

Jerry Cox sworn in as President of National Criminal Defense Bar

Jerry J. Cox, of Mount Vernon, was sworn in on Saturday, July 27, as President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) at its 56th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA. Mr. Cox has previously served the Association as its President-Elect, First- and Second Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Parliamentarian, as well as on the Association's Board of Directors.

Mr. Cox is a sole practitioner based in Mount Vernon, where he has been practicing criminal defense law for over 40 years. Throughout his career, Mr. Cox has published and lectured extensively on criminal law issues. He is deeply committed to the defense bar and has served on the faculty of the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy's (DPA) Trial Practice Institute for many years. In 2002, the Kentucky DPA recognized Mr. Cox's commitment to criminal defense by awarding him the Nelson Mandela Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Cox is also a Past President of the Kentucky Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and a member of the American Bar Association (ABA) and Kentucky Bar Association (KBA). He has served on the KBA's Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, Criminal Rules Committee, Legislative Committee, Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force and as Chair of the KBA's Criminal Law Section. In 2004, he received the President's Special Service Award from the Kentucky Bar Association. He also served on the Kentucky Criminal Justice Council's Drug Strategy Committee, is chair of the Public Advocacy Commission, and served as president of the Kentucky Bar Foundation. Mr. Cox is certified as a Criminal Specialist by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA) and, in 2004, he served on the NBTA Board of Examiners.

Mr. Cox is a Life Member of NACDL and in numerous recent years, including 2009, Mr. Cox received NACDL's President's Commendation for outstanding service to the goals and objectives of the criminal defense bar and for outstanding service in fighting for the rights of all persons. Mr. Cox has been AV rated by Martindale-Hubbell since 1985 and was recognized in the March 2010 issue of Louisville Magazine as being selected by his peers as a Top Lawyer. Mr. Cox is a

1968 graduate of the University of Kentucky School Of Law and a 1965 graduate of Berea College.

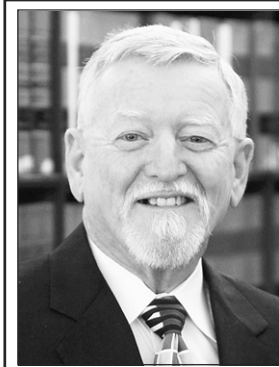
Speaking to the at the annual meeting of the NACDL Membership and Board of Directors in San Francisco, Mr. Cox outlined several goals for the Association and defense bar during his term, including:

- "We must expand our advocacy and our commitment to elevate the advocacy of the defense bar on behalf of our returning veterans."

- "I am determined to continue NACDL's efforts to address disparity in the criminal justice system. I am proud that last year NACDL, with support from the Foundation for Criminal Justice, co-sponsored a major symposium on disparity. It is great timing that the publication of that report coincides with this meeting. That report provides a solid platform for new project and initiatives."

- "We must work to implement NACDL's policy that no person should ever stand before a court when liberty is at stake or when a conviction may be entered without the assistance of a fully qualified, adequately resourced lawyer."

In addition to the critical issues of fairness and justice for U.S. military veterans, racial disparity in the American criminal justice system, and the funding and independence of the constitutionally-mandated defense function, newly-installed NACDL President Jerry J. Cox spoke to the need to continue to work to address the ongoing problems of draconian sentencing, including for juveniles; pre-trial justice issues; the innumerable collateral consequences of a criminal conviction and the importance of post-conviction restoration of rights; the disproportionate leverage of prosecutors, its causes and the resulting 'trial penalty' that has led to a criminal justice system overwhelmingly administered via the 'plea bargain'; and the critical importance of support for the Foundation of Criminal Justice.



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Blast from the Past!!!

This week we have a photograph of one of the better known and favorite local Gospel Quartets of the 1940's & 50's. Known as the Jubilee Quartet they were from left: Britey Morris (bass), Amos Owens (alto), Albert Owens (alto), and Charles Sowder (tenor.) Not shown Maxine Kinser Bostic (piano.) If you have a picture for Blast From The Past!!! Contact David Owens at 606-256-9870 or scoopowens24@yahoo.com.

Christian Appalachian Project

Backpack program collecting school supplies

Back to school means another year of learning, reading, writing and arithmetic, but it also means back-to-school expenses. Clothing and school supplies lay an extra burden on Appalachian families who are already struggling with daily expenses.

Each year Christian Ap-

palachian Project's (CAP) School Readiness program assists low-income families in several Appalachian Counties, by providing new clothing, shoes, notebooks, socks, calculators, backpacks and assorted other necessities they might not otherwise be able to afford. Children from

various counties receive back-to-school basics, allowing them to return to classes with added enthusiasm and encouragement. "There are no words that describe the impact of this program," said Jenny King, Coordinator of CAP's Family Advocacy program. "We know the students and their families are so appreciative. This is one less thing they have to worry about."

