

Eagles

on

United States

Postage

Eagles in a Military Context

and Official Postage
Part 2



Eagles on United States Postage



Eagles in a Military Context



The outbreak of World War II in 1941 brought the issuance of several stamps with eagles. The first of these was the “Win the War” issue of 1942 with the eagle's wings spread in a symbolic “V” for victory. In 1946 a stamp featuring the infamous “ruptured duck” on the pin issued to veterans appeared.



The Army issue of 1943 picturing American troops parading through the Arc de Triomphe in Paris after its liberation has eagles in the upper corners.



The American Legion's fiftieth anniversary stamp of 1969 features a large eagle as a major part of the design.



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The 1974 Veterans of Foreign Wars fiftieth anniversary stamp shows a small eagle in the center of the organization's seal. Eagles on drums of the Revolutionary War era are shown on the 7.9¢ bulk rate coil stamps of 1976.



On the 1983 Medal of Honor stamp, there is a small eagle just below the blue ribbon serving to attach the medal to the ribbon on the left hand medal. Not all the armed services use the same medal.



In 2002 a stamp was issued honoring the United States Military Academy at West Point. A large eagle tops the Academy's crest.



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The winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor during World War II were honored on Veteran's Day, 2013 by the issue of two se-tenant stamps in a special folio format. The design of the medal for the Army and Air Corps shows an eagle below the ribbon, while the Navy and Marine Corps version does not. The folio has a pane of eighteen stamps on its face and two more on the back, illustrated above, which are surrounded by photographs of the twelve surviving winners of the medal. Sadly, two of these passed away between the dates of design and issue of the stamps. The inside pages have a list of all the World War II awardees of the Medal of Honor.



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“For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty.”



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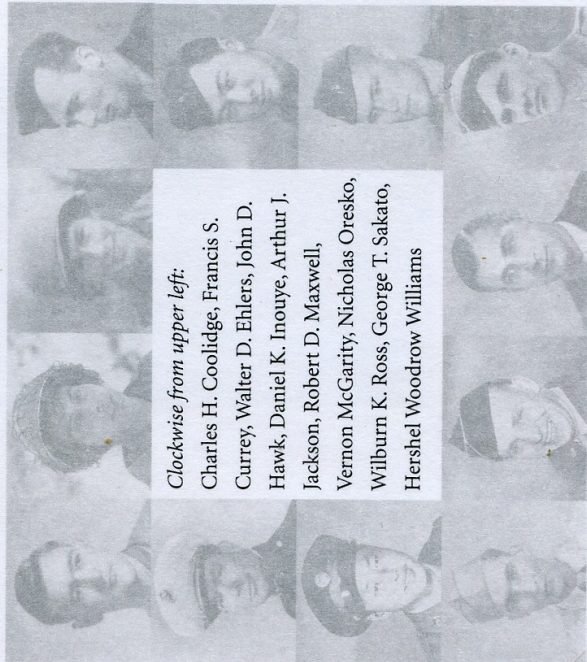


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MEDAL OF HONOR / UNITED STATES OF AMERICA /

THE MEDAL OF HONOR, the nation's highest award for valor in combat, is presented "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty." More than 16 million people served with the American armed forces during World War II, but only 464 were singled out to receive the Medal of Honor.

In January 2012, the U.S. Postal Service invited the last living recipients of the award from World War II to join in honoring the extraordinary courage of every individual who received the Medal of Honor for his actions during the war. The men pictured here agreed to participate in this momentous event. Sadly, Senator Daniel K. Inouye and Vernon McGarity died before the stamps could be issued. Their photographs are still included, as they remain among the last representatives of a remarkable group whose courage and devotion we honor with this issuance.



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The Congressional Medal of Honor Winners from the Korean War were honored in June, 2014 by the issuance of a special stamp folio in the same format as the one used for the World War II honorees. The thirteen surviving winners all agreed to participate in the first day of issue ceremony. Four of them unfortunately passed away before that date. The stamps themselves are distinguishable from the previous issue only by the inclusion of the date, 2014, on the lower left corner of the selvage, replacing the 2013 on the lower right.



