

MOON LANDING USA · ONE SMALL STEP FOR MAN · ONE GIANT LEAP FOR MANKIND



COMMEMORATING  
FIRST MEN  
ON THE MOON

ASTRONAUTS  
ARMSTRONG  
COLLINS  
ALDRIN

**APOLLO 11**

JULY 20, 1969

*Fleetwood*

FIRST DAY OF ISSUE



UNITED STATES

FIRST MAN ON THE MOON

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# THE SPACE EXPLORATION COLLECTION

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## **USA Moonlanding Commemorative First Day Cover**

On 20th July 1969, American astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin and Michael Collins piloted Apollo 11 to the first landing on the moon. Armstrong stepped from the vessel and man had taken a giant step forward in the conquest of space. On 9th September, the United States Postal Service issued a 10c airmail stamp to commemorate this epic event. Featuring a painting of Armstrong taking his first step onto the moon's surface, the stamp rapidly became a collector's item with literally millions of people wanting a lasting memento of the event. In 1989, the U.S. Post Office again released a

commemorative stamp, this time to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the moonlanding. This \$2.40 issue showed Armstrong and Aldrin planting the 'Stars and Stripes' on the moon and, like its predecessor 20 years previously, it was much sought-after. These 2 historic stamps have been brought together on a commemorative first day cover which has been postmarked 3 times; 20th July 1969 - the date of the moonlanding; 9th September 1969 - the date of issue of the first commemorative stamp; 20th July 1989 - the 20th anniversary of the landing. The cover is a remarkable tribute to a truly momentous event.