

Basic Detail Report



Peace of Versailles 1919 Medal

Primary Maker

Chester Beach

Medium

Silver

Description

A circular medal struck in silver, commemorating the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. On the obverse, an allegorical scene depicts the male figure of Justice at left, wearing a helmet and holding aloft a sheathed sword, while at right the partially draped female figure of Peace holds a palm branch in one hand and a laurel wreath in

the other. Between the figures is a winged horse upon which a victorious male figure is seated, with his left arm outstretched in salute. The word "Justice" is at left, with a set of scales beneath, and "Peace" at right. A fallen soldier can be glimpsed beneath the horse's hooves. On the reverse, a central image of the Palace of Versailles is depicted beneath a sun disc and rays illuminating the inscription "PEACE OF VERSAILLES." Below the central image is a banner with the year "1919," and a second banner beneath reading "THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY." A stylized laurel wreath borders the edge. The medal is accompanied by its original presentation box of dark green cardboard with an attached lid, opening to reveal a white silk lid lining and a deep purple velvet base. The medal rests in a shallow depression within the velvet.

Dimensions

0.13 × 2.5 in. (0.3 × 6.4 cm)