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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES MINT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

December 17, 2014

This is in response to your December 4, 2014, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for "a quick search of the Executive Secretary (ExecSec) correspondence files for any correspondence between the Mint and the National Park Service." "Although I do not wish to formally limit this to particular dates, I am most interested in the last couple of years of correspondence."

Enclosed as responsive to your request are 131 pages of responsive records.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Saunders-Mitchell
Disclosure Officer

Enclosures



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES MINT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

February 3, 2014

The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

I write to request your review of the following 2015 candidate designs for the United States Mint (Mint) America the Beautiful Quarters® Program coins that will be emblematic of the five national sites to be honored in the sixth year of this 12-year program: Homestead National Monument of America (Nebraska), Kisatchie National Forest (Louisiana), Blue Ridge Parkway (North Carolina), Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge (Delaware), and Saratoga National Historical Park (New York).

As you know, the America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008 (Act) (Public Law 110-456) authorizes the Mint to design, mint, and issue quarter-dollar coins emblematic of national parks, fish and wildlife refuges, national forests, and other national sites selected in accordance with the Act. The 56 host jurisdictions are the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. A portrait of George Washington will remain on the obverse of all of the coins.

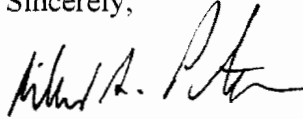
Pursuant to the attached Design Selection Process and Site Selection & Design Criteria, and using materials provided by each honored site, the Mint developed candidate designs focusing on aesthetic beauty, accuracy, appropriateness, and coinability. We worked in direct consultation with the superintendent's office of each of the four national sites under the National Park Service (and the supervisor's office of the national site under the U.S. Forest Service) to ensure the accuracy of the candidate designs and that they appropriately represent the national site they are intended to commemorate.

At this stage, we request that you review the candidate designs, considering the attached criteria, and provide comments on the accuracy and appropriateness of the designs without specifically endorsing any one design for each honored site. The Mint wants to ensure that all candidate designs are appropriate for consideration.

We would greatly appreciate receiving your feedback by February 28, 2014, so that we may have the benefit of your views before we submit the recommended designs to the Department of the Treasury for final selection.

Thank you again for your support of this unique coin program. The valuable assistance and interest provided by you and your staff members will help us immeasurably as we move forward with this celebration of our Nation's natural beauty and history. If you need additional information to conduct your review, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 354-7200, or your staff may contact April Stafford in the Mint's Office of Stakeholder Relations at (202) 354-6708.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Peterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Peterson" clearly distinguishable.

Richard A. Peterson
Deputy Director

Enclosures:

- 1: Design Selection Process
- 2: Site Selection & Design Criteria
- 3: Candidate designs for Homestead National Monument of America (Nebraska),
Kisatchie National Forest (Louisiana), Blue Ridge Parkway (North Carolina),
Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge (Delaware), and Saratoga National Historical
Park (New York)
- 4: Public Law 110-456

America's Beautiful National Parks
Quarter Dollar Series Act of 2008

Design Selection Process

- Step 1 The United States Mint will initiate the formal design process for each national site as identified by the order of the official list approved by the Secretary of the Treasury (see Site Selection Process). Designs will be processed at a rate of five per year.

- Step 2 The United States Mint will contact the head of the Federal entity responsible for the supervision, management, or conservancy of each national site. The United States Mint will ask the Federal entity's head to appoint a knowledgeable Federal official to serve as its liaison for the national site (e.g., National Park Superintendent, National Forest Supervisor, Federal Preservation Officer). The liaison will assist the United States Mint by identifying source materials for candidate designs.

- Step 3 Based on the source materials, the United States Mint will produce three to five candidate designs focusing on aesthetic beauty, historical accuracy, authenticity, appropriateness and coinability.

- Step 4 The United States Mint will consult with the liaison for the Federal entity responsible for the supervision, management, or conservancy of the national site to ensure the historical accuracy, authenticity, and overall composition of each candidate design to ensure it appropriately represents the site.

- Step 5 Final candidate designs will be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, the chief executive of the host jurisdiction (State/District of Columbia/Territory), the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), and the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) for review and comment. The United States Mint may make changes to address any concerns or recommendations resulting from this review process.

- Step 6 The Director of the United States Mint will make a final recommendation to the Secretary of the Treasury, after considering all relevant factors, including the comments and recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior, the chief executive, the CFA, the CCAC, and the Federal entity responsible for the supervision, management, or conservancy of each national site.

- Step 7 The Secretary of the Treasury will make the final design selection.

America's Beautiful National Parks
Quarter Dollar Series Act of 2008

Site Selection & Design Criteria

Overview	The America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Series Act of 2008 provides for designs to be submitted in accordance with the design selection and approval process developed by, and in sole discretion of, the Secretary of the Treasury.
In General	The designs on the coins issued during this program shall be emblematic of one national site in each host jurisdiction (State/District of Columbia/Territory). The program will honor the national park or other national site in each host jurisdiction deemed most appropriate in terms of natural or historic significance.
Standards	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Selected sites must be ones that can reasonably be expected to translate into dignified designs of which the citizens of the United States can be proud (for example, must be distinctive and readily recognizable as honoring that site).2. Selected sites must be ones that can reasonably be expected to translate into designs that are neither frivolous nor inappropriate. Inappropriate designs include, but are not limited to, those bearing logos or depictions of specific commercial, private, educational, civic, religious, sports, or other organizations whose membership or ownership is not universal.3. Designs must not include any head-and-shoulders portrait or bust of any person, living or dead, nor can designs include a portrait of a living person. Designs must not include an outline or map of a host jurisdiction.4. Designs can be based on the same theme as used in United States Mint's 50 State Quarters[®] Program, or the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Program, but cannot be the same design.
Order & Rate	The national site quarter-dollars will be issued at a rate of five new designs each year in the order in which the selected sites were first established as a national site.



2015 America the Beautiful Quarters Program



Homestead National Monument Reverse Candidate Designs



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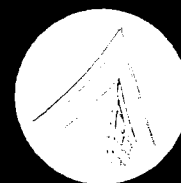


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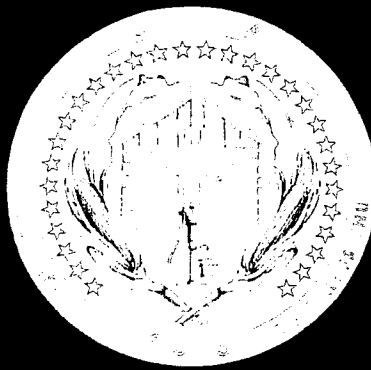


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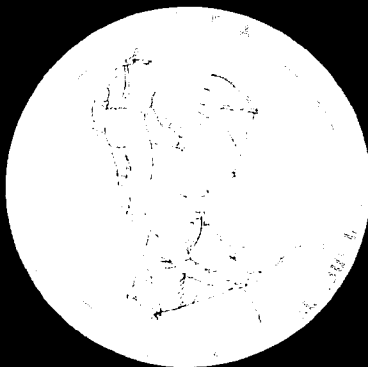
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Kisatchie National Forest Reverse Candidate Designs



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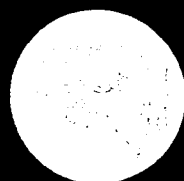


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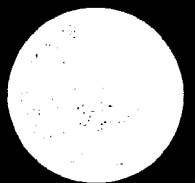


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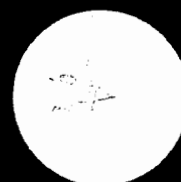


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Blue Ridge Parkway Reverse Candidate Designs



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BRP-02





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BRP-08





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Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge
Reverse Candidate Designs



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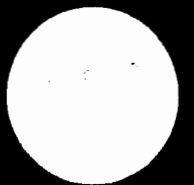


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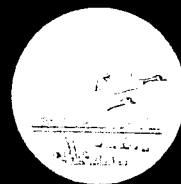


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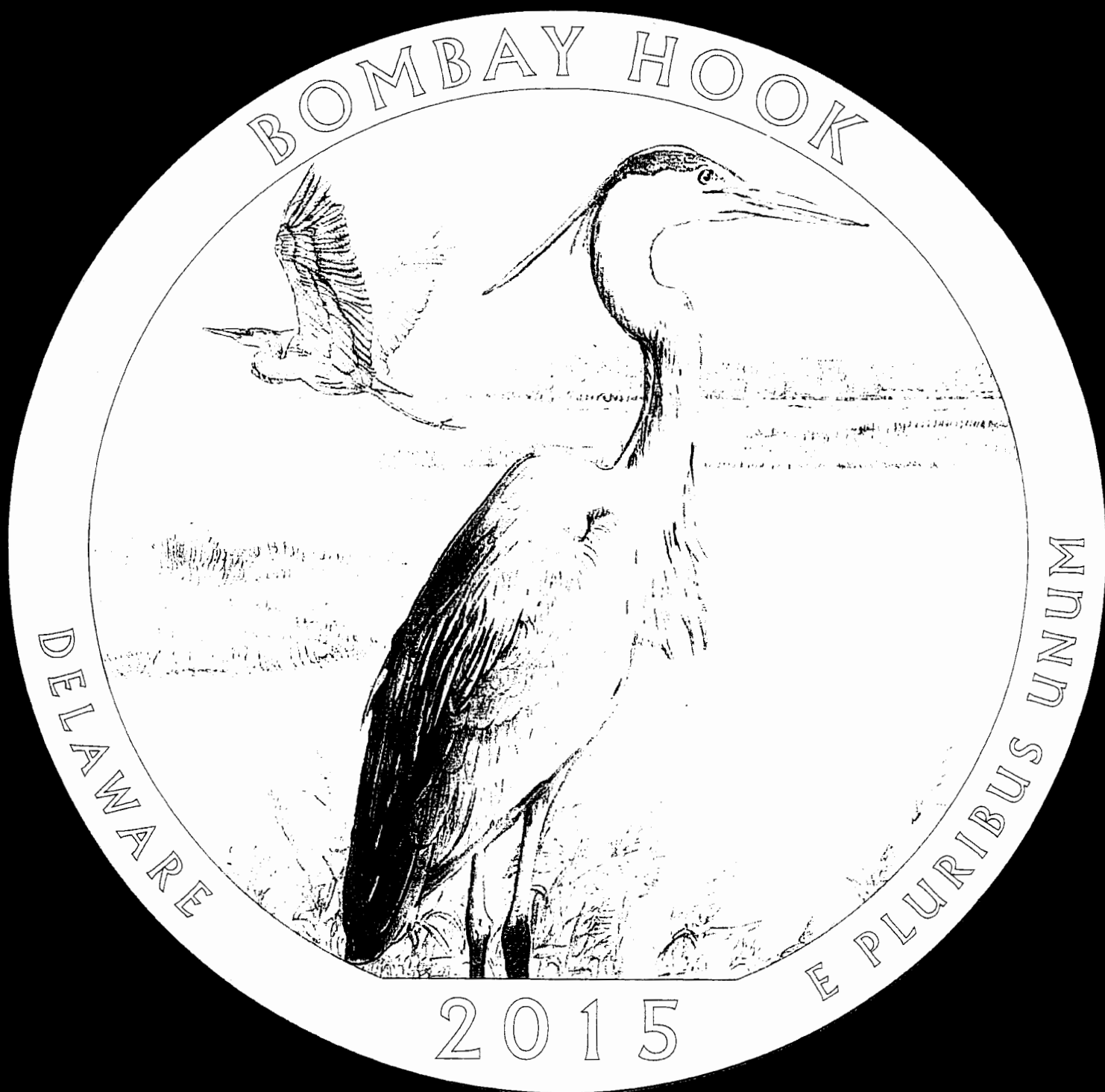
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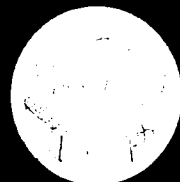
Saratoga National Historical Park Reverse Candidate Designs



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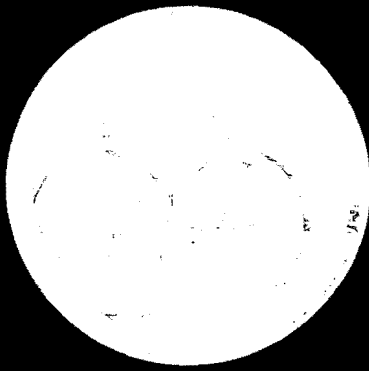
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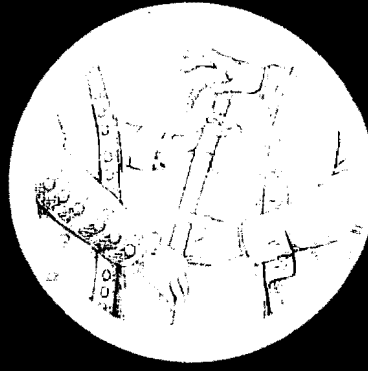


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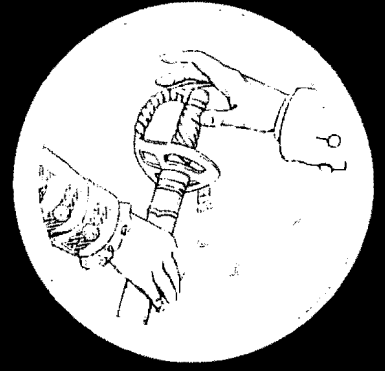




