

PCNS 100th Anniversary Medal

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society has announced design and ordering information for their 100th Anniversary Medal. This medal will be engraved and struck by Daniel Carr of the Moonlight Mint in Colorado, and distributed this Fall to subscribers who pre-order by June. The design for this historic medal revisits the PPIE commemorative designs and continues the Society's traditional octagonal logo with a new high-relief die. (Images shown for design info are not actual photos.) Mintage will be limited to prepaid orders received by the Society by June 2015. The octagonal 41mm medal will be struck in silver, with coppers available only as part of the 2-medal set (1 copper + 1 one-ounce silver).

Orders with payment, \$100 per set or \$75 silver only, plus \$6 postage, must reach the Society by June at: PCNS, Box 475656, San Francisco, CA 94147.

PCNS was founded in 1915, by Farran Zerbe and a group of San Francisco collectors, during the Panama Pacific International Exposition. It was the first numismatic organization established in the western United States. PCNS hosted the American Numismatic Association's 1915 Convention in San Francisco, in conjunction with PPIE events.



1915 - 2015: PCNS is celebrating 100 years!



**1186th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
7:30PM Wednesday February 25, 2015
Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

**San Francisco Military Tokens:
Early Views of the Posts,
Bits of Their History.**

Jerry Schimmel

1185th meeting, January 28, 2015

Ken Takahashi presented his program on “**Savings Stamps: A General Philatelic History.**”

World War I and World War II efforts to raise funds for each war allowed the general public to participate through savings stamps issued in small denominations. Ken explained that there are basically 4 slightly different types of stamps; the first type named Postal Savings Stamps, the second simple designated Savings Stamps, the third War Savings Stamps, and the fourth Treasury Savings Stamps.

Ken gave the attendees a history of each type, when they were issued and in what denominations, and who issued each. Sometimes, the Post Office issued the stamps and sometimes it was the Treasury Department. Booklets were issued for all types except the Treasury Savings Stamps and allowed the stamps to be pasted in until a certain sum was achieved, then the booklet could be redeemed for its initial cost plus interest.

Lastly, Ken spoke about Postal Note Stamps, a method to give change for Money Orders of less than one dollar. They were issued in 1945 in amounts ranging from 1 cent through 10 cent and then in 10 cent increments, i.e. 20, 30, 40, etc. These stamps were discontinued in 1951.

Exhibits:

Jerry shared medals, a map, and a book from the German Democratic Republic.

Lloyd shared a 1636 taler from Branschweig-Luneburg.

Michael W. shared a silver San Francisco cable car medal.

Michael T. shared US savings bonds from World War II.

Federico shared three “Central American Union” medals.

Drawing:

Jerry won a Golden Gate Bridge Anniversary Folio by the Postal Commemorative Society.

Michael W. won a print of early San Francisco showing North Beach and Meigg’s Warf.

Michael T. won a U.S Constitution proof commemorative dollar and a booklet of San Francisco paper items.

Ken T. won a 25¢ U.S. War Savings Bond stamp album.

PCNS is accepting entries for its Annual Papers Contest.

- Original research, insights, clarification, and overview or introductory articles are all encouraged.
- Participation is open to all. Membership in PCNS is not a requirement.

Contest Rules:

Please see the rules available at http://www.pcns.org/pdf_docs/papersRules.pdf

Deadline for the submission of papers for the annual papers contest is **March the 31st, 2015.**

Submission and Enquiries to:

PCNS, P O Box 475656, San Francisco CA 94147-5656

Or, via e-mail to: Dan Hipple at: dan@hippleclan.com

Annual Dues:

Dues: It is time to pay your dues for 2015. Dues are \$20 to help support the oldest numismatic organization in the West! Cash or checks are welcome at the November or December meeting. Or, you can mail your check to:

P.C.N.S.

PO Box 475656

San Francisco CA 94147

New Member:

Bob Somers applied for membership at the January meeting.

2015 meeting Schedule:

February 25, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

March 25, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

April 22, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

May 27, 2015: Building C, Fort Mason

June 2015: Date and location to be determined.