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Adna G. Wilde Jr. Funeral Arrangements and Scholarship Fund Announced

The funeral for Retired Lt. Col. Adna G. Wilde Jr., former president, executive director, treasurer and parliamentarian for the American Numismatic Association, will be held at 9 a.m. EST, Jan. 26 at Arlington National Cemetery. The ANA will hold a separate memorial service the same day at 10 a.m. MST at its headquarters in Colorado Springs.

Wilde was born in 1920, served in the U.S. Army 10th Mountain Division in World War II, and was wounded during battle in Italy. He served as an officer in the Army until 1968, when he came to the ANA as its executive director. A bronze plaque in his honor will be placed at the foot of the flag stand at ANA headquarters during the memorial ceremony.

Memorial donations may be made to the Adna G. Wilde Jr. Summer Seminar Scholarship Fund, established as a tribute to Wilde's numerous contributions to numismatic education. Each year, nearly 400 students attend Summer Seminar, but countless others are unable to attend due to financial considerations. Scholarships from this newly created fund will be awarded based on a combination of merit and financial need, and will make Summer Seminar accessible to more numismatists.

Wilde's vision and wisdom were instrumental in establishing Summer Seminar. In his first year as executive director, he and Governor Ed Rochette were instructors for the inaugural event, which attracted 17 students for one week of immersive numismatic study. In 2008, the ANA celebrated Summer Seminar's 40th year; the event has since expanded to two weeks and is considered by many to be the best educational experience in numismatics.

Donations to the Adna G. Wilde Jr. Summer Seminar Scholarship Fund may be mailed to:

American Numismatic Association
Adna G. Wilde Jr. Summer Seminar Scholarship Fund
818 North Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

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