THE ROGUE REPORT

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"My country owes me nothing. It gave me, as it gives every boy & girl, a chance. It gave me schooling, independence of action, opportunity for service & honor."
-Herbert Hoover

Important Dates in August

Aug 4 Coast Guard Birthday
Aug 14 VJ Day Japanese Surrender
Aug 14 Rogue Chapter Meeting
Aug 29 USMC Reserves Founded

Upcoming Events

Veterun on October 2, 2021

From the Desk of the Chairman

August is upon us, and I want to take a moment to wish the United States Coast Guard happy birthday. They were established on August 4, 1790 and have done this nation proud for hundreds of years. August 4, 1964 also marked the beginning of the Vietnam War; a war that impacted many of our more seasoned members and one that surely had a significant impact on our nation. August 14, 1945 also marks the day Japan surrendered to end the war in the Pacific.

Last month the association met in San Antonio for the first time in two years thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was great to see many of you and I only wish that many more would have been able to attend.

It is always a highlight of each conference to recognize our Vanguard heroes from each branch and to recognize the Best Small and Large Chapters as well as the Best Auxiliary of the Year. I have to write this before the conference so please forgive me for not specifying which chapters have won. I will be on vacation immediately following the conference and then attending a leadership event focusing on suicide prevention.

At this year's conference, your association will be introducing our first strategic plan that will cover the next 3-5 years of NCOA's future. Goals will be introduced as well as a blueprint for how those goals will be achieved, how they can be monitored as we progress towards achievement of those goals and who will be responsible for each piece of the puzzle. It is our intention to make this document in its final form available to all members because we want each component that makes up NCOA as an association to all be marching in the same direction. We will be communicating opportunities for every single member, if you are willing, to own one piece of the puzzle. Many of you have skills that will be valuable to help make NCOA the best that it can be. After the conference we will communicate via our website, Facebook and other social media as well as through the NCO Advocate where the needs exist. I encourage all of you that if you have a skill and a small amount of time to please consider helping.

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.

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!

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."

-Peter Marshall

Membership categories:

I have been asked so many questions about whether someone is eligible to join NCOA, it is clear that many of you are confused. I will do my best to clarify the issue.

My experience as to why people don't recruit members is that either they don't care or they get so busy they just don't think about it. We need help and you are it!

Regular Division: Anyone who has served honorably in the rank of E1 through E9 in any branch of the military, active, guard or reserve.

Veteran Division: Any officer of any branch of the military, active, guard or reserve.

Auxiliary: Anyone over the age of 18 who is related to someone who would have qualified for regular division status. That includes spouses, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandkids. That included pretty much anyone related either directly or indirectly to someone who has served.

Associate Division: People who have never served but support what NCOA does. They can be politicians, business people who support veterans etc.

Chapter Activities

For the 3rd year in a row, we presented two $500 scholarships to young people. For the first time, the applicants were related to Rogue Chapter members. One was in Montana and the other was in southern Oregon. Thank you Pete Olson and Jesse Smith for urging your grandkids to apply!

As the summer winds down, we will be doing a full court press on our 5th annual Veterun that raises funds for deserving veteran charities. The event will take place October 2, 2021 at 0830. It is a 5K fun run and this year the charities are Columbia Care and Mighty Oaks.

The Rogue Chapter is also a major supporter of the Vietnam Wall project scheduled for installation in southern Oregon. It is a 360' replica with all 58,479 names on it. We are in Project Final Step and are soliciting unit badges for a time capsule that will be buried on site. We seek a $5 donation for each badge. Can you give up a cup of coffee or two to help us with this project.

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 August:

Richard Backes
Mary Ciancetta
Roger Dellinger
Karen Gehlen
Donna Hartwell
Barton Lanning
Michael Palacios
Jack Shorb
R C Thompson
Karen Wallace
John Barker
David Clementson
Patricia Dille
Sandra Gomez
David Kiser
Mark Libante
Michael Parnell
Gregory Smith
Thomas Thomsen
Rachael Watters
Gary Blahna
Tiffanee Cravens
Robert Edwards
Floyd Hackmann
Charles Kriegh
William Miller
Rachel Prescott
Susan Smith
Larry Townsend
Jerry Whitcomb
Jason Childers
Joseph Deantona
James Faile
John Hamman
William Landis
Peter Olson
Phonacelle Shapel
Chad Soares
William Trusty

August 2021 Security Input

How to spot an online shopping scam

4 signs to look for

Over the past year we've changed our habits and taken more of our shopping online, and scammers have taken notice. Scammers are creating legitimate-looking sites using stolen images and fake assurances to take advantage of people purchasing from unfamiliar sellers. Some are even preying on people looking to buy a pet or other big-ticket item, touting fake offers for "contactless delivery" that could leave customers empty-handed and out hundreds or thousands of dollars.

Scammers have *your* online shopping on their radar

Here's what to look for:

Unreal deals. Scammers may lure you in with a deeply discounted offer that seems *too good to be true*, only to tack on fees or fake COVID-related costs once you make the first payment.

Unknown sellers. Anyone can set up an online shop or post an ad on social media. If you can, have a video call with the seller to meet them and see what you're buying, especially if it's a big-ticket item like a used car or pet. If you are looking for a pet, please consider adopting locally to help ensure a safe experience.

Pressure to buy. Be wary of any seller who pressures you to buy right away or asks you to pay using a digital payment service such as Zelle®, wire transfers, or even gift cards — none of which provide payment protection. Use a credit card if you can.

Bad reviews. Do an online search on the seller, product, and related scams by using terms like "review," "complaint," or "scam". No reviews can be a red flag too. Get a second opinion from a friend or family member.

Chairman Haines presents WW2 Medal to Army veteran Harry Howard. Terry Haines, Ron Kohl & Ken Wilson present WW2 Medallion to Marine veteran Robert Kriegh. Ken Wilson, Terry Haines & Ron Kohl present 2021 Scholarship to Holly Laney. Holly Laney shows off 2021 Scholarship award with grandparents Jesse & Diana Smith.

"On my honor, I will do my best

To do my duty To God and my country"

— Boy Scouts of America

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

"A love for tradition has never weakened a nation, indeed it has strengthened nations in their hour of peril."

— Winston S. Churchill

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"Strength in Unity!"

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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 n 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..