

**Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC)
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2015
October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015**

A. Background

Public Law 108-15, approved on April 23, 2003, established the CCAC to advise the Secretary of the Treasury on themes and design proposals relating to circulating coinage, commemorative coinage, bullion coinage, Congressional Gold Medals and national medals. This report presents the CCAC's recommendations for commemorative coinage in each of the next five calendar years, and summarizes the CCAC's activities during fiscal year 2015.

B. CCAC Recommendations

1. General Recommendations

The CCAC encourages the highest standards of artistic excellence for America's coins and medals. The committee recognizes the importance of the nation's coinage, not only in facilitating the needs of commerce, but also as an artistic medium to recognize the significant achievements of the nation and its people, to honor great national leaders of the past and to illustrate the foundational values of the republic. With recognition toward these goals, the CCAC serves as a resource in the review and development of proposals for circulating coinage, circulating commemoratives and through providing recommendations on commemorative programs and medals.

2. Circulating Commemoratives

Since the beginning of the 50 State Quarters[®] Program in 1999, the nation's pocket change has been augmented with an assortment of new circulating commemorative coins. These coins have been generated through not only the 50 State Quarters[®] Program but also the Westward Journey Nickel Series[™], Presidential \$1 Coin Program, Lincoln Bicentennial One-Cent Program, District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Program, Native American \$1 Coin Program and, most recently, the America the Beautiful Quarters[™] Program. These programs have brought exciting new designs to the nation's circulating coinage that have served to convey and celebrate important American historical events, people, places and achievements. The continuation of the America the Beautiful Quarters[™] Program will provide further opportunities for design innovation in U.S. circulating coinage in coming years.

3. Numismatic Commemoratives

The United States Congress has a long tradition of authorizing numismatic commemoratives, minted and issued by the United States Mint for sale to the general public. The Commemorative Coin Reform Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-208) provides that the Secretary may mint and issue no more than two commemorative coin programs in any calendar year. The CCAC recommends that each year's two programs should be selected from the following alternatives:

2015

Programs already enacted

U.S. Marshals Service Commemorative Coin Act

March of Dimes Commemorative Coin Act

2016

Programs already enacted:

Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act

National Park Service 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act

2017

Programs already enacted:

Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act

Boys Town Commemorative Coin Act

2018

Programs already enacted:

World War I American Veterans Centennial Commemorative Coin Act

Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act

C. CCAC Activities during Fiscal Year 2016

The CCAC held six (6) meetings during Fiscal Year 2015. All were held at United States Mint headquarters in Washington, D.C., except for the March 5, 2015 meeting which was held at the venue for the American Numismatic Association convention at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, Oregon. Two (2) meetings were held at Mint headquarters was attended by members via telephonic means.

The following is a summary of the Fiscal Year 2016 CCAC meetings.

Meeting of October 14, 2014:

- **Congressional Gold Medal honoring the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Congressional Gold Medal honoring the American Fighter Aces.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Proposed design themes for the Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Program.** The committee heard recommendations from U.S. Mint staff and offered comments and recommendations.
- **Proposed design themes for the Congressional Gold Medal honoring the Monuments Men.** The committee heard recommendations from the U.S. Mint staff and offered comments and recommendations.

Meeting of January 27-28, 2015:

- **Congressional Gold Medal honoring the 65th Infantry Regiment “Borinqueneers.”** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Review and discuss candidate designs for the 2015 High Relief 24K Gold Coin and Silver Medal.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Congressional Gold Medal honoring Jack Nicklaus.** The committee heard reports from U.S. Mint staff regarding the program and offered comments and recommendations concerning design themes.
- **Review and discuss concepts and themes for the 2017 American Eagle Platinum Proof (20th Anniversary).** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Review and discuss concepts and themes for the 2018-2020 American Eagle Platinum Proof.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Review and discuss concepts and themes for the 2016 National Park Service 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **FY2014 Annual Report.** Committee approved the FY2014 Annual Report of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee.

Meeting of March 5, 2015 (held in Portland, Oregon, at the ANA Convention):

- **Congressional Gold Medal honoring Code Talkers associated with the Rosebud Sioux tribe of South Dakota.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Proposed design themes for the Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Program.** The committee reviewed proposed designs and offered comments and recommendations concerning design themes.
- **Congressional Gold Medal honoring the Monuments Men.** The committee reviewed proposed designs and offered comments and recommendations concerning design themes.
- **Discussion of concepts and themes for the 2017 issues of the America the Beautiful Quarters Program.** The committee reviewed proposed designs and offered comments and recommendations concerning design themes.
- **Review and discuss candidate designs for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Coin Dollar Program.** The committee reviewed proposed designs and offered comments and recommendations concerning designs.
- **Discussion of concepts and themes for the Nancy Reagan First Spouse Gold Coin and Medal Program.** The committee reviewed the proposed narratives provided by the United States Mint honoring Nancy Reagan.

Telephonic Meeting of April 6, 2015:

- **Discussion of concepts and themes for the 2017 Lions Club International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Program.** The committee heard reports from the U.S.

Mint staff and stakeholders regarding the program and offered comments and recommendations concerning design theme.

- **Discussion of concepts and themes for the Congressional Gold Medal honoring the Foot Soldiers 1965 Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March.** The committee heard reports from the U.S. Mint staff and stakeholders regarding the program and offered comments and recommendations concerning design theme.

Meeting of June 16-17, 2015:

- **Proposed design themes for the 2016 National Park Service 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Program.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Congressional Gold Medal Proposed for the 1965 Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March Congressional Gold Medal.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Congressional Gold Medal honoring the 65th Infantry Regiment “Borinqueneers”.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Proposed design themes for the Nancy Reagan First Spouse Gold Coin and Medal program.** The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.
- **Discussion of 2016 Special 100th Anniversary Products.** The United States Mint staff provided information on the Centennial 24K version of the iconic Mercury Dime, the Standing Liberty Quarter Dollar and the Walking Liberty Half Dollar.

Telephonic Meeting of August 10, 2015:

Proposed design themes for the Nancy Reagan First Spouse Gold Coin and Medal Program. The committee reviewed proposed designs submitted by the United States Mint and provided comments and recommendations.

D. CCAC Membership

The CCAC consists of 11 members appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Four members are appointed based on special qualifications; three members are appointed to represent the general public; and four members are appointed after recommendation by the leadership of the United States Congress. Members who served at the end of FY2015 were:

Michael Bugeja (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatics)

Robert Hoge (appointed based on special qualifications in numismatic curation)

Erik Jansen (appointed to represent the interests of the general public)

Mary Lannin - Chair 6/2015 (appointed after recommendation by House Minority Leader)

Gary Marks (appointed to represent the interests of the general public)

Michael Moran (appointed after recommendation by Senate Minority Leader)

Donald Scarinci (appointed after recommendation by Senate Majority Leader)

Jeanne Stevens-Sollman (appointed to represent the interests of the general public)

Thomas Uram (appointed after recommendation by Speaker of the House)

Dr. Herman Viola (appointed based on special qualifications in American History)

Heidi Wastweet (appointed based on special qualifications in sculpture or medallic arts)