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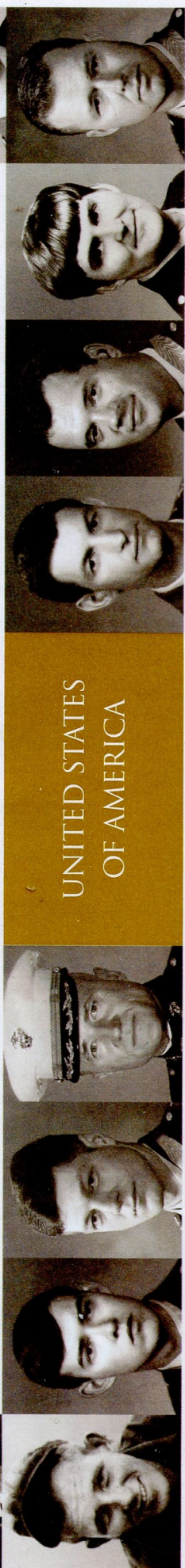
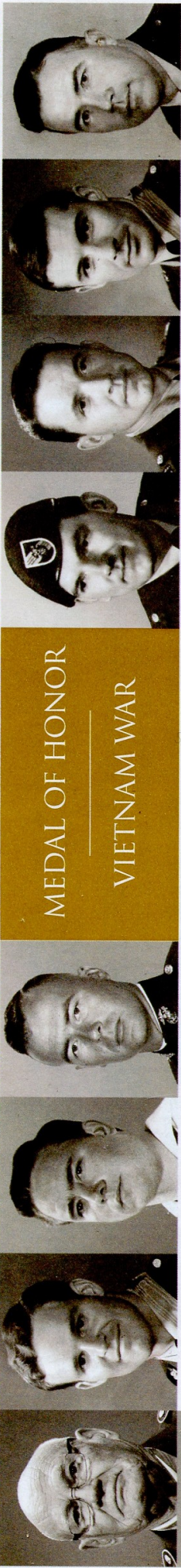
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An entire sub-category can be created just from eagles on military headgear. Earliest of these is the 5¢ denomination of the Navy Series of 1937. The cadet on the right side has a barely visible eagle on his cap.



The eagle is a lot easier to see on the John Philip Sousa stamp of the Famous Americans Series issued in 1940.



Here are the "Women in Our Armed Services" issue of 1952 and the very similar "Armed Forces Reserve" stamp of 1955. The "Women" stamp has an eagle in the emblem on each of the caps, while the "Reserve" stamp has only two. The Armed Forces Reserve issue in addition has a large eagle in its background.



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A commemorative stamp depicting General Douglas MacArthur was issued in 1971, again with a prominent eagle.



Pioneer airman Billy Mitchell is shown on this 1999 stamp with his World War I era SPAD XIII aircraft.



This recruiting poster by James Montgomery Flagg from the 2001 Illustrators sheet shows an anonymous Marine with an eagle on his hat.



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Definitive issues were not neglected where eagles on military hats were shown. General John J. Pershing of World War I fame and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, hero of the Pacific theater in World War II both display their badges on their headgear.



A whole flock of eagles showed up on the 1997 commemorative stamp honoring women in all branches of the military services.



In 2005, individuals were shown again, this time in a block of four se-tenant stamps honoring Distinguished Marines. The men were well known for their service during World Wars I and II as well as the Korean conflict. "Chesty" Puller's colonel's insignia and the almost invisible badge on Daly's hat are complete. Lejeune and Basilone show only the feet on their hats.



