



# AMERICA'S 400<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

*The Journey That Changed the World*

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## **United States Mint's Jamestown 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Coins Available at Jamestown Settlement on January 11**

*Director of the United States Mint will be on hand to sign certificates of authenticity*

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—Gold and silver commemorative coins issued by the United States Mint in honor of Jamestown's 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be available for purchase at Jamestown Settlement on January 11 following a brief 10 a.m. public ceremony at the 17<sup>th</sup>-century living-history museum.

Edmund C. Moy, director of the United States Mint, will participate in the release ceremony in Jamestown Settlement's Robins Foundation Theater immediately before coin sales begin. Mr. Moy will be on hand for a limited time to sign Certificates of Authenticity, which will be limited to two certificates per customer. Coins may be purchased using cash, check, credit card, or wire transfer in the Jamestown Settlement gift shop located in the visitor service's lobby.

Congress authorized the production of up to 100,000 \$5 gold coins and up to 500,000 silver dollars honoring Jamestown and America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The coins will be sold by the United States Mint through the end of 2007 or until the coins sell out.

The coins tell the story of Jamestown as America's first permanent English settlement that established democracy, free enterprise and a culturally diverse society in what became the United States.

The obverse of the \$5 gold coin depicts Captain John Smith conversing with a Virginia Indian. The coin's reverse pictures the Jamestown Memorial Church—the only structure remaining from the settlement's earliest years. The gold coin sells for \$255.

The obverse of the silver dollar depicts "Three Faces of Diversity," representing the Indian, European and African cultures that converged at Jamestown. The reverse depicts the three ships—*Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery*—that brought the first settlers to Jamestown. The silver coin sells for \$39.

Customers may order coins online beginning January 10 at <http://catalog.usmint.gov> or by calling 1-800-USA-MINT (872-6468).

Commemorative coins are non-circulating coins honoring American people, places, events or institutions. Although these coins are legal tender, they are not minted for general circulation or to be

used in daily transactions. Both of the Jamestown 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative coins will be available in proof and uncirculated conditions. Proceeds from coin sales are authorized to support America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary programs and initiatives such as promoting understanding, continuing preservation, and improving the infrastructure of Jamestown. These programs will be conducted by, and the surcharges will be directed to, Virginia's Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, the Secretary of the Interior and the Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

*Jamestown 2007, a sub-agency of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, is coordinating efforts to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jamestown, Va., the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. The nation's first representative government, free enterprise system and culturally diverse society began at Jamestown. State, national, and international commemorative events to salute these legacies began in May 2006 and continue into 2008. Major corporate sponsors of America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary include Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC), Verizon (NYSE: VZ) and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Other supporters include Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc. (NYSE: BUD), AirTran Airways (NYSE: AAI), Dominion, James City County, Philip Morris USA, SunTrust, TowneBank and Wolseley PLC/Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. Contributors include the City of Poquoson and Rutherford Insurance. More information about the commemoration is available at [www.Americas400thAnniversary.com](http://www.Americas400thAnniversary.com).*

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