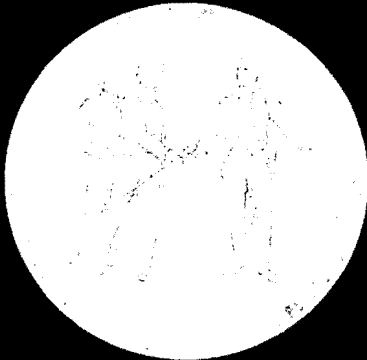
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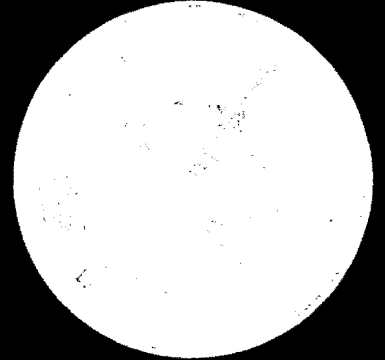
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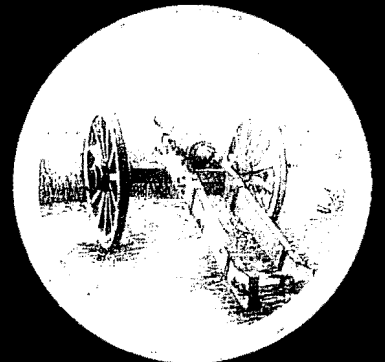
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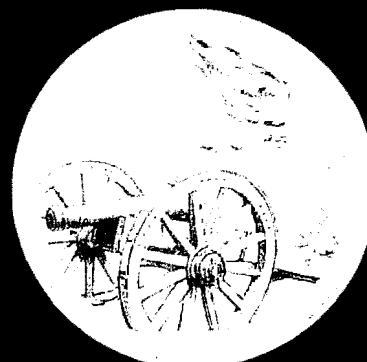
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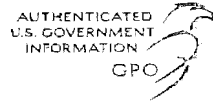
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PUBLIC LAW 110-456—DEC. 23, 2008

AMERICA'S BEAUTIFUL NATIONAL PARKS
QUARTER DOLLAR COIN ACT OF 2008

Public Law 110-456
110th Congress

An Act

Dec. 23, 2008
[H.R. 6184]

To provide for a program for circulating quarter dollar coins that are emblematic of a national park or other national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

America's
Beautiful
National Parks
Quarter Dollar
Coin Act of 2008.
31 USC 5101
note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008".

**TITLE I—NATIONAL SITE QUARTER
DOLLARS**

31 USC 5112
note.

SEC. 101. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds as follows:

(1) Yellowstone National Park was established by an Act signed by President Ulysses S. Grant on March 1, 1872, as the Nation's first national park.

(2) The summer and autumn of 1890 saw the establishment of a number of national sites:

(A) August 19: Chickamauga and Chattanooga established as national military parks in Georgia and Tennessee.

(B) August 30: Antietam established as a national battlefield site in Maryland.

(C) September 25: Sequoia National Park established in California.

(D) September 27: Rock Creek Park established in the District of Columbia.

(E) October 1: General Grant National Park established in California (and subsequently incorporated in Kings Canyon National Park).

(F) October 1: Yosemite National Park established in California.

(3) Theodore Roosevelt was this nation's 26th President and is considered by many to be our "Conservationist President".

(4) As a frequent visitor to the West, Theodore Roosevelt witnessed the virtual destruction of some big game species and the overgrazing that destroyed the grasslands and with them the habitats for small mammals and songbirds and conservation increasingly became one of his major concerns.

(5) When he became President in 1901, Roosevelt pursued this interest in conservation by establishing the first 51 Bird Reserves, 4 Game Preserves, and 150 National Forests.

(6) He also established the United States Forest Service, signed into law the creation of 5 National Parks, and signed the Act for the Preservation of American Antiquities in 1906 under which he proclaimed 18 national monuments.

(7) Approximately 230,000,000 acres of area within the United States was placed under public protection by Theodore Roosevelt.

(8) Theodore Roosevelt said that nothing short of defending this country in wartime “compares in importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us”.

(9) The National Park Service was created by an Act signed by President Woodrow Wilson on August 25, 1916.

(10) The National Park System comprises 391 areas covering more than 84,000,000 acres in every State (except Delaware), the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

(11) The sites or areas within the National Park System vary widely in size and type from vast natural wilderness to birthplaces of Presidents to world heritage archaeology sites to an African burial ground memorial in Manhattan and include national parks, monuments, battlefields, military parks, historical parks, historic sites, lakeshores, seashores, recreation areas, scenic rivers and trails, and the White House.

(12) In addition to the sites within the National Park System, the United States has placed numerous other types of sites under various forms of conservancy, such as the national forests and sites within the National Wildlife Refuge System and on the National Register of Historic Places.

SEC. 102. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS EMBLEMATIC OF NATIONAL PARKS OR OTHER NATIONAL SITES IN EACH STATE, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND EACH TERRITORY.

Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(t) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF QUARTER DOLLARS EMBLEMATIC OF NATIONAL SITES IN EACH STATE, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND EACH TERRITORY.—

“(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING UPON COMPLETION OF PRIOR PROGRAM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1) and subsection (d)(2), quarter dollars issued beginning in 2010 shall have designs on the reverse selected in accordance with this subsection which are emblematic of the national sites in the States, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States.

“(B) FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO PLACEMENT OF INSCRIPTIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may select a design for quarter dollars referred to in subparagraph (A) in which—

“(i) the inscription described in the second sentence of subsection (d)(1) appears on the reverse side of any such quarter dollars; and

“(ii) any inscription described in the third sentence of subsection (d)(1) or the designation of the value of the coin appears on the obverse side of any such quarter dollars.

“(C) INCLUSION OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND TERRITORIES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘State’ has the same meaning as in section 3(a)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

“(2) SINGLE SITE IN EACH STATE.—The design on the reverse side of each quarter dollar issued during the period of issuance under this subsection shall be emblematic of 1 national site in each State.

“(3) SELECTION OF SITE AND DESIGN.—

“(A) SITE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The selection of a national park or other national site in each State to be honored with a coin under this subsection shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the governor or other chief executive of each State with respect to which a coin is to be issued under this subsection, and after giving full and thoughtful consideration to national sites that are not under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior so that the national site chosen for each State shall be the most appropriate in terms of natural or historic significance.

“(ii) TIMING.—The selection process under clause (i) shall be completed before the end of the 270-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of the America’s Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008.

“(B) DESIGN.—Each of the designs required under this subsection for quarter dollars shall be—

“(i) selected by the Secretary after consultation with—

“(I) the Secretary of the Interior; and

“(II) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

“(ii) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee.

“(C) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.—Recommendations for site selections and designs for quarter dollars may be submitted in accordance with the site and design selection and approval process developed by the Secretary in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

“(D) PARTICIPATION IN DESIGN.—The Secretary may include participation by officials of the State, artists from the State, engravers of the United States Mint, and members of the general public.

“(E) STANDARDS.—Because it is important that the Nation’s coinage and currency bear dignified designs of which the citizens of the United States can be proud, the Secretary shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate design for any quarter dollar minted under this subsection.

“(F) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS.—No head and shoulders portrait or bust of any person, living or dead, no portrait of a living person, and no outline or map of a State may be included in the design on the reverse of any quarter dollar under this subsection.

“(4) ISSUANCE OF COINS.—

“(A) ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—The quarter dollar coins issued under this subsection bearing designs of national sites shall be issued in the order in which the sites selected under paragraph (3) were first established as a national site.

“(B) RATE OF ISSUANCE.—The quarter dollar coins bearing designs of national sites under this subsection shall be issued at the rate of 5 new designs during each year of the period of issuance under this subsection.

“(C) NUMBER OF EACH OF 5 COIN DESIGNS IN EACH YEAR.—Of the quarter dollar coins issued during each year of the period of issuance, the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, on the basis of such factors as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, the number of quarter dollars which shall be issued with each of the designs selected for such year.

“(5) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins minted under this subsection shall be considered to be numismatic items.

“(6) ISSUANCE.—

“(A) QUALITY OF COINS.—The Secretary may mint and issue such number of quarter dollars of each design selected under paragraph (3) in uncirculated and proof qualities as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

“(B) SILVER COINS.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Secretary may mint and issue such number of quarter dollars of each design selected under paragraph (3) as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, with a content of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

“(7) PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the program established under this subsection shall continue in effect until a national site in each State has been honored.

“(B) SECOND ROUND AT DISCRETION OF SECRETARY.—

“(i) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary may make a determination before the end of the 9-year period beginning when the first quarter dollar is issued under this subsection to continue the period of issuance until a second national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory referred to in this subsection has been honored with a design on a quarter dollar.

“(ii) NOTICE AND REPORT.—Within 30 days after making a determination under clause (i), the Secretary shall submit a written report on such determination to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

“(iii) APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS.—If the Secretary makes a determination under clause (i), the provisions of this subsection applicable to site and

design selection and approval, the order, timing, and conditions of issuance shall apply in like manner as the initial issuance of quarter dollars under this subsection, except that the issuance of quarter dollars pursuant to such determination bearing the first design shall commence in order immediately following the last issuance of quarter dollars under the first round.

“(iv) CONTINUATION UNTIL ALL STATES ARE HONORED.—If the Secretary makes a determination under clause (i), the program under this subsection shall continue until a second site in each State has been so honored.

“(8) DESIGNS AFTER END OF PROGRAM.—Upon the completion of the coin program under this subsection, the design on—

“(A) the obverse of the quarter dollar shall revert to the same design containing an image of President Washington in effect for the quarter dollar before the institution of the 50-State quarter dollar program; and

“(B) notwithstanding the fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1), the reverse of the quarter dollar shall contain an image of General Washington crossing the Delaware River prior to the Battle of Trenton.

“(9) NATIONAL SITE.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘national site’ means any site under the supervision, management, or conservancy of the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or any similar department or agency of the Federal Government, including any national park, national monument, national battlefield, national military park, national historical park, national historic site, national lakeshore, seashore, recreation area, parkway, scenic river, or trail and any site in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

“(10) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF INDEPENDENCE.—If any territory becomes independent or otherwise ceases to be a territory or possession of the United States before quarter dollars bearing designs which are emblematic of such territory are minted pursuant to this subsection, this subsection shall cease to apply with respect to such territory.”.

TITLE II—BULLION INVESTMENT PRODUCTS

SEC. 201. SILVER BULLION COIN.

Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (t) (as added by title I of this Act) the following new subsection:

“(u) SILVER BULLION INVESTMENT PRODUCT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall strike and make available for sale such number of bullion coins as the Secretary determines to be appropriate that are exact duplicates of the quarter dollars issued under subsection (t), each of which shall—

“(A) have a diameter of 3.0 inches and weigh 5.0 ounces;

“(B) contain .999 fine silver;

“(C) have incused into the edge the fineness and weight of the bullion coin;

“(D) bear an inscription of the denomination of such coin, which shall be ‘quarter dollar’; and

“(E) not be minted or issued by the United States Mint as so-called ‘fractional’ bullion coins or in any size other than the size described in paragraph (A).

“(2) AVAILABILITY FOR SALE.—Bullion coins minted under paragraph (1)—

“(A) shall become available for sale no sooner than the first day of the calendar year in which the circulating quarter dollar of which such bullion coin is a duplicate is issued; and

“(B) may only be available for sale during the year in which such circulating quarter dollar is issued.

“(3) DISTRIBUTION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the authorized dealers utilized by the Secretary in distributing bullion coins and solely for purposes of distributing bullion coins issued under this subsection, the Director of the National Park Service, or the designee of the Director, may purchase numismatic items issued under this subsection, but only in units of no fewer than 1,000 at a time, and the Director, or the Director’s designee, may resell or repackage such numismatic items as the Director determines to be appropriate.

“(B) RESALE.—The Director of the National Park Service, or the designee of the Director, may resell, at cost and without repackaging, numismatic items acquired by the Director or such designee under subparagraph (A) to any party affiliated with any national site honored by a quarter dollar under subsection (t) for repackaging and resale by such party in the same manner and to the same extent as such party would be authorized to engage in such activities under subparagraph (A) if the party were acting as the designee of the Director under such subparagraph.”.

Approved December 23, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 6184:

HOUSE REPORTS: No. 110-748 (Comm. on Financial Services).

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, Vol. 154 (2008):

July 9, considered and passed House.

Dec. 10, considered and passed Senate.





DEPUTY DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220-0001

October 16, 2014

The Honorable Sally Jewell
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I am writing to request your review of the 2016 candidate designs for the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters® Program Coins that will be emblematic of the five national sites to be honored in the seventh year of this 12-year program: Shawnee National Forest (Illinois), Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (Kentucky), Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (West Virginia), Theodore Roosevelt National Park (North Dakota), and Fort Moultrie (Fort Sumter National Monument) (South Carolina).

As you know, the America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008 (Act) (Public Law 110-456) authorizes the United States Mint to design, mint, and issue quarter-dollar coins emblematic of national parks, fish and wildlife refuges, national forests, and other national sites selected in accordance with the Act. The 56 host jurisdictions are the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. A portrait of George Washington will remain on the obverse of all of the coins.

