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MINUTES

DECEMBER 2019 MEETING

PREVIOUS

4 DECEMBER 2019

PRESIDENT'S EVENING: 19:00 – AT HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE

Society members attended a most enjoyable evening as the guests of Werner and Laurette Barnard.



A reminder that subs are payable before the end of January 2020.

FORTHCOMING

8 JANUARY 2020 – PLEASE MAKE A NOTE THE DATE

ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP

This is our fun evening. Bring along any item, exhibit, sheet, stockbook to share with us. Normally the most interesting items are shown on this night. In addition, all members are asked to bring an 8-page exhibit to participate in the Rose Bowl Cup. The winner will be selected by a vote for the most favorite.

12 FEBRUARY 2020

AGM, CUPS, ONE PAGE & LIB CASE

We have our annual election of our One Page winner for the year. A list of all the winners of the monthly One Page exhibits is listed below. The One Page exhibitors must please bring their respective exhibitions along to the meeting – if you are not there or do not have your exhibits, you will not be able to be judged for the respective cups. The winners of the various cups will receive their cup and certificates, as well as certificates for all participating members. Our AGM and election of committee members will also be part of the proceedings.

The following members must please bring along their winning One Page entries:

March 2019	Not held	-
April 2019	"A"	Reanie de Villiers (Alice in Wonderland)
May 2019	"B"	Ida Potgieter (Bathing Bells)
June 2019	"C"	Colleen Potgieter (Chess)
July 2019	"D"	Diederik Viljoen (D – an introduction to DIEDERIK)
August 2019	"E"	Michael Wigmore (Entertainment)
September 2019	Not held	-
October 2019	"F"	Ida Potgieter (Foxy)
November 2019	"G"	Ida Potgieter (Gold ... as in ...)
December 2019	Not held	-
January 2020	"H"	Will be elected at the Jan meeting
February 2020	"I"	Will be elected at the Feb meeting

11 MARCH 2020

AUCTION

We have received some items for an Auction and have scheduled it for the March 2020 meeting. A catalogue will be distributed to all members as soon as it is available.

Behind the Badge

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service

[<https://postalmuseum.si.edu/exhibits/current/behind-the-badge.html>]



Postal Inspector Chuck Kelley is on surveillance. Photo by Postal Inspector Allen McHenry.

The United States Postal Inspection Service—one of our nation's oldest federal law enforcement agencies—protects mail, post offices and postal employees. Inspectors are on the ground and on the job, from restoring postal service after a disaster to capturing drug traffickers and protecting citizens from mail fraud. We can all be partners in prevention, by learning to protect ourselves from fraud, identity theft, and other postal crimes.

Postal Inspection Service

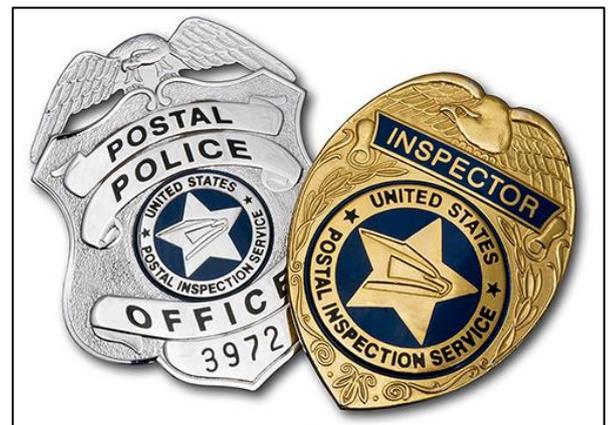


Postal inspector handcuffs a suspect.

The vast postal network makes it easy to share goods and services. But easy access also makes the postal system a target for abuse. The Postal Inspection Service investigates and responds to criminal activity that involves the U.S. Postal Service and U.S. mail.

