

THE ROGUE REPORT



February 2023

From the Desk of the Chairman

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February is already here. Will the groundhog see his shadow and predict that winter will continue, or if he doesn't, that winter will be coming to an end? Only time will tell. One big tradition does occur in February and that is Valentine's Day. Guys, don't forget to acknowledge your wives or girlfriends on this traditional day & gals, be equally accommodating with the men in your lives.

With the creation of the Vietnam Medallions to add to an already lively recognition program of our wartime veterans, your Rogue Chapter has started off with a bang. In January we will have presented over 40 Vietnam medallions here in southern Oregon as well as several Korean and WW2 medallions. I have seen evidence that a few of you have made medallion presentations in other areas of the country and that is great news. We have received financial support from other veteran organizations for this medallion program because these local chapters and posts appreciate the value of recognizing those who have served in harm's way. If you are one of those who has presented a medallion, please forward the information and a picture, if possible, to me so that the chapter can report accurately about how many medallions we have presented.

Recent suggestions from the Congressional Budget Office will be considered by the current rather frail US Congress as a means of addressing an overwhelming National Debt. Items like implementing means tests to receive disability payments from the VA, taxing VA disability payments and introducing enrollment fees for TRICARE For Life are just a few of the more egregious suggestions. Belonging to an organization like NCOA is one important tool that those who have served can fight back against these ridiculous ideas from people who have never had any skin in the game of life. I bring this up, not to tell you what to think but to point out why you should wake up and join the effort to recruit additional members. Increasing our voice in Washington is as important today as it was when NCOA was formed in 1960.

Your Rogue Chapter is supporting our national organization by having a recruiting drive between now and the end of June. Regular membership is normally \$30 but if you recruit a new member, it will only cost \$20 providing you process the application back through the chapter so that we can make up the difference. Auxiliary membership normally costs \$20 and during this drive it only costs \$15. This is only for new members, and they can use a credit card on our Chapter website <https://ncoarogue.org> and complete an application on the membership tab. Applications can be submitted with a check to NCOA, PO Box 5597, Central Point, OR 97502. Your chapter will make up the difference. Please help!

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



Support NCOA
Korean Medallion
Fundraiser



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.

“Patriotism is easy to understand in America. It means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country.” — Calvin Coolidge

Important Dates in February

- February 2 Ground Hog Day
- February 3 Four Chaplain's Day
- February 8 Boy Scouts of America founded (1910)
- February 12 Lincoln's Birthday (actual)
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 20 President's Day
- February 22 Washington's Birthday & Ash Wednesday

Upcoming Events

- February 4 Executive Meeting @1200
- February 4 Pizza Social @ Angelo's-Phoenix @1300
- April 18 National Tax Day
- April 29 Oregon State NCOA Meeting
- July 18-21 National Conference, San Antonio, TX

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!

“America without her soldiers would be like God without his angels.”

—
Anonymous

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

Fund Raising:

I want to thank Ken Wilson & Kris Stevens for stepping up to coordinate a fund-raising event. We still have about \$225 to raise to replenish the scholarship fund which will be awarded towards the end of the current school year. We also need to raise funds to purchase more medallions to honor our service men and women who have served. Finally, as one of the most active and supportive chapters in the Association, we raise funds to support our annual conference, either by sponsoring part of the conference or helping members to attend. If you know of businesses that support veterans, please tell them about what we are doing and see if they can help us continue to excel.

Input: The chapter has put out a questionnaire seeking input on what type of family friendly activities members would be interested in having available. The questionnaire will also be available on our chapter website. Finally, do you have a skill that you might be able to share with us that would help us with fund raising, public relations, data collection etc. I know many of you are busy with life and or retirement, but if you had a few hours a month or were able to assist us once a quarter for a few hours, please let me know. Your chapter wants to stay the best large chapter in NCOA and that will be so much easier if just a few of you helped a little.

