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The 677th meeting of the Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club will be held on **Wednesday 15th January 2020** at **The WESTERLY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER 39 State Street Westerly Rhode Island. Doors open @ 6:00 PM, Bourse @ 6:30 PM and Meeting @ 7:15 PM.**

There has been a change to the format of our newsletter. Please contact Larry Erhart for additions and contributions..

News Courtesy from Coin World U.S. Mint releases images of struck 2020 quarter dollars

By Paul Gilkes , Coin World



The U.S. Mint in 2020 will release coins 51 through 55 for the America the Beautiful Quarters Program. (Images courtesy of the U.S. Mint) The U.S. Mint has released images of struck versions of the five 2020 America the Beautiful quarter dollars produced in Proof and Uncirculated Mint set finishes.

The coins are being produced at the Denver, Philadelphia and San Francisco Mints in a number of finishes and various compositions, for circulation and for inclusion in annual sets and individual sales. The coins are being struck in copper-nickel clad versions for circulation and as numismatic products; in .999 fine silver for annual sets; and in Uncirculated and bullion 5-

ounce .999 fine silver versions.

While the Philadelphia and Denver Mints will strike the 2020 quarter dollars in copper-nickel clad versions for circulation release, those clad coins produced with a circulation-quality finish at San Francisco will be issued only as a numismatic product.

The 2020 coins celebrate the National Park of American Samoa, Weir Farm National Historic Site in Connecticut, Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park in Vermont, and Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in Kansas.

The first numismatic product the Mint will offer to collectors that will contain all of the 2020 coins is the copper-nickel clad five-coin 2020-S America the Beautiful Quarters Proof set, which goes on sale Jan. 14.

Additional offerings during the first quarter of 2020 will be sales of bags and rolls of circulation quality National Park of American Samoa quarter dollars from all three Mints, starting Feb. 3. The Uncirculated 2020-P National Park of American Samoa 5-ounce silver quarter dollar will follow on Feb. 6. The American Samoa quarter dollar will be released into general circulation through the Federal Reserve on Feb. 3.

Clad Proof versions of the 2020-S National Park of American Samoa quarter dollar and the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve quarter dollar will be included, respectively, in the Mint's Birth Set 2020 and 2020 Happy Birthday Coin Set, both to become available Jan. 3.

United States Mint Artistic Infusion Program artist Richard Masters designed and Mint Medallist Artist Phebe Hemphill sculpted the National Park of American Samoa coin. Masters' design, according to the Mint narrative, "depicts a Samoan fruit bat mother hanging in a tree with her pup."

The Weir Farm National Historic Site coin was designed by AIP artist Justin Kunz and sculpted by Hemphill. The design "portrays an artist, wearing a painter's smock, painting outside Julian Alden Weir's studio at Weir Farm," according to the Mint's narrative.

The Salt River Bay National Historical Park and Ecological Preserve quarter dollar reverse design is by Masters and sculpted by Mint Chief Engraver Joseph F. Menna. The design, according to the Mint's narrative, "depicts a red mangrove tree in an early stage of its life cycle, as it evolves from a very small plant to an adult tree."

Here are some Photos taken by PVCC member Tom Omlor at our 2019 Pawcatuck Valley Coin Club Holiday Party at Amanda's Pantry on Beach Street, Westerly, RI.



An assortment of hot buffet entrees was served for dinner, including Italian pasta, chicken breast in a hollandaise sauce, fresh fish, including a fabulous meat and vegetable entree.



Festivities included a short introduction meeting announcement by John, a buffet dinner, coffee and cookies for dessert, and the excitement of the 2019 Bonus Raffle Winners were announced. Followed by everyone attending received a PVCC Numismatic Door Prize.



