United States Mint Unveils Winning Designs to be Featured on World War I Centennial Silver Dollar

2018 commemorative coin pays tribute to World War I veterans

Washington, D.C. (PRWEB) October 09, 2017 -- The United States Mint unveiled the winning designs in the World War I Centennial 2018 Commemorative Coin Design Competition today. The unveiling took place during the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Annual Meeting and Exposition at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

The designs, by LeRoy Transfield of Orem, Utah, will be featured on the obverse (heads) and reverse (tails) of the World War I Centennial Silver Dollar scheduled for release next year.

“Our team at the U.S. Mint is proud to have the honor of crafting the coin that will commemorate the contributions and the history made by American men and women—of all walks of life—who bravely stepped forward 100 years ago to defend the interests of the nation and that of her allies,” said Thomas Johnson, Chief of the United States Mint’s Office of Corporate Communications, who spoke at the ceremony.

The obverse design, titled “Soldier's Charge,” depicts an almost stone-like soldier gripping a rifle. Barbed wire twines in the lower right-hand side of the design. Inscriptions are “LIBERTY,” “1918,” “2018,” and “IN GOD WE TRUST.”

The wire design element continues onto the reverse design, titled “Poppies in the Wire,” which features abstract poppies mixed in with barbed wire. Inscriptions include “ONE DOLLAR,” “E PLURIBUS UNUM,” and “UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.”

Now retired United States Mint Sculptor–Engraver Don Everhart sculpted both designs.

Additional participants in the unveiling included Under Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy, U.S. World War I Centennial Commission Chair Robert Dalessandro, and World War I re-enactors who unveiled the designs.

The World War I American Veterans Centennial Commemorative Coin Act (Public Law 113–212) authorizes the minting and issuance of not more than 350,000 silver dollars in commemoration of the centennial of America’s involvement in World War I. A surcharge of $10 for each coin sold is authorized to be paid to the United States Foundation for the Commemoration of the World Wars to assist the World War I Centennial Commission in commemorating the centenary of World War I.

Additional details about the World War I Centennial Silver Dollar will be announced prior to the coin’s release in 2018.

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