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Military Decorations Displayed at Money Museum

History buffs and military aficionados alike are sure to appreciate the new exhibit at the Money Museum—“Trenches to Treaties: World War I in Remembrance,” commemorating the 100th anniversary of “The Great War.” Operated by the American Numismatic Association (ANA), the Money Museum exhibit honors WWI soldiers through a spectacular display of medals and military decorations such as the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor, the French *Croix de guerre* (Cross of War) and the Victoria Cross (the highest award of the United Kingdom).

“You call these baubles, well, it is with baubles that men are led...Do you think that you would be able to make men fight by reasoning? Never. That is good only for the scholar in his study. The Soldier needs glory, distinctions, rewards.” —Napoleon Bonaparte

During World War I, military decorations were created or revived by all combatant nations. Medals were awarded for bravery, heroism and service in battles or campaigns. Strictly speaking, medals incorporate all awards that hang from a ribbon, while decorations are awarded only for battlefield accomplishments.

Military decorations have been awarded since ancient times. Egypt had the Order of the Golden Collar during the Old Kingdom (2686-2181 B.C.) and the Romans had torcs (neck bands), armillae (arm bands) and phalerae (metal discs), often in gold or silver, for bravery and military achievements. Richly jeweled necklaces and bracelets were given during the early Middle Ages, which became the basis for modern orders of chivalry and military decorations.

Admission Price Change

Effective June 1, admission prices to the ANA’s Money Museum are as follows:

- General Admission - \$8
- Seniors (55+), military and students (with ID) - \$6
- Groups of 8 or more - \$5 per person*
- School groups and children 12 and under – Free

**Guided tours are available by reservation only.*

Admission to the Money Museum is free on the third Saturday of every month. Admission is always free for children 12 and under, ANA members, and Colorado College students, staff and faculty.

The Money Museum is located at 818 N. Cascade Ave, adjacent to the campus of Colorado College and next door to the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center. Museum hours of operation are Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30 am-5 pm. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org/money-museum.

The American Numismatic Association is a congressionally chartered, nonprofit educational organization dedicated to encouraging the study and collection of coins and related items. The ANA helps its 25,000 members and the public discover and explore the world of money through its vast array of instructional and outreach programs, as well as its museum, library, publications and conventions. For more information, call 719-632-2646 or visit www.money.org.