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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (Oct 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 Auxilliary-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, Absent
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

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

4. **Members Present:**

Larry Lynn, Auxiliary
ET1 Charlie Tucker

Donna Master, Auxiliary
TSgt Orin K. Taylor (Ret)

5. **Guest Present:** Tim Whalen, CPO-Navy (Ret) is a Veterans Outreach Program Specialist who presented information about Veteran Centers. Established in 1979 in recognition of Vietnam Era veterans, a wide range of services were discussed to include: counseling, out-reach, referral services, PTSD, sexual and readjustment counseling services. VA Center Mobile Center vans are used for hard-to-reach veterans living in remote areas. For more information, see www.vetcenter.va.gov Or email tim.whalen@va.gov

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: Veterans Day Observance, 'Flags on Folsom Blvd' Rancho Cordova Nov 9-12. A tribute to our American Armed Forces Veterans. A Blood-Drive on Nov 12 at Rancho Cordova City Hall by appointment 11am-3pm. AFSA Legislative Platform includes seven priorities: military healthcare, veteran/retiree affairs, benefits & programs, military families, education, caring for survivors & Air National Guard & Air Force Reserve. For more info, see milgov3@hqafasa.org. Military bases assessing damage after Hurricane Helene, Category 4, made landfall in Florida. More than 4,000 National Guards deployed to battle storm surges, power outages & flooding. MacDill AFB in Florida and Moody AFB in Georgia among the bases impacted. The Capital City Air Show scheduled for Mar 22-23, 2025, with the Blue Angels.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. The Spirit of Sacramento received an Appreciation Award for their continued work and dedication. Congrats!

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 177 Auxiliary: 172

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

Balance: \$ 2,331.44

JROTC: \$162.56

Auxiliary: \$5,120.19

9. **Legislative:** (Open)

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Website Update (Pam) Updated info on website (Open)
- b. JROTC Update (Jim S) With the start of the new school year, awaiting shipping of medals that were back ordered last month, Sept 2024. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com (Scott Rodowick) Program running a little slow this time of year. Several bags were collected from the hospital where Laurie works. (Open)
- d. 2024 Calendar of Events (Tammy) Updated calendars were provided. The VFW breakfast for Oct 27-Sunday was added.
- e. Korean War and Vietnam Medallion Program Update. (Jim S) 30 medallions received that were previously ordered (Open)
- f. Irreverent Warrior Silkie Hike Update – (Michael) Continue to spread the word about the Irreverent Warrior event Oct 19th. Liz also promoted the event with WJU's Veteran Center for any interested student veterans and community (Open).
- g. William Jessup University Update (Liz) -Hoops for Heroes-Nov 8 at 7pm; Veterans Honors Week-Nov 11-15 (Mon-Fri) at WJU with a prayer focus: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force & Space Force and Coast Guard. For more info see [Veterans | Jessup University](#) (Open)
- h. VFW Dinner -27 Sept 2024- (Jim) We planned for 80 and only 42 were present. A bit disappointing, however, Jim thanked everyone who came out to help cook and serve. For future VFW dinner events, may need to think of other clever menus ideas.
- i. Remembering our Fallen -Tribute to Global War on Terror- 11/15 Sep. Opening ceremony was excellent, and the exhibit was awesome with names of our Fallen. Sadly, however, about 2,000 names were not on the exhibit. When families forget or fail to submit the name(s) of a Fallen, their name will not appear on the exhibit. Chief Jim thanked those who came to help serve hot dogs, a fun event!
- j. Elections-Nov 2 – 5th (Jim S) This is our biggest fund raiser during an election year. Chief Jim passed out the tentative schedule for the Ballot Transport Vans and Supply Vans for everyone to review. If there are any changes, please let Jim know. A final schedule will be emailed as we get closer to Nov 2.

11. **New Business:**

- a. VFW Breakfast – 27 Oct 24 (Sunday)
- b. Upcoming VFW annual Thanksgiving & Christmas holiday baskets events (Donna Master)

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 Nov 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