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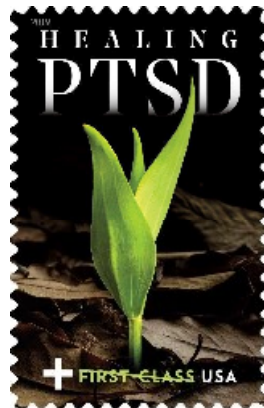
USPS Issued PTSD semi-postal



Philately - is the study of stamps and postal history and other related items.

It also refers to the collecting, research, and enjoyment, of stamps and other philatelic products.

Contact Information:
We are updating our records.
If you received a postcard, please fill it out and return it as soon as possible.
Thank you!



The U.S. P. S. announced that a semipostal stamp to help raise funds for those diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) was issued Dec. 2 at McGlohon Theater at Spirit Square in Charlotte, NC. The Healing PTSD semipostal stamp features a photographic illustration of a green plant sprouting from the ground, which is covered in fallen leaves. The image is intended to symbolize the PTSD healing process. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamp with original art by

Mark Laita. Tens of millions of Americans will experience PTSD in their lifetimes. Today, the nation is increasingly dedicated to compassionately treating this mental health issue. While post-traumatic disorders have long been a subject of study, PTSD was not officially added to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, a widely used reference guide published by the American Psychiatric Association, until the late 20th century. The condition develops in some children and adults who have survived a traumatic event. Experiences such as a natural disaster, car accident, physical or sexual assault, abuse, and combat, among others, can trigger PTSD. When the Healing PTSD semipostal stamp becomes available, it will be sold for 65 cents. The price includes the first-class single-piece postage rate in effect at the time of purchase plus an amount to fund PTSD research. By law, revenue from sales of the Healing PTSD semipostal stamp

— minus the postage paid and the reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred by the Postal Service — will be distributed to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The Semipostal Authorization Act, Pub. L. 106-253, grants the U.S. Postal Service discretionary authority to issue and sell semipostal stamps to advance such causes as it considers to be “in the national public interest and appropriate.” Under the program, the Postal Service intends to issue semipostal stamps over a 10-year period, with each stamp to be sold for no more than two years. The Alzheimer’s semipostal stamp, issued Nov. 30, 2017, was the first. The Healing PTSD semipostal stamp is the second. Additional discretionary semipostal stamps have not yet been determined.

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Notable People on Stamps: Fernando Magellan



Romania Issued Stamp and MS

on Fernando Magellan On the stamp with the face value of Lei 7, you will discover the image of the greatest navigator from the Age of Discovery, Fernando Magellan. The imperforated souvenir sheet with the face value of Lei 28.50, illustrates a fragment from Ortelius’s map, dated 1589, depicting the West coast of South America and the ship Victoria. Above the ship, there is a stylized globe surrounded by the inscription “500 years since the beginning of the journey around the world”, representing his trans-global expedition.

In the upper left corner of the

souvenir sheet is the portrait of Magellan superimposed over a stylized helm and above. The Strait of Magellan and the Pacific Ocean bear his name, the latter called the Magellan Sea until the XVIII th century.

Issue Date: Sept 24, 2019
Designer: Razvan Popescu
Process: Offset
Colors Multi
Stamp size: 48 x 33 mm;
Mini sheet of 8 stamps + 1 label: 165 x 120 mm;
Imperforated souvenir sheet: 120 x 80 mm

Club News

Holiday Party December 8th, Let us know if you plan to attend so we can get enough chicken... You are asked to bring a side dish. Your guest is welcome, this year the \$5 fee for guests has been waved. More people signed up with what they will be bringing to share at the party. There will once again be a trivia contest, and people are encouraged to bring table games. After the party one can celebrate Festivus by Airing Grievances

WILKPEX 2020 will be here before we know it. Time to start working on exhibits, Let Andy know if you plan an exhibit, what the title will be and what size and how many frames you need... Exhibit forms are available at the meetings or on the website.

We can always use volunteers to help at the show.

