



Columbia Philatelic Society

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March 2024 Newsletter

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Commentary and updates: It's already March so spring is near, with our famously hot summer to follow.

We had a great meeting in February. Maybe a few missed out because of the change of weekends. Join us this month and get to meet everyone or renew acquaintances and friendships.

We had our second auction of the year in February with lots of worldwide material for sale. Those who collect many different countries found some gems among the lots offered for bid. Don't forget, our auction is a great way to offer your duplicates to other members. Got something you no longer want? Bring it to the auction. You can keep the proceeds or donate the sale price to the club.

I realize many of our members collect stamps from the U. S. and may not have found much to bid on during our auctions. If this is you, let me know what you would be interested in buying and we'll make the membership aware.

In a few weeks, Jerry Emanuel will be sending a roster of our members to everyone outlining name, email address and areas of collecting. If you want to opt out of portions of this information or not being listed at all, let him know. His email address is on the front of this newsletter.

Our next stamp show is scheduled for August 17 – 18. We'll need volunteers to help out, so put the dates on your calendar. We also need more people to exhibit. Whether it's one panel or multiples, your collections should be shown. Each panel holds 16 pages, but it doesn't mean you must fill the panel. If you need assistance let Bob Anderson or any officer know.

Fred McGary

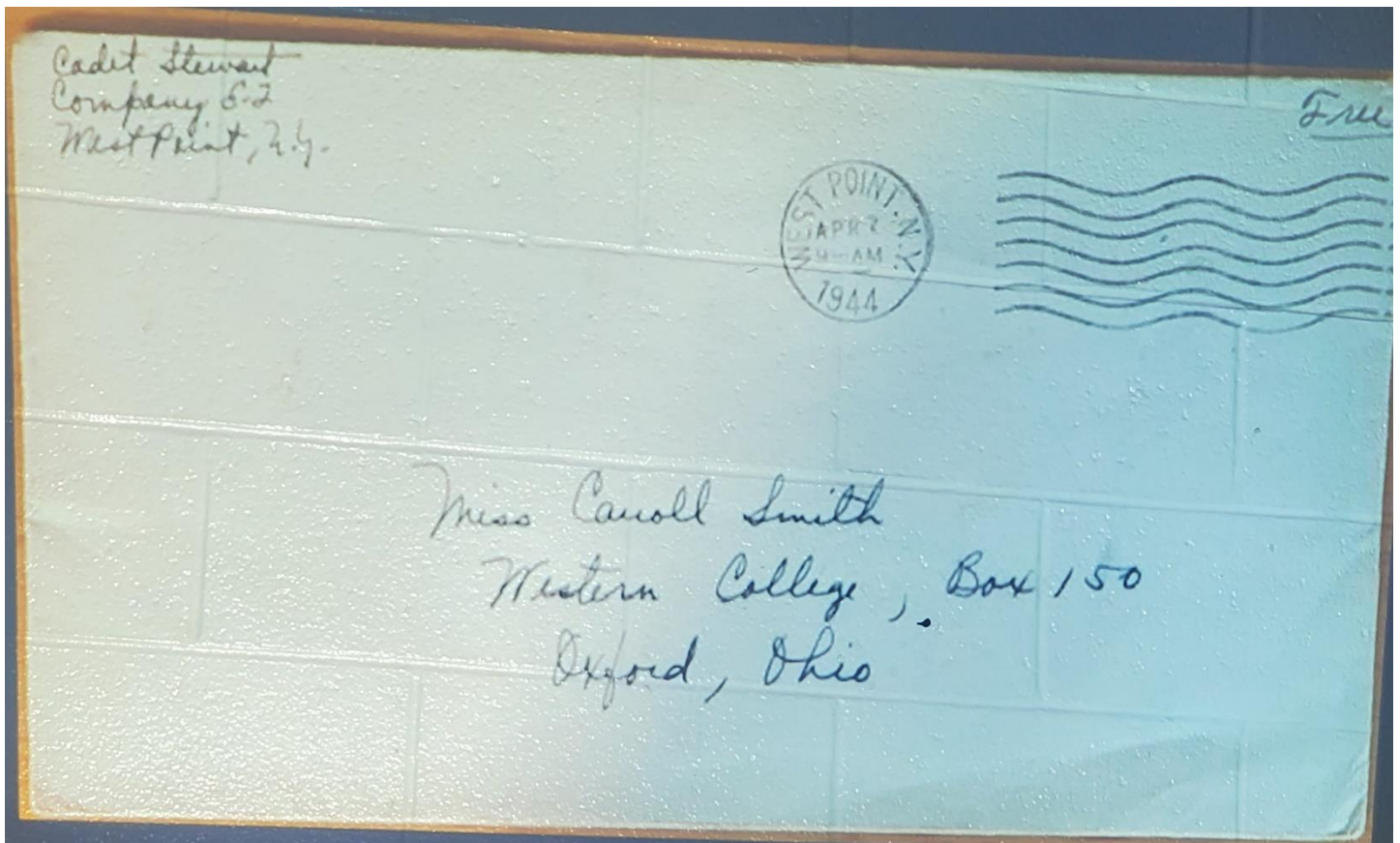


The next meeting will be **Sunday, March 17**, 2 p.m. at the TRI-CITY LEISURE CENTER, 485 Brooks Avenue, West Columbia.



A very Happy Birthday to: Bruce LaFleur (6); Fred Davis (11); Annette Metz (18); Jerry Emanuel (22); Les Hall (24); Francois Mongeon (26); Louise Moeller (30). Congratulations and many, many more.

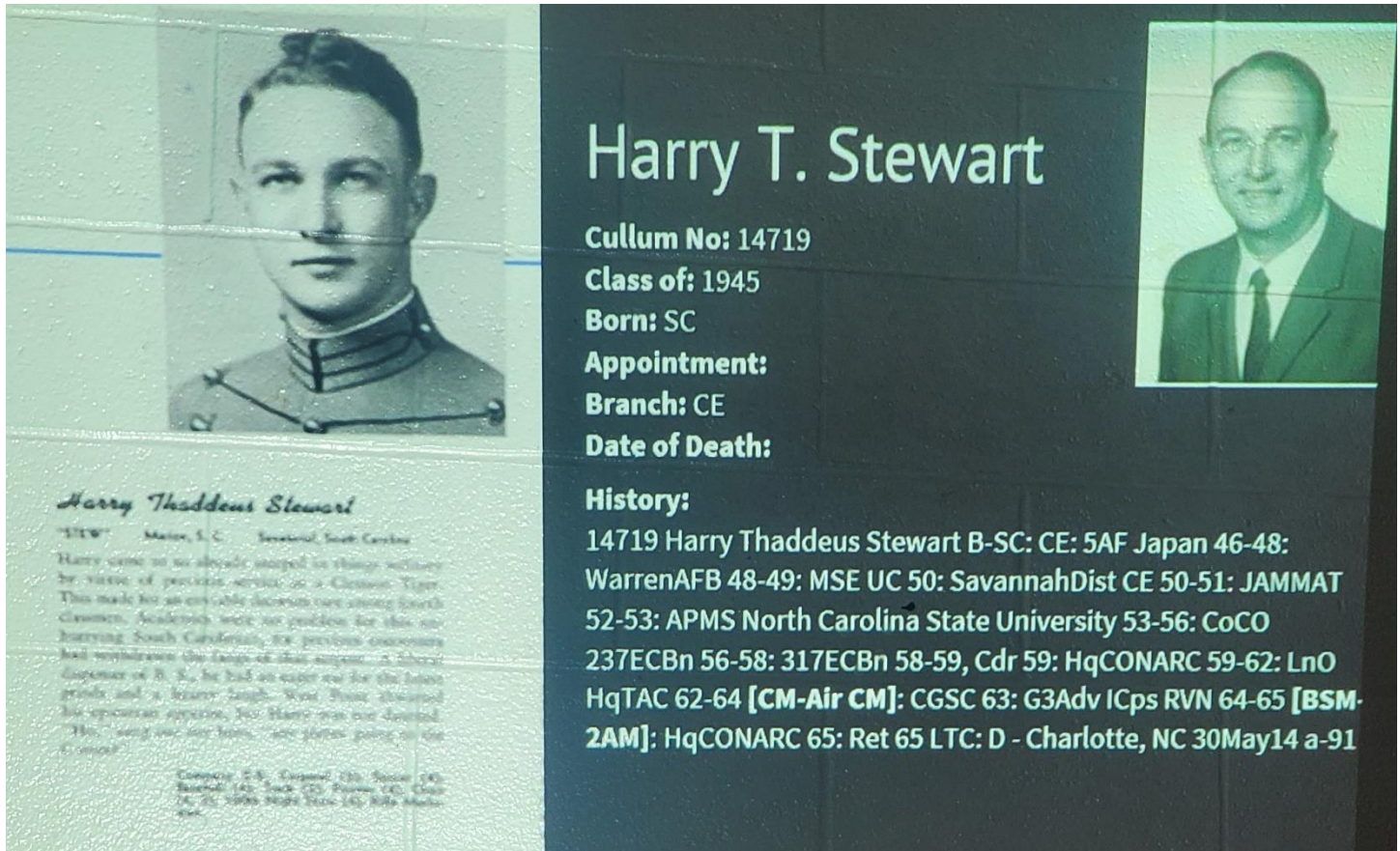
SHOW & TELL:



“This is a cover I bought from Mick Zais, who collects West Point material,” said Rick Miller. “What’s unusual about this cover is the franking. It’s free.”

