

OBJECT ID	2013.5.124
OBJECT NAME	Coin
OBJECT COLLECTION	Pete Poulos Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1976
MATERIAL	Brass; Nickel
OBJECT ENTITIES	Greece, (created by) Poulos, Pete (owned by) Poulos, Peter (is related to) Karaiskakis, Georgios (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	1976 coin Olive Branch rifle

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a 2 drachma coin from the year 1976. On the front side is a portrait of famous Greek general Georgios Karaiskakis. He appears in a similar fashion to United States presidents on American coins. His name is written in Greek letters to the left of his head. The back of the coin features a picture of two crossed rifles and an olive branch. Underneath this picture is the word "drachma" written in Greek, signifying the amount of the coin. Underneath the word "drachma" is the word 1976, signifying the year that the coin was minted. The words "Hellenic Democracy" written in Greek surround the entire coin. The coin has a bronze color. It is made of copper and nickel. Its edge is smooth.

ORIGIN

The coin was minted in 1976 and has a value of 2 drachma. The front of the coin features Georgios Karaiskakis. He was an important figure in Greek History for the role he played in the Greek Independence War. The back of the coin features the words "Hellenic Democracy", which was the tagline for the new democratic government that took control of the Hellenes in 1973. The picture of the crossed rifles and the olive branch was a common symbol at the time. The rifles represented the military coup with which Greece regained its democracy. The olive branch signifies that through war, Greece gained peace,

as the olive branch is a common symbol for peace.

CITATION

Coin, 1976, Pete Poulos Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.