



## Election Ballot

A list of candidates for the four officer and three Board member positions will be announced at the October meeting.



## 2016 Membership Dues

Several of our long-time members have not yet paid their 2016 membership dues. Membership dues are \$15.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Juniors, and are a major support for club activities. Membership not only qualifies you for the monthly progressive door prize, but also gives you a discounted meal at the 2016 Christmas party.

See Jim Jeska at this meeting if you are unsure if you have paid.

## WWII Emergency Currency

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, fear of Japanese aggressiveness gripped the United States. Without a strong Navy to protect us, the public believed an invasion of Hawaii (and even the US west coast) was possible. This fear led to internment of American citizens of Japanese descent – a dark stain on our past – even though their sons were drafted.

Upon a successful conquest of Hawaii, the Japanese would have had access to considerable amounts of US currency that could be seized from financial institutions or private individuals, and then used to fund their war effort against us. This led US officials to place immediate caps on how much currency individuals (\$200) or businesses (\$500) could possess.

A more permanent solution was instituted in June 1942 with new overprinted notes being issued. Series 1935A \$1 Silver Certificates, Series 1934 \$5 and \$20 Federal Reserve Notes, and Series 1934A \$5, \$10, and \$20 Federal Reserve Notes were issued with Brown Treasury Seals and Serial Numbers. Overprints of the word HAWAII were made; two small overprints to the sides of the obverse, and huge HAWAII outlined lettering dominating the reverse. In the event of a Japanese invasion, any Hawaii-stamped notes could then be declared worthless.



All Hawaii residents were required to exchange unstamped notes for Hawaii-stamped notes within 30 days. It was illegal to use anything but the new currency after that date, except for exceptional circumstances.

At the end of the war, this special currency was recalled to be destroyed. A local crematorium was pressed into service to burn the notes. Because progress was slow, the bigger furnaces of the Aiea Sugar Mill were requisitioned to help burn the currency.

Because of the successful program in Hawaii, the military used a similar system with troops involved in the North African landings in November 1942. North Africa notes consist of the series of 1935A \$1 note, series of 1934A \$5 note, series of 1934 \$10 note, and the series of 1934A \$10 note – all of which have a yellow seal – but no overprints. Should the army have faced a calamitous defeat, these distinctive notes could have been demonetized.



However, not all Hawaii and North Africa notes were redeemed. Many notes were saved as curios and souvenirs by servicemen. Today these notes are readily available at most coin shows, with the \$5 Hawaii note being the most expensive.

## Special Meeting Activity Calendar

- November** – Veteran's night,  
Officer/Director elections
- December** – Christmas party
- April** – Donation Auction
- May** – Quiz Night
- June** – Youth Night

We need volunteers to give programs in 2017. Contact Kevin Kell if you have an interest.

## Upcoming Local Coin Shows

- October 8** – Collin County Coin Club Coin Show, Quality Inn, Hwy. 75, Exit 40B, McKinney. Free.
- October 21-22** – Wichita Fall Coin & Stamp Show, 1000 5<sup>th</sup> St., Wichita Falls. \$2.
- November 4-6** – Ft. Worth Coin Club Coin Show, Forest Hill Civic/Convention Center. \$3.
- November 18-20** – Texas Coin Show, Grapevine Convention Center. \$3 or free with NETCC membership.
- December 1-3** – 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Houston Money Show, George Brown Convention Center. \$3.

**September New Members:** Henry Block, Larry Nelson.

**September First Time Visitors:** Dale Thompson.