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October 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: RUSS ROURKE

FROM: JACK MARSH

Check on the Bicentennial medals before the Banking and
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Many thanks.

JOM/dl



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH

FROM: RUSS ROURKE *R*

Jack, after speaking with Orman Fink (Banking and Currency Committee Counsel), I advised Ted Marrs that a whole raft of medal bills were moving through the Congress. The House has passed a Navy/Marine Bicentennial medal bill, and, within recent days the full Banking and Currency Committee has favorably reported separate bills providing for the striking of Bicentennial medals dealing with the signing of the Declaration of Independence, Brig. Gen. Yaeger and various ethnic backgrounds. There are about a dozen separate bills that will favorably acted on by the Committee.

Fink advises me that the only bill that "won't fly" is that which would be a gold commemorative item.

FYI, Ted advised me that he thinks the U. S. Postal Service, through its General Counsel's Office, has overcome the legal problems that were previously thought to have existed with regard to the foreign stamps matter. The matter appears to have been favorably resolved.

Ted will keep us advised on this item.



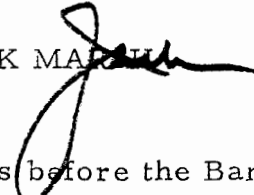
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FROM: JACK MARSH

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A signing ceremony might be in order and it could be held in the Rose Garden with the colors present and perhaps do it on the actual birthday of the Marine Corps.

Why don't you show this memo to Ted Marrs and coordinate with him to see if you can't put something together. The bill number is H. R. 5708. Maybe you could make a giant replica of the Marine Corps medal and have the Commandant roll it down Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House to Capitol Hill.

JOM/dl



Given

October 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: TED MARRS
FROM: RUSS ROURKE

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1) Obviously, I would dearly love to see a signing ceremony with the colors present, etc., etc. Despite my bias, however, I can envision a problem if a signing ceremony is held with the Commandant, et al., and the other services are excluded. I am prepared to let you talk me out of that problem.

Further, we certainly can't have a bill signing ceremony on the same day that the President is participating in the ceremony at the Iwo Jima Memorial (approximately 11:00 a.m., November 10). It could be scheduled several days before or after the 10th.

Let's talk.

2) Would you be good enough to have a member of your crack staff prepare the briefing paper and alert Paul Theis, for preparation of a statement for the Iwo Jima appearance. FYI, Col Barnard (OX4-1201) is the Special Projects Officer at Headquarters Marine Corps with whom we had been coordinating this prospective appearance.

3) FYI, incidentally, the President spoke with the gentleman from Alabama prior to the latter's departure from the country last week.

RAR:cb

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Date: October 15

Time: 1200n

FOR ACTION: Ted Marrs
Dick Parsons
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus
NSC/S

cc (for information): Jim Cavanaugh
Jack Marsh
Warren Hendriks

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FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: October 16

Time: 200pm

SUBJECT:

H.R. 5708 - Authorization to strike medals commemorating bicentennials of the U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps

ACTION REQUESTED:

- For Necessary Action
- For Your Recommendations
- Prepare Agenda and Brief
- Draft Reply
- For Your Comments
- Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

SENT TO MARRS



PLEASE ATTACH THIS COPY TO MATERIAL SUBMITTED.

If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

Jim Cavanaugh



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

OCT 15 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 5708 - Authorization to strike
medals commemorating bicentennials of the U.S.
Army, Navy and Marine Corps
Sponsor - Rep. Sullivan (D) Missouri

Last Day for Action

October 21, 1975 - Tuesday

Purpose

Authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to strike three medals in commemoration of the bicentennials of the United States Army on June 14, 1975, of the United States Navy on October 13, 1975, and of the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 1975.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of Defense	Approval
American Revolution Bicentennial Administration	Approval
Department of the Treasury	No objection

Discussion

The enrolled bill would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretaries of the Army and Navy, to have medals struck commemorating the 200th anniversaries of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. The Secretary of the Treasury would furnish these medals to the appropriate Service Secretary at a price equal to the cost of manufacture. In addition, the Treasury Secretary would offer these medals for sale to the general public as "list medals" -- the designation for medals offered by the Mint to commemorate national achievements or historic events. The price of the public offering of

these medals would be sufficient to recover fully all costs, including overhead expenses, incurred in their manufacture. Thus, the production of the bicentennial medals would entail no net additional expense for the Treasury Department.

James M. Frey
Assistant Director
for Legislative Reference

Enclosures





DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

October 14, 1975

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Your transmittal sheet dated October 10, 1975, enclosing a facsimile of an enrolled bill of Congress, H.R. 5708, "To provide for the striking of medals in commemoration of the bicentennials of the United States Army, the United States Navy, and the United States Marine Corps," and requesting the comments of the Department of Defense, has been received. The Department of the Navy has been assigned the responsibility for the preparation of a report expressing the views of the Department of Defense.

