

Norfed celebrates five years with proofs

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If you could issue your own paper money, how would you celebrate your fifth anniversary? Well, you might do what Bernard von NotHaus of Norfed is doing and offer proof versions of the certificates. The first 1,000 readers of Numismatic News who send in a self-addressed, stamped envelope and a tear sheet of this page will be sent a free proof Series 2003 \$50 American Liberty Currency certificate, which is actually a warehouse receipt for one ounce of silver. The offer expires 30 days after the cover date.

On the certificate is printed "Proof Only — No Silver" on the face, and on the back it is overprinted in silver letters, "Proof/Fifth Year Anniversary/No Silver/Limited Edition 5000." Von NotHaus emphasizes that the proof versions of these certificates are not negotiable and have no silver backing. Normally these collectible proofs sell for \$10 each, he says.

Norfed was launched Oct. 1, 1998, as a private-enterprise distributor of money, says von Nothaus. It distributes Liberty dollars. He says the Liberty dollars are voluntarily used and their value is 100 percent backed by precious metals held in storage. He also says the paper is 100 percent redeemable in gold and silver

"It is America's inflation-proof currency," he adds.

Another collectible form that von NotHaus has created is a five-ounce Liberty \$50 .999 fine silver piece that actually uses microprinting around the rim. It is priced at \$75.

Norfed also offers silver one-ounce \$10s, half-ounce \$5s and 10th-ounce \$1s. These are priced at \$10, \$5 and \$1, respectively.

Norfed can be reached at 3819 E. Morgan Ave., Evansville, IN 47715. Telephone is (888) 421-6181. His Web site can be viewed at address www.LibertyDollar.org. Previously, von NotHaus was mint-master of Royal Hawaiian Mint for 25 years, and he says he worked on the Liberty dollar concept for 23 years before launching it.

(PHOTO CAPTION) Liberty dollars take paper and metallic form. Shown is the proof \$50 certificate and the \$50 five-ounce piece.