History of Challenge Coins

Challenge Coins surfaced during the World War II era. The practice of carrying a coin designed specifically for a unit was popular with the Army Special Forces. Carrying the coin at all times and presenting it when

"challenged" to prove affiliation with that unit resulted in a number of consequences for those who could not produce a coin; the most popular required the coinless soldier to buy a round of drinks. That practice continues to be popular today.





Over the years the fire service has adopted the tradition of the challenge coin from the military as a symbol of pride and identification. Firefighters have developed their own challenge coins showing members of special teams. Now, the Federation of Fire Chaplains has followed the tradition. Many of our chaplains are already carrying their own coins in their pockets.

The FFC Challenge Coin can be purchased for \$5.00 each with shipping at \$2.50 per group of five coins. A total of 5 challenge coins plus shipping is \$27.50.

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