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6 Nov 2019

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (6 Nov 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, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon, Secretary, Present  
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Karen Jamison, Vice Chairman, Absent  
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Absent  
Pam Wright, Trustee, Present

4. **Members Present:**

CMSgt (Ret) Tom Wentz	ETCM (Ret) Joe Humphrey	SMSgt Daniel Greenawalt
SKCS (Ret) Norma von Dohren	MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett	MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill
SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney	Sue Wentz, Auxiliary	Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary
Kim Dewar, Auxiliary	Bob Byers, Auxiliary	

5. **Guests Present:** Bryant Bickford

6. **Chairman's Comments :**

**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan commented on the following topics: The state of the city for Rancho Cordova is taking place tomorrow, 7 Nov 19. The Sacramento Air Museum has an open cockpit, Sat 10 Nov @ 1100 with a wreath presentation for Veterans Day. Information was provided by email regarding membership planning. Looking for avenues to get perspectives from active duty members and what it would take to get them involved with the NCOA. Discussed was free advocate membership, allowing access to NCOA information about NCOA and Veterans Affairs.

**Auxiliary:** Chairman Tammy Sullivan provided updates on Auxiliary members.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 113      Auxiliary: 53

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

Balance: Regular: \$3,727.80                      Auxiliary: \$1,644.94  
                    JROTC: \$5,285.08

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: DoD rolls out new Electronic Health Care systems one installation at a time, starting with Travis AFB. The 2020 budget uncertainty looms as impeachment proceedings ramp up. The VA is still struggling with high vacancy rates at medical facilities. Last year, VA medical facilities had vacancy rates of 11%. National Park Service continues to offer free lifetime access passes to over 400 national parks and 2,000 recreation sites nationwide to any veteran with at least a 10% disability rating. The Department of Veterans Affairs and its administrators intend to resolve all veterans' appeals made before February 2019, within three years. Coast Guard crews from several Gulf Region stations are searching for an airman who fell from a C-130 transport aircraft while training over the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday. 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. 2019 Calendar of events – Open for suggestions for 2020 events. (Open)
- b. Website Update – Plenty of information on the site – Go take a peak! (Open)
- c. Capitol City Air Show – 5/6 Oct. Successful event, thanks volunteers! The total profit was \$1,560.89, split three ways, NCOA/AFSA/NCOA Aux., \$529.29 each. (Closed)
- d. AFSA/NCOA Christmas Party – 7 Dec. Tickets are available for \$35 each. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett made a motion to donate \$200 towards Thanksgiving baskets to be provided for active duty military members and local Veterans in need. The motions carried with unanimous approval. Check will be provided. (Closed)
- b. Looking for ideas for incentives for new members. One idea provided was to get information to local Guard Members, to include the Army members at the Goethe Rd. location in Rancho Cordova.

Meeting adjourned at 1957 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Dec 2019 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Secretary