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Holiday Flashes - 2017

Another Year of Stamp Collecting

2017 has been another busy year for the Passport Club. Many new stamps have been added and information for their availability at each location has been kept up to date. Many thanks to our sixteen district volunteers who keep in touch with the lighthouses and to those of you who take the time to inform us of recent changes we are not aware of. As of today, we have 613 lighthouses, life-saving stations, museums and lenses with stamps. This includes 34 states, Puerto Rico and 3 Canadian provinces. Michigan (89) leads the way followed by New York (66) and Maine (64). With multiple stamps at the same location and different stamps available at other locations there are more than 1,000 stamps out there, making it easier than ever to achieve awards. This is why we created a new level of accomplishment - the Diamond Circle award plus three wings which require a total of 660 stamps. An additional level - the Pharos of Alexandria level is already in the works. The number of Club members is now approaching 5,000 and continues to grow each month. More stamps and more members mean more donations and more folks learning about lighthouses. Since these are two of the reasons we started the stamp program, it seems we are headed in the right direction.

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to all of the new additions to the Hall of Fame and to those who have moved up the award levels. It is great to see that ALL of those achieving the first level (I've Seen the Light) did so with all stamp books! An additional shout out to James Hill who recently donated a copy of all of his stamps to the Society. When you visit the Point No Point Lighthouse you can see what 1,121 stamps looks like. James, along with John "Mac" MacFarland and Al King, has been very instrumental in making the stamp program what it is today. If you see any of them on the lighthouse trail, ask to see their collection and thank them for all of their ideas and support. Photo at right was taken on the 2013 Society tour of California. At that time, they only had about half the stamps they now have. So, you can see what can be accomplished in 4 years!



If you received more than one patch since the last listing; you are listed under the highest patch achieved. Asterisks indicate total number of all stamp flags achieved. As always, if you find any errors in the listings below or on the website, please let us know.

I've Seen the Light (60)

Carol Blake*
Tim Gross*
Michael Guare*
Terence C. Herzog*
Amanda Janeczek*
Phil & Kathleen Puckett*
Cailin Schiller*
Craig Spoto*
Sue Stempky*
Jayna Tincher*
Jerold VanKirk*

Silver Star (120)

Reggie Dubay**
Marina Fayer**
Sharon Jones
Dave McAfee*
Nathan Myers**
Joyce Pellam & Gary Walter**
Amanda Smeller
Nicholas Tallman*

Gold Star (180)

Carol Ann Caslow**
Christopher Dufford**

Platinum Circle (240)

Bob & Marilyn Zimman****
Dave Lindamood***

1st Wing (300)

Bill Bates***
Kevin Keith***

2nd Wing (360)

Russ Katje*****

3rd Wing (420)

Palmer Kane (7)*
Karl & Linda Mack (7)*
Carole McCoy (7)*

Diamond Circle (480)

Randy Chase (7)*

5th Wing (600)

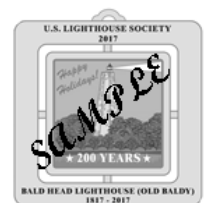
Burch Alford (10)*

6th Wing (660)

James Hill (18)* (1,121 stamps)
John MacFarland (18)* (1,080 stamps)

Holiday Stamp Offer for Club Members Only

The 2017 USLHS holiday ornament features the Bald Head Island Lighthouse (Old Baldy) which is celebrating its 200th year anniversary. As we have since 2012, we have created a special stamp with the same image as the ornament **for Club members only**. These stamps can be used as part of an all stamp passport book. The cost is only \$5 each and all proceeds are used to help defray costs of the Passport Program. If you missed the previous Holiday Stamps featuring the Boston Harbor, New Dungeness, Cape Ann, Southeast Block Island and Fire Island Lighthouse you can obtain all five for only \$20. Just complete the following order form and submit with your payment. Please note that you need to **send in a Self-Addressed Stamp Envelope** with your request and payment in order to receive your stamp(s) by return mail.



For more information about obtaining the ornament itself; please visit: <https://uslhs.org/2017-holiday-fundraiser>

See You Next Year



This is the final issue of Stamp Flashes for 2017. We will be going dark until the spring of 2018. All of us here at the USLHS Passport Program wish you and your families a joyous holiday and a most prosperous New Year!





The United States Lighthouse Society

Passport Club – 2017 Holiday Offer Order Form

Please print, fill out, and mail the form below with your payment and SASE to:

U.S. Lighthouse Society
Passport Stamps – Holiday Offer
9005 Point No Point Road NE
Hansville, WA 98340

Holiday Stamp(s) Order Form

Quantity

_____ 2017 Bald Head Island Holiday Stamp - \$5 each

_____ Previous Holiday Stamps - 2016 Boston Harbor, 2015 New Dungeness, 2014 Block Island Southeast, 2013 Cape Ann Twin Lights, 2012 Fire Island Set of all 5 - \$20 (Please note: These are not being sold individually)

_____ Donation to help support the Passport Stamp Program

_____ Total Amount Enclosed

Remember to include a self-addressed stamp envelope to receive your stamps by return mail.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Email _____

Check # _____ Cash Enclosed _____

Visa/MC # _____ Exp: _____ 3 Digit Sec. Code _____

**So that we can batch process all orders,
Stamps will be mailed in January 2018.**