



# Philatelic Society of Lancaster County



The James Buchanan Chapter (#173) of the American Philatelic Society  
Chapter 118 of the American Topical Assn.

Doors Open at 5:30 PM, Wednesday, 14 December 2016  
Garden Café, Buffet Begins at 6:00 PM

## From Hal's Stamp Den

### Pride and Prejudice: MONTFORD POINT MARINES

America's long Civil War to free the slaves ended in 1865, but seventy-seven years later, in 1941, a 'silent civil war' quietly raged on barring African Americans, Native Americans, and other minorities from rights that white Americans took for granted, barring them from entering the American Armed Services. Strong protests were heard from all sides, for the need to continue or discontinue segregation in the U.S. Military, especially from Southern states.

On June 25, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had enough. He was tired of the Southern states continued threats to filibuster and to impede moving bills forward in the House and Senate, so he created the Committee on Fair Employment Practice, generally known as the Fair Employment Practice Committee (FEPC). Executive

Order 8802 stated, "there shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers in defense industries or government because of race, creed, color, or national origin."<sup>[1]</sup> This nondescript cover illustrates a significant end to this practice.



The cover illustrated above is notable for many reasons. The three-cent Thomas Jefferson Sc# 807 is tied to a "Penalty Envelope" with a four-bar Military Post Office duplex circular date stamp indicating it was mailed from 'CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C., MONTFORD POINT BR(ANCH) on FEB. 20 A.M. 1946'. The cover originated from the "Commissioned Officers' Mess, Montford Point Camp, Camp Lejeune, N.C.," addressed to the "MILITARY REVIEW" magazine, Fort Leavenworth, Ks. The reason the cover bears a

stamp is because the envelope was used for personal use. Placement and usage of the stamp "voids" the "Penalty Endorsement" in the upper right hand corner.

But, more historic is the cancellation and return address "MONTFORD POINT CAMP LEJEUNE" is the MARINE CORPS segregated African American training barracks commanded by white officers, opened under protest in 1942, to the U.S. Naval Department, by U.S. Marine Corps Commandant Thomas Holcomb.

"If you were a Marine during World War II and you were African American, you trained at Montford Point, the segregated boot camp. Located alongside Marine Barracks at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Montford Point Camp opened in August 1942. Occupying barely five-and-a-half acres of swamp and flooded forest, the facility was the product of Marine Commandant Thomas Holcomb's reluctant agreement to accept "colored male citizens of the United States between the ages of 17 and

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Visitors are Always Welcome

PSLC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (except August) at the Bluebird Commons in Woodcrest Villa, 2001 Harrisburg Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601 at 7:00 pm. Dues are \$10.00 a year. For club information call Lucy Eyster at 717-735-2586.

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The Officers, Board Members, and Editorial Staff of The Philatelic Society of Lancaster County Wish You the Happiest of Holiday Seasons & New Year to Follow.

## The 2016 December Dinner

*Victuals, Fellowship, Awards, Entertainment, and Gift Exchange(s)*

### Pre-Starters

Seasonal Punch du Jour  
Cheese & Crackers

### Starters

Rolls & Butter  
Colorful Tossed Salad

### Entrees

Apricot Glazed Pork Loin  
Salmon with Dill Sauce  
Chicken Dijon  
Parmesan Pasta with Veggies



### Sides

Wild Rice  
Baked Corn Soufflé  
Broccoli – cauliflower medley

### The Finale

Ice Cream Pie  
(vanilla ice cream with caramel sauce in graham cracker crust)  
Coffee-Tea-Water



29.” Acting under direct orders from President F.D.R. and the Secretary of the Navy, the Marine Corps was the last of the armed services to accept black recruits. Holcomb made sure that the bar was set high for colored male citizens to enter his white Marine Corps. After passing his ‘test’, black Marines were restricted to serve only as stewards to white troops.

