



FORT WORTH COIN CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes May 1, 2025 Held at the FW Botanical Gardens

Just before the meeting started, President Kevin G. said something I hadn't heard said at the club since pre-pandemic days. "Do we have enough chairs for everyone". As that implies, we had a lot of people attending. I stopped counting at 40, and I think some additional folks arrived later. It was great to see such a robust turnout.

Maybe it is the dinner that Dalia S. provides the club. At this meeting she served chili pie with cheese and chips plus banana crème pie for dessert. All was very tasty! Thank you, Dalia.

Kevin called the meeting to order at 7:10. Cindy G. operated the camera for those attending the meeting via Zoom.

We had five guests attend. For Caron B., Jean W., Terry P., and Logan R., it was their second meeting and they all later joined the club. A first time guest was Gary G. We hope to see Gary again at our June meeting when he will be eligible to also join. Let's make sure we all make our new members and guests feel welcome.

The lucky winners of the two door prizes, 1964 MS Washington quarters, were two of the clubs youngest members, Alex S. and Bentley Y. Congratulations guys.

Kevin discussed the club's proposed bylaws and said that club secretary Ed L. would be emailing them to the membership and they would be voted on at the June meeting.

Show and Tell

Danny Mok showed his recent purchase of an Egyptian tetradrachm of Ptolemy VII, 180-164 BC;

Jack G. had a safe conduct pass from the Vietnam war. These passes were dropped from airplanes flying over enemy territory encouraging the enemy to surrender;

Larry H. had an amazing selection of \$2 notes from various banks and time periods. Here are some pictures:



Educational Program

Jack G. gave an interesting program on a very unique subject – Allied Military Currency (Italy, Germany, France) and Military Currency (Japan) with emphasis on replacement notes in those military issues (like star notes in U.S. currency).

Allied Military Currency (**AMC**) was a form of currency issued by the Allied powers during and after World War II, to be issued to troops entering liberated or newly occupied countries, as a form of currency control.

In France and Germany replacement notes were marked with an “X”. In some other places, the original issue had a letter before and after the serial number. Replacements only had a letter at the beginning of the serial number with no letter at the end.

In Europe the four allied nations included the Soviet Union and all shared occupation zones in Germany. Jack said the Soviets wanted to be able to print AMCs so the U.S. gave them the glass positives (I guess those are like the master plates), ink, paper, and finished specimens. The Soviets printed tons of AMCs, so many that the U.S. had to cancel German AMCs and started using German currency.

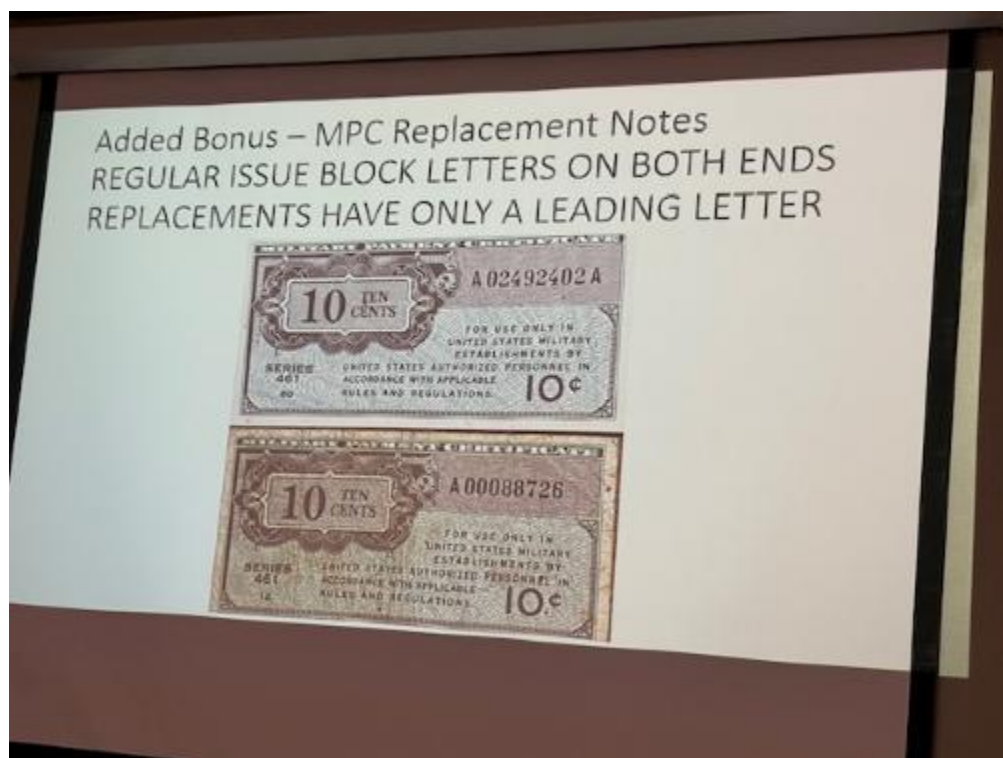
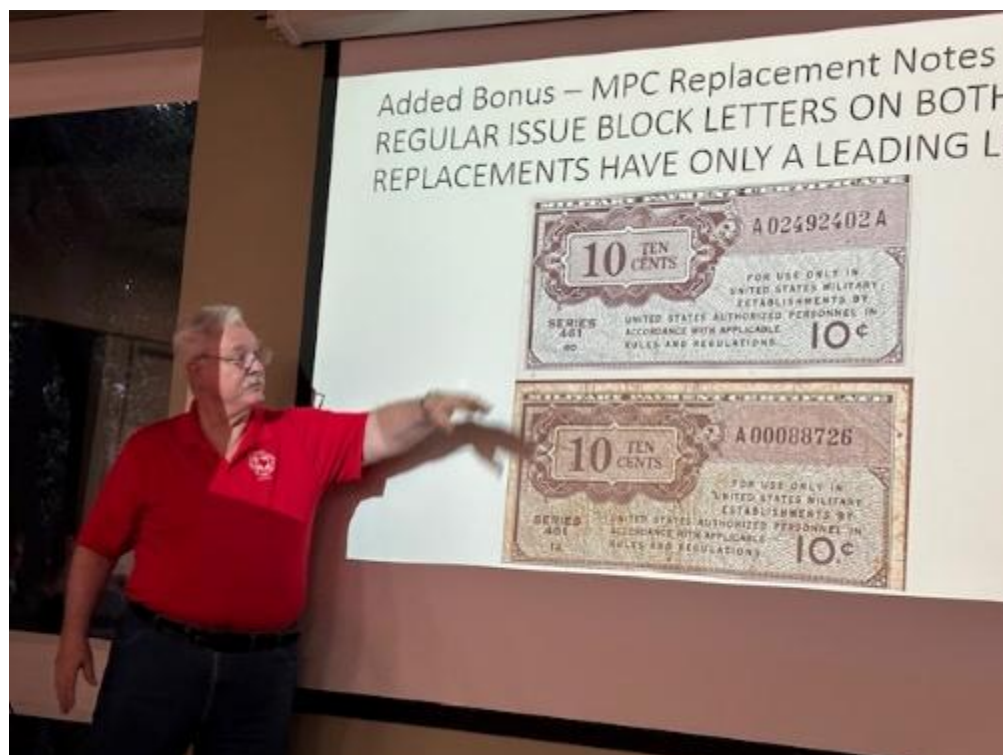
German AMCs printed by the U.S. had nine digits and were evenly spaced. The Soviets didn’t have machines that would print currency with nine digits, so they settled for a six number group together with a three number group. It had nine-digit serial numbers but the spacing between the two groups is obvious, so it is fairly easy to determine which German AMCs were printed by the U.S. and which by the bad guys.

