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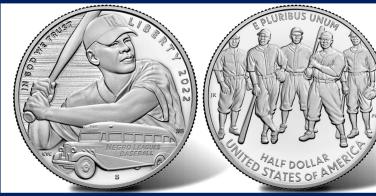
100th Anniversary of the Negro National League

2020 marked the 100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Negro National League. The Negro National League was an organization formed in response to African-American players being banned from Major League Baseball. The league was formed at the Paseo YMCA in Kansas City, Missouri at a meeting led by Andrew "Rube" Foster. Some of the all-time great baseball players played in the Negro Leagues without ever getting the chance to compete in the majors. These include: Josh Gibson, Smokey Joe Williams, Cool Papa Bell, Buck Leonard, Pop Lloyd, and **Oscar Charleston.**

A \$5 gold coin, silver dollar, and half dollar are the type of commemorative coins available and can only be gotten through the US Mint. A percentage of sales from these coins goes to the Negro League Baseball Museum in Kansas City for educational and outreach programs and exhibits. Coins will ship April 27th.



Negro League Baseball Commemorative Coins

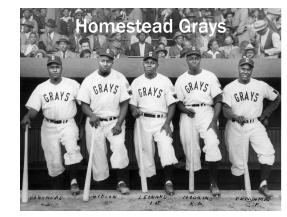


Half Dollar

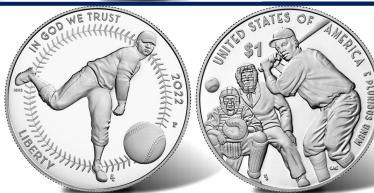
Obverse shows a Negro League tour bus and a batter playing the game he loves regardless of challenging circumstances.

Reverse depicts a group of five Negro League baseball players.

Available in Proof (San Francisco Mint) and Uncirculated (Philadelphia Mint) formats.



Silver Dollar



Obverse shows a pitcher mid-throw with baseball; bordered by baseball stitching.

Reverse depicts a player's eye view of a pitch being delivered to a catcher at the plate.

Available in Proof and Uncirculated formats. Also available is a Proof version denoting 100th anniversary. All varieties are minted at the Philadelphia Mint.





\$5 Gold Coin

Obverse shows Rube Foster, the founder of the Negro League.

Reverse depicts the gesture of tipping one's cap, a sign of respect for players.

Available in Proof format minted at West Point Mint.

American Women Quarters Program

The American Women Quarters Program is a new four year coin program honoring the historic contributions of 20 American women. The program commemorates the 100th anniversary of ratification of the 19th amendment to the US Constitution giving women the right to vote. The women being honored in 2022 are Maya Angelou, Sally Ride, Wilma Mankiller, Nina Otero-Warren, and Anna May Wong.

The obverse of the new quarters will feature an image of George Washington designed by the female sculptor Laura Gardin Fraser. This design was originally submitted by Mrs. Fraser in 1931 for the first Washington quarters but it ultimately was not selected at that time.





Maya Angelou Commemorative Quarter

- The first woman honored is Maya Angelou.
- Ms. Angelou was an American poet, writer, and civil rights activist.
- She was born April 4, 1928 and died May 28, 2014.
- Her most famous work is "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings".
- Her coin depicts her with outstretched arms in front of a flying bird and sunrise.
- This will be the first circulated US currency with an African American woman.
- This coin is now in circulation.



MAYA ANGELOU CAGED BIRD

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"The caged bird sings with fearful trill of the things unknown but longed for still and his tune is heard on the distant hill for the caged bird sings of freedom."

Sally Ride Commemorative Quarter

- The second quarter released honors Sally Ride.
- Dr. Ride was an astronaut and physicist.
- In 1983 she became the first American woman in space when she flew aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger.
- She was born May 26, 1951 and died July 23, 2012.
- The design shows her next to a Shuttle window with the Earth in the background.
- This coin is now in circulation.



