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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (3 Mar 2021)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours virtually on Zoom 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, Present
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, Absent
Pam Wright, Trustee, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary
Kim Dewar, Auxiliary Patty Grabow, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry, Ms. Tina Kish

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the meeting deferring to HQs for comments.

Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan encourage members to seek new members.
Recommended posting on the NCOA Facebook relating to articles of interest for members.

HQ Chairman's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry spoke about questions received regarding life members and what can be done to continue supporting HQ NCOA. Suggestions were to sponsor new members, support the NCOA challenge coin fundraiser and donate to the Vanguard award program. A new legislative team was hired after P02 Michael Little resigned; Daniel Elkins (Director of Government Affairs) and Levi Sadr (Legislative Director).

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 120 Auxiliary: 78

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

Balance: Regular: \$ 4,950.54 Auxiliary: \$5,061.82
 JROTC: \$ 2,743.64

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: According to a press release, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is extending the moratorium on evictions and foreclosures, as well as VA loan forbearance requests to June 30, 2021 because of the challenges many have faced because of the coronavirus pandemic. Department of Veterans' Affairs announced it will extend its moratorium on all benefit and medical copay debt collections through Sept 2021. The Major Richard Star Act would qualify approximately 42,000 military retirees with combat-related injuries to concurrently receive both military retired pay and Veteran Affairs (VA) compensation. More specifically, this legislation would provide for total offset relief to veterans who suffered combat injuries or illnesses who were medically retired with less than twenty years of service. The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees: <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 – New catalogs are being distributed with an order form remaining in the works. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – 22 Medal orders received over the past month. (Open)
- c. 2021 Conference Sponsorship – Discussions continue with optimism of having the conference. More details will be provided soon. (Open)
- d. Aerospace Museum of California – Continuing to evaluate reactivating our membership and looking into how we may be able to support the museum once it is open. (Open)
- e. 2021 Calendar of Events – Currently the only event to capture is the Mather Air Show, 25-26 Sep, featuring the Thunderbirds. (Open)
- f. VFW Post Update: Open with social distancing. No meeting can be held at this time. Mr. Rodowick will be attending a meeting on 16 Mar with details to follow. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 April 2021 at 1900 hours and will be held 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 SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Secretary