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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (5 Feb 2020)

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, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

SMSgt Daniel Greenawalt	SKCS (Ret) Norma von Dohren	MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill
MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn	SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney	Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary
Kim Dewar, Auxiliary		

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan commented on the following topics: 137 Veteran suicides occurred during 2019, a 33% increase from 2018 and a serious concern. Continue to pay attention to those in your circle who may be at risk. New membership applications are available online to print and use. Our chapter will have some printed by a local source for use. Minutes from the executive meeting that took place on 14 Jan were presented. Topics discussed were the MDA Muscle Walk taking place on 23 Aug at Sutter Field; looking to increase the number of volunteers for events we would like to pursue, such as; a Pack-a-Thon and the Sacramento Air Museum. Opportunities for increased membership to consider would be to sponsor William Jessup University students. SMSgt Greenawalt spoke about attending a Senior Service Meeting and will approach National Guard Members to seek involvement in NCOA events/membership.

Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan has a guest speaker coming for our March meeting. Continue to collect box tops and bring them to the meetings.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 113 Auxiliary: 57
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.
Balance: Regular: \$2,951.86 Auxiliary: \$1,571.64
JROTC: \$4,761.18

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: TRICARE Officials warn beneficiaries to be wary of unsolicited attempts by any entity asking you for personal or health information-by phone or in person. TRICARE and its contractors never call and ask for personal or health information. Learn more, and report these calls. As of 1 January 2020, Purple Heart recipients, former prisoners of war, veterans with a service-connected disability rating below 100%, and primary family caregivers are newly eligible to use many military facilities. They now have access to the commissary, Exchange, and certain morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) activities, including recreational lodging. They can also stay in base lodging on a space-available basis. The following link gives all the information you need: <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dtm/DTM%2019-012.PDF?ver=2019-12-20-080056-717>.

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. 2020 Calendar of events – (Open)
- b. Website Update – No updates to report. (Open)
- c. AFSA/NCOA Christmas Party – 7 Dec. Attendance was down and resulted with a loss of \$489.73. We will continue seek/consider alternative options for 2020. (Closed)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Election Support – Looking for volunteers for 22-23 Feb, 29 Feb – 1 Mar and 2-3 Mar. Those who have signed up to participate will receive a message from the Chairman prior to dates. (Open)
- b. Stand Down 2020 – Ms. Dewar is looking for volunteers to sponsor and support upcoming events: 27 Mar Spaghetti Feed at the Stockton Ave. VFW 67, Sacramento Stand Down event taking place during 7-9 Aug 20 and possibly a golf tournament.

Meeting adjourned at 2008 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Mar 2020 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Secretary