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2004 TEXPEX SHOW THEME **TO RECOGNIZE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY**

*New Dallas Postmaster, Academy Graduates,
Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts involved in Ceremonies*

Dallas, Texas – TEXPEX, the nationally-sanctioned annual philatelic show, will feature the new U.S. Air Force Academy stamp issue in ceremonies at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel located at LBJ Freeway and Midway Road.

At 11 a.m. on Friday, April 2, J. Eric Martinez, who became the 44th postmaster of the City of Dallas on Jan. 23rd, will open the show in the Grand Ballroom by dedicating the Air Force Academy stamp in the North Texas area. The stamp will be issued on April 1 at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. TEXPEX will offer a “Second Day of Issue” cancellation on April 2.

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, TEXPEX will welcome members of the North Texas Assn. of Air Force Academy Graduates as special guests in a ceremony at the hotel. Also participating will be local troops from the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. One of the philatelic groups holding a national meeting at TEXPEX 2004 is the Scouts on Stamps Society International (SOSSI).

A special pictorial show cancellation will be offered by the U.S. Postal Service on all three days of TEXPEX (April 2-4). It features the silhouette of an Air Force jet and the words, “Hear Our Thunder.” The show will offer a cacheted cover featuring a dramatic color rendering of the Air Force Academy’s Cadet Chapel at night. The USPS will provide a special kiosk to offer stamps and the new Academy stamp that also features the Cadet Chapel.

TEXPEX includes a bourse of national dealers that offer a multitude of stamps from

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around the world and postal history material. The Texas Stamp Dealers Assn. presents an award to the most popular exhibit as judged by a public vote of those attending the show.

TEXPEX is organized and presented annually by the Southwest Philatelic Foundation. It is sponsored by the Texas Philatelic Assn. (TPA) with support from the Dallas-Park Cities Philatelic Society, the Mid-Cities Stamp Club, the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library at the University of Texas at Dallas, the Collectors Club of Dallas and the American First Day Cover Society North Texas Chapter.

After meeting rigorous qualifying standards, TEXPEX was designated a prestigious “World Series of Philately Show” by the American Philatelic Society. The grand award winner of the TEXPEX exhibition each year qualifies for the APS “Champion of Champion” exhibition to be held this year Aug. 12-15 in Sacramento, Calif. The TPA honors the “Best in Texas” exhibit at the show. Entry deadline for the exhibition is March 9, 2004. Contact Dick Phelps for information.

For the second consecutive year the show’s grand and reserve grand awards – spectacular Waterford Crystal vases – have been signed for TEXPEX by Waterford’s design director Jim O’Leary.

Besides SOSSI, the 2004 show will feature the national meetings of the Colombia/Panama Philatelic Society and American Society of Pages and Panels. Other convening societies include the Texas Postal History Society, Texas Perfin Society, American First Day Cover Society Chapter 56, the Nimitz Chapter of the Universal Ship Cancellation Society and the Texas Precancel Club.

The Renaissance Dallas North Hotel offers a TEXPEX show rate of \$89. Reservations should be made by March 15, 2004 by contacting the hotel at 1-800-468-3571 or local 972-385-9000.

Additional information is posted on the show website at:

< <http://users.waymark.net/texpex/index.html> >

Examples of the show cachet and pictorial cancellation:

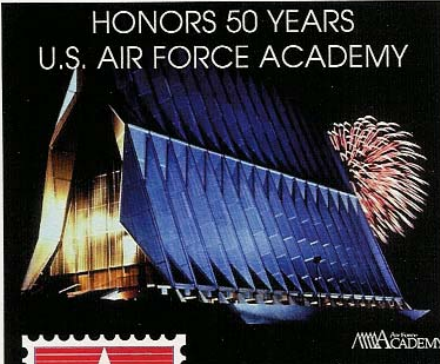
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Sample of 2004 show cachet and cancel

2004 Schedule of Events

TEXPEX 2004

HONORS 50 YEARS
U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY



April 2-4, 2004

Renaissance
Dallas North Hotel
Dallas, Texas



TEXPEX STATION

HEAR OUR THUNDER

APRIL 2, 2004 DALLAS, TEXAS



TEXPEX 2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Tentative, provisional)

Friday – April 2

- 8 a.m. - Show dealers admitted to Grand Ballroom.
- 11 a.m.-6 p.m. - Exhibition and Bourse open to the public, Grand Ballroom.
- 11 a.m. - **2nd Day Dedication of U.S. Postal Service Air Force Academy stamp with new Dallas postmaster J. Eric Martinez**, Grand Ballroom.

Saturday – April 3

- 8 a.m. - Show dealers admitted to Grand Ballroom.
- 8:30 a.m. - **Texas Philatelic Assn. Foundation** Breakfast, Seasons Restaurant.
- 9 - 10 a.m. - **Texas Philatelic Association**, Board of Directors Meeting, Ebony Room.
- 9 - 11 a.m. – **Scouts on Stamps Society International**, General Meeting, Teak Room.
- 10 a.m. – **TEXPEX Salute to U.S. Air Force Academy Graduates and International Scouting**, Hotel Lobby.
- 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Exhibition and Bourse open to the public, Grand Ballroom.
- 10 a.m.-noon - **Texas Philatelic Association**, 108th General Assembly and Annual Meeting, Ebony Room.
- 11 a.m.- noon - **American First Day Cover Society Chapter 56**, General Meeting, Acacia Room.
- Noon-1 p.m. - **Universal Ship Cancellation Society Nimitz Chapter**, Lunch, Seasons Restaurant.
- 1-2 p.m. - **Texas Postal History Society**, Open General Meeting, Executive Boardroom.
- 1-2 p.m. – **Seminar**, “Colombia Postal Stationary” by Debbie Friedman, Ebony Room.
- 1-2 p.m. - **Texas Perfin Society**, General Meeting, Teak Room.
- 1-2 p.m. - **American Society for Philatelic Pages and Panels**, Annual Membership Meeting, Acacia Room.
- 2-3 p.m. – **Colombia-Panama Philatelic Society**, General Meeting, Ebony Room.
- 2-3 p.m. - **Texas Precancel Society**, General Meeting, Teak Room.
- 3-4 p.m. - **Seminar**, American Association of Philatelic Exhibitors, Teak Room.
- 4-5:30 p.m. - **Critique of Exhibits** by the Panel of Judges, Ebony Room.
- 6-7:30 p.m. - Cash bar, Garden Terrace Room.
- 7 p.m. - **TEXPEX Awards Banquet**, Garden Terrace Room. Tickets \$35 each at the registration table. Public is encouraged to attend and enjoy the banquet.

Sunday – April 4

- 8 a.m. - Show dealers admitted to Grand Ballroom.
- 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - Exhibition and Bourse open to the public.
- 11 a.m. – **Seminar**, “Panama Postal History” by Jim Cross, Ebony Room.
- 3 p.m. - Texas Stamp Dealers Association present the Most Popular Exhibit Award, Grand Ballroom.
- 4 p.m. - TEXPEX 2004 closes until TEXPEX, April 8-10, 2005. We hope to see you there!