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China's Space Program

By Doug Files

While China was pushing to improve its status during the Cold War era it began a secret space program. Reacting to the Russian launch of Sputnik in 1957 Chairman Mao began Project 581 to create its own satellite. It had already begun a nuclear weapon program; China's nuclear program and its space program ran in parallel early-on because missile and rocket technology were similar.

Tellingly these programs were organized as part of the Chinese Army. When both the United States and the Soviet Union announced missions to the moon, the Chinese feared being left behind and boosted their efforts. Their scientists reverse-engineered Russian technology they had acquired before Russia and China ceased cooperation in 1960.

That same year China launched its first sounding rocket and began to develop medium-range ballistic missiles. By the mid-1960s China had built and launched intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) that could carry a nuclear warhead. Improvements in rocketry allowed China to launch its first satellite into earth orbit in 1970. A second satellite – this time carrying scientific instruments – was launched in 1971. The Chinese satellites weighed more than those of other nations so their successful launches were admired by advocates of space travel.

Research began to focus on a manned mission. In 1964 China launched 8 white mice into space and recovered them on landing. Three years later Chairman Mao ordered that China attempt to put a person into space. In March 1971 nineteen taikonauts (astronauts) were chosen but the entire program was soon halted due to national upheaval from the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976). Chairman Mao died in 1976 and many aspects of the space program were cancelled by his successors. For example, an early warning radar system and an "anti-missile super-gun" saw their fund



2014 Guyana souvenir sheet showcasing China's space program
Photo by the author of an item in his collection



Logo of the China Manned Space Engineering Office

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Meetings and Activities
Meetings begin at 7:30 pm

Apr 5 —ZOOM 7:00 pm Board Meeting & 7:30 DSC Meeting and Program Baseball and Philately

Apr 8-11 — Garfield-Perry Exhibition and Bourse, Holiday Inn, Strongsville. Email: rrhoads@aol.com

Apr 12—Board Meeting 7 pm

Apr 19—ZOOM 7:30 DSC Meeting and Program; presentation by DSC member Mike Kleintank on Stamporama The Stamp Club for People Who Love Stamps

May 3 —HYBIRD 7:30 DSC meeting and CLUB AUCTION #2

May 10—Board Meeting 7pm

May 17—HYBIRD 7:30 DSC meeting and program; Guest Speaker, Jennifer Miller, Executive Director of American Topical Association (ATA).

May 22-23—MSDA Bourse only, Four Points by Sheraton, Cincinnati, 7500 Tyler Place Blvd, West Chester OH

May 21-23 — HAMVENTION is CANCELLED due to Covid-19. Plans are in the works for Hamvention 2022.

June 7 —HYBIRD 7:30 DSC Meeting and Program; Stamp Tells and Tales Member Participation

June 14—Board Meeting 7pm

June 21—HYBIRD 7:30 DSC meeting and CLUB AUCTION #3

July 5—Holiday NO MEETING

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**Dayton Stamp Club
meets LIVE and on ZOOM (Hybird)
Monday, May 3, 7:30 pm
Christ United Methodist Church
3440 Shroyer Road, Kettering, OH**

To start the renewed year, we are holding the second AUCTION of 2021! For those attending on ZOOM you can also participate in the auction. We can't share the refreshments through the internet but we can all join in the (safe) fun of our hybrid meeting and AUCTION.

Here is what you do to participate in the hybrid AUCTION, May 3.

- ◆ IF you want to advertise items, in advance, take a picture and email to Bill wesjemail@gmail.com prior to April 25.
- ◆ IF you plan to attend by ZOOM and want to auction off items, contact Dennis Callison dpcallison@frontier.com.
- ◆ The AUCTION is the Program for the evening. Each member is limited to five (5) lots in the auction Steven Solomon , auctioneer for the evening, will introduce the items one at a time and the bidding begins.
- ◆ As with any Auction, highest bidder wins that lot. If you are at home Dennis will assist.

For example — A member wants to auction off this group of stamps from Jamaica. She/He has hinged or mounted this stamps on a card in order for people to examine the stamps. If the member wanted to, he/she could add Scott catalog numbers or other descriptive information about the stamps such as year of date or importance of the events on these particular stamps.



**Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) Board of Directors decided
Return to Face-to-Face Club meetings will begin May 3**

The DSC meetings on April 5th and 19th will be ZOOM meetings. Beginning on MAY 3, DSC meetings will be live in Christ Church , 3440 Shroyer Rd, Kettering on THIRD FLOOR. The face-to-face meeting will follow CDC COVID-19 guidelines and safety precautions. We will, also, continue ZOOM for those club members and visitors who are not comfortable or able to attending in person. Please see Page 6. Those participating at home can take part in programs and meetings. If you want to be part of an auction, please contact Dennis, dpcallison@frontier.com or (937) 884-7272.



From the Dayton Stamp Club Archives

By Steven Solomon, DSC Historian

Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) Created a Last-Minute Cover Following USPS Announcement of New Branch Post Office

When the U.S. Postal Service announced the opening of a new branch Post Office at the National Museum of the Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1984, they gave very little notice. Even so, club members sprang into action.

Harry Harn, well-known first day cachet artist, designed a red and blue cover featuring the museum complex, which was printed by his company, Tudor House.



The covers were cancelled on opening day, Feb. 8, with a double circle date cancel and the wording "U.S. Air Force Museum WPAFB, Ohio ." The price of the cancelled cover was \$1.

The USPS said they opened the branch to accommodate the more than 1 million annual visitors to the museum. The new branch's hours were 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. It is no longer open.

Post Office Opening Covers Still Available

The Opening Day of USPS Branch Post Office at US Airforce Museum covers are available for purchase for the original price of \$1.00 or 10 stamp bucks. Send payment along with a SASE to Dayton Stamp Club, attn: S. Diamond, PO Box 1574, Dayton, OH 45401.

Meetings & Activities

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July 12—Board Meeting 7 pm

July 19—**HYBIRD** 7:30 DSC meeting and video program; Slania, The World's Finest Stamp Engraver

Aug 2—**HYBIRD** 7:30pm DSC Meeting and Program; Share Your Travels with Stamps Member Participation

Aug 9—7 Board Meeting with AIRPEX Review

Aug 12-15 Great American Stamp Show, APS & ATA Hosts, Rosemont, IL

Aug 16—**HYBRID** 7:30 DSC meeting and program: How to Collect Precancels

Aug 27-28 (Fri—Sat.) ****AIRPEX@IBEW Hall (F:12-6pm; Sat: 10am-6pm)**

Sep 6 — **Labor day HOLIDAY NO MEETING**

Sep 13 — 7pm Board Meeting with AIRPEX Review

Sept 20—**HYBIRD** 7:30 DSC meeting and CLUB AUCTION #4

Oct 4—**HYBIRD** 7:30pm DSC Meeting and Program

Oct 11 — 7pm Board Meeting

Oct 18—**HYBIRD** 7:30 DSC meeting and program; My Other Hobby, Member Participation

Nov 1 **HYBIRD** 7:30pm DSC Meeting and Program; How to Evaluate (or research) a U.S. Cover

Nov 8—7pm Board Meeting (set 2022 Calendar and Budget review)

Nov 13-14—**MSDA Bourse ONLY, Four Points by Sheraton. Cincinnati N., 7500 Tyler Place Blvd, West Chester OD.**

Nov 15—**HYBIRD** 7:30 DCS Meeting and Elections and Club Auction #5

Dec 6 — **6:30 pm Holiday Dinner at Local Resturant**

Dec 13 7pm Board Meeting

Dec 20 — NO MEETING—ENJOY THE HOLIDAY SEASON!



1997 Successful Launch of the Long March 3B Rocket (after a 1993 effort had failed, with the rocket crashing into a nearby village) Image by Axanderr, free use in the public domain, https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:The_Launch_of_Long_March_3B_Rocket.jpg

⇒ cancelled. In the 1980s several long-range ICBMs were fielded as well as a commercial space launch program so that companies could send up satellites. In 1986 China's leaders set goals again to develop a "space plane" and a space station. They also developed the Flight Control Center in Beijing, the Xian Satellite Measurement and Control Station, four survey ships and multiple other landing sites and monitoring After the Tiananmen Massacre (1989) and the demise of the Soviet Union (1991) the Communist Party in China took bold measures to assure it would remain in power. In 1993 it reorganized and partly privatized the existing space program into the China Science and Industry Aerospace Corporation and the China National Space Administration (CNSA). The state corporation would perform research and development while the administration would be responsible for space-based operations. In 1999 the CNSA launched the Shenzhou, a modified Soyuz spacecraft without humans inside. A major step forward followed in 2003 when China launched its first manned space vehicle into orbit. It was called Shenzhou 5 (see commemorative cover illustration) and contained one taikonaut: Commander Yang Liwei, who orbited Earth for 21 hours and returned safely.

