



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Honorable Janet Yellen
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) held a public meeting on November 28, 2023, during which the CCAC reviewed candidate designs and made recommendations for the obverse and reverse of the WW II Army Rangers Congressional Gold Medal. As background information regarding this program will accompany this communication, this letter details the CCAC's recommendations.

The CCAC was fortunate to have the participation of Mr. Ron Hudnell, Congressional Gold Medal Project Manager of the Descendants of WWII Rangers, Inc. and Mr. Jimmie Spencer, Senior Fellow of the Association of the United States Army. Both gentlemen joined the CCAC remotely. The CCAC reviewed a portfolio of four obverse candidate designs and the eight reverse candidate designs presented by the United States Mint. The CCAC voted unanimously to recommend obverse candidate design **ARV-O-04** and reverse candidate design **ARV-R-07A**. The Committee also recommended listing the geographic landing locations on one side and the Presidential unit citations on the other side of the medal while removing the inscription "World War II" from the reverse as it appears on the obverse.

ARV-O-04 features a group of Rangers bravely charging a beach and leading the way as they disembark an LCA. The locations where Rangers led operations in North Africa, Europe, and the Pacific, and earned eight Presidential Unit Citations, "SALERNO, POINTE DU HOC, CABANATUAN, SAAR RIVER, OMAHA BEACH, and EL GUETTAR" surround the border as additional inscriptions. **ARV-R-07A** feature both the Ranger scroll and the 29th Rangers' scroll displayed atop the Fairbairn-Sykes commando knife. The double-edged knife was given to the first Rangers after the completion of their training with the British Commandos in Scotland. The additional inscription is "WORLD WAR II RANGERS." The seven Ranger Landings encircle the upper border. Both of these candidate designs are favored by the liaisons and the US Commission of Fine Arts.

On behalf of the CCAC, we are thankful to continue our participation in the process of recommending designs that will reveal for many Americans the patriotic efforts in the history of the United States. Partly because I am a veteran, I intend to purchase a bronze replica of this Congressional Gold Medal when it becomes available.

Sincerely,

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