

The
Rogue



March 2021

Desk of Our Chairman

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March is upon us and with our entry in this month we can look forward to the coming of spring and the departure, very soon I hope, of winter. March also marks the establishment of the Navy Reserves as well as marks the birthday of the Navy Seabees. The one phrase that I associate with the Seabees, "Can Do" is one that resonates with me as some small signs of coming out of the pandemic are beginning to surface.

No matter what political affiliation that you claim as your own, we can all agree that we want our economy to start opening back up. We want the ability to gather once again, see friends that have been sheltering in-place and have some sort of normalcy in our lives. We want sports back and our kids to be able to interact with other kids in a school setting participate in sports and cultivate friendships that can't happen with an on-line educational scenario.

The Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) has been impacted by businesses being closed that limited social gathering

but so has every other organization. It is our plan to hold our conference in San Antonio in July and I encourage all of you who have been suffering from cabin fever to come and begin the recovery to a semi-normal life.

NCOA is still looking for volunteers that have knowledge and experience with websites and/or different social media platforms that can help us develop and maintain a vibrant and effective means to communicate with our current and future members. If willing to be considered, please contact our executive director at jerry@ncoausa.org for further information.

This pandemic has provided NCOA with more than enough lemons, so as an organization, we are going to make some lemonade. Efforts are in the works behind the scenes to build a strong and sturdy foundation that will launch NCOA back as the most effective military service organization that we have ever been. We are focusing on new ways to more effectively represent the 80% of our military, past present and future as well as their families. If you would like to be part of that, let me know. Some chapters are using zoom to hold meetings and a few chapters are in the planning phase to hold hikes aimed to inject fun and comradery in an effort to actually do something about the issue of veteran suicide. Look up irreverent warriors on the web to see what this is all about and perhaps get involved.

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,
MCPO (SCW) Terry M. Haines
Chairman, International Board of Directors



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

—Edmund Burke

Important Dates in February

- Mar 3, 2021 US Naval Reserve Anniversary
- Mar 5, 2021 US Navy Seabee Birthday
- Mar 14, 2021 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 17, 2021 St Patrick's Day
- Mar 20, 2021 First Day of Spring
- Mar 28, 2021 Palm Sunday

Upcoming Events

NCOA Conference July 20-23 In San Antonio, TX

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

We need help sponsoring a Vanguard Hero at the conference. A donor will match funds donated so any amount helps.

The following members have birthdays in March:

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| Charles Anna | Buzz Arthur | Kelley Bethea | Danny Bezold |
| Janice Binks | Dorothy Cordes | Byron Cordes | Terrie Evarts |
| Troy Fryar | David Goldberg | Christopher Gonzales | James Hay |
| Jerome Hoffman | Robert Howe III | Kenneth Ishmael Sr | Benjamin Ivers |
| Ronald Kohl | Eddie Levesque | Justin Maloney | Geraldine Medeiros |
| Chad Morris | Frank Oliver | Kent Puckett | Elizabeth Reilly |
| Donald Rice | Ellen Schock | Jacob Schock | James Spear |
| Cheryl Stockebrand | Vicki Swingle | John Troxell | Michael Vance |
| John Vogel | Robert Voss | James White | Cyril Will |
| Mary Wilson | Keith Wittnebel | Gerald Ziemann | |

May your day be special for you!

Prevention Corner: Tips and Tactics to Avoid Scams

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Frauds and Scams

Anyone can fall victim to fraud and identity theft, but seniors are often inundated with investment offers, promises of instant wealth and requests for charitable contributions. Seniors are less likely to report fraud for many reasons: they don't know how to report the scam, are ashamed of being scammed, or don't know that they have been scammed. Also, seniors may not report the crime because they're concerned that relatives may think they no longer have the capacity to manage their own finances. Unfortunately, lack of reporting contributes to keeping seniors at risk for fraud and identity theft. The alerts below will provide you with additional information on how to protect yourself from scams:

A fraud alert can be placed on your credit report if you suspect you are or may become a victim of identity theft. The credit bureau that you contact must coordinate with the other two credit bureaus to ensure they place the fraud alert on your credit report as well. This alert advises lenders to take extra precautions before extending credit in your name. The alert will remain on your report for one year but can be removed sooner at your request. There is no fee to place a fraud alert on your credit report. Placing a fraud alert also allows you to order one free copy of your credit report from each of the three credit reporting bureaus. For more information, visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0275-place-fraud-alert.

CREDIT BUREAUS

Equifax
www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/
 P.O. Box 105069, Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
 1-800-685-1111

Experian
www.experian.com/help/
 P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013
 1-888-397-3742

TransUnion
www.transunion.com/credit-help
 P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016
 1-800-680-7289

If you have any questions or would like assistance, feel free to contact me at 239-849-1869 or cpspecialistinfo@aol.com (No charge).

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



Rogue Chapter presenting VeteRun \$5,000 donation to Mighty Oaks Foundation.

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

Meet your Rogue Chapter Board

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

“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.”

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.