

THE ROGUE REPORT



November 2022

From the Desk of the Chairman

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November is here and in many ways is the start of the holiday season. There are several significant days during this month that hold a special place for all of us. The second Tuesday in November is election day where every US citizen has an opportunity and an obligation to vote. This year there are many important issues and political races on the ballots in all 50 states. Your service in the military adds a special layer of responsibility to the voting process for that is one of the freedoms that all citizens have and your service solidifies that fact. No matter what your beliefs are, you have an obligation to vote, for only when we the citizens of this country express our positions through the votes that we cast, can our democracy stay viable.



Support NCOA
Korean Medallion
Fundraiser

“Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better.”

—
Albert Camus

Happy birthday to the United States Marines on November 10th. You have been on the cutting edge of fighting for and maintaining our freedoms for 247 years. Semper Fi, you Devil Dogs! November 11th is Veterans Day. It marks the armistice ending WW1 and is the day when all veterans have come to be recognized and thanked for your service. There are lots of businesses that give extra recognition on Veterans Day so don't be bashful and allow them to honor your service. Finally, November 24th is Thanksgiving. It is often a special family day where families come together and share a special meal to give thanks for all that we have in this country. Take a moment this Thanksgiving to reflect on the blessings that you have.



This chapter has made over 200 presentations of WW2 medallions and are probably the leaders in NCOA for that fact. NCOA has now come out with Korean Medallions to honor the Forgotten War and I just received an email indicating that Vietnam War Medallions will be going to the manufacturer very shortly. Korean Medallions can be ordered for \$23 each and in the near future we will have pricing for the Vietnam medallions. Start gathering a list of veterans for all of these wars and let's continue to be a leader in the Association in recognizing our brothers and sisters who served and sacrificed.

Our 6th annual VeteRUN was a huge success. We raised over \$28,000 to support two worthy charities that address veteran suicide prevention and mobility issues for wheelchair bound veterans. Thanks goes out to all who contributed they funds and time to make this a historic event.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, either 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, USNR Retired
Chairman, Rogue Chapter #1260

The association has selected the design for the next generation of Medallions for the Korean War veterans. A prototype is being manufactured and the plan is that an initial order of 500 will be placed once a sponsor is found. There are several pending options for sponsorship that will cover the estimated \$5,000 startup investment. Once the medallions become available, distribution will happen immediately, so be ready to let me know how many medallions you will need.

Important Dates in November

- November 6 Daylight Savings Time
- November 8 Election Day VOTE!
- November 10 Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
- November 11 Veteran's Day
- November 24 Thanksgiving

Upcoming Events

- November 5 Chapter Meeting
- December 3 Christmas Social

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!

**“Now and then it’s good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy.”
Guillaume Apollinaire**

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 issued at least 227 to WW2 veterans & families 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 mementos 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! Thanks to Fred Crowder & Jack Shorb for your assistance.

Scholarship update: We have received & approved two applications. Heather Laney, the granddaughter

of Diane & Jesse Smith, both Rogue Chapter members. Heather will be graduating from South Medford High School. The 2nd recipient is KiAnna Imhausen, an NCOA auxiliary member and step-daughter of NCOA Vice Chairman Ken Wilson & daughter of NCOA auxiliary member Mary Wilson. She is a student at Rogue Community College pursuing a nursing degree.

Rogue Chapter Happenings

Christmas Social: December 3, 2022, Medford Scottish Rite Center – 3581 Lear Way, Medford 3:00 pm Cost \$10. The menu is: Ham, Turkey, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Sweet Potatoes/Yams, Green Bean Casserole, Salad, Rolls, Desert. We will be giving awards and presenting over \$28,000 to the charities supported by VeteRUN. Please come out and see how Rogue Chapter is making a difference!

The following members have birthdays in November:

Florence Blake	Barbara Cagnotti	Norman Dick Jr.	Daniel Fiala
Ronald Forinash	Ronald Greb	Ace Green Jr.	Richard Haines
Allister Healey	William Laustalot	Charles Long	Robert Losinger
Richard Maynard	Mike Myers	Jerry Neill	Lloyd Olds
Vince Patton	Paul Schlisser	Phillip Williams	Bobby Williams Jr.
Nettie Willis	Ken Wilson	Dr. James Wood	

Korean Medallions: The Medallions recognizing our Korean War Veterans have arrived. 6 Medallions were presented by Vice-Chairman Ken Wilson to Korean veterans on a recent Honor Flight at the Korean Memorial in Washington DC. They can be obtained for a donation of \$23 directly from HQ or through the chapter. If you are a Korean veteran or the family of one who has passed, please contact the chapter to arrange for a presentation. There is no cost to the veteran as the chapter raises funds to cover the cost through sponsorships and fund raisers. Let us remember those who served in the “Forgotten War!”