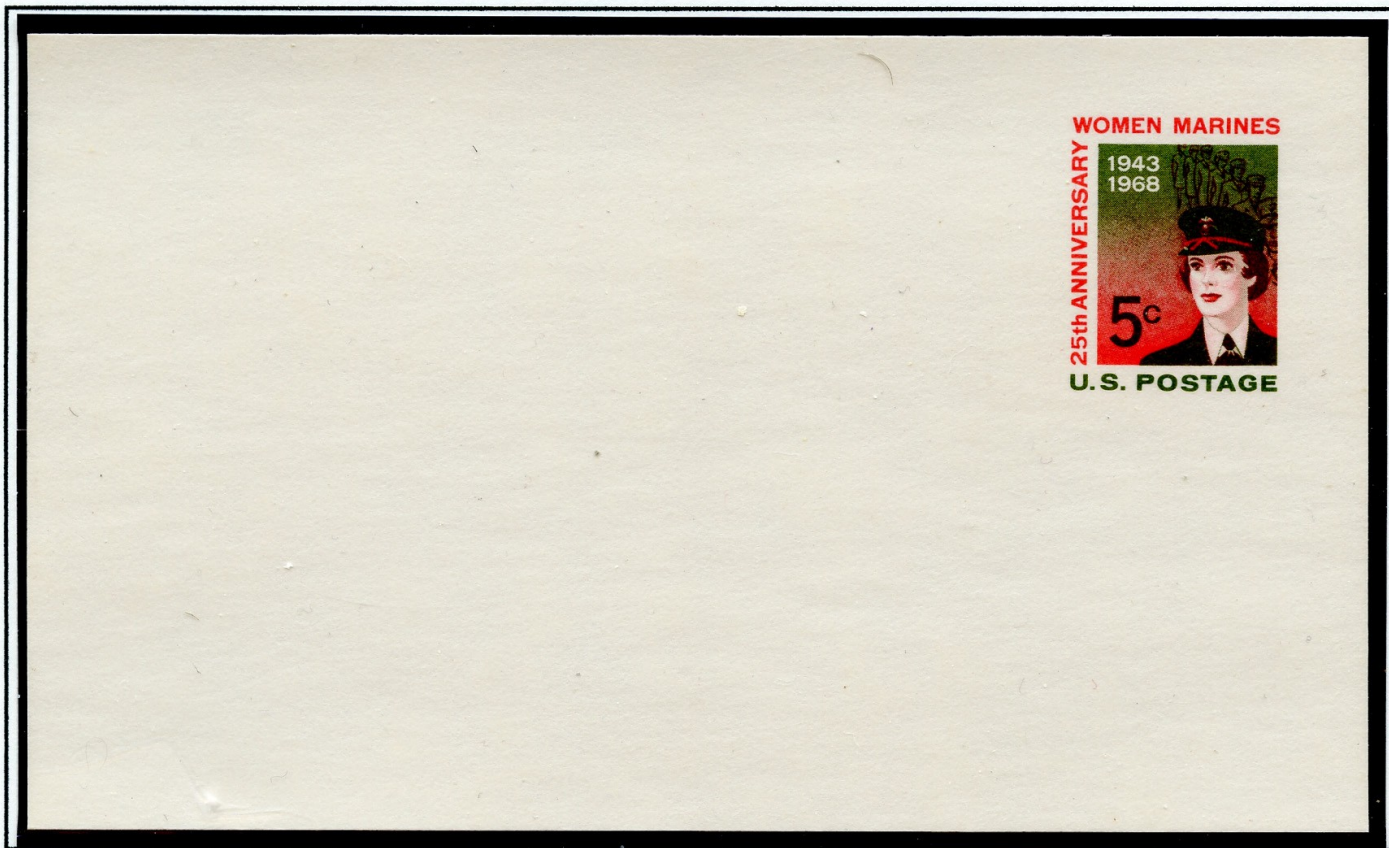
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Issued in 1964, this postal card commemorates the 175th anniversary of the United States Coast Guard, with an eagle on its flag.



Another example of an eagle on military headgear shows up on this card honoring Women Marines, issued in 1968.



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Distinguished Sailors were honored in 2010 on a block of four stamps similar to the Distinguished Marines issue of 2005. Admiral Sims shows the lower part of an eagle on the insignia on his cap. John McCloy's stamp has an eagle at the top of the crest of the ship named after him, the destroyer USS McCloy. The other two stamps have no eagles.



Oveta Culp Hobby became Director of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC, later WAC), in World War II, the first women in the armed services in uniform except nurses. She attained the rank of colonel and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the first woman to do so. She was named the first Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare by President Eisenhower. The badge on her cap is a large eagle. This stamp was issued for the first class second ounce rate.



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Each of the military branches has its own medal which it may award to its members on the basis of extraordinary heroism in performance of duties. It is the highest ranking decoration short of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

The members of the Marine Corps, as part of the Department of the Navy, receive the Navy Cross. The Coast Guard Cross is the most recent addition to the set.

This set of four stamps, issued on Memorial Day, 2016, recognizes the courage and devotion to duty of the awardees of the Cross medals. Of the four, only the Air Force Cross has an eagle in its design.



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Department of the Interior.
UNITED STATES PENSION AGENCY,
NEW YORK, N. Y.

The United States Pension Agent,

NEW YORK,

N. Y.

RETURN PENALTY ENVELOPE.
This envelope can be used free of postage only for the
return of pension vouchers to the pension agent.
If mailed in a foreign country the legal rate of postage
must be paid.