We also are looking for ideas for the **2020 Souvenir Sheet**, please bring submissions to the

meeting or e-mail to Andy novoand@hotmail.com or Deb quest4moos@msn.com. These can also be submitted to the club PO Box

Gene is continuing the work on the cachet, Bruno Sammartino will be the subject this year,... Seven people turned out to go to the APS, all had a nice time, there was lots to see and do.

Nice turnout for the Nov. 24th meeting, and seven of us shared items in Show and Tell.... Items were fun and informative.

It was decided to once again renew the subscription to Linn's magazine.

Everyone is encouraged to bring something for "show and tell" the second meeting of the month. (Does not have to be stamp related)

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WSC Meetings

ALL Visitors are welcome!
We meet the 2nd & 4th Sundays
No Holidays
Next meetings

December 8
HOLIDAY PARTY

December 22
No meeting due to the holidays

January 12th

January 26th

Summers Meetings
June thru August
2nd Sundays only

Doors Open 12:30
Meeting starts at 2PM

Churchill Borough Building,
2300 William Penn Hwy
Churchill, PA 15235.
Free light lunch available

USPS \$2 Jenny Inverts Now Available through Stamp Fulfillment Store



For those who are interested in purchasing the \$2 Jenny Invert, it is now available through Stamp Fulfillment Services. They may also be available at United States Postal Service sponsored stamp shows while supplies last. The \$2 Jenny stamps were issued as a tribute to America's most famous stamp error, the 1918 24¢ Jenny Invert airmail stamp that has its blue "Jenny" biplane accidentally printed upside down within the carmine rose frame. But the \$2 stamps were at the center of a controversial USPS promotional program that randomly included 100 specially printed panes intentionally

showing the "Jenny" biplane in the center of the stamp design flying right-side up. Every pane from the 2013 issue was sealed in a printed paper envelope within a cellophane wrapping, thwarting any effort to detect the rare upright variety from among the common standard issue.

The total print run for the issue was 2.2 million panes. So far, at least 32 of the 100 panes of the upright variety have been discovered by postal customers.

The 100 upright variety panes were packaged with a card printed with a phone number the find-

er could call to receive a certificate signed by the U.S. postmaster general, and to register the purchase and discovery. But because the registration is voluntary, it is presumed that many additional scarce panes were found but never recorded. That uncertainty also means that some of the upright Jenny stamps could still be in sealed packaging, and were returned to Stamp Fulfillment Services.

In 2016, the Postal Service's warehouse inventory of the \$2 Jenny panes was depleted and they were taken off sale through Stamp Fulfillment Services, but the stamps continued to be sold through some local post offices. The souvenir sheet can now be purchased online at: https://store.usps.com/store/product/stamp-collectors/inverted-jenny-souvenir-sheet-S_580000

Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays
to you
and yours!

Happy Chanukah

Happy Festivus
... for the Rest of Us!

Festivus is coming!

Festivus is a secular holiday, normally celebrated on December 23rd. It is meant as an alternative to the pressures and commercialization of the Christmas season. Drag an metal pole from the basement, set it in the corner,... no decorations required! More information on the holiday can be found on the internet...

Happy Kwanzas

Happy New Year!

Up Coming Stamp Shows

Fairview Park Coin & Stamps **December 1, 2019**

American Legion Post # 42
22001 Brookpark Rd.
Fairview Park, OH 44126
Contact: John Cotleur
Phone: 440-864-7473
Hours: Sun 10-3

Cranberry Stamp Show **December 8th, 2019**

VFW POST #7505
331 Mars Valencia Road
Mars, PA 16046
Contact: Kevin Kellman
Phone: 301-524-9562
Hours: Sun 10-4

Worthington Stamp Show

Dec 13th - 14th, 2019
Ohio Expo Center & State Fair-
grounds (Rhodes Center)
717 East 17th Ave.
Columbus, OH 43211
Contact: Marie Gibbs
Phone: 614-260-0952
Hours: Sat 10-6, Sun 10-3

Lancaster Stamp Show **Dec 15th, 2019**

Farm & Home Center
1383 Arcadia Rd.
Lancaster, PA 17601
Contact: Kevin Kellman
Phone: 301-524-9562

Hours: Sun 10-4 Tri-State Monthly Coin & Stamp Show

December 22, 2019
Sheraton Bucks County
400 Oxford Valley
Langhorne, PA 19047
Contact: Allen Brock
Phone: 305-852-7678
Hours: Sun 10-4

