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UPCOMING EVENTS:*

NEW YORK – ASDA, April 13-15, 2017

ASDA Stamp Show, The Hilton, 1335 Ave. of the Americas,
New York City. Contact Dana Guyer (800) 369-8207
(Bourse only)

MASSACHUSETTS – Boxborough, May 5-7, 2017

NE Federation of Stamp Clubs, Holiday Inn Boxborough Woods
242 Adams Place, Boxborough, Mass.

NEW YORK – ROPEX, May 19-20 2017

ROPEX – Rochester National Stamp Exhibition
Greater Canandaigua Civic Center, 250 N. Bloomfield Rd.
Canandaigua, NY

www.rpastamps.org/ropex

* From American Philatelist

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members, if you are reading this you are obviously aware of our new web site, as we have not had a printed version of the Bulletin for a while. We have provided the web site as a platform for our members, but it will only be as good as you the members make it. It's up to you to provide us with your covers, information and expertise to share with others. You can send your additions to our web master Dr. Charles DiComo at charlesdicomo@gmail.com

We will be holding our annual meeting and board meeting at ROPEX Saturday May 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM in the Canandaigua Civic Center. Hope to see some of you there. For more info on ROPEX visit their web site at www.rpastamps.org/ropex

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

DEADLINE – The deadline for the June issue of the *BULLETIN* is **June 1**.

Larry Laliberte

Secretary's Membership Report

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Notes from the Editor:

Excelsior!

Dave Williams informed me that one reason that the Excelsior! has not been published has been family medical issues and, more importantly, a lack of articles submitted. He has received only one in the last seven month. Newsletter and publications are the lifeblood of an organization. I have seen a number of organizations that have stopped publishing and soon after, ceased to exist. So, let's hit the keyboard and write an article or two or three and send them to Dave at davidinindiana@aol.com. As an incentive, submitting a one to four page article will get you a one year extension on your membership and a five page article will get you a two year extension.

ROPEX

The Society has a Regional Meeting scheduled for Saturday, May 20th. There is a lot of business that needs to be attended to. It will be held in Room #1. Please plan on attending.

ROPEX 2017 Schedule & Events

Details are subject to change. All meetings are open to the public except as noted*.

Thursday, May 18

8 AM-6 PM.....ROPEX setup (exhibitors and dealers welcome 1-6 PM)

Friday, May 19

8 AM-6 PM.....ROPEX Judges' Deliberation Room (Room 1)*

10 AM.....Show opens, Welcome and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, show entrance

10 AM-6 PM.....Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations

6 PM.....Show closes

Saturday, May 20

9 AM.....ROPEX Awards Ceremony (Room 1- join us for coffee and pastries)

10 AM.....Show opens

10 AM-5 PM.....Prize drawings throughout the day, Free Stamp Evaluations

11 AM-Noon.....[Empire State Postal History Society](#) Trading Hour and Regional Meeting (Room 1)

Noon-1 PM.....[American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors](#) "Open Forum on Exhibiting" (Room 1)

1-2 PM.....ROPEX Judges' Feedback Forum (Room 1)

2-2:15 PM.....RPA Youth "Design-A-Stamp" Awards Presentation (show floor)

6 PM.....Show closes, Exhibit Pickup

From Cadet to Admiral



The cover illustrated nearby sat in my collection for many years before I rediscovered it and did some research on the net. Frank H. Schofield was born January 4, 1869 in Jerusalem, Yates Co., N.Y. He was appointed to the Naval Academy in 1886. He completed the course four years later, served the two years at sea which was then required by law before final graduation, and was commissioned Ensign in the U.S. Navy in July 1892.

After graduation, he served aboard several cruisers and for a time, Inspector of Ordnance at Hartford, Conn. He served onboard the USS Hawk during the Spanish-American War, participating in the blockade of Cuban ports and in the capture of four enemy vessels. During the period from 1898 until the U.S. entered WW I in 1917, he served aboard several other vessels and two years in the then Bureau of Ordnance.

In the rank of Capt., he was ordered in 1917 to London, England, where he served as Aide in the Planning Section to the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Operating in European Waters. He was awarded the Navy Cross, and many decoration by foreign governments for his service.

He attained the rank of Rear Admiral in 1924. In 1928, Admiral Schofield was ordered to form and head a board to recommend a method of obtaining certain oceanographic data. This Board, later known as the Schofield Board, submitted recommendations that the Navy undertake oceanographic survey work on the high seas with its own specially outfitted vessels.

In 1924, he became Commander Battleship Division Four with the rank of full Admiral He retired in 1933 after forty-seven years on Naval Service.

Admiral Schofield died on February 20, 1942 and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.



The USS Schofield (DEG-3, later FFG-3) was com-missioned May 11, 1968. She served her entire career in the Pacific with many tours in Vietnamese waters. USS Schofield was decommissioned on Sept. 8, 1988 and was sunk during target practice on November 2, 1999.