Eagles on Official Stamps

After official stamps were discontinued in 1881, the gap was filled in many of the governmental agencies by the use of franked envelopes. The listings are beyond the scope of the Scott catalog, so only a single example, that of the Interior Department is shown. If they were used on other than official business, they were required to have stamps of the regular postage rate applied.



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Eagles on Official Stamps



Official stamps, to be used only by authorized agencies of the federal government, were reintroduced in 1983 after having been discontinued for over a century. The reason was to better keep track of the postage used. All of the modern types bear the seal of the United States, and no distinction is made between different departments, as it had been in the 19th century. The first series was printed from engraved plates.



OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Penalty for Private Use \$300



*Eagles on
Official
Stamps*

In line with the new designs for official stamps, this rendition of an eagle began a new series of stationery.



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Eagles on Official Stamps



Rate changes brought about new additions to the series in 1985, including the first official stamp to have a "letter" rate, the "D" for postcards. As in the 1983 issues, the stamps were from engraved plates



*Eagles on
Official
Stamps*

This 22¢ #10 envelope was issued in 1985 in accordance with the new first class rate.

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Official postal cards were issued in 1983 and 1985 at 13¢ and 14¢ rates, respectively



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Eagles on Official Stamps



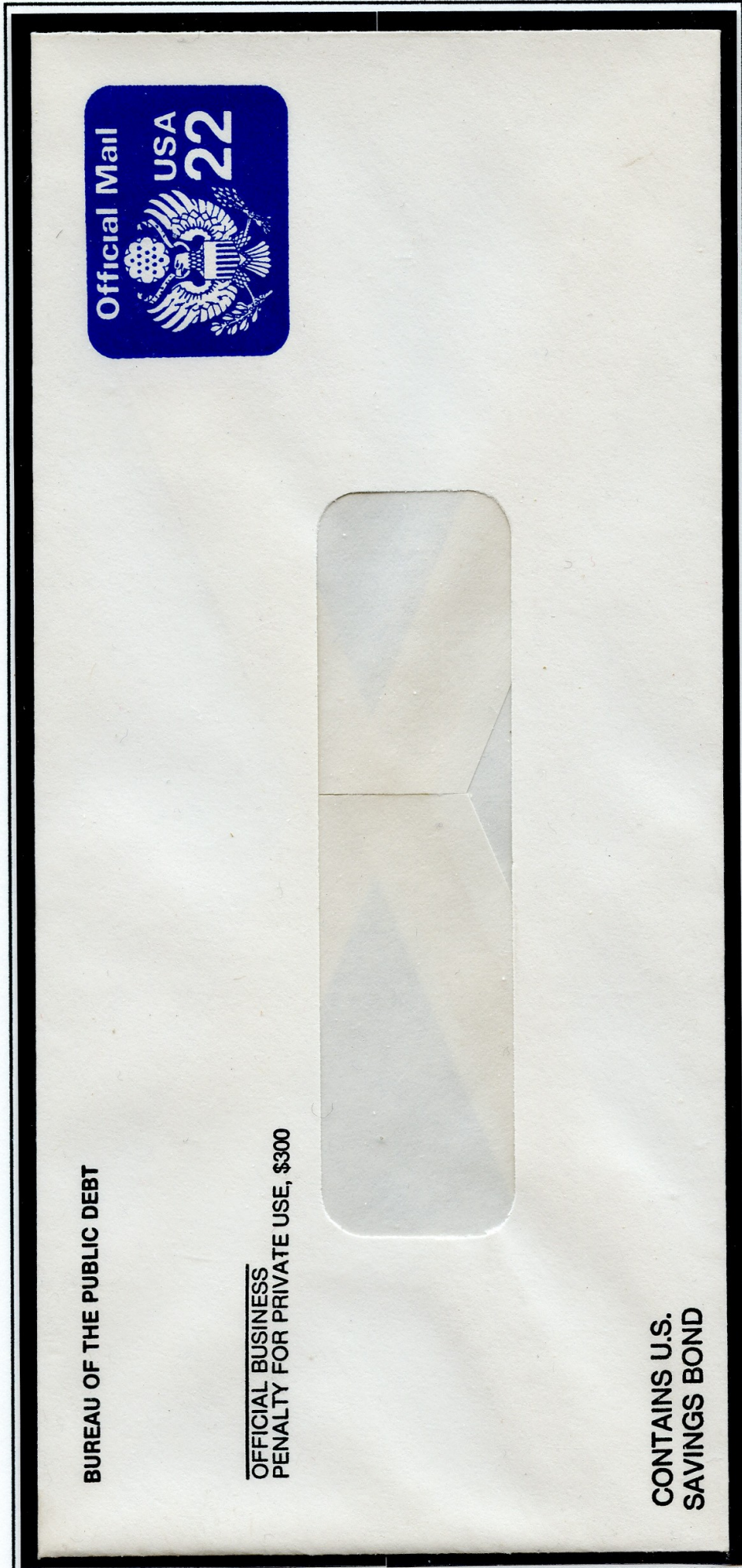
A new series was introduced in 1988, but the plates were no longer engraved. The new types were all coil stamps, but in 1989 a 1¢ value was issued in sheet form.