In succeeding years China sent two and then three taikonauts into space at a time. That success spurred the Chinese to begin a lunar program to send taikonauts to the moon. First several unmanned test craft would travel to the moon before they would send a manned mission. They named the program Chang'e after the Chinese Moon Goddess. Around this time China changed its naming scheme for space programs. Previous projects had been named after aspects of the Communist revolution. Since then, most names have revolved around traditional Chinese deities and heavenly mythology (such as "Divine Arrow").

The Chang'e program required the development of larger rockets, such as the Long March 3B and 3C. The first (unmanned) moon mission took place in 2007, followed by test launches in 2010. These missions gathered scientific data in moon orbit before any craft landed on the moon's surface.



Hong Kong first day cover commemorating China's 2003 manned space launch

Photo by the author of an item in his collection

2013 an unmanned Chinese mission sent out a rover which landed on the moon and explored the surface of Mare Imbrium. Three years later China tested its Long March 5 heavy rocket. Many satellites were also launched during this time but the lunar program garnered more public attention.

TO BE CONTINUED IN MAY DSC NEWSLETTER

Dayton Stamp Club begins face-to-face meetings on Monday, May 3rd. ZOOM meetings will also continue for homebound members and visitors.

Dayton's First Post Office



Post Office Located in Newcom's Tavern

Did you know that Dayton's first post office was nothing more than a large cupboard owned by Dayton's first postmaster, Benjamin Van Cleve? When mail was delivered to the early Dayton settlement, Van Cleve would place it in the cupboard until the recipient came to pick it up and pay the postage due. The recipient rather than the sender paid postage in those days.

Newcom Tavern is the oldest building still standing Dayton (1796). Newcom Tavern was originally located on the southwest corner of Main Street and what is today Monument Avenue. The

building now stands in much the same condition as it was originally, at Carillon Historical Park.

Robert Edgar built this two-story log house for Col. George Newcom and his family. Robert Edgar was a millwright that George Newcom hired to build "the best house in Dayton." It later housed Dayton's first court sessions, church services and council meetings. Travelers could also find food and lodging under its roof.

The original house consisted of one room upstairs and one room on the ground floor, with a door facing the river. In 1798, a two-story addition was added south of the original structure, with a new door facing Main Street.

George Newcom was a veteran of General Anthony Wayne's campaign against the Indians and led one of three groups of original settlers that headed north from Cincinnati to Dayton in 1796. He and his wife, the former Mary Henderson, chose lot #13 on which to build their new home. In 1800, Mary gave birth to one of the first white children born in Dayton, their daughter Jane.

The Newcoms sold the tavern in 1815 and over the next 20 years ownership changed several times. In 1838, Joseph Shaffer purchased the structure



Newcom's Tavern at its current location in Carillon Historical Park

at a Sheriff's auction and converted it into a general store. The building remained "Shaffer's Store" for the next 56 years.

In 1894, architect Charles Insko Williams started to raze the structure to make way for an apartment building. However, as the clapboards were removed, the original log structure was revealed. John Cotterill owned the building and offered to donate it to the city, provided it was moved from the property. Acting on the recommendations of the "Log Cabin Committee," the city approved moving the tavern to Van Cleve Park. John H. Patterson, founder of The National Cash Register Company, paid for the move. The Daughters

of the American Revolution raised money by public subscription to have it restored, and the Dayton Historical Society was organized to operate it as a museum.

In the 1960s, the Montgomery Historical Society donated the tavern and related collections to Carillon Historical Park. Newcom Tavern made its final move in the fall of 1964. Today, now Dayton's oldest standing building, Newcom Tavern stands in Carillon Historical Park, approximately 2 miles south of its original site.

Newcom Tavern was restored in 1896 to celebrate Dayton's centennial. It was dedicated in Carillon Park in 1965. Carillon Historical Park is a 65-acre park and museum in Dayton, OH, which contains historic buildings and exhibits concerning the history of technology and the history of Dayton and its residents from 1796 to the present. The historical elements of the park were the brainchild of Colonel Edward Deeds. The major sections include settlement, transportation, invention, and industry.

