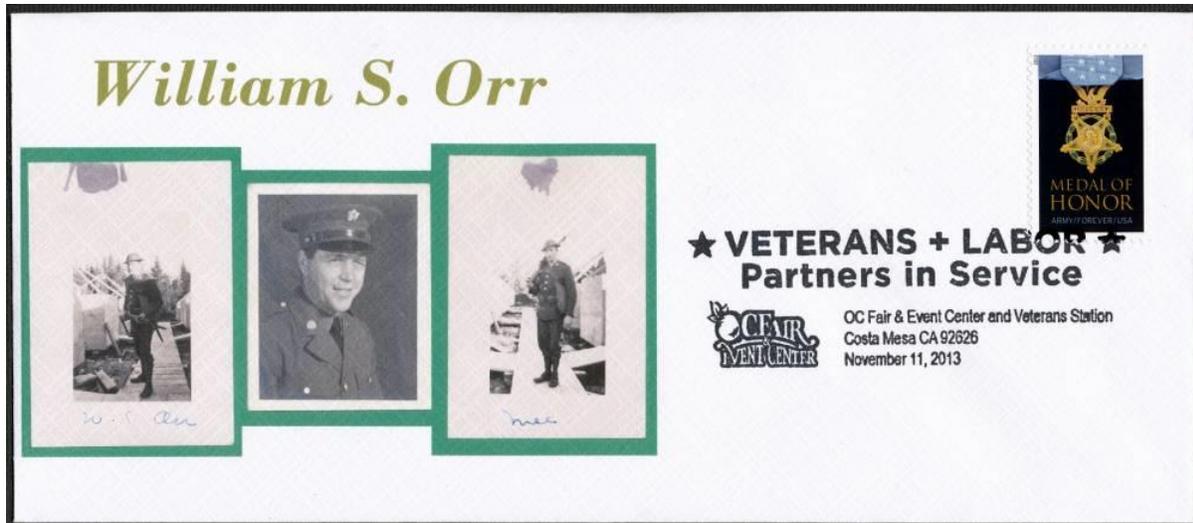


World War II Veterans Day Cover With My Grandpa On It

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This article is about my World War II Veterans Day cover with my Grandpa's pictures on it. He was stationed on the Aleutian Islands in Alaska. He was in Okinawa when the Japanese invaded the island.

The origin of the particular cachet began with my mom borrowing the photo album with the photos of my Grandpa during World War II. That night on 10/22/13 at around 9:30 PM I looked thru the photo album and decided what pictures of my Grandpa I wanted to use. I marked the pages with sticky notes so that I could scan them into the computer. The next day, I took the three pictures that I selected the night before, put a green piece of paper behind them, and scanned them into the computer. Then I used the software on the computer to crop and make green squares and rectangles around them. After that, I typed my Grandpa's name in Pea Green color above the pictures of him. I then did a test print on a piece of paper just to see what it would look like. It looked good, so I printed it onto seven envelopes. I don't plan to sell or trade any of them.

On Veterans Day, November 11, my mom took me to my Uncle Richard's and Aunt Pam's house, so that we could go to the event at the OC Fairgrounds. When we got to the event, we immediately went and purchased the Medal of Honor World War II stamps. Then we put the stamps on our covers to get them cancelled with the special FDOS cancellations. I was being particularly careful in watching what I was doing so that I got the ARMY/FOREVER/USA stamp on the seven covers with my Grandpa on them. When I was done doing this, I took them to the USPS table where Michael Litvak canceled them for me. I knew he'd do a good job cancelling them, because he had done some of my other covers in the past. That's the AWESOME looking cover that you see up above.

When my covers were done, my Uncle Richard and I went to the unveiling ceremony for the Medal of Honor World War II stamps. I learned some amazing things I didn't know before. One of the things that I learned is that you have to go above and beyond the call of duty to earn a Medal of Honor.

After the ceremony, we took our Medal of Honor programs, put stamps on them, and got them canceled.

This article is dedicated to my Grandpa William S. Orr. WE SALUTE YA, SIR!!!! GOD BLESS AMERICA