

Disabled veterans silver dollar

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The Disabled Veterans silver dollar will be released in 2010. The mint has released the design of the <u>disabled veterans silver dollar</u>, which will be offered next year. The coin, called **American Veterans Disabled for Life**, was unveiled Aug. 22 by **U.S. Mint** director Ed Moy at the national convention of the Disabled American Veterans in Denver.

The front of the coin will show the legs and boots of three veterans, one of whom has only one leg and is using crutches, with the inscription "They stood up for us." Also prominent on the obverse is the word "Liberty." The reverse has a forget-me-not at the base of a wreath of oak branches, with the inscription "Take This Moment to Honor Our Disabled Defenders of Freedom."

The coin will be minted at West Point in proof and uncirculated versions in 90 percent silver. Mintage will be limited to 350,000 coins. A surcharge from the sale of the coins will go to the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation to support the construction of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington. The other commemorative silver dollar authorized for 2010 will honor the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America.

Coin show: The Jersey Shore Coin Show will be held Sept. 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Laurelton Fire House on Route 88 in Brick. Included will be dealers specializing in coins, paper money, tokens and medals and to buy, sell and trade. Admission and parking is free. For more information, call (732) 255-6911 or (732) 604-8221.

The event is sponsored by the Ocean County Coin Club, which meets the first and third Thursdays of every month, with a junior program beginning at 6:45 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7:30. Quarter launch: The American Samoa quarter makes its debut today in Pago Pago. The fourth of six new quarters this year honoring the District of Columbia and U.S. territories, it has been available from the mint since July. Still to come are the U.S. Virgin Islands quarter later this month and the Northern Marianas coin in December. To order, go to www.usmint.gov, or call (800) 872-6468.

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