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## **Medals of Merit Awarded to Fritsch, Jozefiak and Rettew**

The American Numismatic Association has awarded Medals of Merit to three members who have dedicated years of service to the ANA and promotion of the hobby. Robert Fritsch, Richard Jozefiak and Joel Rettew were recognized during an awards ceremony Aug. 18 at the World's Fair of Money in Chicago.

Active on the New England numismatic scene, Fritsch served as assistant general chairman of the 2010 ANA World's Fair of Money in Boston, and helped recommend the design of the New Hampshire state quarter. From 2007 to 2010 he coordinated the annual symposium for the Token and Medal Society, and is currently working with a local senior center to establish and maintain a coin club. He received the ANA's Glenn Smedley Memorial Award in 2005 and a Presidential Award in 2006. He was named a Numismatic Ambassador by Numismatic News in 2009.

Life Member Richard Jozefiak of Alabama received the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award in 2005 and a Presidential Award in 2004. He is a published author, numismatic presenter and award-winning exhibitor. Jozefiak has served as president of the Madison County (Alabama) Coin Club and is a member of several numismatic organizations. His collecting interests include Alaska numismatics, U.S. type coins, British coinage (1816-present), elongates and medals.

A strong hobby supporter for more than 50 years, Rettew is a California dealer and life member of the ANA, Professional Numismatists Guild and the Numismatic Literary Guild. In 2002 he received the ANA's Century Club award for recruiting 100 new members for the Association, and in 2007 received the Glenn Smedley Memorial Award. He is a member of the Professional Coin Grading Service Advisory Board and a contributor to *A Guide Book of United States Coins* and *Official ANA Grading Standards for United States Coins*.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging people to study and collect money and related items. The ANA helps its 30,000 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](http://www.money.org).