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4 Sep 2019

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (4 Sep 2019)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647 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, Absent  
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, Present  
Pam Wright, Trustee, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

SMSgt (Ret) John Pensko  
TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr.  
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary  
Bob Byers, Auxiliary

MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett  
SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney  
Kim Dewar, Auxiliary  
Sherry Byers, Auxiliary

MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill  
Bettie Upton, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments :**

**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan commented on the following topics: Sir Terry Hanes, Chairman, Rogue Chapter #1260 sent a message regarding Project 22 and an event being held in Medford OR. The purpose is to bring the issue of veteran suicide to the forefront. On average, 22 veterans take their life daily, and the number continues to grow. You are welcome to attend the event or if you would like, you can send a donation of \$22 to NCOA Rogue Chapter, PO Box 5597, Central Point, OR 97502 or website: <https://ncoarogue.org>.

**Auxiliary:** Chairman Tammy Sullivan had no comments.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 112      Auxiliary: 50

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

Balance: Regular: \$2,752.64.70  
JROTC: \$7,069.44

Auxiliary: \$967.89

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: The Global Supertanker, a Boeing 747-400 jet retrofitted to haul up to 20,000 gallons of water and fire retardant, landed in Bolivia on Tuesday to help fight fires in the Amazon. US Space Command was stood up in August 2019. The new boss, Air Force Gen. Jay Raymond, will establish two subordinate commands. One will support field commanders' needs for space capabilities like GPS and communications, while the other protects US assets. The Department of Veterans Affairs launched the Veterans Legacy Memorial project, aimed at memorializing online forever the more than 3.7 million veterans interred at the 136 national cemeteries run by the VA's National Cemetery Administration. A Tricare change, retroactive to 2018, will allow annual enrollment payments to count toward your deductible. Retirees could receive refunds from Tricare, if your premiums were paid for 18-19 and your annual deductible was met. The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees. <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. 2019 Calendar of events – (Open)
- b. Website Update – Scholarship winner were posted along with pictures of NCOA events, to include the recent Rancho Cordova Business Expo. (Open)
- c. Rancho Cordova Business Expo – 15 Aug. Thank you volunteers! 500 hot dogs were served, 98 vendors were present and 830 visitors attended the event. (Closed)
- d. VFW Dinner – 23 Aug 19 – Chicken and Ribs. Thanks to all of the volunteers. 87 meals were served with a net profit of \$669.70. Breakdown was: #1551 - \$401.82 and #0270 - \$267.88. (Closed)
- e. Capitol City Air Show – 5/6 Oct. Volunteer applications were submitted. Each day will require 12 volunteers. We will be again serving Pizza! Details were discussed about attire, with additional information to be provided at the next chapter meeting. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Move America Forward Pack-a-thon – 9 Sep 19. Opening ceremonies starts at 1330 with a guest speaker. Afterwards volunteers are needed to package 911 boxes; preparing them for shipment to military members stationed overseas. (Open)
- b. AFSA/NCOA Christmas Party – 7 Dec. Tickets are coming soon. (Open)
- c. Sacramento Stand Down – 9-10 Aug. Kim Dewar spoke about 180 veterans participating. They are looking for a new facility to replace the current one. (Closed)

12. Meeting adjourned at 1957 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 Oct 2019 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Secretary