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Napoleon at Osterode: The Medal That Marked a Nation's Revival

By Mike Rosik

The 1807 "Napoleon I at Osterode" silver medal commemorates a pivotal moment in the Napoleonic Wars, marking Napoleon's winter headquarters in Osterode (modern-day Ostróda, Poland) and the strategic regrouping that led to his victory at Friedland. This medal captures not just a military campaign, but a moment that reshaped European geopolitics.

After the brutal Battle of Eylau in February 1807, Napoleon's army was battered and struggling through the harsh winter. Seeking a place to regroup, he set up his headquarters in a castle in Osterode (now Ostróda, Poland). There, he rebuilt his forces, reorganized supply lines, and prepared for his next major battle. His efforts paid off in June 1807, when he won a decisive victory at Friedland. This forced Tsar Alexander I of Russia into peace talks, leading to the Treaty of Tilsit (July 7-9,

1807), which ended the war between France, Russia, and Prussia.

One of the treaty's key outcomes was the creation of the Duchy of Warsaw, a French-backed Polish state formed from lands taken from Prussia. While under Napoleon's influence, it represented a revival of Polish sovereignty and introduced groundbreaking legal reforms, including the abolition of serfdom and a new constitution that modernized the nation.

The "Napoleon I at Osterode" medal features Napoleon on the obverse and Tsar Alexander I on the reverse, symbolizing the power shifts of the time. As a collectible piece, this medal represents far more than a temporary French occupation. It commemorates the resilience of the Polish people, the fight for sovereignty, and the gradual move toward social justice—a legacy that continues to resonate in Polish history today.

► Spot prices as of 1 March, 2025
Gold: \$ 2,858.00/troy ounce
Silver: \$ 31.15/troy ounce
Copper: \$ 4.56/pound
Platinum: \$ 949.00/troy ounce
Palladium: \$ 925.00/troy ounce
\$US-Złoty exchange: 4.04

YouTube Creator "Diggin with Deej" Braves the Snowstorm to Cover the 2025 Polish American Numismatic Society Coin Show

By Mike Rosik

Despite a fierce February snowstorm, YouTube creator "Diggin with Deej" made her way to the 2025 Polish American Numismatic Society Coin Show, capturing the event for her audience. Known for her passion for metal detecting and coin collecting, Deej didn't let the weather stop her from sharing the show's highlights with collectors and enthusiasts worldwide.

Deej filmed a two-part series, streaming the episodes on her channel over the following two Fridays. In these videos, she showcased some fascinating finds at the show, including rare coins, historical currency, and intriguing collectibles. She also took the time to interview several dealers, delving into how they got started in numismatics and collecting.

For those who couldn't attend, her videos provide an in-depth look at the event, making viewers feel as if they were there, walking the aisles and discovering hidden gems alongside her.

If you love coin collecting or enjoy treasure-hunting stories, be sure to check out Diggin with Deej's channels here:

Diggin With Deej

Channel: <https://youtube.com/@digginwithdeej?si=L9skKFujlf2g39cV>

Video on how collectors

started: https://youtu.be/_jfhVmKHsjY?si=C22UCcEz7a5-8E4m

Video on Fun PANS 2025 Show:

<https://youtu.be/mkEtL81Vvg0?si=0GQKD4XfdmAgz03>

*Remember folks, please pay
your dues for 2025! That's
\$20 for the year - \$30 if you'd
like the PANS Eaglet
mailed quarterly.*



Join Our Club

We meet on the first Saturday of the month at 12:00 PM at the American Polish Cultural Center located at 2975 East Maple Road (15 Mile Road) at Dequindre Road in Troy, Michigan. Visit the PANS Club website at www.pans-club.org for details. We currently have 10 meetings per year (August through May) with 2 months off during the summer. The Polish American Numismatic Society also plans a Christmas Oplatek Dinner during the Holiday Season. Meeting agendas include business matters and informative lectures from renowned guest speakers on topics including error and variety coins, significant coins in Polish history, Hamtramck scrip, coin photography. Open and lively member discussions about US and Polish numismatics are encouraged. Of course, the meeting would not be complete without coffee and delicious Polish pastries. The Polish American Numismatic Society hosts two very successful public coin show at the American Polish Cultural Center. Our primary show always takes place on the third Sunday of February. PANS also hosts a second show in August. Shows have been co-hosted with other clubs in the region. If you have any interest in numismatics, please attend a meeting and sign up as a member. PANS dues are only \$20.00 per year or \$30 per year if you would like the PANS Eaglet newsletter sent to your mail on a quarterly basis. PANS Club Membership is a great way to meet collectors with similar interests and knowledgeable dealers willing to share their experiences in a hobby that we all enjoy. To become a member-in-good-standing, plan to attend a minimum of 5 meetings per year and perform club-related duties at PANS Club sponsored Coin Shows.

 Membership Application *I hereby make application for membership in the Polish American Numismatic Society, subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the Constitution and By-laws.*

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/ZIP: _____

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RECOMMENDED BY: _____

DATE ACCEPTED: _____

FIRST YEAR DUES PAID: _____

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