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**REAGAN ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS JOIN SPECIAL  
DEDICATION OF STAMP HONORING 40TH PRESIDENT**

WASHINGTON – Members of former President Ronald Reagan’s Administration dedicated the commemorative postage stamp honoring the nation’s 40th chief executive today by unveiling an 11-foot image that captures Reagan in a characteristic pose.

The dedication ceremony, held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, culminated a wave of stamp dedication celebrations spanning the nation and honoring the remarkable life of the former president.

“We wanted to produce a stamp that embodied Ronald Reagan’s warmth, personality and humanity,” said James Miller, newly elected chairman of the presidentially appointed U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors. “This stamp captures the twinkle of his eyes and the charismatic grin that reflected Ronald Reagan’s eternal optimism,” added Miller, who served as Reagan’s Director of the Office of Management and Budget and later, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. “We think we have done just that. Americans will be proud of this stamp.”



(L to R) Ronald Reagan Foundation Chairman Fred Ryan, Postmaster General John E. Potter, U.S. Postal Service Chairman of the Board of Governors, James Miller and Former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese unveiled the Ronald Reagan commemorative stamp during a Feb. 9 dedication ceremony in Washington, DC. Nearly 1,000 guests, including many members of Congress and members of the Ronald Reagan alumni association attended the event held at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

Miller delivered his remarks in a special dedication ceremony before a crowd of hundreds, including many members of Congress, Reagan administration alumni and distinguished guests.

Also joining Miller and Postmaster General John E. Potter for the dedication were Edwin Meese III, Reagan's senior advisor and U.S. Attorney General; Senator Ted Stevens, (R-AK); Rep. Danny K. Davis, (D-IL); Frederick J. Ryan, Chairman, Ronald Reagan Foundation; and Kenneth M. Duberstein, who served as President Reagan's last chief of staff. Musical entertainment was provided by Crystal Gayle and Lee Greenwood.

"The United States Postal Service is honoring the man who was known by his fellow Americans as the great communicator," said Potter. "He understood the value of the written word—the handwritten word. Perhaps that's why he wrote—and mailed—more than 10,000 letters during his incredible lifetime."

As a reflection of Reagan's popularity, the Ronald Reagan commemorative stamp was issued nationwide today, with Simi Valley, CA, designated as the official first-day-of-issue city. Typically, the Postal Service issues a commemorative postage stamp in one city only. The Simi Valley event was held at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum. Other large events took place in Sacramento on the steps of the California State Capitol, and in Dixon, IL, Reagan's childhood home. Dedication events also took place in Florida, Missouri, Montana and Texas.

Anticipating broad demand, the Postal Service produced 170 million stamps and is also offering Ronald Reagan collectables. Following is a sampling.

- An 11"x14" limited edition gicleé numbered print of the Ronald Reagan stamp image autographed by stamp artist Michael Deas for \$149.99, available at [usps.com/shop](https://usps.com/shop).
- A 7" x 10" plaque of the Reagan stamp image for \$24.95, available at [usps.com/shop](https://usps.com/shop) and at select Post Offices.
- A 6 3/8" x 7 9/16" Ronald Reagan Keepsake Folio set that commemorates his life and achievements through nine photographs for \$12.95, available through the USA Philatelic catalog. Complete with a comprehensive narrative highlighting Reagan's Hollywood years, the Presidency, the Ronald and Nancy Reagan love story and life at Rancho del Cielo, the set opens to reveal a pane of twenty 37-cent stamps honoring Ronald Reagan.

Other Reagan collectables and current U.S. stamps, as well as a free comprehensive catalog, may be ordered online at the Postal Store, [usps.com/shop](https://usps.com/shop); through the USA Philatelic catalog by toll-free telephone order by calling 800-STAMP-24; or via fax at 816-545-1212. In

addition, custom-framed prints of other original stamp art are available at [www.postalartgallery.com](http://www.postalartgallery.com).

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