United States Navy

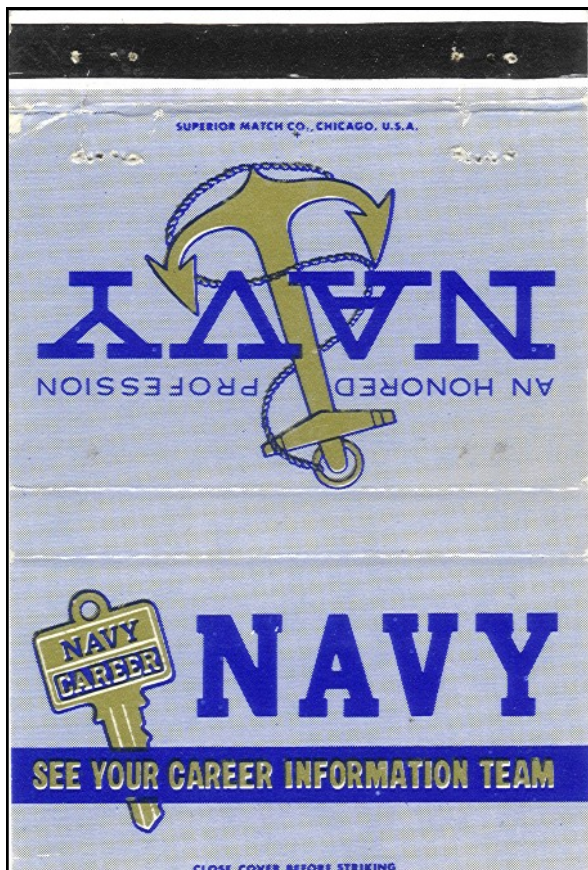## Military Corner

The United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which was established during the American Revolutionary War and was disbanded shortly thereafter. Depredations against American shipping by Barbary Coast corsairs spurred Congress, by passing the Naval Act of 1794, to order the construction and manning of six frigates. The U.S. Navy came into international prominence in the 20th century, especially during World War II. It was a part of the conflict from the onset of American military involvement—the Attack on Pearl Harbor—to Japan's official surrender on the deck of the USS *Missouri*. The U.S. Navy had a role in the subsequent Cold War, in which it evolved into a nuclear deterrent and crisis response force while preparing for a possible global war with the Soviet Union. The U.S. Navy continues to spend more on technology development than any other and is the world's largest navy with a tonnage greater than that of the next 17 largest combined. The U.S. Navy currently has nearly 343,500 personnel on active duty and 129,634 in the Navy Reserve; it has 276 ships in active service and more than 4,000 aircraft. *[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Navy]*

Lots of great covers to be seen here! Some are stock designs; some have attention-

- Air Gunners Schools
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- Naval Auxiliary Air Stations
- Naval Amphibious Bases
- Naval Ammunition Depots
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- Naval Bases
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- Naval Supply Depots
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- Naval Training Centers
- Naval Training Schools

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As with the previous Army covers, the majority of covers here are front-strikers and mostly 20-strikes, although there are 30s and 40s here, to be sure. There isn't much in the way of Fancies, but that's not what draws us to Military anyhow. It's the history...and nothing epitomizes that better than Pearl Harbor!