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Eagles on Official Stamps



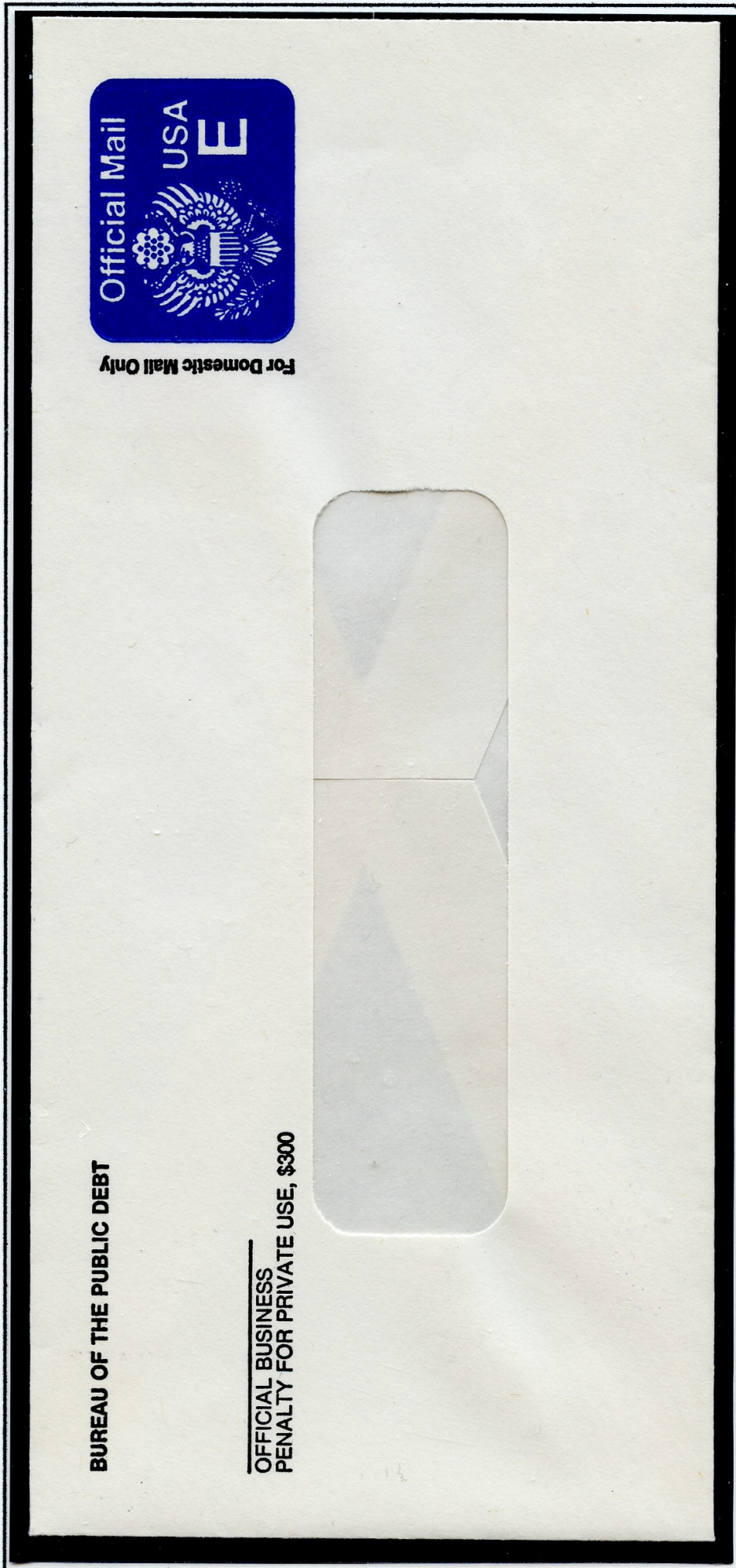
The new 22¢ first-class rate was also used on the envelopes for U.S. Savings Bonds in 1988, but it was redesigned with more detail in the eagle.