Membership Drive: Rogue Chapter's goal for recruiting by the End of June is 50 new members in any category. To help provide incentive, a normal \$30 1-yr regular membership will be \$20 and a normal \$20 auxiliary membership will be \$15. The key will be to either recruit a new member through our chapter website using a credit card so that the application and payment come to the chapter or mail the application with a check to our PO Box 5597, Central Point, OR 97502. If you have a spouse, child, or grandchild over the age of 18, they are eligible for membership in the auxiliary for only \$15. Please help us stay the "Best Large Chapter in NCOA" for another year by signing up at least 1 new member.

Rogue Chapter Happenings

Pizza Social: February 4, 2023, Angelo's Pizza in Phoenix at 1300. The executive meeting will take place at noon. The chapter will buy the pizza. Come out and have a good time with friends and see what is planned for the new year! **We will have a guest speaker who was involved in the planning and recovery of POW's from North Vietnam at the end of the war.**

The following members have birthdays in February:

Frank Alvarado	Bob Ast	Douglas Baer	Kenneth Fouse
Raymond Fratus	Ray Getsinger	Glenn Gordon	Danny Harrington
Wayne Harvey	James Herndon	David Hoff	Kianna Imhausen
Kenneth Ishmael	Tracy Ivers	Myrl Jacobsen	James Janz
Charles Malek	Roger McGuffey	Gary Nelson	Michael Parnell
Marilyn Perrin	Timothy Perry	Donald Prescott Sr.	Kenneth Preston
Michael Schilling	Keith Schwartz	Wesley Williams	Oscar Willis

Due to renew in February:

Frank Alvarado	Bob Ast	Nancy Ast	Janet Cobb
Ace Green Jr	Matthew Millican	Josue Molina	Sharon Wilson
Tanya Wilson			

Medallions: We are still going strong with WW2 Medallions, but we now have Korean as well as Vietnam Medallions available. The Korean and Vietnam Medallions cost us \$23 each. We have been raising funds to purchase medallions. We do not charge the recipient for the medallions. These medallions are our way of honoring the service and sacrifice of our veterans. If one of these period veterans has passed away, we can still present one to the family to honor the veteran's service and to give the family something to pass down to educate the younger generation about the honored veteran. Can you help by identifying veterans to recognize or perhaps identify funding sources so that we can honor those who have served?

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 <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/783925703/>

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 <https://www.operationgratitude.com/volunteer/anywhere/letters/>

Purchase Wish List Items

- Amazon Wish List <https://www.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/lr/1y7v0h90fe69f?>
- Give to Get List is <https://yougivegoods.com/drive/shop/21655>

Make a monetary contribution

Show your support to a service member or first responder, link to donate is <https://www.operationgratitude.com/give/>

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 on Zoom most of the year and at conference once a year. If interested, please let Chairman Haines know ASAP. **Also, it is critical that you all contact your elected officials to voice opposition to the Congressional Budget Office's recommendation to do irreparable harm to military retirees, veterans and our military by slashing benefits and by starting to charge for health care for veterans & retirees.**

Conference 2023: Next year's conference will be in San Antonio down on the Riverwalk instead of out by the airport. Plans are in the works to make this a family friendly event with some surprise events. It is not too early to pencil this conference in your schedule. We hope to keep our string of Chapter of the Year going, so make plans to attend.

"America is a
land of
wonders."

—
Alexis De
Tocqueville

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

"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me." – Lee Greenwood



Chairman Haines presents a WW2 Medallion to Air Force veteran Jack Young (top left)

Chairman Haines presents VN Medallion to Marine vet Ralph Groover (top right)

VN Medallions presented L-R David Haines Navy & AF vet, Robert Voss Army vet, Danny Gutfeld CG vet on behalf of 2 Army vets Henry & Daniel Pruitt, James White Army vet, Chuck Arguijo & Fred Conn (bottom)

February 2023 Security Alert

THIS IS JUST A LITTLE TEST TO SEE WHERE YOU ARE AT FOR VULNERABILITY TO IDENTITY THEFT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME AT CPSPECIALISTINFO@AOL.COM

WHAT IS YOUR IDENTITY THEFT PROBABILITY SCORE?

