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Arizona Quarter Launch Ceremony

JUNE 2, 2008

State of Arizona

48TH STATE IN THE UNION

■ *Welcome to the Arizona Quarter Celebration*

On February 14, 1912, Arizona became our Nation's 48th state, the last in the continental United States. Today – almost a century later – Arizona is now honored with the third commemorative quarter-dollar coin released in 2008 and the 48th coin in the United States Mint's 50 State Quarters® Program.

The Arizona quarter features an image of the Grand Canyon with a Saguaro cactus in the foreground. A banner reading "Grand Canyon State" separates the two images to signify the great diversity in Arizona's temperate zones, including the sunny landscapes of the Saguaro cactus and the lush forests that border the Grand Canyon. The coin also bears the inscriptions "Arizona" and "1912" to celebrate the State's admission into the Union.

One of the seven natural wonders of the world, the Grand Canyon covers more than 1.2 million acres in northwestern Arizona. The Canyon, sculpted by the mighty Colorado River, reaches 6,000 feet at its deepest point and 18 miles at its widest. It is home to numerous rare and threatened plant and animal species. The Grand Canyon joined the National Park system in 1919 and is visited by more than four million tourists a year.

Not only is the Saguaro cactus one of the more iconic symbols of the American Southwest, its blossom is cherished as Arizona's official state flower. Protected by Arizona state law, this mighty cactus can grow as tall as 45 feet and live as long as 150 years. In addition, the Saguaro often serves as the spiny home to Arizona wildlife, including the Gila Woodpecker and the Elf Owl.

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■ *Launch Ceremony*

Arizona State Capitol

Welcome and Introduction

Beth McDonald and Bill Austin

99.9 FM KEZ "BETH AND BILL"

Presentation of Colors

**Southwest Association of
Buffalo Soldiers, Fort Huachuca**

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Roberta Crowe, Chair

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■ *Launch Activities*

**Free quarter distribution for children
18 years and younger in attendance**

**Purchase never-circulated rolls of Arizona
quarters and commemorative folios***

Explore the Capitol Museum

QUARTER EXHIBIT, ARIZONA MUSIC PROJECT,

FREE MINT ICE CREAM DRUMSTICKS

Entertainment

Mariachi Aguila

**Please Note: Cash only, quantity limits apply.*

