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4 Aug 2021

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (4 Aug 2021)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours in person by Chapter Chairman CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan. There was no Zoom connection.

Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan  
NCOA Creed read by MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase  
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, Absent

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

4. **Members Present:**

MSG (Ret) Don Reed	TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr	SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney
SPC Dennis Scherer	Bob Byer, Auxiliary	Kim Dewar, Auxiliary
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary	Melissa Carnahan, Auxiliary	

5. **Guests Present:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry, SMSgt Gerald Morey, Ms. Tina Kish, Derek Kresge

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the meeting with a recap of the 2021 NCOA Conference; details along with pictures will be available on the Chapter website. He spoke about the Strength n Unity Membership drive, with a goal being set at 1,000 new members. Information was provided about Tuesday's Children, a youth mentoring program; additional information can be found by clicking on the following website link: [Youth Mentoring Programs Near Me & Nationwide | Tuesday's Children \(tuesdayschildren.org\)](http://www.tuesdayschildren.org).

**Auxiliary:** Absent, no comments.

**HQ Chairman's Comments:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry – Share his appreciation for support provided by our Chapters, recognizing CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan for being the Master of

Ceremonies, and MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow for live streaming the enlisted panel on Facebook. Seventeen new members were signed up at the conference. Additional WWII medals will be available for purchase and presentation. Ms. Kish thanked the volunteers and congratulated Mr. Scott Rodowick for becoming an Auxiliary Board of Directors member.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 165    Auxiliary: 111

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

Balance: Regular: \$ 4,336.60            Auxiliary: \$1,788.33  
              JROTC: \$ 4,390.84

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities. On Thursday, June 24, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced it would be extending the foreclosure and eviction moratoriums through July 31. S.1859, the National Guard and Reserve Incentive Pay Parity Act. Current legislation caps the amount of pay those members of the National Guard and Reserves receive to a fraction of what those on active duty receive. Simply put, the National Guard and Reserve Incentive Pay and Parity Act requires equal pay for equal proficiency. S.1572, the Military Child Care Expansion Act of 2021. Looks to expand, improve, and fund more on base childcare opportunities. S.1488, the Military Hunger Prevention Act. This Act would create a basic needs allowance (BNA) to help low-income military families put food on the table. The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees: <https://www.cac.mil/coronavirus/Tricare>, AFSA - (<http://www.hqafsa.org>), <http://www.airforcemag.com/Pages/HomePage.aspx>, Veterans Administration - <https://www.va.gov>, and Military Times - (<http://www.militarytimes.com>).

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Website Update – Website is being updated with a recap of the Conference along with looking into getting an order form online, being able to do purchases securely. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – No new activity. (Open)
- c. 2021 Conference – Many awards received by Spirit of Sacramento Chapter. The website will be updated with all details. Sold \$633 worth of merchandise. (Closed)
- d. Aerospace Museum of California – Many events are occurring during the month of August. No update for volunteer opportunities. (Open)
- e. 2021 Calendar of Events – Mather Air Show, 25-26 Sep. (Open)
- f. VFW Breakfast – 8 Aug 0900-1100. Volunteers were identified. (Open)
- g. Special Election – 14 Sep. Details are forthcoming when available. (Open)
- h. VFW Dinner – 17 Sep. Chicken and Ribs. Need volunteers. (Open)
- i. Move America Forward – 17 Jul. 17 Volunteers, 84 hours, filled approximately 1,000 boxes of goodies for troops serving abroad. Thanks volunteers! (Closed)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Capital City Air Show – 25/26 Sep. Serving Pizza. More details at next mtg. (Open)
- b. Operation: Final Step. SOVB Vietnam Memorial Wall. Details on website. (Closed)

Meeting adjourned at 2004 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Aug 2021 at 1900 hours and will be held both in person at the VFW and 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.

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JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY G. SHANNON, MSGT, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Secretary