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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (6 Jan 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, Absent
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present
Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Absent
Pam Wright, Trustee, Present
4. **Members Present:**
MSG (Ret) Don Reed 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, Sue Ytzen, PO2 Michael Little, NCOA Chief Advocacy Officer
6. **Chairman's Comments:**
Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the meeting wishing everyone a Happy New Year.
Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan retired from the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce.
HQ Chairman's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry reiterated the goal of NCOA coins with the proceeds being for scholarships and the membership drive. MCPO (Ret) Terry Haines praised the No Bake/Bake sale again with \$2K being raised.
7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 116 Auxiliary: 73

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

Balance: Regular: \$ 4,621.04 Auxiliary: \$3,243.38
 JROTC: \$ 2,747.39

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: The VA has removed Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQ)s from its public websites. The VA says that DBQs will still be available to medical practitioners, who can use them in performing their official duties, but that they will no longer be available to the general-public. A 3% base pay increase was approved for all military members. Updated as of December 14, 2020, the 2021 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase for the 70 million Americans who rely on Social Security, VA disability, military retirement and other government benefits will be 1.3%. The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees:

<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 – Working on merchandise order form and discussed having a memory page for past members who are no longer with us. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – Medal requests continue to remain minimal. (Open)
- c. Election Support – All checks should have been received. The Chairman will make arrangements to pick up endorsed checks for any not already provided. (Closed)
- d. 2021 Conference Sponsorship – Discussions continue for upcoming support. (Open)
- e. Aerospace Museum of California – Looking to reactivate our membership and to look into how we may be able to support the museum. (Open)
- f. ‘No Bake” Bake Sale – A total of \$1,010 collected. Thank you for contributing. (Closed)
- g. 2021 Calendar of Events – Currently the only event to capture is the Mather Air Show, 25-26 Sep, featuring the Thunderbirds. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Rancho Cordova Membership – Remaining a member will cost \$400. (Open)
- b. Bringing Veterans Together - [Irreverent Warriors](#) is a website for building camaraderie among veterans to improve mental health and suicide prevention. (Open)

Meeting adjourned at 2002 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 February 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