The park is named for the 151-foot-tall Deeds Carillon. Colonel Edward Deeds, in whose name the tower was built, was a Dayton industrialist and innovator. The art modern-style carillon tower was built in 1942 and designed by New York architects Reinhard & Hofmeister. It was funded by Edward Deeds' wife Edith Walton Deeds and was designed to commemorate the Deeds family. Today, with 57 bells, the carillon is Ohio's largest. The National Park Service listed the Deeds Carillon on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.



The Carillon Bell Tower was dedicated in 1942 and continue to entertain visitors.

Carillon Park refurbished the carillon in 1988, converting it from an electric keyboard-controlled instrument to a traditional, baton-keyboard mechanical carillon. The Park's carillonneur, Larry Weinstein performs live carillon concerts every Sunday at 3:00 from May to October.

Benjamin Van Cleve (1773-1821) was one of the earliest European settlers of what would later become the city of Dayton, Ohio. He was born February 24, 1773, to John Van Cleve and Catherine Benham Van Cleve in Monmouth County, New Jersey. In December of 1789, Benjamin Van Cleve was one of the first settlers of Dayton, Ohio, when he arrived with a small group of others at the present site of downtown Dayton on April 1, 1796. Benjamin Van Cleve's other important roles in Dayton history include teaching at the first school in the city, being the first postmaster of Dayton, and serving as the clerk of courts for Montgomery County. Benjamin Van Cleve was among the founders of the first library incorporated in the state of Ohio. The library was located in Van Cleve's log house in Dayton. Benjamin also wrote the only reliable account of the settlement of Dayton in 1796.

After May 1 Meetings of the Dayton Stamp Club will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, 3440 Shroyer Rd, Kettering OH

Starting with the May 3 meeting at 7:30 pm, the Dayton Stamp Club will meet face-to-face on the first and third Mondays of each month. The programs are listed in the Meetings and Activities columns on the right side of page one. The meeting is also available via ZOOM (HYBIRD version)

A ZOOM meeting will be at the same time for members viewing from home. See article below.

Covid safety measures will be practiced,; face masks, hand sanitizer and social distance.

DSClub Meeting Face-to-Face & Zoom - 1st and 3rd Mondays—7:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting with a device that connects to internet, a computer, laptop or iPad:



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82225670103?pwd=QmlENDd5QVpCSk1aak45ZzcxZDM0UT09>

Meeting ID: 822 2567 0103
Passcode: grace

How to join the meeting just using your regular telephone

if you do not have a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

Dial Phone Number to Join the Meeting by Telephone Only: 312-626-6799

Follow instructions on phone - it will ask for this info:

Meeting ID: 822 2567 0103

Passcode: 608866

The following commands can be entered via using your phone's dial pad while in a Zoom meeting by phone: - *6 - Toggle mute/unmute and *9 - Raise hand



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Minkus Supreme Global Binder
OR Master Global binders
Email: Carol Costa
Lyncar8@earthlink.net

Write a Classified Ad for Your Duplicates

Every Dayton Stamp Club (DSC) member is entitled to place classified ads in the newsletter. What are you looking for; a particular country, a specific year, or some missing set or part of a set? Some other club member may have the item you are seeking. If you don't ask, no one will know you are seeking that item.

Attend a Dayton Stamp Club Zoom Meeting for Chance

To WIN a year's Philatelic Memberships

Each month, at the first meeting of the month, the President will draw a member's name. **IF that member is present at that meeting**, the club will pay for a **one-year philatelic organization membership** for that individual of his/her choice from the list.



Some of the organizations on the list are: the American First Day Cover Society; the American Philatelic Society; the American Revenue Association; the American Stamp Dealers Association; La Posta (postal history); Linn's Stamp News; the Precancel Society; and the United Postal Stationery Society. Other organizations may be considered, subject to approval of DSC board of directors.

Member MUST be present at that meeting!

RePrint from American Philatelic Society (APS)

Also suggested by Knoxville Philatelic Society News, Tom Broadhead, editor

And Venice Stamp Club, John Hamman

What do I do with these stamps? Collectors – are you prepared?

A question our membership team gets asked almost daily – “I’ve inherited a collection, what do I do?”

