

# THE ROGUE REPORT



November  
2023

## From the Desk of the Chairman

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November is here and thoughts begin to switch to holidays and family gatherings. The weather is in full wintery transition and the days get shorter. We gain an extra hour of sleep this month in much of the country. Happy 248th birthday to the United States Marine Corp on the 10th. November 11th is Veteran's Day when all who have served in our Armed Forces are recognized for that service and finally Thanksgiving is on the 23rd where families often come together to share thanks for what we do have in this country.

Your Rogue Chapter leads the entire NCOA in the number of Medallions that have been presented. As of this writing at least 19 members of the chapter have been involved in the presentation of over 871 Medallions covering WW2, Korea & Vietnam. Several members have contributed an accumulation of several thousand dollars and between donations from other veteran groups, local businesses through the Chamber of Commerce and fund-raising efforts, we have raised over \$20,000 to purchase Medallions that recognize those who have served our country with distinction. Public schools no longer teach about the greatest generation and what their sacrifices meant to their families and our country. We have members that have purchased some medallions strictly for the purpose of having them in their car wherever they go in case they run into a veteran deserving of one of these precious mementos of their service and sacrifice. If we veterans can't toot our horns, then who will. It is important that we teach our kids the true meaning of sacrifice and each of you can speak from experience because of your service. It won't be that long until we have presented over 1,000 Medallions and that will be 1,000 families that will ever appreciate what sacrifice truly means.

The 7th annual VeteRun took place on the last day of September and established a new benchmark to strive for. We had over 330 people register to participate in this 5K fun run and between registrations, sponsorships, a first ever golf tournament to support VeteRun as well as our raffle the day of the event, we raised and will award over \$43,000 at our Christmas social to the three charities that VeteRun supported this year. I went to the Chamber of Commerce Greeters recently and several businesses expressed how much fun they had at the event and we even have a pledge from a new business to VeteRun that they will sponsor next year's event at the \$1,000 level. I am so proud of this chapter. We had participants from Alabama, Los Angeles and Olympia, WA participate in this year's event and it continues to grow. There are so many local volunteers that I can't name them all for fear I would forget one. Next month will be our Christmas social and we have so much to celebrate this year. Thank you Rogue Chapter for being the best people in the whole wide world!

If you have any ideas or suggestions, either contact me at [retiredveteran89@outlook.com](mailto: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  
Vietnam Medallion  
Fundraiser



The Association has adopted the design above for the Vietnam Medallion and this Medallion has been issued at a hectic pace. The cost of this Medallion is \$23 each and our chapter alone has gone through the better part of the first two production runs. If you know of a Vietnam veteran, help us thank them for their service and welcome them home by arranging to present one of these to them.

*"I think patriotism is like charity—it begins at home."*

—  
Henry James

### Important Dates in November

November 5	Daylight Savings Time ends
November 7	Election Day
November 10	Marine Corps Birthday 1775
November 11	Veterans Day
November 23	Thanksgiving Day

### Upcoming Events

November 3	Fund Raiser Food 4 Less 10-4
November 4	Fund Raiser Food 4 Less 10-4
November 11	Executive Meeting @1300 VFW
November 23	Thanksgiving Day
December 2	Christmas Social
December 25	Christmas
January 1	New Years 2024

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> of each year! Don't wait until the last minute.**

Consider donating by visiting [www.ncoarogue.org/donate](http://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!

***"Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but in striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong."***

—  
**James Bryce**

## 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:** We are holding our last major fund raiser of the year in order to obtain funds to hold down the cost of our Christmas social to all in attendance and to have funds to donate to worthy causes that benefit veterans and our community. We will be at Food 4 Less in Medford Friday and Saturday November 3rd & 4th from 10-4 each day. We will

have some small flags to give to kids. If you can help for a couple of hours to ensure that our volunteers can get a break, please let Terry know. Drop by and say hello if in the area.

**Medallions:** To date we have awarded at least 340 WW2, 109 Korean & 422 Vietnam. We are closing in on 900 Medallions awarded and thanks goes out to Ken Wilson, Susan

Wetzel, Audie Cooper, David Haines, Kris Stevens, Vicky Hensley, Henry Nussbaum, Bud Cordes, Ron Kohl, Mike Sklar & Lester Wooten. If I forgot your name as someone who has presented a Medallion, I humbly apologize. It takes a team and Rogue Chapter has one hell of a team!

