

The USS Nashville (PG-7)
by Mathias W. Benward

The USS Nashville gunboat was commissioned at Norfolk, Virginia in 1897. Her displacement was 1371 tons light and 1719 tons full. The top speed was 16.3 knots and she carried from 150 to 395 tons of coal. The crew compliment was 180 officers and sailors. She was armed with eight 4-inch 40 caliber guns, two 6-pound guns, two 3-pound guns, and two 1-pound guns.

Shortly after the Battleship USS Maine mysteriously exploded and sank in Havana Harbor, USS Nashville began to patrol near Key West, Florida. After President McKinley proclaimed a blockade of Cuban ports on April 22, 1898 USS Nashville fired the first shot of the Spanish-American War. The Spanish Steamer Buena Ventura was boarded. The merchantman was bound from Pascagoula, Ms to Rotterdam, Holland with a cargo of timber. This ship was then sent as a prize to Key West.

On May 11, 1898 USS Nashville participated in the action at Cienfuegon Harbor, Cuba cutting two communication cables. It remained on blockade for the rest of the war. After the war she was sent to the Philippines arriving in Manila Bay on December 31, 1899. During the Philippine Insurrection the ship was used as flagship and coordinated several amphibious assaults. In June 1900 she sailed for China to participate in the Boxer Rebellion carrying a detachment of Marines. Her Asiatic duties ended on July 3, 1901 when she was transferred to Genoa, Italy. She returned to Boston, Massachusetts on January 16, 1903 only to be decommissioned on June 30, 1904.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome to the Nashville Stamp Show '98. Our theme for the show will be the 100th anniversary of the Spanish-American War. Our symbol is the USS Nashville which fired the first shot of that war. This year we have sixteen stamp dealers from all over the country. This have varied stocks of stamps from the US and the rest of the world. Please stop by for a visit and have a look at their stamps. They always ready to help and answer any of your questions. The stamp club maintains a table at the enterance to help our fellow stamp collectors with any questions, problems, or just top by and chat. Also, stop and look at the exhibits. But first and foremost have a lot of fun at the stamp show!

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October Project

As many of you know October is stamp collecting month. To promote the hobby the Nashville Philatelic Society puts stamp exhibits in many of the locate libraries. This gives the public at large a glimpse of our hobby and will hopefully kindle an interest in some. This effort is organized by Tony Ramirez. On our first meeting of September club members create stamp pages with inexpensive stamps. With the help of club members these exhibits are distributed. Thanks to everyone who helped and special thanks to Tony.

New Stamp Dealer

When Tom Tribke and I went to the stamp show in Birmingham we were surprised to find a stamp dealer from the local Nashville area. We doubly surprised that we'd never met him. Here's his information:

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Specialists in Covers and stamps
P.O. Box 973
Hendersonville, Tn 37077-9073

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Meetings: Second and Fourth Mondays of each month. Buy and swap at 5:30 p.m., Business meeting a 6:45 p.m., and Program at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Inglewood Branch Library, 4312 Gallatin Road, Nashville, Tennessee 37216.

Kids under 17 get a FREE stamp packet at their first attendance. Ages 6 and up are WELCOME!

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