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## IPA REGION 11 CHALLENGE COINS FOR SALE

We are proud to announce the arrival of the REGION 11 Challenge Coin! The coin is for sale to any member of the International Police Association. The coin was designed by one of Region 11's Life Members. Paul Goldstein, who is also the son of President Sam Goldstein, used his artistic talents to create this beautiful rendering. The design was sent to a company that specializes in making challenge coins. You can see the extraordinary work and detail that was put into creating this stunning coin. The coins are selling for \$5.00 each. You aren't restricted to purchasing only one coin. Please feel free to purchase as many as you desire. As stated, they are only \$5.00 each and can be obtained by contacting me, Rich Kreuter, and I would be glad to mail it to your home. Please send me a check made payable to "IPA Region 11" and send your request to my attention at 8230 NW 68<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Tamarac, Florida 33321. If you have any questions, please call me at (954) 290-4598. They will also be available at all General Meetings.

"The tradition of the coin giving dates back to Vietnam actually when soldiers would tote along a piece of "lucky" ordnance that had helped them or narrowly missed them. At first it was small arms ammunition, but this practice grew to much bigger and more dangerous ordnance as time wound on. It became then actually a dangerous practice because of the size and power of the ordnance being carried, so commanders banned it, and instead gave away metal coins emblazoned with the unit crest or something similar. The main purpose of the ordnance had been when going into a bar, you had to have your lucky piece or you had to buy drinks for all who did have it. The coins worked far better in this regard as they were smaller and not as lethal! So, if you go to a military bar, whip out a challenge coin and slam it down on the bar, those who lack one buy drinks! Obviously you have to be careful about this tradition... However, Commanders and units give out coins for this and as mementos for services rendered or special occasions."