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6 Sept 06

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (6 Sept 06)

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
SMSgt (Ret) Wes Wheeler, Vice-Chairman, Absent
CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns, Treasurer, Present Sgt Michael Smith, Secretary, Present
MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon, Special Projects Coordinator, Present

3. Auxiliary Executive Committee Members: Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Kim Morris, Vice Chairman, Absent Melissa Carnahan, Secretary, Present
Treasurer, Vacant

4. Members Present:
CMSgt (Ret) Marcel-Henri Claing CMSgt (Ret) Gerald Stewart MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler
TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor TSgt (Ret) Carl Cooley SrA Elisabeth Miller
Lauren Wheat, Auxiliary Jean Krocke, Auxiliary Yvonne Cooley, Auxiliary

5. Guests Present: None

6. Chairman's Comments:

Regular:
Sgt Michael Smith read the correspondence from last month which included a thank you letter from NCOA for our donation to the benevolent funds and invitations to various events.

Auxiliary:
Tammy briefed us on the NCOA Business meeting she attended. Everything went well; the HQ building is still up for sale. The meetings will be held in San Antonio for the next 3 -5 years. There was a 65 member growth for the International Auxiliary during the past year.

7. Membership Coordinator: 125 regular members, 50 auxiliary members.

8. Treasurer's Reports: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns passed around the treasurer's report.
Balances - Regular: \$2,148.26 Auxiliary: \$644.19

9. Legislative:
 - The Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims recently held that VA regulations defining who had service in Vietnam for the purpose of establishing a presumption to exposure to herbicides (e.g. Agent Orange) were too restrictive. Those who served in Laos, Cambodia, Thailand, or Navy ships off the coast of Vietnam may be eligible for service connection of certain cancers, including lung and prostate cancer as well as type 2 diabetes. Veterans who were previously denied service connection for a presumptive disability should reopen their claim with the VA. Refer to Haas vs. Nicholson No 04-0491 decided August 16, 2006.

10. Unfinished Business:
 - a. State Fair support. 55 volunteers on 11 August for the two shifts, thank you all who volunteered. A total of \$1,500 was split between the three organizations. On 25 Aug another 6 volunteers showed up. Thanks to them another \$250 will be split between the Chiefs Group and NCOA. Again, thanks to all who participated. (CLOSED)
 - b. Air Museum support. This is an ongoing commitment. We are committed to two volunteers every third Saturday from 12 noon – 4 p.m. A schedule for 2006 was passed around. (OPEN)
 - c. Auxiliary elections for committee members tabled until the next meeting because a quorum could not be reached. Four positions are available. (OPEN)
 - d. Annual NCOA Business Meeting. Tammy Sullivan discussed this during her chairman's comments. (CLOSED)
 - e. Sacramento Stand Down 2006 will be 15 -17 Sept. They need 500 bath towels. Two donation barrels were put at the BX and one at the California Fitness Center. We are around 350 towels short. (OPEN)
 - f. Christmas Party will be held on 16 Dec, at Cherry Island Golf Course. More details to follow at later meetings. Motion was made and carried to commit \$75 for the door prizes. The Auxiliary chapter committed \$75 also. (OPEN)
 - g. Breakfast with Santa will be on 9 Dec 9 a.m. – 12 noon at the VFW Post 4647. Details will follow next month. (OPEN)
 - h. Labor Day Telethon – 52 volunteers showed up for the setup and Telethon, 38 from Beale alone. Outstanding support on such short notice. Over \$801,000 was raised. Thanks to all participants. (CLOSED)
 - i. MDA Harvest Day Brew fest – Sat.14 Oct., two shifts 0800 – 1300 and 1300 – 1800 at Cesar Chavez Park. Signup sheets were passed around. (OPEN)
 - j. Halloween Party – 28 Oct. Don Ellis and Bettye Upton from AFSA have opened their house for this. (OPEN)
 - k. Election Work – 3 and 7 Nov at the Orangevale Community Center. We may try to support other locations if there are enough volunteers. (OPEN)

11. New Business:
 - a. Case Lot Sale – 9 and 10 Sept. 0900 – 1530. We have been asked to provide manpower for this. All donations are going to the Make a Wish Foundation. Signup sheets were passed around. (OPEN)
 - b. AFSA Steak Night - Friday, 8 Sept 1800 – 2000 at the VFW Post 4647. Tickets are \$9.00.
 - c. Jim will speak with the web designer for the VFW post to get a link to our site on their site.

12. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Oct 06 at 1900 hours at the VFW Post 4647.

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

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 MICHAEL SMITH, Sgt, USAF
 Chapter Secretary