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The new 25¢ first-class rate in 1988 led to the production of this envelope, which was used exclusively for the mailing of U.S. Savings Bonds.



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Eagles on Official Stamps



Official
Mail
25
USA

BUREAU OF THE PUBLIC DEBT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

This 1988 issue replaced the provisional "E" envelope with a printed 25¢, and again was used only for bonds.



Official
Mail
25
USA

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
Penalty for Private Use \$300



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Official
Stamps*

The 25¢ rate #10 envelope was issued in 1988 to conform with the rate increase.



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Official Business
Penalty For Private Use \$300

Official Mail
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USA



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Official Business
Penalty For Private Use \$300

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In 1988, a new multi-colored eagle appeared, then a similar design in 1991 for a rate change.



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Official
Mail
45
USA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

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Official
Stamps*

The State Department had a special size envelope, issued in 1990, which came in 45¢ and 65¢ denominations and two types. The first type of each was printed by lithography and the text in the seal illegible.



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Official
Mail
65
USA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

*Eagles on
Official
Stamps*

This is
the 65¢ variety
of the State
Department
lithographed
envelope, from
1990.



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Official
Mail
45
USA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

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The second type of the 1990 45¢ State Department envelope shows the text in the seal quite clearly.



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Official
Mail
65
USA

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE. \$300

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The 65¢ value envelope also was printed with increased resolution in the seal text, as shown here.



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Another increase in the rate to 29¢ in 1991 extended the series still further, and the new additions were the “F” and 29¢ coil stamps.



From 1991 to 1993, five more sheet stamps were issued, a new innovation being the inclusion of microtext beneath the eagle on the 10¢ and \$1.00 values, which is a repeated “USA1993”



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Eagles on Official Stamps



Official
Mail

F

USA

For U.S. addresses only

Bureau of the Public Debt

Official Business
Penalty For Private Use \$300

The increase in the rate to 29¢ was the reason for this envelope with an "F" rate which was used to mail savings bonds in 1991.



Official Mail



USA
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Official Business
Penalty For Private Use \$300