The purpose of H.R. 5708 is to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to strike three medals in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the United States Army on June 14, the United States Navy on October 13, and the United States Marine Corps on November 10, 1975, in conjunction with the American Revolution Bicentennial. The three commemorative national medals would be offered by the Numismatic Service of the Bureau of the Mint for sale to the public as list medals.

The role of these three services parallels the development of the country in a long and honorable relationship. These commemorative medals would be of a national character significant to all people, and in honor of the great deeds which these services have contributed to the advancement of the history of the nation. It is envisioned that the Bicentennial will stimulate considerable interest in the history and traditions of the services. Medals commemorating these long-standing military traditions would elicit a wide and enthusiastic response and enhance the image and prestige of the armed forces.

The approval of this legislation would result in no increase in the budgetary requirements of the Department of Defense.

The Department of the Navy, on behalf of the Department of Defense, recommends the approval of H.R. 5708.

Sincerely yours,

J. William Middendorf II
Secretary of the Navy

Honorable James T. Lynn
Director, Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D.C. 20503



American Revolution
Bicentennial Administration
2401 E Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20276



OCT 14 1975

Mr. James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference
Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Frey:

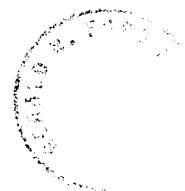
This is in response to your communication of October 9 requesting the views and recommendations of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) on enrolled bill H.R. 5708, "To provide for the striking of medals in commemoration of the bicentennials of the United States Army, the United States Navy, and the United States Marine Corps."

The ARBA recommends that the President approve enrolled bill H.R. 5708.

In the Spirit of '76,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John W. Warner", written over a horizontal line.

John W. Warner
Administrator





THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

OCT 14 1975

Director, Office of Management and Budget
Executive Office of the President
Washington, D.C. 20503

Attention: Assistant Director for Legislative
Reference


Sir:

Reference is made to your request for the views of this Department on the enrolled enactment of H.R. 5708, "To provide for the striking of medals in commemoration of the bicentennials of the United States Army, the United States Navy, and the United States Marine Corps."

The enrolled enactment would authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury to strike three medals of suitable sizes and metals in commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Army on June 14, 1975, the Navy on October 13, 1975, and the Marine Corps on November 10, 1975. The medals would bear such emblems, devices and inscriptions as determined by the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy, as applicable, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. The enrolled enactment would further direct the Secretary of the Treasury to furnish the medals to the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Navy at a price equal to the cost of manufacture, and also, to cause such medals to be sold by the Bureau of the Mint, as list medals, at a price sufficient to cover the manufacturing cost of the medals.

The Department anticipates no unusual administrative difficulties in carrying out its responsibilities under the enrolled enactment and would have no objection to a recommendation that it be approved by the President.

Sincerely yours,



General Counsel

Richard R. Albrecht





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WASHINGTON

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Jack - A/M

We had to scrub
significant ceremony
idea on attached -
since we already
doing two June
Memorial ceremony
on USMC birthday,
etc.

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MEMORANDUM

Bicentennial

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Marsh
Mr. Friedersdorf
Mr. Loen
Mr. Kendall
Mr. Wolthuis
Mr. Cavanaugh
Mr. Hushen

The President today approved:

<u>BILL NO.</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
S. 557	An Act to declare that certain land of the United States is held by the United States in trust for the pueblo of Laguna	Sen. Domenici (R) of New Mexico, and Sen. Montoya (D) of New Mexico
H. R. 8070	Department of Housing and Urban Development-Independent Agencies Appropriations Act for 1976 and the Transition Quarter	Rep. Boland (D) of Massachusetts
S. 1327	Submarginal Land Trust for Indians	Sen. Abourezk (D) of South Dakota, and 7 others
H. R. 5708	Authorization to Strike Medals Commemorating <u>Bicentennials</u> of the U. S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps	Rep. Sullivan (D) of Missouri

The Press Office is being advised of this action and the time of release will, of course, be determined by that office.

Robert D. Linder
Robert D. Linder



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November 24, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: TED MARRS
FROM: JACK MARSH

Ted, I think the attached is a good idea. Please prepare an appropriate Schedule Proposal.

Thanks.

JOM:RAR:cb

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Jack -

If you agree,

Ted will submit
schedule proposal
on attached -

yes JM

NO —

Russ





NOV 19 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Jack Marsh ✓
Ted Marrs

FROM: John W. Warner
Administrator

SUBJECT: National Bicentennial Medal

By direction of Congress and with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, this Agency has designed and ordered from the U. S. Mint the official National Bicentennial Medal to commemorate the years 1776-1976. Basically the design is the Statue of Liberty on one side and the Seal of the United States on the reverse. (See enclosed brochure.)