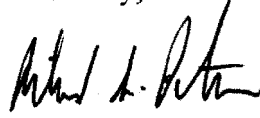
Pursuant to the attached Design Selection Process and Site Selection & Design Criteria, and using materials provided by each honored site, the United States Mint developed candidate designs focusing on aesthetic beauty, accuracy, appropriateness, and coinability. We worked in direct consultation with the superintendent's office of each of the four national sites under the National Park Service (and the supervisor's office of the national site under the U.S. Forest Service) to ensure the accuracy of the candidate designs and that they appropriately represent the national site they are intended to commemorate.

At this stage, we request that you review the enclosed candidate designs, considering the attached criteria, and provide comments on the accuracy and appropriateness of the designs without specifically endorsing any one design for each honored site. The United States Mint wants to ensure that all candidate designs are appropriate for consideration.

We would greatly appreciate receiving your feedback by November 7, 2014, so that we may have the benefit of your views before we submit the recommended designs to the Department of the Treasury for final selection.

Thank you again for your support of this unique coin program. The valuable assistance and interest provided by you and your staff members will help us immeasurably as we move forward with this celebration of our Nation's natural beauty and history. If you need additional information to conduct your review, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 354-7200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Peterson".

Richard A. Peterson
Deputy Director

Enclosures:

- 1) Design Selection Process
- 2) Site Selection & Design Criteria
- 3) Candidate designs for Shawnee National Forest (Illinois), Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (Kentucky), Harpers Ferry National Historical Park (West Virginia), Theodore Roosevelt National Park (North Dakota), and Fort Moultrie (Fort Sumter National Monument) (South Carolina).
- 4) Public Law 110-456

America's Beautiful National Parks
Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008

Design Selection Process

- Step 1 The United States Mint will initiate the formal design process for each national site as identified by the order of the official list approved by the Secretary of the Treasury (see Site Selection Process). Designs will be processed at a rate of five per year.
- Step 2 The United States Mint will contact the head of the Federal entity responsible for the supervision, management, or conservancy of each national site. The United States Mint will ask the Federal entity's head to appoint a knowledgeable Federal official to serve as its liaison for the national site (e.g., National Park Superintendent, National Forest Supervisor, Federal Preservation Officer). The liaison will assist the United States Mint by identifying source materials for candidate designs.
- Step 3 Based on the source materials, the United States Mint will produce three to five candidate designs focusing on aesthetic beauty, historical accuracy, authenticity, appropriateness and coinability.
- Step 4 The United States Mint will consult with the liaison for the Federal entity responsible for the supervision, management, or conservancy of the national site to ensure the historical accuracy, authenticity, and overall composition of each candidate design to ensure it appropriately represents the site.
- Step 5 Final candidate designs will be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, the chief executive of the host jurisdiction (State/District of Columbia/Territory), the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA), and the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) for review and comment. The United States Mint may make changes to address any concerns or recommendations resulting from this review process.
- Step 6 The Director of the United States Mint will make a final recommendation to the Secretary of the Treasury, after considering all relevant factors, including the comments and recommendations of the Secretary of the Interior, the chief executive, the CFA, the CCAC, and the Federal entity responsible for the supervision, management, or conservancy of each national site.
- Step 7 The Secretary of the Treasury will make the final design selection.

America's Beautiful National Parks
Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008

Site Selection & Design Criteria

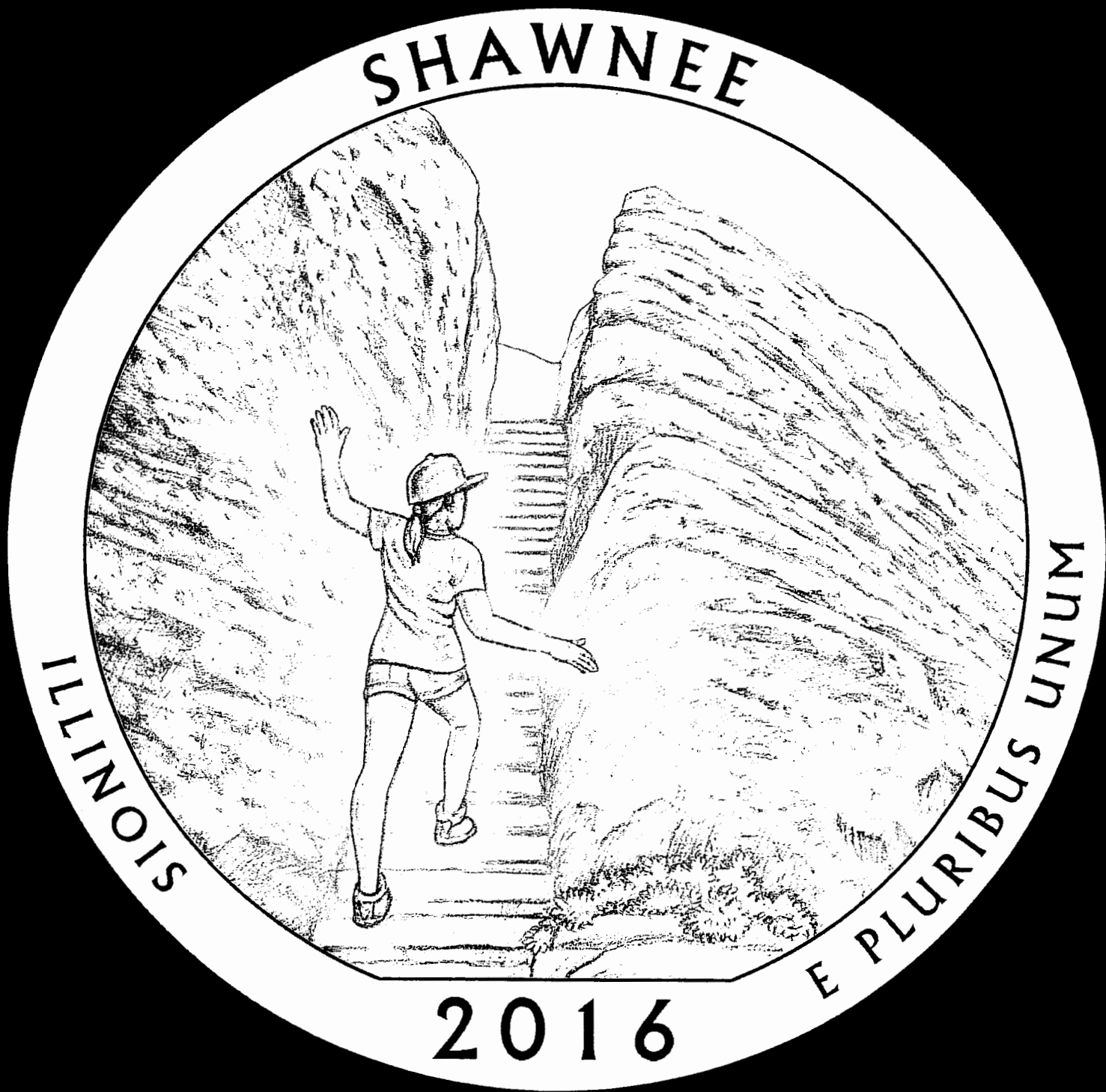
Overview	The America's Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008 provides for designs to be submitted in accordance with the design selection and approval process developed by, and in sole discretion of, the Secretary of the Treasury.
In General	The designs on the coins issued during this program shall be emblematic of one national site in each host jurisdiction (State/District of Columbia/Territory). The program will honor the national park or other national site in each host jurisdiction deemed most appropriate in terms of natural or historic significance.
Standards	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Selected sites must be ones that can reasonably be expected to translate into dignified designs of which the citizens of the United States can be proud (for example, must be distinctive and readily recognizable as honoring that site).2. Selected sites must be ones that can reasonably be expected to translate into designs that are neither frivolous nor inappropriate. Inappropriate designs include, but are not limited to, those bearing logos or depictions of specific commercial, private, educational, civic, religious, sports, or other organizations whose membership or ownership is not universal.3. Designs must not include any head-and-shoulders portrait or bust of any person, living or dead, nor can designs include a portrait of a living person. Designs must not include an outline or map of a host jurisdiction.4. Designs can be based on the same theme as used in United States Mint's 50 State Quarters[®] Program, or the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories Quarters Program, but cannot be the same design.
Order & Rate	The national site quarter-dollars will be issued at a rate of five new designs each year in the order in which the selected sites were first established as a national site.



2016 America the Beautiful Quarters®
Reverse Candidate Designs



Shawnee National Forest Reverse Candidate Designs



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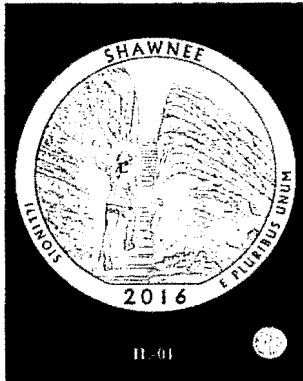
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**2016 America the Beautiful Quarters® Program
Design Descriptions**

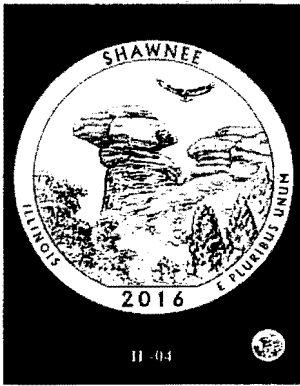
Shawnee National Forest



IL-01 – This design depicts a young girl climbing the stairway cut into rock near Bell Smith Springs.



IL-03 – This design depicts Camel Rock, the most popular and iconic rock formation at Shawnee National Forest.



IL-04 – This design depicts a close view of Camel Rock with natural vegetation in the foreground and a red-tailed hawk soaring in the sky overhead.



IL-06 – This design depicts Devil's Smokestack, one of the rock features at Shawnee National Forest.



IL-07 – This design depicts an overview of Camel Rock, showing the full shape of the formation.