Greenhills Classic Stamp and Coin Show

December 29, 2019
American Legion
11100 Winton Road
Cincinnati, OH 45218
Contact: Xenia Coin
Phone: 937-376-2807
Hours: Sun 10-4

Fairview Park Coin & Stamps **January 5th 2020**

American Legion Post # 42
22001 Brookpark Rd.
Fairview Park, OH 44126
Contact: John Cotleur
Phone: 440-864-7473
Hours: Sun 10-3

New Member

Welcome to

Leonard Latsko

From Mt Pleasant
Leonard collects WW and US
mint
He was a member of the
Westmoreland Stamp Club

Newsletter

It's your newsletter!
Help Make it special

Original articles for the
newsletter may be submitted by
any of the membership to Deb
Foltyn at a meeting or
emailed to
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Or via regular mail:
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Ideas or content suggestions are
welcome.

Many thanks to Maureen
McKeever for stepping up to take
over the newsletter publication at
some future time.

Note articles submitted may be
edited for content or to fit the
Format.*

Club members get a free black
and white hard copy of the
newsletter.
Color copies available at a
Meeting. *You must send a
request to Deb before the
meeting, so they can be printed
special.*

Unusual things delivered by Post...



In 1914, a four-year-old named
May Pierstorff, who lived with
her parents in Grangeville, Idaho,
was going to visit her grand-
mother in Lewiston. Her parents
calculated that Parcel Post was

cheaper than full fare. At 48.5
lbs., the child came in under the
weight requirement of less than
50 lbs. It was then legal, and still
is today, to mail
chickens, so her parents were
charged postage at the chicken
rate.

The Pierstorffs pinned the
fifty-three cents in postage to her
coat and put May in the baggage
car, under the care of the postal
clerk. Though it was customary to
leave packages in the post office
overnight, when May arrived in
Lewiston, the postmaster took her
to her grandmother.

By 1920, it was illegal to mail
human beings, although not
before an angry mother mailed a
baby to the husband who had left
her.



In December, 1954, the postmas-
ter in Orlando, Florida, received
the following letter:

Dear Sir:

*I am sending my chameleon be-
cause I live in Fostoria Ohio and
it is too cold for him here. Will
you please let him loose.*

*Sincerely yours,
David*

*P.S. Could you let me know if he
arrives there OK? Thank you
very much. I am so worried about
him.*

On December 7, 1954
David received the following
response:

*Dear David,
I received your chameleon yester-
day and he was immediately re-
leased on the post office grounds.
Best wishes for a merry Christ-
mas!*

*Sincerely,
L.A. Bryant, Jr.
Postmaster*

Junior Corner

Environmental Factors Affecting Stamps and Covers

Temperature, humidity, sunlight, artificial light, copying methods, and air are the major environmental factors which can adversely affect stamps, covers, and philatelic literature. Certain of these factors interact and produce deleterious effects on our philatelic treasurers. Mold spores are normally dormant if the ambient temperature is below 64.5 F. and humidity is below 65%. Otherwise, mold spores flourish and can attack stamps, covers, and other materials. Damage caused by molds is known as "foxing," "rust," or "tropical staining." Molds also constitute a food source for insects, which, are capable of causing irreparable damage. Therefore we must store our philatelic materials in temperatures and relative humidity in which molds will not flourish. Sunlight, can quickly cause a newspaper to become yellow and brittle. Even the best type of paper can be susceptible to the effect of not only direct sunlight but reflected sunlight as

well. Accordingly, we must strenuously resist the temptation to decorate our living areas with framed stamps. If such decoration is desired, it is better to frame and display inexpensive (and easily replaced) photographic copies. It is becoming known that the light and heat involved in the photocopying process can have a deleterious effect on philatelic materials. Reasonable and appropriate photocopying of philatelic materials for insurance purposes, for example, doesn't present an unacceptable risk. However, collectors who make multiple copies or who copy the same material frequently may wish to consider using digital copiers so as to minimize the effects of light scanning. Philatelic materials that show clear evidence of damage due to deterioration are probably best not exposed to additional potential danger from photocopying process. There is a class of environmental agents whose effects on philatelic materials are not generally understood in so far as we are aware. These agents are the printing media used by computer printers and photocopy machines. When stamps and covers

are mounted near or even on such media, is there, for example, any deleterious migration of the printing media into the philatelic materials? Some collectors even use album pages where the philatelic material is mounted within boxes having shaded interiors. Are such album pages safe?

