

# Confederate Stamp Alliance

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### **New Alliance Website Unveiled**

The difference in the new website vs. the old site can be likened to the 1986 "New Dietz Catalog" vs. the 2012 CSA Catalog. There is absolutely no comparison. This project has been underway for many months, after funds were approved by the CSA trustees to bring our website into the 21st century.

We have workhorses **Mike O'Reilly** and **Frank Crown** to thank for this effort. They have been working diligently with a professional web designer to make this happen. We owe them a sincere debt of gratitude. And the even better

news is that it will continue to expand, improve and -- most importantly -- be kept up to date.

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## Getting Started

- The new site has the same URL as the old one: [www.csalliance.org](http://www.csalliance.org)
  - Hover over a topic on the main menu and a drop menu will appear showing all that is available under that topic. Click on any subject to see more.
  - Members: Although you do not have to log in to use the new website, it is strongly recommended that you do. There are two reasons for this:
    1. It will allow you full access to the searchable *Confederate Philatelist*, which should be added to the site in the next few weeks.
    2. It will allow you to view and update your profile in the Members Section, although this is a week or so away at this time.
  - You should log in using your email address. If you never provided an email address or have difficulty, contact webmaster [Mike O'Reilly](#) for assistance.
  - When asked for your password, click "Lost Your Password" and then reset your password. You may use your old password when doing this.
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## A Sampling of New Features

- Searchable authentication certificates (under **Authentication**)
- Searchable *Confederate Philatelist* (under CP) – available in several weeks
- Research sources such as old auction catalogs, stamp catalogs, collections, exhibits, primary documents and much more (under **Resources**)
- Full run of the *Virginia Philatelist* (under **Resources**)

- Full run of the *Confederate Bulletin* (under **Resources**)
- Publications for sale (under **Store**). You can pay using PayPal.

Take a look at our new site and give the hard-working webmasters your feedback: [mcoreilly@yahoo.com](mailto:mcoreilly@yahoo.com) or [fcrown@knology.net](mailto:fcrown@knology.net)

## Important to Note

- There is a new fee structure for the CSA Authentication Service and the Recording Secretary has moved across the country from Montana to Virginia. If you use this vital expertizing service, you should be aware of these changes as noted on the new website.
  - The 2020 Alliance Annual Convention will be held at NAPEX June 5-7, 2020, in McLean, Virginia (D.C. metropolitan area).
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## Civil War Postal Exhibition and Symposium 2019

It will be here before you know it. In just **less than two months**, we will meet in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, to enjoy one of the largest concentrations of world-class Civil War philatelic material on exhibit. The winner of this World Series of Philately show will go on to compete in the Champion of Champions competition next August in Hartford, Connecticut.

**Just one perk of being there:** in conjunction with his presentation, the Alliance is paying to print and distribute, **free to all participants**, a reprint of Frank Crown's research on the 3-cent Nashville provisional.

For details on this event, see the event website at [cwstampex.org](http://cwstampex.org). A full list of exhibits and exhibitors will be posted on the website within the next few weeks.

Hope to see you there!

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