

THE ROGUE REPORT



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From the Desk of the Chairman

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Happy 246th Birthday to the United States Navy on October 13th. Also, thank a fireman the weekend of October 2-3. Whether a local firefighter within your community or those fighting fires in forests and on rangeland across this country; we owe you a lot for what you do.

I am excited to report that your Board of Director's own SMSGT Gerald Morey, has been instrumental in the formation of our newest Chapter, the Tornado Alley Chapter at Offutt AFB, NE. Congratulations are due to all of those NCOA members that stepped up to bring that chapter into existence. A Navy Bravo Zulu to my brothers and sisters in the United States Air Force for this accomplishment.



With such a small staff at NCOA, it is an overwhelming task to maintain a clean and current membership database. For the 2nd time, we have contracted with a firm, PCI, to update our membership files, provide an opportunity for those who choose to obtain a book with member information that each member chooses to make available. In return, NCOA will clean up our member roles, hopefully get some members to renew and perhaps even recruit a few new members and most importantly, the association will receive much needed financial support. This is not a scam and per the contract, none of the information provided can or will be used by outside firms or be sold to telemarketers. While this process is not perfect, please do not overwhelm our limited staff with complaints. It is important to know that you are under no obligation to purchase anything.

The five year Strategic Plan was released in late August. Copies have been sent to all chapters and it has been posted on our website and placed in the NCOAdvocate. There are many opportunities for each of you to either share some of your time or experience or just provide some feedback. Committees are being formed and opportunities exist for each of you to be part of NCOA history. If interested and you have skills or experience in finance, membership development to include benefit development, event planning, communication, social media, fund raising, professional development or history, please let either Joe Terry or myself know and we will get you hooked up with the right people.

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. You just need to put E1R1 2022 on the application where it says promo code and you will be entered.

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

"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

John F. Kennedy

Important Dates in October

- October 7 Afghanistan War begins
- October 11 Columbus Day Observed
- October 12 Columbus Day
- October 13 Navy Birthday
- October 31 Halloween

Upcoming Events

- October 2 VeteRUN
- October 2 Rogue Chapter Meeting
- November 11 Veteran's Day

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

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!

**“All gave some.
Some gave all.”**

Unknown

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

The 5th annual VeteRun takes place October 2nd. Approximately 100+ runners and walkers are signed up to show up for a 5K fun run. We anticipate bringing in over \$12,000 that will be shared equally with Columbia Care and Mighty Oaks Foundation. Pictures in next month's newsletter.

Our monthly meeting will be in person and on Zoom at 1300 PST on October 2nd. The location is the Medford VFW Hall located at 241 E Barnett Rd behind Winco.

Rogue Chapter also participated in a 9/11 ceremony at the Jackson County Airport together with most other veteran groups in the valley.

The following members have birthdays in October:

Cynthia Baker	Guy Bergeson	Michael Brazofsky	John Bromstead
Michael Burns	James Cockerham	Mauro Desa	Ike Eisenhauer
Janene Foster	Terry Haines	William Hammett	Cameron Hanson
Alan House	Scott Johnson	Bernard Jones	John Kapcar Jr
Patrick Libby	Robert Lusk Jr	David Nish	Jo Ann Nussbaum
Harvey Pitcher	Joseph Platko	James Pringle	Victor Robinson
Robert Scarpino	Werner Schwenke Jr	John Spiegel	Lance Trowbridge
Eric Werner	Keith Wheelwright	Joseph Whiteman	Richard Williams

October 2021 Security

RENTAL PROTECTION

The population in all areas continues to grow, as does the rental market. Some areas more than others appear to be in high demand and, as a result, prices for rental properties have risen considerably.

Out-of-state residents search the internet for affordable housing in our region and a sizeable number of local residents appear to be searching for more affordable rental options.

Finding affordable housing is often a difficult task...and the scammers know it.

When searching for rental properties, be alert to ads listing a price significantly lower than that of similar properties.

Renters should not sign any document prior to inspecting the property...both inside and out. Renters have been scammed when attempting to rent properties that don't exist or are not for rent.

Verify ownership and ensure that you are dealing with the owner or an authorized representative.

Never wire money as a deposit or payment for the first and last month's rent...especially without a signed and verified lease. When you wire money, you are giving the recipient much of your information such as bank account. Requests to wire money overseas or to send gift cards as a form of deposit should never be considered.

Additionally, don't allow your online property search to result in identity theft. Do not share your personal information without verifying the identity of the party that you are dealing with. Be careful. Hackers can easily change the contact information in an existing online ad...making it seem reputable.

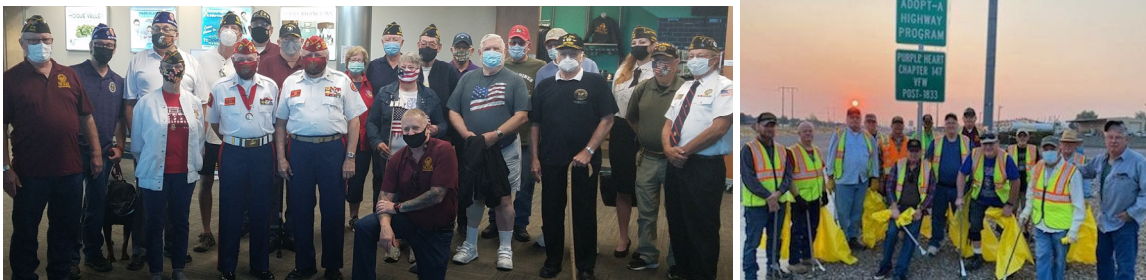
The FTC has a very helpful hotline...1-877-FTC-HELP. Don't hesitate to use it when concerned or scammed.

“Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak Kindly. Leave the rest to GOD!”

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 retiredveteran89@outlook.com



The 1st picture is of the 9/11 ceremony and had NCOA together with VFW, MOPH, Marine Corps League, American Legion & DAV.

The 2nd picture is the highway clean-up with the NCOA, VFW & MOPH cleaning up a section of Hwy 140.

“If we ever forget that we are one nation under God.. then we will be a nation gone under.”

Ronald Reagan

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, Vice Chair/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.