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4 Apr 18

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (4 Apr 18)

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
Sgt Michael Smith, Trustee, Absent

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

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

4. **Members Present:**

SKCS (Ret) Norma von Dohren	MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett	MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase
MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill	MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn	TSgt (Ret) Alain Gingras
TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr.	TSgt Shann Elmore	SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney
Corp Donald Ellis	Joan Turner, Auxiliary	Bettie Upton, Auxiliary
June Shannon, Auxiliary		

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: MSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about the check being made out to Parkland High School in honor of the three cadets that lost their lives. Jim read the heartfelt letter that he wrote in behalf of the Chapters. The Chapter website responsibilities are transitioning from Sgt Michael Smith to Pam Wright.

Auxiliary: Ms. Tammy Sullivan spoke about handing out Easter Bunnies at the Mather VFW along with Gwen Herron (Aux member). A total of 38 bunnies were provided to hospitalized veterans.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 106 Auxiliary: 66

Chartered by the United States Congress

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

Balances: Regular: \$3,017.60
JROTC: \$8,950.78

Auxiliary: \$1,054.93

• **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow talked about looking at the Legislative Bill tracker and the many active Bills. Over 30K veterans using TRICARE were dropped from coverage due to not being enrolled into the new provider program. There was a glitch in the system and you are encouraged to confirm you are actively enrolled. The following provides more details on the subject and how to contact your local Government representatives to let them know it's not a good idea.

<https://www.voterve.net/mobile/NCOA/Petitions/1109/Respond> 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>.

9. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. 2018 Calendar of events – Discussed and updated calendar. (Open)
- b. The 2018 NCOA Conference and Vanguard Tribute - Being held at the Hilton Crystal City in Washington D.C. during 18-22 Apr 18. (Open)
- c. JROTC – Requests for medals increased; 200+ shipped over the past month. (Open)
- d. MDA Muscle walk – 29 Apr 18; setup at 0600 at the State Capitol. To sign up for the NCOA for MDA team, please sign up on the MDA website. Confirmation was made for volunteers. (Open)
- e. NCOA Membership Drive – Recruit three new members and you will receive an NCOA challenge coin. Each new member you sign up enters you and the new member into a \$100 gift card drawing. (Open)
- f. VFW Dinner (Combined NCOA/AFSA) – 18 May 18; Chicken and Ribs.

10. **New Business:** None

11. Meeting adjourned at 1953 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 May 18 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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

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TERRY G. SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Secretary