Each year postal inspectors:

- Educate 123 million customers about fraud prevention
- Handle nearly 115,000 reports of suspected fraud
- Arrest 1,500 people for mail fraud
- Arrest 3,000 people for mail theft
- Arrest 2,500 suspects for drug trafficking and money laundering through the mail
- Arrest 300 people for assaults and threats to postal employees
- Investigate 200 robberies and burglaries of post offices
- Help nearly 50,000 crime victims



Postal Police Officer and Postal Inspector badges

Duties and History

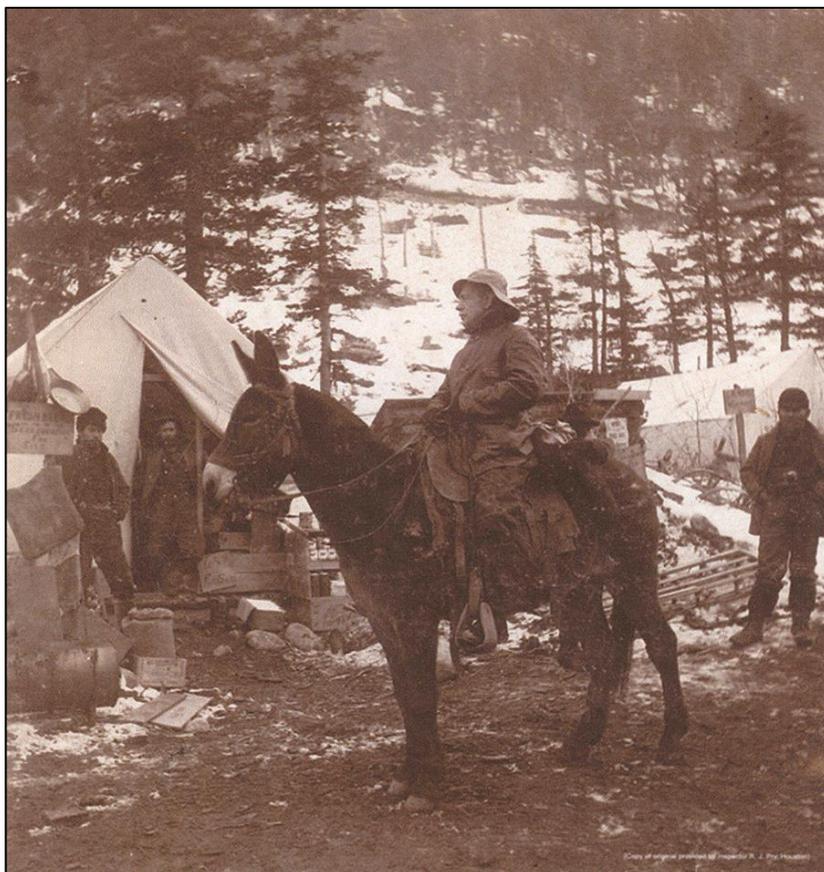
The U.S. Postal Inspection Service has a history nearly as long as the country it serves. On August 7, 1775, William Goddard became the first postal surveyor. His duties helped to ensure the efficiency and security of mail routes.

Today's postal inspectors make arrests and serve federal warrants and subpoenas. They regularly collaborate with other law enforcement agencies, from local police departments to Interpol, to investigate crimes involving the mail, post offices or postal employees.

In 1898, postal officials sent Inspector John Clum to establish post offices in Alaska during the Gold Rush.

Mission

Postal inspectors are federal law enforcement agents whose mission is to protect the U.S. Postal Service, secure the nation's mail system, and ensure public trust in the mail. They have investigative jurisdiction in all criminal matters involving the integrity and security of the mail and the Postal Service. Postal inspectors enforce more than 200 federal laws in investigations of crimes that may adversely affect or fraudulently use the mail, the postal system, or postal employees. They investigate criminal, civil, and administrative violations of postal-related laws.



The Postal Inspection Service is instrumental in returning mail operations to normal after disasters. Inspectors Mark Viggiano and Gregory Botti are not deterred by the power outage while they examine the destruction in the Sea Bright, New Jersey, post office in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, 2012.

What It Takes to Become a Postal Inspector

Fourteen hundred inspectors work with more than five hundred additional professional and supporting staff to fulfil the service's mission. Among the

facilities supporting the service is a state-of-the-art crime lab where forensic scientists conduct fingerprint and handwriting analyses, physical evidence and chemistry examinations, and audio and video enhancements.

Postal inspectors work long and irregular hours. Competition is intense for the relatively few positions. Candidates must successfully complete all phases of the recruitment process and begin their first duty assignment prior to their 37th birthday.

