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## WA State National Guard

### The Client

Colonel Anthony Bolante - *WA State National Guard  
Aviation Unit*  
Sales Rep - Russ Wilson

A Washington State National Guard Aviation commander wanted a coin to give to his unit as on-the-spot awards and thank yous.

### The Challenge and Goal:

Colonel Bolante was looking for a distinctive coin that reflected his personality, combining his love of surfing and a scene from the movie *Apocalypse Now* that involved a surfing-obsessed lieutenant.

### The Solution and Result:

To fulfill the colonel's request, we coupled the basic shape of the surfboard from the movie with individual features of Col. Bolante's board. We added a little flair and nod to his interest in sharks with a "shark bite" bottle opener.

Emblazoned on the coin were the colonel's name, the words "PRESENTED for EXCELLENCE" and his unit's insignia.

Col. Bolante now has an exclusive coin - reflective of himself and his unit - with which to reward his aviators for exemplary service.

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