School Supplies are always in need. For additional information contact either Jenny King, Coordinator, Family Advocacy at (606) 256-3010 - Email: jking@chrisapp.org or

Public Relations Associate Rayann White at (859) 806.4362; Email: rwhite@chrisapp.org.

School Supply Wish List: Crayons, markers, ruled paper, rulers, scissors, calculators, glue sticks, folders, pencils, pens, protractors, notebooks and backpacks either mesh or clear. Donations can be dropped off at the following locations: Lexington - Christian Appalachian Project, Attn.: Rayann White, 2610 Palumbo Drive, Lexington, KY 40509 and Mt. Vernon, KY - 3125 Richmond Street, Mt. Vernon, KY 40456.

Hospital hosts cancer support group Aug. 20

Rockcastle Regional Hospital and Respiratory Care Center will host a cancer support group on Tuesday, August 20 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The topic of discussion will be "Caring for the Caregiver" with Betty Purcell, RN, MSN, FCS, Wellness Coordinator. The support group will be held in the third floor of the Outpatient Services Center in the Education Center. A healthy meal will be provided. Cancer patients, family members and anyone interested in cancer support should attend this free program.

Cancer patients have additional needs besides the clinical treatment of

their cancer. As they go through chemotherapy, radiation therapy or surgery, they may have special nutrition, rehabilitation or other medical needs. Cancer support groups can help deal with challenges associated with cancer and offers the opportunity to learn more about how to cope.

The cancer support group is one aspect of the supportive cancer care provided at Rockcastle Regional Hospital. For more information about any programs or to sign up for the cancer support group, contact Gayle DeBorde at 256-7798 or visit the website at www.rockcastlehospital.org.

4th Annual Rockcastle Run, Bike or Hike set for August 17th

The fourth annual Rockcastle Regional Hospital Run Bike or Hike will be held in Rockcastle County Aug. 17. The event, which will begin and end at the Lake Linville Recreational Area (near I-75 exit 62), will feature a 2-mile walk, 5K run, and a duathlon.

The duathlon is a 3.1 mile run followed by a 16.8 mile bike ride and a 2.2 mile run.

The event attracts athletes from across Kentucky and some from other states. Organizers expect more than 200 to participate this year.

Pre-registration for runners and walkers ends Aug. 12 at 12 noon, but they may also sign up on race day. The duathlon is pre-registration only (Aug. 12 at 12 noon).

The Rockcastle County Chamber of Commerce and UK HealthCare is co-sponsoring this year's event. Proceeds go to the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in Lexington.

For more info., go to rockcastlehospital.org/runbikeorhike

Mt. Vernon School Reunion scheduled for September 14th

The annual Mt. Vernon School Reunion will be held September 14th at Rockcastle Middle School.

If you were a student or staff member at Mt. Vernon Elementary or High School, any time between 1914 and 1972, you are encouraged to attend this reunion. You do not have to be a graduate. Each year, some people travel great distances to get reacquainted with old friends and classmates. They would love to see you there.

If you are not on the mailing list, please contact Brenda Hayes 606-256-0982 e-mail: bahayes@windstream.net or Berniece McHargue 606-256-5740 e-Mail: bmchargue@hughes.net or Bennie Chaney 859-224-4248 e-mail: b.chaney08@insightbb.com to be added and to make your reservations.

Registration will be at 4:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 for pre-registration or \$20 at the door. Look on Facebook @ Mt. Vernon High School Reunion.



SSGT Eddie D. Morgan II, a 2009 graduate of Rockcastle County High, recently returned to his stateside base located in Valdosta, GA after serving another tour in Afghanistan where he assisted with ongoing combat operations, as well as conducting both mounted and dismounted patrols in the much troubled Parwan Province. Eddie is the son of Eddie Morgan (U.S. Army Retired) of Brodhead, and Melissa Shumate Thompson of Fayetteville, NC. He is also the grandson of Joann (York) Smith of Crab Orchard. Eddie was welcomed home by his wife Kayla (Pingleton) Morgan, and both should be returning to the local area soon for a brief visit. Eddie's previous deployments also include Iraq. He and Kayla would like to thank everyone for their prayers and well wishes.

Recycling Center Is Open!!!

The Rockcastle County Recycling Center is located at 2528 South Wilderness Rd (US 25 South) next to the Rockcastle County Road Department Garage and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. (closed on major holidays).

The following items may be recycled:

Newspapers w/inserts, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, shredded paper, books, phone books, cardboard (corrugated and slick), plastics #1-7, plastic grocery store bags, metal cans, aerosol cans, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, glass bottles and glass jars, old cell phones, car batteries, empty printer and toner cartridges, old computers and all related accessories, telephones, radios, digital clocks, televisions, rechargeable batteries (if the battery says rechargeable on it, then it is recyclable), and large bulky metal items.

Clean used motor oil may also be dropped off at the Rockcastle County Road Department.



If you have any questions, you may call the Rockcastle County Solid Waste Office at 606-256-1902