

Air mail service throughout the United States and the world had been well established by 1941. In an effort to provide proper and convenient postage to satisfy all existing rates, the government issued this series of the "Twin Motored Transport Plane."



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Air Post Stamps DC-4 Skymaster Issues

1946



This first issue of the DC-4 Skymaster was issued to accommodate the decrease in the air mail rate from 6 cents to 5 cents.

1947



In an effort to find a stamp size that was convenient for postage, coils, and booklets, the government issued this reduced size DC-4 Skymaster stamp.

1949



Issued to conform to the new 6-cent air mail rate, this DC-4 Skymaster issue maintained the same size and format of its 5-cent predecessor.

On November 1, 1946, new international air mail rates were put into effect prompting the issuance of this three-stamp set.

10¢



Issued to conform to the new air mail rate for service to Latin American countries.

15¢

Issued to conform to the new air mail rate for service to Europe and the Middle East.



25¢



Issued to conform to the new air mail rate for service to Africa, the Far East, and Pacific areas.

1948

New York City



Issued in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the consolidation of the five boroughs that formed New York City in 1898.

1949

Alexandria Bicentennial

Hailing the 200th anniversary of the founding of Alexandria, Virginia, in 1749. The famous Gadsby's Tavern served as General George Washington's headquarters in the Revolutionary War.



Wright Brothers



Issued in honor of Orville (1871-1948) and Wilbur (1867-1912) Wright, who on December 17, 1903, made the first successful motor-powered flight at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.

Conforming to the international air mail rates, established in 1947, these three issues celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union, established in 1874-1875. This organization, now a United Nations agency (1947), determines the procedures used for the reciprocal flow of foreign mail.

Post Office Department Building



Globe and Doves Carrying Messages



Boeing Stratocruiser and Globe



Hawaii and Diamond Head



This special issue was designed to satisfy the air parcel post rate between the United States and Hawaii.

Powered Flight



Honoring the 50th anniversary of the first powered flight made by the Wright Brothers on Kill Devil Hill in 1903. That flight covered 852 feet and lasted only 59 seconds. Today we circle the world in hours.

Eagle



Issued primarily for use on domestic air mail postal cards.

Eagle



Issued for the rate increase from 4 cents to 5 cents for domestic air mail.

1957-60

Air Force



This issue celebrates the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Air Force on August 1, 1907. The Air Force became a separate military unit in 1947 and today is staffed with over 600,000 men and women.

Silhouette of Jet Airliner



Issued to conform to the increased air mail rate, the color was later altered to facilitate handling.

Alaska Statehood



This issue was released in conjunction with Alaska's admittance into the Union as the 49th state on January 3, 1959.

Balloon Jupiter



Celebrating the 100th anniversary of John Wise's balloon flight from Lafayette to Crawfordsville, Indiana. In his balloon, Jupiter, Wise carried mail for delivery.

Pan American Games



Valued at the international air mail rate for delivery to Latin American countries, this issue celebrates the 3rd Pan American Games held in Chicago, Illinois.

Hawaii Statehood



This issue celebrates the admittance of Hawaii as the 50th state on August 21, 1959.

Symbols of Freedom

This series, conforming primarily to international air mail rates, served as beacons of hope to people around the world. Depicting some of our nation's greatest symbols of freedom, these issues served as testimonials to the American Ideal.

Liberty Bell



Cast in London, England, the Liberty Bell arrived in America in 1752. It was placed in the bell tower of Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Liberty Bell



The Liberty Bell has been rung on many historic occasions, including the announcement of the Declaration of Independence on July 8, 1776. The famous "crack" in the Liberty Bell reputedly occurred in 1835 while tolling for the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall.

Statue of Liberty



The full name of the State of Liberty is "Liberty Enlightening the World" and was a gift to the United States from France.

