

Esprit De Corps / Challenge Coins

Viking Squadron Unveils 2nd Round of Unit Challenge Coins

Members of Viking Composite Squadron were very excited at the unveiling of the second round of their squadron challenge coin. In keeping with the tradition of the military, the challenge coin is used to inspire great pride and participation within the squadron. Besides using the coins for challenging, they are also used as rewards or awards, and are used as a tool to build morale.

The tradition of a challenge is the most common way to ensure that members are carrying their unit's coin. The rules of a challenge are not always formalized for a unit, and may vary between organizations. The challenge only applies to those members that have been given a coin formally by their unit. This may lead to some controversy when challenges are initiated between members of different organizations and is not recommended. The tradition of the coin challenge is meant to be a source of morale in a unit.

One side of the coin details the North Star and a Viking ship. The mast of the ship is also the shape of an airplane. On the reverse side the coin is numbered to personalize it to each member. Major Jared Scribner and Lt. Colonel Brent Halweg were instrumental in making this coin a reality in 2009.

TYPE 1

Issued: 2009

Number Range: (1 – 100)

One non-numbered sample

Cost to members: \$8.00 ea.

Metal Color: Brushed Bronze

Diameter: 1.6875" (42.8625mm)

Weight: 1.3 oz. (36.85 g)



TYPE 2

Issued: 3 November 2015

Number Range: (101 – 201)

Cost to members: \$10.00 ea.

Metal Color: Pattern Silver

Diameter: 1.75" (44.45mm)

Weight: 1.2 oz. (34.02 g)

