

The Rogue



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Desk of Our Chairman

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This year started with a ton of hope on my part and that all changed on January 9th when my wife passed away. It has been an extremely difficult past couple of weeks, but two things have sustained me. My Lord and Savior along with my family as well as the hundreds of well wishes & condolences from my NCOA family got me through. Thank you!

I began this year with great optimism. Mike Little has become our new Chief Advocacy Officer and he has hit the ground running. In his first week, he hired 20 college interns to assist with legislative functions, upgrading our national website and applying for grants for the association. On top of that he has shared his experience in the technical realm and saved the association literally thousands of dollars.

I have been struggling with what I should say in this issue that would give each of you some positive perspective. I may not know many of you by name or face, but I know your heart based on my recent

loss. I am confident that with the members that currently exist, there are a lot of leaders and definitely a lot of caring people out there.

With a change in government it brings up a lot of uncertainty. What I do know is that the real backbone of our military is the Non Commissioned and Petty Officer Corps; the 80% that executes the mission. I am blessed to be part of that group. There is a saying, "when the going gets tough, the tough get going." That is you and I. We have the option to receive the COVID-19 vaccine which should help get life back to normal. There are some who are concerned about the vaccine and that's OK. We just need to get back to some semblance of a normal life and whatever we need to do to accomplish that mission; we will find a way to get it done.

NCOA is in good hands and with so many good members out there, we cannot fail. I hope to see all of you in San Antonio in July. I also urge you to get one of those new challenge coins from HQ. They are even more impressive in reality than the pictures can share. Who knows, someone may ask to see your coin the next time that we meet.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, either contact headquarters or contact me at retiredveteran89@outlook.com and I can assure you that your leadership will take note.

Strength in Unity & Leadership by Example,

Terry M. Haines
Chairman, Rogue Chapter & International Board of Directors
MCPO (SCW), United States Navy, Retired



"[t]he only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

—Edmund Burke

Important Dates in February

- Feb. 12 – Lincoln's B-Day
- Feb. 14 – Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 – President's Day
- Feb. 17 – Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 19 – USCG Reserve B-Day
- Feb 22 – Washington's B-Day

Upcoming Events

A much better year!

Warrior's Pipeline

Updates for Veterans and Service Members

Input from Chief Advocacy Officer

The **NCOA Rogue Chapter Scholarship Fund** is one of the newest and most important benefits within the Chapter.

Established in 2019, its sole purpose is to help dependents of NCOA members continue their education beyond high school.

The deadline to submit an application in is May 15th of each year! Don't wait until the last minute.

Consider donating by visiting www.ncoarogue.org/donate

All donations received are used for scholarships and grants. No administrative or overhead expenses are deducted from the donations received.

Your donation will help enable the NCOA Rogue Chapter Scholarship Fund continue to be a valuable resource for NCOA members and their dependents!

“You can't hit a target that you cannot see, and you cannot see a target you do not have.”

-Zig Zigler

NCOA Priorities for 2021

#1 will be since a law was passed to rename military bases that were previously named after Confederate Generals will be to get at least one base named after an enlisted hero.

#2 will be to change federal statute that prevents Gold Star Spouses from getting married at the age of 55. A recent poll done by Rand Corporation showed that 99.9% of

service members who are married when they deploy do want their spouses to move on in the unlikely event of their death in combat & would not want them living in mourning. They indicated that when they signed their SGLI & next of kin paperwork to their spouse, they meant that to be indefinite regardless of their spouse remarrying.

#3 will be to address the burial changes at

Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington is scheduled to reach max capacity by 2034. The criteria for Arlington are too lax & it would be unconscionable if a Medal of Honor winner were denied due to lack of space. We believe Arlington should be designated for individuals who have been awarded a Medal of Valor. We oppose a proposal from some organizations to reserve Arlington for officers only & will oppose this going forward..

Food for thought submitted by a member

The Food Stamp Program administered by the US Department of Agriculture is proud to be distributing the greatest amount of free meals and food stamps ever. Meanwhile, the

National Park Service, administered by the US Department of the Interior, asks us to “Please Do Not Feed the Animals.” Their reason for the policy is because the animals will

grow dependent on handouts and will not learn to take care of themselves. This ends today's lesson.

Rogue Chapter Happenings

- **VOLUNTEER NEEDED to do this Newsletter. I need your help!**

The following members have birthdays in February:

Matthew Carlisle
Ray Getsinger
Wayne Harvey
Tracy Ivers
Charles Malek
Donald Prescott Sr
Wesley Williams

Chris Davidson
William Gonzales
James Herndon
James Janz
Roger McGuffey
Sarah Roche
Oscar Willis

Roger Drumm
Glenn Gordon
David Hoff
Bruce Juchniewicz
William Napoli
Keith Schwartz

Ray Fratus
Eric Haberman
Ken Ishmael
Patricia Long
Tim Perry
Claire Starnes

May your day be special for you!