Cumberland Gap
National Historical Park
Reverse Candidate Designs



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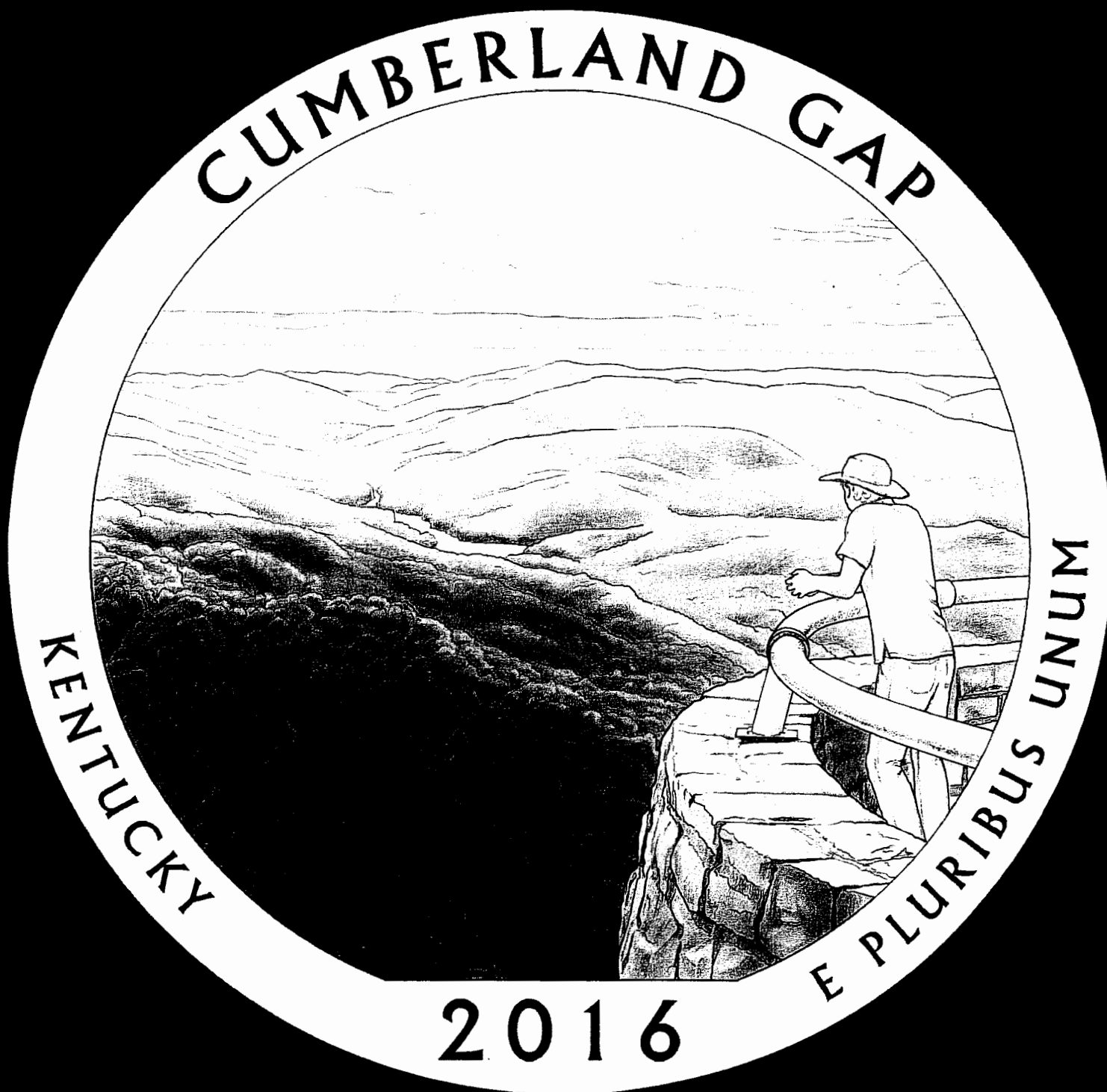
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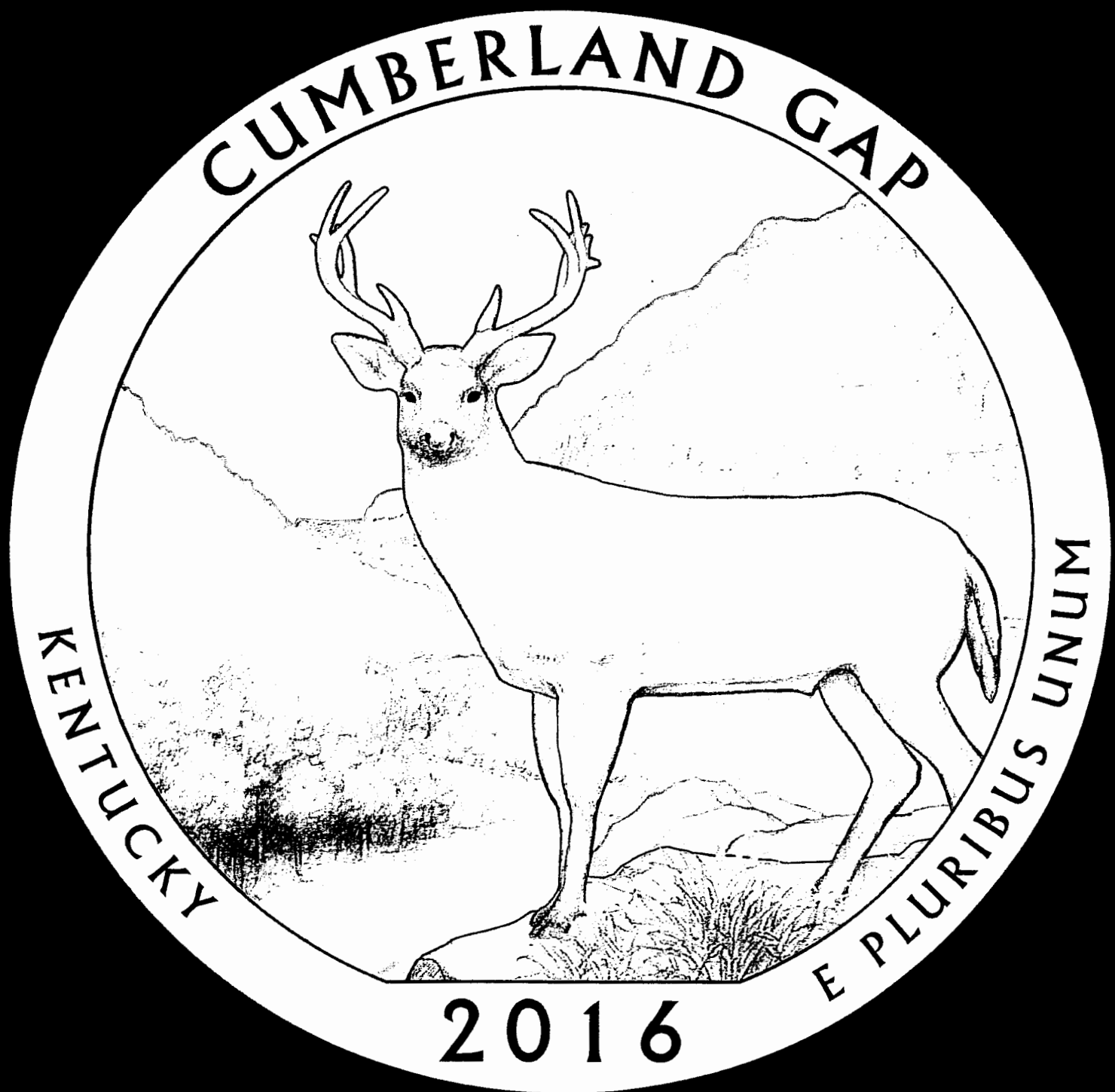
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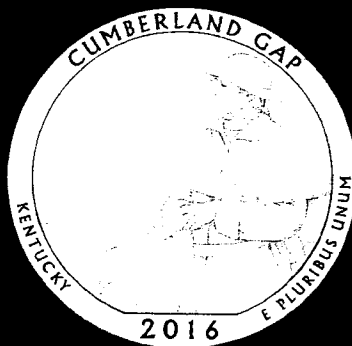


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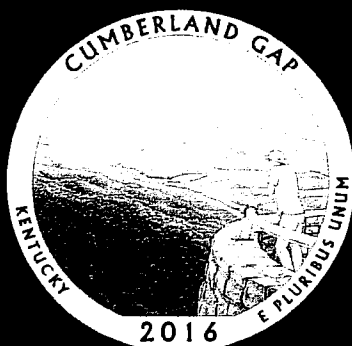
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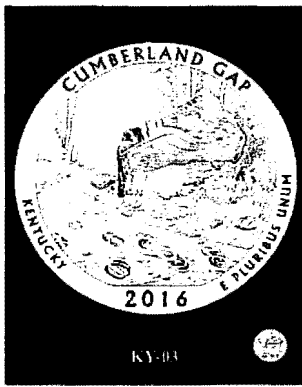
Cumberland Gap National Historical Park



KY-01 – This design features a series of footprints symbolizing the journey through Cumberland Gap, the “first great gateway to the west.” Cumberland Gap was first used by animals, then by Native Americans, frontiersmen, and eventually hundreds of pioneers as a gateway through the Cumberland Mountains. The additional inscription reads *First Doorway to the West*.



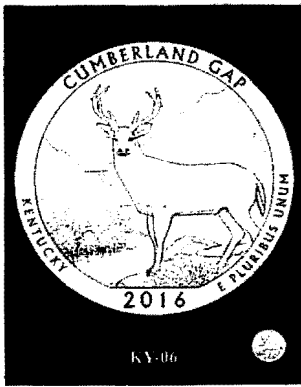
KY-02 – This design features a frontiersman gazing across the mountains to the West. Many pioneers used Cumberland Gap on their journey into the western frontiers of Kentucky and Tennessee. The additional inscription reads *First Doorway to the West*.



KY-03 – This design features Indian Rock, a large isolated boulder that became a landmark many animals and humans have passed by as they traveled through Cumberland Gap. It is reputed to be a spot from which people were ambushed; it bears scratches and messages from settlers passing through; it has been a waylaying station and a grave marker; and it also served as a billboard along the Dixie Highway, which historically led travelers through the Gap.



KY-05 – This design shows a view from the Pinnacle Overlook at Cumberland Gap. While the overlook itself is located in Virginia, the figure in the foreground looks into Kentucky. Fern Lake is visible in the background.



KY-06 – This design depicts a white-tailed deer with the Cumberland Gap in the background.



Harpers Ferry
National Historical Park
Reverse Candidate Designs



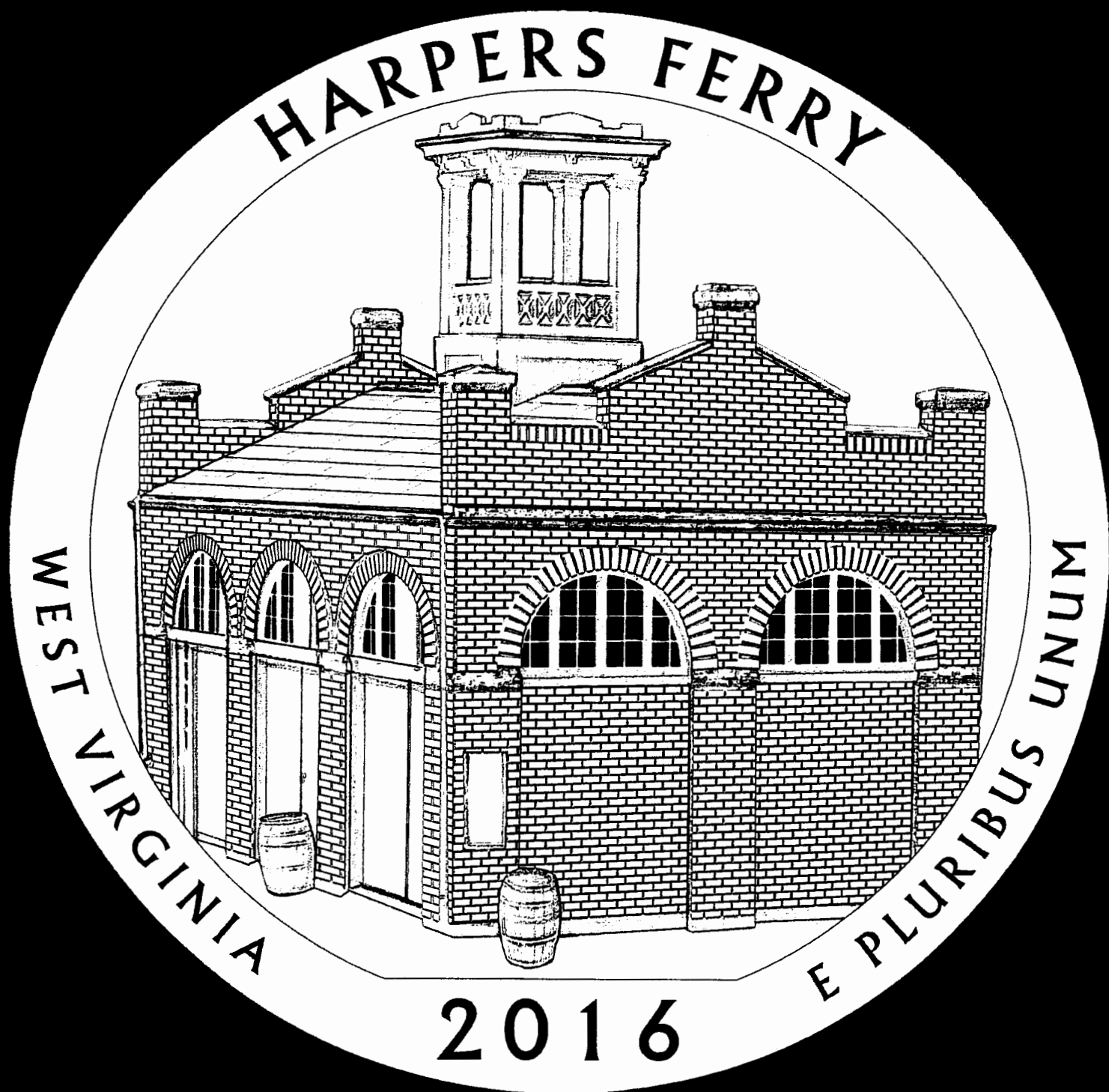
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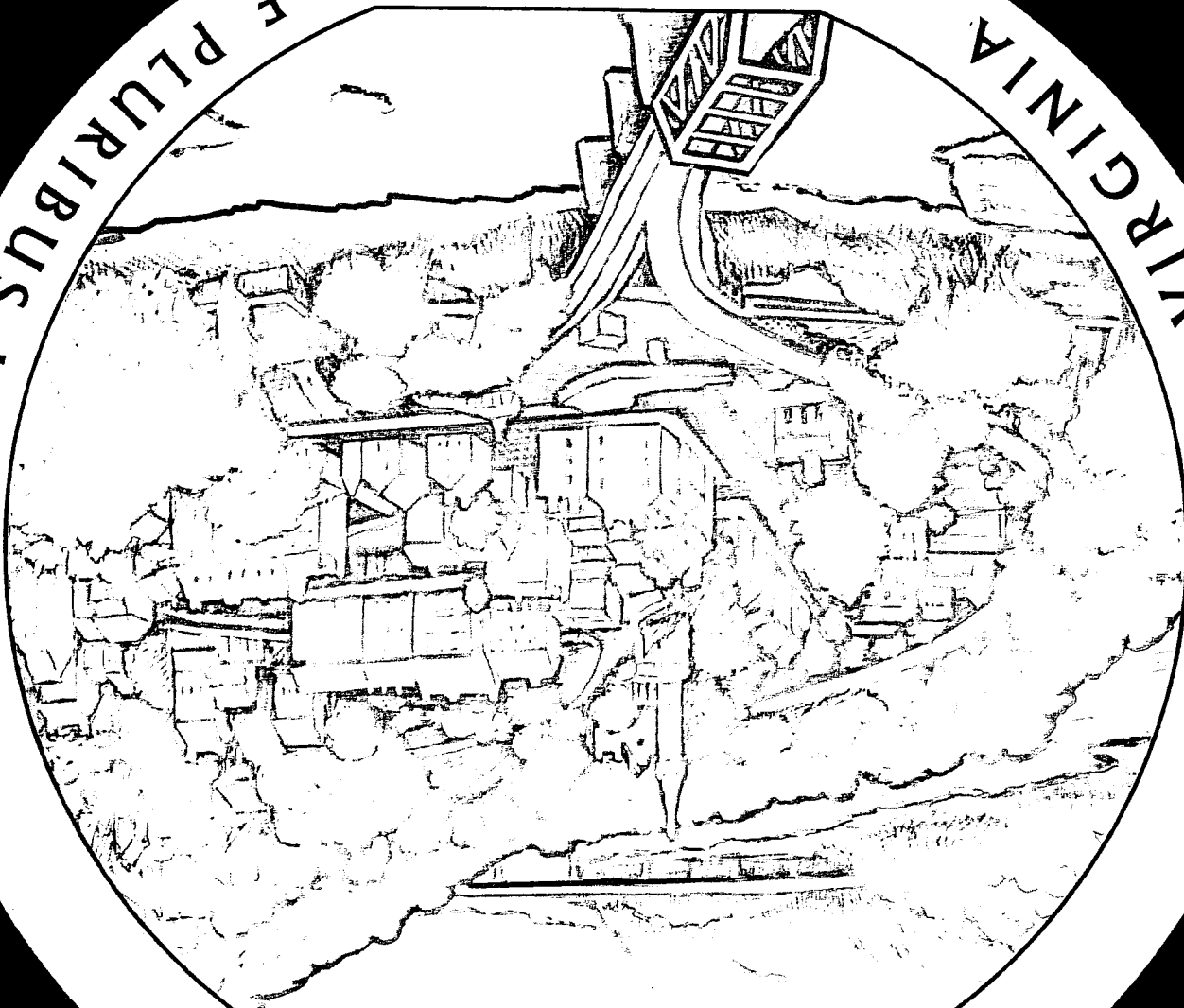
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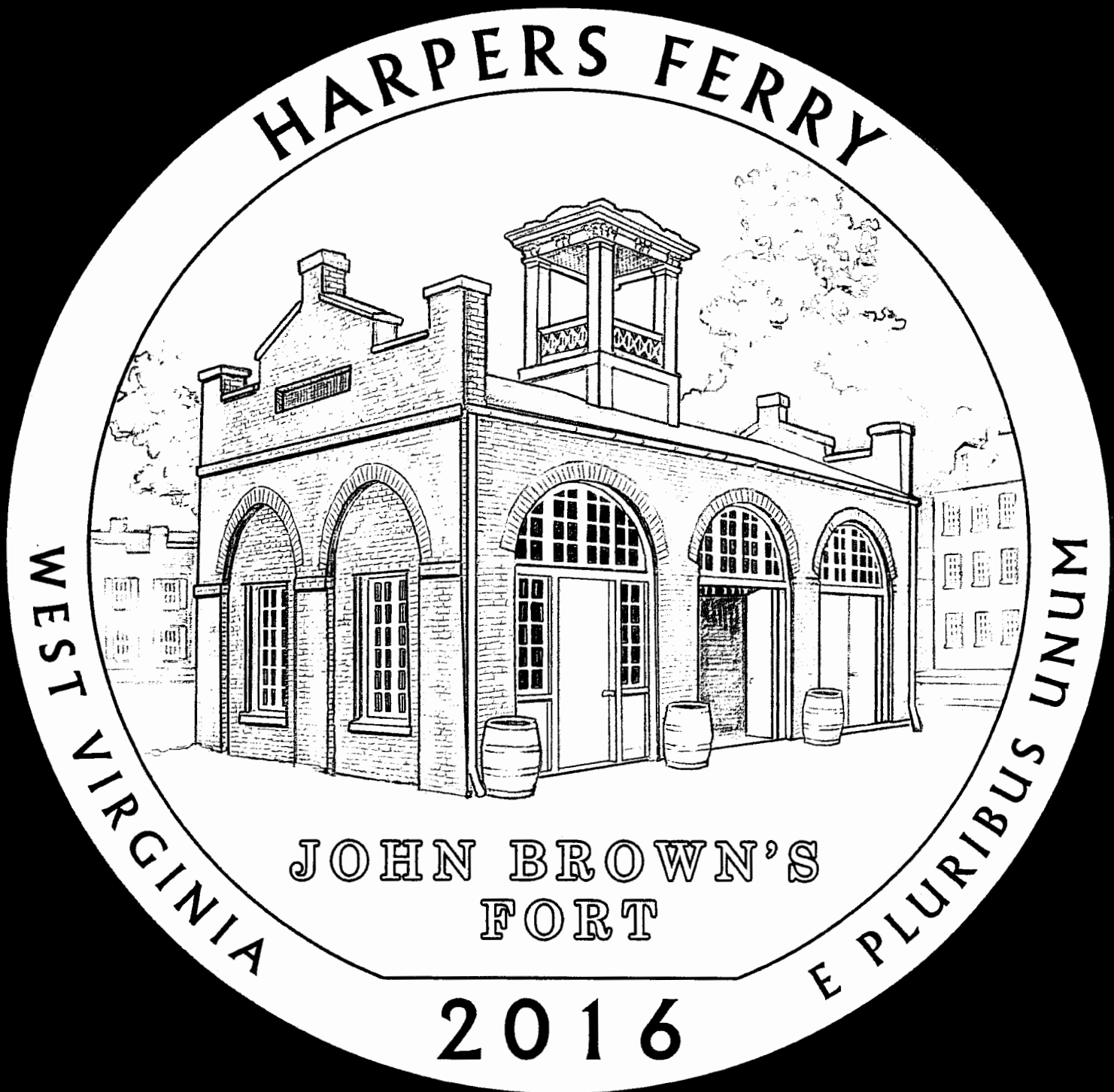
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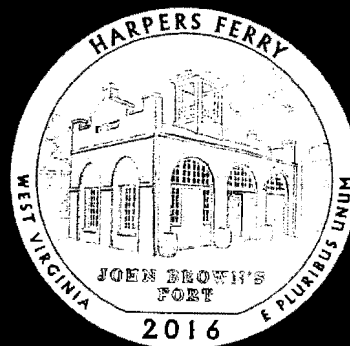
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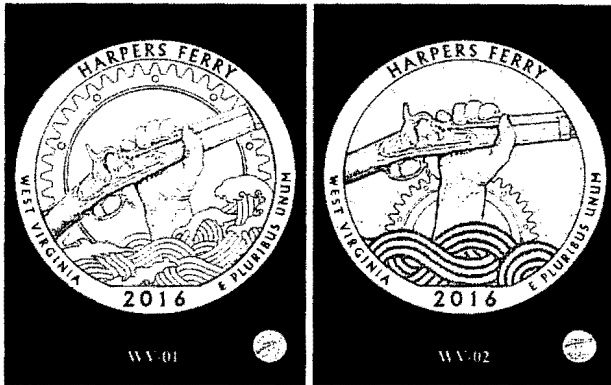


