

Holiday Routine

John Young (L-8219)

This is a new column that will appear every other month and I will continue to bring Coast Guard news on alternate months. The new column will be devoted to covers, cancels and cachets commemorating holidays.

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard - USS BRIDGE (AOE 10/T-AOE 10)

Tom Armstrong (9909)

USS BRIDGE (AOE 10) arrived at PSNS 23 July 1998. She went to Seattle for her Commissioning Ceremony on 5 August 1998. The problem I always had doing covers on the homeported AOE'S was they were not home much,

Destroyer Minelayers of World War II

Dan Goodwin (4487)

USS TOLMAN (DM 28) Charles E. Tolman was born in Concord, Massachusetts on 25 June 1903. He entered the US Naval Academy in 1921 and graduated in 1925. He served short periods in USS UTAH (BB 31) and USS WARDEN (DD 288).

USS KENTUCKY (BB 6) at Vera Cruz, Mexico 1915-1916

Charles H. Bogart (8489)

Mexico during 1914 was racked by civil war. The U.S. Government, to protect its citizens, had ordered a number of U.S. Navy ships to Mexican ports to provide aid to American citizens living and working in Mexico.

A Really Censored Cover Part II

Bob Rawlins (L-5490)

In the November 2009 USCS *Log*, I presented the illustrated cover which had an official censor mark along with the name and address of the recipient obliterated. I offered the cover to whomever provided the best explanation for this double censorship. Hal Vogel, USCS 9659, was the first responder.

The Search for KAL 007

Stewart B. Milstein (L-7205)

On 30 August 1983 Korean Airlines (KAL) Boeing 747 Flight #007 departed New York's JFK International Airport for Seoul South Korea. After a stop-over at Anchorage International Airport, the flight continued on its great circle route towards South Korea. Twenty seconds before it would have cleared restricted Soviet air space west of Sakhalin Island the plane was struck by 2 Kaliningrad K-8 air-to-air missiles launched by Soviet Major Gennadi Osipovich from his SU-15 fighter.

Big Dive Event

Donald R. Tjossem (10,987)

On Saturday, 23 January, the USS COLUMBIA Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society, the Naval Undersea Museum and the United States Post Office held an event at the entrance to the museum to commemorate the 50th anniversary of "The Big Dive" of TRIESTE I.

The Monthly Register

Bill Payden (L-10763)

This month's cover is one of those rare registered pieces to still have its enclosure within. It was sent from a Navy Captain in the Vietnam War Zone to a Navy Captain in Washington DC. The handwritten letter enclosed was written on 11 March 1967, to Captain Herbert Fox Rommel.

The Book Deck

Six Frigates: The Epic History of the Founding of the U.S. Navy, by Ian W. Toll

Review by Alfred F. Kugel (12,060)

From the Starboard Delta: USS BRENNAN (DE 13) 1943-1945

Captain Lawrence B. Brennan, U.S. Navy (Ret.), (L-6221)

The first destroyer escort commissioned in the United States Navy, USS BRENNAN (DE 13), was built at Mare Island, California. Initially, the ship was constructed for the Royal Navy as HMS BENTINCK (BDE 13)

Now Hear This... Nominations Open for USCS Hall of Fame

Frank M. Hoak III (H-6194)

The USCS Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to recognize significant impact upon the hobby, not the level of effort devoted to it. Living members of USCS are not eligible for consideration for the Hall of Fame.

Nominations are now called for from any and all USCS members by the USCS Hall of Fame Selection Committee

Member of the Month Richard B. Ferris (USCS #2975) By Steve Shay (L-10,821)

Richard "Dick" Ferris joined USCS in 1951, which puts him among the 15 lowest membership number members of our society. I approached him last year about doing a write up for the Member of the Month.

US Navy Ships Named for Battlefields: SARATOGA

Rich Nallenweg (10,385)