



Confederate Stamp Alliance

E-Newsletter - April 2019

**Have you made
your plans yet?**

The [Civil War Postal Exhibition & Symposium](#)* is generating great excitement in the philatelic world.



This event is sponsored by the Confederate Stamp Alliance in conjunction with the American Philatelic Society. It will be held at the American Philatelic Center in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. **Free admission. All are welcome!**

October 24-26, 2019 - Thursday, Friday, Saturday

- World Series of Philately show with 125 competitive frames plus a court of honor. Winner eligible for 2020 Champion of Champions, Friday-Saturday.
- Dealer bourse comprised of 11 dealers and auction houses emphasizing postal history from both sides of the war, Friday-Saturday.
- Symposium featuring four dynamic guest speakers, Friday-Saturday
- Dedication of the Kaufmann Civil War Room, Thursday evening
- Welcoming reception at Big Springs Spirits,** Thursday evening
- Closing reception and catered awards dinner, Saturday evening

** This event is made possible by a grant from Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries and financial support from H.R. Harmer GPN and Schuyler J. Rumsey Philatelic Auctions.*

*** Opening reception sponsored by Daniel F. Kelleher Auctions.*

FAIR WARNING:

- **Over 100 frames are already committed.** If you plan to exhibit, the time to enter is **NOW**. The exhibit prospectus and application may be downloaded from the event website.
- It is strongly advised that you **book your hotel room** now as well. The online booking tool on the event website makes this a breeze.
- Seating at the **Awards Banquet** is limited. Avoid disappointment and reserve your seats now.

It is also advisable to pre-register for the show, although you may register when you arrive, if you are a procrastinator. All information available on the [event website](#).

If you want to take the chance that this is just hype, you need do nothing. But we wouldn't recommend it.



**Doug Weisz Wins Single-Frame
Champion of Champions With
First Exhibit**

At the annual single-frame competition at AmeriStamp Expo 2019 (the APS "Winter Show," this year held in Arizona in combination with Aripex), member Doug Weisz won the Single Frame Champion of Champions (C of C) award for his terrific exhibit "New Orleans in the Confederate Mail System."

APS photo

As described by the title page, his exhibit illustrates the handling of mail in New Orleans, La., “from the first day the Confederate States assumed their own postal system to the occupation of New Orleans by Union troops: June 1, 1861 to April 25, 1862.”

With his first-ever exhibit, Doug competed against 28 other single-frame grand award winners. He qualified in December 2018 at Florex in Kissimmee, Florida. Well done, Doug!

Doug is also the new Alliance advertising manager, a life-long collector and a full-time postal history dealer. He is frequently joined on the show circuit by his lovely wife, Miriam. They moved to New Orleans a few years ago, where they immediately became an active and integral part of the philatelic scene there.

The annual meeting of the Alliance was held February 1-3, 2019, in Sarasota, Florida. Thanks are due the local hosts, Tom and Sandy Lera, for coordinating this annual convention with the Sarasota National Stamp Exhibition 2019.

The following awards were presented during the Southern Supper at the Indigo Hotel.

The CSA Trophy, which is the top exhibit award given by the Alliance, was presented to Dr. Daniel Knowles. Dr. Deane Briggs presenting a CSA medal to Dr. Daniel Knowles. The actual award was shipped.



Photo courtesy of Dr. John L. Kimbrough. A plethora of medical professionals who collect Civil War material.

- The Haydn-Myer Award for Service was presented to Robert Rufenacht for his continued service on the CSA website.
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- The August Dietz Award was presented to Deane R. Briggs MD for his book *Florida Postal History During the Civil War*.
- The CP Writers Award was presented to Steven M. Roth and John L. Kimbrough MD for their article "Stampless Provisional Covers Having Charge Box or Similar Notations" in the 2nd Quarter 2018 issue of the *Confederate Philatelist*.

CSA members who exhibited at the convention also received the following show awards:

- "The Development of the Confederate States of America (CSA) Postal Services" -- Daniel M. Knowles -- CSA Trophy, APS Large Gold Medal, American Philatelic Congress Award, Postal History Society Award, United States Philatelic Classics Society Award, and Collector's Club of New York Award of Merit.
 - "A Two-fold Study of West Virginia Postal History: The Civil War and Statehood" -- C. Wayne Farley -- CSA General's Award, APS Gold Medal, and Collector's Club of New York Award of Merit.
 - "Confederate Advertising Covers" -- Larry Baum -- CSA Trustee's Research Trophy and APS Vermeil Medal.
 - "Arkansas 1861-1865: A Divided Postal System" -- Bruce Roberts PhD -- CSA General's Award and APS Gold Medal.
 - "1861 United States Post Office Operating in the Seceded States" (one frame) -- Jerry Wells -- CSA William G. Bogg Memorial Award and APS Vermeil Medal.
 - "New Orleans in the Confederate Mail System" (one frame) -- Douglas Weisz -- CSA President's Trophy, APS Large Gold Medal, Court of Honor.
 - "Confederate States 2¢ Rates and Fees" (one frame) -- Clifford Alexander -- CSA Conrad L. Bush Memorial Award and APS Gold Medal.
 - "Edged in Black - Mourning Covers in the Confederacy" -- Paul Bearer (AKA David Savadge) -- CSA Robert A. Siegel Memorial Award and APS Large Vermeil Medal.
 - Patricia A. Kaufmann was awarded the Literature Reserve Grand Award and an APS Large Gold Medal for her article "Civil War Prize Court Mail: Profit and Bounty on the High Seas Led to Philatelic Treasures" in the April 2018 issue of *The American Philatelist*.
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The site of the 2020 annual convention is planned for Napex 2020 in Tyson's Corner, Virginia, June 5-7, 2020. The local host is Randy Smith. More information as it becomes available.

CSA Trustee, and our English representative, John Walker would be happy to arrange an Alliance dinner for members attending the London International Stamp Exhibition May 2-9, 2020. He may be contacted through the [Alliance website](#).

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