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6 May 09

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (6 May 09)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647 by Chapter Chairman, CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.
  - a. Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.
  - b. NCOA Creed read by MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon.
  - c. Moment of silence observed.
  
2. **Executive Committee Members:**  
CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon, Vice-Chairman, Present  
CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns, Treasurer, Present  
Sgt Michael Smith, Secretary, Present
  
3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:** Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Jean Krocke, Vice Chairman, Present      Lauren Wheat, Secretary, Present  
Teri Page-Gleason, Treasurer, Absent
  
4. **Members Present:**

CMSgt (Ret) George Moses	CMSgt (Ret) Tom Wentz	SMSgt (Ret) John Pensko
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler	SKCS (Ret) Norma Von Dohren	MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett
MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow	TSgt (Ret) Orin K. Taylor	TSgt (Ret) Carl Cooley
Sgt Debra Smith	Yvonne Cooley, Auxiliary	Sue Wentz, Auxiliary
  
5. **Guests Present:** None
  
6. **Chairman's Comments:**

**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about the 211 Sacramento community service phone number. He also commented about an upcoming fund raiser for Soldiers Angels on 4 Jun at 1700 hours at Arden Hills Resort Club and Spa. All approved a \$50 donation to the Children's Receiving Home. Sgt Michael Smith read some of the last month's correspondence.

**Auxiliary:** Tammy Sullivan reported that the company that managed the membership database at the main office went bankrupt. No reports are able to be generated until a new company is found to take over the duties.
  
7. **Membership Coordinator:** No generated reports available.  
Estimated : Regular: 136      Auxiliary: 44

8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns gave the treasurer's report.  
Balances: Regular: \$7,568.53                      Auxiliary: 1,465.17
9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon reported on the GIVE Act and the creation of the Veterans Engaged for Tomorrow (VET) Corps focused on promoting and improving the service opportunities for veterans and retired members of the military by engaging such veterans and retired members in projects designed to meet identifiable public needs with a specific emphasis on projects to support veterans, including disabled and older veterans and retired members of the military. More information here:  
<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h111-1401&tab=summary>  
He also spoke about the site at military.com that explains memorial benefits:  
<http://Military.com/benefits/burial-and-memorial>  
Jim mentioned <http://thomas.loc.gov/> which is the Library of Congress site to view any piece of legislation that has been submitted to congress.
10. **Unfinished Business:**
- a. Calendar of Events – Added the date of 15 May 09 for Florin H.S. JROTC. (OPEN)  
Norma Von Dohren shared a letter of appreciation she received from Luther Burbank HS for her presentation there. Thank you Norma.
  - b. Aerospace Museum of California support – Jim reported that the museum still needs volunteers for events that are held throughout the months. (OPEN)
  - c. Membership Drive – New date to be decided. USAA will sponsor a membership for one year for all active duty. (OPEN)
  - d. Special Election – 15 May 0700 – 1900 at the Orangevale Community Center. Ten volunteers needed to issue materials, reduced to 5 after 1300. 19 May 1930 – closing - 30 volunteers needed. Signup sheets were available. (OPEN)
  - e. AFSA/NCOA BBQ – the combined profit was \$650.97, over 110 meals were served! Great job by all the volunteers. Thanks to all who participated. (CLOSED)
11. **New Business:**
- a. Watt Ave cleanup – 16 May 0800. Volunteers should meet at the community center. Bring gloves and a broom. (OPEN)
  - b. Memorial Day Parade – 25 May 0800 Meet at the VFW hall. Jim Kearns will enter his motorcycle. (OPEN)
  - c. NCOA convention – Proxies will be available at the next meeting for those unable to attend. (OPEN)
  - d. A motion was made and carried to donate \$300 to purchase flag boxes.
12. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 Jun 09 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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

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TERRY SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Vice Chairman