

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee
801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220



May 19, 2012

The Honorable Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Dear Secretary Geithner:

A public meeting of the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (Committee) was held on Thursday, April 26, 2012, at United States Mint Headquarters in Washington, DC. The Committee reviewed proposed obverse and reverse designs for Code Talkers Congressional Gold Medals for the Comanche Nation, Kiowa Tribe, Santee Sioux Tribe and Tlingit Tribe.

For the medal honoring the Comanche Nation Code Talkers, the Committee recommended Obverse-02 by collectively assigning 18 of the possible 30 points through the Committee's scoring process. Reverse-02 received 21 of the possible 30 scoring points and is the Committee's recommended reverse design.

For the medal honoring Kiowa Tribe Code Talkers, the Committee recommended Obverse-01. The design garnered 22 of the possible 30 scoring points. For the reverse, the Committee collectively assigned 22 of the possible 30 scoring points to Reverse-02, thereby recommending the design.

Santee Sioux design Obverse-01 was recommended by the Committee for the obverse of the medal honoring code talkers from this tribe. It received 25 of the 30 possible scoring points from Committee members. For the reverse, the Committee recommended Reverse-02 with a point score of 17 out of the 30 possible. The Committee further recommended that the words "Code Talkers" be added to Obverse-01 to bring consistency with the obverses of other code talker issues. In order to harmonize and more accurately portray tribal symbols on this medal, the Committee also recommended that Reverse-02 be modified by adding an arrowhead shield to the breast of the eagle, more accurately portraying the tribal peace pipe and assuring the correct number of tail feathers on the eagle.

For the medal honoring the Tlingit Tribe Code Talkers, the Committee recommended Obverse-01 with 25 of the possible 30 scoring points. Reverse-02 received 26 of the possible 30 scoring points and is the Committee's recommended reverse design.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary B. Marks'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'G' and 'M'.

Gary B. Marks
Chair