



CITIZENS COINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

801 9TH STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20220

April 24, 2023

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 April 18, 2023, during which the CCAC reviewed candidate designs and made recommendations for the 2024 Greatest Generation Commemorative Coin program. *Public Law 117-62* authorizes the Mint to issue \$5 gold coins, \$1 silver coins, and half-dollar clad coins emblematic of the World War II Memorial and the service and sacrifice of American soldiers and civilians during World War II. As background information regarding this program will accompany this communication, this letter details the CCAC's recommendations.

For this discussion, the CCAC was joined in person by Ms. Holly Rotondi, Executive Director of the Friends of the National World War II Memorial. This was just the second time in years, largely due to the Covid-19 pandemic that liaisons to coin or medal program participated in person in discussions with the CCAC.

Greatest Generation Commemorative Coin Program, Five Dollar Gold Coin

The CCAC reviewed four obverse and seven reverse candidate designs for the five-dollar gold dollar commemorative coin. Unanimously, the CCAC recommended obverse design **GG-G-O-03** and reverse design **GG-G-R-01A**. The former is a preference of the liaison.

GG-G-O-03 depicts the Wall of Stars at the World War II Memorial with an olive branch and the additional inscription "WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL." This is preferred artistically and that the story it tells is more conspicuous. The narrative should include the significance of the stars and the olive branch. **GG-G-R-01A** depict a folded flag with the additional inscription "WWII MEMORIAL."

Greatest Generation Commemorative Coin Program, One Dollar Silver Dollar Coin

The CCAC reviewed nine obverse and eleven reverse candidate designs for the one-dollar silver dollar commemorative coin. Unanimously, the CCAC recommended obverse design **GG-S-O-02B** and reverse design **GG-S-R-01A**. The latter is a preference of the liaison.

GG-S-O-02B feature an allegorical tableau of figures supporting a globe. Each figure represents a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces during WWII (Air Force, Coast Guard, Navy, Army, and Marine Corps) plus a figure representing the critical work of the Merchant Marines.

GG-S-R-01A depict a view from beneath a baldacchino, a sculptural canopy, inside a victory pavilion in the World War II Memorial featuring four eagles holding a laurel wreath. Inside the wreath is a globe centered on the Pacific Ocean. The additional inscriptions are “VICTORY,” “IN THE AIR,” “AT SEA,” and “ON LAND.”

Greatest Generation Commemorative Coin Program, Half Dollar Clad Coin

The CCAC reviewed seven obverse and six reverse candidate designs for the half-dollar clad commemorative coin. The CCAC embraced a recommendation from the liaison in unanimously recommending obverse design **GG-S-O-03** with a modification of the inscription to read “WE ANSWERED THE CALL.” **GG-S-O-03** features a reimagining of the figure of Liberation on the World War II Victory medal, awarded to all who served in the Armed Forces during World War II. The additional inscription is “WORLD WAR II.”

Unanimously, the CCAC recommended reverse design **GG-C-R-07**, which is a preference of the liaison. **GG-C-R-07** depicts the World War II Memorial from the point of view of a person walking up a ramp leading to one of the towers.

I join my colleagues of the CCAC in expressing our thanks for our participation in the process of this Congressional Gold Medal program. As a Vietnam veteran and numismatist, I enthusiastically wait for the opportunity to purchase one of the bronze replicas of this Congressional Gold Medal when they become available as it is another reflection of the “Greatest Generation”.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence S. Brown, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

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