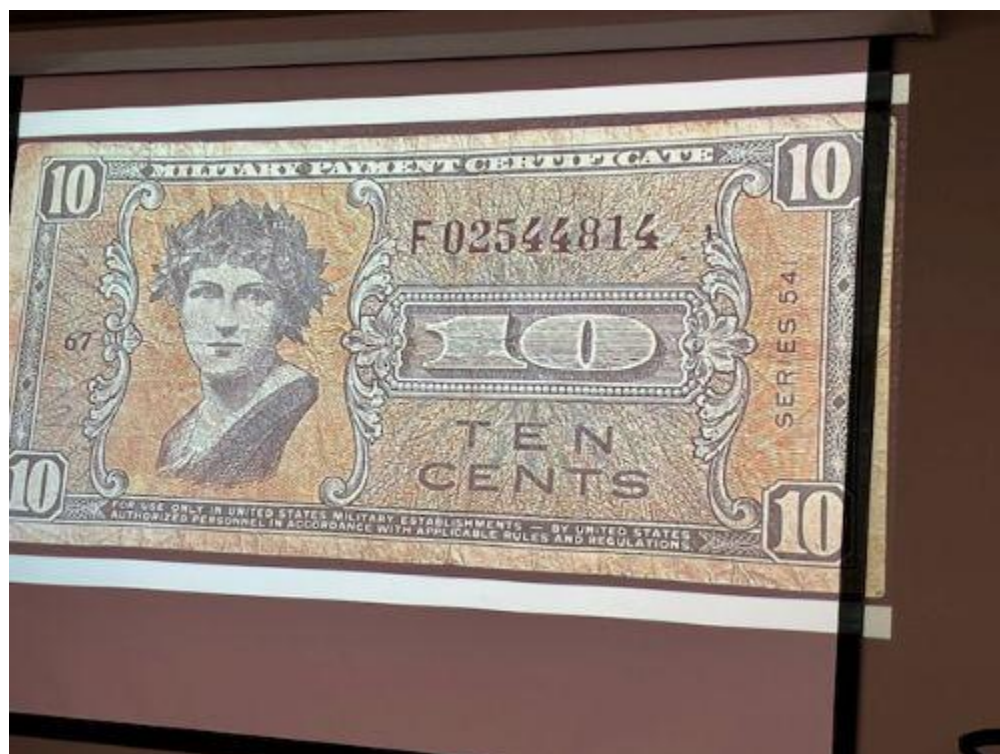
The U.S. was the only occupying force in Japan, so it didn’t have to let any other countries print military currency in that country. The regular issue of military currency there had an “A”, eight digits, and another “A”. Replacement notes there had a beginning letter “H”, eight digits and then an “A”.

Military currency in Japan was used until 1948 but continued in Okinawa until 1958.

Jack always gives a very polished presentation with lots of information and this one was no exception. Well done. Kevin gave Jack a 1963-D MS Franklin half as a speaker’s award.

Here are some photos from Jack’s program:





Frank H. drew winners for his raffle. Gary G., our first time guest, won a 2005-P Marine commemorative silver dollar PCGS PR-69 DCAM. New member Jean W. won the second prize,

an ANACS MS-70 Silver Eagle. This is a continuation of what I have mentioned the last couple of months - the uncanny luck of guests and new members winning the raffles and door prizes.

Frank P. was the club auctioneer for 38 lots, assisted by Frank H. taking care of the money and Earl C. doing the running.

Upcoming coin shows:

- Texas Numismatic Association (TNA) – May 30-June 1 – Conroe
- Gainesville – June 26-28
- Austin – July 4-5
- Grapevine – July 11-13
- Tyler – August 15-16
- ANA World's Fair of Money – August 19-23 – Oklahoma City

Respectfully submitted,

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Club Secretary