Miller said the date, 1944 is during WWII and cadets got free postage, or franking. This letter was sent by Cadet Stewart in April of that year.

“My wife and I looked up this person and found Cadet Stewart was from Marian, South Carolina. He died in 2014 at the age of 91,” he added.



Harry T. Stewart

Cullum No: 14719
Class of: 1945
Born: SC
Appointment:
Branch: CE
Date of Death:

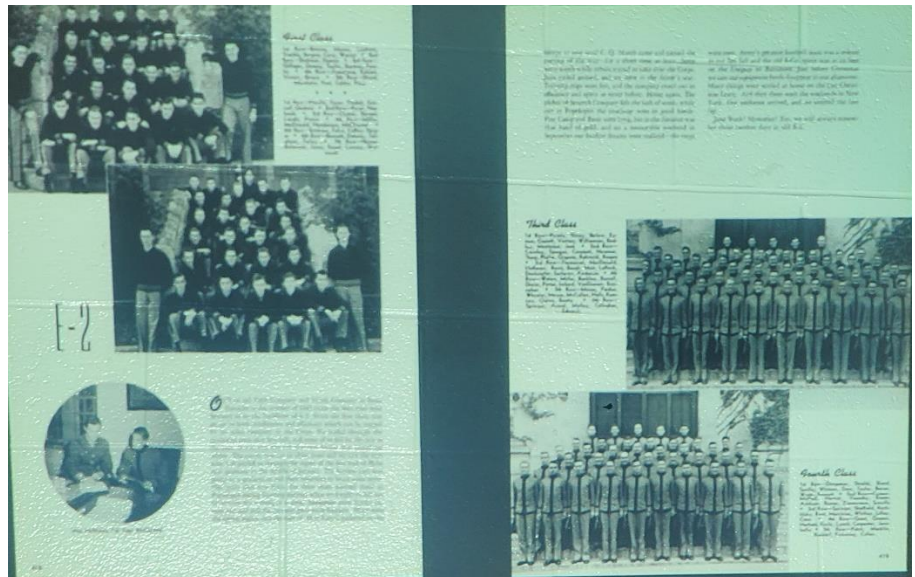
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 52-53: APMS North Carolina State University 53-56: CoCO
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Harry Thaddeus Stewart
 "HTW" Marian, S. C. Graduated South Carolina
 Harry came to us already equipped in things military
 by virtue of previous service in a Cavalry Troop.
 This made for an excellent discussion over among fourth
 classmen. Academics were no problem for this ex-
 Cavalry South Carolinian, his previous experience
 had strengthened his knowledge of the subject. A third
 semester of B. A., he had an upper ear for the latest
 trends and a heavy load. What these advanced
 his reputation as a student. His Harry was the fourth.
 His "way out" for him, not getting into the
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This picture, according to Miller, is from “Howitzer,” the yearbook. Usually, a fellow cadet writes the biography. That’s his graduation picture. “The other picture is from the newspaper obituary,” said Miller, “he was part of the class of 1945.

“In this photo, you’ll notice the company spread,” Miller said, “there was first class, third class and fourth class from senior to freshman.


They skipped 2nd class that year to graduate more officers directly into the Army to fight.”





REDRICK DUANE MILLER E-2
 Temple Hills, Maryland Lieutenant
 One of the few members of the Cadet Band to last
 of all four years. Rick eventually rose to the coveted
 position of Vice President, where he was "instru-
 mental" in running the band. A die-hard fan of the
 U.S. Skins, and hockey, Rick will long be remembered
 for his loyalty, bright sarcastic wit, and dedication,
 all most of all for his unquestioned friendship.

Cadet Band 4, 3, 2, 1 (Vice Pres-
 ident), Protestant Ushers and Acco-
 untes 4, 3, 2, 1, Scoutmaster
 Council 2, 1, German Civ 4, 3, 2,
 CPAC 4




“This is my yearbook picture and my company mates when I graduated,” Miller mentioned, “Every year when you graduated you got to pick where you wanted the picture taken for the yearbook.” Miller said this was the second photo taken because after they took the first picture, and the administration saw it, he and his pals didn’t think they would graduate. He did graduate in the class of 1985.

