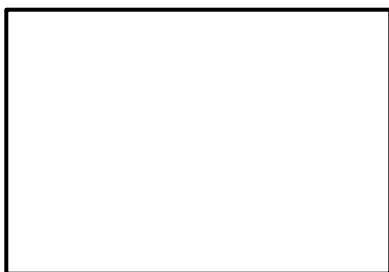


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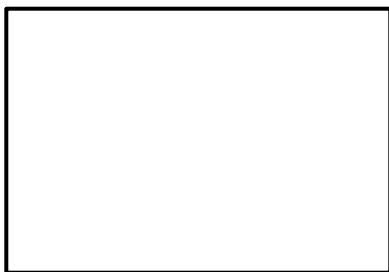


Betsy Ross

Released: 1/2/52

Scott: 1004

This stamp commemorates the 200th anniversary of the birth of Betsy Ross. The image shows Ms. Ross sewing the flag in the presence of the Flag committee. This consisted of General Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross (first husband's uncle). She eloped with John Ross, an upholsterer in 1773. He was killed soon after. She took over his business and became an expert seamstress. She was the first to make a flag of stars and stripes.

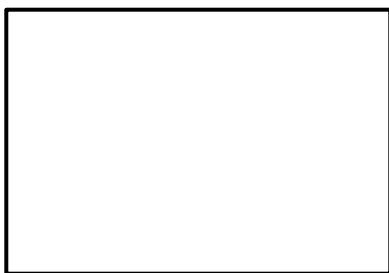


4-H Clubs

Released: 1/15/52

Scott: 1005

This stamp was issued to commemorate the 4-h clubs, a program that helps young people develop new skills, explore career choices, and serve the communities. The 4 H's stand for: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. The membership motto is: "I pledge My Head to clearer thinking, My Heart to greater loyalty, My Hands to larger service, and My Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world."



Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Charter

Released: 2/28/52

Scott: 1006

This commemorates the 125th anniversary of the first common carrier in the U.S., the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The first image on the stamp is the "Pioneer Car", a horse driven car. Next is the "Tom Thumb", the first steam powered locomotive. The most modern is the streamlined Diesel engine.

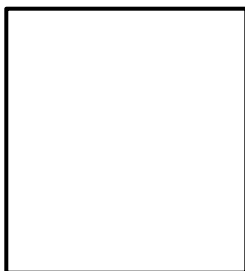


American Automobile Association (AAA)

Released: 3/4/52

Scott: 1007

This stamp was issued to promote highway safety and accident prevention. It commemorates the 50th anniversary of AAA. There are two vehicles shown. One is from 1902, the other from 1952. Also shown is a crossing guard preventing two young school girls from crossing a dangerous intersection. AAA is the worlds largest travel organization with over 30 million members.



North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Released: 4/4/52

Scott: 1008

NATO was alliance with non-communist countries. Established in 1949, its purpose was to discourage attack from communist countries. Since then, communist countries also formed an alliance called the Warsaw Pact. NATO's most powerful member is the United States. The Warsaw Pact's was the Soviet Union. The friction between the two organizations ignited what is known as "The Cold War". In 1991, the Soviet Union and Warsaw pact was dissolved. Recently, talks have been in plact for Russia to become active with NATO.



Grand Coulee Dam

Released: 5/15/52

Scott: 1009

Completed in 1942, it is the largest concrete dam and the largest single source of water power in the United States. It is North-West of Spokane, WA. The Dam consists of three power plants built in 1942, 1951, and 1980. It also provides irrigation to millions of acres in Washington. It is a large tourist attraction.