When stamp collectors do not leave instructions, heirs are left looking for answers. They have no idea what the collection is worth or what they should do with it – keep it, sell it, donate it??? We do our best to provide guidance for answering those questions and often will share dealer and club resources in their area to help.

Over the years, we’ve heard some horror stories where heirs have thrown away or sold a collection at a yard sale – only to find out later the true value when they come across the insurance coverage or receipts. With a little organization and direction, you can properly guide your heirs to minimize the chance of their making these mistakes.

Are you prepared?

Who better than you to tell the story behind or the value of your collection? Some collect stamps as an investment. Others collect for sentimental reasons – maybe it was their grandfather’s collection or inspired by an event or somewhere they traveled. Some collections may not have significant monetary value, but the story surrounding it can make it far more valuable to heirs.

Some simple steps

There are a few simple steps you can take now to ensure your collection is properly handled and help get maximum value. Things as simple as keeping a basic inventory of the collection including an evaluation of worth, keeping notes about special pieces, or sharing names of dealers or friends who understand the collection that could provide guidance. APS has brochures available with helpful tips as well as information on APS website at: www.stamps.org/Estate-advice. Additionally, Ken Martin, APS Director of Expertizing, will be hosting a virtual learning event on April 13, “Estate Planning: A Philatelic Toolkit”. Visit our website for details on registering.

Estate Planning: A Philatelic Tool Kit (A Virtual Learning Event)

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About this Course:

Attention ALL Philatelists: No matter how large or small your philatelic collection may be, you can’t take it with you! When the inevitable occurs, you certainly want to control what happens to the collection that brought you so much pleasure. To ensure that your wishes are carried out, you need to plan. Expanding your philatelic toolkit will help you to prepare instructions for your heirs and plan for your collection’s future.

This one-session seminar will meet – April 13, 2021 (3:00 – 4:15p.m. Eastern Time)

Cost: **FREE for APS Members**/\$10 for Non-Members

Instructors: Ken Martin and Scott Tiffney

April 2021 Virtual Learning Event - Registration is Open until April 9, 2021

www.Stamps.org



American Topical Association (ATA) New Resource: *Topical Adventures*

Topical stamp collecting is increasingly popular. *Topical Adventures* explores the spectrum of topical and thematic stamp collecting and exhibiting. It is a convenient reference you'll want to have as you acquire, store, display and exhibit your collection.

Price includes domestic (US)

shipping. INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS: after placing your order, we will contact you with information regarding additional shipping charges.

The price of *Topical Adventures* is \$44.50 for ATA Members and \$49.50 for non-members.

DSC purchased a copy for the club's library.

2021 USPS New Issues for April



Barns Postcard Rate Stamps
Pane of 20 and Coil of 100 with four designs
January 24, 2021



Espresso Drinks Forever Stamps,
Booklet of 20 with Four designs,
April 9, 2021

Freestyle Exhibiting Is Fun

The Pavlichenko exhibit included in this newsletter is an example of freestyle exhibiting. Freestyle and competitive exhibiting are very different. Competitive exhibiting requires the exhibitor to meet specific criteria such as how close can the exhibitor come to excellence in the treatment of the subject and the portrayal of its importance? How thorough is the philatelic and thematic knowledge presented? How in-depth is the display of personal study and research? How close to excellence is the condition and rarity of the material exhibited, and of the presentation of that material?

In formal exhibiting, the exhibitor is competing against a standard of excellence. Freestyle exhibiting, on the other hand, does not involve these criteria. The exhibitor is not in competition with other exhibitors or any standard. It is simply telling a story using stamps and related material.

There are many reasons a philatelist might want to do a freestyle exhibit. Freestyle exhibiting involves a creative process and a way to work with

stamps beyond just putting them on an album page where they match the illustrations and filling in all the spaces. Freestyle exhibiting can be used to educate or even to attract new members by entertaining the viewer. It may be used as a stepping stone towards competitive exhibiting. It may give a stamp collector who has put a lot of time and effort into a specific part of a stamp collection the opportunity to share it with other philatelists.

The idea is not new. Years ago, many clubs challenged their members to create a one page exhibit for their meeting's program - sometimes as a clothesline exhibit, and sometimes as a show and tell. Today we have the ability to share virtually and to submit pages electronically. Perhaps now would be the right time to bring back exhibiting in this format and make it part of a stamp club's regular agenda.

