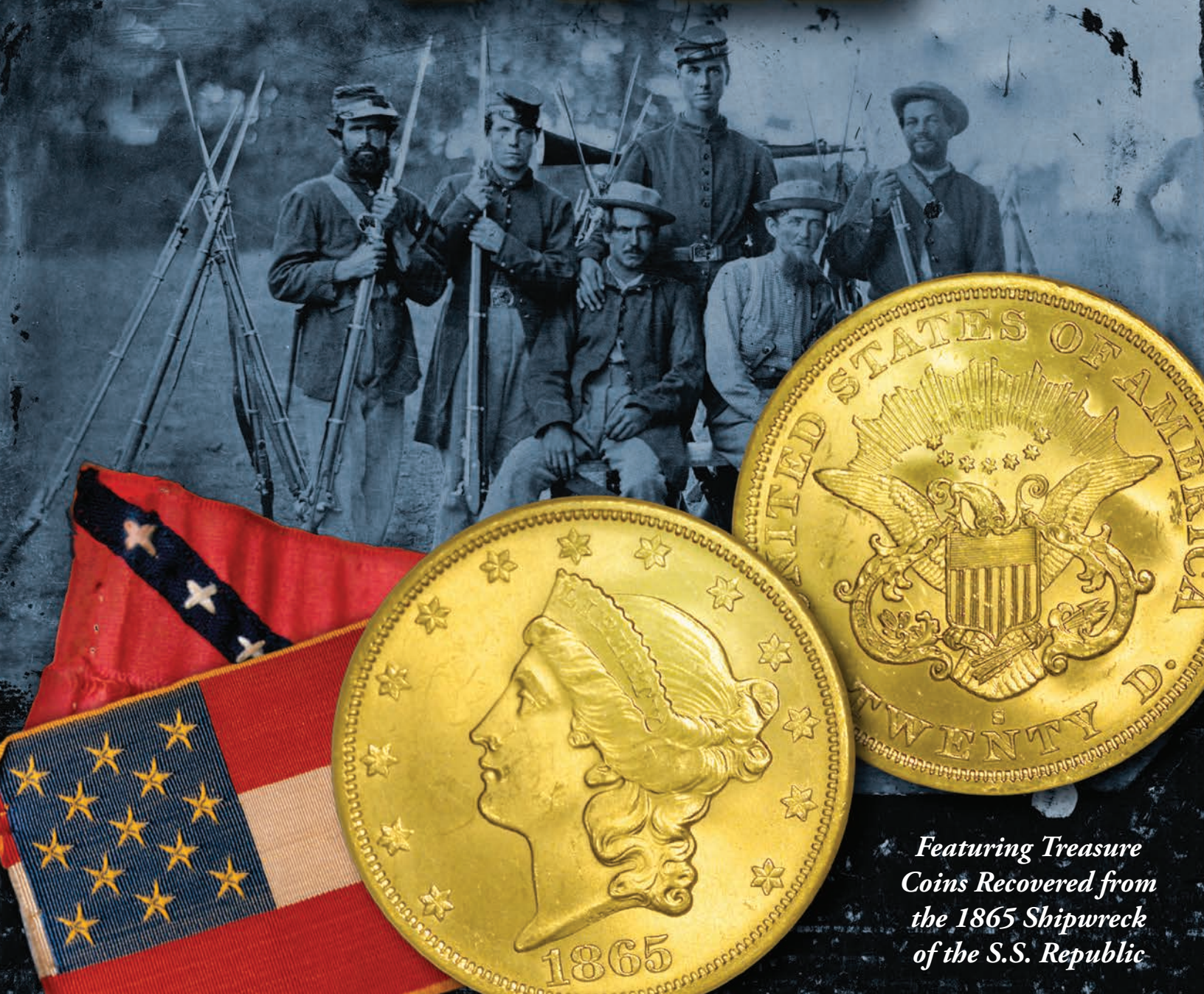


# CIVIL WAR GOLD



*Featuring Treasure  
Coins Recovered from  
the 1865 Shipwreck  
of the S.S. Republic*



# OWN A PIECE OF HISTORY — MAGNIFICENT CIVIL WAR ERA COINS RECOVERED FROM THE 1865 SHIPWRECK OF THE *S.S. REPUBLIC*

## Gold Treasure!

A stunning presentation of a remarkable Civil War era artifact! Each of the U.S. gold \$20 Double Eagle coins recovered from the *S.S. Republic* shipwreck comes to you beautifully presented in a deluxe hardwood case with an engraved *S.S. Republic* name plate, a full-color booklet detailing the fascinating story of the ship and its precious cargo, a DVD of the National Geographic *Ultimate Explorer* television program chronicling the treasure recovery, and a certificate of authenticity.

Through a special arrangement, *Finest Known* recently acquired the vast majority of the \$20 gold Double Eagles recovered from the *S.S. Republic* shipwreck. As a result, we can now offer collectors and investors the widest selection available of these incomparable rarities, and at surprisingly affordable prices. Call now for current availability and best selection.

