

2018 Membership Dues

2018 Membership dues are \$15.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Juniors, and are a major support for club activities. Membership not only qualifies you for the monthly progressive door prize, but should also give you a discounted meal at the 2018 Christmas party. Jim Jeska will be receiving 2018 dues at this meeting.

Collectors Forum

A group of collectors has met at the North Richland Hills Library for several years. This is a casual meeting with no specific format, but with a topic for each meeting (suggestions are welcome) and the conversation is allowed to flow freely. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24th.

This meeting is open to anyone interested, and is not associated with NETCC. There are no dues or members, just fun. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Kevin Kell: kevinkell@1scom.net.

Korean War Commemorative

Toward the end of World War II, the US dropped a second atomic bomb, this time on Nagasaki. On the same day, the Soviet Union invaded Japanese-held Manchuria and Korea as previously requested by Truman. The Soviets met little resistance and were able to move quickly. To prevent friendly fire incidents, government officials of the US and the Soviet Union had divided Korea into zones of occupation roughly equal, choosing the 38th parallel as the boundary.

With the introduction of the cold war, China fell under communist control in 1949, as Stalin was aggressively seizing territory in both Asia and eastern Europe. A North Korean communist government under Kim Il Sung (Kim Jong Un's grandfather) secured backing by the Soviets and Chinese and invaded South Korea on June 25, 1950.

North Koreans advanced quickly, leaving only a small pocket of resistance around Pusan. President Truman persuaded the United Nations to act and a force made up mainly of Americans was sent to hold the Pusan pocket. In what may be the most audacious military move in history, Douglas MacArthur landed troops at Inchon, thereby cutting off North Korean supply lines and effectively destroying the North Korean army.

MacArthur moved quickly into North Korea, occupying virtually the entire country. This alarmed the Chinese who sent some 425,000 well-armed "volunteers" south and drove UN forces back. The conflict soon settled into a 2-year stalemate, roughly along the same 38th parallel. An armistice ending the fighting (but not the war) was signed in 1953.

In 1991 commemorative silver dollars were produced to mark the 38th anniversary of the Korean War and to honor those who served and the 33,000 Americans

who died. The oddly chosen anniversary date is refers to the Korean division at the 38th parallel.

The obverse design depicts a soldier charging up a hill with naval ships in the foreground and two aircraft flying above. The inscriptions within the right field read "Thirty Eighth Anniversary Commemorative Korea" and "In God We Trust". Additional inscriptions are found on the hill "1953 1991" and at the base of the coin "Liberty". The obverse was designed by John Mercanti.



Appearing on the reverse of the coin is a map of Korea with the division at the 38th parallel and the "yin and yang" in the south. An eagle's head appears to the left of the map. Inscriptions include "One Dollar", "E Pluribus Unum", and "United States of America". The reverse was designed by James Ferrel.



Some 800,000 coins were issued, with proceeds used to construct a Korean War Memorial along the Mall in Washington DC. The Memorial was completed and dedicated in 1995.

Special Meeting Activity Calendar

- May** – Donation auction
- June** – Youth Night
- July** – Weenie Roast
- September** – Show and Tell Night
- November** – Veteran's night, Officer/Director elections
- December** – Christmas party

We need volunteers to give programs in 2018. Contact Kenny Smith if you have an interest.

Upcoming Local Coin Shows

- June 1-3** – TNA Coin and Currency Show, Arlington Convention Center. \$3 or free with TNA membership.
- June 29-30** – Cowtown Coin Show, White Settlement Convention Center. \$3.
- July 20-22** – Texas Coin Show, Grapevine Convention Center. \$3 or free with NETCC membership.
- August 11** – Texoma Coin Show, Hwy 75, Exit 59, Sherman. Free.

April New Members: Mike Larson, Barbara and Gavin Ward.

April First Time Visitors: Monty Roberts, William Eichelberger, Roger Demarer, and Mike Larson.