

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) Annual Report Fiscal Year 2018 October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

A. Background

Public Law 108-15, approved on April 23, 2003, established the CCAC to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on themes and design proposals relating to circulating coinage, commemorative coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals, and national medals. This report presents the CCAC's recommendations for commemorative coinage in each of the next five calendar years, and summarizes the CCAC's activities during fiscal year 2018.

B. CCAC Recommendations

1. General Recommendations

The CCAC encourages the highest standards of artistic excellence for America's coins and medals. The CCAC recognizes the importance of the nation's coinage, not only in facilitating the needs of commerce, but also as an artistic medium to recognize the significant achievements of the nation and its people, to honor great national leaders of the past, and to illustrate the foundational values of the republic. With recognition toward these goals, the CCAC serves as a resource in the review and development of proposals for circulating coinage and circulating commemoratives, and through providing recommendations on commemorative programs and medals.

2. Circulating Commemoratives

Since the beginning of the 50 State Quarters[®] Program in 1999, the nation's pocket change has been augmented with an assortment of new circulating commemorative coins. These coins have been generated through not only the 50 State Quarters[®] Program but also the Westward Journey Nickel Series[™], Presidential \$1 Coin Program, Lincoln Bicentennial One-Cent Program, District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Program, Native American \$1 Coin Program and, most recently, the America the Beautiful Quarters[™] Program. These programs have brought exciting new designs to the nation's circulating coinage that have served to convey and celebrate important American historical events, people, places, and achievements. The continuation of the America the Beautiful Quarters[™] Program will provide further opportunities for design innovation in U.S. circulating coinage in coming years.

3. Numismatic Commemoratives

The United States Congress has a long tradition of authorizing numismatic commemoratives, minted and issued by the United States Mint for sale to the general public. The Commemorative Coin Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208) provides that the Secretary may mint and issue no more than two commemorative coin programs in any calendar year. The CCAC recommends that each year's two programs should be selected from the following alternatives:

<u>2017</u>

Programs already enacted:

- Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act
- Boys Town Centennial Commemorative Coin Act

<u>2018</u>

Programs already enacted:

- World War I American Veterans Centennial Commemorative Coin Act
- Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act

2019

Programs already enacted:

- Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act
- American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act

<u>2020</u>

Proposed programs:

- Ratification of the 19th Amendment
- 75th Anniversary of Peace After World War II
- 200th Birthday of Harriet Tubman
- 100th Anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters
- 100th Anniversary of the first commercial radio station in U.S. WWJ in Detroit, MI

<u>2021</u>

Proposed programs:

- 50th Anniversary of National Public Radio
- 50th Anniversary of the first microprocessor
- 75th Anniversary of the Roosevelt Dime

2021 (continued)

Proposed programs:

- 100th Anniversary of Peace Dollar
- 100th Birthday of John Glenn
- 100th Anniversary of Albert Einstein's Nobel Prize for Physics

2022 Proposed programs:

- 200th Birthday of Ulysses S. Grant
- 100th Anniversary of the Lincoln Memorial
- 100th Anniversary of the commission of the first U.S. Navy Aircraft carrier USS Langley

C. CCAC Activities During Fiscal Year 2018

The CCAC held four meetings during Fiscal Year 2018. All were held at United States Mint headquarters in Washington, D.C. Three meetings held at Mint headquarters were attended by members via telephonic means. One additional telephonic meeting was held to discuss CCAC outreach. One authorized CCAC outreach meeting was held for the general public.

The following is a summary of the Fiscal Year 2018 CCAC meetings.

Meeting of October 18, 2017:

• **2019** Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program. The CCAC reviewed candidate designs for the common obverses for the 2019 Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coins, authorized by Public Law 114-282. These are a \$5 gold coin, \$1 silver coin, half-dollar clad coins, and a 5-ounce \$1 silver proof coin in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the first manned Moon landing. These designs were selected as a result of a juried competition as required by the enacting legislation. The jury was composed of three members of the CCAC -- Erik Jansen, Jeanne Stevens-Sollman, and Thomas Uram -- and three of members of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts.

The Act requires these coins to be curved, and also requires the design on the common reverse of the coins, the convex side, the representation of a close-up of the famous Buzz Aldrin on the Moon photograph taken July 20, 1969, which shows just the visor and part of the helmet of Astronaut Buzz Aldrin. Candidate designs for that common reverse were reviewed in June 2017 by the CCAC.

• **Proposed reverse design themes for the 2020 and 2021 issues of America the Beautiful Quarters® Program.** The CCAC heard background for Weir Farm National Historic Site (Connecticut), Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park (Vermont), Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve (Kansas), Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site (Alabama), Salt

River Bay National Historical Park & Ecological Preserve (U.S. Virgin Islands), and National Park of American Samoa (American Samoa).

