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Postal Service to Issue Commemorative Stamp for U.S. Coast Guard Academy Milestone

What: The U.S. Postal Service will release a new commemorative stamp celebrating the 150th anniversary of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. This special issue continues the long-standing postal tradition of honoring the nation's premier military service institutions.

The first-day-of-issue unveiling ceremony for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Forever stamp is free and open to the public. News of the stamp is being shared with the hashtag **#USCoastGuardStamp.**
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Who: Marc McCrery, USPS customer experience vice president and dedicating official.

Rear Adm Gregory C. Rothrock, U.S. Coast Guard Academy Superintendent

Capt. Kristopher Ensley, U.S. Coast Guard Barque *Eagle* Commanding Officer

When: Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026, at 10 a.m. Eastern

Where: Connecticut Maritime Heritage Festival
Custom House Pier at Waterfront Park
1 Waterfront Park St.
New London, CT 06320

RSVP: Attendees are encouraged to register at:
https://www.usps.com/uscoastguardstamp/

Background: The stamp art features photographs of the USCGC Eagle, the Coast Guard Academy's primary training vessel since 1946, and USCGC Bertholf, a Legend-class national security cutter whose missions include maritime drug interdiction and securing the maritime border. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed this stamp. The two photos were taken by Coast Guardsmen. The Eagle photo was taken by Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Thieme and the Bertholf photo was taken by Petty Officer 1st Class Steven Strohmaier.

The Postal Service printed 12 million U.S. Coast Guard Academy stamps.

Postal Products

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