

# The Rogue



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## May 2021

### From the Desk of the Chairman

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*If it is to be, it is  
up to me!*

*-Unknown*

May is upon us and there are several days to remember. May 7th is Military Spouse Appreciation Day. May 8th is the anniversary of the end of WW2 in Europe. Mother's Day is the 9th and a date that all guys had better remember. May 16th is Armed Forces Day, so whether you served or are the family member of someone who served, thank them for their service on the 16th. Finally, May 31st is Memorial Day, the day when we honor all of our fallen brothers and sisters.

July and our annual conference will be here before you know it. We are closing in on our recruiting goal of 1,000 new members by conference. If you have a spouse or adult family member over the age of 18, please consider bringing them into the fold as it only costs \$20 and it will be a tremendous help for the Association.

COVID has been a huge distraction around the world and within the military. It is another shot that our troops are being faced with. Deployments and PCS moves have been impacted. School closures for our kids and a wide variety of restrictions including having to wear masks have been imposed. I got my COVID shots because I want my freedoms back. How about you?

I am excited to see several new locations considering starting up new chapters. Ft. Campbell, Washington DC and perhaps even Offutt AFB are showing interest and I again want to congratulate Ft. Bragg for coming on line. It only takes 5 members to start a chapter and you can even start a virtual chapter with all of the technology available.

A friend of mine shared a simple quote from an unknown source but it makes a lot of sense. "If it is to be, it is up to me." Guess what fellow members. You are the "me" in that quote. Think about it and take that training from your service and stop waiting for someone else to start the ball rolling. They are waiting on you, so we have a standoff. Make the first move and we will all be better for it.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, either contact headquarters or contact me at [retiredveteran89@outlook.com](mailto: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



#### Support NCOA Challenge Coin Fundraiser



We are asking for a minimum donation of \$15.00 per Coin. This will include shipping and handling. Check or Money Order can be sent to NCOA Headquarters 9330 Corporate Drive, Suite 708, Selma Texas 78154. For those who wish to pay online at [www.ncoausa.org](http://www.ncoausa.org) the minimum donation is \$16 (to cover credit card processing fees). Simply click on the Home tab, then on the Donations tab. The proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit our Scholarship Fund and our Member Development Program.

#### Important Dates in May

May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cinco de Mayo
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Military Spouse Appreciation Day
May 8 <sup>th</sup>	VE Day WWII ends in Europe
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Armed Forces Day
May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Memorial Day

#### Upcoming Events

Chapter Scholarship apps  
due May 15<sup>th</sup>

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 15<sup>th</sup> of each year! Don't wait until the last minute.**

Consider donating by visiting [www.ncoarogue.org/donate](http://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!

Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

-Thomas Jefferson

## NCOA Priorities for 2021

On February 8, 2021, Representatives Lauren Underwood (IL) and Gus Bilirakis (FL) introduced H.R. 958, the Protecting Moms Who Served Act. Women using VA health care have a number of factors that may put them at higher risk of adverse birth and health outcomes such as physical disabilities, advanced age, mental health

conditions including PTSD, depression, anxiety and substance abuse. As maternity services for women veterans are provided through VA's Community Care Network, VA has instituted a maternity care coordination policy in order to ensure that women veterans are receiving high quality care. Unfortunately, many

VA facilities lack a dedicated full-time maternity care coordinator.

H.R. 958 would require the VA to increase support for its maternity care coordination activities and identify any adverse effects military service has on maternal mortality and morbidity among veterans and certain subgroups of veterans who utilize VA health care services.

## 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 May:

Bill Best  
Ed Cobb  
Lawrence Galler  
Anthony Kaiserman  
Trey Munn  
Lyle Sams  
Virginia Watson

David Bishop  
Jan Cobb  
Michael Gillett  
Marilyn Lee  
Gerald Pakulak  
William Sweet

Brad Blackner  
Gerald Conley  
Gerry Gunderson  
Patrick McMahon  
Craig Reh fuss  
Michael Tierney

Glenn Campbell  
Sal Esquivel  
James Huddle  
James Morehouse  
Roy Rex  
Troy Turner

**May your day be special for you!**

## TAX SEASON PRECAUTIONS

May 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.**

**Ron Kohl 541-500-1274**

Freedom is one of the deepest noblest aspirations of the human spirit.

-Ronald Reagan

**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](mailto:rogue.newsletter@gmail.com)*

Patriotism is supporting your country all of the time and your government when it deserves it.

-Mark Twain

#### 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.





## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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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