



Perforations



The last of the donated stamp collection was sold by our president to a dealer for \$50.00. The total net for this year's auction is \$1,246.38.

The August meeting will be held in the Lobby Meeting Room - bring cookies and snack food if you can and we will continue the various discussions started in July (British coins and stamps, where to hold the Winter Brunch and next year's auction).

The September meeting will cover British Coins and Stamps and is scheduled in the Library's Conference Room.

As always, feel free to bring stamps for show, trading or for sale.

Treasures' Report: Checking - \$2,212.17; Savings - 1,531.65; Total - 3,743.82

Our current definitive series is referred to as "The Distinguished Americans" - a set issued by the United States Postal Service which was started in 2000 with a 10¢ stamp depicting General Joseph Stilwell.

This sets currently now comprises of 12 individuals on 15 stamps with the latest honoring Mary Lasker:

Scott #	Description	Date of Issue
3420	10¢ Joseph W. Stilwell	2000 August 24
3422	23¢ Wilma Rudolph	2000 July 14
3426	33¢ Claude Pepper	2000 September 7
3427	58¢ Margaret Chase Smith	2007 June 13
3427A	59¢ James A. Michener	2008 May 12
3428	63¢ Scientist Jonas Salk	2006 March 9
3430	75¢ Harriet Beecher Stowe	2007 June 13
3431	76¢ Hattie W. Caraway	2001 February 21
3432	76¢ Hattie W. Caraway	2001 February 21
3432A	76¢ Edward Trudeau	2008 May 12
3432B	78¢ Mary Lasker	2009 May 15
3433	83¢ Edna Ferber	2002 July 29
3434	83¢ Edna Ferber	2003 August
3435	87¢ Albert Sabin	2006 March 9
3436	23¢ Wilma Rudolph (booklet)	2004 July 14

With the proposed emergency rate hike possible later this year, we may see additional stamps added to the series.

Just who were these individuals (and when is the Scott catalog going to renumber this expanding group)? We'll take a quick look at four of the individuals in this series ...



Scott 3420

General Joseph Warren Stilwell (March 19, 1883 – October 12, 1946) was a United States Army four-star General best-known for his service in China and Burma. His contempt for formal military dress, his concern for the enlisted man, and his caustic personality would gain him two sobriquets: "Uncle Joe" and "Vinegar Joe" (for his very exacting critiques and observations).

In WWI he served as an intel officer in France after which he served three tours in China, where he became fluent in Chinese, and was the military attaché in Peking from 1935-39. From 1939 to 1942 he held infantry.

Commands. Stilwell's was Commander in China-Burma-India, which was hampered by two factors: the theater's lower priority and the delicate political problems. Chiang Kai-Shek, was interested in conserving his troops and supplies for use against the Communist forces in a later civil war. Stilwell let known his opinions; getting him in hot water on many occasions.

At the end of WWII, he commanded the ground forces in the closing battle for Okinawa and then assigned to lead an investigation of the Army's modernization in light of its recent experience. Stilwell died of stomach cancer on October 12, 1946 at this post.

Local Stamp Shows

SOLARPEX '09
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall
1435 So. 92nd St, West
Allis, WI
August 22-23

MSDA Show
Wingate Inn
600 Milwaukee Ave
Prospect Heights IL
October 3-4

TOSAPEX '09
St. Aloysius Gonzaga Hall
1435 So. 92nd St, West
Allis, WI
October 24-25

CHICAGOPEX 2009
Sheraton Northwest
3400 West Euclid Ave
Arlington Heights IL
November 20-22



MSDA Show
Wingate Inn
600 Milwaukee Ave
Prospect Heights IL
December 12-13

Next meeting:
7-PM on Tuesday 25 August 2009
at the Warren-Newport Library
224 North O'Plaine Road, Gurnee IL



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