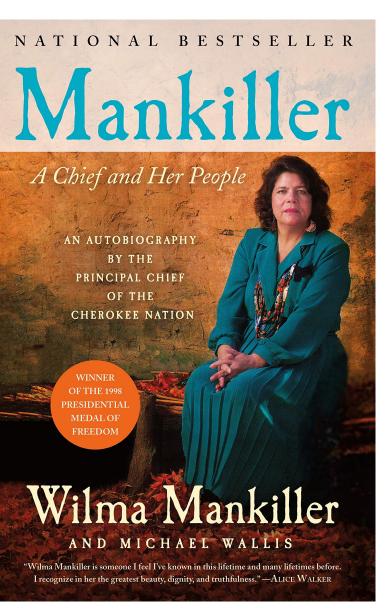




Wilma Mankiller Commemorative Quarter

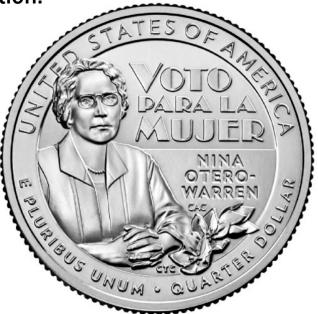
- The 3rd commemorative quarter will honor Wilma Mankiller.
- She was an activist, social worker, and became the first woman to serve as the Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation in 1985.
- She was born November 18, 1945 and died April 6, 2010.
- Her coin depicts her next to a 7-pointed Cherokee Nation Star with the words "Cherokee Nation" in the Cherokee alphabet invented by Sequoyah in the early 1800's.
- This coin is not yet in circulation.





Nina Otero-Warren Commemorative Quarter

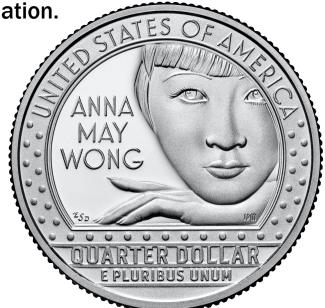
- The 4th commemorative quarter of 2022 will honor Nina Otero-Warren
- She was a woman's suffragist, educator, and politician.
- She was one of New Mexico's first female government officials and was the first Latina to run for US Congress.
- She was born October 23, 1881 and died January 3, 1965.
- The design shows her with 3 yucca flowers and includes the Spanish inscription "Voto para la mujer" which means "Vote for Women".
- This coin is not yet in circulation.





Anna May Wong Commemorative Quarter

- The final commemorative quarter of the year will honor Anna May Wong.
- Ms. Wong was an American actress and is considered the first Asian American Hollywood movie star.
- Her career covered silent and talking films.
- She was born January 3, 1905 and died February 3, 1961.
- In 1951 she became the first-ever Asian American to star in a U.S. television series.
- She is depicted on her coin surrounded by marquee lights.
- This coin is not yet in circulation.





Purple Heart Commemorative Coin Program

The 2022 National Purple Heart Commemorative Coin Program honors the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor which recognizes U.S. service members wounded or killed by enemy action.

- The Purple Heart is the oldest military award still given to U.S. service members.
- It was first awarded February 22, 1932 and was given retroactively to those wounded after April 5, 1917.
- An earlier version of the Purple Heart was the Badge of Military Merit established by George Washington and given to Revolutionary War soldiers.
- The Purple Heart medal is heart-shaped and features a profile of George Washington as well as his coat of arms.
- The medal reverse shows a raised bronze heart with the words "For Military Merit".
- Almost 2 million Purple Heart medals have been awarded.

A \$5 gold coin, silver dollar, and half dollar are the type of commemorative coins available and can only be gotten through the US Mint. A percentage of sales from these coins goes to the National Purple Heart Commission to promote the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor. The Hall of Honor is located in New Windsor, New York. Coins are to ship June 29th.



Purple Heart Commemorative Coins



Obverse depicts the Purple Heart medal.

Reverse shows Washington's signature under the original Badge of Military Merit.

Available in proof format minted at West Point Mint.



Obverse shows a soldier missing his lower left leg with the words

"All Gave Some".

Half Dollar

Reverse depicts a young boy holding a military dress cap with a silhouette of a soldier behind to emphasize the loss that affects the families of Purple Heart recipients and the words "Some Gave All".

Available in Proof (San Francisco Mint) and Uncirculated (Denver Mint) formats.



Obverse shows the Purple Heart medal and 5 stars representing the 5 branches of the military.

Reverse depicts a woman in a War World I helmet bandaging a wounded soldier.

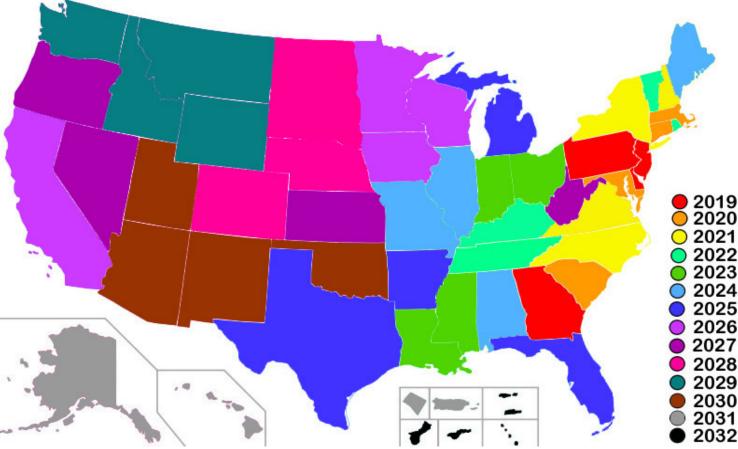
Available in proof and colorized proof formats. All varieties are minted at West Point Mint.