Of the nearly 20,000 African American Marines who trained at Montford Point and served in WWII, 75% had been to college or were in college when they enlisted. Of this group more than 12,000 (60%) went overseas. However, none saw combat until Saipan 15 June–9 July 1944. There, as elsewhere, college-educated black Marines staffed depot and ammunition supply companies. They transported weapons and munitions, medical supplies, food and water from ship to shore. Black men unloading ships and boats toiled in punishing heat among falling shells and hammering Japanese Nambu machine guns, but they didn’t see action until casualties cut deeply into Lt. General Holland Smith’s fighting force. With no reserves left and nowhere else to turn, General Smith sent armed Montford Point Marines to the front. The move stunned white Marines until they saw that a man’s color didn’t matter in battle. The African American Montford Point Marines fought, defeating the entrenched Japanese forces.”[2]

After the war, African American Marines would be forced to return to “porters and stewards” duties. But there was a problem. African Americans who had served valiantly--lost limbs, shed blood--fought and died for their country equally to their white American counterparts in World War II refused to accept their disenfranchisement. African American soldiers, in every branch of the service, deserved to be treated equally – they earned it! On July 26, 1948, by Executive Order 9981, President Truman ordered the full integration of the United States armed forces. The order eliminated Montford Point as

# October Minutes and Treasury

Diane Meek & Lou DiFelice

**Opening:** President Hal Klein opened the meeting at 7:05 pm with a welcome to members and visitors.

**Membership:** Lucy Eyster introduced our newest member, George Younes (#104) from Lititz, a lifelong collector, now specializing in mint U.S. Also visiting were Lou Blanchard, Eric Muir, and Betty Lentz’ grandchildren Kevin & Amy. Meeting attendance was 48.

**Dues:** Lucy will be collecting dues tonight and again in January. Please do not bring dues to the December Dinner as she does not wish to co-mingle dinner money with dues.

**Approval of Minutes and Treasurer’s Report:** These reports were accepted unanimously by voice vote.

**Open House Super Drawing:** Prizes included mini sheets of the inverted Jennys, Pluto mini-sheets, Medal of Honor sheet, and Commemorative Panels. These were won by Mike Matus, Sarah Mylin, Hiltrude Lu, Len Kasper, Kevin Lentz, Bob Kramer, Greg Macaluso, Clare Hostetter, Eric Muir, Woody Hahn, and Roy K. Baardsen. Hal Klein also won a door prize, but he gave this to tonight’s newest member, George Younes.

**14 December Dinner:** Lucy passed around the sign-up sheet. She discussed the event which will start at 6:00 with doors opening at 5:30 at the Garden Café. Paul Petersen reviewed the Gift exchange that will include philatelic and non-philatelic items. (See Page-3 for details.)



**Reading Stamp Show:** Peter Baney thanked all the PSLC members who attended the Reading show on Saturday to help with the event and to shop. The club really appreciates this.

**APS/ATA Packet Night:** Paul passed around the sign-up sheet for next Wednesday’s event at 7:00 in Bluebird Commons. He will send a confirmation email.

**Stamps 4 Sale:** Paul has some singles and pairs of coil stamps among others from Kansas City for face value. These are stamps that must be purchased in bulk whether ones needs that many or not. These are from Bob Larkin.

**Board Meeting:** Hal would like

to have a meeting of the officers and board. The tentative date of Tuesday at 7:00 pm at Lucy’s was the best fit. He will send a follow-up query if this date works out.

**Open House and 1-Page Exhibits:** Len Kasper welcomed all to the Open House and thanked Hal for his leadership and the audience for their participation. He mentioned the new book he wrote on his auto-racing career. Paul explained the procedures for the 1-Page Exhibits.

**Speaker Al Schaub** emphasized the importance of Internet research for one’s stamp and cover collecting along with its benefit to annotating philatelic material.

**Speaker Dave Hunt** discussed his recent article (with slides) in ATA’s *Topical Time* regarding preprinting paper creases using the earliest U.S. revenues as examples. He described some of the causes and outcomes to the stamps when the paper is bunched or folded on itself prior to printing.



### Treasury Report: 1-31 October

**Opening:** \$4,692.13

**Income:** \$566.00

**Expenses:** \$269.91

**Closing:** \$4,988.22

3 CDs valued at \$6,993.45

a segregated Marine Corps boot camp. African American Marines would be fully integrated into the U.S. Marine Corp in 1950 with the start of the Korean War. [3]

When I begin to research a cover, I never know where it will take me. Some covers go nowhere while other covers, like this one, are remarkable portals to history. Postal history is a fascinating collecting area.

