



NCOA[®]

Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America

Central Valley Chapter #1551 • P. O. Box 642 • North Highlands, CA 95660 • Tel (916) 362-9746
See us online at: <http://www.ncoa1551.org> email: info@ncoa1551.org

5 Nov 14

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (5 Nov 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	Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Sherry Byers, Treasurer, Absent	Lauren Wheat, Trustee, Absent
	Judy Mabie, Secretary, Present

4. **Members Present:**

CMSgt (Ret) Allen Hegelein	CMSgt (Ret) Tom Wentz	SKCS (Ret) Norma Von Dohren
MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett	TSgt (Ret) Alain Gingras	TSgt Orin Taylor
SSGT (Ret) J.C. Terry	Sgt Elliott Ross	Sgt Debra Smith
Corp Donald Ellis	Joan Turner, Auxiliary	June Shannon, Auxiliary
Robert Byers, Auxiliary	Sylvia Hegelein, Auxiliary	Bettie Upton, Auxiliary
Karen Jamison, Auxiliary	Scott Rodowick, Auxiliary	Patty Grabow, Auxiliary
John Davidson, Auxiliary	Sue Wentz, Auxiliary	Nan Murphy, Auxiliary
Nancy Lopez, Auxiliary	Johnny Lopez, Auxiliary	Kim Dewar, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** Lisa Beard – HUD VASH Vet

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman turned the floor over to Lisa Beard. She provided details on the upcoming HUD-VASH appreciation social for our NCOA chapter on Friday, 14 Nov 14.

Chief Sullivan reported on the following topics:

- Free meals for Veterans are being provided by local establishments on Veteran's Day.
- Free community event, "Veteran's Day Concert" being held on 8 Nov 14 @ 1400 at the East Lawn Sierra Hills Memorial Park Chapel in Sacramento. Flyers provided.

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

- 2nd Annual PTSD Awareness Community Chili Cook off being held on 15 Nov 14, 1000-1500 by Better Decisions Counseling in Rancho Cordova. Flyers provided.
- Free pancake breakfast provided in support of Veterans helping Veterans, held on 8 Nov 14, 0800-0900 at First Covenant Church in Rancho Cordova. Flyers provided.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 101 Auxiliary: 88
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Judy Mabie gave their treasurer's reports.
Balances: Regular: \$3,038.36 Auxiliary: \$2,080.46
JROTC: \$21,122.09
9. **Legislative:**
MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow iterated the need to write new representatives regarding military affairs; to include reduced pay raises. 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 – Looking for participation for the send off of 40-45 Snowball participants (included are chaperons) at the Sacramento Metro Airport on 11 Dec 14. They return from the event on 15 Dec 14. For more information about SnowBall Express: <http://snowballexpress.org> (Open)
 - b. 2014 Calendar of events – Discussed upcoming events. (Open)
 - c. NCOA Merchandise Website – No additional details were available. (Open)
 - d. Operation Christmas Child – Last opportunity to provide a box was at the meeting. Alain expressed his appreciation for the Chapter's participation. (Closed)
 - e. Joint VFW Dinner, 17 Oct 14. Profit was \$679. Thanks volunteers! (Closed)
 - f. Senior Gleaners, 25 Oct 14. Impressive accomplishment! Thanks volunteers! (Closed)
11. **New Business:**
- a. VAC Dinner, 18 Oct 14 – Challenging night; otherwise a successful evening. (Closed)
 - b. Elections 31 Oct & 4 Nov 14. Our Chapter wasn't selected to participate. (Closed)
 - c. Christmas Party – 6 Dec, being held at VFW Post 4647. Advanced head count so please purchase your tickets before 1 Dec. (Open)
12. Meeting adjourned at 1958 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 Dec 14 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

//signed//

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

//signed//

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