

October 2, 2017

The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Mnuchin:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, to review and discuss the designs for the Office of Strategic Services Congressional Gold Medal.

On December 14, 2016, Public Law 114–269 was enacted to award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in recognition of their superior service and major contributions during World War II.


Interaction with the stakeholder and members of the Committee over many months coalesced around two outstanding designs, which the CCAC recommends for selection.

The obverse (OSS-O-01) features the inscription “OSS” revealing three anonymous figures – a woman, a paratrooper, and a man in a suit – hinting at operating “in the shadows.” This design also features the dates “1942-1945,” the years in which the OSS operated.

Reverse (OSS-R-03) features the OSS Spearhead inscribed with code words related to important OSS missions and agents.

It was a pleasure to work with Mr. Charles Pinck, President of the Office of Strategic Services Society, to join in recognizing this agency so important to the United States during World War II.

Best regards, I am



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A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, to review and discuss the reverse designs for the 2019 America the Beautiful Quarter® Program.

Vigorous discussions about the outstanding designs on which the Committee voted led to the following recommendations:

Lowell National Historical Park (Massachusetts) reverse MA-11, featuring a mill girl spinning thread that is stylized to look like water, indicating the importance of the canal system powering the mills throughout the factories of Lowell. This design received 20 of a possible 30 votes using the CCAC's internal voting system.

War in the Pacific National Historical Park (Guam) reverse GU-03, portrays a wave of American Forces coming ashore at Asan Bay in Guam fighting for the island's eventual liberation during World War II. This design garnered 19 of a possible 30 votes.

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park (Texas) reverse TX-03B delighted the Committee and received strong support with 29 of a possible 30 votes. Reminiscent of a Spanish 8 reales coin that circulated in the earliest years of our country, the design uses four quadrants with iconographic symbols to stand for the importance of the Missions.

The Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness (Idaho) reverse ID-05A focused on a scene far from human habitation, with a wolf against a star-filled sky, evoking the vastness of this 2.3 million acre area. The Committee expressed strong support for this appropriate symbolic design with 28 of a possible 30 votes.

With respect to the designs for American Memorial Park (Nor. Mariana Isl.) the CCAC expressed support for reverse MP-01, but requested that the design be modified and again presented to the Committee at its October 18, 2017 public meeting.

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