Beginning January 1, the medal will go on public sale and the net proceeds from the U. S. Mint will be returned to this Agency for distribution, as approved by the Board, in parts to: the 55 State Bicentennial Commissions, National Bicentennial programs, and, hopefully, the "Bicentennial Fellowship Program" now being developed jointly with the Department of State.

As this is the National Medal, I recommend that the President receive from me the first medal in 3" sterling silver. The primary purpose of such a presentation is the symbolism of the President, during the Bicentennial period, receiving the first medal; however, there is a secondary importance in having the hoped-for national publicity spur the sales so that National Bicentennial programs can be the beneficiary of the anticipated net proceeds. Hopefully, this presentation can be made prior to the President's trip to the Peoples Republic of China.

John W. Warner

Attachment



THE NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL MEDAL

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration under specific direction of Congress will issue the National Bicentennial Medal. Because Congress has directed it be done and the U.S. Mint will produce it, this medal is truly the only national commemorative medal to honor our Bicentennial.

Design work was completed several months ago and was a joint effort of the ARBA and U.S. Mint staff. One side features the Great Seal of the United States set in a Bicentennial design including the national symbol of the Bicentennial. The other side portrays the Statue of Liberty surrounded by fifty stars representing each state and their contributions to the growth and development of America. Also included are the words, "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness".

The medal has a dual purpose -- commemorate our two centuries of liberty and raise funds for Bicentennial projects and scholarships.

The medal will be issued in three sizes in solid gold and the funds raised from the sale of these gold medals will be used to create a scholarship fund. Revenues from the sterling silver and bronze medal will help fund Bicentennial activities at national, state and community levels on a matching basis.

There will be seven medals as follows varying only by size and metal from which made. Each is individually boxed in a handsome display case.

Bronze	1 1/2" Diameter	\$5.00
Gold Plated Bronze	1 1/2" Diameter	\$15.00
Sterling Silver	1 1/2" Diameter	\$25.00
Sterling Silver	3" Diameter	\$150.00
Solid Gold	(.900 fine) .906" Diameter	\$100.00
Solid Gold	(.900 fine) 1 5/16" Diameter	\$400.00
Solid Gold	(.900 fine) 3" Diameter	\$4000.00





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WASHINGTON

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Please note
on JOM schedule
for Monday -



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WASHINGTON

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December 18, 1975

COMMEMORATIVE PRESENTATION
OF THE
NATIONAL BICENTENNIAL MEDAL
Monday, December 22, 1975
12:45-12:55 PM (10 Minutes)
OVAL OFFICE

FROM: MILTON E. MITLER

I. PURPOSE

To receive the first National Bicentennial Medal which has been commissioned by Congress and will be offered to the American public starting January 1, 1976.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: The Congress of the United States directed that: "A national medal shall be struck commemorating 1776 and its significance to American Independence."

1. This medal is now in being and will be placed on public sale January 1, 1976. [It has been minted in gold, silver, gold-plated bronze and bronze to permit a wide-spread opportunity for purchase.] Design work of the medal was the joint effort of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration and U.S. Mint staffs. The medal was produced by the Mint and will be sold by that agency.
2. The medal has a dual purpose -- commemoration of our two centuries of liberty and to raise funds for Bicentennial projects and scholarships.
3. One side features the Great Seal of the United States set in a Bicentennial design including the National symbol of the Bicentennial. The other side portrays the Statue of Liberty surrounded by fifty stars representing each state and their contributions to the growth and development of America. Also included are the words, "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."



3. Net proceeds from the U.S. Mint will be returned to ARBA for distribution, as approved by the Board, in parts to: the 55 State Bicentennial Commissions, National Bicentennial programs, and, hopefully, the "Bicentennial Fellowship Program" now being developed jointly with the Department of State. Those funds going to National, State and community levels will be on a matching basis.

4. John Warner, Administrator, American Revolution Bicentennial Administration will present a Silver National Bicentennial Medal to the President and show him the gold medal.

B. Participants: List attached.

C. Press Plan: Full Press Coverage.

III. TALKING POINTS

To be provided by Paul Theis.

List of Participants

Honorable John W. Warner
Administrator
American Revolution Bicentennial
Administration

Honorable William E. Simon
Secretary of the Treasury

Honorable Mary Brooks
Director, Bureau of the Mint

Honorable Russell B. Long
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

Honorable Carl T. Curtis
Ranking Minority Member
Senate Finance Committee

Honorable Henry S. Reuss
Chairman, House Banking, Currency
and Housing Committee

Honorable Albert W. Johnson
Ranking Minority Member
House Banking, Currency and
Housing Committee

Mr. Sydney Eiges
Deputy Director
American Revolution Bicentennial
Administration

Mr. Henry H. Hyde
Director,
Commemorative Sale, American
Revolution Bicentennial Administration



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