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1326th Monthly Meeting
Old Glory on the Sidelines — the Flag's Infrequent
Numismatic Appearances

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Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 7:30 PM PDT
Online



Old Glory. The Star-Spangled Banner. Stars and Stripes. The flag of the United States has evolved over the past 250 years, since 1818 with the addition of new stars for newly admitted states.

For all the reverence Americans have for the flag, it was rarely used as a device in official U.S. coinage until the great coinage redesign of 1916.



Join us online on **Wednesday, October 28** when **Jeff Pritchard** will share his insights into this mystery. Be prepared to exhibit your own flag-related numismatics, or your latest acquisitions. So that everyone may participate, please take pictures of your exhibits to facilitate viewing on Zoom.

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

John Duff loves Conder tokens! The London Corresponding Society (hereafter referred to as LCS) started producing tokens in 1792, during a busy time in world history. There were some societies that preceded it, starting in 1769. Thomas Hardy started the LCS with an interest in Parliamentary reform. There were many notable people associated with it, many of whom who were subsequently persecuted by the British government—often repeatedly.

Dalton and Hamer wrote the standard reference to Conder Tokens and included seven sections on LCS members who produced their own tokens (like Thomas Spence and John Horne Took) John showed the first token produced by the LCS and went on to discuss many others, and some produced by individual LCS members- including the history behind each token.

To fully appreciate John's excellent presentation, view a recording of it on the [PCNS YouTube channel](#).

FEELING JUDGMENTAL?

With 2027 approaching, it's time to start work on the next Presentation Competition. Prizes will be awarded for the best presentation of the preceding calendar year. We will need three volunteers to serve as judges for the contest.

Judges will be expected to review the videos of all ten recorded presentations from 2026, rating each one on several criteria. Scores will be required to be submitted by April 15 so that prizes can be awarded at the annual BBQ.

If you are interested in being a judge for this new contest, please contact webmaster@pcns.org. Note that you cannot be a judge if you have given or will give a presentation in 2026.

PCNS MEETINGS

PCNS meetings take place at 7:30 pm Pacific Time on the fourth Wednesday of most months. Meetings are held online using the Zoom platform, thereby allowing members, presenters, and guests to attend no matter where they are located. Everyone with an interest in numismatics is welcome to attend. A meeting code/invitation link will be emailed to all members separately the day before the meeting; non-members can request a link by emailing webmaster@pcns.org. Special occasions, such as the annual BBQ, will continue to occur in person.

PCNS CALENDAR FOR 2026-27

October 28, 2026.....**Jeff Pritchard**: *Old Glory on the Sidelines — the Flag's Infrequent Numismatic Appearances*
November 25, 2026.....**Michael Wehner** *Topic TBA*
December 23, 2026.....**Annual Meeting and Election of Directors for 2027**
Mike McDaniel *Topic TBA*
January 27, 2027.....*Speaker and Topic TBA*
February 24, 2027.....*Speaker and Topic TBA*

SPEAK UP!

There are always opportunities for **you** to make a presentation. Thanks to Zoom, you don't even need to be in San Francisco. Your topic can even be something about which you have submitted or plan to submit a *Paper*. Please email webmaster@pcns.org to sign up.

SEPTEMBER MEMBER EXHIBITS

Charlie Catlett showed his most recent Thomas Spence acquisition, featuring two fighting scenes: a press gang on the obverse, and boxer Daniel Mendoza in action on the reverse. He also showed several examples of abolitionist Conder tokens as well as one from the U.S.

Bill Hyder showed off his two purchases from his visit to the A.N.A. World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh: two Heidi Wastweert medals; one by the Medal Collectors of America, one an A.N.A. medal.

Mike McDaniel displayed another rare Oaxaca 8 reales coin from 1861 with an unusual design element. It is unlisted but has been confirmed as authentic.

ADD YOUR NAME HERE!



Add your name to this list by joining the PCNS Board of Governors! Thanks to Zoom, you don't even need to be in San Francisco. Nominations are open until the December 23rd meeting. You can nominate yourself at any time before the meeting.

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