

THE ROGUE REPORT



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From the Desk of the Chairman

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September is here and there are several dates that stand out. Happy birthday to the United States Air Force on the 18th. Labor Day is on the 6th, and it traditionally represents the last long weekend before school started. September 11th is now called Patriots Day, but most of us remember it as the day terrorist struck our country in New York, Washington DC, and a field in Pennsylvania. September 17th is POW/MIA Recognition Day when those captured in combat as well as those who are unaccounted for because of combat are remembered in communities across this land.

I now want to congratulate the Frontier Chapter in Wyoming and the Rogue Chapter in Oregon for being the 2020 Small and Large Chapters of the Year respectively as well as the Gateway Auxiliary for being the 2020 Auxiliary of the Year. I also want to welcome SFC Robert Llewellyn, USA to the International Board of Directors. We now have one active-duty member from the Army and the Air Force on your board that should help us greatly stay in tuned with the needs of our active military.

Our conference in San Antonio left many returning home with a feeling of excitement and encouragement. The long-awaited strategic plan was discussed that will lay the way forward for NCOA and put all entities within the Association operating in unity. It should be posted on our website and copies provided to all chapters very shortly. By next year's conference, we plan on having a professional development program added onto our conference schedule that will address leadership and issues critical to the advancement of our active forces as well as the transition from active duty to civilian life.

I have confidence that there are members out there with skills and experience in areas like research, historians, social media, communication, finance, budgeting, marketing, planning, and grant writing. Perhaps you have been wondering just how you could help NCOA grow, particularly if you are not close to a chapter? We plan to create several committees in the areas of Finance & Budgeting, Awards, Communication, Membership, Public Relations, and Benevolent Programs and with zoom technology, committee members can be anywhere in the world if they have internet access. If you are interested in any of these areas, respond to my email below and we will get you hooked up.

Finally, our NCOA recruiting goal that will run until our next conference is 1200 new members from any category of membership. There will be Visa cards as prizes if we recruit a minimum of 1,000 new members. Do your part and recruit at least one new member and you will be entered into the contest.

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.

*"A good leader
inspires people to
have confidence in the
leader,
a great leader inspires
people to have
confidence in
themselves."
Eleanor Roosevelt*

Important Dates in September

Sept 2	VJ Day WW2 ends
Sept 6	Labor Day
Sept 11	Patriot Day
Sept 17	POW/MIA Day
Sept 18	A/F Birthday
Sept 22	Autumn Begins

Upcoming Events

October 2 VeteRun

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!

**"Leaders don't
create followers,
they create more
leaders."**

Tom Peters

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 Veteranun 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

Rogue Chapter partnered with the VFW & MOPH to pick up litter on a highway clean-up. Pictures in next newsletter.

The following members have birthdays in September:

Howard Anderson
Richard Colclasure
Gary Elkinton
Linda Haines
Philip Johnston
David Matson
Nancy Mott
Janice Shorb
Jerome Tennis

James Burd
Arthur Dameron
Robert Giorgetti
Autumn Hardesty
William Kohl
Kathleen Matthews
Loren Otto
William Slaughter Sr
Russell Volk

James Buss
Timothy De Leon
Eric Gomez
Elvin Hensley
Steve Langer
Russell McBride
Robert Reoyo
Lewis Sprague

Alan Ciano
Ronald Descheneau
Larry Haines
Ollney Ho'opai
William Lehman
Charles Mortimer
William Richardson
Harold Springsteen

September 2021 Security

FRAUD ALERT: Fraudulent Smartphone Applications

While Smartphone companies work diligently to review new applications, even their best efforts have allowed fraudulent applications to be made available.

In a recent Washington Post review, reporters indicated that roughly 2 percent of the 1,000 most popular iPhone applications were fraudulent or infected. Apple reportedly claimed to prevent over \$1.5 billion in fraudulent transactions, however, market research shows that despite such efforts, app users have been defrauded out of approximately \$48 million.

These corrupt applications may be in the form of seemingly fun games, apps for trustworthy name-brand corporations, browsers or news applications. Some applications will steal personal information, will charge you for downloading the app, force you to purchase antivirus software that you do not need, etc. One app that was exposed charged customers \$4.99 per week, to read QR codes...something that your phone can do for free. The issue has grown to the point that the Better Business Bureau has issued multiple alerts.

It is not always possible to visually detect fraudulent apps. However, a large number of them have misspellings, improperly placed spaces or use similar, but not identical, corporate logos that appear familiar to us.

If a game or application gains significant popularity, one can expect to see similar, corrupt applications suddenly appear hoping to deceive consumers. Before downloading an app, carefully check the name. Try to find reviews for that specific application. Popular apps should have millions of downloads. Check the number of times that specific app has been downloaded.

Prior to download, read the description of the app. If it is poorly written, contains grammatical errors and/or misspelled words, you are likely dealing with a fraudulent app.

Visit the Federal Trade Commission's website at reportfraud.ftc.gov to report fraudulent apps or for additional information.

"Leaders think and talk about the solutions. Followers think and talk about the problems."

Brian Tracy

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



The 1st picture is Terry Haines swearing in Paul Mills as trustee. The 2nd picture is Trustee Rachael Watters receiving Western Region Large Chapter award. The 3rd picture is the NCOA President, Paul Kingsbury, Past Grand Knight Steve Vogt, Trustee Rachael Watters & Board Chairman Terry Haines. All are Rogue Chapter members. A picture of Rachael receiving the Overall Large Chapter of the Year award from HQ will be in next month's newsletter.

"A leader is someone who helps improve the lives of other people or improve the system they live under."

Sam Houston

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.

Paul Mills, Trustee: Paul was a SPC in the US Army from 1987 to 1991 and his high point was serving in Berlin when the Berlin Wall came down.

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.