

Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

801 Ninth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20220



June 28, 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 Tuesday, June 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 Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Choctaw Nation, Osage Nation and Pawnee Nation.

For the medal honoring the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Code Talkers, the Committee recommended Obverse-02 by collectively assigning 27 of the possible 30 points through the Committee's scoring process. Reverse-07 received 29 of the possible 30 scoring points and is the Committee's recommended reverse design. Subsequent to recommending Reverse-07 and in consultation with a tribal representative, the Committee approved a motion recommending that the date "1868" appearing on the design be removed.

For the medal honoring Choctaw Nation Code Talkers, the Committee recommended Obverse-03. The design garnered 28 of the possible 30 scoring points. For the reverse, the Committee collectively assigned 29 of the possible 30 scoring points to Reverse-01, thereby recommending the design.

Osage Nation design Obverse-01 was recommended by the Committee for the obverse of the medal honoring code talkers from this tribe. It received 22 of the 30 possible scoring points from Committee members. For the reverse, the Committee recommended Reverse-01 with a point score of 18 out of the 30 possible.

For the medal honoring the Pawnee Nation Code Talkers, the Committee recommended Obverse-01 with 24 of the possible 30 scoring points. Subsequent to recommending Obverse-01 it was noted that the design incorrectly utilizes images of eight (8) arrowheads while seven (7) accurately reflects tribal iconology. Thus, the Committee approved a motion recommending that the number of arrows be adjusted to show only seven (7). Reverse-03 received 26 of the possible 30 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 written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Gary B. Marks
Chair