

From The Grand Knight December 2024



Fellow Knights,

The holiday season is upon us. It is a time to be thankful, caring, and giving, and for remembrance, and celebration. Remembrance for our veterans who perished in the Pearl Harbor attack. Being thankful for what we have, caring and sharing with military members and veterans in need.

I had the distinct privilege and honor to be part of NCOA's representation at Arlington National Cemetery. NCOA representation was President Garry McClure, Director of Government Affairs Levi Sadr, and 14 NCOA active duty/veterans/family members. Their participation in laying the NCOA wreath and Color Guard during the event is deeply appreciated. I want to thank Air Academy Chapter #300 and All-American Chapter #1679 for answering the call to send members to this event. A big thank you to Levi for coordinating NCOA's participation.

This event was spectacular! The pageantry of the Color Guards from every MSO/VSO to include a Navy JROTC Program and the Boy Scouts of America. The patriotic music performed by the US Marine Corps Band, US Navy Sea Chanters, and the US Air Force Band was superb. I encourage all chapters to send a Knight or representative to the Memorial and Veterans Day Events next year when the call for participation is made.

As I sat waiting for the ceremony begin, I observed almost every MSO/VSO in flight caps, sport coats/blazer, and/or shirts. It occurred to me; we are missing a way to market our Association. I keep looking at the different organizations and could easily identify who were they representing, their location, and much more information. No one knew our Association was there other than the announcement during the introductions and wreath laying. I know this has been discussed in the past and a couple of chapters have adapted their own shirt/flight cap or hat. Should we have an Association attire standard which markets us at events such as this? Would this help in attracting or recruiting new members?

The Knight's Mid-Year is set for Jan 18 – 19 in Dallas. I encourage all Past Grand Knights to attend and meet with the Knights' Executive Committee. Hotel reservations need to be made by Dec 10.

While I do work full time and my job does require me to travel, I am available by phone or email. I will get back to you as soon as possible. I look forward to hearing from you and address any concerns or questions you may want to discuss. If my travels take me to your area and time permits, I hope to meet up with you and your chapter.

I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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