chptr
 7-50 M V ESSAYONS 6/10/93 1st US Army C of E vessel in Portland Rose Fleet by Oregon Chptr
 7-51 ANTIETAM (CVS 36) 1/8/63 Last day postal serv by Beck #MWB300
 7-52 ARIZONA (BB 39) 2/22/32 G Washington Bicentenary Commemoration
 7-53 ARKANSAS (BB 33) 9/24/37 Training Cruise of the 7th Fleet aboard ARKANSAS
 7-54 ARLINGTON (AGMR 2) 8/27/66 Comm by Beck #B621
 7-55 ARNOLD J ISBELL (DD 869) 10/7/46 Our US Navy is second to none by Harrington
 7-56 ASTORIA (CA 34) 4/6/38 Army Day by ANCS 40. KB Puget Sound Navy Yard
 7-57 AULT (DD 698) 3/21/51 1st day postal serv recalled to serv by Nicholson
 7-58 AUSTIN (LPD 4) 2/6/65 comm by Beck #B508

7-59 BOXER (LPH 4) 12/2/62 Sea-Sky Watchdog
 7-60 BOYD (DD 544) 3/4/64 Tin Can Fleet by Strobel
 7-61 BRAINE (DD 630) 3/31/54 Return of the Black Ships 1854-1954 by Moffett Chptr
 7-62 BRECKINRIDGE (DD 148) 7/23/36 Navy Reserve Cruise 3rd Fleet Div. KB Charleston
 7-63 BREMERTON (CA 130) 12/25/46 Merry Christmas
 7-64 BREESE (DD 122) 4/8/37 Decomm. KB Pearl Harbor Hawaii
 7-65 BRINKLEY BASS (DD 887) 6/12/47 Our US Navy is second to none by Harrington
 7-66 BRISTOL (DD 857) 5/20/50 Armed Forces Day by Moffett Chptr
 7-67 BRONSTEIN (DE 1037) 6/15/63 Comm by Beck #B346
 7-68 BROOKLYN (CL 40) 5/4/39 US Fleet visits NY World's Fair. KB At NY for world fair
 7-69 BROOKS (DD 232) 10/27/33 Navy Day. KB Navy Day. 1-1/2c Harding stamp
 7-70 BRUSH (DD 745) 2/10/47 Occupation Fleet. USN in Japanese Waters
 7-71 BUCHANAN (DDG 14) 5/2/63 San Reproache by Strobel
 7-72 BUCK (DD 761) 4/14/60 Buckaneers
 7-73 CALIFORNIA (BB 44) 5/28/38 California land of sunshine
 7-74 CHARLES E BRANNON (DE 446) 7/0/62 Last day of postal serv by Beck #MWB62
 7-75 CHARLES R WARE (DD 865) 1/19/65 Project Gemini by Beck #B461
 7-76 CHARLES S SPERRY (DD 697) 10/8/62 Project Mercury by Beck #MWB79
 7-77 CHESTER (CA 27) 5/20/36 No cachet. KB Lat 0-00-0 Long 81-0-00
 7-78 CHICAGO (CA 29) 10/12/36 Columbus Day by ANCS 16. KB S Clemente Island
 7-79 CHILDS (DD 241) no mon/13/39 US Pacific Fleet Maneuvering enroute to NY World's Fair. S B Anthony 3c stamp
 7-80 CLAUD JONES (DE 1033) 2/21/63 Navy seal and 4 ships by Strobel
 7-81 CLEVELAND (LPD 7) 5/7/66 Launch by Beck #B617. PM Pascagoula MS
 7-82 COCHRANE (DDG 2) 3/16/66 Gemini Rendezvous Mission GTA-8 Pacific Fleet by Beck #B629
 7-83 COLAHAN (DD 658) 9/3/62 Tin Can Fleet by Strobel
 7-84 COLE (DD 155) 10/27/36 Navy Day by USCS 832. KB Navy Day Phila PA
 7-85 COLORADO (BB 45) 4/28/37 Crosby photo cachet. CA-AK-HI 1937 Cruise.
