

THE ROGUE REPORT



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From the Desk of the Chairman

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January is the beginning of a new year and as such gives us all an opportunity to lay a new way forward in front of us. New Year's Day is a day where many of us watch football, recover from New Year's Eve parties, and begin to think about how we want the rest of the year to pan out in front of us. In January we also remember civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. who is recognized for peacefully confronting the issue of race relations in this country. My number one hope for 2022 is that we can bring a peaceful sanity back in this country, get past Covid and come together as brother and sister Americans again.

I have been very involved in presenting WW2 medallions to veterans and families. Thank you goes out to those chapters and individuals who have also been involved in that process. The look of gratitude in the eyes of these members of the Greatest Generation is priceless. I have been able to locate a lot of these veterans by contacting local senior living facilities and retirement homes. In many of the homes after the presentations, a spontaneous outbreak of singing God Bless America has taken place as that is a song and memory that resonates with that generation. It is moving and something that would make each of you appreciate what you are doing to make the twilight of a veteran's life a bit more positive. Medallions are available from HQ for a minimum donation of \$15.

Plans are under way to bring some fun back into our annual conference as that is something many of you have asked for. We are also looking to bring a professional development component to our conferences so that our active-duty forces have a meaningful reason to attend. These two changes are coming about because your leadership is trying hard to respond to your requests. It will mean some changes to how the conferences have played out over the week, but we believe that some change will bring some excitement back into our annual conferences.

I have hope that many of you will see the positive direction that NCOA is heading in and decide to be part of this rebirth. You can help by giving of your experience with our strategic plan or by recruiting a new member that may have the experience needed to make a difference. I gifted a new member for Christmas, and it is never too late to jump on board. Some chapters are offering reduced membership fees and, in any case, NCOA dues are cheaper than most other organization dues. You can make a difference today. Recruit a regular member or sign up a family member into the auxiliary.

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



*"Only in America
can someone start
with nothing and
achieve the American
Dream. That's the
greatness of this
country."*

Rafael Cruz

Important Dates in January

January 1 New Year's Day
January 17 Martin Luther
King's Birthday

Upcoming Events

January 8 Rogue Chapter
Meeting

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!

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved."

Franklin D. Roosevelt

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

WW2 Medallions: We have identified 97 WW2 veterans so far. Please help us identify & recognize this "Greatest Generation." We have members all across the country so if you know of a WW2 veteran, I encourage you to present one of these remarkable memento's to our greatest generation. Please do so soon while there are still some of them around. Let the chapter know if you need help or have done this service. Medallions can be obtained from HQ for a minimum \$15 donation and they will mail the medallion to you so that it can be presented by you!

Scholarship update: It is not too early to be thinking about the two scholarships that we give out each year.

Even though our chapter is located in southern Oregon, we awarded a \$500 scholarship to a deserving grandson of a member in Montana. I am sure that many of you have children or grandchildren that could use \$500 to cover some of their educational expenses. We are approximately \$140 shy of having two years' worth of funds for this program. If you support these kinds of programs by your chapter, you can help in one of two ways. Donate to keep the program going or encourage your kids or grandkids to submit an application. If you live on the east coast and had a family member selected to receive a scholarship, all we would want is for you to arrange for a picture of the presentation.

Vietnam Wall Project: Four of the five trustees of your chapter are also on the Board of Directors for a project to bring and install an 80% size replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington DC to southern Oregon. The wall is 360' long and has all 58,479 names on it. The wall has already been purchased and is in storage awaiting sufficient funds to install it properly. It will be the only memorial west of the Mississippi River with all of the names of those lost in the Vietnam War. I know that many of you are Vietnam veterans and all of you care about proper recognition for those lost souls from Vietnam. If this project is something that touches your heart, you can go to <https://sovbmemorialwall.com> and find out more information or to make a contribution.