Squadron or Challenge Coins – info taken from Wikipedia

A challenge coin is a small coin or medallion (usually military), bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. Traditionally, they are given to prove membership when challenged and to enhance morale. In addition, they are also collected by service members. In practice, challenge coins are normally presented by unit commanders in recognition of special achievement by a member of the unit. They are also exchanged in recognition of visits to an organization. There are several stories detailing the origins of the challenge coin. According to the most common story, challenge coins originated during World War I. American volunteers from all parts of the country filled the newly formed flying squadrons. Some were wealthy scions attending colleges such as Yale and Harvard who quit in mid-term to join the war. In one squadron, a wealthy lieutenant ordered medallions struck in solid bronze and presented them to his unit. According to

another story, challenge coins date back to the second world war and were first used by Office of Strategic Service personnel who were deployed in Nazi held France. The coins were simply a local coin used as a "Bona Fides" during a personal meeting to help verify a person's identity. There would be specific aspects such as type of coin, date of the coin, etc. that were examined by each party. This helped prevent infiltration into the meeting by a spy who would have to have advance knowledge of the meeting time and place as well as what coin was to be presented, amongst other signals, as bona fides. While a number of legends place the advent of challenge coins in the post-Korean Conflict era (some as late as the Viet Nam War), or even later, Colonel William "Buffalo Bill" Quinn had coins made for those who served in his 17th Infantry Regiment during 1950 and 1951. The challenge coin tradition has spread to other military units, in all branches of service, and even to non-military organizations as well as the United States Congress, which produces



challenge coins for members of Congress to give to constituents. Today, challenge coins are given to members upon joining an organization, as an award to improve morale, and sold to commemorate special occasions or as fundraisers. In the Air Force, military training instructors award an Airman's coin to new enlisted personnel upon completion of their United States Air Force Basic Military Training and to new officers upon completion of their Air Force Officer Training School.

The tradition of a challenge is the most common way to ensure that members are carrying their unit's coin. The rules of a challenge are not always formalized for a unit, and may vary between organizations. The challenge only applies to those members that have been given a coin formally by their unit. This may lead to some controversy when challenges are initiated between members of different organizations and is not recommended. The tradition of the coin challenge is meant to be a source of morale in a unit, and forcing the challenge can cause a reverse effect. The challenge, which can be made at any time, begins with the challenger drawing his/her coin, and slapping or placing the coin on the table or bar. In noisy environments, continuously rapping the challenge coin on a surface may initiate the challenge. (Accidentally dropping a

challenge coin is considered to be a deliberate challenge to all present.) Everyone being challenged must immediately produce the coin for their organization and anyone failing to do so must buy a round of drinks for the challenger and everyone else who has their challenge coin. However, should everyone challenged be able to produce their coin, the challenger must buy a round of drinks for the group. There are many finishes available – from a simple pewter to 24K gold. While there are only a few base metals, the patina (finish) can range from gold, silver, nickel, brass, copper. bronze plus the antiqued variations. Soft or hard enamel or a printed inset with an epoxy coating may add color (the epoxies are often more resilient and scratch resistant than the metal surfaces). Besides using coins for challenging, they are also used as rewards or awards for outstanding service or performance of duty. As such they are used as a tool to build morale. In the context as they are used by the modern U.S. military, the tradition probably began among special forces units during the Vietnam War. The tradition spread through the Airborne community, and by the early 1980s also into the 75th Ranger



Regiment. As officers were reassigned as their careers progressed, they carried with them the tradition of awarding a unit coin for acts that were worthy of recognition, but yet lacked enough merit to submit the soldier's act for an official medal. Challenge coins were not very common until the First Persian Gulf War of 1990–1991, and have steadily grown in popularity since. One widely known challenge coin in the United States Air Force was the "Bull Dog" challenge coin that was exclusive to B-52 enlisted tail gunners. Since the B-52 gunner position was phased out in 1991, this famous challenge coin has become more rare. Some collectors buy them for their numismatic value. Coins given as awards for accomplishments are normally given to the recipient during a handshake, passing from the right hand of the giver to the right hand of the awardee. It is also normal for the giver to offer a brief explanation of the reason for awarding the coin.