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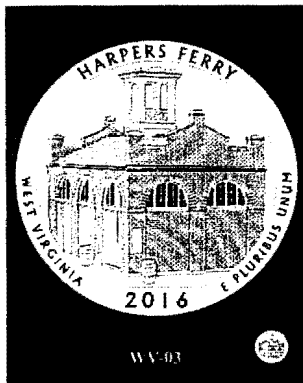


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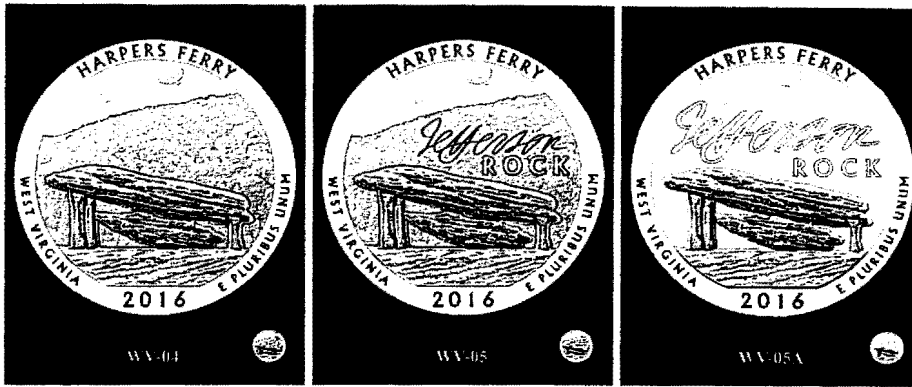
Harpers Ferry National Historical Park



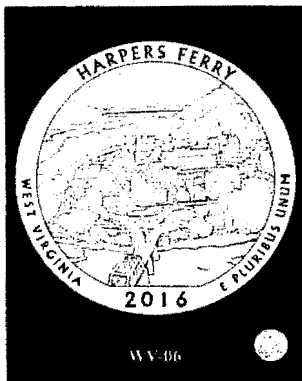
WV-01 and WV-02 – These designs feature a hand clutching a rifle emerging from the stylized water with a gear in the background. Water was the source of power for the industrial revolution. As such, the location of Harpers Ferry, where the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers converged, was key to its development. The rivers were used to power the equipment at the United States Armory and Arsenal at Harpers Ferry.



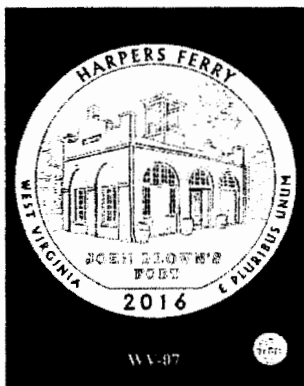
WV-03 – This design depicts John Brown's Fort, a building originally used as a fire engine and guard house for the armory at Harpers Ferry. During John Brown's Raid, Brown, an abolitionist, took refuge in the building. The building was the only Armory building to escape destruction during the Civil War.



WV-04, WV-05, and WV-05A – Two circling hawks fly over Jefferson Rock, a historic overlook at Harpers Ferry. The rock is named for Thomas Jefferson, who stood there on October 25, 1783. The artist intends the hawks to symbolize the connection between Thomas Jefferson and Meriwether Lewis, who corresponded as Lewis worked out the details of his westward expedition while at Harpers Ferry. Designs 05 and 05A feature a replica of Thomas Jefferson's signature.



WV-06 – This design features an overview of Harpers Ferry. The image includes the historic iron bridge crossing the Potomac River and the confluence of the Potomac with the Shenandoah rivers. The steep cliffs and canopy of trees surround the historic town center.



WV-07 – This design features John Brown's Fort, the site of John Brown's last stand during his raid on the Armory.



Theodore Roosevelt National Park Reverse Candidate Designs



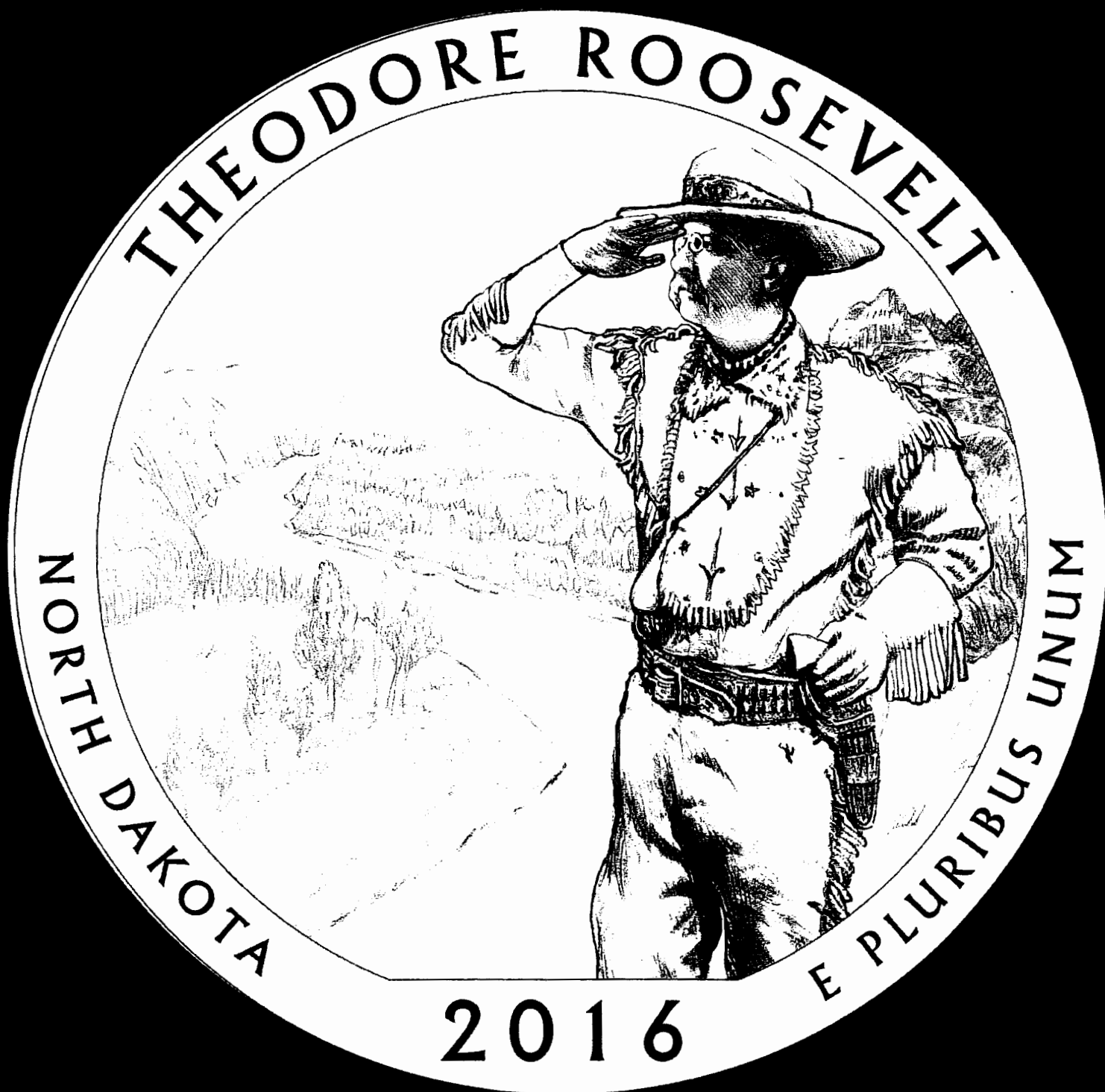
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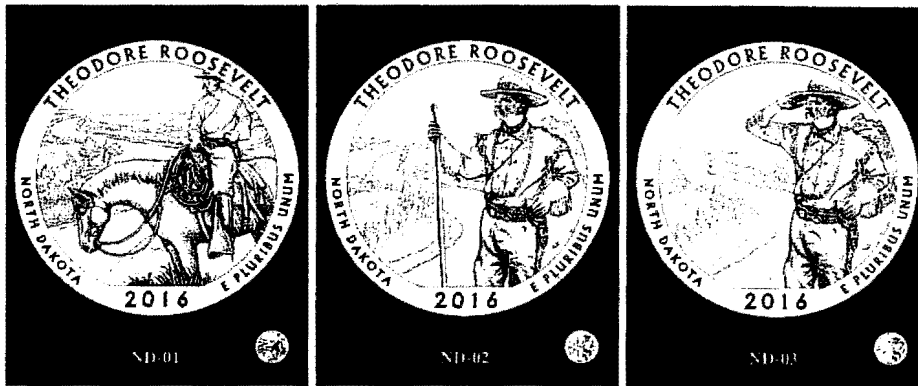


