

THE ROGUE REPORT



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From the Desk of the Chairman

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April is here and a quarter of the year is now behind us. Beware of all of the pranksters out there for April 1st is April Fool's Day. Easter is celebrated on the 9th and kids focus on Easter Eggs and Easter Egg hunts while Christians focus on the hope this day represents with the Resurrection of our Savior. The 11th represents the official Cease Fire of the Gulf War in 1991 and for all of you submariners out there, it is also Submarine Force Day. The last day to submit your taxes is the 18th which is also the anniversary of the Doolittle Raid over Tokyo in 1942.

The next version of Medallions commemorating Desert Storm is in the phase of design. I want to thank all of the Rogue Chapter members who have presented Medallions to assist in recognizing the service of our country's veterans. As of this moment we have presented 277 WW2, 40 Korean & 156 Vietnam Medallions and I have no doubt those numbers will continue to increase. You can all be proud because the efforts of the Rogue Chapter have motivated NCOA members all over the country to recognize our veterans. This month we will be providing Medallions to 23 Vietnam veterans on an Honor Flight at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC.



"To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift."

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Steve Prefontaine

Important Dates in April

- April 1 April Fool's Day
- April 12 Easter Sunday
- April 17 Income Tax Day

Upcoming Events

- April 8 Chapter Executive Meeting
- April 18 National Tax Day
- April 29 Oregon State NCOA Meeting
- July 18-21 National Conference, San Antonio, TX
- September 30 VeteRUN 2023

In February the Rogue Chapter lost 2 dear friends in Sir Troy Hensley and Charles Buckner. Troy's Memorial service took place in Texas on March 19th and was attended by hundreds from all over the country. One of the speakers was the 13th SgtMaj of the Marine Corps, Gene Overstreet. He received full military honors provided by an Honor Guard of Marines. The event was attended by the current Grand Knight, Sir Paul Siverson, as well as 7 Past Grand Knights that came from all over the country. In April, a Memorial service for Charles Buckner will take place at Eagle Point National Cemetery on 4/14 at 1100. For those local to southern Oregon, you are encouraged to attend to honor a great friend & NCOA Life member.

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!

Auxiliary Members are encouraged to apply for a \$500 Bettys Ross grant through the NCOA website at <https://ncoausa.org>. It can be used to take classes for education or self-improvement.

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.

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!

"I believe in democracy because it releases the energies of every human being."

Woodrow Wilson

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 earned over \$1,000, recruited 2 new members, and presented 31 Medallions. Also, thank you Kris for your hard work submitting us for a grant requesting \$3,000 to procure additional medallions. 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. As of this input 19 members have completed the survey and I very much appreciate you but with over 370 members there is a lot more input to be had. Please either complete the attached survey or go online to our website and complete it.

Rogue Chapter Happenings

The following members have birthdays in April:

Jeri Best
Anthony Doering
Ralph Groover
Eugene Leifeld
Jedidiah Morgan
James Prevatt
Charles Vanderpool

Mark Best
Kenneth Earls
John Grow
Jeffrey Lindenman
Henry Nussbaum
John Pruett
Howard Wells

Fred Conn
Darryl Ferrell
Jared Imhausen
Paul Logan
William Parks
James Schols

Ricky Darrah
Robert Frantzich
Robert Kloka
Christa Losinger
Stephen Perkins
Diana Smith

Due to renew in April:

Anginette Echols

Ethan Hughes

Philip Johnston

Alicia Shirey

Welcome Aboard in March:

Robert Jackson
Dustin Childs

Robert Fleischman

Audie Cooper

Harry Rich

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? To date we have awarded at least 267 WW2, 31 Korean & 131 Vietnam.

Meeting Dates change: For the months of April through June we will hold out meeting on the 2nd Saturday at the VFW in Medford as we have ceremonies to attend for Medallion presentations on each of the first Saturdays.

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.

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. Registration is only \$200 if you sign up prior to May 31st. If you are a Vanguard Life Member, you save 20% off the registration.

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. Since January 1st, we have recruited at least 15 new members and recovered a few lapsed members. We are still 35 new members shy of our goal. Can you help?

Mercy Flights: We have teamed up with the Marine Corps League to form a group for Mercy Flights. If you don't use this service during the year, it becomes a tax-deductible contribution. The group only covers Jackson County for air & ground & Josephine County for air only. A ground ambulance can run up to \$2,000 and God forbid you needed an air ambulance to Portland, the cost soars to over \$20,000 & Mercy Flight will take whatever your insurance will pay. It is a great benefit. Family costs for a year are around \$68 and if they can get another 5 members, the cost per family could drop another \$5.

Attention Auxiliary Members: The Betsy Ross Grants in the amount of \$500 are a huge benefit for being a member of the Auxiliary. They can be used to take a class or other self-improvement opportunity. 8 are available each year and have not been being used. Go to the national website under Benevolent Programs to apply. No one has yet applied this year. You just need to be a paid-up auxiliary member.

**"The cement of
this union is the
heart-blood of
every
American."**

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**Thomas
Jefferson**

**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*

**"My dream is of
a place and a
time where
America will
once again be
seen as the last
best hope of
earth."**

~ **Abraham
Lincoln**



Army veteran Harry Howard receives a Korean Medallion (top left)

Chairman Haines presents a Vietnam Medallion to Army veteran Danny Harrington (top right)

Susan Wetzel presents WW2 Medallion to Pat Halsey, daughter of Army veteran Melvin Kohn (bottom left)

Trustee David Haines presents a WW2 medallion to Robert Fleischman, son of AAC vet Morrin Fleischman (bottom right)

April 2023 Security Tip

Are Public Wi-Fi Networks Safe? What You Need To Know

Public Wi-Fi networks, or hotspots, in coffee shops, malls, airports, hotels, and other places are convenient. In the early days of the internet, they often weren't secure. But things have changed. Here's what you need to know about your safety when you connect to a public Wi-Fi network.

How You Know Your Information Is Safe When You're Using a Public Wi-Fi Network

In the past, if you used a public Wi-Fi network to get online, your information was at risk. That's because most websites didn't use encryption to scramble the data and protect it from hackers snooping on the network.

Today, most websites **do** use encryption to protect your information. Because of the widespread use of encryption, connecting through a public Wi-Fi network is usually safe.

How do you know your connection is encrypted? Look for a lock symbol or **https** in the address bar to the left of the website address. This works on a mobile browser, too. It can be hard to tell if a mobile app uses encryption, but the majority do.

How To Keep Your Password Secure

- Make sure your password is long and strong. **That means at least 12 characters. Making a password longer is generally the easiest way to make it stronger. Consider using a passphrase of random words so that your password is more memorable, but avoid using common words or phrases.**
- Don't reuse passwords you've used on other accounts. **if a hacker gets your password for one account, they can't use it to get into your other accounts.**
- Pick security questions only you know the answer to. **Don't use questions with a limited number of responses that attackers can easily guess — like the color of your first car. You can even use nonsense answers to make guessing more difficult — but if you do, make sure you can remember what you use.**
- Change passwords quickly if there's a breach. **If a company tells you there was a data breach where a hacker could have gotten your password, change the password you use with that company right away. Do not change one number of letter in the previous password. It is recommended to use a totally new password.**

Source: Consumer Advice

Federal Trade Commission

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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/>