



OBJECT ID	2022.6
OBJECT NAME	Medal, Commemorative
DONOR	The OSS Society
MEASUREMENTS	1.5 in Diameter
MATERIAL	Copper; Zinc
OBJECT ENTITIES	Doundoulakis, Helias (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	World War, 1939-1945

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

Replica of the OSS Congressional Gold Medal.

ORIGIN

OSS Bronze Medal – 1.5-inch

The Office of Strategic Service (OSS) was America’s first effort to implement a system of strategic intelligence during World War II and provided the basis for the modern-day American intelligence and special operations communities.

Obverse: This design features the inscription “OSS” revealing three figures – a woman, a paratrooper, and a man in a suit, representing the broad range of work undertaken by the OSS. Each is rendered as a shape without details, hinting at the way OSS agents sought to operate anonymously or “in the shadows.” The diversity in the OSS is also reflected by the shadowy figures, representing that OSS members were men and women, civilian and military. The design also features the dates “1942 – 1945.” The years during which the OSS operated.

Reverse: The reverse design features the OSS Spearhead inscribed with code words related to important OSS missions and agents.

CITATION

Medal, Commemorative, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 05/06/24.