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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (7 Apr 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, 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:**
MSG (Ret) Don Reed TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr Kim Dewar, Auxiliary
Melissa Carnahan, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry, Ms. Tina Kish
6. **Chairman's Comments:**
Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the meeting informing the chapters that the Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce Council membership was renewed. On 15 May, you can take material to be shredded to the Rancho Cordova City Hall during 0900 - 1300.
Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan congratulated Ms. Kim Dewar for getting 7 new member completed applications; a big thanks Kim.
HQ Chairman's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry spoke about two new legislative bills moving forward regarding Toxic Exposure to Veterans. Discussed new chapters and shared his appreciation for all the support being given.
7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 119 Auxiliary: 81

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

Balance: Regular: \$ 4,890.76 Auxiliary: \$5,225.77
JROTC: \$ 2,363.35

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: The IRS anticipates payments of the \$1400 Covid stimulus will be issued to Social Security recipients and other federal beneficiaries who do not normally file a tax return by April 7, 2021. As of January 2021, the VA had approved disability claims related to burn-pit exposure for 3,442 veterans out of 13,830, according to the latest data from the agency. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 signed into law will write off up to \$1 billion in veterans' medical debt. According to the law, all copayments for medical care provided to veterans through the VA from April 6, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021, will be waived. 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 – No updates. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – 90 Medal orders shipped with 10 more orders received and ready to ship. (Open)
- c. 2021 Conference Sponsorship – Motion made and approved for \$7,500; sponsoring the Marine Vanguard recipient. Conference is taking place starting 20 Jul with fact sheets coming soon. Make reservations prior to 24 Jun. (Open)
- d. Aerospace Museum of California – Attempting to reactivate our membership. (Open)
- e. 2021 Calendar of Events – Mather Air Show, 25-26 Sep, featuring the Thunderbirds. (Open)
- f. VFW Post Update: Open with social distancing. (Closed)

11. **New Business:**

- a. VFW Steak Dinner – 30 Apr. Volunteers needed. (Open)
- b. Day of Giving, 6 May. Consider giving to the Sacramento Stand Down. Job Fair being held at the Mather Complex, possibly 6 Jun. (Open)

Meeting adjourned at 1958 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 May 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