1. I pay bills with checks and place them in my mailbox or in a corner postal box.	10 points _____
2. I do not use direct deposit or electronic transfer for paychecks, refund or insurance claims checks.	5 points _____
3. New boxes of checks are mailed to my home.	10 points _____
4. I have not 'opted out' of my credit card marketing programs and receive "convenience" checks in the mail.	10 points _____
5. I carry a purse or wear a wallet in my back pocket.	10 points _____
6. I use checks for shopping and carry my checkbook with me when in public.	5 points _____
7. I have not copied the contents of my wallet.	5 points _____
8. I have at least one item in my wallet that contains my SSN.	10 points _____
9. I throw away my annual Social Security Earnings Statement without reviewing it.	10 points _____
10. I keep my purse, briefcase, checkbook, registration, insurance card, or other identifying information in my car.	10 points _____
11. I do not keep financial and personal documents in locked files in my home or office.	10 points _____
12. I do not shred bank/credit info before trashing.	10 points _____
13. I use a shredder, but not a cross-cut shredder.	5 points _____
14. I have not "opted out" of credit reporting agencies' credit card solicitations. (1-888-567-8688 or www.optoutprescreen.com)	5 points _____
15. I have not ordered copies of my credit report in over a year.	10 points _____
16. I have not notified the credit reporting agencies of the death of a relative or friend.	10 points _____
17. I have responded to e-mails or telephone calls from my Internet provider, bank, or companies like eBay or PayPal requesting account verification ("phishing").	10 points _____
18. I use e-commerce, but do not use a secure browser, or I have high-speed internet service but no firewall protection.	10 points _____
MY ITP SCORE _____	

- **60+ points** - You are at high risk of being an ID theft victim. We recommend you use the attached check list to reduce your vulnerability.
- **30-60 points** - Your odds of being victimized are about average. Higher if you have good credit. Use the attached check list to identify additional changes that will reduce your risk.
- **0-30 points** - Congratulations. You have a high "IQ." Keep up the good work but check the attached list for anything you may have overlooked.

IF YOUR IDENTITY'S STOLEN

Resolving the consequences of identity theft is left largely to victims. Act quickly and assertively and keep records/copies of all contacts and reports.

- File a report with your police/sheriff and get a copy of the report for the credit agencies, banks and credit card companies. Or request and complete the ID Theft Affidavit from the Federal Trade Commission.
- Cancel each credit card. If you report the loss before the cards are used, you are not responsible for any unauthorized charges. Beware of callers selling credit card protection – you don't need this! Carefully monitor your credit card statements for evidence of fraudulent activity.
- Contact your financial institution and cancel all accounts and PIN numbers. Stop payments on outstanding checks and complete "affidavits of forgery" on unauthorized checks.
- Report the theft to one of the fraud units of the credit reporting agencies. That agency will notify the other two of the possible fraud. Request the credit reporting agencies to flag your credit file for fraud. Add a victim's statement to your report, such as: **"My identification has been used to apply for fraudulent credit. Contact me at (your telephone number or address) to verify ALL applications."**
- Consider subscribing to a credit report monitoring service (available from the credit reporting agencies) that includes fraud-watch e-mails and frequent credit reports.
- Ask utility companies (especially cellular service) to watch for anyone ordering services in your name. If you have trouble with falsified accounts, contact the Public Utility Commission.
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You are not responsible for losses from ID theft.

Your credit should not be permanently affected.

No legal action should be taken. Cooperate, but do not be coerced into paying a fraudulent debt.

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.

Kris Stevens, Trustee: Kris served in the Coast Guard as a Machinery Technician 2nd class, E-5, from 1975 to 1979. He served the majority of his enlistment at a small boat rescue station at the northwest tip of the Washington Olympic peninsula.

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/>