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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (2 Dec 2020)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours virtually on Zoom 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, Absent  
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

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

4. **Members Present:**

SMSgt (Ret) Shawn Simmons    TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr.    Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary  
Kim Dewar, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** MCPO (Ret) Terry Haines, SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry, Ms. Tina Kish

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the meeting speaking about handing out the flags discussed at the last meeting; Moving America Forward Group, and encouraged everyone to watch online the event: ([Troopathon Care Packages for Our Heroes](#)). The video is one hour and covers everything about what Moving America Forward is doing for those overseas.

**Auxiliary:** Chairman Tammy Sullivan spoke about opening Phase III of the Mather Veterans Village. A call for pillow donations went out to support the Village, with a motion being floored and approved for a \$250 donation split between the chapters.

**HQ Chairman's Comments:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry spoke about the NCOA coins and the goal of using them as a fund raiser; proceeds used for scholarships and the membership drive. MCPO (Ret) Terry Haines praised the No Bake, Bake Sale, raising \$900 over the past couple weeks. Veterans Run was successful allowing the issue of \$5K checks going to Mighty Oaks Foundation (Veterans Suicide Prevention) and the Vietnam Wall Project located in Oregon.

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7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 116    Auxiliary: 80
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.  
Balance: Regular: \$ 4,628.54                      Auxiliary: \$2,557.60  
JROTC: \$ 2,850.19
9. **Legislative:**  
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees. COVID information for DoD ID cards and benefits. The Department of the Air Force restored military tuition assistance to \$4,500 per fiscal year and Air Force Credentialing Opportunities Online preparatory course funding for fiscal year 2021, effective immediately. Retirees need to set up TRICARE Select coverage immediately. VA commemorated addition of Western New York National Cemetery. The 269-acre national cemetery is located in Corfu, NY.  
<https://www.cac.mil/coronavirus/Tricare>. <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. Website Update – Merchandise update to occur week of 28 Dec 20. (Open)
  - b. JROTC Update – Medal requests remain silent. (Open)
  - c. Election Support – Checks are just now showing up. More details at next mtng. (Open)
  - d. 2021 Conference Sponsorship – Remains on our list with more to come. (Open)
  - e. Aerospace Museum of California – Had a Veterans Day ceremony. Need to discuss at an upcoming Exec meeting about returning to being a member. The Museum could use support remaining open with the pandemic causing a financial hardship. (Open)
  - f. ‘No Bake’ Bake Sale – Currently a net profit of \$620 has been achieved. Additionally, the event provided an avenue to update member address lists. (Open)
  - g. Stand Down – 14 Nov 20 – 100 Veterans were served. There were fewer participants due to weather and some providers having to back out due to COVID. (Closed)
  - h. 2021 Calendar of Events – Currently the only event to capture is the Mather Air Show, 25-26 Sep, featuring the Thunderbirds. Looking for additional items to add; a topic to be discussed at the Executive meeting. (Open)
11. **New Business:**
- a. January 2021 Meeting – Unfortunately due to COVID we'll likely need to continue holding our meeting by use of ZOOM. An Executive meeting is being planned prior to the end of the year. (Open)

Meeting adjourned at 1957 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 Jan 2020 at 1900 hours and will be held online with ZOOM. MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow will send out an email with information to attend; please respond to his message so you can register. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Be safe and we'll see everyone next year!

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JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Secretary