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Friedrich von Steuben (1730-1794)

From a column written by Francis Ferguson, Jr. in Lambda Philatelic Journal, 2001, Vol 20, No1.

Baron von Steuben was born into a military family in the Prussian town of Magdeburg on September 17, 1730. There is little recorded information of his early life; he was educated at a Jesuit school in Breslau and entered the service of the king and army at the age of sixteen. Steuben rose quickly in rank, paying very close attention to the study of “the arts of war”.

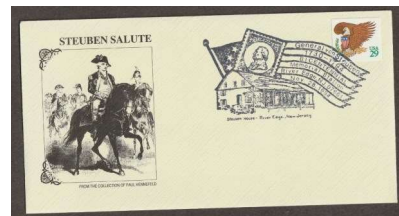
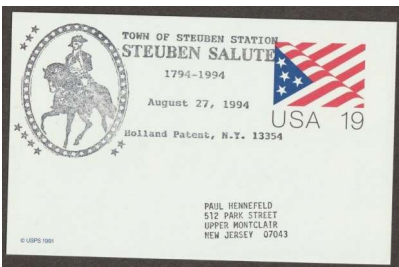
During this period of his life, he was noticed by Frederick the Great. King Frederick is widely considered to be one of the greatest military leaders of our times, and to Steuben’s immense benefit also homosexual. However, Steuben ran afoul with the clergy for “taking familiarities with young boys, which laws forbid” and was at risk of being prosecuted. This event was the single driving force behind Steuben’s search for a more tolerant land.

On December 1, 1777 the Baron von Steuben arrived in Portsmouth, New Hampshire with his male seventeen year old private secretary, Pierre Etienne Duponceau, to whom he was romantically attracted. Steuben quickly became a critical part of George Washington’s inner circle of highly regarded individuals. Washington in 1778 recommended the appointment of Steuben as Inspector General, and Congress quickly approved this nomination. This laid the ground work for Steuben to prepare the acclaimed “Regulations for the Order and Discipline of the Troops of the United States”, which became a standard of reference for military training for the United States military organization.

Steuben continued to serve Washington, as commander of one of the three divisions of Washington’s troops at the pivotal battle of Yorktown. As the Revolutionary War concluded, Steuben continued to provide assistance as he helped Washington to demobilize the army in 1783, and also to plan the defense of the newly freed nation. He was discharged from the military in March of 1784 with honor.

Steuben established residency in New York with his two aides-de-camp, William North and Benjamin Walker, who he

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Cancel used in River Edge, NH for the bicentennial of von Steuben’s death. Paul Hennefeld designed the postmark portion of the cancel. The drawing of the Steuben House was done by Claire Throll of New Jersey.

On September 17, 1930 Baron Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben was honored with the release of the two cent red (Scott 689) for his participation in the American Revolution.



1930, US, #689



1980, Germany-Berlin, #9N455



1976, Aitutaki, Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown



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The **objective** of GLHS is to promote an interest in the collection, study and dissemination of knowledge of worldwide philatelic material that depicts:

- Notable men and women and their contributions to society for whom historical evidence exists of homosexual or bisexual orientation,
- Mythology, historical events and ideas significant in the history of gay culture,
- Flora and fauna scientifically proven as having prominent homosexual behavior, and

Even though emphasis is placed on the above aspects of stamp collecting, GLHS strongly encourages other philatelic endeavors.

PUBLICATION SCHEDULE:

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April 2025	March 15
July 2025	June 15
October 2025	September 15

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Thank you for renewing your membership in Gay and Lesbian History on Stamps and for recognizing the importance of supporting your philatelic community. Your continued participation and financial support are essential as we continually strive to strengthen our organization.

Membership dues for 2024 continue at \$10.00 a year. You may make your dues payment online via PayPal at <http://www.glhsonline.org/pages/onlinememberform.html>.

You may also make dues payments via check or money order payable to GLHS to the Treasurer, Laurie Anderson, 646 169th St. S., Spanaway, WA 98387.

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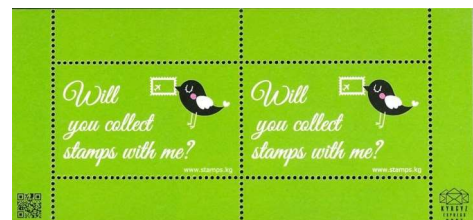
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- Social Media Committee to explore options for group open and/or closed online communications/meetings such as Google, Instagram, twitter, blogs, go-to meeting, HipChat, etc.
- GLHS Journal Editor
- GLHS Journal Columnists
- Index GLHS journal articles since 2018
- Give presentations in person or virtually
- Coordinate GLHS Socials
- Maintain membership
- Advertising Committee
- Submit articles, journeys, cover/postal history write ups, travels and philatelic events



Designer of the UN LGBTQ Equality stamps to be at 1st UN Postcrossing event in NYC



The United Nations Postal Administration will host a pop-up meetup Oct. 9, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to celebrate World Post Day and the 150th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union. The Chief of UNPA Thanawat

Annajanan and the designer of the UN UPU 150th Anniversary stamps Sergio Baradat will be present to greet guests and stamp collectors and will be available to autograph the stamps and related products.

Baradat is also the designer for the 2016 United Nations LGBTQ Equality stamps: <https://baradat.com/lgbt-equality-United-nations>



More about the UN 150th Anniversary stamps here: <https://unstamps.org/shop/upu-150th-anniversary/>

More about UN stamps: <https://unstamps.org/>
Please note there is no admission fee required to enter the UN visitor's concourse area where the UN Stamp Counter, Gift Shop, and Bookshop are located. For your reference, here are the details regarding the UN General Visitors check-in and screening procedures: <https://www.un.org/en/visitor-centre-new-york/page/arrival>



How to Exhibit to the World

Create one page exhibits for the ATA competition, then put them together to create an exhibit to enter at NAPEX during WorldPride 2025.

NAPEX 2025 (National Philatelic Exhibitions of Washington, D.C., Inc.) will be held June 6-8. <https://www.napex.org/index.html>



WorldPride 2025 will take place in Washington, DC from May 23—June 8th and feature a vibrant and innovative slate of events and cultural programs that will highlight the best that Washington, DC has to offer. The World Pride Parade will be on June 7 and The Rally & March on June 8. <https://worldpridedc.org/about/>

Each year, philatelists from throughout the world enjoy creating one page exhibits to be displayed on the ATA website. Last year there were more than 250 exhibits from 19 countries. This year's *My One Page Exhibit!* opens December 15, so it's an ideal time to get started.



Join the creators of the program, Tom Broadhead and Michele Bresso, for tips on creating your exhibit this year.



How to Exhibit to the World - Creating Your Exhibit for ATA's My One-Page Exhibit! Program

Saturday, October 26, 4:00 p.m. Eastern via Zoom

Register at <https://americantopical.org/event-5881928>

GASS Future Dates/Locations

2025 August 14-17, Schaumburg, IL



The hotel for the show will be the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, a Marriott property directly connected to the convention center. The convention center and hotel are located approximately 18 miles from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

2026 Bye – Boston 2026 May 23-30