

THE ROGUE



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REPORT

From the Desk of the Chairman

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March is here and by the end of the month we will be one quarter of the way through the year. My how time flies when you are having fun!

Being a Naval Reservist & having served with the Seabees, I would be remiss for not acknowledging that the Naval Reserves were established on March 3, 1915 and the Seabees birthday is March 5th when they will have been in existence for 81 years. Daylight Savings time comes around on March 12th where we all lose an hour's sleep and Winter is supposed to come to an end on March 20th which is the first day of Spring. Don't forget to wear your green on the 17th, which is St. Patrick's Day, or you might find yourself getting pinched.

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. Since January 1st we will have presented over 90 Vietnam medallions here in southern Oregon as well as 22 Korean and 20 WW2 medallions. Since the Medallion program started, your chapter has awarded over 360 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 (DAV, VFW, MOPH, Marine Corps League & American Legion to name a few) 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.

I and NCOA lost a dear friend in February with the passing of Sir Troy Hensley, SgtMaj, USMC Ret. He didn't always tell you what you wanted to hear, but he told you what you needed to hear. Beyond his friendship, he was a mentor, a teacher, an inspiration to me and many within NCOA. He served two tours in Vietnam, received two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars with "V" for valor. He was a hero and a Marine's Marine. We didn't always agree on specific issues but we always respected each other and when I was the Grand Knight, I had the specific honor of giving him the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Knights of the Square Table. Semper Fi my friend!

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.

“One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore!”

—
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Important Dates in March

- March 11 Chapter Executive Meeting
- March 12 Daylight Savings Time begins
- March 17 St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 Spring begins
- March 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day (2017)

Upcoming Events

- March 3 & 4 Chapter Fund Raiser @ Food 4 Less
- March 11 Chapter Executive Committee Meeting
- April 18 National Tax Day
- April 29 Oregon State NCOA Meeting
- July 18-21 National Conference, San Antonio, TX
- September 30 VeteRUN 2023

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!

***"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."
- Jimmy Johnson***

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.

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

Chapter Activities

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 March:

Charles Anna	Dorothy Cordes	Byron Cordes	Terrie Evarts
Troy Fryar	David Goldberg	Jerome Hoffman	Robert Howe III
Benjamin Ivers	Shannon Kingsbury	Ronald Kohl	Justin Maloney
Kirk Mickelsen	Chad Morris	Frank Oliver	Robert Penney
Kent Puckett	Christopher Reising	Donald Rice	Joseph Schaecher
Ellen Schock	Jacob Schock	Alicia Shirey	James Spear
John Staneff	Cheryl Stockebrand	Vicki Swingle	John Troxell
Michael Vance	Steven Vogt Jr	Robert Voss	James White
Cyrill Will	Mary Wilson	Keith Wittnebel	Gerald Ziemann

Due to renew in March:

Paula Buckner	Bruce Carpenter	Barbara Cragnotti	John Giardina
Dann Houghton	Justin Maloney	Richard Pendleton	Roy Rex
Mark Willis			

Welcome Aboard in February:

Kenneth Barnette	Thomas Haro	Robert Penney	Terrie Sandlin
Debra Thelen			

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 253 WW2, 31 Korean & 91 Vietnam.

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.

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 9 new members and recovered a few lapsed members. We are still 40 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 Betty 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.

"Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better."

—
Albert Camus

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

"National pride is to countries what self-respect is to individuals: a necessary condition for self-improvement."
—Richard Rorty



Chairman Haines presents a Korean Medallion to Bev Mullis, widow of Army veteran Allen Mullis (top left)

Rogue Chapter member Henry Nussbaum has issued & received all three War Medallions (top right)

Vietnam medallions were presented to Navy vet Tom Humphrey, Army vet Doug Coddington, Air Force vets Charles Buckner, James Maddux, Bud Cordes, Army vets Calvin Rhodes, Bob Strosser seated Dick Schweigel (bottom)

March 2023 Security Tip

VEHICULAR BREAK-INS

Fifteen seconds...that's approximately the amount of time required to fully ransack the interior of your unlocked vehicle and to remove any and all valuables. Fifteen seconds...

Despite local and national efforts and public service announcements reminding vehicle owners to lock their cars and trucks...despite pleas to remove valuables from vehicles...doors remain unlocked overnight and vehicular burglaries continue.

The calls for service begin, during the early morning hours, as residents and visitors enter their vehicles only to find that their vehicle has been burglarized. Gloveboxes are opened and the contents are scattered around the interior of the vehicle. Center console covers are snapped off as thieves hastily rummage through the contents. Items hidden beneath the seats are no longer there. Utilizing the trunk-release mechanism, the contents of the trunk are often stolen, as well.

Laptops, wallets, purses, keys, cash and firearms left overnight have been stolen. Those who chose to leave the vehicle's key fob in their car or truck generally wake to find an empty parking space in their driveway.

The burglary of an unlocked vehicle is the quintessential example of a crime of opportunity. Criminals walk through the darkened streets pulling on car door handles. All too many of them open.

While there is no statistical or scientific way to determine the increased likelihood that your unlocked vehicle will be burglarized, we can safely say that thieves almost always walked past a locked car or truck. The time required to break into a secured vehicle, along with the noise that generally accompanies such a break-in, makes a locked vehicle problematic. Why struggle and risk arrest when the vehicle next door is potentially unlocked?

If vehicle doors needed to be chained and padlocked, one might say that the process is tedious and difficult. Since the early 1980s, varying forms of remote keyless entry became available requiring that vehicle owners simply depress a button to lock and secure their vehicles.

Despite the technology, despite the simplicity, residents continue to leave their vehicles unlocked and officers continue to spend the morning hours responding to these thefts.

Please consider the following:

- *Prior to walking away from your vehicle, take a moment to ensure that all doors, tailgates, truck beds, etc., are locked.

- *Ensure that there are no valuables visible to passersby.

- *Remove all firearms from the vehicle and secure them inside your residence.

- *When possible, park in well-lit areas or garages.

- *Trim bushes/hedges that block the view of your vehicle.

If you see individuals walking from driveway to driveway or approaching parked vehicle doors, please contact law enforcement immediately.

“See something, say something, make the call!”

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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/>