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3 Apr 19

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (3 Apr19)

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) Terry Shannon  
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  
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

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

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

4. **Members Present:**

MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill	MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn	CPO (Ret) Lisa Varner
SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney	June Shannon, Auxiliary	Joan Turner, Auxiliary
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary	Bettie Upton, Auxiliary	

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments :**

**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about the increase of JROTC medals being shipped. To date there have been 200+ shipments consisting of over than 1,000 medals. Efforts are being made to elevate chapter members within the organization at the convention (Rats/Knights of the Square Table).

**Auxiliary:** Ms. Tammy Sullivan stated there are plenty of new member applications available.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 113      Auxiliary: 65

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

Balance: Regular: \$3,750.24	Auxiliary: \$915.41
JROTC: \$9,306.79	

**9. Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed Legislative activities. Lead congressional Democrats have proposed a bill to raise statutory budget caps for two years; with \$733 billion for defense in fiscal 2020. The Secretary of the Air Force, Heather Wilson is resigning in May 2019, transitioning to the position of President, University of Texas, El Paso. The Air Force's first enlisted female pilot has graduated from Undergraduate Remotely Piloted Aircraft Training. Tech. Sgt. Courtney completed the course last week, making her the first enlisted woman to graduate from the training. The Air Force does not release the last names of RPA pilots to protect their identities. The Air Force in December 2015 said it would let enlisted airmen train as RPA pilots, and Courtney is a part of that first group of candidates, also known as the Enlisted Pilot Initial Class or EPIC. 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>.

**10. Unfinished Business:**

- a. 2019 Calendar of events – (Open)
- b. Website Update – The site is up and active with current information. (Open)
- c. New Banners – Two banners were purchased and will be at the next meeting. (Closed)
- d. 2019 NCOA Conference -16/18 Jul 19 – Airline discounts are available for attendees. The information is available on the NCOA HQ website. (OPEN)
- e. Amgen Tour of California - 13 May 18 No further details. The chapters will not have a role in the event. (Closed)
- f. MDA Muscle Walk – 28 Apr 19: A team was established (NCOA for MDA). Information for accessing the team was provided and members are encouraged to sign up. A link to our team is available on the Chapter website. (Open)
- g. VFW Dinner – 29 Mar 19: Thanks volunteers, each chapter made \$213.16. (Closed)

**11. New Business:**

- a. Auxiliary members had their annual meeting on 20 Mar 19. Suggestions from the meeting were to have a guest speaker quarterly and set a new membership goal of 80 by the end of the year. Ms. Sullivan will look into a guest speaker from Move America Forward to speak at the next meeting. (Closed)
- b. A motion was made to have bricks purchased in honor of Corp Donald Ellis for both the McClellan Air Museum and the Mather VA Center. All members approved. (Open)
- c. Ms. Sullivan will be handing out bunnies to Mather VA patients on 21 Apr 19. Members are welcome. (Open)

12. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 May 2019 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman

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