



NCOA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE "What Have You Done for Your Association Lately?"

Hello Team NCOA!

First, please keep your eyes and ears open about possible changes to VA Benefits/Services, Tricare changes, etc. Now, more than ever, is a critical time for our Service Members and Families to join and support an MSO/VSO. We need our voices to be loud and clear throughout the Halls of Congress!

Help us by encouraging someone to join or sponsor a new member. It doesn't matter if you are Board Member, NCOA Staff Member, Knight, Vanguard Life Member, or a newly joined member, we want everyone to join us in our effort to reach our goal of 2025 New Members this year. Having said that, a shout out to those that have renewed their membership thus far this year. Renewing existing memberships is just as important as new members joining. We appreciate your staying on our Team! Membership Recruitment is a critical ongoing process for the health and future of our Association!

There is still some uncertainty about who can join our Association. See the Membership Divisions and eligibility for each below:

- **Regular Division:** Any individual who served in any branch of the U.S Armed Forces (active duty, Reserves, National Guard, retired or separated personnel) and held the rank/grade of E-1 through E-9 at the time of separation from active duty under honorable conditions.
- **Veterans Division:** Any individual who served in any branch of the U.S Armed Forces (active duty, Reserve, National Guard, and retired and separated personnel) who separated with a rank/grade other than E-1 through E-9.
- **Associate Division:** Any individual who actively supports and aims and goals of the NCOA but is not eligible for any other categories of membership.
- **International Auxiliary:** Spouses/former spouses, widows/widowers, and family members 18 years of age or older of individuals whether active duty, separated, veteran, Reserve or National Guard, in grades E-1 through E-9.

Plan to attend our National Conference 15-18 July in Norfolk, VA. Stay alert for updates as we get closer to the event.

Lastly, if you have a better idea on how to reach new members, use and share your ideas with others. Thank you in advance for your part in helping us achieve our overall goal of being the Military Service Organization of Choice!

Continued blessings to you all in 2025!

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