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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (2 Nov 2022)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours in person.
Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan
NCOA Creed read by SPC Tim Tribble
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, Absent
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Present MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present
3. Auxiliary Executive Committee Members: Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Karen Jamison, Vice Chairman, Absent Pam Wright, Secretary, Absent
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present Judy Mabie, Trustee, Absent
4. **Members Present:**
TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor SP4 Donald (Tim) Tribble Donna Master, Auxiliary
Bob Byers, Auxiliary Melissa Carnahan, Auxiliary Kim Dewar, Auxiliary
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** SGM Terry and Tina Kish also joined from the headquarters.
6. **Chairman's Comments:**
Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan discussed several topics: A brief history of Veterans Day; the November Rancho Cordova Community Council luncheon will recognize supervisor Don Nattoli for his support over many years; the 4 Paws 2 Freedom with the Sacramento Kings event on 9 Nov; reminder about the NCOA Advocate publication; VFW 4647 is looking for support for the holiday food basket program; VA announced funding opportunities to help veterans experiencing homelessness and various events happening at the Aerospace Museum of California. He also provided a financial report from the Air Show. Proceeds were \$ 1,491.12 with \$ 775.38 going to the Auxiliary and \$715.74 going to the regular chapter.

Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan briefly mentioned the Gotsneakers campaign and wished George and Nancy Wheeler a Happy 61st Anniversary!

HQ Chairman's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry confirmed the 2023 conference will be in San Antonio. A location has not yet been determined. He is already looking for sponsors for the 2023 conference. He indicated the new Korean War medals were available. Total Force coins are being designed. He also encouraged chapter members to participate in the HQ Legislative Team calls. Tina reminded the Chapter Chairmen to submit activity photos and that the Super Saxon nominations are due in November.
7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 155 Auxiliary: 114

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

Balance: Regular: \$2,019.09 JROTC: \$2,438.99 Auxiliary: \$1,164.71

9. Legislative: MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following topics: Under the PACT Act, 113K claims have already been filed; the VA announced that it would screen all its patients for possible exposure to environmental hazards; the VA published three grant opportunities for FY24 that will help veterans who are experiencing or risk homelessness; President Biden signed a proclamation designating November 2022 as National Veterans and Military Families Month; tens of thousands of veteran and family members signed up to work the polls this election season. Informative Websites below:
<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 – The website provides up to date information. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – No new orders have been requested. Need to update all forms associated with the program. (Open)
- c. Irreverent Warriors Walk – 8 Oct 2022 - MSgt Grabow (Ret) provided an update. The hike was a tremendous success with 66 hikers and 19 volunteers. The Sacramento Gun Range provided free laser shooting events before step off and there were various events at the stopping points including kick ball and yoga. Lunch was provided and the local Boy Scout troop provided pastries and freeze pops at the last stop. During the wrap up session, the hikers provided a lot of great comments about the event and look forward to next year. All event hikers and volunteers provided comments and feedback at the NCOA meeting. (Closed)
- d. 2022 Calendar of Events – Copies were provided to the membership. (Closed)
- e. Gotsneakers.com – Scott Rodowick provided an update on the program. Over 20 bags have been sent in and he received the first check for \$ 77.25. The barrels from the VFW and Log Off Brewery will be removed this month. Adventist Hospital has agreed to display a barrel. (Open)
- f. Elections – 5/8 Nov – Volunteers confirmed their availability. Chief Sullivan finalized the assignments. We have 12 volunteers signed up. (Open)
- g. VFW Breakfast – 20 Nov – Signup sheets were passed around. (Open)
- h. Christmas Party – Friday, 9 Dec – DJ and caterer have been contracted. Cost will be \$35. We are planning for 60 guests. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. 2023 Calendar of Events draft was provided. (Open)

Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 Dec 2022 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, MSGT, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Secretary