

THE ROGUE REPORT



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From the Desk of the Chairman

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*"I think
patriotism is like
charity – it
begins at home."*

Henry James

June brings about the anniversary of D-Day, the 6th of June where thousands of brave young men stormed the beaches of Normandy to begin the eviction of the German army from France and ultimately bring about the end of WW2 in Europe a little over a year later. June also celebrates the Birthday of the United States Army on the 14th. Happy Birthday US Army. Flag Day is also on the 14th followed by Father's Day on the 20th, so a blessed June to all of you who are fathers!

Things are beginning to show signs of opening back up in this country after more than a year of isolation, fear and erosion of our freedoms. I love this association and the service and sacrifices that each of you made in order to serve our country and protect our way of life. Some of you joined as a favor to a friend and some because you wanted a discount on an education or to be eligible for a Tricare supplement. Some of you joined out of curiosity and some even joined to get someone off of your back.

A funny thing happened to me and perhaps the same thing happened to you. I made new friends and NCOA and the things that we did grew on me. How about you? The camaraderie and friendships developed have a growing value as we age. I am thrilled to see all of the new chapters and the engagement in activities that improve the community in which you live.

I realize that it takes time and finances to go to a national conference, but I can assure you that the benefits received are long lasting. I encourage all of you to register and plan to attend. The recognition afforded our Vanguard heroes makes a lasting impression on all of us and solidifies that our military has some exceptional people. Come meet them and participate in a briefing and discussions with the SEAC and most if not all of the Senior Enlisted from our respective branches. This year we will also be releasing our newly created strategic plan that will serve to lay the foundation for our future. After more than a year in isolation, come to San Antonio and be part of our/your future!

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



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 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 June

June 6th	D-Day
June 14th	Flag Day
June 14th	Army's Birthday
June 20th	Father's Day
June 21st	Summer Begins
June 25th	Start of Korean War

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!

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.

Chapter News

Your Rogue Chapter is going to partner with VFW 1833 and MOPH to pick up litter soon. There is a 2-mile section on Hwy 140 going east from Crater Lake Highway and it would probably be on a Saturday morning. If you live in southern Oregon and would like a little exercise and want to help, make our community a little better, let Chairman

Haines know by emailing him at retiredveteran89@outlook.com. We are looking at June 19th.

Our traditional fundraiser where we sell flags at the 4th of July parade has been cancelled due to COVID. That fund raiser usually kept the chapter going for the year. We will need to replenish the funds for the scholarships that we awarded, and a

major push is being done to raise funds to install and finish off the Vietnam Wall project that will honor all 58,479 men and women who perished during the Vietnam War. That project is asking "every" veteran to donate \$5 towards the cause. That wall when completed will draw veterans from all points in the west. If you have already donated to the wall, thank you! If not, can you give up a coffee to honor those who died in Vietnam?

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 June:

Carolyn Agabon	Stephen Alder	Larry Arszman	Douglas Bartholomew
Roy Beach	Gerrin Beck	Wesley Behee	Brenda Brown
Richard Christiana	Dennis Cousins	Robert Dandridge	Scott Ellis
Samuel Hibbard Russell	Kromminga	Robert Kruger	Bradley Larkin
Edwin Leathers Charles	Lewis	Chad Lunsford	Douglas Mcallister
Paul Miller	William Moore	Dan Reno	Gary Senninger
Jobbie Todd	Ken Toohey		

May your day be special for you!

"Better to fight for something than to live for nothing."

George Patton

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

June 2021

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.

“He who loves not
his country, can love
nothing.”

Lord Byron

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 member Pete Olson presents scholarship check to his grandson, Colby Olson, in Culbertson, MT.

These fine young people have been selected to receive \$500 each to use for furthering their education: Colby Olson, Culbertson, MT and Holly Laney, Medford, OR

“The
Patriot’s
blood is
the seed of
Freedom’s
tree.”

Thomas
Campbell

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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

Membership is the lifeblood of the Association!

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.