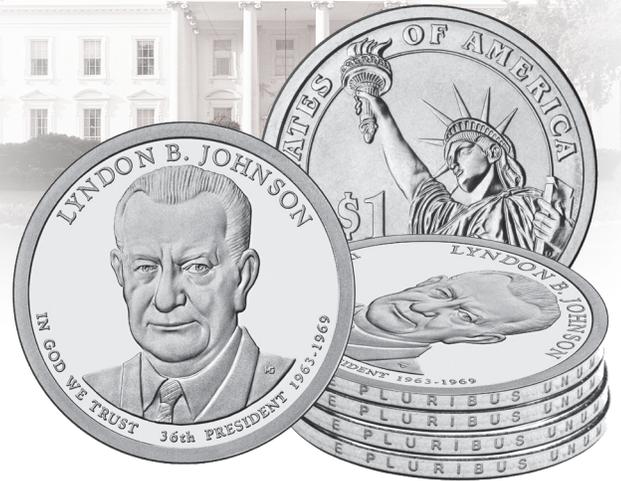


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2015 Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Dollar

Thirty-Sixth in the Presidential Dollars Collection



The Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Dollar is the fourth and final Presidential Dollar issued by the U.S. Mint in 2015. Released in the fall of 2015, it is also the 36th coin in the overall series because Johnson was the 36th President and the coins are issued in the order in which the Presidents served.

The Presidential Dollars series will continue in 2016 with coins for Presidents Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, and Ronald Reagan, the 37th, 38th, and 40th Presidents, respectively. The series honors only deceased Presidents, so Jimmy Carter – the 39th President – and all Presidents after Reagan were ineligible as of early 2015 since they were still alive.

When the Presidential Dollars series started in 2007 with the coin for George Washington as the first President, the coins were intended for circulation. Following a decision by the Secretary of the Treasury in 2011, however, all coins in 2012 and later were made in small editions only for collectors. No coins were released into circulation or made available at banks, thereby making it difficult for many people to complete their collections.

In addition to Presidential Dollars, the U.S. Mint also creates First Spouse \$10 gold coins and bronze medals featuring each President's respective First Lady.

The portrait of Johnson on this coin was based on various photographs and other images produced during his Presidency, most notably the official White House portrait that was painted by Elizabeth Shoumatoff in 1968 and a photograph taken in the Oval Office of the White House by White House Press Office photographer Arnold Newman in 1964. Johnson is shown with his customary steely glare.

Each Presidential Dollar is a limited edition of only about three months before the next coin is released. 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 common reverse design of all coins is the Statue of Liberty.

Lyndon B. Johnson

Lyndon B. Johnson was born on August 27, 1908, near Stonewall, Texas. He attended Georgetown University Law School before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Texas in 1937.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December 1941 that drew the United States into World War II, Johnson became the first member of Congress to take a military leave of absence. He received a Silver Star for gallantry in the Pacific.

In 1948, Johnson won a seat in the U.S. Senate, and in 1953 he was chosen as the minority leader; two years later, he became the majority leader. A powerful head of the Democratic party, he was elected as John F. Kennedy's Vice President in 1960. When Kennedy was killed on November 22, 1963, Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President. He won a full four-term in 1964 but declined to seek another term in 1968.

As President, Johnson promoted his "Great Society" agenda on issues such as civil rights, poverty, education, and health care. He was responsible for the passage of the pivotal Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965. At the same time, though, he escalated the Vietnam War, which caused huge rifts both within the Democratic party and the nation. He retired to his ranch in Stonewall, and he died on January 22, 1973.

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