Normal air can have an adverse effect on philatelic materials. The damage can be intensified when the air is laden with moisture. The three essential environmental elements necessary for preserving philatelic materials are pure air, a temperature of 70 F., and 50% relative humidity. For removal of large amounts of water from the atmosphere, use an electric dehumidifier. For enclosed cabinets and cases in which albums are stored, there are three commonly available and relatively inexpensive drying agents useful in efforts to control excess moisture in the air:

1. Calcium chloride crystals. Spread these crystals in a small saucer or similar container, carefully keeping the philatelic materials from contacting them.

As small pools of water replace the crystals, discard the water and add fresh crystals.

2. Silica gel.

These crystals last for years because after they have absorbed water, they can be regenerated in a hot oven. Silica gel has approximately 40 times the drying power of calcium chloride crystals.

3. Activated Alumina.

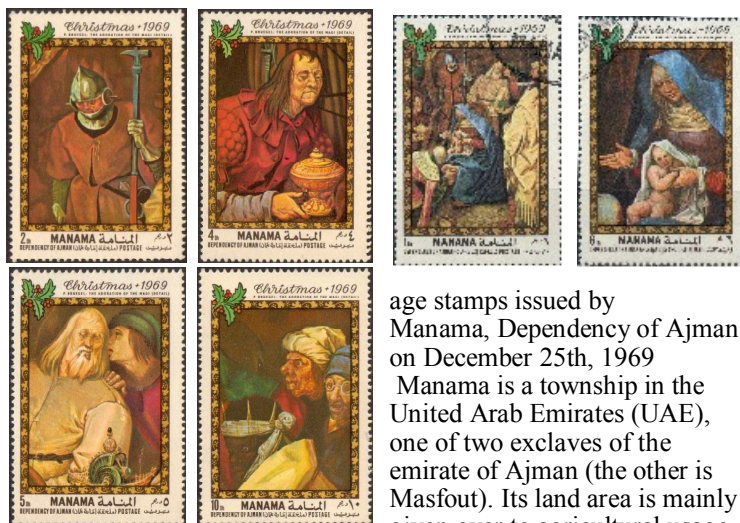
This agent has a drying power of about 200 times that calcium chloride. It costs about the same as silica gel, but it doesn't last as long.

Various atmospheric pollutants must be strenuously guarded against: particulate matter (such as smog), dusts, carbon, and -- perhaps most importantly -- tobacco smoke.

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50 Years ago - December 1968



Set of Six 1969 Christmas post-

age stamps issued by Manama, Dependency of Ajman on December 25th, 1969

Manama is a township in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), one of two exclaves of the emirate of Ajman (the other is Masfout). Its land area is mainly given over to agricultural usage. It is known to stamp collectors as a number of editions of colorful stamps were issued from there in the late 1960s. Few collectors would realize Manama was a remote agricultural village consisting of a few adobe houses on a plain overlooked by the Hajar Mountains. In 1963, Britain ceded responsibility for the Trucial States' postal systems. An American philatelic entrepreneur by the name of Finbar Kenny saw the opportunity to create a number of editions of stamps aimed at the lucrative collector's market and in 1964 concluded a deal with cash strapped Ajman to take over the production of stamps for the government. These stamps, luridly illustrated and irrelevant to the

actual emirate of Ajman (including 'Space Research' and 'Tokyo Olympic Games') became known together with stamps produced by other Trucial States at the time, as 'dunes'. Between 1966 and 1972, there were a total of only 1255 different Manama postage stamps issued, and therefore there are no Scott stamp catalog #'s assigned.

TOPIC - (Christmas) - "Scenes from the Adoration of the Magi" - a 1564 oil painting by Flemish painter Pieter Brugel the Elder which hangs in the National Gallery in London