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## Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America

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4 Dec 2019

MEMORANDUM FOR: Central Valley Chapter # 1551  
*Spirit of Sacramento* Auxiliary Chapter # 0270

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (4 Dec 2019)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647 by Chapter Chairman CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.  
Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan  
NCOA Creed read by MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon  
Moment of silence observed

2. **Executive Committee Members:**

CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow, Vice-Chairman, Present  
CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns, Treasurer, Absent  
MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon, Secretary, Present  
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Absent  
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Karen Jamison, Vice Chairman, Absent	Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Absent	Judy Mabie, Secretary, Absent
	Pam Wright, Trustee, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett	MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill	MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn
SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney	Joan Tuner, Auxiliary	June Shannon, Auxiliary
Bettie Upton, Auxiliary		

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments :**

**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan commented on the following topics: Discussed guest speakers attending meetings in the New Year. No meeting for January due to it falling on the holiday. An executive meeting will be scheduled likely the second week of January. Suicide prevention is a hot topic and the numbers rise during the holidays. Look out for those who may be vulnerable. Fliers were passed around with the NCOA Executive Director's Insights for Jan 2020 and information for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Membership Campaign.

**Auxiliary:** Chairman Tammy Sullivan had no comments.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 115      Auxiliary: 53

8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Tammy Sullivan gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: Regular: \$ 2,475.59                      Auxiliary: \$ 1,645.76  
                    JROTC: \$ 5,208.93

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: Starting in 2020 Purple Heart recipients will be able to shop at military commissaries in the U.S. In the absence of a law authorizing survivors to get both (SBP AND DIC) benefits at once, Congress has authorized the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) to partially reduce the offset. Surviving spouses whose SBP payments have been offset (partially or totally) as a result of receiving DIC are eligible for SSIA. Monthly payments are taxable and are a maximum of \$323 for 2020. The payments are linked to the military retirement COLA, meaning they may increase annually. The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees. <http://www.airforcemag.com/Pages/HomePage.aspx>. The NCOAdvocate - (<http://www.ncoarogue.org/ncoa-dc/>). AFSA - (<http://www.hqafsa.org>), Military Times - (<http://www.militarytimes.com> and Capwiz which provides current legislative affairs information - <http://capwiz.com/military/issues/bills/>, Veterans Administration - <https://www.va.gov>.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. 2020 Calendar of events – Calendars for 2020 were handed out. (Open)
- b. Website Update – No updates to report. (Open)
- c. AFSA/NCOA Christmas Party – 7 Dec. Looking forward to everyone coming out and enjoying the evening. Dinner starting at 1900. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 1933 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 Feb 2020 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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JAMES N. SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Secretary