



Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America

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Fellow NCOA Members

This is the hardest message I have ever had to deliver. First, NCOA's Executive Director, Joe Terry, recently resigned due to significant health issues. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Because of Joe's resignation, the Association's Board of Directors asked me to serve as Interim Executive Director, to which I agreed and will serve in a non-pay status.

Secondly, as many of you are aware, the NCOA has been facing financial challenges for quite a while. Unfortunately, we have not been able to generate sufficient resources to overcome these challenges. Therefore, yesterday evening, 31 March 2026, after extensive research and deep reflection the NCOA Board of Directors voted unanimously to cease operations effective, 31 March 2026. All plans for our 2026 Conference in Norfolk, VA, have been cancelled.

Our headquarters office in Selma, TX will remain open until 30 April 2026 for the sole purpose of fulfilling outstanding obligations and legally dissolving the association. Headquarters currently has numerous military service medallions in stock that we need to liquidate ASAP. If you are interested in purchasing WW II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Cold War, and/or Global War on Terrorism Medallions, the website (<https://www.ncoausa.org/medallion-and-challenge-coin.html>) is still available to place orders. Please submit your orders ASAP so we can get them in the mail before the end of the month.

I know this information comes as a severe blow to many of you. As a board member and Past Grand Knight, I am personally still reeling from the realization that the NCOA, an association that I have belonged to for over 42 years will no longer be part of my life. God bless you, our military, and the United States of America.

Respectfully,

Theodore Pilinos
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Interim Executive Director