May I wish you all the best holidays and a wonderful 2017 to come. **Hal**

## Our Club’s Fall Activities



Many members of PSLC attended the Reading stamp Show on 5 November. Pictured above are Faith Wilson from Reading, Mike Bach, and Kaitlyn Beachy of Manheim being served at Beth Kase’s RSCC Youth Table.

On 16 November PSLC held its packet night for APS and ATA.

Lucy Eyster opened up, and Sarah Mylin locked the door. Participants included Lesley Botte, Fred Sargent, Truylde & Bill Greiner, Paul Petersen, Tim Boland, Daisy Detwiler, George Younes, John & Deb Ehleiter, Dean Brenner, and John Hostetter. 167+ packets were made. Group photo below is by Deb Ehleiter.



### References:

1. [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair\\_Employment\\_Practice\\_Committee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fair_Employment_Practice_Committee)
2. [slibrary.uncw.edu/web/montford/](http://slibrary.uncw.edu/web/montford/)
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## PSLC's 2016 Open House & 1-Page Exhibits

This seemed to be a record setting event with 14 club exhibitors among nearly 50 in attendance. After a short business meeting and break for snacks and shopping the bourse, Al Schaub and Dave Hunt gave short presentations. (See **Minutes** on Page-2 for info regarding these presentations.) Pictured below (L to R) Len Kasper, Hal Klein, Al Schaub, Dave Hunt



**Hal Klein** discussed •Flight covers with the 6¢ transport airmail stamp and •The 2¢ 1883-1887 red-brown issues with their details, nuances, and surprises.

[**RD Noble** had a scheduling conflict this evening, so Hal posted his exhibit of •Silent pre-cancels.]

**Len Kasper** discussed his •Christmas Seal collection, largely U.S. with some foreign additions.

**Al Schaub** discussed a •Tom Mix cover and his interesting research findings regarding this celebrity.

**Dave Hunt** displayed his •Preprinting creased paper on early U.S. revenue stamps along with his •Halloween topical stamps and cover collection.

**Dr. DiComo** described the routes and rates of •A stampless cover dated 24 September 1846, the last day of the Battle of Monterrey during the Mexican War. He also read the poignant letter from a colonel to his wife of the devastation and heroism exhibited during this successful military operation. Charles is pictured below on the (right) with the October speakers Bill Shultz (left) and Mark Schwartz (center).



**Bob Kramer** (above) displayed a sample of his •United States postal cards that he notes have been relegated to the Back of the Book in the *Scott Specialized*.

**Paul Petersen** displayed a medley of recent worldwide souvenir issues for the •Centenary of the Great War of 1914-1918.

**Dennis Shumaker** (below) showed a circa 1869 cover with a U.S. 11¢ and •Markings from Yokohama, U.S. and Honolulu. The Question: From which location did the cover originate?



**Truyde Greiner** (below left) mentioned that she grew up alongside of radio and discussed her collection of •“Radio stamps.” These were for listeners to verify reception. These were so popular that albums were created to house them.



**Bill Greiner** (above right) described his ever-growing collection of •Naval covers. His goal is to collect a cancelled cover from every U.S. naval vessel.

**Mike Bach** described his display of •Early inland air letter service of the United Kingdom. As airmail was getting settled in, the railroads and airlines were working together until govern-

mental regulators found reasons to stop their collusion. (Below)



**Dennis Bouchard** (below) is growing his collection of service organizations represented on stamps. Starting with Kiwanis last year, •Rotary on stamps this year, and Lions, next year...



**Lucy Eyster** (below) has obtained more • “Weird & Wacky” stamps for collection and display. Among the several tonight, her favorite, and the one which she gets the most comments about was given to her by Carol Petersen. It is a PostCrossing postcard with a Thailand stamp with an embedded grain of rice, which went more than half way around the world with the grain still intact!



### Directions to the Garden Café:

Enter Woodcrest Villa from Harrisburg Avenue. Drive about 70 yards to a “T” Intersection. At this juncture, turn left. After about 70 yards, take your first right. Go up the hill to the end and park. The Café will be well lit with white columns.

