

1970 Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial

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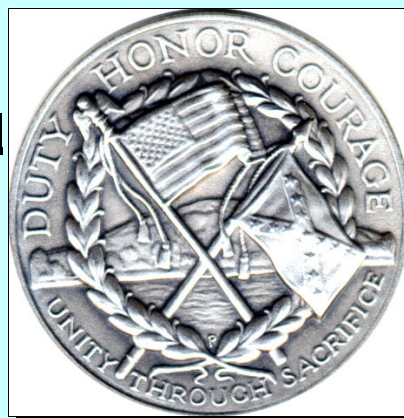
Quantity Authorized 500,000

Obv.



The Obverse, designed in high relief is an accurate representation of the actual Stone Mountain sculpture. It depicts the mounted figures of Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis. Sculptor Walker Hancock completed the carvings. The legend above reads STONE MOUNTAIN and CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL below. On a banner below is the date 1970. On only the large medals, the sculptors name ABRAM BELSKIE SC. Appears to the left of the date.

Rev.



The Reverse legend DUTY HONOR COURAGE appears above with UNITY THROUGH SACRIFICE below. A wreath surrounds the monolith in the background center with crossed flags of the United States and the Confederacy superimposed in the wreath's center. The "P" mintmark is just above the bottom of the wreath.

<u>DEAN #</u>	<u>HK #</u>	<u>Metal Content</u>	<u>Quantity Struck</u>	<u>Rarity</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Issue Price</u>	<u>Notes</u>
D1970-4a		.900 Silver	1500	R-3	48			
D1970-4b		.900 Silver	1500	R-3	25	36.7g		
D1970-4c		Bronze	500	R-4	48	7.67oz.		
D1970-4d		Bronze	500	R-4	25	30.8g		

Abram Belskie served as designer-sculptor of this issue. They were sold as matched and numbered sets; one medal of each size and metal. An initial order of 500 of these sets were struck. The large and small silver could be ordered separately and 1500 of each were struck on the first order. No more than 4,000 of the matched sets and 4,000 each of the individual silver coins were to be struck, with fewer actually struck. The striking of these medals celebrates the dedication of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial. Begun nearly fifty years ago by Gutzon Borglum, who also created Mount Rushmore, this carving is on one of the largest known exposed domes of granite in the world. Looming over the Georgia plain, the granite monolith is 1,683 feet above sea level, over 200 million years old and covers 583 acres. A 3,800 acre park surrounds the monument.

Medals were also manufactured by Medallic Art Co., New York, and bear maker's name on edge. These medals were also struck in both large and small sizes by Medallic Art Co. (MACO). Additionally Medallic Art large size medals are size 44 and silver medals are .999 fine. The MACO medals are slightly smaller in size and do not carry the "P" mintmark above the wreath on the bottom center of the reverse.