

ANA's Baltimore Convention Medal Features Two of City's Historic Names

Images of the author of the national anthem and one of America's oldest warships are featured on the official, limited-edition medal marking the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) 112th Anniversary Convention in Baltimore, July 30 to August 3.

The medal's designs, by former Mint Engraver Thomas D. Rogers Sr., presents two montages of Baltimore's historical legacy. The obverse carries a portrait of Francis Scott Key, the Georgetown lawyer who wrote the words to "The Star Spangled Banner" during the War of 1812. Key is pictured against a backdrop of British warships firing on the American forces defense of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor.

The medal's reverse depicts the U.S.S. Constellation--now anchored in Baltimore's Inner Harbor--launched in 1854 and the last all-sail warship built by the United States Navy. It is the only Civil War vessel still afloat.

Produced by Keystone Mint of Philadelphia, the 2 1/2-inch bronze medal is limited to a mintage of 150 pieces. It can be purchased for \$36 (pre-issue price, \$32). A two-medal set (one 1 1/2-inch medal each in silver and bronze, limited to a total of 150 sets) is available for \$49 (pre-issue price, \$47). A convention badge with colorful ribbon drape is \$15 (pre-issue price, \$13). A convention bar is \$5 (pre-issue price \$4.50), and the starter set needed to display the bars is \$20.

Pre-issue orders must be received no later than July 12, 2003; please add \$5 postage and handling per order.

To obtain additional information or to place an order, contact the ANA MoneyMarket, telephone toll-free 800-367-9723 or fax 719-634-4085; or go to the ANA web site, www.money.org (click on "Conventions," then "Pre-Registration Form").

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