Statue of Liberty

The 152-foot-tall Statue of Liberty was designed by the French sculptor, Frederic Bartholdi (1834-1904) and given to the United States in celebration of the 100th anniversary of American Independence.



Abraham Lincoln



This issue celebrates Lincoln, the Emancipator, and the famous words from his Gettysburg Address that reminds us — people are the government.

Air Post Stamps 1962-1963

Jet Airliner Over Capitol



Designed by Henry K. Bencsath, this issue conformed to the new air mail domestic rate of 8 cents per ounce.

Eagle



In compliance with the new air mail postal card rate of 6 cents, this issue, designed by V. McCloskey, Jr., was released.

Montgomery Blair



(1813-1883) Blair, a prominent lawyer, served as Postmaster General under President Lincoln. In 1863 Blair headed the First International Postal Conference in Paris, France.

Amelia Earhart



(1898-1937) Issued in honor of Amelia Earhart, an American pioneer of aviation. In 1928 she was the first woman passenger to fly across the Atlantic. She later became the first woman to pilot a solo transatlantic flight (1932).

Alaska Purchase



Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the purchase of Alaska from Russia. Secretary of State, William Seward (1801-1872), purchased the resource-rich lands of Alaska in 1867 for \$7.2 million.

Robert H. Goddard



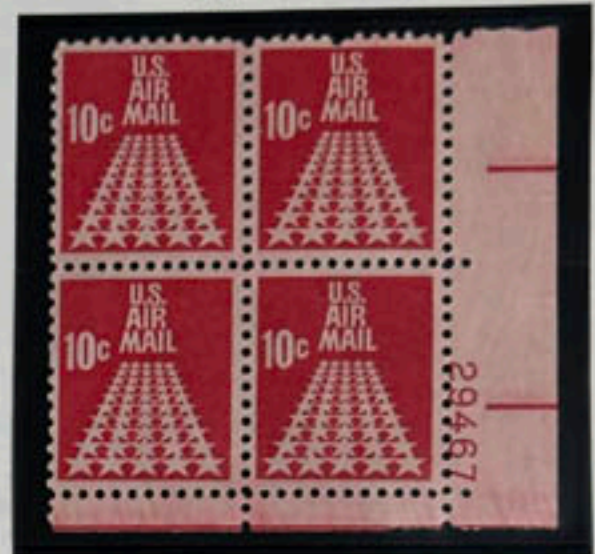
(1882-1945) Considered by many to be the "Father of the Space Age," Goddard designed and launched first liquid-propellant rocket in 1926. Many of his ideas and plans have paved the way to our present rocket, missile, and space programs.

Audubon Birds



This issue, commemorating the works of the famous artist-ornithologist, John James Audubon (1785-1851), was released to satisfy the increased air post rate to Europe and Mediterranean Africa.

Fifty-Star Runway



Issued to satisfy the new domestic air post rate which was increased from 8 cents to 10 cents.

Silhouette of Jet Airliner



Domestic air postal card rate.

50th Anniversary of Air Mail Service



Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first scheduled air mail flight in May of 1918. The first air mail service route was flown between New York City and Washington, D.C. It is interesting to note that the cost in 1918 was 24 cents versus the 10¢ charge in 1968.

USA and Jet



Designed by John Larrecq, this issue was used on air post to Europe.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Air Post Stamps

1969

First Man on the Moon



1969, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin landed on the lunar surface and became the first men to walk on its surface.

These special issues paid for both air mail and special delivery services. Both issues feature the Great Seal of the United States, yet the earlier single blue color was changed to facilitate more effective handling of this special service mail.

1934



1936





1944
Post Office Motorcycle



1944
Post Office Motorcycle



1951
Post Office Truck



1954
Special Delivery Letter, Hand to Hand



1957



1969
Arrows



1971
Arrows



Certified Mail Stamps

1955



This issue's purpose was to inform the public of the Post Office's "proof of delivery" service. The stamp was discontinued in 1957 but the service still remains.