

2024 WESTPEX Purchases

Howard Kadohiro and **John Walter** gave slide presentations on their WESTPEX experiences and some nice purchases.

Howard Kadohiro collects Hawaii town cancels and found some at WESTPEX. He also found a USS Arizona and USS California naval covers shown below. He also showed some interesting covers from Wake Island and Midway Island via Clipper Air Mail.



USS Arizona ship cancel Sept. 7, 1940, to Los Angeles, CA.

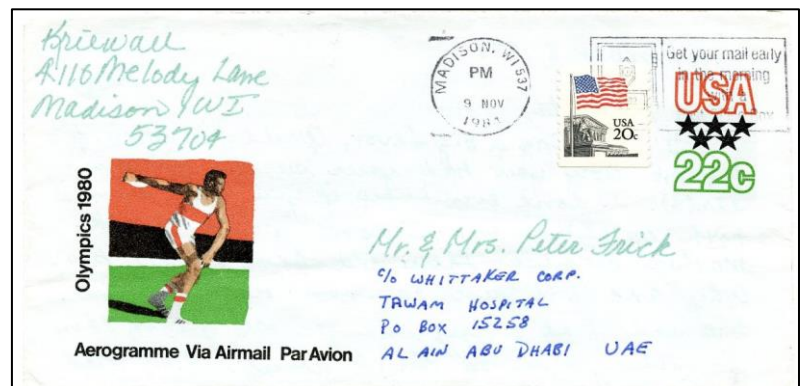


USS California ship cancel Sept. 20, 1940, to Los Angeles, CA.

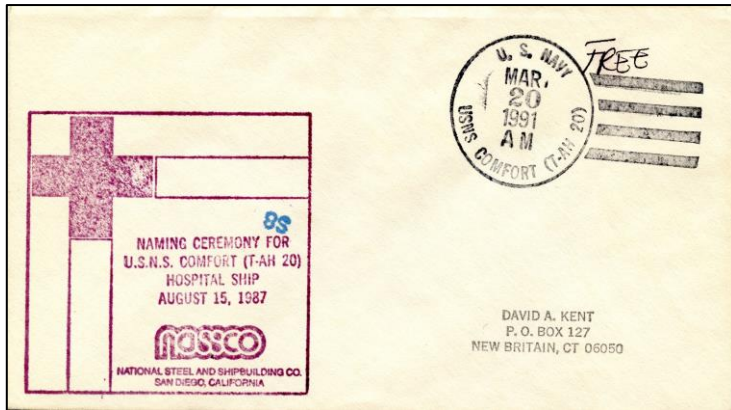
John Walter showed slides of some interesting WESTPEX exhibits, talked about meetings he attended, and showed some purchases of U.S. early postal cards sent to Canada and Europe. He also showed some navy hospital ship covers from the USS Solace (AH-5), USS Consolation (AH-15) and the USAHS Mercy (TAH-19). His other collecting area is U.S. aerograms sent overseas. He found one aerogram that was missing from his used aerogram collection – addressed to a hospital in Abu Dhabi where a family member had ear surgery, and the writer wanted to know why he did not tell his mother about the surgery. John counted 12 NSSS members who attended WESTPEX. Below are some of his purchases.



Sent Oct. 20, 1947 to Teheran with a type written letter responding to an article in the "Hollandia Post." There is a receiving cancel on back. (UC16)



Sent Nov. 9, 1984, to a family member in Tawam Hospital in Abu Dhabi inquiring about his ear surgery. (UC 52)



USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20) ordered to stand down on Mar. 11, 1991, at the end of seven-month deployment in support of Gulf War (Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm). She got underway from Bahrain anchorage with a skeleton crew of 380. She was then assigned as part of a 15-ship Atlantic Amphibious Task Force.

The rubber stamp cachet is from the naming ceremony in 1987.