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2 Apr 2025

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (Apr 2025)

1. **Meeting called to order at 1900 hours in person.**

Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.  
NCOA Creed read by MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow.  
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) Liz Lynn, Secretary, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, Present  
Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Present

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

4. **Members Present:**

SKCS Norma Van Dohren (Ret)	SMSgt Dale Krug (Ret)	MSgt Al Davis (Ret)
TSgt Orin K. Taylor (Ret)	AT1 Carlos Lopez	Larry Lynn, Auxiliary
Donna Master, Auxiliary	Bob Byers, Auxiliary	

5. **Guests Present:** Lt. Col. Des Nelson, Jessup University (JU) Advancement Officer, U.S. Army Reserve Chaplain for 19 years. Last assignment in Afghanistan and served in Africa Lion 2023-2024 Morocco. Highlights of JU include the opening of a new Veteran Resource Council for student veterans, staff, faculty and the veteran community. Donations funded 2023-2024 Ocean Therapy which boosted morale for JU veteran students tremendously. Sincere appreciation for NCOA's sponsorship of 2024 Ruck Walk and POW/MIA Table which is a permanent display at JU Café. Cyberdawn Exercise at JU this summer. LTC. Col. Des looks forward to partnering with NCOA for future JU events.  
Dr. Ed Laverone, Director Public Policy, Jessup University (Guest)

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

**Regular:** Rancho Cordova (RC) April 18th Luncheon at 11:30am to learn about changes to Sac International Airport. RC Biz Brief listed a 10-week intensive training cohort for small business owners. Deadline to apply 3/31/2025. Info on Development & Business Tax increases. For more info see <https://www.ranchocordova.org/>. RC Memorial Day Committee Meeting on April 9th. The American Cancer, Relay for Life, Never Forgotten thanking donors and team members; looking for more donations. Chief Sullivan handed out the 2024 Super Saxon Merit Awards to Gary Chase, Michael Grabow and Liz Lynn

**Auxiliary:** Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. Tammy handed out Super Saxon Merit Awards to Bob Byers, Melissa Carnahan, Donna Master, Scott Rodowick and Ellie Witt. VOA collection is going well. The value of the most recent clothing collected was \$702. Drop off VOA items can be brought to our NCOA monthly meetings.

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7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 164 Auxiliary: 188

8. **Treasurer's Reports:** MSgt (Ret) Liz M. Lynn and Mr. Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: \$5,113.30

JROTC: \$4,712.82

Auxiliary: \$2,779.77

9. **Legislative:** Gary Chase- U.S. Naval Academy ends Affirmative Action in Admissions; no longer consider race, ethnicity or sex as a factor for admission to service institutions. H.R. 1741: Veteran Appeals Transparency Act of 2025 requires the Board to publish weekly updates on where claimants stand in line as they await a decision. The Roosevelt Reservation may be transferred to the Dept of Defense under a 'pre-decisional' plan. It paves the way for active-duty troops to avoid violating Posse Comitatus. The body of the fourth U.S. soldier was recovered in Lithuania due to sinking of a 70-ton M8842 Hercules recovery vehicle. Military families in Key West Florida sue a private contractor, Sue Balfour Beatty, for allegations of squalid, toxic housing conditions.

**10. Unfinished Business:**

- a. JROTC Update – (Jim S.) Shipped 110 Medals. Ordered 800 more medals to be delivered in a few weeks. (Open)
- b. Gotsneakers.com (Scott Rodowick). Continue looking for more areas to place barrels. (Open).
- c. 2025 Calendar of Events (Tammy). The updated 2025 calendar was handed out. We may skip the VFW Dinner, 25 April due to a scheduling conflict at VFW. (Open)
- d. Korean War and Vietnam Medallion Program (Jim S). Continue looking for potential recipients. (Open)
- e. Jessup University Update (Liz). A Cyberdawn Exercise to be held at Jessup U. this summer 2025. More info to follow at our May 2025 NCOA meeting. (Open)
- f. Air Show - 22/23 Mar 2025 Saturday/Sunday (Jim S.) A thank you to all those who were able to help. The names of those who assisted were announced. A successful event! (Closed)
- g. VFW Breakfast 16 Mar 2025 - (Jim) Another successful event with very few leftovers. Thanks to those who helped with their names announced at our meeting. (Closed)

**11. New Business:**

- a. VFW Dinner 25 Apr 2025 Friday. Cancelled due to VFW scheduling conflict. (Closed)

The meeting adjourned at 2015 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 May 2025 at 1900 hours and will be held in person only at the VFW.

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JAMES N. SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman

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DR. LIZ M. LYNN, Ed.D, MSGT, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Secretary