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6 Feb 19

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (6 Feb19)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647 by Chapter Vice-Chairman MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow.

Pledge of Allegiance led by MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow
NCOA Creed read by MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon
Moment of silence observed

2. Executive Committee Members:

CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman, Absent
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
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:

Karen Jamison, Vice Chairman, Absent
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Absent
Pam Wright, Trustee, Present

4. Members Present:

SMSgt (Ret) Dale Klug	MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett	MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill
MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn	CPO (Ret) Lisa Varner	TSgt Shann Elmore
SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney	June Shannon, Auxiliary	Joan Turner, Auxiliary
Sylvia Hegelein, Auxiliary	Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary	Kim Dewar, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** Sue Frost, Supervisor, Sacramento County 4th District and Randy Smith, President, Sacramento Stand Down

6. Vice-Chairman's Comments:

Regular: MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow introduced Ms. Sue Frost as our guest speaker and introductions were made by members of both Chapters. The introduction included MSgt Grabow reading a recent article in a recent Comstocks magazine about her efforts supporting Veterans. Ms. Frost then spoke about the article discussing how Sacramento County is home to roughly 90,000 veterans, but they have a small voice in local government. Ms. Frost did some digging and discovered that just one seat on more than 100 county boards and commissions was designated for a veteran — a cemetery advisory commission. That was something the Sacramento Board of Supervisors wanted to change. In January, the board created a Veterans Advisory Commission to advise them about veterans' issues. They found that 24% of the homeless were Veterans. Ms. Frost discussed many outreach programs for those in need. Website: <http://www.bos.saccounty.net/District4/Pages/default.aspx> . For those living in the 4th District, the website provides all the information you will need to get connected. If you live in another District and don't know how to look into outreach programs in

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your area, you can contact Ms. Frost or her staff and they would happily guide you in the right direction. The monthly newsletter is available on the website along with all the information Ms. Frost provided at our meeting.

Auxiliary: No comments.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 107 Auxiliary: 62

8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.

Balances: Regular: \$3,451.06

Auxiliary: \$946.05

JROTC: \$1,546.50

- **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed Legislative Goals for 2019 consisting of: H.R. 303, Retired Pay Restoration Act, Concurrent Receipt; authorizing comprehensive expansion for disable Veterans. Also provided was information for Survivor Benefit Program Reform and Air Force Lodging rate changes. Additional information can be found on website: <http://www.themilitarycoalition>. The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees.

<http://www.airforcemag.com/Pages/HomePage.aspx>. The NCOAdvocate -

(<http://www.ncoarogue.org/ncoa-dc/>). 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/>, Veterans Administration -

<https://www.va.gov>.

9. **Unfinished Business:**

a. 2019 Calendar of events – (Open)

b. Website Update – Go to the website if you're looking for information about our meetings or upcoming events. (Open)

c. New Banners – No update. (Open)

d. 2019 NCOA Conference -16/18 Jul – Conference will be held in San Antonio. We have committed \$5000 to sponsor a Vanguard recipient. Don't forget to sign up if you're planning to attend the conference. (OPEN)

e. VFW Dinner – 29 Mar 19: Chicken and Ribs. (Open)

10. **New Business:**

a. Amgen Tour of California - 13 May 18

b. MDA Muscle Walk – 28 Apr 18: Terry will establish a team (NCOA for MDA). Information for accessing the team will be provided at the March meeting.

11. Meeting adjourned at 2035 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 Mar 19 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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MICHAEL GRABOW MSgt, USAF (Ret)
Vice-Chapter Chairman

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