

# **Report of the CCAC Future Numismatic Themes 2025 Working Group— Recommendations**

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## **Working Group Membership:**

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## **Proposed Recommendations:**

### **Commemorative Coins**

1. Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)—2030 is the 40th anniversary of the ADA. This presents an opportunity to acknowledge that significant legislation.
2. Peace Corps—2031 is the 70th anniversary of the creation of the Peace Corps. President Kenndy established the Peace Corps by Executive Order which was subsequently authorized by Congress.
3. Stonewall Uprising—2029 is the 60th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising which was the genesis for a movement with worldwide impact. A commemorative coin program to commemorate this movement which could potentially feature one or more of the leaders of the movement on the obverse and the Stonewall Tavern on the reverse (as a suggestion).
4. Endangered Animals—A commemorative coin program that would highlight species on the endangered list would call attention to the challenges of those creatures and might provide an opportunity for certain animal protective groups to be identified as a potential recipient organization for the program. The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Endangered Species Act is 2033, the Marine Mammal Protection Act is 2032, and the bald eagle was removed from the endangered species list in 2007 (25<sup>th</sup> anniversary is 2032). The concept of endangered animals series could also be a potential circulating coin program.

### **Circulating Coinage**

1. \$2, \$5 and/or \$10 higher value circulating coins—the group recommends seeking authorization for the issuance of higher value circulating coins available for spending to renew the relevancy and role of coinage in the American economy as a cost-effective medium of exchange. This approach has been adopted by many other countries.

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2. American Media and Entertainment—at the conclusion of the youth sports quarter dollar program in 2030, a new theme is suggested to celebrate a wide variety of American culture. Quarters could celebrate great musicians, classic films, and classic television series.

### **Numismatic Ideas (Coins and/or Medals)**

#### Coins

1. Gold coins celebrating past gold designs—there are several significant last year-of-issuance anniversaries coming up in 2029 and 2032. The recommendation is to produce gold coins reminiscent of the \$2 1/2 gold Indian Head Quarter Eagle, \$5 Indian Head Half Eagle, the \$10 gold Indian Head Eagle and the \$20 gold Saint-Gaudens Double Eagle. Suggestions include potential new wording on edging and producing these coins on the same 22K (.9167 fine) planchets as the American Gold Eagle bullion coins.

#### Medals

1. Historic U.S. Mints—a series of bronze and/or silver medals to memorialize the Mint facilities of the U.S. The series could include the Mints located in eight cities throughout U.S. history (with some cities having more than one facility). In addition, there would be an opportunity to commemorate the U.S. Mint once located in the Philippines, perhaps with a joint issue with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.
2. American Architecture—a series honoring great American architects and featuring some of their works is recommended.
3. Iconic American Animals/Wildlife—while the United States is unlikely to have animals that are exclusive to the country, there are certain noteworthy animals that are strongly associated with America. Examples include the American Alligator, Red Wolf, Olympic Marmot, and the California Condor.
4. Natural World—a series could celebrate plant life and animal life from the nation's various regions. Examples include the berries of New England, flowers of Hawaii, and cactus of the Southwest.

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**Additional Concept**

1. One Cent Coins in Mint and Proof Annual Sets—with the planned cessation of cent production, it is recommended that the Mint use its supply of planchets to include one cent coins in Mint sets and Proof sets sold to the public in future years until such time as the supply of planchets is depleted. A related idea would involve using the older version bronze planchets for these cents.