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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (2 Mar 05)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours at Carrows Restaurant by Chapter Chairman, CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan
  - b. NCOA Creed read by MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett
  - c. Moment of silence observed.
2. Executive Committee Members:  
CMSgt (Ret) Sullivan, Chairman, Present    SMSgt Wheeler, Vice-Chairman, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Treasurer, Present    SGT Debra Smith, Secretary, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon, Special Projects Coordinator, Present.
3. Auxiliary Executive Committee Members: Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Kim Morris, Vice Chairman, Present    Melissa Carnahan, Secretary, Present  
Treasurer, Vacant
4. Members Present:  
CMSgt (Ret) George Moses    CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns    CMSgt (Ret) Tom Wentz  
CMSgt (Ret) Gerald Stewart    MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett    TSgt Orin Taylor  
SSGT (Ret) J.C. Terry    SSgt Jason Ramon    Michael Smith  
Chuck Gardner    Patricia J. La Due, Auxiliary    Jean Krocke, Auxiliary  
Dottie Everett, Auxiliary    Sue Wentz, Auxiliary
5. Guests Present: Adrienne Lennon, Darral R. Kandt Sr., Lyn Kandt
6. Chairman's Comments:  
**Regular:**
  - Chief Sullivan welcomed all attendees and identified several members having birthdays in the month of March. He also passed out an event calendar for NCOA for 2005.
  - Chief Sullivan discussed the following topics:
    - VAC members voted down the Memorial Day Parade
    - East Lawn Memorial Park offers a 10% discount for services to members of VAC member organizations  
**Auxiliary:**
  - Tammy Sullivan discussed the following topics:
    - Volunteers are needed to help out at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at Mather.
7. Membership Coordinator: Regular chapter membership at 129, Auxiliary 29.

8. No Treasurer's Report was available for the Regular Chapter. A balance of \$1,281.12 was reported for the Auxiliary.
9. Legislative Update: SMSgt Wes Wheeler discussed an article in the afterburner newsletter about Congress passing legislation with the FY 2005 National Defense Authorization Act to authorize the services to issue ID cards without an established expiration date to those dependents and survivors of military retirees who are 75 years of age or older. Although the law is in place, the capability to issue the indefinite cards to the eligible population will not be available until the next software release scheduled for this summer.
  - SMSgt Wheeler also mentioned a bill (S. 438, John Ensign, R-NV) that would repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps on Medicare Part B. A provision in permanent law would cap Medicare payments for such therapy at \$1,500 annually. Congress passed legislation deferring implementation of the caps until Jan 1, 2006. Unless the deferral is extended again or the original law is repealed, the cap will be instituted next year.
  - Chuck Gardner reported that the VFW state convention will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Ontario Airport. Elections for VFW post 4647 will be held the first Thursday in April.
10. Unfinished Business:
  - a. Membership Drive. Tammy Sullivan stated the spaghetti feed recruited one new member. She also reminded the group that anyone can join the NCOA. (CLOSED)
  - b. Beale Volunteer Appreciation. The event has been re-scheduled for 18 Mar 05. The 14AF Command Chief will be in town and may participate. TSgt Ken Gleason will receive a plaque at the volunteer social. (OPEN)
  - c. VFW Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser went well. The profit was \$213.54 including \$60 from the raffle. Thanks to all who participated. (CLOSED)
  - d. JROTC Program. TSgt Taylor made a presentation at C.K. McClatchy H.S. on 11 Feb 05. Presentations are scheduled for Highland, Casa Roble, and valley High Schools. (OPEN)
  - e. Election Night Fund-raiser. Twenty volunteers were recruited for 8 Mar 05 activities at Christ Temple, 9000 La Riviera Blvd. (OPEN)
11. New Business:
  - a. Chief Moses made a motion to sponsor a Tee Box for \$125.00 in support of the Mather Veterans Memorial Plaza. It was seconded and carried. (CLOSED)
  - b. Jean Krocke talked about needing two volunteers at the McClellan Gift Shop beginning in April. (CLOSED)
  - c. The "I Gave Dad A Hand" Tee Shirts will be finalized at the April meeting. (OPEN)
  - d. NCOA annual business meeting will be 19-20 Aug in San Antonio, TX. (CLOSED)
  - e. Motions were made and carried to purchase 24 gray, NCOA logo sweatshirts 60 tee shirts in support of the VAVS student summer program. (CLOSED)
12. Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 Apr 05 at 1900 at a location to be determined.

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

DEBRA SMITH, SGT, USA  
Chapter Secretary