



### **From the Desk of the NCOA Chairman**

First off, let me introduce myself as your NCOA Chairman of the Board of Directors. I have been a member of the Association since 1989 as a young Senior Airman. Over the years, I have served in several positions on the Board of Directors, but this is the first time as Chairman of the Board.

I want you to know, as with the past Chairmen, I am always available by email or by phone if needed. Your Board has been working hard since the 2024 conference reviewing recommended changes to the NCOA By-Laws which will be presented to the membership when we next meet for the 2025 NCOA Conference in Norfolk, VA. The Board is also working on changes to the Awards Manual to help members become Knights.

Belated Happy 249<sup>th</sup> birthday to all our current and past sailors and their families.

As November 10 approaches, I wish all our current and past Marines and their families a Happy 249<sup>th</sup> birthday.

On November 11, Veterans Day, please gather around other veterans to thank each for their service. A wonderful way to thank our World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veterans is to present one of the NCOA medallions to a veteran who served during those times. Please take photos of the event to submit to the NCOA HQ to be shared with all our NCOA members. If you need to order medallions, you can do so through the NCOA website.

Strength in Unity!®

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