## Club Notes

### Programs, Hosts & Shows

#### 2016 Programs

**14 December:** Dinner. 5:30 p.m.

#### 2017 Programs

**11 January:** Winter Auction. Vern Marten, Host

**8 February:** '38 Prexies, Hal Klein. Doug Milliken, Host

**8 March:** 1.) “Chasing Jenny-A Philatelic Mystery,” Jeff Stage of APS. 2.) Lancopex preparation

**12 April:** U.S. Postal Rates: 1792-1869, Bill Schultz

**10 May:** Collectibles and Your Estate. Patti S. Spencer, Esq.

**14 June:** Spring Auction

**12 July:** Postal History Classics. Dr. Charles DiComo

**9 August:** Picnic Coordinators needed

**12 September:** Fall Auction

**11 October:** Confederate Philately, Trish Kaufmann

**8 November:** Open House and One-Page Exhibits. Len Kasper & Paul Petersen. Len Kasper, Host

**13 December:** Dinner

#### 2016-17 Shows/Events

**Some Sundays Stamp Bourse:** Sunday, 18 December. Farm & Home Center.

**York Stamp Show:** F-S, 20-21 January. Horticultural Hall, York Fair Grounds.

**Lancopex:** F-S, 28-29 April, Farm & Home Center, Arcadia Rd



### Gift Exchanges

There will be two (2) gift exchanges. The value of your new or well-conditioned pre-owned items (ie a good set of Zeppelins) should be \$5-8. These should be items that you would like to receive as a collector or as a friend of the hobby. One exchange is for philatelic items while the other is for non-philatelic items. You may participate in either, neither, or both.

# Musings: New U.S. Issues Available Locally; Thank You Colleagues

How often do we read the letters griping to the editor in *Linn's Stamp News* regarding the non-availability of new stamp issues at their local POs? Often they must visit a round of venues before finding the new stamps, and that's if they are fortunate to find them at all! Some are dissatisfied with The Stamp Fulfillment Center in Kansas City, while others resent having to pay the postage/handling fee to buy U.S. stamps.

Well, if you are a letter writer or just like to gripe, your trials are over. The Bausman Post Office has undergone some recent restructuring. I have been going there regularly for nearly ten (10) years, while club members Doug Milliken and Diane Meek are also regulars. We all appreciate the excellent customer service. And today, Joan and the new acting postmaster, Tammy continue in this fine tradition.

cases that display 39 sheets, booklets, and mini and souvenir sheets of stamps. That's 39 with a capital "3." And I know that they have some others that are not displayed such the Inverted Jenny mini-sheets that served as door prizes at PSLC's Open House last month.



I was very impressed that they had the stamps that were issued at the NY-2016 Int'l Stamp Show including the classic mini-sheet which I found nowhere else but Kansas City.

Tammy says that they are all in stock in addition to some others, and she is continuing with her ordering. I can say that this is the largest selection I have ever seen in a USPOD since I started collecting, and it is right here in town, or right near here anyway.

Unless you live in Bausman or are geographically gifted, you'll want to know where Bausman is. It is a small development adjacent to and west of the Manor Shop-

ping Center on Route 999 toward Millersville. The PO triangulates with the shopping center and Planet Fitness. It is quite cozy, and it is full-service.

**Bausman Post office**  
**220 Rosedale Avenue**  
**Bausman, PA 17504-9998**  
**(800) 275-8777**  
**M-F Hours: 8-12, 2-4:30**  
**Saturday: 8-2**



At this time of the year I like to extend my appreciation to those who have helped with the newsletter in a variety of capacities. Kudos go to Proofreader Carol Petersen and Circulation Assistant-1 (CA-1), Diane Meek. President Hal Klein, Secretary Diane Meek, and Treasurer Lou DiFelice have been diligent in their monthly articles and reports, and Hal has often done some extra double duty with an additional column, *The*

*Pennsylvania Philatelist*. Douglas Milliken has supplied many of the digital photos for this periodical. Others who have submitted insightful prose include Dick Colberg, Dave Hunt, Dr. DiComo, and Al Schaub. Many thanks, colleagues. ❖



What's new at Bausman is the availability of a large selection of new stamp issues. There are two wall

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Please clip this dues notice, complete it, and turn in to Lucy Eyster at the January meeting with \$10.00. You may also send it to her at 503-B, 2001 Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601

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