Prevention Corner: Tips and Tactics to Avoid Scams

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Don't fall for the following common online scams

1. Weaponized Documents:

These scams involve legitimate-looking web pages that ask users to download a document such as a monthly statement, an invoice or policy terms. The document downloaded may look legitimate, but would actually be "weaponized", and upon being opened it would attempt to install malware on the user's computer.

2. Ads Collecting User Data:

Scammers can insert unwanted software in banner ads, sometimes on legitimate web pages, tricking the user into clicking something that looks like an enticing product or service. Once the user clicks through, malware could be installed on their computer and/or sensitive information could be stolen.

3. Phishing Scams:

An email is sent that claims an attachment is too large or confidential to send over email. Clicking on the link in the email opens a fake online cloud storage site with a page that looks real and appears to be secure. Any information or credentials the user enters are immediately compromised.

Don't try spotting or tackling scams on your own.

Contact information:

Ron Kohl
 Crime Prevention Specialist
 H 541-500-1274
 C 239-849-1869
 Good luck and be safe.

Thought to Consider:

Have you gotten knocked down today? You have 2 choices. Stay down and lose or get back up and move forward in life.

If you have a spouse or 18+ year old dependent that supports you and what NCOA does, sign them up in the Auxiliary. It will only cost you \$15 for 1 year if you send the application back through the chapter so that we can make up the difference. Need an application, contact the Chairman.

Do you have an interesting military story or joke? Consider sharing it in writing (in 150-250 words) for possible publication in our next newsletter. Send your text and/or picture (keep it rated PG-13) to rogue.newsletter@gmail.com

The two most important days of your life are the day that you were born and the day when you find out why!

-Mark Twain



Rogue Chapter presenting VeteRun \$5,000 donation to the Vietnam Wall Project.

Meet your Rogue Chapter Board

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“Strength in Unity!”



NCOA Creed

“It is with the conception and full understanding that many things of great need and importance can be accomplished in unity and cooperation. Thus, do the members of the Non-commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America agree to join their efforts and strength to work together for the well-being of the individual, the group, and for the greatest benefit of our beloved nation.”



(A drawing depicting the entrance to the Vietnam Wall scheduled for installation at US Cellular Park in Medford, Oregon)

Terry Haines, Chairman: Terry enlisted in the US Navy for active duty between 1971-1977, honorably discharging as an E5. He then served in the US Naval Reserves between 1982-2006, retiring as a Master Chief Petty Officer (E-9), and he deployed twice for Iraqi Freedom between 2002-2003 and 2005-2006.

Ron Kohl, Treasurer/Trustee: Ron served in both the Air Force as a Tech Sergeant, and the Army as a Staff Sergeant before he retired. He also served in law enforcement and is committed to helping locals avoid fraud and scams.

Bud Cordes, Knight Advisor: Bud Cordes was a USAF Tech Sergeant who retired after 20 years of service in 1978. He served in Vietnam between 1968-1969.

Bill Parks, Trustee: Bill spent 3 years active and deployed on two, 9-month, west Pac Cruises while aboard the USS Enterprise. He then served 21 years in the Naval Reserve with NMCB-18, achieving 1st Class Petty Officer (E-6), acting as the NMCB-18 Battalion Career Counselor for his last 6 years.

Ken Wilson, Trustee: Ken served in the United States Navy for 4 years and was honorably discharged as an E-5 Boiler Tech. He served on four ships during his time. The first three he was part of the decommissioning party and he ended his career on board the USS Camden (AOE-2).

Rachael Watters, Trustee: Rachael is a proud Veteran of the U.S. Army who achieved the rank of E-5 before ETS. Serving from 2001-2006 she deployed twice with the 101st ABN Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

NCOA Membership

Today the NCOA remains a vital fraternal, benevolent non-profit organization and acts as a conduit between the military and civilian communities in local areas and promotes positive community relations. The Association is proud of its efforts in three primary areas: Legislative Representation; Social and Fraternal Programs; and Member Benefits in the area of specialized services and discount programs. NCOA has much to offer its members and you too can join our numbers. Membership in NCOA is open to all, however, you must meet certain criteria to be a voting member of the Association, but this does not prevent you from being an Associate member and supporting our organization and reaping the benefits of being a member.

If you are already a member, please promote this fantastic and beneficial membership to fellow service members and Veterans looking for a supportive military community. If they are interested or have questions have them contact us or visit www.ncoa.org/membership.