SHOW DATES: Naugatuck: January 25th. Orange CT: January 12th Dedham MA: January 5th. Nashua NH: January 15th

~2020 COIN SHOW DATES~

AUBURN MA		WILLIMANTIC CT		NAUGATUCK CT	
		JAN	JUL	JAN 25	JUL
FEB 9	AUG 9	FEB	AUG	FEB 22	AUG
		MAR 29	SEPT	MAR 28	SEPT
MAR 8	OCT 11	APR	OCT	APR 25	OCT
		MAY	NOV	MAY	NOV
JUN 14	DEC 13	JUN	DEC	JUN	DEC
DEVENS MA		CROMWELL CT		ORANGE CT	
	JUL 26	FEB 16		JAN 12	JUL 12
FEB 23	AUG 23	APR 19		FEB 9	AUG 9
MAR 22	OCT 25	JULY 19		MAR 8	SEPT 13
JUN 28	NOV 29	SEPT 20		APR 5	OCT 11
	DEC 27	NOV 15		MAY 3	NOV 8
				JUN 14	DEC 13
MANCHESTER NH		NASHUA NH		PVCC NORWICH CT	
		JAN 15	JUL 15	JAN	JULY
		FEB 19	AUG 19	FEB	AUG
APR 10th & 11th		MAR 18	SEPT 16	MAR	SEPT
		APR 15	OCT 21	APR	OCT
OCT 2nd & 3rd		MAY 20	NOV 18	MAY 3	NOV
		JUN 17	DEC 16	JUN	DEC
BLACKSTONE VALLEY MA		DEDHAM MA		ANA ANNUAL SHOW	
	JUL 15	JAN 5			
FEB 19	AUG 19	FEB 2		Atlanta February 27-29, 2020	
MAR 18	SEPT 16	MAR 1			
APR 15				Pittsburgh August 4-8, 2020	
MAY 20					
JUN 17					

AUBURN MA: Elks Lodge, 754 South Bridge Street (Route 12) 46 Tables. Free Admission. 978- 658-0160

BLACKSTONE VALLEY: VFW Post 1385, 16 Cross Street Route 16, Uxbridge MA Terrance O'Connor 508-400-7454

DEDHAM MA: Holiday Inn, I-95 exit 15A, Dedham MA. 29 tables, free admission. 603-978-3459

DEVENS MA: Devens Common Center, 31 Andrews Parkway, Devens MA \$1 Admission 978-658-0160

HARTFORD CT: Courtyard Marriott, 4 Sebethe Dr. Cromwell CT. 718-323-1930 or stassinsJ98@aol.com

MANCHESTER NH: EBW Promotions, P O Box 3 Wilmington MA 01887-0003, 978-658-0160
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MANSFIELD CT: Prospect Street School Gym, 233 Prospect Street, Willimantic CT 06226, C John Ferreri, 860-508-8620

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PAWCATUCK VALLEY NORWICH SHOW: Dave Barbone, 10 Bigelow Street, Pawcatuck CT 06379, 860-599-1571, tyme48@yahoo.com

PVCC Raffle and Door Prize List for January 15, 2020

Junior Raffle:

- 1776-1976 Paul Revere Revolution Medal
- 1938 Lincoln Cent VF-20
- 1943-D Liberty Head Dime EF40
- 1950 Washington Quarter F15
- 1892-O Barber Dime G6

Senior Raffle:

- 1979 U.S. Mint Uncirculated Set
- 1974 Eisenhower Dollar 18 KT Gold
- 1992 U.S. Mint Proof Box Set
- 2019 Cumberland Island National State Quarter Roll
- 2007 U.S. Mint Uncirculated Set w/ State Quarters

