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7 Aug 2019

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (7 Aug 2019)

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) Michael Grabow
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, Absent
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, Present
Pam Wright, Trustee, Absent

4. Members Present:

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| SMSgt (Ret) John Pensko | MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn | MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett |
| MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill | SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney | June Shannon, Auxiliary |
| Bettie Upton, Auxiliary | Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary | Kim Dewar, Auxiliary |
| Bob Byers, Auxiliary | Joan Turner, Auxiliary | |

5. Guests Present: None

6. Chairman's Comments :

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan commented on the following topics: A motion was made, seconded and carried to purchase a new NCOA display for \$181.19. The loss due to theft at the Stand Down complex has exceeded \$100K. SAFE Credit Union has created a matching fund up to \$10K. A motion was made, seconded and carried to donate \$500 from the JROTC program to the Sacramento Stand Down Association. They also need help for set up on 8 Aug, 4-10 p.m. The Rancho Cordova Golf Tournament is 20 Sep at Mather Golf Course. Chief Sullivan reminded the membership about the ongoing membership drive from the headquarters. He also informed the membership about a New Member Orientation briefing being developed by MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow.

Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan read a statement from Move America Forward in response to the lawsuit filed by the State of California. She also had a copy of all financial documents related to the case.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 109 Auxiliary: 65
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Tammy Sullivan gave their treasurers' reports.
Balance: Regular: \$2,530.70 Auxiliary: \$967.89
JROTC: \$5,682.01

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities:
The Senate confirmed Mark Esper as Secretary of Defense and David Norquist as Deputy Secretary of Defense. The U. S. Supreme Court ruled that President Trump can use \$2.5 billion in Defense Department funds to build or replace the wall on the southern border. The Supreme Court also ruled a 32-foot tall memorial cross can remain standing on public land in Bladensburg, MD. The cross was a tribute to those veterans from Prince George's County who died in World War I. President Trump signed the 2-year budget spending plan that funds the Pentagon at \$738 billion, an increase in Defense spending of nearly \$45 billion. Turkey was kicked out of the F-35 program after they took delivery of the Russian made S-400 air defense system. 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 – No updates. (Open)
- c. 2019 NCOA Conference -16/18 Jul 19. Michael Grabow was elevated to the Order of the Sword (OS) in the KST and Scott Rodowick was accepted into the International Rat Pack. Chief Sullivan read thank you letters from the HQ for our support at the conference. He also provided a quick synopsis of the events. The opening ice breaker, opening ceremony and business meetings were held as usual. The Senior Enlisted Panel was outstanding. The Vanguard Banquet went very well and the new breakfast format with the Board of Directors added a new wrinkle. Everyone is looking toward the 2020 conference to celebrate 60 years of the NCOA. We sold \$488 worth of merchandise and Michael Grabow discussed his meeting with the owners of Grunt Style. (Closed)
- d. Rancho Cordova Business Expo – 15 Aug. Looking for volunteers to serve 500 hot dogs and represent the NCOA. We will also be helping set up 30 pop ups and display booths. (Open)
- e. JROTC Scholarships – MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn provided a review of the Scholarship selection committee that met on 9 July. The team reviewed 10 applications and determined all 10 met the requirements for award. A new evaluation form was used and received positive comments. Letters and checks will be mailed to all recipients. (Closed)
- f. VFW Dinner – 23 Aug 19 – Chicken and Ribs. A volunteer sign up list was passed around. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Capitol City Air Show – 5/6 Oct. The team application has been submitted. (Open)

12. Meeting adjourned at 2015 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Sep 2019 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Chairman

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SCOTT RODOWICK
Auxiliary Chapter Secretary