

AIR & SPACE COLLECTION

*America's Most Legendary Air & Space Stamps
Expertly Minted in Solid Silver, Pure Gold and Brilliant Color*



Celebrating the 50th Anniversary
of the First Manned Moon Landing



Each Air & Space Collection includes:

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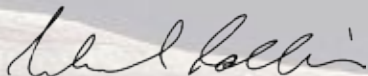
A Personal Message from **APOLLO 11 ASTRONAUT MICHAEL COLLINS**

50 years ago, I was privileged to be part of what many have called the greatest adventure in human history when Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and I traveled to the Moon aboard Apollo 11.

Throughout my lifetime, America has enjoyed a love affair with flying and space travel, and I have always been intrigued by the fascinating U.S. stamps that chart our course through history. Now, the best of these stamps are highlighted in an exciting new collection of meticulously reproduced colorized silver ingots.

Every stamp in this collection tells a captivating story, and together they trace the progression from the advent of manned flight in 1903 to the pioneers of aviation and onwards to Apollo 11, Space Shuttles and so much more.

I sincerely hope you will join me in owning the Air & Space Collection. It is a magnificent way to celebrate such an important part of our national heritage.



MICHAEL COLLINS



Michael Collins was the Command
Module Pilot for Apollo 11.

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These are the 25 legendary stamps th



at inspired the Air & Space Collection.



Introducing the...

AIR & SPACE COLLECTION

*Silver Stamp Ingots Minted to the Highest Quality in
One Ounce of .999 Fine Silver and Fully Colorized...
Plus the 1969 Apollo 11 First Man on the Moon
Stamp Ingot, Proof Struck and Layered in 24-Karat Gold*

On July 20, 1969, the history of mankind changed forever when Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped onto the lunar surface. This event, like many other great milestones in America's air and space history, was memorialized on an official U.S. postage stamp.

These stamps are long out of issue but are always prized for their stunning designs and exclusive collector status. And now, for the first time, the best of these stamps have been authorized in the world's first collection of fully colorized solid silver ingots displaying America's most famous air and space stamps.

Each limited-edition ingot is struck in one ounce of .999 fine silver and is crafted to the same exacting standards as the world's finest coins. The faithful, full-color reproductions of the original stamp designs bring back the pride and glory of America's unparalleled air and space accomplishments — and create a collection that will be coveted for generations to come.



*An original U.S. postage stamp honoring America's
legacy of air and space travel, together with the
matching colorized one-ounce silver ingot.*



*Each meticulously sculpted silver ingot is approximately
the same size as the original stamp but is a hefty 2.2 mm
thick and is edged with diamond-cut perforations.*

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FIRST MAN ON THE MOON

Issue Date: September 9, 1969



The highlight of the Air & Space Collection, the three-dimensional First Man on the Moon stamp ingot, is Proof Struck and richly layered in 24-karat pure gold.

At 10:56 PM on July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first person to set foot on the Moon — and took his place alongside the fabled innovators and visionaries who shaped America and defined the nation's unique spirit of adventure.

The First Man on the Moon 10¢ stamp was issued shortly after the Apollo 11 mission in 1969. It captures the moment Armstrong stepped off the Lunar Lander and created the first human footprint on the Moon. Appropriately, the Earth is shown beyond the lunar horizon.

“That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

— Neil Armstrong’s immortal words as he stepped onto the lunar surface.

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AMELIA EARHART

Issue Date: July 24, 1963



*“Adventure is worthwhile in itself.”
— Amelia Earhart*

Amelia Earhart was one of the most renowned and admired aviators in American history. In an era when travel was still in its infancy and aviators were as famous as movie stars, Earhart was a symbol of America’s adventurous spirit and led the way for women to pursue unconventional careers.

In 1932, Earhart emulated Charles Lindbergh’s illustrious feat when she became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Seemingly devoid of fear and hailed as the “Queen of the Air,” she also set numerous aviation records before setting off on a headline-grabbing round-the-world flight in 1937 — but on July 2, she mysteriously disappeared along with her airplane and was never seen again.

The Amelia Earhart 8¢ stamp was issued on the 66th anniversary of her birth. It depicts Earhart with the Lockheed Electra airplane in which she disappeared.

PROJECT MERCURY

Issue Date: February 20, 1962

In May 1961, President John F. Kennedy challenged America to send a man to the Moon before the end of the decade. Less than a year later on February 20, 1962, the U.S. manned space program reached a milestone towards this ambitious goal when astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth.

Glenn was launched into orbit aboard the Project Mercury spacecraft Friendship 7, making three rotations of the Earth in a flight lasting almost five hours. This historic flight set the stage for even more daring quests and led to the monumental Apollo 11 mission to the Moon in 1969.

The Project Mercury 4¢ stamp was issued on February 20, 1962 — at the very same time that Glenn was in orbit high above the Earth. The stamp shows Glenn's Friendship 7 spacecraft and was the first-ever stamp honoring America's manned space program.



INVERTED JENNY

Issue Date: May 13, 1918



The Curtiss Jenny airplane was first built in 1915 and formed the core of the U.S. Army's fledgling Air Service in World War I. It was also the favorite airplane of barnstormers and intrepid aviators who could reach speeds of up to 75 mph.

