

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
**Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee**

801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220



October 7, 2020

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee was held by teleconference on Tuesday, September 22, 2020. The CCAC reviewed candidate designs for the obverse and reverse of the United States Army Silver Medal.

The CCAC heard from Dr. Glenn Williams, a senior historian at the U.S. Army Center of Military History, before the CCAC's discussion. Dr. Williams was the Mint's liaison in the design process. Dr. Williams noted that Obverse 04, Obverse 13, Reverse 02, and Reverse 06 were designs he favored in his capacity as an Army historian. Additionally, he thanked the Committee and the Mint, and was available during the Committee discussion to answer questions and provide feedback.

The Committee had a robust conversation and analysis of the candidate designs. Several designs garnered attention for their use of negative space, action, creative handling of inscriptions, and depiction of diversity among service members. There was some concern that U.S. Army action in Vietnam wasn't specifically named in many of the designs that showcased campaign flag streamers.

Ultimately the Committee's recommendations were as follows:

- **Obverse ARM-O-13**, modified to remove the motto *This We'll Defend* and replace it with the wording *U.S. Army*.
  - Dr. Williams concurred that "It's more important to have 'U.S. Army' than it is to have our motto."
  - This design shows a Continental soldier and a modern soldier at the ready with weapons of their respective eras, representing the continuity of the U.S. Army since its beginnings, and its continuing mission to defend the nation.
- **Reverse ARM-R-02**, modified with the addition of a streamer representing the Vietnam War.
  - This design lists the seven core values of the U.S. Army alongside the Army flag with campaign streamers lifted by a breeze.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Uram".

Thomas Uram  
Chairman  
Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee