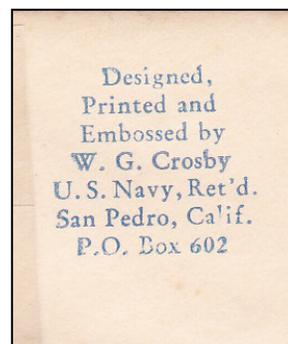
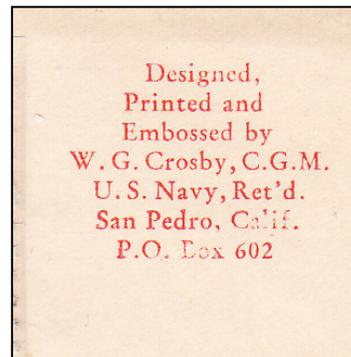
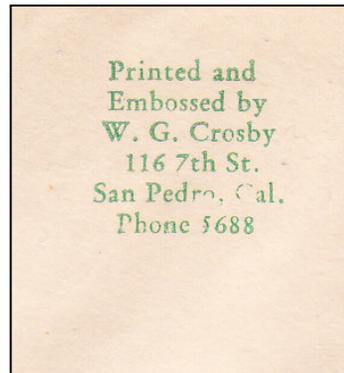


Cover Corner by Phil Fettig

You may remember me saying more than once that "There are no rules - collect what you want how you want." Most of you know how to identify a Crosby cachet - his work usually includes a small photo. Crosby was a retired Navy Chief Gunner's Mate who started with Naval Covers and continued on with First Day's. My guess is this collector found some first day blanks or unused covers and made their own collectable by adding the appropriate stamp from the Presidential issue of 1938.

I have never seen this method before but it must have made sense to somebody and that is all that counts! Also, notice that with the Harding cover the collector used a stamp from another series rather than the \$2.00 issue from the Prexie series.

And now, something for the specialist who wants to get down to the small details - notice the printing in the upper right corner. This would usually be covered by the stamp, but this collector did not cover the words up. I wonder if this was done because of the different wording. Each cover is slightly different in its mix of wording concerning the preparation, Crosby's name, military information, address and phone number. It looks like Crosby was trying to see which format he liked best. Who knows, this is pure speculation on my part, but it was once again fun to sort these out.

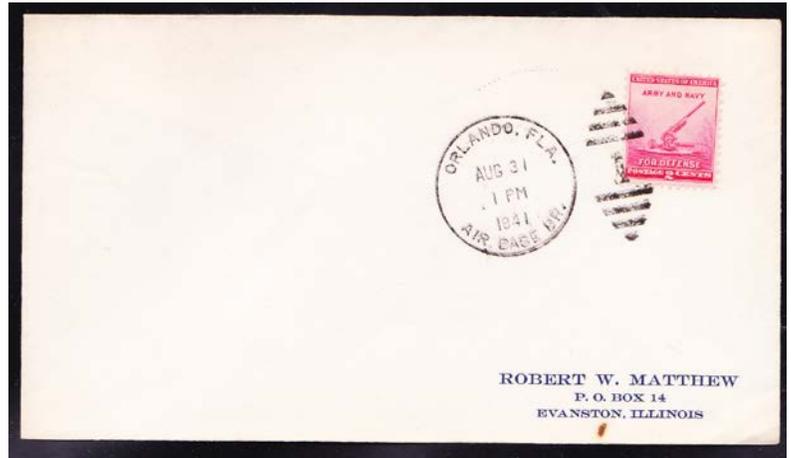


Phil's Corner by Phil Fettig

Been Shopping Recently at Fashion Square or Colonial Plaza Mall?

If you have lived around Central Florida for any time, you probably have. Maybe you didn't know you were also on land that used to be: Orlando Municipal Airport/Orlando Army Air Base/Orlando Air Force Base/Herndon Airport/Orlando Executive Airport/Naval Training Center, Orlando and finally Baldwin Park! Of course, not every plot of land was part of every one of the titles just listed. At one time the base stretched from what now is West of Bumby Ave, to Semoran Blvd and from Lake Underhill to North to the old hospital site. Over the years it has been an area of extraordinary change.

Actually, that is the simplified version. Between the establishment of Orlando Municipal Airport in 1928 and Baldwin Park in 1999, some of the other titles appeared, disappeared and then returned again more than once. Also, under private ownership, a large part of this area belonged to T. G. Lee, a company that still has a presence. Over the years, as government control diminished, commercial property surrounded the remainders of the military bases. If you know where to look you can still find parts and pieces left from the past such as old base housing, now public housing, and the old military hospital complex.



This philatelic cover canceled August 31, 1941 at the Army Air Base Branch Post Office has the two cent Defense Series. Just a few days over 3 months later, we were in World War II and this base was an important part, not only for defense of the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, but also for Training purposes.

FLOREX 2016 Cancel The Editor



We have a cancel for FLOREX 2016 which is celebrating the 100 years of the wonders of the National Parks. We would like to extend a thank you to Mel Borofsky for using his graphic talents to assist the CFSC. Speaking from a personal point of view, I applaud the National Park System for protecting the beauty of America for future generations. The breadth of variety of nature that can be found for no more than a cost of a dinner out

(or less) is truly astounding. I have been to a very large number of national parks and have always relished the experience and often think of continued travel to areas I have not been to. There is so much to see!