See Carol's video at Knoxpex <https://www.knoxstamps.com/presentations>

See Carol Costa's Example Freestyle Exhibit on Pages 9, 10, 11, and 12.



Lyudmila Pavlichenko, 'Lady Death'

Lyudmila Pavlichenko (1916 -1974) was a sniper in the Soviet army during World War II. Credited with 309 confirmed kills in less than a year, she became the most successful female sniper in history and one of the greatest snipers of all time.

Pavlichenko was born in Ukraine. As a young woman she was a highly competitive athlete. After hearing a boy boasting about his achievements on the rifle range, she took up the sport to prove that a girl could shoot just as well, and became highly proficient. While studying at Kiev University as a history student, she enrolled in a Red Army military-style sniper school for six months.

In June 1941, as Germany began its invasion of the Soviet Union, she enlisted in the Red Army and was assigned to a rifle division. She was one of about 2000 Soviet female snipers. Only about 500 survived the war.



Pavlichenko served during the Siege of Odessa in the summer of 1941, where she recorded 187 kills in just 2 1/2 months. She wrote in her memoirs about this experience, "You need great self-control, will power and endurance to lie fifteen hours at a stretch without moving. The slightest twitch may mean death."



When the Soviet army withdrew to the Crimean Peninsula, she took part in the Siege of Sevastopol. In addition to her combat duties, she trained other snipers. Her total confirmed kills during World War II included thirty-six Axis snipers



Pavlichenko was so feared by the Germans that she earned the nickname "Lady Death." She later reported that they would try to bribe her over a loudspeaker, "Lyudmila Pavlichenko, come over to us. We will give you lots of chocolate and make you a German officer."

Pavlichenko fought for eight months in Sevastopol and was wounded four times. After receiving facial wounds, she was evacuated by submarine as Soviet leadership felt she was too valuable to lose on the front lines. She spent a month in a hospital recovering and then became a propagandist for the Red Army.

In 1942, Pavlichenko was sent to Great Britain, Canada and the United States as part of Russia's attempt to convince the Allies to open a second front against Nazi Germany. She became the first Soviet citizen to be received by a United States president.



First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt invited Pavlichenko to tour the country with her. She was asked to talk about her experiences as a female soldier on the front lines to help raise support for the war. A friendship developed between the two that continued after the war.



Russian diplomats accompany Pavlichenko to Washington D.C.

(Library of Congress Photo)



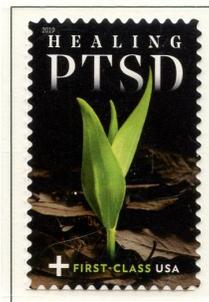
She was greeted by large crowds wherever she went but never taken seriously by the American media who called her "the girl sniper". She received many negative comments about her uniform and fielded questions about issues such as wearing make-up on the front lines. She became increasingly frustrated.

Finally, in Chicago, she addressed the gathered media, "Gentlemen, I am 25 years old and I have killed 309 fascist invaders by now. Don't you think, gentlemen, that you've been hiding behind my back for too long?" She received a huge roar of support from the assembled crowd.



Pavlichenko never returned to active combat but continued training snipers. After the war she worked as an historian in the Soviet Navy. She was awarded the gold star of the Hero of the Soviet Union, her country's highest distinction.

Lyudmila Pavlichenko died at age 58 from a stroke. After the war, she suffered from depression which she attributed to the loss of her husband, a fellow sniper, during combat. She also struggled with PTSD and alcoholism.



For most soldiers in modern warfare, enemy targets are killed from a distance. For Pavlichenko, all her "kills" were "up close and personal," viewed through the scope of her sniper's rifle.



She also received the Order of Lenin twice and two awards for Meritorious Service in Battle.

She wrote in her memoirs that she felt no remorse for her kills. "The only feeling I have is the great satisfaction a hunter feels who has killed a beast of prey."

The story of this amazing woman lives on today in many forms. The first English edition of her memoirs, *Lady Death*, was published in 2018. The 2015 movie, *Battle for Sevastopol*, portrayed a romanticized version of her life.



As a tribute to her war record, American folk singer Woody Guthrie composed the song, "Miss Pavlichenko."

"Miss Pavlichenko's well known to fame,
Russia's your country, fighting is your game,
The whole world will love her for a long time
to come,
For more than three hundred Nazis fell by
your gun."

