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3 Sep 14

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (3 Sep 14)

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) Michael Grabow.
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, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Jean Krocke, Vice Chairman, Present
Sherry Byers, Treasurer, Absent

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Lauren Wheat, Trustee, Absent
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Present

4. **Members Present:**

CMSgt (Ret) Allen Hegelein	CMSgt (Ret) Tom Wentz	MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett
TSgt (Ret) Alain Gingras	Corp Donald Ellis	Sue Wentz, Auxiliary
Joan Turner, Auxiliary	June Shannon, Auxiliary	Robert Byers, Auxiliary
Sylvia Hegelein, Auxiliary	Bettie Upton, Auxiliary	Karen Jamison, Auxiliary
Corrine Davidson, Auxiliary	John Davidson, Auxiliary	

5. **Guests Present:**

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman reported on the following topics:

- Delivery of furniture to Vets participating in the HUD program continues. Number of homeless vets has reduced by more than 8,000 since 2013 and more than 25,000 since 2010 per Air Force Times. To date, 88 veterans have been assisted by our Chapter.
- Provided details about six WWII veterans being presented medals on 6 Nov 2014.
- MSgt (Ret) Shannon read letters and fliers for the following: Sacramento Vet Center Community Open House, 2nd Annual Car Show and the 4th Annual Honor our Veterans pistol match. Literature containing details was passed around.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, Auxiliary Chairman reported on the following topics:

- Box tops being collected will now be given to Lichen Elementary School, located in Citrus Heights. Thanks to those who are supporting the program.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 99 Auxiliary: 93

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

Balances: Regular: \$2,803.03 Auxiliary: \$2,580.35
 JROTC: \$26,270.88

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow commented that Congress is currently in recess. Concurrent receipt and the high number of claims are being reviewed. The following sites provide valuable ongoing information for all active duty/retired military members and dependents, 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/>.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. SnowBall Express – Continuing to look at options for Snow Flake events. For information about SnowBall Express: <http://snowballexpress.org> (OPEN)
- b. 2014 Calendar of events – Discussed upcoming events. (OPEN)
- c. Stand Down 2014 – Taking place 11-14 Sep14. \$100 was donated by the Chapter for towel donations.
- d. NCOA Merchandise Website – Selection of attire to sales was made and ongoing discussions are continuing regarding Website details and forms to be used.

11. **New Business:**

- a. Rancho Cordova Business Exchange – Took place on 21 Aug 14. CMSgt Kearns had his motorcycle and trailer on display; once again a big hit with the 500 visitors. (Closed)
- b. VFW Dinner – 12 Sep 14. Volunteer sheets were passed around for participation.
- c. Air Show – Waiver forms are being signed by volunteers for the 6-7 Sep event.
- d. Senior Gleaners – Will discuss at Sep meeting for next volunteer date.
- e. VAC Dinner, 18 Oct, four tickets are being purchased and will be donated at Oct meeting.
- f. Operation Christmas Child – Alain Gingras provided information and a timeline for this year's collection effort. Donation boxes were available.
- g. Sylvia Hegelein passed out "Retiree's Casualty Assistance Checklists". The checklists provide the necessary details needed by spouses/next of kin in times of need.

12. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 Oct 14 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