And when the U.S. Post Office initiated the first Air Mail service on May 15, 1918, the mail was flown on a small fleet of Curtiss Jenny airplanes.

The Curtiss Jenny 24¢ stamp was the first-ever Air Mail stamp in U.S. history, and it features a Curtiss Jenny airplane. However, one sheet of 100 stamps was accidentally printed with the airplane upside-down, giving the stamp the famous nickname "Inverted Jenny." This is one of the rarest and most expensive U.S. stamps, with each example valued at up to \$1 million or more.

SPACE SHUTTLE

Issue Date: August 4, 1995

America's space program entered a new phase on April 12, 1981, with the launch of the Space Shuttle Columbia — the first reusable spacecraft to fly into Earth's orbit. After 135 flights over more than 30 years, the Space Shuttle project ended on July 21, 2011.

Five different Space Shuttles were used over the years: Columbia, Challenger, Discovery, Atlantis and Endeavour. Among the Space Shuttle highlights were Sally Ride as the first U.S. woman in space in 1986, the launch of the Hubble Space Telescope in 1990 and the mission in 1998 to assemble the International Space Station.

The Space Shuttle \$10.75 stamp was issued to cover the cost of an Express Mail packet. It depicts the launch of the Space Shuttle Endeavour on June 21, 1993.





“The desire to fly is an idea handed down to us by our ancestors who ... looked enviously on the birds soaring freely through space, at full speed, above all obstacles, on the infinite highway of the air.”

— Wilbur Wright

WRIGHT BROTHERS

Issue Date: December 14, 1949

On December 17, 1903, brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright wrote a new chapter in history when they flew their home-made Wright Flyer airplane near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Even though their first flights lasted less than a minute, they were the first people in history to fly a heavier-than-air machine.

The Wright brothers opened the era of manned flight and made it possible for all the impressive aviation feats that followed, including America’s space program and the first manned Moon landing in 1969.

The 6¢ stamp honoring the Wright brothers was issued on the 46th anniversary of their historic flight. It shows Orville and Wilbur Wright and their Wright Flyer airplane on December 17.

Created to the **HIGHEST QUALITY STANDARDS**

Each silver stamp ingot in the Air & Space Collection is meticulously crafted by the world's most skilled artists and minters.

The painstaking process starts with a steel minting die that is about the size of the original stamp. When the craftsmen are satisfied that the master die is flawless, only then is it placed into a massive proofing press. Polished one-ounce, 2.2 mm-thick silver blanks are carefully placed by hand into the press and are struck one at a time to create proof-like silver ingots.

Perforations are precision diamond cut, and the colorized image is then applied to precisely match the original stamp design. The permanent colorization is the highest quality in the world. For the centerpiece of the collection — the First Man on the Moon stamp — a master engraver hand-sculpts the original stamp design using centuries-old techniques. The three-dimensional image is transferred onto a steel minting die, which then strikes a polished one-ounce silver blank. Finally, the ingot is layered in 24-karat gold so that it brilliantly captures every tiny detail of the original design.

The result is a collection of exquisite colorized and gold-layered ingots that exceeds even the highest standards of excellence. Best of all, the collection preserves the history and beauty of the most treasured U.S. stamps.



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As a subscriber to the Air & Space Collection, you will also receive several gifts at no additional charge. The elegant wood Collector's Chest, jeweler's cloth and cotton gloves will be sent in the early stages of your collection. In addition, a Fact Card will accompany each stamp ingot and can be safely stored in the specifically designed Album. The Officially Numbered Certificate of Authenticity will be sent once your collection is complete.



Lacquered Wood Collector's Chest

The magnificent velvet-lined, lockable chest is designed to house and protect your entire collection.



Jeweler's Cloth and Cotton Gloves

Formulated to numismatic standards, the cloth and gloves are the ideal way to safely enjoy your collection of colored silver stamp ingots.



Fact Cards and Album

Each stamp ingot is accompanied by a Fact Card with fascinating information about the featured person or event, as well as details about the original U.S. stamp. The Fact Card Album is custom-made to store these cards for future reference.



Certificate of Authenticity

Officially numbered and registered, confirming the strict edition limit and the precious metal purity of each ingot.

SPECIAL SUBSCRIBER'S GIFT



50th Anniversary Edition of *Carrying the Fire: An Astronaut's Journeys* by Michael Collins, Apollo 11 Command Module Pilot

Michael Collins' captivating and inspiring personal account of his career as a pilot and astronaut, including the extraordinary Apollo 11 mission in 1969.

Reserve Your LIMITED EDITION COLLECTION TODAY

The Air & Space Collection is being issued at a strictly limited edition of only 3,500 complete collections worldwide. It is not available in any store, but only by subscription through this special offer. Once the edition limit is reached, the dies will be defaced so they can never be used again.

As a subscriber, you will receive a set of 25 silver ingots (24 are colorized and one is Proof Struck and layered in 24-karat gold), shipped at the rate of one per month. The price for each ingot is fixed at just \$129, which includes all delivery charges, insurance and accessories. This price is guaranteed for the duration of the collection, no matter how rare or sought-after it may become.

To ensure that you receive the lowest numbered collection possible, please submit your charter request by the deadline date listed on the Official Subscription Application.

The reverse of each ingot in the Air & Space Collection is engraved with the official United States Postal Service logo confirming the assayed purity of the precious metals.



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