Rogue Chapter Happenings

Christmas social: 22 showed up on a rainy day and awards were presented to many deserving members. Checks for \$7,200 each were presented to Mighty Oaks Foundation and Columbia Care.

The following members have birthdays in January:

Sal Aviles	Jeffrey Bedore	Richard Boyle III	Benjamin Brackin
Charles Buckner	Albert Cardona	Phillip Diamon	Dean Federhart
David Galati	Terry Goff	Marc Grieve	Jerome Hayes
Robert Huntington Sr	Darold Hutsell	Rae Ann Janz	Elizabeth Laustalot
Johnnie Martin	Donald Mott	Sharon Novak	Matthew Parker
Richard Pendleton	Earl Poole Jr.	Richard Schwegerl	Russ Schweikert
Jesse Smith	Muriel Smith	Alice Thomsen	Mark Willis
Sherman Willis	Mark Wilson	Tanya Wilson	Michael Youmans

January 2022 Security

With tax session just around the corner, I received this tax tip from IRS. If you have any questions, go to [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and insert your section or words and they will give you information or, sometimes, a video on the subject you are seeking. Good luck and be careful.

IRS Tax Tips November 4, 2021

Issue Number: Tax Tip 2021-164

Common tax scams and tips to help taxpayers avoid them

In recent years, tax schemes and scams have been on the rise. Con artists work year-round which means taxpayers must remain vigilant to avoid being victimized. Here are some tips to help people recognize and avoid some of the most common [tax-related scams](#).

Email phishing scams

The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email to request personal or financial information. Generally, the IRS first mails a paper bill to the person who owes taxes. In some special situations, the IRS will call or [come to a home or business](#).

Taxpayers should report IRS, Treasury or tax-related suspicious phishing scams by saving the email and then sending that file as an attachment to phishing@irs.gov. They should not open any attachments, click on any links, reply to the sender, or take any other actions that could put them at risk.

Phone scams

The IRS generally first mails a bill to the taxpayer who owes taxes. There are specific [ways to pay taxes](#). The agency and its [authorized private collection agencies](#) will not:

- Leave pre-recorded, urgent, or threatening messages on an answering system.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to arrest the taxpayer for not paying, deport them or revoke their licenses.
- Call to demand immediate payment with a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer.
- Ask for checks to third parties.
- Demand payment without giving the taxpayer an opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.

Criminals can fake or spoof caller ID numbers to appear to be anywhere in the country. Scammers can even spoof an IRS office phone number or the numbers of various local, state, federal or tribal government agencies.

If a taxpayer receives an IRS or Treasury-related phone call, but doesn't owe taxes and has no reason to think they do, they should:

- **Not give out any information. Hang up immediately.**
- Contact the [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration](#) to report the IRS impersonation scam call.
- Report the caller ID and callback number to the IRS by sending it to phishing@irs.gov. The subject line should include "IRS Phone Scam."
- Report the call to the [Federal Trade Commission](#).

If a taxpayer wants to verify what taxes they owe the IRS, they should:

- [View tax account information online](#) at [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov).
- Review their [payment options](#).

More information:

[IRS Dirty Dozen Tax Scams](#)

[Avoiding Social Engineering and Phishing Attacks](#) - Department of Homeland Security
[Security Awareness for Taxpayers](#)

"Where liberty dwells, there is my country."

Benjamin Franklin

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



Crowd picture 2021 Christmas social, Bud Cordes earns 2021 Super Saxon, Ken Wilson earns 2021 Super Saxon, Ron Kohl earns 2021 Super Saxon, Rachael Watters recognized for her hard work & dedication to NCOA, WW2 Navy veteran Robert Hanson & Army Air Corps vet Justin Gibson receive medallions from Chairman Haines

Care Packages: We have identified two separate units deployed that we have or will be sending care packages to. These packages are a great morale booster and a worthwhile project to show support for our brothers and sisters.

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but what can you do for your country."

John F. Kennedy

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.