

## Member Spotlight - John Walter by Dave Parsons

In order to let NSSS members know their fellow members, the Post Boy will feature different members in its issues. This is a good chance to find out what others are interested in and the background of the member.

This month's featured member is **John Walter**. John was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, moved to New York for college, where he received a draft notice so enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He stayed in New York (Plattsburg AFB) for his first assignment, then was offered an assignment to Japan (3½ years), California (3 years), Grand Forks, ND (2 years), Guam (2 years), and finally settled in Tucson, AZ.

John was in the Air Force for 20 years from 1969 to 1989 serving as a nurse practitioner for the last 15 years in service. He then worked 10 years in Tucson at University Medical Center before retiring in 2000. He moved to Reno in 2005.

John began collecting stamps when he was in High School, put everything in a box while attending college and first couple of years in the AF. Collecting resumed when he was stationed in Japan 1971-1975.

John joined the Club in 2007 and has served as President, Vice President, Director, Donations Chair, and Chair of the Nomination & Election Committee. He currently serves as Secretary, with additional responsibilities as the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. He is active in setting up stamp collecting exhibits in local libraries and Vassar post office in Reno and presenting philatelic programs at club meetings.

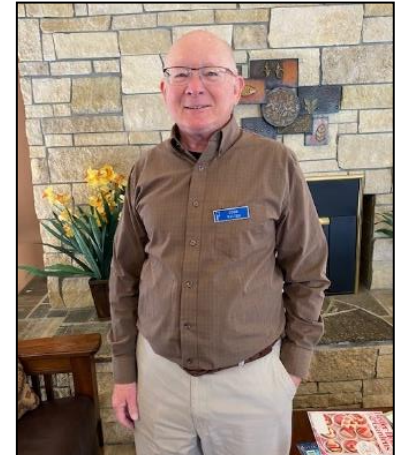
John's collecting interests include Japan, Peoples Republic of China, and used U.S. Postal Stationary.

When asked what his dream stamp (under \$5000CV) would be, John said he would like to have a Ryukyu Island #17. Since we don't have a real one for him, he'll just have to settle for this picture on the right.

John also is looking for U.S. aerogrammes: #UC49, and UC52 - must be used and addressed to an overseas address.

John has been married to wife Kirsten for 53 years and they have 3 daughters who live in Tucson, Incline Village, and Reno. John enjoys overseas traveling, having visited all seven continents.

While serving as President of NSSS, he was also President of his Homeowners' Association, and AAIL, an investment education group. He is one of the most active members in the Nevada Stamp Study Society.



**John Walter at a recent meeting**



As a Vietnam Era veteran taking care of the wounded coming home through Yakota AB, Japan (1971-1972), John put together a new 6-page Vassar post office exhibit to salute and celebrate National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29. More information on page 7.

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