

AMERICAN PATRIOT

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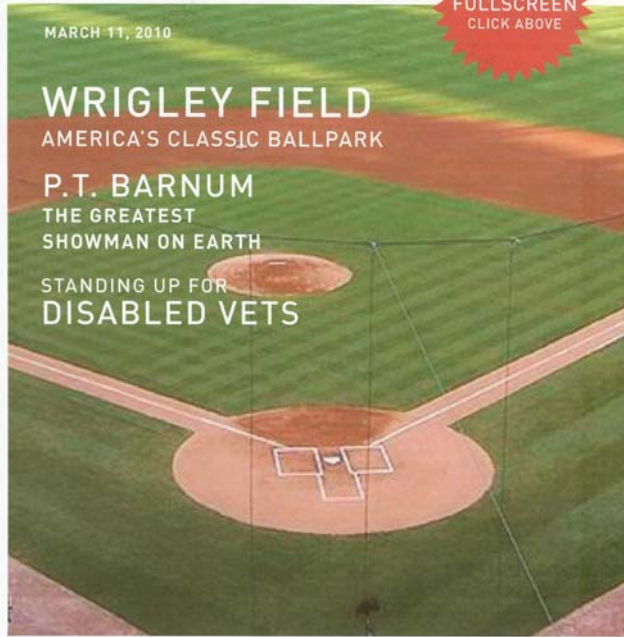
WRIGLEY FIELD

AMERICA'S CLASSIC BALLPARK

P.T. BARNUM

THE GREATEST
SHOWMAN ON EARTH

STANDING UP FOR
DISABLED VETS



US MINT STANDS UP FOR DISABLED VETS

The United States Mint is currently issuing silver one-dollar coins to honor disabled American veterans. The American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act authorizes the United States Mint to mint 350,000 such coins. Surcharges earned by sale of the coins are helping to fund the planned American Veterans Disabled For Life Memorial in Washington DC.



The coin's obverse (heads side) was designed and sculpted by United States Mint Sculptor-Engraver Don Everhart. The design features the legs and boots of three disabled veterans, which pays tribute to the service and sacrifice of our disabled veterans. The inscription "They Stood Up For Us" is in the banner along the coin's upper rim. Additional inscriptions on the obverse are "In Good We Trust, 2010" and "Liberty."

The coin's reverse (tails side) is the work of the Mint's Artistic Infusion Program Master Designer Thomas Cleveland and sculpted by Sculptor-Engraver Joseph Menna. Here, the design depicts a forget-me-not flower at the base of a wreath wrapped in a ribbon that cradles and supports clusters of oak branches. The oak branches represent strength, while the forget-me-not is a widely accepted symbol of remembrance for those who sacrificed their lives for our country. The inscriptions include "Take This Moment To Honor our Disabled Defenders of Freedom."

As noted above, surcharges from the sale will go directly to the Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation, the organization raising the private funds for the construction

of the Memorial. The Memorial will be the first in the capital area dedicated to living disabled veterans across all service branches and all areas of conflict. Commanding an impressive two-acre site between Washington Avenue SW, C Street SW and Second Street SW, the memorial will be within full view of the U.S. Capitol, adjacent to the National Mall, and across from Independence Avenue and the United States Botanic Garden. The monument was sponsored in 2000 by Senator John McCain, former Senator Max Cleland, and Representatives Sam Jonson and the late John Murtha. President Bill Clinton signed it into law soon thereafter.

An introductory coin sales period, in which special pricing for proof and uncirculated versions of the coin, ends on March 29. After that, regular pricing will be in effect. Available options include proof and uncirculated versions of the coin, struck in 90 percent silver.

Coins can be purchased at www.usmint.gov/catalog or 1-800-USA-MINT.

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WITH THE MEMORIAL'S
NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON
GARY SINISE**