

March 14, 2018

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin  
Secretary of the Treasury  
Department of the Treasury  
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin,

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, to review and discuss the designs for the 2019 American Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program.

Vigorous discussions about the designs on which the Committee voted led to the following recommendations:

The \$5 Gold obverse (AL-G-O-03) commemorates the inception of the American Legion, using the Eiffel Tower and V for victory to represent the formation of the organization in Paris in 1919. This design preference of the stakeholder received 21 of a possible 27 votes. The reverse design (AL-G-R-04), also a stakeholder preference, portrays a respectful presentation of a properly folded American flag, showing honor for our flag, which represents the ideals of justice, freedom and democracy for which our veterans fought and represents the American Legion's service to the nation. The design received 22 of a possible 27 votes.

The \$1 Silver obverse (AL-S-O-05) depicts the American Legion emblem adorned by oak leaves and a lily, commemorating the founding of the American Legion in Paris, France. This design was the highest scorer of the series, garnering 26 of a possible 27 votes. The reverse (AL-S-R-11) was the preference of the American Legion, receiving 24 of a possible 27 votes. It shows two crossed American and American Legion flags and the additional inscription "100 Years of Service." By motion, the CCAC recommended replacing a keystone design element with a *fleur de lis*.

The clad Half Dollar obverse (AL-C-O-05), a preference of the stakeholder, received 25 of a possible 27 votes. This design depicts two children standing and reciting the first words of the Pledge of Allegiance, "I pledge allegiance...". The young girl proudly wears her grandfather's old American Legion hat. The reverse (AL-C-R-06) continues the Pledge, with "...of the United States of America" beneath a flowing American flag as seen from the children's perspective. The American Legion emblem is featured just above the flag. This preferred design of the American Legion received 24 of 27 votes.

Best regards, I am



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Chair