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2012 Grover Cleveland Presidential Dollar

Twenty-Fourth in the Presidential Dollars Collection

The Grover Cleveland Presidential Dollar is the fourth and final Presidential Dollar issued by the U.S. Mint in 2012. Cleveland is unique among all Presidents, because he is the only President who served two non-consecutive terms. As a result, he is the 22nd and 24th President, and one Presidential Dollar was issued for each of his two terms. All other Presidents are honored on only one coin, regardless of their length of consecutive service.

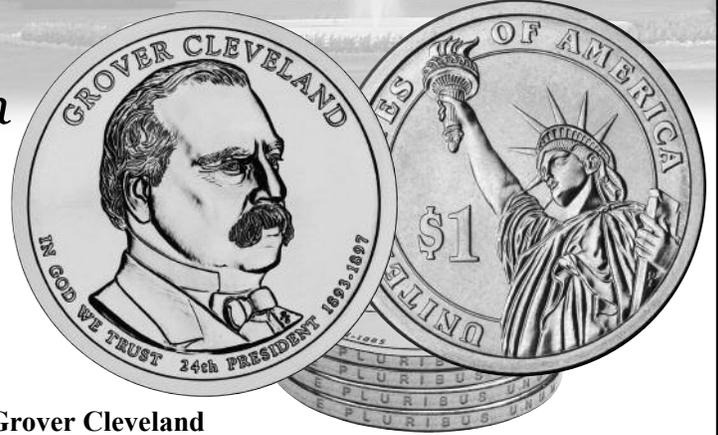
This coin is the second of the two Cleveland Presidential Dollars; issued in late 2012, it honors his second term (as 24th President). The first of Cleveland's Presidential Dollars was issued earlier in 2012 and honored his first term (as 22nd President).

The Presidential Dollars series will continue in 2013 with four new coins for the 25th through 28th Presidents: William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and Woodrow Wilson, respectively. Coins are issued in chronological order, and the 2013 coins represent the first four Presidents of the 20th century.

Each Presidential Dollar is issued in a strictly limited edition. Coins are struck in Uncirculated condition at both the Philadelphia Mint ("P" mint mark on the edge) and the Denver Mint ("D" mint mark).

The portrait of Cleveland on this coin is similar to the portrait on his earlier coin. Both show Cleveland in 1892, in the period between his two terms as President. The image for this coin is based on a poster urging Americans to vote for him in the 1892 Presidential election. The portrait of Cleveland on the \$1,000 Federal Reserve Note and Gold Certificate in the Series of 1928 and 1934 was also based on this famous image.

Cleveland's two coins are most easily distinguished by the notation "22nd President" or "24th President" under the portrait, along with the dates of the respective term in office. The reverse (Statue of Liberty) and edge markings are identical to the first Cleveland coin.



Grover Cleveland

Following his defeat to Benjamin Harrison in the 1888 Presidential election, Grover Cleveland moved to New York City. He practiced law, but in 1892 the Democratic party once again nominated him as their candidate for President.

In the 1892 Presidential election, Cleveland faced incumbent President Benjamin Harrison – the man who had defeated him four years earlier. For the third election in a row, Cleveland won the popular vote. Unlike in 1888, however, when he lost the electoral college vote and therefore the Presidency, this time he easily won the electoral college vote as well. Cleveland thus became the first and only President to win two non-consecutive terms.

The biggest crisis of Cleveland's Presidency took place almost immediately following his inauguration, when the nation faced a severe economic depression. Another crisis occurred in 1894 when railroad workers went on strike in Chicago. Cleveland won popular support for sending federal troops to maintain order in Chicago and assure mail transportation by railroad. Nonetheless, he failed to win the party's nomination for a third term in the 1896 election.

By the time he left the Presidency in 1897, Cleveland had been fitted with an artificial rubber jaw following surgery to remove cancerous growths in his mouth. He retired to Princeton, New Jersey and was appointed a trustee of Princeton University in 1901. He died on June 24, 1908.

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