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Official
Stamps*

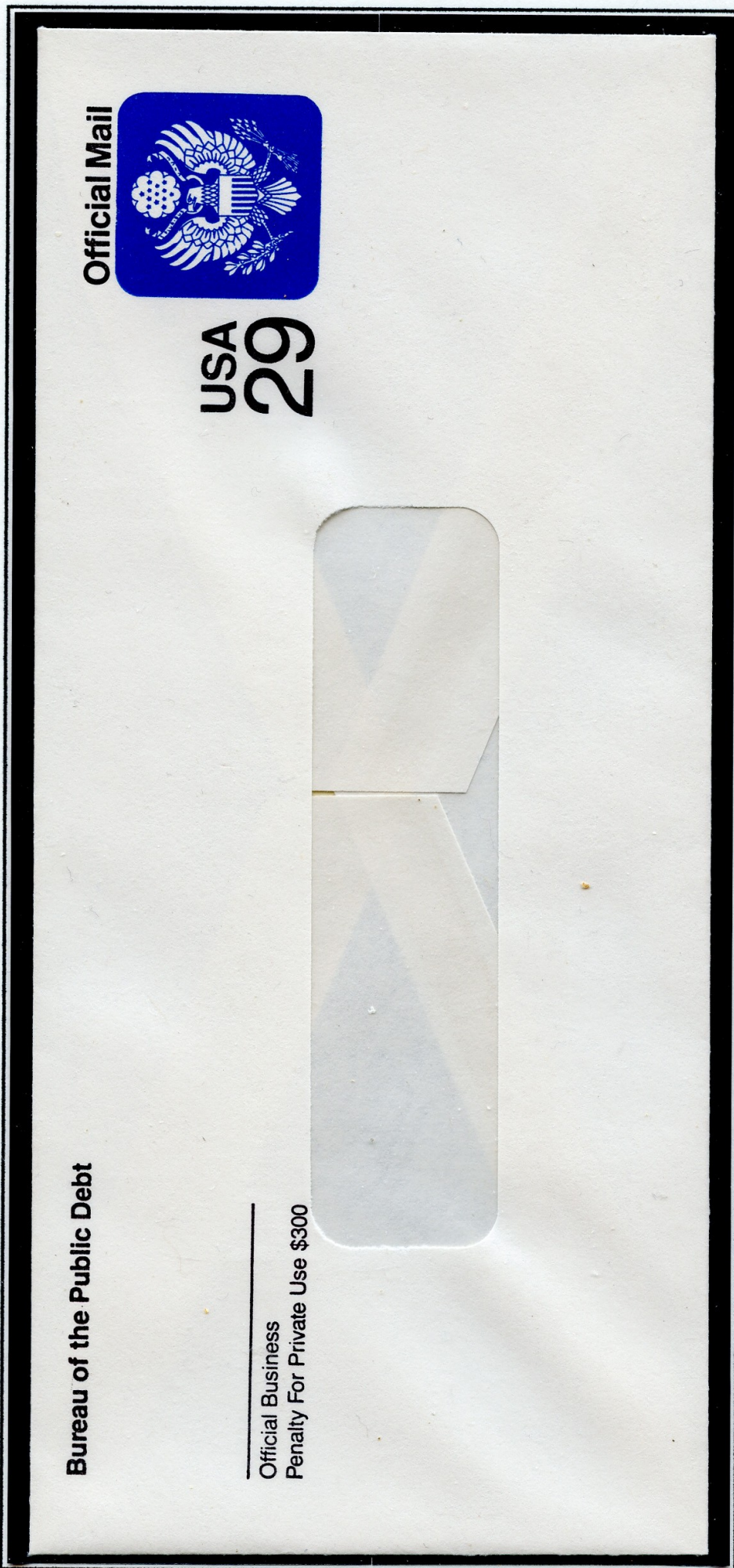
The new 29¢
first class rate
required a new
envelope in
the #10 size in
1991.



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Eagles on Official Stamps



The provisional "F" envelope was replaced in 1991 by this envelope with a 29¢ indicia.



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The 32¢ rate brought the issue of the provisional “G” rate coil in 1994 and the 32¢ stamp in 1995. All official stamps from the 32¢ and afterward now have microtext under the design, with the letters “USA” alternating with the year issued.



1995 also saw the issue of three sheet stamps to fill other new rates.



A new coil stamp was required to meet the 33¢ first class rate in 1999.



Official Mail



USA
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300



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Official
Stamps*

A new #10 size envelope was required when the rate was increased to 32¢ in 1995.



