

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC)
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2017
October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017

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 2017.

B. CCAC Recommendations

1. General Recommendations

The CCAC encourages the highest standards of artistic excellence for America's coins and medals. The committee 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, 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:

2017

Programs already enacted:

Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act

Boys Town Commemorative Coin Act

2018

Programs already enacted:

World War I American Veterans Centennial Commemorative Coin Act

Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act

2019

Program already enacted: Apollo 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coins

75th Anniversary of D-Day

2020

Ratification of the 19th Amendment

75th Anniversary of World War II

200th birthday of Harriet Tubman

2021

100th Anniversary of Peace Dollar

20th Anniversary of 9/11

2022

100th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Lincoln Memorial

100th Anniversary of the “Year of Women Legislators”

2023

100th Anniversary of US Mint transfer of assets to Smithsonian

75th Anniversary of the Marshall Plan

75th Anniversary of the Berlin Blockade

C. CCAC Activities During Fiscal Year 2017

The CCAC held five (5) meetings during Fiscal Year 2017. *All were held at United States Mint headquarters in Washington, D.C. Three (3) meetings were held at Mint headquarters were attended by members via telephonic means. The Breast Cancer Awareness Sub-committee participated in one (1) additional teleconference meeting.*

The following is a summary of the Fiscal Year 2017 CCAC meetings.

Teleconference meeting of November 7, 2016:

2018 Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Competition Phase One Meeting. The three members of the sub-committee, Mary Lannin, Jeanne Stevens-Sollman and Dennis Tucker participated in a teleconference meeting with the Commission of Fine Arts sub-committee members to select finalists for the next phase of the competition.

Telephonic meeting of November 17, 2016:

- **Jacob J. Lew, Secretary of the Treasury.** The committee reviewed proposed designs for the medal submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.

Telephonic meeting of January 17, 2017:

- **Proposed design themes for the 2019 and 2020 Native American \$1 Coin Program.** The committee discussed ideas for reverse designs for the 2019 American Indians in the Space Program and 2020 Elizabeth Peratrovich and Alaska's Anti-Discrimination Law.

Telephonic meeting of February 15, 2017:

- **Welcome to new member.** Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- **Review and discussion of design concepts for the 2019 America the Beautiful Quarters Coin Program.** Members received background information on Lowell National Historical Park (Massachusetts), San Antonio Missions National Historical Park (Texas), Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness (Idaho), American Memorial Park (Northern Mariana Islands), and the War in the Pacific National Historical Park (Guam).
- **The Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Congressional Gold Medal.** Members received background information on the OSS, America's first national centralized intelligence agency, which was comprised of eleven branches under Strategic Services Operations and Intelligence Services during 1942 – 1945.
- **2018 Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Competition:** an in-person meeting of the Breast Cancer sub-committee was held a Mint headquarters with fellow sub-committee members from the Commission of Fine Arts.

Meeting of March 21, 2017:

- **Reappointment of Mr. Thomas Uram.** Congratulations were offered to Mr. Uram, reappointed to another term as the person recommended by the Speaker of the House.
- **Candidate designs for the 2018 World War I Armed Forces Silver Medals.** The committee considered proposed candidate designs and provided vigorous comments and recommendations for medals representing the Army, Navy, Air Service, Marines and Coast Guard.
- **Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal.** The committee proposed ideas and provided comments and recommendations on the theme.
- **Palladium Bullion Investment \$25 Coin.** The committee reviewed proposed designs of the likeness of the Adolph Weinman “Winged Liberty” obverse and the Adolph Weinman eagle reverse, created for the 1907 American Institute of Architects and viewed mockups of this coin.

Meeting of June 21, 2017:

- **Formal Swearing in of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.** Mr. Abdul-Jabbar has been appointed to represent the interests of the general public.
- **Election of jurors for the 2019 Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program.** Erik Jansen, Jeanne Stevens-Sollman and Thomas Uram were selected to be members of this sub-committee to work with fellow sub-committee members from the Commission of Fine Arts.
- **Review of Candidate Reverse Designs for the 2019 Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program.** The committee reviewed three sets of reverse designs for this program to be paired with the mandated obverse of the reflection in Astronaut Buzz Aldrin’s helmet that included Astronaut Neil Armstrong, a solar wind collector, the United States flag and the lunar lander.
- **Review of Candidate Designs for the Filipino Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal.** The Committee agreed with the stakeholder’s preferences for the Congressional Gold Medal design, with minor modifications for accuracy. Additionally it was recommended that the bronze medals be patinated.
- **Review of Candidate Designs for the Office of Strategic Services Congressional Gold Medal.** Considerable discussion between the Committee members and the stakeholder took place and it was decided to ask the Mint for additional designs based various points raised in the meeting.
- **2018 American Liberty 24-karat Fractional Coin.** The Committee discussed placement of the mintmark and designer’s and sculptor’s initials on this fractional coin.

Meeting of September 19, 2017:

- **Donald Scarinci as Acting Chair.** As the longest serving member of the Committee, Mr. Scarinci chaired the meeting.
- **Review and discuss Candidate Designs for the 2019 America the Beautiful Quarter Program.** Committee members selected reverse designs for four of the five 2019 coins in the series: Lowell National Historical Park (Massachusetts), War in the Pacific National Historical Park (Guam), San Antonio Missions National Historical Park (Texas) and the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness (Idaho). American Memorial Park (Northern Mariana Islands) designs will be modified and offered for discussion at the October 18, 2017 meeting.
- **Review of Candidate Designs for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) Congressional Gold Medal.** The Committee reviewed revised designs and agreed with those selected by the stakeholder.
- **Ratification of the 2015 and 2016 CCAC Annual Reports.**

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 at the end of FY2017 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 6/2015 (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)
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)