## Rogue Chapter Happenings

The following members have birthdays in November:

Barbara Cragnotti  
Daniel Fiala  
Allister Healey  
Jerry Neill  
Robert Smith  
Bobby Williams Jr

Michael Cuff Jr  
Ronald Forinash  
Charles Long Jr  
Lloyd Olds  
Teresa Stevens  
Nettie Willis

Norman Dick Jr  
Rodney Greb  
Robert Losinger  
Vince Patton  
Bert Walker  
Ken Wilson

Jimmie Fansler  
Charles Haines  
Richard Maynard  
Paul Schlisser  
Phillip Williams  
Dr James Wood

### Due to renew in November

Dorothy Cordes  
Russ Schweikert

George Eisenhauer

Mark Kesler

Charles Lewis

### Welcome Aboard in October:

Gerald Witters

Ken Boucher

## More Rogue Chapter Happenings:

**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.

**Vietnam Wall:** Several leaders of the Rogue Chapter are on the Board of Directors for Southern Oregon Veterans Benefit who has a major project to construct a replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington DC here in southern Oregon. A 360' replica with all 58,479 names on it has already been purchased and is raising funds to complete the installation. A recent email with attachments about the project was sent out with a request to help get the word out. I encourage all of you to assist by spreading the word. The biggest obstacle that the project faces is apathy and knowledge that the project even exists. A recent Honor Flight took 26 Vietnam veterans back to Washington DC and the impact of visiting the Vietnam Wall was overwhelming for every one of those vets. Having a permanent wall here on the west coast will significantly improve opportunities of Vietnam veterans who cannot make it to Washington DC to have that same experience. Please help get the word out. You might just very well save a veteran's life.

**VeteRun 2023:** This is our 7th annual event and a major contributing factor why we continue to be NCOA Best Large Chapter of the Year. We have now raised over \$130,000 for veteran's charities and that is only possible due to the hard work of many of you. Several of you have made contributions from all around the country because support for programs dealing with veteran suicide prevention, service dogs for disabled veterans and mobility for wheelchair bound veterans. This year we have runners in Alabama and some coming from as far away as Los Angeles and Olympia, WA. We increased the registered runners to 331 this year and will easily exceed last year's record of \$28,150 that was awarded to the charities. In fact, we raised over \$43,000. Thank you, Russ Schweikert, Melanie Madden & Lauren Trantham who make up the committee putting this year's event in the record books. Also, thanks go to Audie Cooper and David Haines for your efforts to obtain raffle items for the event & to Steve Vogt supporting us from North Dakota.

**Quilt of Valor:** On December 2, 2023 the Quilt of Valor organization will be presenting quilts to NCOA members who attend our Christmas social. At least 11 members will receive these quilts. Unfortunately, you need to be present and a member to receive quilts at this event as they will be presented by representatives of the Quilts of Valor. If you don't live in southern Oregon, you can contact a representative in your area and make arrangements. All that is needed are your name, branch of service and period of service to qualify. The stipulations are that no one can receive more than one quilt in their lifetime. You must have served in the military and been touched by war. That doesn't mean that you had to have been boots on the ground in combat, but that you must have served during a time of war.

Each quilt is handmade and takes weeks to make. If you have extra material in your home and have been wondering what to do with it, consider donating it to the Quilts of Honor program and it will be turned into a keepsake for another veteran. Let Terry know if you have material to donate.

**Scholarships:** Do you have a child or grandchild interested in pursuing further education or perhaps a trade school after high school? Now is the time to start looking into that. The deadline for submission is in May of next year but it takes time to put together a package to be considered, so don't wait until the last minute. The chapter has 2 \$500 scholarships to award each year. Even though we are headquartered in southern Oregon, the last couple years at least one winner has been from Montana, so location isn't an issue. We just ask that we get a picture of the presentation.

**Christmas Social:** This year our social will be on December 2, 2023 at 5:30 at the Scottish Rites Temple on Lear Way in Medford. It is right across the street from the old COSTCO location near ACCESS in Medford. We will be presenting VeteRUN checks to the three charities and will have members of the Quilts of Valor presenting quilts to many deserving members. Dress is business attire, so no jeans with holes please. Awards will be presented and there will be a number of surprises. We are trying to keep the cost per person to \$10. Please RSVP to [retiredveteran89@outlook.com](mailto:retiredveteran89@outlook.com) if you can attend just so that we ensure there is enough food. Traditional holiday menu is planned with some fabulous pies like last year.