These are the basic requirements to become a postal inspector:

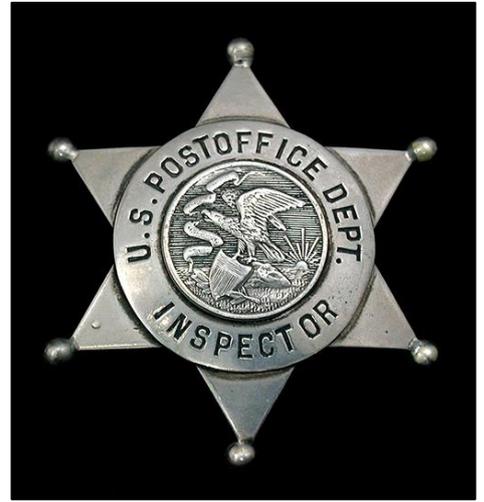
- Be an American citizen between the ages of 21 and 36½
- Interested in an exciting and rewarding career in federal law enforcement
- Possess a conferred, four-year degree from an accredited college or university
- Have no felony or domestic violence convictions
- Be in good physical condition
- Write and speak English clearly
- Be willing to relocate

Postal inspectors are required to:

- Carry firearms
- Make arrests
- Provide testimony
- Serve subpoenas
- Execute search warrants
- Prepare comprehensive reports

History

Post Office Inspector chest badge, c. 1900



The history of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service begins with the formation of the new nation. The first Surveyor General of Post Roads William Goddard was appointed on August 7, 1775 under the Second Continental Congress. The duties of the surveyor helped to ensure the efficiency and security of mail routes. By 1830 an office was set aside for the Post Office Department's special agents. However, before the Civil War, there were few agents available to cover the vastly expanding postal territories. Agents, especially those out west, complained about the Department's slowness in everything from updates of postal regulations to financial reimbursements. There was also a distrust of agents at a time when political parties often used public office as a partisan tool. Postmaster General Jacob Collamer wrote in 1850 that the public believed that inspectors, "while professionally employed in public service, are in fact busy as political emissaries, and in the propagation of party doctrines." A number of postal employees, inspectors included, used their positions to advance a political party's needs, but fortunately for the mail, inspectors' duties in guarding the mail and ensuring optimum operations across the country left little time to be at the beck and call of partisan politicians.

Before the Civil War the inspectors were spread thin across the nation, with only 16 inspectors on the job in 1860. During the war, that number tripled. The number jumped again after President Grant signed legislation in 1873 that added a variety of new criminal acts under the inspectors' jurisdiction. The law, pushed and named for Anthony Comstock, used the Post Office Department to fight obscenity, lotteries, medical quackery, and a host of other ills when the mail was used as part of the crime. The number of inspectors began to rise again.

In 1880, a congressional act changed the title from special agent of the Post Office Department to post office inspector. By 1897, one hundred inspectors were busy keeping the mails safe. Fifteen years later, there were almost four hundred.

Inspectors' duties at the turn of the 20th century were vast. William Vickery, Chief Inspector of the service noted in 1905: "an inspector's territory has practically no bounds. He is a traveling auditor [and] a postal expert, to decide where an office should be located, how fitted up on how many clerks or carriers it may need. He passes on postmasters' bonds, negotiates leases for post office premises ... he displaces postmasters and sometimes must assume control of the office himself ... finding the criminal and evidence to convict him ... he inquires [sic] into all things that demand personal attention and handles many cases where the property, position, reputation, or even the liberty of a citizen is affected by his report."

SUBS FOR 2020

Federation Fee 2020:	R 70 (for Electronic SA Philatelist option)
Society Fee 2020:	R 100 (same amount payable by non-home members)
Juniors:	Free
Total Membership Fee 2020:	<u>R 170</u> (for Electronic SA Philatelist option)
Additional for Printed SA Philatelist:	R 180

Current member discounts have been communicated via email. Please request the details if you are unsure.

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Programs of other societies in the Western Cape