Junior Door Prize: 1959 to 1964 Lincoln Memorial Uncirculated Set

Senior Door Prize: 1884-O Morgan Dollar NGC MS63

~January 2020 AUCTION~

#:	Jr. Auction Description:	Bid:	Sold:	#:	Jr. Auction Description:	Bid:	Sold:
1	2009 P&D U.S.Territories Quarters Set	3.50		6	1953 \$2 USA Note CU	5.00	
2	1975 Bronze U.N. Peace Medal	1.50		7	7 1935 A-H Silver Certificates \$1 AU-CU	25.00	
3	1959 Good Luck Pennu BU	1.50		8	Box Lot Numismatics	15.00	
4	1957 2 Consec. Silver Cert. \$1 CU	6.00		9	Shoreline Electric Norwich CT VF/EF	5.00	
5	1957-A 3 Consec. Silver Cert. \$1 CU	9.00		10	100 Miscellaneous Tokens	5.00	
#:	Sr. Auction Description:	Bid:	Sold:	#:	Sr. Auction Description:	Bid:	Sold:
1	1852 Large Cent CH VF	23.00		31	1948-D Franklin Half FBL CH BU	30.00	
2	1893 P Indian Cent RB CH BU	105.00		32	1949-P Franklin Half FBL CH BU	45.00	
3	1906 P Indian Cent Red CH BU	85.00		33	1951-S Franklin Half GEM	25.00	
4	1924 Lincoln Cent Red CH BU	45.00		34	1954-P Franklin Half GEM	15.00	
5	1925 Lincoln Cent Red CH BU	20.00		35	1960-D Franklin Half FBL CH BU	30.00	
6	1899 Liberty 5 Cent EF	23.00		36	1800 Half Cent F	99.00	
7	1918 Buffalo 5 Cent EF	17.00		37	1834 Half Cent VG+	49.00	
8	1918-D Buffalo 5 Cent EF	150.00		38	1871 Two Cent VF	75.00	
9	1921-P Buffalo 5 Cent CH AU	60.00		39	1852 Three Cent Silver T1 VF30	32.00	
10	1929-S Buffalo 5 Cent CH AU	20.00		40	1873 Three Cent Nickel Open 3 VF	24.00	
11	1941-D Mercury Dime FSB CH GEM	20.00		41	1872 Shield Nickel AU	115.00	
12	1941-S Mercury Dime GEM	23.00		42	1853-O Liberty Seated Half (R/A) VG	50.00	
13	1942-D Mercury Dime FSB GEM	20.00		43	1878-S Morgan Dollar CH BU+	60.00	
14	1917P T1 Liberty Standing Quarter VF	57.00		44	1881-S Morgan Dollar CH BU+	35.00	
15	1920-P Liberty Standing Quarter AU+	70.00		45	1883-P Morgan Dollar CH BU	32.00	
16	1923-P Liberty Standing Quarter AU	62.00		46	1883-S Morgan Dollar AU	70.00	
17	1940-S Washington Quarter CH BU	17.00		47	1885-P Morgan Dollar PL CH BU	35.00	
18	1945-P Washington Quarter CH BU	5.00		48	1885-O Morgan Dollar CH BU+	30.00	
19	1945-S Washington Quarter CH BU	7.00		49	1886-P Morgan Dollar CH BU+	30.00	
20	1946-D Washington Quarter Ch. BU	7.00		50	1922-D Peace Dollar CH BU	35.00	
21	1946-S Washington Quarter CH BU	6.00		51	1923-S Peace Dollar BU	30.00	
22	1947-S Washington Quarter CH BU	8.00		52	1927-P Peace Dollar BU	60.00	
23	1948-S Washington Quarter CH BU	6.00		53	C.W. Token Not One Cent R-3 VF	22.50	
24	1951-D Washington Quarter CH BU	5.00		54	C.W. Token Our Union R-4 VF	32.50	
25	1953-S Washington Quarter CH BU	5.00		55	Connecticut Colonial 1785 G	25.00	
26	1954-D Washington Quarter GEM	5.00		56	Fugio Cent 1787 Point Ray C.F. FINE	150.00	
27	1954-S Washington Quarter Ch. BU	5.00		57	A.M.INSTR. R&W Robinson 1836 HR-1	17.00	
28	1943-P Liberty Walking Half CH BU+	22.50		58	1644-1911 China Currency Money	50.00	
29	1944-D Liberty Walking Half CH BU+	32.50		59	Partial Set Buffalo Mickels1913-38	300.00	
30	1945-D Liberty Walking Half CH BU	27.50		60	Oriental Figure of Cash Tokens	50.00	

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