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*The 8<sup>th</sup> Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Retired  
President and National Commander*

Master Chief Vince Patton, the 8<sup>th</sup> Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, accepted the position of President of the Non Commissioned Officers Association on July 12, 2016 at the NCOA Business Meeting.

A native of Detroit, MI, and the son of one of NCOA's founding members, Master Chief Patton served 30 years of dedicated service in the U.S. Coast Guard, retiring in October 2002. His illustrious career included staff and operational assignments throughout the country, both afloat and ashore throughout the United States along with a joint military service assignment in Cuba and Haiti. Among his numerous military awards includes the Distinguished Service Medal which is the nation's highest military peace time recognition for performance of duty.

Master Chief Patton served as the 8th Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard from 1998 to 2002. As the service's top senior enlisted leader and ombudsman, he was the principal advisor to the Commandant of the Coast Guard, his directorates, and the Secretaries of Transportation and Defense, with primary focus on quality of life issues, career development, work environment and personnel matters affecting over 45,000 active duty, reserve, and civilian personnel service wide. He routinely addressed these specific issues before appropriate Senate and House committees in Congress, and the Commander in Chief, along with his senior enlisted counterparts of the other four armed services.

Master Chief Patton holds the distinction of having earned all his college education while on active duty. He received his doctorate of education degree from The American University, a master's degree in counseling psychology at Loyola University at Chicago, a B.S. in social work from Shaw College and a B.A. in communication from Pacific College. His extensive military education includes the Department of Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute, U.S. Sergeants Major Academy, and the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Academy.

After retirement from the U.S. Coast Guard in 2002, he was assistant professor at University of California Berkeley teaching 'Philosophy of Ethics,' for two years, and was also a seminary student, at Graduate Theological Union, earning his Master of Theology in Applied Religious Studies and becoming an ordained minister. Soon after, he spent seven years with Military Advantage, a division of Monster Worldwide and the world's largest military membership organization known as 'Military.com,' as Director of Government Partnership & Alliances; then four and a half years as executive director for the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Educational Foundation. He was also president and CEO and now principal advisor of Warriors4Wireless (W4W), a nonprofit career development program designed exclusively for transitioning military servicemembers and veterans providing them a unique opportunity to become trained for careers in the wireless telecommunications infrastructure industry.

Currently, he is vice president for leadership development with NewDay USA Financial LLC where he works closely with staff members on their development of leadership and management skills as part of the Character Driven Leadership Program, with special emphasis placed on 'Up & Coming' employees who are entering supervisory roles and responsibilities. In addition, he conducts training seminars on leadership & military introductory subjects through the NewDay University, and is a member of the NewDay USA Foundation Board of Advisors

An NCOA member since 1976, Master Chief Patton is also actively involved with a number of other public service and nonprofit organizations serving on boards with the National Coast Guard Museum, U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, U.S. Naval Institute, Northeast Maritime Institute and the Uniformed Services Benefit Association.