 7-86 COLUMBUS (CG 12) 12/1/62 Comm by Beck #MWB93
 7-87 CONCORD (CL 10) 8/5/35 In Alaskan Waters 1935 maneuvers. KB Port Angeles WA
 7-88 CONSTELLATION (CVA 64) 12/18/62 Hand drawn & colored US flag
 7-89 CONYNGHAM (DDG 17) 5/19/62 Launch by Beck #MWB32. PM Camden NJ
 7-90 CONYNGHAM (DDG 17) 7/13/63 Comm by Beck #B359. PM Phila PA US Naval Base Sta
 7-91 COOLBAUGH (DE 217) 12/16/48 175th anniv Boston Tea Party
 7-92 CORAL SEA (CVB 43) 10/1/47 1st day in comm
 7-93 MACON (ZRS 5) 5/6/34 Maneuvers w/fleet in Caribbean Sea. Fleet Problem XV. PM DAHLGREN. KB Macon at sea. 1-1/2c Harding stmp
 7-94 DAYTON (CL 105) 9/2/47 2nd anniv VJ Day
 7-95 DEALEY (DE 1006) 2/19/63 Sans Reproache by Strobel
 7-96 DES MOINES (CA 134) 11/16/48 Comm by Burroughs
 7-97 DICKERSON (DD 157) 3/30/35 No Cachet. KB Charleston Azalia Fest. w/HMS DANAE Charleston SC 3/28/35 cancel
 7-98 EDWARD McDONNELL (DE 1043) 2/15/64 Launch by Beck #B347
 7-99 ENTERPRISE (CV 6) 5/12/38 Comm by ANCS 6 & 598. KB 1st day Norfolk VA
 7-100 ESSEX (CVS 9) 4/17/63 Wings of the sea by Strobel
 7-101 EVANS (DD 78) 4/5/37 In memory of "Fighting Bob" Evans by USCS Chptr 40
 7-102 FALGOUT (DER 324) 1/5/63 Fish, mermaids & ship by Strobel
 7-103 FORSTER (DER 334) 3/11/63 Navy seal & 4 ships by Strobel
 7-104 FOX (DD 234) 9/16/38 Decomm by Tuchinsky. KB Last Day Comm Phila Navy Yard
 7-105 GAINARD (DD 706) 5/16/63 Maj L G Cooper orbits Earth by Beck #B331
 7-106 GALVESTON (CLG 3) 10/8/62 Seahorse, Shell & Ship
 7-107 GEORGE K MACKENZIE (DD 836) 6/6/66 Gemini GTA9 Pacific by Beck #B649
 7-108 GUADACANAL (sic) (LPH 7) 3/16/63 Launch by Beck #B313. PM Philadelphia Naval Base
 7-109 GUADALCANAL (LPH 7) 7/20/63 1st day in comm by Beck #B364
 7-110 GRIDLEY (DLG 21) 11/7/63 Shakedown Cruise by Beck #B363
 7-111 GYATT (DD 712) 4/16/63 Tin Can Fleet by Strobel
 7-112 CARBONERO (SS 337) 10/15/44 Launch by Spader
 7-113 CORSAIR (SS 435) 3/1/45 Keel laying by Spader. PM USN
 7-114 CAPATAINE (SS 336) 1/26/45 Comm by Spader. PM USN
 7-115 ALASKA (SSBN 732) 1/12/85 Christening by Nathan Halw chptr. PM Groton

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S7-01 Destroyer Squadron flag can. 9/23/1929 No cach.. Can. light at top of circle \$15
 S7-02 FRANKLIN (Rec'g ship Norfolk) 3/26/1910 On postcard \$10
 S7-03 SEATTLE (CA 11) 3/11/1926 No cachet \$10
 S7-04 TACOMA (C 18) 8/7/1910 On postcard \$10
 S7-05 DENVER (CL 16) 8/20/1927 No cachet \$10
 S7-06 GEORGIA (BB 15) 8/21/1914 On postcard \$10
 S7-07 UTAH (BB 31) 2/28/1923 On postcard \$10
 S7-08 SACRAMENTO (SS 192) 9/13/39 Squalus sank... by ANCS Argonauts. KB Squalus raised \$10
 S7-09 MACON (ZRS 5) 6/19/34 Pacific Coast Training Maneuvers by Oakland-Alameda CoC. PM Moffett Field \$10
 S7-10 MACON (ZRS 5) 8/7/34 15th departure from Moffett Field by Oakland-Alameda CoC. PM Moffett Field \$10
 S7-11 MACON (ZRS 5) 3/11/33 Christening by Akron CoC. PM Akron OH \$10
 S7-12 MACON (ZRS 5) 7/7/33 NYC Greets MACON. PM NY NY \$10
 S7-13 MACON (ZRS 5) 10/27/34 MACON over Mission San Jose by USCS 313. PM Mission San Jose CA \$10
 S7-14 WHITNEY (AD 4) 3/20/1928 No cachet. Scouting Fleet flag cancel. Cancel light at top of circle \$10