VeteRun: This year’s event pulled in over \$28,000 which brings our 6 year total to over \$88,000. We will be presenting a check for over \$14,000 each to Mighty Oaks Foundation and David’s Chair at our Christmas Social on December 3rd at 3:00. I hope that you can come out and be part of the celebration.

Operation Gratitude: This program was introduced to us at the recent conference. Check out Operation Gratitude on the web. There are opportunities for all of us to make a difference. If you can either write or collect letters/notes or if you can make things that might be useful for a troop or first responder, you can help. Here are some links to obtain more information or perhaps request a box for someone serving that you would like to show support for.

For those unfamiliar with our organization, the link to our 2021 Stakeholder report is [HERE](#)

To request a care package: <https://www.operationgratitude.com/care-packages/>

Write notes to be included in Care Packages

- Recipients say it’s the most meaningful part of the care package
- Instructions to participate are [HERE](#)

Purchase Wish List Items

- Amazon Wish List [HERE](#)
- Give to Get List is [HERE](#)

Make a monetary contribution

Show your support to a service member or first responder, link to donate is [HERE](#)

Legislative Resolution help needed. Each chapter is being asked to see if there is someone interested in the legislative process that can not only keep the chapter updated on current legislative matters but also participate on the National Resolution Committee. That committee meets at the Zoom most of the year and at conference once a year. If interested, please let Chairman Haines know ASAP.

“Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong.”
~James Bryce

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

“Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.”
Adlai Stevenson



Chairman Haines presents WW2 medallion to Charles E. Peiffer, son of Navy veteran Charles H Peiffer (top left)

WW2 veteran Harry Howard (Chapter member) at Honor Flight welcome home (top right)

The start of VeteRUN 2022 (bottom)

November 2022 Security

Tips to help secure your accounts with strong passwords.

1. All the characters — no exceptions

For a more successful password, create one using a complex combination of letters, numbers and alternating capitalization. In this case, a phrase like “Bingo123” would be much better as “biNg01789.” As you can see, the casing is alternated among the letters, and the numbers no longer follow an exact sequence.

Four-digit passwords are least challenging for hackers. Passwords with fifteen plus symbols and characters are harder. Computers can scan millions of four-digit passwords in minutes. Longer passwords with symbols and characters in numbers of fifteen plus takes trillions of tries and longer. Hackers are looking for the simple way and faster. [Random.org](https://www.random.org) takes the guesswork out of password creation.

2. Think bigger

Use a phrase that you can remember like “fishing in deep water is better with clear line”.

Now change it to f1sh%ndW*/btr4cl4210.

3. Being different is key

Do not use the same password for all accounts. If that password is compromised you will lose that much more, especially, if you use them for text, emails, finances, etc.

4. Sometimes, honesty is not the best policy

Here is something else you might not have considered: When setting up an online account, many sites will ask you to answer a series of security questions as an added layer of protection. Things like what was the name of the street you lived on as a child? Or, what was your first pet’s name?

Give false answers to real questions. It is not against the law.

5. It’s not that hard to keep organized if you use this tool

A password manager is one of the biggest essentials for modern internet users. By using one, you’re putting your passwords under encryption, which helps keep them safe.

A **password manager** stores and generates login information for all your devices and accounts. These programs can be installed as software or accessed through a website, browser extension or the cloud.

Our sponsor, **Roboform**, stores your passwords with just a tap or click. Online shopping and logins are easy thanks to its AutoFill function.

Roboform is available for Windows, Mac, iOS and Android and supports popular browsers such as Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Edge and Opera.

6. Google comes with a free password manager

Have a Google account? Then you also have a free password manager that makes it simple to create strong, unique passwords for all your online accounts. Your passwords are stored in your Google account.

I have a different password for every account and keep a record of them in excel on my flash drive (memory stick).

Please let me know if these crime prevention tips are to your benefit or you have a question by emailing me at cpspecialistinfo@aol.com Thank you

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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, Vice Chair: 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).

David Haines, Trustee: David served 24 years in the navy and Navy Reserve and 7 years in the Air Force Reserves where he deployed to Qatar in 2007-8. He achieved the rank of E-6.

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 <https://www.ncoausa.org/>