

# Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America

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1 May 2024

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (May 2024)

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan  
NCOA Creed read by Vice Chairman Auxiliary-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, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn, Secretary, Present  
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Absent  
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Absent

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, Present  
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Pam Wright, Secretary, Absent  
Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

Larry Lynn, Auxiliary  
Donna Master, Auxiliary

Bob Byers, Auxiliary

Jasmine Kearn, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

**Grand Knight Letter:** Memorial Day observed 27 May 24 to honor and mourn military personnel who died while serving the U.S. Armed Forces. The Annual NCOA Conference, Annual Business Meeting and Knights Assembly is near, 16-19 July 2024; ensure your travel and reservation plans are in place. Seeking candidates for Knighthood and Girding to OS & OE. Urge all Knights to review Knights Rules of Order for changes in the wearing of the Knights Medallion & Garter.

**Regular:** A 2024 Memorial Day Observance will be held at the Performing Arts Center at Cordova High School at 10am. NCOA is proud to partner with DOC Development, Inc (DDI). They support the Department of Defense with innovative solutions such as equipment testing, logistical support and other tasks. The 2024 NCOA Membership Campaign is in progress. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) testified before DOD about raising enrollment fees on TRICARE for Life and TRICARE Prime. No legislation has been introduced, however, use the Action Center to oppose these CBO proposals. Received a \$1,000 check from Patty Ward for HUD/VASH Support for veteran programs.

**Auxiliary:** Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. Tammy & Ellie Witt were invited as guest speaks at the NCOA Oregon State Advisory Council Meeting on 27 Apr 2024 at the Roseburg, OR American Legion Hall. Six Oregon chapters were in attendance with guest speakers: Dan Loomis, Douglas County Commissioner; Constance Kloha, Bridgewood Rivers; Dennis Morehouse, Oregon Search & Rescue; and Jennifer Ellis, Associate of Vietnam Veterans of America. The meeting was interesting with an exchange of ideas and a fascinating briefing on the non-profit "Wildlife Advocacy for Veterans in Need."

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They specifically (working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife) have donated 10,427 pounds of game meat to Veterans since they started in May 2008. Wow! Tammy signed up six new NCOA members for the Umpqua Chapter."

**HQ Chairman's Comments:** Sir Joe Terry. Pleased to announce a new partnership with Militaryfares! They have exclusive airline, hotel, and cruise discounts to our NCOA members. For fares see <https://www.militaryfares.com>. For vacations see <https://vacationsavers.com>. Continue our Membership and Sponsorship drive which supports and honors military service members. Looking forward to the 2024 NCOA Conference. We need to step up our game with the 80/20 Rule. VA introduces a new "Last Resort" Loan program to help roughly 40,000 veterans keep their homes. Lastly, Sir Joe announced the location of the 2025 conference will be Norfolk, VA 15-18 Jul 25.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 155 Auxiliary: 146

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

Balance: \$4,025.89 JROTC: \$4,835.80 Auxiliary: \$5,054.19

9. **Legislative:** None

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Website Update (Pam) Updated info on website (Open)
- b. JROTC Update (Jim S) 239 orders shipped. Everything caught up with orders, banking, and checking (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com (Scott Rodowick) Collected six bags of sneakers. Received a check for \$54.00 (Open)
- d. 2024 Calendar of Events (Tammy) Encouraged folks to attend 27 May 2024 Memorial day at Cordova HS-Performing Arts Center at 10am. (Open)
- e. Korean War and Vietnam Medallion Program Update (Jim S) Larry Lynn thanked Chief Sullivan for providing a Korean War Medallion for Larry's uncle Jim, who is 90 years old and resides in Jefferson, Iowa. Chief working the names of seven other medallion recipients (Open)
- f. VFW Golf Tournament - 7 Jun 2024 (Donna) 24 teams have signed up so far and Irreverent Warrior is one of the golf sponsors (Open)
- g. VFW Breakfast – 21 Apr 2024 - Another successful event. A shout out for those who volunteered. Raised \$203.57; Chap 1551 - \$86.79, Chap 270 - \$86.78, VFW - \$30 (Closed)
- h. Membership Drive (Tammy) Urged all of us to recruit more members. The Memorial Day observance at Cordova HS would be a great opportunity to talk to people about the benefits of becoming a member of our NCOA.

11. **New Business:**

Our prayers and thoughts are out there for George Wheeler who is currently hospitalized. His family has recently suffered some serious life difficulties. Prayers also for Bettie and Joan as well.

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 Jun 2024 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 N. SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman

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