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5 May 2021

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (5 May 2021)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours in person and 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, Absent  
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:**  
SMSgt (Ret) Dale Klug      SKCS (Ret) Norma von Dohren      MSG (Ret) Don Reed  
TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr      SFC (Ret) Whitley Varner      Dennis Scherer, SPC  
Kim Dewar, Auxiliary      Melissa Carnahan, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry, MCPO (Ret) Terry Haines, Ms. Tina Kish
6. **Chairman's Comments:**  
**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the meeting informing the chapters the Big Day of Giving starts on 6 May 2021. Sacramento Stand Down is one of the charities to consider since they have no fund raisers scheduled and anything helps. The NCOA is also a 501C(19) and you can contribute to our NCOA HQ. Fillable VA Form 40-10007 is available online for burial pre-qualification at a VA cemetery. Reminder that you can have documentation shredded at the Rancho Cordova City Hall on 15 May, during 0900-1300. OneVet OneVoice received a grant to assist veterans with food; contact MSgt (Ret) Grabow if you know someone in need.  
**Auxiliary:** Chairman Tammy Sullivan spoke about celebration of life taking place for MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill's wife Cynthia, who recently passed.

**HQ Chairman's Comments:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry spoke and shared his appreciation for sponsoring the Marine Vanguard recipient. NCOA has partnered with Excelsior College, assisting Veterans with their education needs. More details are available online. Ms. Tina Kish reminded Conference attendees the hotel registration deadline is 20 Jun 21. Ms. Kish also provided details about being a Knight. MCPO (Ret) Terry Haines commented that the NCOA is not going to rely solely on memberships for funding and was working towards obtaining sponsors, fundraisers, etc.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 128 Auxiliary: 85

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

Balance: Regular: \$ 4,636.97      Auxiliary: \$4,902.52  
JROTC: \$ 3,298.64

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees: The VA opens new rapid retraining program for VETS who lost jobs during the Covid 19 Pandemic. Check the website for details at <https://www.va.gov/education/other-va-education-benefits/veteran-rapid-retraining-assistance/>. HR7105 Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act was signed into Law on January 5, 2021. This new Law improves on many different programs for veterans such as: Homeless Assistance for VETS, Health Care, VA benefits and education. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/7105>. 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 – 2021 Catalog was received. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – 170 Medal orders were shipped. (Open)
- c. 2021 Conference – Scheduled for 20-23 Jul. Make hotel reservations prior to 20 Jun. MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow will escort the Marine Vanguard recipient. (Open)
- d. Aerospace Museum of California – No updates. (Open)
- e. 2021 Calendar of Events – Mather Air Show, 25-26 Sep. (Open)
- f. VFW Dinner – 30 Apr. Thanks volunteers. 80 steak meals served. Net profit for both chapters receiving \$219.36 each. Received \$69 in tips! Thanks grill masters... (Closed)
- g. Irreverent Warrior Oceanside Walk Update – The Chairman and Vice-Chairman attended the event and provided a recap. Very worthwhile event, to include signing up 22 new NCOA members. (Closed)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Auxiliary Donation – The Auxiliary had a motion to contribute \$100 to the Sacramento Stand Down for the Day of Giving. All members were in favor. (Closed)

Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 Jun 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 SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Secretary