 S7-15 UTAH (BB 31) 4/10/1929 No cachet. Flag cancel. Cancel light \$10
 S7-16 CHICAGO (CA 29) 10/22/31 No cachet. Flag cancel \$10
 S7-17 CHICAGO (CA 29) 4/8/34 Commencing Eastern Cruise. Flag cancel \$10
 S7-18 PENNSYLVANIA (BB 38) 1/21/33 Info cachet. Flag cancel \$10
 S7-19 SCULPIN (SS 191) 11/15/39 Decomm by RCD 70. KB Portsmouth NH \$8
 S7-20 SAILFISH (SS 192) 8/20/40 Deep Dive by Argonauts. KB 1st deep submerg. \$8
 S7-21 LEA (DD 118) 4/7/37 Crosby photo last day in comm. KB San Diego CA \$8
 S7-22 PHILIP (DD 76) 4/1/37 Crosby photo last day in comm. KB San Diego CA \$8
 S7-23 SAURY (SS 189) 7/4/40 Colored Litho Independence Day by Sadworth. KB Pearl Harbor TH \$8
 S7-24 HMS TRACKER 11/29/45 Decomm by Nicholson. Oval cancel: Signal Distributing Officer \$8
 S7-25 REINA MERCEDES (IX 25) 10/12/36 Duck w/1492 flag by Griffith. Harding \$8
 S7-26 BLACK HAWK (AD 9) 5/12/35 No cachet. KB Mother Day Kobe Japan \$3
 S7-27 NEREUS (AS 17) 3/25/46 Battleship firing broadside. KB Sasebo Japan \$3
 S7-28 ASTORIA (CA 34) 4/26/39 On postcard. KB Yokohama Japan \$3
 S7-29 HATFIELD (DD 231) 7/4/37 Our freedom gained this day 1776. KB Villefranche France \$3
 S7-30 KANE (DD 235) 10/27/36 No cachet. KB La Pallice Fr, Navy Day \$3
 S7-31 OKLAHOMA (BB 37) 8/20/36 Aiding refugees. KB Palma Spain \$3
 S7-32 OMAHA (CL 4) 6/14/38 Flag Day. KB Villefranche France. Harding stamp \$3
 S7-33 RALEIGH (CL 7) 11/4/36 No cachet. KB Marseille France \$3
 S7-34 SELFRIDGE (DD 357) 2/27/37 Shakedown by USCS Chptr 28. KB Funchal Madeira \$3
 S7-35 TRENTON (CL 11) 5/23/35 Sailor mail w/letter. KB Perlas Islands R.P. \$3
 S7-36 HANNIBAL (AG 1) 6/7/36 No cachet. KB 38th year in commission \$3
 S7-37 WYOMING (BB 32) 3/27/36 In com, of 142nd anniv of founding of US Navy \$3
 S7-38 BUSHNELL (AS 2) 12/29/37 No cachet \$3
 S7-39 ERIE (PG 50) 5/27/37 USS BLUE named for.. KB Annapolis, Harding \$3
 S7-40 SS UNITED STATES 4/4/51 Sea Post. PM Le Havre Seine Maritime \$3
 S7-41 Paquebot 4/1/38 No cachet. Honduran 8centavos stamp \$3
 S7-42 Paquebot 5/15/39 No cachet. PM SF, CA w/Golden Gate Int'l Expo. 1/2d Br. st \$3
 S7-43 M/S ROYAL VIKING SEA 4/21/76 Med/Black Sea Cr. 1976. Posted on board \$3
 S7-44 RANGER (CV 4) 1/6/35 16th anniv of Teddy Roosevelt's death. KB Navy Yard Ports VA \$3
 S7-45 LEXINGTON (CV 2) 12/14/39 Color litho 12th b'day. Fancy can 12th b'day \$3
 S7-46 DUNCAN (DD 485) 4/24/42 Remember Pearl Harbor by Neumann \$3
 S7-47 ELLIOT (DD 967) 12/2/03 Last day in comm by Everett. Fancy cancel \$3
 S7-48 CUSHING (DD 985) 9/22/05 Last day in comm by Everett. Fancy cancel \$3
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 S7-50 DEYO (DD 989) 11/6/03 Last day in comm by Everett. Fancy cancel \$3
 S7-51 INGERSOLL (DD 990) 7/24/98 Decomm by SMH cachet #133 - 2 of 10 \$3
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S7-53 FLETCHER (DD 992) 10/1/04 Last day in comm by Everett. PM San Diego CA \$3
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 S7-56 PRINGLE (DD 477) 9/15/42 1st day postal serv by RCD 70 \$3
 S7-57 BREESE (DM 18) 2/22/41 G Washington by ANCS 55. KB Pearl Harbor TH \$3
