

The Rogue



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April 2021

From the Desk of Our Chairman

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| Meet the Board | 4 | you to all who served during the Gulf War and a special thank |
| Membership | 4 | you to all who have been former prisoners of War. |

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

-Walt Disney



We are only a few months away from our annual conference. This year will be in San Antonio from July 20-23. Hotel and registration information will be on our national website www.ncoausa.org very shortly. Since we did not get a chance to meet last year due to COVID, it will be great to have the freedom to meet in person. As NCO's and Petty Officers, we need your help turning things back to normal. Many will have your vaccinations by then which should make a trip risk free.

This year we have been working on a strategic plan that should be ready for release by the conference in July. From that plan will be developed our updated strategic communication plan as well as a newly created marketing and financial strategic plans. Your staff and leadership have been working hard to bring NCOA into a position of long needed growth and service to not only our current membership, but also to the entire enlisted force and their families. Come and be part of that excitement. The long-awaited budget that had not been available the last time we met will be available in July.

There have been a lot of changes to NCOA since we last met in 2019. We hope to have most of our supporters and partners available to meet with you so that you fully understand just how significant the benefits available to you as members really are. There will also be our traditional Vanguard awards that recognize heroes from each branch of the military. It is hopeful that by 2022 we will be able to also add Space Force to the Vanguard program. They are still in the formation phase and have indicated that they are not yet ready to participate.

Finally, congratulations to the newest chapter in NCOA, The All American Chapter #1679 out of Ft. Bragg. Thank you SFC Llewellyn and your team. There are several other sites across the country that interest has been shown to start new chapters. Thank you all who are willing to step up and make NCOA stronger.

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 Board of Directors

Important Dates in April

- April 1, 2021 April Fools Day
- April 4, 2021 Easter
- April 9, 2021 Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day
- April 11, 2021 Persian Gulf War Cease Fire
- April 18, 2021 Doolittle Raid of Tokyo Anniversary

Upcoming Events

- Chapter Scholarship apps due May 15th
- 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!

"If you set your goals ridiculously high and it's a failure, you will fail above everyone else's success."

-James Cameron

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

**Your Rogue Chapter will be sponsoring the Navy Vanguard at this year's conference.
Thank you to all who contributed!**

The following members have birthdays in April:

Jeri Best	Fred Conn	Hugh Crawford	Ricky Darrah
Anthony Doering	Michael Donnellan	Ken earls	Darryl Ferrell
Robert Frantzich	Ralph Groover	Robert Kloka	Eugene Leifeld
Jeff Lindenman	Paul Logan	Robert Melendez	Jed Morgan
Henry Nussbaum	Bill Parks	Richard Peaveler	Stephen Perkins
Jim Prevatt	John Pruett	Jeremy Robb	Randall Robinson
Horst Roschmann	James Schols	Charles Vanderpool	Howard Wells
Steven Wert	Margaret West	Timothy Willard	Bryan Young

May your day be special for you!

TAX SEASON PRECAUTIONS

April 2021

Tax Season Precautions

The IRS has automatically extended the federal income tax filing due date to May 17, 2021

As we enter the heart of tax season, this is a reminder to you that fraudulent tax-related activities begin to surface.

While the vast majority of tax preparers are trustworthy and well-intentioned, there are those who use the tax-filing process to commit fraudulent and criminal acts.

Choose your tax-preparer carefully! Remember...you are entrusting these people with your most sensitive data.

Avoid unscrupulous preparers who ask you to sign a blank return, promising to complete it at a later date.

Additionally, the law requires anyone who is paid to prepare...or assist in preparing...a tax return must have a Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN) and must sign and include their PTIN on all returns.

"Ghost" preparers...

Ghost preparers don't sign the tax returns they prepare. They may print the tax return and tell the taxpayer to sign and mail it to the IRS. For e-filed returns, the ghost preparer will prepare but not digitally sign as the paid preparer.

To better understand Tax Return Preparer credentials and qualifications, please visit <https://www.irs.gov/tax-professionals/understanding-tax-return-preparer-credentials-and-qualifications>

You are ultimately responsible for the accuracy of your return and need to be certain that your tax preparer isn't fraudulently using your personal information!

Feel free to call with questions on Frauds, Scams and Cons.

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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



In the Spotlight

Copayment Debt: Refunds, Forgiveness

American Recovery Plan also waives copayments through September 2021

VA copayments for medical care will be waived, refunded, or forgiven under the American Recovery Plan. If you're a Veteran who receives care through VA, here's what this means for you:

- If you received a statement with copayment charges from April 6, 2020, or later, we'll remove these charges. You won't need to pay them.
- If you already paid any copay charges from April 6, 2020, or later, we'll send you a refund.
- If you have unpaid copay charges from before April 6, 2020, you don't have to make payments until September 30, 2021. We won't add fees or interest or take other collection action on these charges during this time. But you can still make payments if you'd like. [Find out how to pay your VA copay bill.](#)

You don't need to do anything at this time to get a refund. We ask for your patience as we work to adjust statements and send refunds.

Copay charges will be waived

We've also waived VA copayments for all medical care received between April 6, 2020, and September 30, 2021, and all prescription medications ordered between April 6, 2020, and September 30, 2021. We hope this will help Veterans and their families during this time.

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

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.



OPERATION: FINAL STEP

SOVB Vietnam Memorial Wall

This is the final fundraising step to get the wall installed, ready for viewing. The wall is paid for and has been delivered to covered storage in the Rogue Valley. We need additional funds to prepare the ground and install the panels. If every veteran were to donate just \$5, we would have what we need to complete this great tribute to our fallen comrades.



Every name has a face.



Once a brother, always a brother.



We are creating a Time Capsule that will hold the service patches of every veteran that wishes to have it preserved, that will be placed near the wall at the completion of the project. Veterans – if you would like your unit patch included in the capsule, please send it along with your tax-deductible \$5 donation, per patch, to the address below.

A local chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart has donated a Purple Heart that will be placed at the base of the wall, when finished.



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