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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (1 Jul 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 CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan
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:**

CMSgt (Ret) Tom Wentz	MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill	MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn
TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr.	BMC Ute Kavanaugh	Sue Wentz, Auxiliary
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary	Kim Dewar, Auxiliary	

5. **Guests Present:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry and Tina Kish

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about celebrating our great nation on Independence Day and the ongoing pandemic concerns with 6493 service members testing positive. He also commented on the recent crash of an F16 out of Shaw AFB.

Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan had no comments.

HQ Chairman's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry and MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow spoke about the Vanguard Award recipients and provided information about their heroic acts. There were 75-80 attendees participating online.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 114 Auxiliary: 48

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

Balance: Regular: \$4,727.64 Auxiliary: \$3,295.65
 JROTC: \$4,706.82

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: Two Senators introduced the "**Forgotten Vietnam Veterans Act**". It would expand wartime benefits to veterans who served in the Vietnam War but have so far been ineligible for assistance because of a disagreement between the Pentagon and VA on when exactly the war happened. Defense Department officials announced Military retirees under age 65 that use Tricare Standard, now known as Tricare Select. Those who joined the military before 2018 will pay a monthly fee for their health care: \$12.50 for an individual or \$25 for a family. You can obtain additional details at the following website: <https://www.cac.mil/coronavirus/> Tricare web site.

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 – No activity due to COVID19. (Open)
- b. Website Update – Working on getting the catalog for merchandise online. (Open)
- c. MDA Muscle Walk – 23 Aug. The event will be virtual this year with a date to be decided soon. They would still like to have teams formed. (Open)
- d. JROTC Update – Two scholarship packages have been received with 30 Jun post mark being the suspense date. A panel will be formed with MSgt (Ret) Lynn leading once a date to meet has been decided. (Open)
- e. NCOA HQ Virtual Meeting was held on 4 Jun 20. SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry spoke about the topics discussed to include: Membership and establishing a FaceBook account. Invites have been going out and members are asked to share the page. Requesting that only active members join the site. (CLOSED)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Rancho Cordova CoC Golf Tournament – 25 Sep 20. (Open)

Meeting adjourned at 1946 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 Aug 2020 at 1900 hours and will be done 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. Stay Safe!

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JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Secretary