“May we never  
forget our fallen  
comrades.  
Freedom isn't  
free.”

—  
Sgt. Major Bill  
Paxton

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](mailto:retiredveteran89@outlook.com)*

“We're blessed  
with the  
opportunity to  
stand for  
something—for  
liberty and  
freedom and  
fairness. And  
these are things  
worth fighting for,  
worth devoting  
our lives to.”

—  
Ronald Reagan



Chairman Haines presents a Vietnam Medallion to Air Force veteran John Hunrath (top left)  
Kris Stevens presents a WW2 Medallion to Gary Sommers on behalf of his grandfather Army veteran William Sommers (top right)  
Ken Wilson, Ike Eisenhauer & Rene Miller at VeteRun (middle)  
Lots of energy at the run & fun by all! (bottom left)  
Members Kirk Mickelson & Ken Wilson at the David's Chair booth at VeteRun (bottom right)

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## November 2023 Tech

### How much power does a computer use?

The power consumption of a computer varies depending on whether it is a desktop or a laptop:

- A **desktop** uses an average of 200 W/hour when it is being used (loudspeakers and printer included). A computer that is on for eight hours a day uses almost 600 kWh and emits 175 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.
- A **laptop** uses between 50 and 100 W/hour when it is being used, depending on the model. A laptop that is on for eight hours a day uses between 150 and 300 kWh and emits between 44 and 88 kg of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.
- In **stand-by mode** the power consumption of both a desktop and a laptop falls to about a third. This contributes to the 'vampire draw' of your household.

Remember that stand-by mode uses power, too!

The power consumption of a computer of course depends on the model and the way it is used. For instance, a laptop only uses a third as much as a desktop:

- A **complete desktop** uses an average of 200 Watt hours (Wh). This is the sum of the average consumption per hour of the computer itself (171 W), the internet modem (10 W), the printer (5 W) and the loudspeakers (20 W). Assuming that a computer is on for eight hours a day, the **annual consumption** comes to **600 kWh**. That corresponds to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of about 175 kg per year, i.e. 1.75 % of the average annual emission of a Belgian.
- A **laptop** uses considerably less: between 50 and 100 Wh that it is on, depending on the model. If it is used for eight hours a day, consumption therefore varies **between 150 and 300 kWh/year**. That corresponds to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of between 44 and 88 kg per year (or between 0.44 and 0.88 % of the average annual emission of a Belgian).
- On stand-by, the power consumption of both a desktop and a laptop computer falls to about a third. Putting the monitor on stand-by reduces its consumption by 15%. If the monitor is switched off completely, then of course it does not use any power.
- Although the internet is a virtual space, using it still requires power and results in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Think about it!

### Some tips to save energy

1. Switch off the loudspeakers if you are not using them.
2. Switch off the printer when it's not needed.
3. Switch off the screen if you are not working on the PC just now.
4. Switch off your computer or put it in stand-by mode if you are not going to work on your PC for more than 30 minutes. A multiple socket makes it easy to switch off all your computing equipment.
5. Use a laptop in preference to a desktop.
6. Switch off the modem at night.

### Source: **Energide.be**

#### Electricity travels at the speed of light in a vacuum at 186,000 miles per second.

How fast is electricity in a computer?

In everyday electrical and electronic devices, the signals travel as electromagnetic waves typically at 50%–99% of the speed of light in vacuum, while the electrons themselves move much more slowly; see drift velocity and electron mobility.

The whole point of this is letting you know that electricity is traveling faster than you can react to catch, delete or correct an error. So, be careful when you search on the web, emails, social media and other means of communication on your computers.

Remember that cell phones and iPads are electronic devices. Get a good anti-virus for your computer and let it work faster than you can.

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# 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.

**Don Wetzel, Treasurer:** Don served in the Air Force as enlisted for 12 years then was commissioned and retired as a Major after 26 years' service. He was Commander of an Air Traffic Control Flight. He served in Vietnam 1966-1968 with the 1st MOB.

**Susan Wetzel, Trustee/Secretary:** Susan served in the Air Force as a Communications/COMSEC Specialist. Her last assignment was a hand-selected position as Air Force Advisor to the Air National Guard in Colorado. Susan retired as a TSGT after 20 years.

**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/>



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