Richard F. Winter: Recipient of Lichtenstein Award for 2003

The Board of Governors has chosen Dick Winter, the philatelic world's foremost authority on transatlantic maritime postal history, to receive the Club's Alfred F. Lichtenstein Memorial Award for 2003.

As coauthor of *North Atlantic Mail Sailings 1840-1875,* Dick completed breakthrough research that he and Walter Hubbard had pursued together, then after Hubbard's death wrote the book for publication in 1988, thus completing the puzzle that has daunted many collectors worldwide. This comprehensive listing, comprising all sailings for thirty-one steamship lines that carried contract



mail, supplements the 1971 Hargest book on U.S. postal conventions with European countries and the 1982 and 1989 Starnes books on letter rates from the United States to foreign destinations

From 1985 Dick shared his wealth of information as associate editor of the Foreign Mails Section of *The Chronicle*, the journal of the U.S. Philatelic Classics Society, where he moved up to section editor in 1992, a position he still holds. He also became president of the society from mid-1992 to mid-1996 and signed its Distinguished Philatelist scroll in 1997.

Along the way Dick has written some seventy articles for *The Chronicle* and other journals, most of them presenting new research. Over the past twenty years he has also exhibited peerless displays of stampless transatlantic mail at national and international exhibitions, winning gold and large gold medals. The American Philatelic Society chose him for its John N. Luff Award for distinguished philatelic research in 1999.

The exceptional research career of this 1959 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy began between cruises of U.S. Navy destroyers and nuclear submarines, including a strategic, nuclear-powered, missile submarine that he captained for four years. When the Navy permanently assigned Dick to shore duty in Washington in 1978, he began using the Library of Congress to assemble data for steamship sailing lists.

Determined to understand the many baffling markings on stampless transatlantic letters as well, he had the advantage of knowing both Hargest and Starnes before they died. Today he helps lead others as a member of the International Postal History Fellowship, a group of eight European and two American postal historians who meet once a year to share results of their ongoing research and to prepare publications.

Since retirement in 1993, Dick has devoted his full time to postal history study and service to philately. On a more focused level, he has been a leader in researching and preserving postal history letters from North Carolina, where he is now a resident of Greensboro. In 1997 he became vice-chairman of the North Carolina Postal History Committee, which the state created to advise its Secretary of Cultural Resources on the collection, preservation, cataloging, publication, and exhibition of its postal history. This unique state effort led to the development of a state collection and in 1999 to a state exhibit.

Far from retirement as a postal historian, Dick continues to serve the local, state, national, and international philatelic communities through analyses of individual transatlantic letters for fellow collectors, slide shows for clubs, presentations for seminars and conferences, and new articles for *The Chronicle*.

The Board of Governors believes that Dick certainly belongs in the long line of distinguished recipients of the Lichtenstein medal for his exceptional service to philately.

Harlan F. Stone

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