

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
Public Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2014, 1:00 PM Eastern
United State Mint Headquarters
Telephonic Meeting
Washington, D.C.

In attendance:

Michael Bugeja
Robert Hoge
Erik Jansen
Mary Lannin
Gary Marks (Chair)
Michael Moran
Donald Scarinci
Jeanne Stevens-Sollman
Thomas Uram
Heidi Wastweet

1. Chairperson Marks called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M.
2. April Stafford of the United States Mint presented an outline of the American Fighter Aces Congressional Gold Medal Program in context with the Committee's agenda item regarding a thematic design discussion for the program. She introduced Dr. Gregg Wagner, a member of the board of directors of the American Fighter Aces Association. Dr. Wagner described the history of the American Fighter Aces and shared potential thematic concepts.
3. Committee members discussed thematic ideas they felt would be appropriate for the program. Members commented that simplicity should be a key feature in any design and that artists should be encouraged to pursue symbolic images that would be unifying across the various wars and aircraft involved. The use of maps on the medal was discouraged as the small size of the medal would limit the visual effectiveness of such images. Specific design concepts discussed by members included the image of aircraft crosshairs, images of headgear used by aces in different wars, an image of a dog fight rendered from an interesting perspective, the image of a Newport 28 aircraft as recognition of its use by the first fighter ace, Captain Douglas Campbell, or a rendering of a P-38 Lightning in honor of the Ace of aces, Richard Ira Bong. Additional concepts included representing the four wars that produced aces through text, an image of a stylized propeller that would divide the palette into four quadrants representing the four wars, an image of an Ace of Spades or five stars as representational of all aces, and an illustration of a sword denoting aces as "the best of the best".

4. April Stafford of the United States Mint presented an outline of the Civil Air Patrol Congressional Gold Medal Program in context with the Committee's agenda item regarding a thematic design discussion for the program. She introduced John Swain, Director of Government Relations at the Civil Air Patrol. Mr. Swain described the history of the Civil Air Patrol and shared potential thematic concepts.
5. Committee members discussed thematic ideas they felt would be appropriate for the program. Members commented that simplicity should be a key feature in any design and that artists should be encouraged to pursue symbolic images. Specific design concepts discussed by members included the image of a triangle within a circle which would represent the Civil Air Patrol logo, two aircraft members, one male and one female, a Civil Air Patrol light single engine aircraft, a light shown in the sky to convey the idea of the Civil Air Patrol being the nation's eyes in the sky, and a pilot with binoculars. Additional concepts included eagle's wings, a triangle and propeller shown together, and, for the reverse of the medal, Civil Air Patrol uniform patches.
6. April Stafford of the United States Mint presented an outline of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Congressional Gold Medal Program in context with the Committee's agenda item regarding a thematic design discussion for the program. She introduced Brian Anderson, Sergeant at Arms for the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders Association. Mr. Anderson described the process to gain Congressional approval of the program and provided history concerning the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders and its importance in changing the course of World War II in the Pacific Theater. He also shared potential thematic design ideas for the Congressional Gold Medal.
7. Committee members discussed thematic ideas they felt would be appropriate for the program. Specific design concepts discussed included a B-25 bomber, a B-25 bomber taking off from the U.S.S. Hornet aircraft carrier, images that might convey the bravery of the men who volunteered for the mission, topography that might have been encountered by the raiders and the four squadron patches.
8. There being no further business, Chairperson Marks adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.