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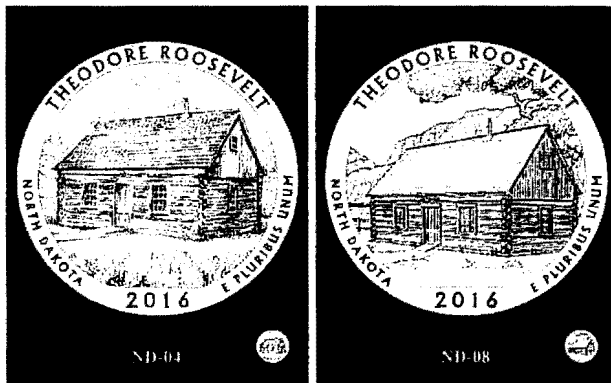


ND-09

Theodore Roosevelt National Park



ND-01, ND-02, and ND-03 – A young Theodore Roosevelt surveys the badlands terrain at an area near the Little Missouri River.



ND-04 and ND-08 – These designs depict Theodore Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin.



ND-09 – Three sandhill cranes fly over the North Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

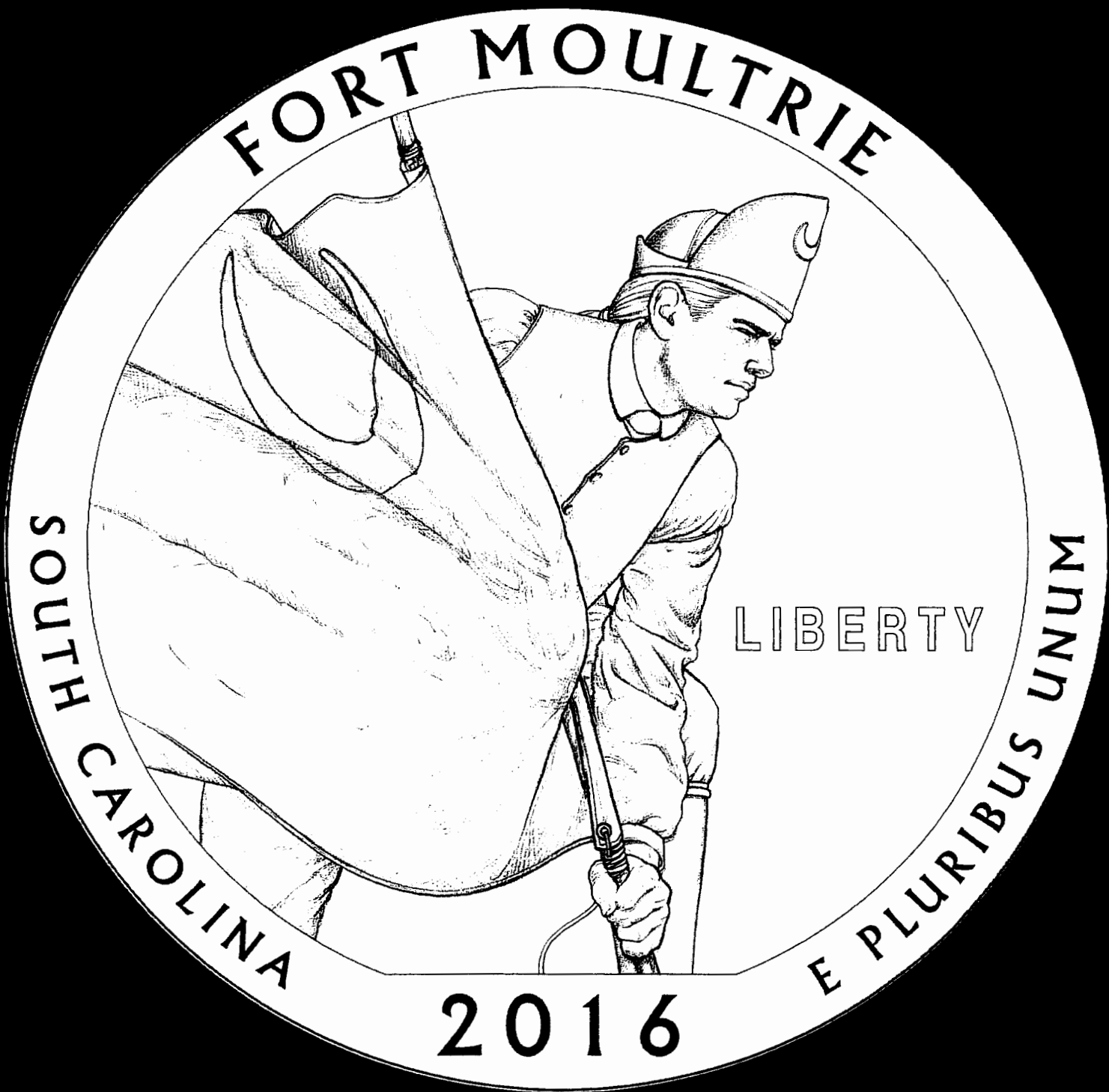


Fort Moultrie
(Fort Sumter National Monument)
Reverse Candidate Designs



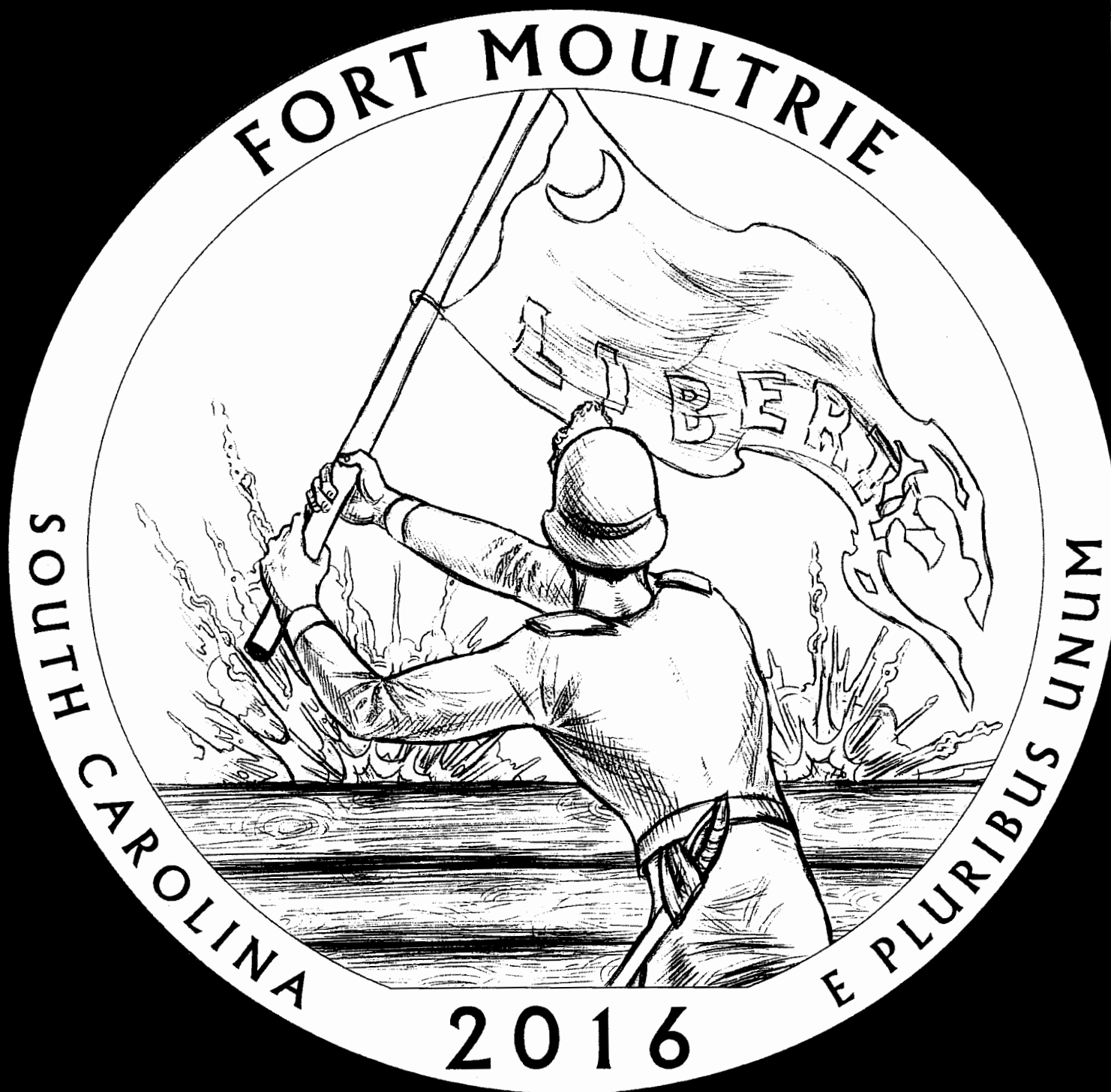
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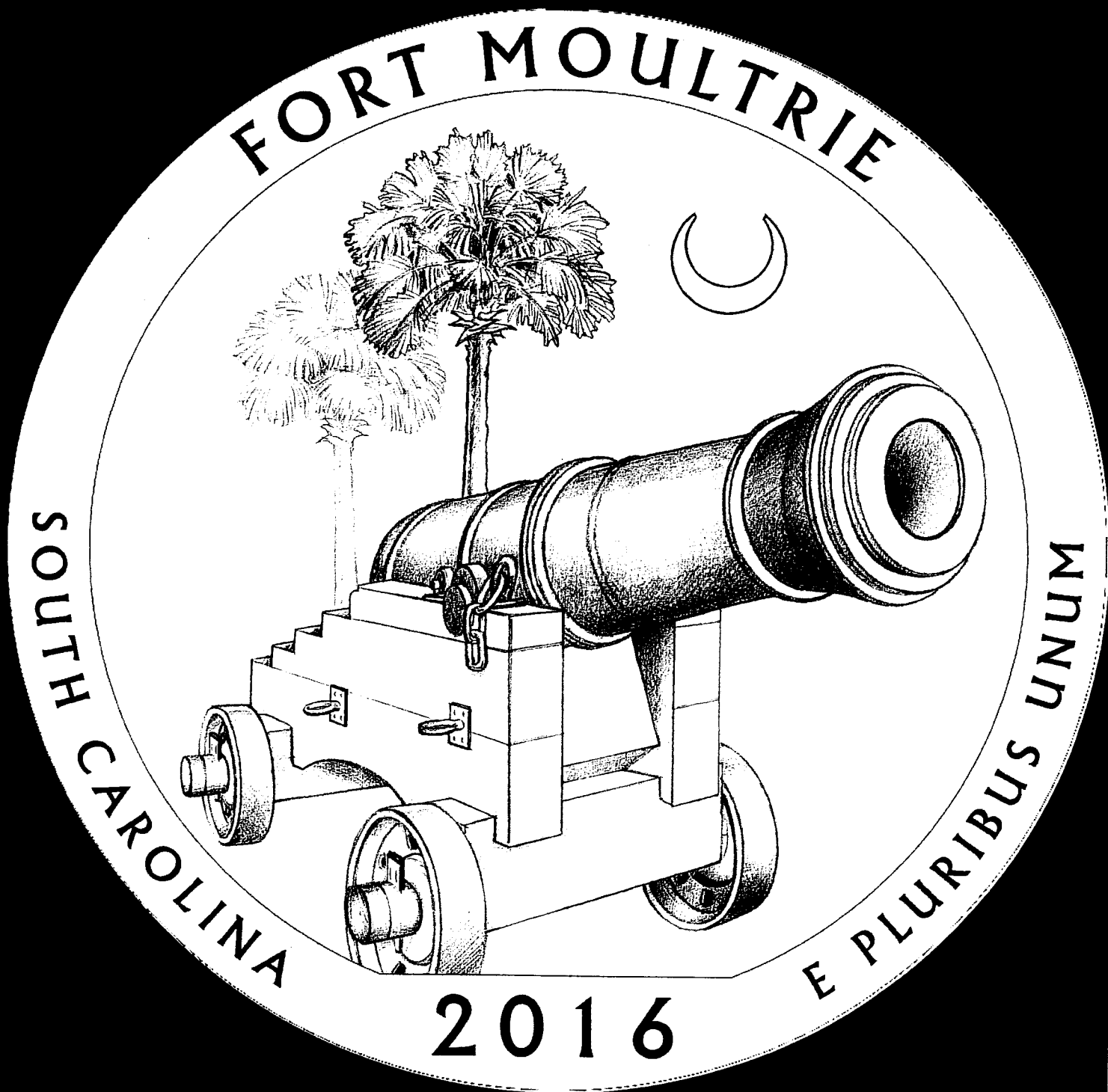
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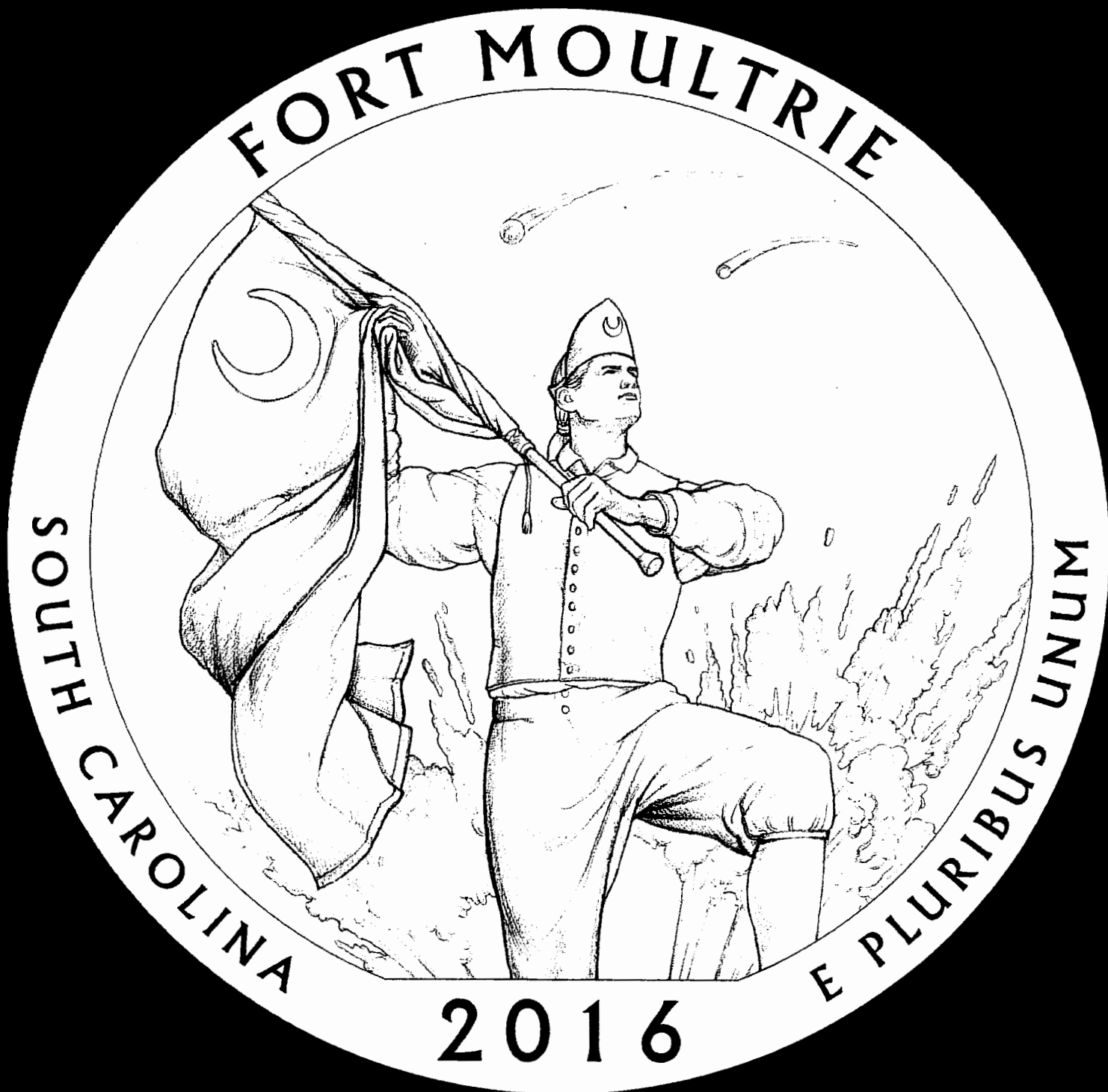
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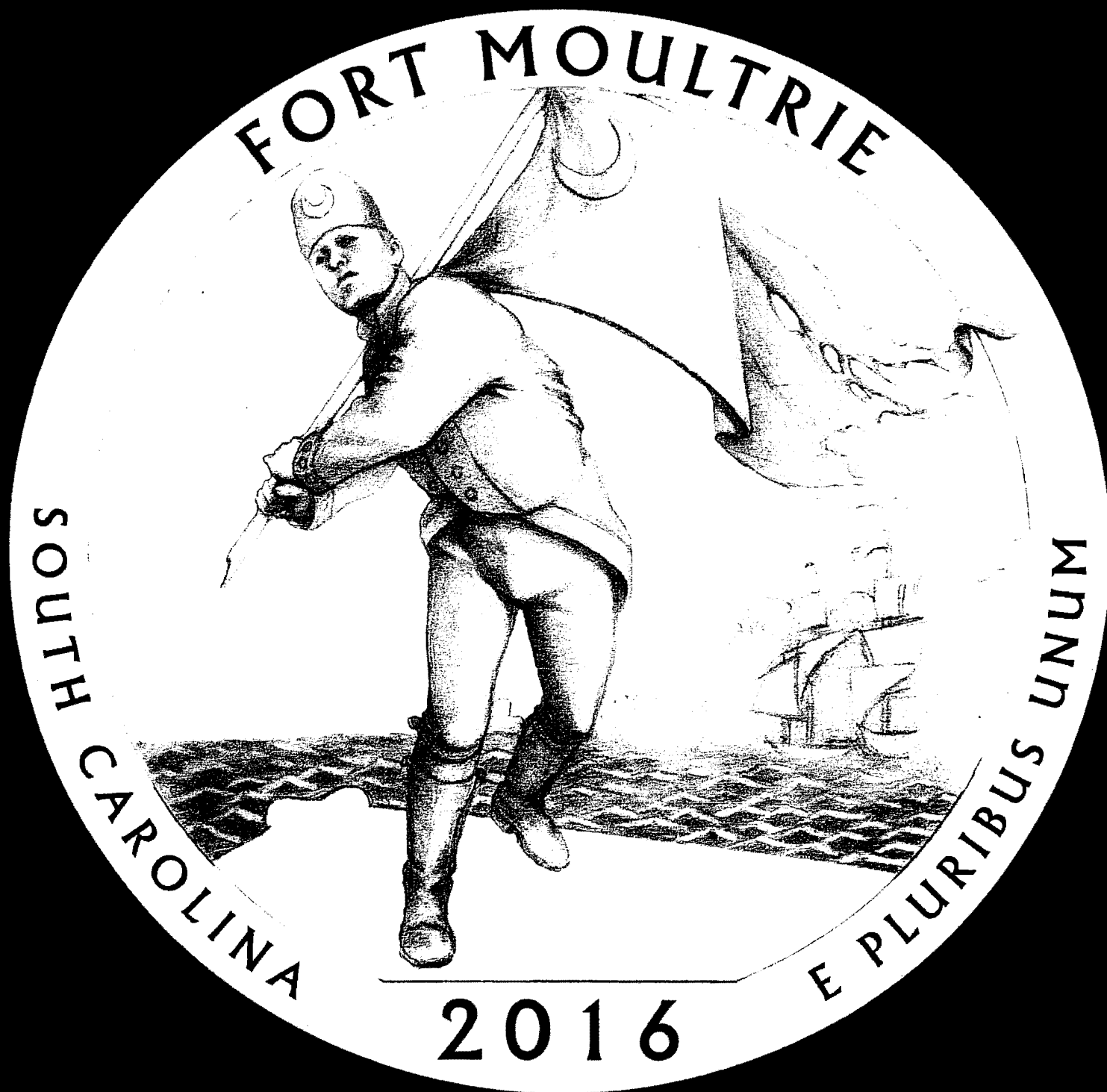
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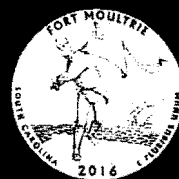


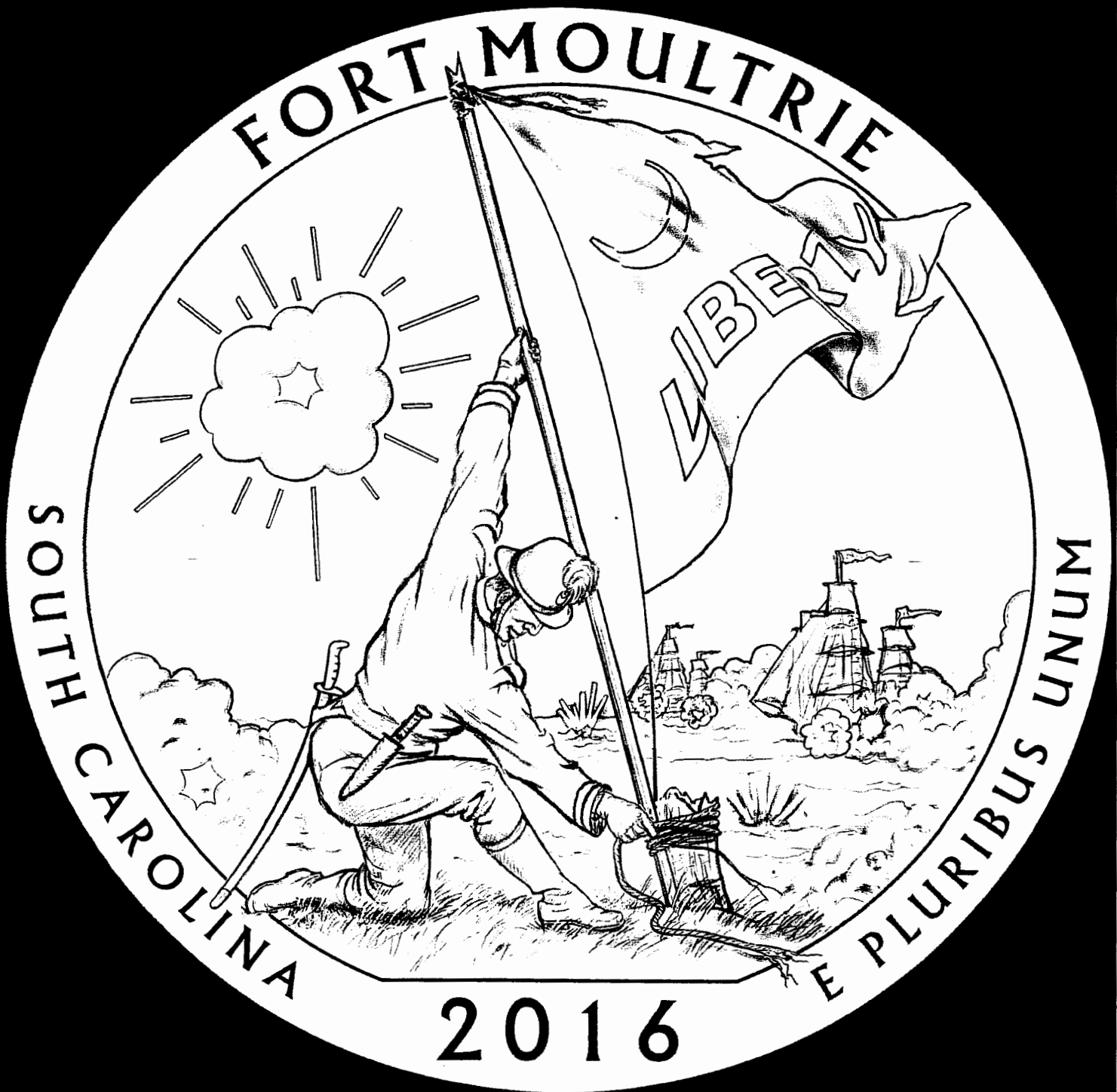
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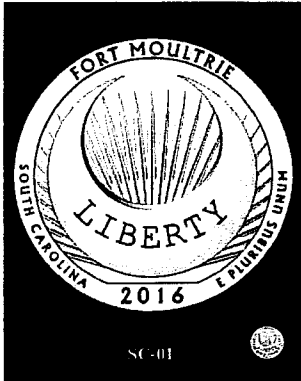
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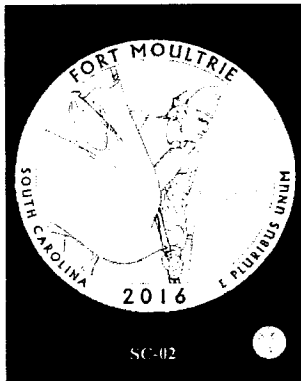
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Fort Moultrie (Fort Sumter National Monument)



SC-01 – This design depicts the distinctive silver crescent worn by the 2nd South Carolina Regiment that garrisoned Fort Moultrie in its 1776 victory over the British. The silver crescent was inscribed with the word *LIBERTY*. It is set against a single palmetto frond, representing the use of the palmetto in the construction of the Fort.



