

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

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Public Meeting
June 3, 2009
United States Mint Headquarters
Washington, DC

In attendance:

John Alexander (via telephone)
Doreen Bolger (via telephone)
Michael Brown
Roger Burdette
Gary Marks (via telephone)
Rev. Richard Meier (via telephone)
Mitch Sanders, Chair
Donald Scarinci

1. The chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.
2. Kaarina Budow of the United States Mint presented candidate designs for the American Veterans Disabled for Life commemorative silver dollar. Public Law 110-277 requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue one-dollar coins that are emblematic of the service of America's disabled veterans who, having survived the ordeal of war, made enormous personal sacrifices defending the principles of our democracy.
3. Ms Budow presented nine obverse designs and five reverse designs.
 - 1) Honor Guard representatives for each of the five branches of the Armed Forces
 - 2) A soldier in an arm salute position, with a ring of 21 stars
 - 3) A returning veteran in fatigues, with his young son holding a crutch, while both salute the flag
 - 4) A returning veteran in fatigues, saluting a waving flag
 - 5) A young veteran in action, and a silhouette of him years later as he reflects on those memories from his wheelchair
 - 6) Five figures representing the five branches of the Armed Forces, with five stars and a Bald Eagle below
 - 7) The legs and boots of three veterans, with the inscription "They Stood Up For Us."
 - 8) Two soldiers saluting, with a plaque to the left.
 - 9) A contemporary figure of Liberty raising her torch above a medic bandaging a wounded soldier's leg.

4. Ms Budow then presented five candidate designs for the coin's reverse
 - 1) A laurel wreath representing honor and victory, and an inscription by Abraham Lincoln: "A nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure."
 - 2) A forget-me-not flower (official flower of the Disabled American Veterans) and a reed wrapped in a ribbon that cradles and supports oak branches, symbolizing our support and care of disabled veterans, and the inscription, "Take this moment to honor our disabled defenders of freedom."
 - 3) A star surrounding a quote from Abraham Lincoln, "A nation that does not honor its heroes cannot long endure," along with a torch and leaves of oak and laurel.
 - 4) Military dog tags superimposed in front of a graphic representation of an American flag.
 - 5) A quote from Dwight Eisenhower, "Each of you bears upon his body the permanent scars of dangerous service, service rendered in order that our great nation might continue to live according to the expressed will of its citizens," surrounded by a large star created with a positive/negative optical illusion.
5. Ms Budow indicated that the American Disabled Veterans Foundation preferred obverse designs 1, 6, 7, and 9; and preferred reverse designs 2 and 5.
6. Several members noted the thematic similarity of obverse design 7 to the 2007 commemorative silver dollar commemorating the Little Rock Nine.
7. On motion by Rev Meier, seconded by Mr Alexander, the committee voted 8-0 to recommend obverse design 7 and reverse design 4. Members felt that these two designs would complement one another in telling the story of America's disabled veterans.
8. Ms Budow then presented proposed design concepts for the obverse design of the First Spouse coin recognizing the Presidency of James Buchanan (1857-1861). Because Buchanan did not have a spouse while in office, the image on the obverse of the coin will be an image emblematic of the concept of Liberty as represented on a United States coin issued during the period of service of such President.
9. Ms Budow presented four proposed concepts:
 - 1) Braided Hair Half Cent, 1840-1857
 - 2) Braided Hair Large Cent, 1839-1857
 - 3) Liberty Head Quarter Eagle, 1840-1907
 - 4) Liberty Head Double Eagle, 1849-1907
10. Mr Burdette recommended the dies used to coin this issue should be sharpened during the engraving process, to achieve the crispness of features present on the original coins.
11. Mr Burdette also suggested that consideration should be given to the motif of the Flying Eagle Cent (1857-1858). After some discussion, there was a consensus on the committee that this design would satisfy the legislative requirement of an image "emblematic of the concept of Liberty."

12. Committee members rated each concept by assigning 0, 1, 2, or 3 points, with higher numbers representing more favorable ratings. With eight members present and voting, the maximum possible point total is 24.
13. Two concepts were tied in first place: The Flying Eagle Cent and the Liberty Head Quarter Eagle, each with 9 points. The Liberty Head Double Eagle received 6 points, and the Braided Hair Large Cent received 3 points.
14. There being no further business, the chair adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.