Official Mail



USA
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300

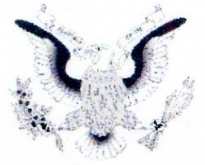


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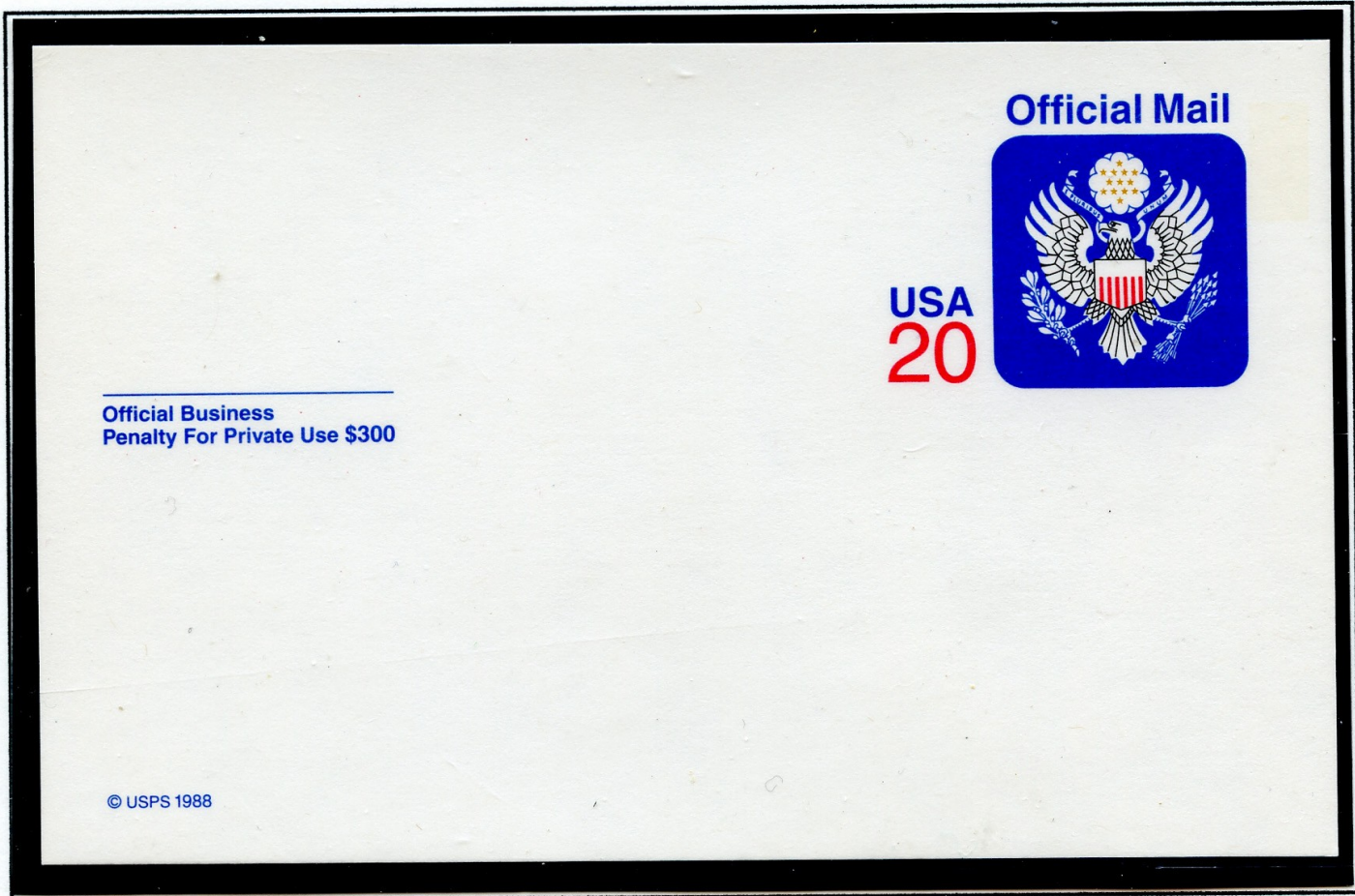
A jump to 33¢
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Eagles on United States Postage



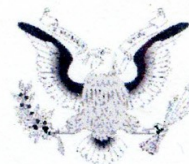
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To comply with the post card rate increase to 20¢ in 1995, this new official card was issued.



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Eagles on Official Stamps



The new 34¢ first-class rate increase was the reason for the issue of another coil stamp in 2001. A jump to 37¢ in 2002 brought another new stamp. The 37¢ began a design change with a new solid blue background and the microtext was dropped.



A rate change in 2006 brought about the 39¢ coil stamp. Note the new solid background. A penny increase in 2007 led to the issue of the coil stamps for the 41¢ rate, issued in 2007.



The 2006 \$1.00 sheet stamp appeared with new microtext reading "2006 Official Mail USA" and no separate year date. The 2009 1¢ stamp added a year date at the lower left, removed the microtext, and is the only official stamp in self-adhesive form.



Official Mail



USA 34

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300



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The increase to 34¢ required another new denomination envelope in 2001.



Official Mail



USA 37

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300



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The 3¢ jump in first class postage saw the introduction of this 37¢ rate envelope in 2002.



Official Mail



USA
39

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300



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The 2006 rate increase to 39¢ was the cause of this issue in the new rate.



Official Mail



USA
41

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300



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2007 brought another increase, this time to 41¢, and this envelope was issued in response.



Official Mail



USA
42

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE \$300



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Another penny
rate increase is
the reason for
this 2008 issue.



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The 42¢ rate brought the end of an era in the printing of special stamps and stationery for use with official mail. No stamp was printed for that rate, only the envelope, and neither for the rise to 44¢. The Postal Service is now using meters on its official mail, as shown by the example above.

The End