• **2019 America the Beautiful Quarters[®] Program:** The CCAC was informed that the Mint would provide additional designs to be reviewed in a future meeting for the 2019 America the Beautiful Quarter coin for American Memorial Park in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Telephonic meeting of October 25, 2017:

- **Bob Dole Congressional Gold Medal Program.** The Committee met by telephone and discussed the single obverse and reverse for the Bob Dole Congressional Gold Medal.
- **2019 American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program:** The CCAC was presented with background and design themes for the 2019 Commemorative Coin program, enacted by Public Law 115-65, and consisting of \$5 gold coins, \$1 silver coins, and half-dollar clad coins commemorating the founding of the American Legion in Paris, France in 1919.

Telephonic Meeting of January 16, 2018:

- **2019 America the Beautiful Quarters® Program:** The CCAC met by telephone and discussed and reviewed additional designs for the 2019 quarter honoring American Memorial Park (Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands).
- **Presidential Silver Medal Program:** The CCAC heard about the proposed program for Presidential Silver Medals, weighing one ounce and with unlimited availability. This program would begin in August 2018.

Meeting of March 13, 2018:

- **2019** American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program: The CCAC reviewed and considered proposed designs for the \$5 gold coin, \$1 silver coin, and clad half-dollar.
- Native American \$1 Coin Program: The CCAC considered proposed themes for the future, including American Indians in Military Service (2021), Ely Samuel Parker (2022), Charles Alexander Eastman, M.D. (2023), and the Indian Citizenship Act (2024).

Telephonic Meeting of April 16, 2018:

• **Outreach Meeting:** CCAC members discussed the potential format and topics for the CCAC Outreach Meeting to be held Thursday, August 16, 2018, at the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) World Fair of Money in Philadelphia, PA.

Meeting of June 12, 2018:

• America the Beautiful Quarters[®] Coin Program: CCAC members reviewed and discussed proposed reverse designs for the 2020-2021 America the Beautiful Quarters Coin Program, including National Park of American Samoa (American Samoa), Weir Farm National Historic Site (Connecticut), Salt River Bay National Historical Park & Ecological Preserve (U.S. Virgin Islands), Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park (Vermont), Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve (Kansas), and Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site (Alabama).

Telephonic meeting of July 31, 2018:

- **2018 American Innovation \$1 Coin Program Candidate Designs:** CCAC members met and discussed proposed single obverse and multiple reverse design proposals for the first coin in a 14-year, 56-coin series, authorized by H.R. 770 on June 27, 2018. The CCAC requested additional designs.
- CCAC Outreach of August 16, 2018: Six Committee members Robert Hoge, Mary Lannin, Michael Moran, Jeanne Stevens-Sollman, Dennis Tucker, and Thomas Uram participated in a 90-minute panel called "Why Did They Do That?" as part of the Money Talks series for the American Numismatic Association's World Fair of Money in Philadelphia, PA. Don Everhart, retired Lead Sculptor for the Mint, also participated.

Meeting of September 27, 2018:

- America the Beautiful Quarters[®] Coin Program: CCAC members reviewed revised reverse designs for the 2020 American the Beautiful Quarter Coin Program for Weir Farm National Historic Site (Connecticut).
- 2019 American Liberty High Relief 24K Gold Coin and Silver Medal Program: CCAC members reviewed candidate designs for the 2019 American Liberty High Relief 24K Gold Coin and Silver Medal program, choosing among designs offered to the CCAC in 2015 and 2017.
- **2018 American Innovation \$1 Coin Program:** The CCAC reviewed and discussed multiple obverse and reverse designs for the first coin in the 14-year series of American Innovation \$1 Program. The obverse design will carry throughout the series, while the reverse for this initial must incorporate the signature of George Washington as depicted on the first U.S. Patent, issued on July 31, 1790.

D. CCAC Membership

The CCAC consists of 11 members appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Four members are appointed based on special qualifications; three members are appointed to represent the general public; and four members are appointed after recommendation by the leadership of the United States Congress. Members who served during FY 2017 were:

- **Dennis Tucker** (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatics)
- **Robert Hoge** (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatic curation)
- Erik Jansen (appointed to represent the interests of the general public)
- Mary Lannin Chair, 2015-2018 (appointed after recommendation by House Minority Leader)
- **Michael Moran** (appointed after recommendation by Senate Minority Leader)
- **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar** (appointed to represent the interests of the general public; resigned April 2018)
- **Donald Scarinci** (appointed after recommendation by Senate Majority Leader)
- Jeanne Stevens-Sollman (appointed to represent the interests of the general public)
- **Thomas Uram** (appointed after recommendation by Speaker of the House)
- Dr. Herman Viola (appointed based on special qualifications in American history)
- Heidi Wastweet (appointed based on special qualifications in sculpture or medallic arts)