



# NCOA<sup>®</sup>

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1 May 19

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (1 May 19)

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, Absent  
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

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

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

4. **Members Present:**

MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill      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 stated that the NCOA banners will be picked up for the next meeting. The AMGEN bike race will take place in Rancho Cordova on 13 May @ 0930. The Citrus Heights Safe Credit Union is having a member appreciation event on 4 May during 0900-1400. Jim tried contacting Tom Jones at the McClellan Air Museum about activities and possibly coming to a future meeting to share the information. He has not been reached.

**Auxiliary:** Ms. Tammy Sullivan stated a speaker from Move America Forward will be at our next meeting.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 111      Auxiliary: 64

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

Balance: Regular: \$3,576.28      Auxiliary: \$1026.44

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**9. Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed Legislative activities. The House passed VA child care bill HR840, Veterans Access to Child Care Act. The bill pertains to child care subsidies for Veterans. The Military Widows Tax Elimination Act is up for vote. If passed it would allow surviving spouses to keep their Military Survivor Benefits payments, even if they are eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. The Retirement Pay Restoration Act was introduced. It would allow medically retired veterans with less than 20 years of service to receive full retirement pay and disability pay without any offset. President Trump signed an order directing his agencies to develop a plan within 12 months to address veteran suicides. The average number of Veterans who died by suicide each day remains at 20. 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 – Event pictures have been posted. (Open)
- c. 2019 NCOA Conference -16/18 Jul 19 – Airline discounts are available for attendees. The information is available on the NCOA HQ website. (Open)
- d. MDA Muscle Walk – 28 Apr 19 – Thanks to all the volunteers. Another successful event due to the members of the NCOA! The MDA staff shared their appreciation for the support and raised a total of \$57,628. (Closed)
- e. 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. The bricks are in the process of being purchased. (Closed)
- f. The Auxiliary delivered over 40 bunnies to the in-patients at the Mather VA Hospital. They were well received once again. Thanks go out to Tammy Sullivan, Karen Jamison and Lisa Varner. (Closed)

**11. New Business:**

- a. VFW Dinner – 31 May to support VFW Post 4647. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around. (Open)

12. Meeting adjourned at 1939 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 June 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