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## A NEW KENNEDY MEDAL

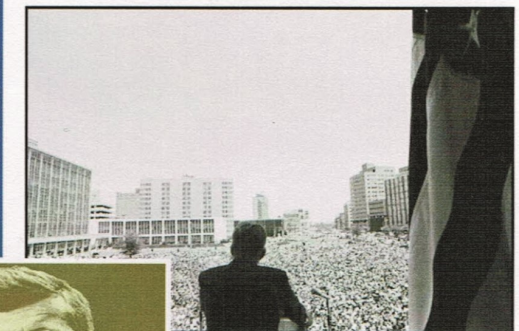


Peter Klages of Munchen [Munich], Germany, has been collecting JFK materials since 1977. He has been a member of KPIC for many of those years. His collecting interest includes many different types of items, while his enthusiasm and passion for John F. Kennedy has no bounds.

Medals, tokens, and coins became the focus of his collection early on. He was originally inspired by an American collector who had created his own medal in the 1980's, and it has always

been his dream to design and own such a medal. And he has finally done so.

The Klages Medal is 38mm (1.5") in diameter and 3mm (1/8") thick. Pictured on the front of the medal is Peter's desk showing his copy of the JFK Resolute desk that was used in the White House. The framed picture above the chair is JFK, and the framed objects on the wall are letters, photos, Kennedy-related articles and stories. But why try and describe Peter's office when as they say, 'One picture is worth 1,000 words'.



The Kennedy quotation, of course, is from his May 4, speech at the dedication of the Nashville Avenue Wharf in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1962 (pictured below).

FDR and Ike had visited New Orleans as President. But greater excitement filled the city awaiting JFK's visit. He was the first president to visit in over a decade. His destination was the newly built Nashville Avenue wharf, where he would deliver an address about trade. Schools emptied so students could see the President; There were marching bands and cheerleaders along the route. Stores along his motorcade route closed, and people filled up the spaces more than they did during Mardi Gras.



Original snapshot of the motorcade

Jackson said that he was fighting for the re-establishment of the American character. And that, in our generation and time, is our responsibility: the re-establishment of the American character..." Kennedy was named an 'honorary citizen' of the city of New Orleans during this visit.

The trip began with an earlier brief stop and speech at New Orleans Civic Center/City Hall and then rode a motorcade (left) to his main destination in New Orleans, the newly built Nashville Avenue wharf (right), where he would deliver an address about trade. In true Kennedy style, early in his speech he quipped: *This port of New Orleans is the second leading port of the United States. I would like to say that Boston is the first, but nevertheless...* After the battle of New Orleans, Andrew



JFK & Gov. James 'Jimmie' Davis