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3 February 2021

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (3 Feb 2021)

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, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present
Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Absent
Pam Wright, Trustee, Present
4. **Members Present:**
SKCS (Ret) Norma von Dohren MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary Kim Dewar, Auxiliary Patty Grabow, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** MCPO (Ret) Terry Haines, SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry, Ms. Tina Kish, PO2 Michael Little
6. **Chairman's Comments:**
Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the meeting with providing details of final amounts received from the election. Chapter 1551 - \$1075.26 and Chapter 0270 - \$2051.60. Ten NCOA challenge coins were purchased and received for future use.

Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan wanted everyone to know that Dottie Everett (Auxiliary member) is doing well.

HQ Chairman's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry stated that the NCOA challenge coins are flying off the shelf. Four hundred new members have signed up, tracking towards the goal of 1,000 new members. A hotel is being identified for the Annual Conference. MCPO (Ret) Terry Haines again praised the No Bake/Bake sale, raising a total of \$3,800. PO2 Michael Little provided an overview of the new and improved HQ NCOA website. Informative and current information is available by clicking on the following link: <https://www.ncoausa.org>.

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7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 116 Auxiliary: 79
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.
 Balance: Regular: \$ 3,260.93 Auxiliary: \$3,241.53
 JROTC: \$ 2,900.99
9. **Legislative:**
 MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: Hundreds of Doctors fired from the VA due to poor treatment quality of veterans my still be treating veterans as contractors. Congress enacted changes to the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP). The Phased Elimination of the SBP-DIC Offset Began in January of 2021. The changes will happen in three phases and totally be eliminated in 2023. <https://www.dfas.mil/sbpdicnews> Recently signed executive orders: <https://www.federalregister.gov/presidential-documents/executive-orders/joe-biden/2021>. 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.airforcemaq.com/Pages/HomePage.aspx>, Veterans Administration - <https://www.va.gov>, and Military Times - (<http://www.militarytimes.com>).
10. **Unfinished Business:**
- a. Website Update – New order form remains in the works. (Open)
 - b. JROTC Update – Medal requests are slowly arriving but remain minimal. (Open)
 - c. 2021 Conference Sponsorship – Discussions continue for upcoming support. (Open)
 - d. Aerospace Museum of California – Continuing to evaluate reactivating our membership and looking into how we may be able to support the museum once it is open. (Open)
 - e. 2021 Calendar of Events – Currently the only event to capture is the Mather Air Show, 25-26 Sep, featuring the Thunderbirds. (Open)
 - f. Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce Membership – A motion was made by the Auxiliary chapter to pay for the \$400 membership; Aux. members approved. (Closed)
 - g. Bringing Veterans Together - [Irreverent Warriors](#) is a website for building camaraderie among veterans to improve mental health and suicide prevention. MSgt (Ret) Grabow reached out to the president and was told the calendar of events are full for 2021 and was asked to consider hosting one in 2022. Researching a possible donation. (Closed)
11. **New Business:**
- a. VFW Post Update: Open with social distancing. Mr. Rodowick will attend a scheduled meeting to obtain additional details about future meetings and events. (Open)

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 March 2021 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.

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 JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
 Chapter Chairman

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 TERRY SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)
 Chapter Secretary