

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 the 5-Star Generals Commemorative Coin Program, inclusive of a \$5 gold coin, \$1 silver coin and a clad half dollar. The generals to be commemorated include Douglas MacArthur, George C. Marshall, Henry H. Arnold, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Omar N. Bradley.

The Committee noted that the program's enacting legislation, Public Law 111-262, called for the program to recognize and celebrate the above named generals' attendance and graduation from the Command and General Staff College located at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and to coincide with the 132nd Anniversary of the founding of the college (See the legislation's sixteen (16) findings and, specifically, Section 3(a)). Keeping in line with this legislative direction, the Committee disregarded reverse designs portraying other themes provided for the \$5 gold coin and the \$1 silver coin and, instead, recommended only reverse designs that were emblematic of the college. Reverse designs provided to the Committee for the clad half dollar were symbolic of the college.

For the \$5 gold coin's obverse design, the Committee recommended gold design FSG-O-G-03. The design, which garnered 18 of the 30 possible points through the Committee's scoring process, depicts General MacArthur wearing his characteristic sunglasses.

Because the only reverse designs provided to the Committee emblematic of the Command and General Staff College were half dollar designs, the Committee evaluated only half dollar reverse designs for placement on the \$5 gold coin. The design receiving the highest level of support from the Committee for this coin was half dollar reverse design FSG-R-C-04. If ultimately selected for this coin, the Committee's presumption is that the denomination shown on the design would be appropriately modified. The design received 10 of a possible 30 points through the Committee's scoring process. By Committee rule, a total of 16 points, or a majority of the possible 30 points, was required to gain the Committee's recommendation. Thus, while receiving the highest score for the \$5 gold coin reverse, this design is forwarded

without recommendation. The central feature of this design is the lamp of knowledge utilized in the seal of the Command and General Staff College.

The Committee recommended silver obverse design FSG-O-S-06 for the obverse of the \$1 silver coin. The Committee assigned 18 of a possible 30 points to this design. The design shows portraits of Generals George C. Marshall and Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Similar to the recommendation made for the \$5 gold reverse, the Committee recommended clad half dollar reverse FSG-R-C-06 for the \$1 silver reverse, with the presumption that the denomination indicator would be appropriately changed if utilized. The Committee assigned 18 of the possible 30 points to this design through its scoring process. This design shows an American Bald Eagle detailed with symbols associated with the Command and General Staff College.

For the clad half dollar obverse design, the design receiving the highest level of support from the Committee was half dollar reverse design FSG-O-C-06. The design received 10 of the possible 30 scoring points. By Committee rule, this design is forwarded as the highest scoring design, however, without the Committee's recommendation. The design shows portraits of Generals Henry "Hap" Arnold and Omar N. Bradley.

By vote of the Committee, design FSG-R-C-07 was recommended for the reverse of the clad half dollar. The Committee vote for the motion to recommend this design was eight (8) ayes and two (2) nays. The design illustrates the seal of the Command and General Staff College.

Sincerely,

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

Gary B. Marks
Chair