### *\$20 Gold Double Eagles* Priced from \$5,000 to \$6,000:

Date:	Grade:
1851	AU55
1852	AU55
1852	AU58
1853	AU55
1853	AU58
1854 "SD"	AU58
1855	AU55
1856-S	AU55
1857-S	AU58
1858-S	AU55
1859-S	AU55
1860	AU55
1861	AU58
1862-S	AU55
1862-S "SD"	AU55
1863-S "SD"	AU55
1865	AU58
1865-S	AU58

### *\$20 Gold Double Eagles* Priced from \$5,250 to \$8,000:

Date:	Grade:
1851	AU58
1853	MS60
1854 "SD"	MS60
1855-S	AU55
1855-S	AU58
1857-S	MS60
1858-S	AU58
1860	MS60
1860-S	AU55
1861-S	AU55
1864-S	AU55
1865-S	MS60

### *\$20 Gold Double Eagles* Priced from \$6,500 to \$9,000:

Date:	Grade:
1852	MS60
1855	AU58
1860	MS60
1860-S	AU58
1861	MS61
1861-S	AU58
1862-S	AU58
1863-S "SD"	AU58
1863-S "LD"	AU58
1864-S	AU58

### *\$20 Gold Double Eagles* Priced Over \$9,500:

Date:	Grade:
1852-O	AU58
1860	MS61
1861	MS62
1861	MS63
1863-S	MS61
1864	MS61

### SPECIAL OFFER!

Free with your purchase of any *S.S. Republic* pedigreed \$20 Gold Double Eagle priced at \$5,000 or more – a copy of the exciting new book by veteran journalist Priit Vesilind, *The Lost Gold of the Republic*.



An affordable,  
beautiful and lasting  
numismatic treasure  
from the civil war era  
like no other!



## Silver Treasure!

During and just after the Civil War, in both the North and especially in the South, gold and silver coins were a valued but extremely scarce commodity. Rampant inflation, caused by both sides financing their huge war costs through the near-nonstop printing of paper currency, resulted in the widespread hoarding of "hard money" – real gold and silver. At the end of the war, the South, for all practical purposes, was broke . . . its paper money was worthless, its hard money virtually gone.

Accordingly, bankers and businessmen from the North were shipping keg-loads of hard money – and especially silver coins – to the South to take advantage of their inflated purchasing power. In fact, the vast majority of coins shipped on the last fateful voyage of the *S.S. Republic* – and there were thousands upon thousands of these coins – were U.S. silver half-dollars.

Silver coins, unlike gold coins, can be adversely affected by salt water. Unless careful preventive steps are taken, long exposure to salt water can cause extensive corrosion and pitting of silver coins. In the case of the silver coins recovered from the *S.S. Republic* shipwreck, however, great care was taken to ensure that the effects of their 140-year-long exposure to salt water was minimized.

Each of the *S.S. Republic* silver half dollars offered here have been professionally conserved by Numismatic Conservation Services, a recognized leader in the field.

The result is a remarkably clear and stable finish on the silver coins . . . many look as bright and new as the day they were minted. Combine that with a beautiful hardwood presentation case, full-color booklet on the *S.S. Republic*, DVD of the National Geographic *Ultimate Explorer* television program and certificate of authenticity, and you have a beautiful and lasting numismatic treasure from the Civil War era like no other.

And the best part is, it is a numismatic treasure that can be extremely affordable as well. You can own one of these *S.S. Republic* silver half-dollar presentation sets for as little as \$750.00! So call us now for the best selection, and to reserve your *S.S. Republic* treasure sets for yourself, friends and family.

## THE STORY OF THE *S.S. REPUBLIC* TREASURE

In October of 1865, six months after the end of the great U.S. Civil War, the side-wheeled steamer *S.S. Republic* was bound from New York to New Orleans with a precious cargo of aid and supplies for the post-war Reconstruction effort. The ship never made port, sinking in a massive hurricane off the coast of Georgia. The ship and its cargo, including a reported \$400,000 in gold and silver coins, came to rest 1,700 feet deep in the Atlantic Ocean. Nearly 140 years later a team of salvage experts, aided by state-of-the-art electronics and recovery equipment, found and brought to the surface a stunning treasure trove from the shipwreck, including thousands upon thousands of Civil War era gold \$20 Double Eagles, \$10 Eagles and silver half-dollar coins in amazingly pristine condition. This treasure, which included a number of the finest-known examples of Civil War era coinage ever seen, is now available for acquisition by those who can appreciate this once-in-a-lifetime numismatic opportunity.



## PAINSTAKINGLY CONSERVED, GRADED & CERTIFIED

From the moment they were first viewed on the ocean floor, great care has been taken to protect and preserve *S.S. Republic* coins. Each of the silver half-dollars recovered has been conserved by Numismatic Conservation Services, the country's leading coin conservation facility, and certified by Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (NGC) as having a "shipwreck effect." Gold coins recovered from the shipwreck site have been graded and certified by NGC. Each gold and silver coin is individually numbered and sealed in a tamper-proof, clear acrylic capsule.





# CIVIL WAR GOLD

For generations, coin collectors have coveted special coins "with a story." With the discovery of thousands of high-grade, formerly rare issues of historic U.S. coins from the *S.S. Central America*, *S.S. Brother Jonathan* and now the *S.S. Republic* shipwrecks, these numismatic treasures have received tremendous publicity in both the numismatic and non-numismatic press. These are truly spectacular coins with spectacular stories behind them.

Finest Known is involved in all aspects of the rare coin trade – the wholesale market, the collector market, the international market and auctions. With this expertise and access to the most intriguing rare coins available, Finest Known is prepared to offer you the best values the market has to offer. Nowhere is that more true than in the highly specialized areas of Civil War and shipwreck treasure coins.

A Finest Known Representative will be happy to introduce you to the world of rare coins and give you competitive prices on the wide range of products we offer, discuss current market conditions and coin acquisition strategies, introduce you to the options for financing your rare coin purchases, and supply you with lots of great free tools. And remember that we will always make you an offer to buy your certified rare U.S. coins, even if you purchased them elsewhere.



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