Rick Miller

PROGRAM: Fred McGary told of his time working for the Delcampe Company. “Sebastian Delcampe was the founder of the company. He was a computer programmer back in the early days of the internet, and also, a stamp collector. He set up a small web page where he was trading stamps with his friends,” he said.



Fred said Delcampe decided to make this a full-time business. In 2000, he started selling stamps and post cards online. He was trying to compete with EBAY which had a high fee base. “I started using Delcampe just before I retired around 2005. I was selling my leftovers, paquebots and British Colonies collection,” he said. His wife was happy, he said, because it

was paying for an annual vacation. Two years later, she said, “how come you have more stuff now than when you started?”

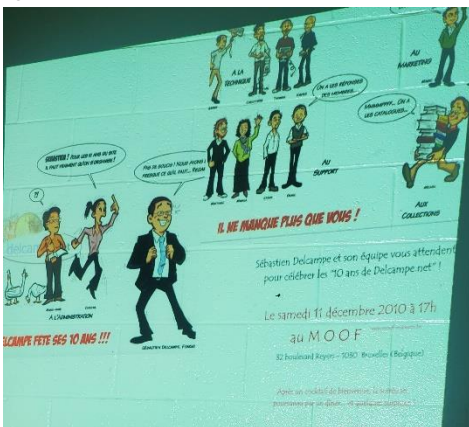
He added, as stamp collectors, we go to stamp shows and find things we ‘must’ have or items we can sell for a few extra dollars.

A picture of 100 influential philatelic people was published in 2022 and Delcampe was one of those individuals.

“I went to the Pittsburgh American Philatelic Society show and, as I walked into the arena, I heard Delcampe yell, ‘Hi FMCG, how are you doing?’” Back in the day, McGary said, there were websites asking for critique’s of various websites. On the first page of the U. S. Delcampe website was my picture providing the testimonial. “Delcampe saw my picture every time he checked his website,” McGary added.



McGary went to Paris for a French national show, just to have something to do that weekend, he said. “Well, everyone knows my wife works for an airline, so for \$50 round trip...you just can’t turn that down.” He stayed in the City of Lights for a couple of days and went to the show. Delcampe was surprised to see Fred, who told him he had come to Paris “just to see him.”



This is the postcard for Delcampe’s 10th anniversary.

There was a competing show during STAMPEX in London in the spring of 2011. Delcampe asked McGary to come to London and work the second show.

In 2012 Fred was sent to a currency show in Chicago one weekend where he met Jeremy. I showed him Delcampe’s website. The next morning, he said, “I signed up last night and I sold something already.” I asked if he knew the difference between a comma and a period between the U. S. and Europe? On the Continent a comma is the same as our decimal point. Jeremy put several cards on the website that were worth about \$1,000 and listed them \$1,050. They came up on the website as \$1.50. He sold about three of them like that. When made aware of the mistake, he wrote the guy an email and straightened everything out.

He told one story about flying. Every time he flew it was stand-by. If the plane was full, you didn't get on. He went to a stamp and coin show in Memphis one summer and he was supposed to fly home via Charlotte, but the first flight from Memphis was full.

"I finally got to Charlotte and I'm in the back of the plane. By the time I got off and got to the gate, my flight to Columbia had left. I stayed overnight thinking I'd fly home the next morning. There were five flights to Columbia, but they were all expected to be full. So, I thought, I'd fly to Philadelphia and then back to Columbia. I couldn't get to Philly, so I wound up flying Charlotte to Houston to Philadelphia to Columbia." That's nothing, he said, "I went to Los Angeles one weekend to visit a friend and on the way home I saw all three New York airports."

Fred McGary

ROSTER INFORMATION: This is what the roster will look like:

NAME:	EMAIL:	COLLECTS:
Bob Anderson	suziepeperlaurie@yahoo.com	US used, stamps & postal history Christmas and worldwide
Jerry Emanuel	jemassoc2@gmail.com	Autographed First Day Covers
Fred McGary	fred@fmcgary.com	US, M & U
Rick Miller	frohdrick42445@gmail.com	Scouts, West Point, Space (Star Wars)

HOW I GOT STARTED: Every collector has a story about how they became a collector. We've already published a few of them but we need more. Many are entertaining. Some are amazing. Every story is unique. Let me tell yours. Email it to me TODAY!

Jerry Emanuel