Innovation Dollar Program

The Innovation Dollar program is a series of coins showcasing an innovation for each state and territory. The first coins were minted in 2018 and the program is planned to conclude in 2032. The 2022 dollars will feature Rhode Island, Vermont, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The coins are not released into circulation. The basic dollars are produced at the Philadelphia (P) and Denver (D) mints. Proof and reverse proof versions are struck at the San Francisco (S) mint.





These coins can only be obtained through the US Mint. The front (obverse) of each coin features the Statue of Liberty.

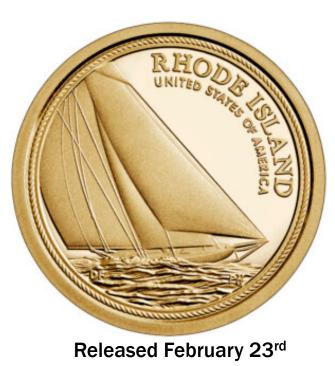
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Rhode Island Innovation Dollar

- The Rhode Island Innovation Dollar features the famous *Reliance* yacht.
- Reliance was designed by Nathanael Greene Herreshoff and won the 1903 America's Cup.
- Nat Herreshoff was an American naval architect, mechanical engineer, and yacht designer born in Rhode Island.
- Herreshoff's yacht designs won every America's Cup between 1893 and 1920.
- The Herreshoff Marine Museum is located in Bristol, Rhode Island.







Vermont Innovation Dollar

- The Vermont Innovation Dollar features a snowboarder performing a trick.
- Snowboarding originated in the late 70's.
- One of the world's first snowboards was created by Jake Burton Carpenter, a Vermont native.
- Jake was a "snurfer" (snow surfer) who came up with the idea to put straps on his board to keep it secured to his feet.
- His company, Burton Snowboards, is located in Vermont and is the biggest snowboarding company in the world.
- Snowboarding became an Olympic sport in 1998.



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Kentucky Innovation Dollar

- The Kentucky Innovation Dollar showcases Kentucky Bluegrass music
- The coin features the image of a banjo.
- Bluegrass music developed in the U.S. during the 40's.
- Bill Monroe, a Kentucky native, is considered the "Father of Bluegrass".
- The term Bluegrass came from the name of Monroe's band, "The Blue Grass Boys".
- Monroe described bluegrass as "blues and jazz and it has a high lonesome sound."
- Unlike country music, bluegrass is played on acoustic stringed instruments.



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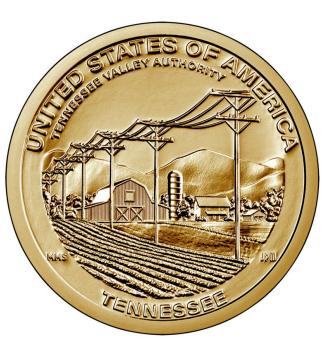
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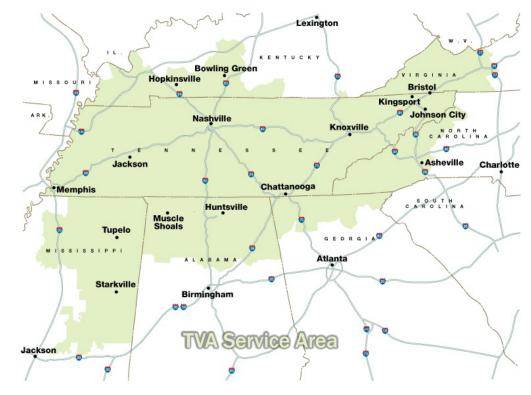
UPRIGHT BASS

Tennessee Innovation Dollar

- The Tennessee Innovation Dollar features the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).
- The coin depicts a farm with newly installed power lines running along the road.
- TVA is a federal utility created as part of President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal in 1933.
- TVA supported economic development in the Tennessee Valley region which had been hit hard by the Great Depression.
- TVA also contributed to modernizing the region and helped recruit new businesses to the area.







Morgan and Peace Dollars

To commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the transition from the Morgan Dollar to the Peace Dollar, the U.S. Mint produced 2021 editions of the famous coins. Following the high demand for the coins, the Mint decided to continue the Morgan and Peace Dollar programs for 2022 and beyond. Unlike the 2021 editions of the coins, the 2022 versions will only be minted in San Francisco (S) and have a proof finish.



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