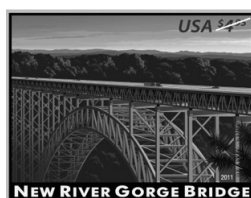


# 2011 Regular Issue Stamps

## Priority Mail



#4511

New River Gorge Bridge



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Lady Liberty/U.S. Flag

## 2011 Commemoratives



**Wedding Roses - 44¢:** This stamp features two white roses lying on a piece of wedding correspondence. Renee Comet was the photographer for this design and the Wedding Cake stamp, both which went on sale in time for summer wedding invitations to be sent.

**Wedding Cake - 64¢:** The 2011 Wedding Cake stamp pictures an elegant three-tiered cake with white flowers accented with green stems and leaves. The 64¢ stamp covers the rate to carry the heavier invitation and enclosed reply card sent out with most wedding invitations. The same design was used in 2009, as part of the Weddings Series.

**Battle of Fort Sumter - 44¢:** Seven Southern states had seceded from the Union by the time Abraham Lincoln took office in 1861. The Confederacy insisted Union soldiers leave Fort Sumter in South Carolina. When they refused, Confederate forces, led by Brigadier General P.G.T. Beauregard, strengthened defenses around Charleston Harbor. On April 12, 1861, the Southern Army began bombarding the Fort and the Union Army evacuated 34 hours later. The Battle of Fort Sumter stamp begins the Civil War Series, which commemorates the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States.

**First Battle of Bull Run - 44¢:** Three months after the surrender of Fort Sumter, the Northern public was anxious for a victory. Union troops marched toward Richmond, Virginia, to capture the capital and end the war. They met Confederate soldiers at Manassas, Virginia. Reinforcements arriving by train helped secure a Southern victory, and the Union soldiers retreated to Washington, D.C. Both sides realized the war would be longer and costlier than first believed.