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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Minting Industry Leader Northwest Territorial Mint Acquires Historic Medallie Art Company**  
*Dayton, Nevada Company Comes under Stewardship of Industry Leader as Northwest Territorial Mint Expands Operations*

*Auburn, Washington (July 22, 2008)* — Northwest Territorial Mint, the world's largest private mint, has acquired the historic Medallie Art Company. As the industry leader for minting high-quality commemoratives for the military and *Fortune 500* companies, as well as a reputable precious metals dealer, Northwest Territorial Mint was able to strategically expand its capabilities with the acquisition and increase its value to customers looking for minted products of the highest quality and craftsmanship.

Northwest Territorial Mint will move into Medallie Art's Dayton, Nevada headquarters and assume stewardship of its inventory, archives and 118,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art minting facilities. Northwest Territorial Mint CEO Ross Hansen is excited to add the artistry and skill of Medallie Art to the Northwest Territorial Mint family, which includes operations in Auburn, WA, Green Bay, WA, Springfield, VA and The Pentagon.

This is a truly a case of the sum being greater than its parts. Combining the knowledge and prestige of Medallie Art with Northwest Territorial Mint's proven minting expertise will allow us to be the clear choice for customers looking for world-class minted products. Hansen said.

The work of Medallie Art is legendary in the minting industry. The 106-year old company is responsible for reproducing bas-relief masterpieces by American masters of sculpting as well as producing prestigious medals such as the Pulitzer Prize, Congressional Medal of Honor, and inaugural medals for numerous U.S. presidents.

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Hansen said, "I was impressed with the pro-business climate of the state of Nevada and the willingness of Nevada's elected officials to work with us to bring our business and jobs to the state."

The Medallic Art Company facility will enable Northwest Territorial Mint to expand its operations, and to make Dayton its corporate headquarters later this year. We believe we have a bright future in the state of Nevada and are looking forward to hiring locally, building partnerships and bringing business to the state. We owe thanks to the help we received from the state's political leaders, such as Gov. Jim Gibbons, Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki, State Sen. Mark Amodei and Assembly members Tom Grady, Bonnie Parnell and James Settlemeyer, as well as Rob Hooper from the Northern Nevada Development Authority," stated Hansen.

Up to 100 employees from the firm's current headquarters, in Auburn, Washington, will make the move in order to centralize production. The company will also make 75-150 local hires after a transitional period, probably beginning in September.

**About Northwest Territorial Mint:**

Since 1984, Northwest Territorial Mint has specialized in designing and creating custom coins, medallions, and related items of the highest craftsmanship for individuals and institutions worldwide. Its coins have been handed out by the Commander in Chief, the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and many other high-ranking military officers and elected officials. Its commemorative coins are available at Navy, Army, Air Force, and Coast Guard exchanges, and it is licensed to create and sell for many iconic American organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America, Harley-Davidson, and the National Rifle Association.

Northwest Territorial Mint now operates six locations across the country with the addition of the Medallic Art facility in Dayton, NV. The locations include corporate offices and minting facility in Auburn, Washington, as well as a die-cutting facility and sales office in Green Bay, Wisconsin, a sales office in Springfield, Virginia, and a retail store in The Pentagon.

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