	THE ROYAL
MEETINGS:	Second and fourth Monday of each month at 20:00 at the Athenaeum, Newlands, Cape Town
JANUARY 2020	Information not available
FEBRUARY 2020	Information not available
MARCH 2020	Information not available
APRIL 2020	Information not available
	STELLENBOSCH
MEETINGS:	First Tuesday of the month at 19:00 at Le Donjon, La Societé, La Clemence, Webersvallei Rd, Stellenbosch
JANUARY 2020	Information not available
FEBRUARY 2020	Information not available
MARCH 2020	Information not available
APRIL 2020	Information not available
	PAARL
MEETINGS:	Second Thursday of the month at 19:30 in the MBA Boland building, Concordia Street, Paarl
JANUARY 2020	Information not available
FEBRUARY 2020	Information not available
MARCH 2020	Information not available
APRIL 2020	Information not available
	PINELANDS
MEETINGS:	Last Wednesday of the month at 19:30 in the Activities Room of Pinelands Public Library
30 JANUARY 2020	All members: New acquisitions & favourites
FEBRUARY 2020	Information not available
MARCH 2020	Information not available
APRIL 2020	Information not available
	FISH HOEK
MEETINGS:	First Tuesday of the month at 19:30 at Minor Hall - Civic Centre, Recreation Road, Fish Hoek
JANUARY 2020	Information not available
FEBRUARY 2020	Information not available
MARCH 2020	Information not available
APRIL 2020	Information not available
	CAPE STAMP FAIR (NEW VENUE) & AUCTION (OLD VENUE)
MEETINGS:	Fair: First Saturday of the month from 09:00 – 12:30 at Bellville Valley DRC Hall, c/o Postma & St Andrews Streets, Bellville Auction: From 09:00 – 12:30 at Bergsig D.R.Church, c/o Boland Way & Protea Way, Durbanville
STAMP FAIRS	Stamp Fair dates for 2019 are: Jan 12th, Feb 2nd, Mar 2nd, Apr 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th ** , Aug 3rd, Sept 7th, Oct 5th, Nov 2nd, Dec 7th. ** The Stamp Fair on 6th July WILL RETURN TO THE OLD VENUE (Bergsig DRC Hall) as Bellville Valley was unavailable to us in July 2019.
LIVE AUCTIONS THEMATICSA, WESTERN CAPE	Live Auction dates for 2019 are: Jan 26th, Mar 16th, May 18th, July 20th, Sept 21st, Nov 16th. Meets on Stamp Fair dates from 09:30– 10:30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



NAME	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY
Neville	Smith	2 December
Maureen	Reeves	3 December
Rianneke	Loo	25 December
Johan	Du Plessis	29 December
Chuck	Muller	1 January
Tony	Olckers	4 January
Herwig	Kussing	1 February

NAME	SURNAME	BIRTHDAY
Werner	Barnard	5 February
Colleen	Potgieter	10 February
John	Reeves	15 February
Stan	Rowland	01 March
Alan	Hugill	19 March
Reinder	Nauta	25 March

PROGRAM 2019

MONTH	SUBJECT	TEA DUTY	ONE PAGE
9 JAN 2019	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP	A HUGILL A HORSTMANN	SPACE
13 FEB 2019	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	N SMITH AM & M WIGMORE	POLITICS
28 FEB 2019	COMMITTEE MEETING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
13 MAR 2019	AUCTION	M & J REEVES D CROUKAMP K LOUWRENS	---
10 APR 2019	BELLVILLE EVENING AFRICA CUP	C MULLER N MATTHEE	"A"
15 MAY 2019 3 rd WEDNESDAY	LADIES CUP	C POTGIETER G COMINS R LOO	"B"
12 JUNE 2019	THEMATICS & OPEN CUPS	S ROWLAND H MULDER	"C"
10 JULY 2019	REST OF THE WORLD CUP	D VILJOEN W BARNARD	"D"
12 AUG 2019	COMMITTEE MEETING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
14 AUG 2019	ONE FRAME CUP	J BEZUIDENHOUT A HORSTMANN	"E"
2 SEP 2019	SAVPEX 2019	BENONI	
3 SEP 2019	INTERCLUB SOCIAL	STELLENBOSCH	
4 – 7 SEP 2019	EAST RAND 100 STAMP FAIR	BENONI	
6 SEP 2019	CONGRESS	BENONI	
9 SEP 2019	QUIZ EVENING	THE ROYAL	20:00
11 SEP 2019	AUCTION	S LIGHT J POTTER A HUGILL	---
9 OCT 2019	ROUND TABLE	R DE VILLIERS AM & M WIGMORE	"F"
13 NOV 2019	VISITORS : DAVID WOLPE	R HARM C MULLER	"G"
4 DEC 2019	PRESIDENT'S EVENING	AT THE HOME OF WERNER BARNARD, D'URBANVALE	19:00
8 JAN 2020	ALL MEMBERS' NIGHT & 8 PAGE CUP	I POTGIETER C MATHEY N SMITH	"H"
12 FEB 2020	ONE PAGE, CUPS & AGM	R LOO C MULLER	"I"
11 MAR 2020	AUCTION	E STOCKENSTROM J DU PLESSIS T OLCKERS	---

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Meeting Details: Bellville Library Auditorium, Charl van Aswegen Road, Bellville, 19h00