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Mark Olanoff Receives Government Service Award

Mark Olanoff of Reisterstown, Maryland, will be honored with the American Numismatic Association's 2009 Outstanding Government Service Award. He will be presented his award Aug. 7 at the ANA's World's Fair of Money® in Los Angeles.

An ANA member since 2002, Olanoff has served with Diane Piret as co-chair of the ANA Government Affairs Committee for four years. In this position, he has helped advance the hobby in Washington, D.C., and kept the ANA apprised of federal and state legislation that could impact numismatics.

Olanoff has a decade of lobbying experience at the federal and state level. A retired command chief master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, he is a Congressional affairs analyst and legislative strategist at the National Guard Bureau and first vice president of the Armed Forces Top Enlisted Association.

The American Numismatic Association is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 32,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of education and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications, conventions and seminars. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.