

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee  
Public Meeting  
Wednesday, September 18, 2013, 2:00 PM  
Via teleconference

In attendance:

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

1. Chairperson Marks called the meeting to order at 2:11 P.M.
2. April Stafford of the United States Mint introduced the discussion on design themes for the First Special Force Congressional Gold Medal honoring the military unit activated in 1942 at Fort Harrison in Helena, Montana and composed of volunteers from the United States and Canada. Mr. Bill Woon, Executive Director of the First Special Service Force Association and Dr. Ken Finlayson, Deputy Command Historian for the United States Army Special Operations Command joined the discussion and offered comments relevant to design themes.
3. Members of the Committee provided comments and thoughts about potential design themes for the First Special Force Congressional Gold Medal. Suggested themes for the obverse of the medal included a battle field cross; mountains or a mountain range; an image of the unit commander, Major General Robert Frederick; a battle action scene; an image of the climbing equipment used by the soldiers; or other symbolic images that would convey a message honoring the unit's service and sacrifice. For the reverse suggested themes included the crossed arrows branch insignia; a knife, use of the American and Canadian flags; an American Bald Eagle and Canadian Maple Leaf; use of the unit's nickname, the Black Devils; images of the Spearhead and Black Devils shoulder patch; and the First Special Service Force Flag. Other suggestions included listing the four campaigns undertaken by the unit and an inscription from the First Special Service Force Monument in Memorial Park in Helena, Montana, "Honor also to those who daring to die survived".
4. April Stafford of the United States Mint introduced the discussion on design themes for the 2015 and 2016 Native American \$1 Coins. Ms. Stafford's report included six potential themes presented in chronological order, including Sequoyah, inventor of the Cherokee Syllabary; Ely Samuel Parker, an Iroquois

language translator who became the military secretary to General Ulysses S. Grant during the Civil War and drafted the Articles of Surrender at Appomattox; Mohawk high iron workers, builders of New York City and other skylines; Jim Thorpe, American Olympian and athlete; Code Talkers from both World War I and World War II; and Elizabeth and Ray Peratrovich who were instrumental in securing the passage of Alaska's Equal Rights Anti-Discrimination Law in 1945.

5. Committee members discussed each of the themes. Suggestions for recommendations as to which two of the six themes presented should be used for the 2015 and 2016 issues of the Native American \$1 Coins were varied among members. Members commented that each of the six themes were appropriate for the \$1 series and several expressed hopes that each theme would eventually be utilized in developing designs for future years.
6. There being no further business, Chairperson Marks adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.