 S7-58 CHANDLER (DMS 9) 9/13/43 Sailor mail w/censor mark \$3
 S7-59 PERRY (DMS 17) 9/10/34 Colored cachet of Perry's victory on Lake Erie by Richell. KB At sea for west coast \$3
 S7-60 FRANK KNOX (DD 742) 2/10/47 Sailor w/baby carriage saluting officer by Czubay. T-2 & T-9 \$3
 S7-61 SOUTHERLAND (DD 743) 7/7/47 1st day postal serv by NCS 60 \$3
 S7-62 ZELLARS (DD 777) 10/27/45 1st day cancel T-9 Victory Cancel \$3
 S7-63 O'BRIEN (DD 415) 6/6/40 Shakedown Cruise by Neumann. KB Crossing Equator. 1-1/2c Harding stmp \$3
 S7-64 WALKER (DD 416) 4/27/40 Placed in comm by ANCS 54. KB 1st day comm \$3
 S7-65 MORRIS (DD 417) 3/4/40 Comm by Cohen/Tuchinsky. KB 1st day in comm \$3
 S7-66 ROE (DD 418) 1/5/40 1st day postal serv by Czubay. KB Charleston SC \$3
 S7-67 WAINWRIGHT (DD 419) 4/15/40 1st day postal serv by RCD 70. KB FD can. \$3
 S7-68 BUCK (DD 420) 1/1/40 New Years Greetings. KB St Thomas VI \$3
 S7-69 BENSON (DD 421) 8/19/40 1st day postal serv by RCD 70. KB US Mail \$3
 S7-70 CHENANGO (CVE 28) 10/1/41 1st day postal serv. KB 1st day postal serv \$3
 S7-71 PALAU (CVE 122) 9/2/47 Anniversary V-J Day Sept 2, 1947 \$3
 S7-72 SIBONEY (CVE 112) 2/1/49 5th anniv US forces land in Kwajalein Atoll \$3
 S7-73 SICILY (CVE 118) 5/27/47 20th ann. Lindbergh non stop flight NY to Paris \$3
 S7-74 N/S SAVANNAH 8/7/64 SAVANNAH visits Portland, Maine. PM Portland ME \$3
 S7-75 N/S SAVANNAH 10/10/64 SAVANNAH visits Le Harve, France. KB World's 1st Nuclear Liner \$3
 S7-76 N/S SAVANNAH 10/12/64 SAVANNAH visits Antwerp, Belgium. PM Antwerp \$3
 S7-77 N/S SAVANNAH 11/20/64 SAVANNAH visits Lisbon, Portugal. PM Lisboa & SAVANNAH \$3
 S7-78 N/S SAVANNAH 11/26/64 SAVANNAH visits Barcelona, Spain. PM Barcelona \$3
 S7-79 ARNEB (AKA 56) 12/21/44 Sailor mail with naval censor mark \$3
 S7-80 ASCELLA (AK 137) 11/23/44 Sailor mail with naval censor mark \$3
 S7-81 ARTHUR MIDDLETON (AP 55) 3/27/44 Sailor mail with naval censor mark \$3
 S7-82 ABSECON (AVP 23) 2/17/45 Sailor mail with naval censor mark \$3
 S7-83 BRAINE (DD 630) 3/23/44? Sailor mail with naval censor mark \$3
 S7-84 BAYFIELD (APA 33) 4/21/45 Sailor mail with naval censor mark \$3
 S7-85 BEAVER (AS 5) 2/15/44 Sailor mail with naval censor mark \$3
 S7-86 BILOXI (CL 80) 2/3/45 Sailor mail with naval censor mark \$3
 S7-87 BELL (DD 587) 12/30/44 Sailor mail with naval censor mark \$3
 S7-88 CINCINNATI (CL 6) 2/7/43 Sailor mail with naval censor mark \$3
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 S7-106 PIEDMONT (AD 17) 10/27/49 No cachet \$3
 S7-107 MATTABESSET (AOG 52) 4/22/48 No cachet. KB Join the US Navy \$3
 S7-108 RENDOVA (CVE 114) 11/1/49 No cachet \$3
 S7-109 REPOSE (AH 16) 9/28/49 No cachet \$3
 S7-110 NORTON SOUND (AV 11) 10/27/49 No cachet \$3
 S7-111 NORRIS (DD 859) 10/27/49 No cachet \$3
 S7-112 NEWMAN K PERRY (DD 883) 10/6/49 No cachet \$3
 S7-113 RUPERTUS (DD 851) 10/27/49 No cachet \$3
 S7-114 FRANK KNOX (DD 742) 3/26/47 No cachet. T-2 & T-9 \$3
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- 12794 Richard Daniels, Pocatello ID 83201-4629
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