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Legion Coin bill – Final Update

At long last, it's official. Congress has passed and, last Friday, the president signed into law *The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act of 2017*!

National Commander Denise H. Rohan and Legionnaires representing every American Legion department are meeting now in Indianapolis for the organization's annual Fall Meetings. Yesterday, we were honored to be joined by one of the Indiana senators who sponsored the Legion coin bill in that body, Senator Todd Young. Please take a moment and read about it at the link, which includes video of his address to the National Executive Committee:

Senator: Passage of coin bill a sign of respect for American Legion

As the chairs of the National Legislative Commission and Council, please know that your efforts on this successful campaign were critical and deeply appreciated. Without the momentous effort by this critical Legislative Council and every proud member of The American Legion, this bill would not have happened so quickly. With your hard work and dedication, not only did this bill become law, but we broke and established a new record in the process. As Senator Young stated yesterday while visiting our Headquarters in Indianapolis, this passage shows how highly regarded The American Legion is on Capitol Hill.

We are mindful, though, that this bill passed not primarily because of what those of us alive today did, and it's impossible to parse out the credit (everyone did such wonderful work!), but ultimately it speaks to what the entire Legion family has done since the beginning of this great organization in 1919. We have done them proud and we would hope to think that all of them, the living and the dead, are proud of the accomplishment.

Thanks to all of you, and especially to all of them!

Chairman Bill Oxford (NC) & Chairman Dewey Moss (GA)