

# Lloyd A. de Vries

Lloyd A. de Vries writes the first day cover column for *Linn's Stamp News* (since 1997) and before that for *Stamps* (1986-89) and *Stamp Collector* (1989-97), and for 20 years, produced a weekly radio feature on stamp collecting for CBS News. He has operated online stamp collecting forums since 1993, which collectively became The Virtual Stamp Club (still extant at



[www.virtualstampclub.com](http://www.virtualstampclub.com)), and moderates the VSC and AFDCS Facebook Groups and Americover page. He has also written about FDCs and other subjects for *First Days*, *Stamps*, *Stamp Collector*, *Global Stamp News*, *Brookman Times* and the USPS website *Beyond the Perf*.

Lloyd has been a member of ESPER since 2015. He has been President of the AFDCS since 2010, and served in various other posts, too. He is also the president of the APS Writers Unit #30, and a member of many other stamp societies, including the Sawyer, Ries and Graebner Chapters and the ceremony program and page and panel groups. He served on the APS Board (1997-2005) as a director-at-large and secretary. He received the Carter award in 2009, the AFDCS Distinguished Service Award in 2008, and recently was named a Most Influential Philatelist by *Linn's*.

He has produced Dragon Cards cachets since 1983, which include many of the Black Heritage U.S. issues.

Lloyd is married with two sons, two daughters-in-law, a grandson and a granddaughter on the way. He plays trombone, bass trombone and euphonium in several community bands. He retired in 2020 after a career in journalism (radio, TV, internet) with CBS, ABC and others.