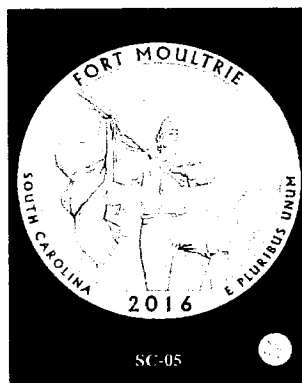
SC-02 – Sergeant Jasper plants the Regimental Flag on the ramparts of Fort Moultrie. The additional inscription reads *LIBERTY*.



SC-03 – Sergeant Jasper waves the Regimental Flag as bombs from British ships explode in front of him.



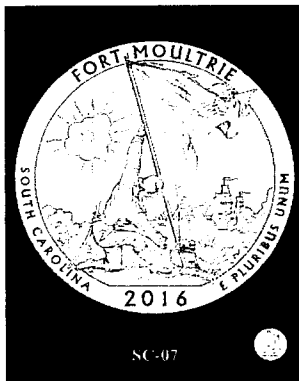
SC-04 – The center of this design features a cannon from the Revolutionary War period as used at Fort Moultrie in 1776. The palmetto trees in the background are those used to build the fort. The open crescent in the sky is depicted as it was on the original 2nd Regimental Flag of 1776.



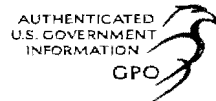
SC-05 – Sergeant Jasper clasps the Regimental Flag. Cannon fire from British ships flies through the air and explodes on the beach around him.



SC-06 – Sergeant Jasper recovers the Regimental Flag and returns it to the ramparts while a British ship continues its attack.



SC-07 – Sergeant Jasper plants the Regimental Flag and holds it firm as the British ships continue to bomb the fort.



PUBLIC LAW 110-456—DEC. 23, 2008

AMERICA'S BEAUTIFUL NATIONAL PARKS
QUARTER DOLLAR COIN ACT OF 2008

Public Law 110-456
110th Congress

An Act

Dec. 23, 2008
[H.R. 6184]

To provide for a program for circulating quarter dollar coins that are emblematic of a national park or other national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory of the United States, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

America's
Beautiful
National Parks
Quarter Dollar
Coin Act of 2008.
31 USC 5101
note.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “America’s Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008”.

**TITLE I—NATIONAL SITE QUARTER
DOLLARS**

31 USC 5112
note.

SEC. 101. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds as follows:

(1) Yellowstone National Park was established by an Act signed by President Ulysses S. Grant on March 1, 1872, as the Nation’s first national park.

(2) The summer and autumn of 1890 saw the establishment of a number of national sites:

(A) August 19: Chickamauga and Chattanooga established as national military parks in Georgia and Tennessee.

(B) August 30: Antietam established as a national battlefield site in Maryland.

(C) September 25: Sequoia National Park established in California.

(D) September 27: Rock Creek Park established in the District of Columbia.

(E) October 1: General Grant National Park established in California (and subsequently incorporated in Kings Canyon National Park).

(F) October 1: Yosemite National Park established in California.

(3) Theodore Roosevelt was this nation’s 26th President and is considered by many to be our “Conservationist President”.

(4) As a frequent visitor to the West, Theodore Roosevelt witnessed the virtual destruction of some big game species and the overgrazing that destroyed the grasslands and with them the habitats for small mammals and songbirds and conservation increasingly became one of his major concerns.

(5) When he became President in 1901, Roosevelt pursued this interest in conservation by establishing the first 51 Bird Reserves, 4 Game Preserves, and 150 National Forests.

(6) He also established the United States Forest Service, signed into law the creation of 5 National Parks, and signed the Act for the Preservation of American Antiquities in 1906 under which he proclaimed 18 national monuments.

(7) Approximately 230,000,000 acres of area within the United States was placed under public protection by Theodore Roosevelt.

(8) Theodore Roosevelt said that nothing short of defending this country in wartime “compares in importance with the great central task of leaving this land even a better land for our descendants than it is for us”.

(9) The National Park Service was created by an Act signed by President Woodrow Wilson on August 25, 1916.

(10) The National Park System comprises 391 areas covering more than 84,000,000 acres in every State (except Delaware), the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

(11) The sites or areas within the National Park System vary widely in size and type from vast natural wilderness to birthplaces of Presidents to world heritage archaeology sites to an African burial ground memorial in Manhattan and include national parks, monuments, battlefields, military parks, historical parks, historic sites, lakeshores, seashores, recreation areas, scenic rivers and trails, and the White House.

(12) In addition to the sites within the National Park System, the United States has placed numerous other types of sites under various forms of conservancy, such as the national forests and sites within the National Wildlife Refuge System and on the National Register of Historic Places.

SEC. 102. ISSUANCE OF REDESIGNED QUARTER DOLLARS EMBLEMATIC OF NATIONAL PARKS OR OTHER NATIONAL SITES IN EACH STATE, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND EACH TERRITORY.

Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(t) REDESIGN AND ISSUANCE OF QUARTER DOLLARS EMBLEMATIC OF NATIONAL SITES IN EACH STATE, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND EACH TERRITORY.—

“(1) REDESIGN BEGINNING UPON COMPLETION OF PRIOR PROGRAM.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1) and subsection (d)(2), quarter dollars issued beginning in 2010 shall have designs on the reverse selected in accordance with this subsection which are emblematic of the national sites in the States, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States.

“(B) FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO PLACEMENT OF INSCRIPTIONS.—Notwithstanding subsection (d)(1), the Secretary may select a design for quarter dollars referred to in subparagraph (A) in which—

“(i) the inscription described in the second sentence of subsection (d)(1) appears on the reverse side of any such quarter dollars; and

“(ii) any inscription described in the third sentence of subsection (d)(1) or the designation of the value of the coin appears on the obverse side of any such quarter dollars.

“(C) INCLUSION OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND TERRITORIES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘State’ has the same meaning as in section 3(a)(3) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act.

“(2) SINGLE SITE IN EACH STATE.—The design on the reverse side of each quarter dollar issued during the period of issuance under this subsection shall be emblematic of 1 national site in each State.

“(3) SELECTION OF SITE AND DESIGN.—

“(A) SITE.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—The selection of a national park or other national site in each State to be honored with a coin under this subsection shall be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of the Interior and the governor or other chief executive of each State with respect to which a coin is to be issued under this subsection, and after giving full and thoughtful consideration to national sites that are not under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior so that the national site chosen for each State shall be the most appropriate in terms of natural or historic significance.

“(ii) TIMING.—The selection process under clause (i) shall be completed before the end of the 270-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of the America’s Beautiful National Parks Quarter Dollar Coin Act of 2008.

“(B) DESIGN.—Each of the designs required under this subsection for quarter dollars shall be—

“(i) selected by the Secretary after consultation with—

“(I) the Secretary of the Interior; and

“(II) the Commission of Fine Arts; and

“(ii) reviewed by the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee.

“(C) SELECTION AND APPROVAL PROCESS.—Recommendations for site selections and designs for quarter dollars may be submitted in accordance with the site and design selection and approval process developed by the Secretary in the sole discretion of the Secretary.

“(D) PARTICIPATION IN DESIGN.—The Secretary may include participation by officials of the State, artists from the State, engravers of the United States Mint, and members of the general public.

“(E) STANDARDS.—Because it is important that the Nation’s coinage and currency bear dignified designs of which the citizens of the United States can be proud, the Secretary shall not select any frivolous or inappropriate design for any quarter dollar minted under this subsection.

“(F) PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN REPRESENTATIONS.—No head and shoulders portrait or bust of any person, living or dead, no portrait of a living person, and no outline or map of a State may be included in the design on the reverse of any quarter dollar under this subsection.

“(4) ISSUANCE OF COINS.—

“(A) ORDER OF ISSUANCE.—The quarter dollar coins issued under this subsection bearing designs of national sites shall be issued in the order in which the sites selected under paragraph (3) were first established as a national site.

“(B) RATE OF ISSUANCE.—The quarter dollar coins bearing designs of national sites under this subsection shall be issued at the rate of 5 new designs during each year of the period of issuance under this subsection.

“(C) NUMBER OF EACH OF 5 COIN DESIGNS IN EACH YEAR.—Of the quarter dollar coins issued during each year of the period of issuance, the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, on the basis of such factors as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, the number of quarter dollars which shall be issued with each of the designs selected for such year.

“(5) TREATMENT AS NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections 5134 and 5136, all coins minted under this subsection shall be considered to be numismatic items.

“(6) ISSUANCE.—

“(A) QUALITY OF COINS.—The Secretary may mint and issue such number of quarter dollars of each design selected under paragraph (3) in uncirculated and proof qualities as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

“(B) SILVER COINS.—Notwithstanding subsection (b), the Secretary may mint and issue such number of quarter dollars of each design selected under paragraph (3) as the Secretary determines to be appropriate, with a content of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

“(7) PERIOD OF ISSUANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the program established under this subsection shall continue in effect until a national site in each State has been honored.

“(B) SECOND ROUND AT DISCRETION OF SECRETARY.—

“(i) DETERMINATION.—The Secretary may make a determination before the end of the 9-year period beginning when the first quarter dollar is issued under this subsection to continue the period of issuance until a second national site in each State, the District of Columbia, and each territory referred to in this subsection has been honored with a design on a quarter dollar.

“(ii) NOTICE AND REPORT.—Within 30 days after making a determination under clause (i), the Secretary shall submit a written report on such determination to the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate.

“(iii) APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS.—If the Secretary makes a determination under clause (i), the provisions of this subsection applicable to site and

design selection and approval, the order, timing, and conditions of issuance shall apply in like manner as the initial issuance of quarter dollars under this subsection, except that the issuance of quarter dollars pursuant to such determination bearing the first design shall commence in order immediately following the last issuance of quarter dollars under the first round.

“(iv) CONTINUATION UNTIL ALL STATES ARE HONORED.—If the Secretary makes a determination under clause (i), the program under this subsection shall continue until a second site in each State has been so honored.

“(8) DESIGNS AFTER END OF PROGRAM.—Upon the completion of the coin program under this subsection, the design on—

“(A) the obverse of the quarter dollar shall revert to the same design containing an image of President Washington in effect for the quarter dollar before the institution of the 50-State quarter dollar program; and

“(B) notwithstanding the fourth sentence of subsection (d)(1), the reverse of the quarter dollar shall contain an image of General Washington crossing the Delaware River prior to the Battle of Trenton.

“(9) NATIONAL SITE.—For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘national site’ means any site under the supervision, management, or conservancy of the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, or any similar department or agency of the Federal Government, including any national park, national monument, national battlefield, national military park, national historical park, national historic site, national lakeshore, seashore, recreation area, parkway, scenic river, or trail and any site in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

“(10) APPLICATION IN EVENT OF INDEPENDENCE.—If any territory becomes independent or otherwise ceases to be a territory or possession of the United States before quarter dollars bearing designs which are emblematic of such territory are minted pursuant to this subsection, this subsection shall cease to apply with respect to such territory.”.

TITLE II—BULLION INVESTMENT PRODUCTS

SEC. 201. SILVER BULLION COIN.

Section 5112 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after subsection (t) (as added by title I of this Act) the following new subsection:

“(u) SILVER BULLION INVESTMENT PRODUCT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall strike and make available for sale such number of bullion coins as the Secretary determines to be appropriate that are exact duplicates of the quarter dollars issued under subsection (t), each of which shall—

“(A) have a diameter of 3.0 inches and weigh 5.0 ounces;

“(B) contain .999 fine silver;

“(C) have incused into the edge the fineness and weight of the bullion coin;

“(D) bear an inscription of the denomination of such coin, which shall be ‘quarter dollar’; and

“(E) not be minted or issued by the United States Mint as so-called ‘fractional’ bullion coins or in any size other than the size described in paragraph (A).

“(2) AVAILABILITY FOR SALE.—Bullion coins minted under paragraph (1)—

“(A) shall become available for sale no sooner than the first day of the calendar year in which the circulating quarter dollar of which such bullion coin is a duplicate is issued; and

“(B) may only be available for sale during the year in which such circulating quarter dollar is issued.

“(3) DISTRIBUTION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the authorized dealers utilized by the Secretary in distributing bullion coins and solely for purposes of distributing bullion coins issued under this subsection, the Director of the National Park Service, or the designee of the Director, may purchase numismatic items issued under this subsection, but only in units of no fewer than 1,000 at a time, and the Director, or the Director’s designee, may resell or repackaging such numismatic items as the Director determines to be appropriate.

“(B) RESALE.—The Director of the National Park Service, or the designee of the Director, may resell, at cost and without repackaging, numismatic items acquired by the Director or such designee under subparagraph (A) to any party affiliated with any national site honored by a quarter dollar under subsection (t) for repackaging and resale by such party in the same manner and to the same extent as such party would be authorized to engage in such activities under subparagraph (A) if the party were acting as the designee of the Director under such subparagraph.”.

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