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

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

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) Liz Lynn
Moment of silence observed.

2. **Executive Committee Members:**

CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman, Present
MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow, Vice-Chairman, Absent
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
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

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

4. **Members Present:**

MSgt (Ret) Alan Davis	TSgt Shann Elmore	TSgt (Ret) Orin K. Taylor (Ret)
ET1 Charlie Tucker	Donna Master, Auxiliary	Larry Lynn, Auxiliary
Bob Byers, Auxiliary		

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: NCOAdvocate- "Giving Tuesday Donation", every dollar can make a difference to Scholarship, Disaster Relief & Membership Development Fund! Fall Membership Campaign ending soon, "One member at a time-Each One, Reach one!" NCOA Chapter Start Up, anyone interested in getting a new Chapter started, contact SGM Terry at jerry@ncoausa.org or Ms. Tina Kish at tkish@ncoausa.org. The new installation access process for veterans and caregivers will streamline both enrollment and access to installations. More information on eligibility and documentation found at <https://caregiver.va.gov/>. California State Jobs Awareness Workshop on Dec 8th Sunday 1:30-4 pm, virtual event: RSVP to YKChalam@gmail.com. Deadline for design of medallion contest extended to 31 Dec. 2024: NCOA Gulf War/Global War on Terrorism medallion. Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce and Cordova Community Council sponsoring several events: 2024 Winter Art Fest, Nov 29, Dec 1 and Dec 6-8; Holiday Run-Police Activities League, 5K, 10K, 1 mile walk, Dec 14; Holiday Harmonies, Dec 14th; Holiday Magic, Dec 15th. Reminder of Capital City Airshow 22/23 Mar 2025, Blue Angels. NCOA Annual Conference 15-18 July 2025, Norfolk, VA.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. Shout out to Donna Master and VFW for holiday decorating. For the holiday party, a majority of members present voted to have gifts versus gift cards. Continued discussion on recruiting new members. An idea introduced by Charlie Tucker "buy one, get one free" as a value-added incentive to expand membership.

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HQ Chairman's Comments: Sir Joe Terry - None.

7. Membership Coordinator: Regular: 167 Auxiliary: 175

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

Balance: \$2,842.40

JROTC: \$246.24

Auxiliary: \$3,982.56

9. Legislative: 100 veterans will serve in Congress at the start of new year - 2025. A court-mandated plan is on hold which would force the VA to house 3,000 homeless veterans in Los Angeles. USAA reported that our troops are stronger financially in 2023 than pre-pandemic years. The Retired Pay Restoration Act allows receipt of both military retired pay and veteran's disability with respect to any service-connected disability. The Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act authorizes veterans with a service-connected disability of less than 50% to receive both retired and disability compensations.

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Website Update – Pam - Updated info on website (Open).
- b. JROTC Update – (Jim S.) 278 shipments to date. More to follow as we enter the new school year. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com (Scott Rodowick). With holidays, barrels have been slow to fill, although an \$8.00 check was received and 27 pairs recycled. Other sneaker sites have started in Florida (Ronnie) and Arizona (Rhonda). (Open)
- d. 2024 Calendar of Events (Tammy). The last 2024 calendar updated to include our Dec 7th Christmas party, and a new 2025 calendar was handed out. (Open).
- e. Korean War and Vietnam Medallion Program (Jim S). On Dec 14th, Chief Sullivan to present 3 medallions to Col. Joseph Peterburs, USAF (Ret): WWII, Korean and Vietnam Medallions. Plus, two invited friends in attendance, one to receive the Korean Medallion and the other, the Vietnam Medallion. (Open)
- f. Irreverent Warriors Silkie Hike Update (Jim S). Great event as several members of Ch 1551 participated. Michael Grabow was absent and will update more at our next meeting. (Open)
- g. William Jessup University Update (Liz). Hoops for Heroes and Honors Week at WJU was a huge success. WJU very appreciative and thankful of our NCOA Ch 1551. They are working on a permanent display of the MIA/POW Table at the Café which is a replica of what we provided.
- h. Elections 2-5 Nov 2024 (Jim S). Still awaiting some checks from the Elections Board. Chief Sullivan to contact Kenji for an update. Once all checks are received, a car reimbursement check of \$529.35 will be sent to Michael Grabow as voted and agreed upon at our 6 Nov meeting. (Open)
- i. VFW 15 Nov Dinner (Jim S). Great job by all who helped. However, we did run out of steaks with no leftovers. For future VFW breakfasts and dinners, we discussed how best we can gauge the number of attendees to correspond with the purchase of food items. Great music provided by Charlie, Yay! (CLOSED)
- j. Christmas Party (Tammy) Catered by "Off the Vine." Discussed the possibility of low attendance this year. Planning for 50 guests versus 60. Spread the word, do not need to be a veteran, bring a friend and enjoy the festivities! (Open)

11. New Business:

- a. 2025 Lookahead - Voluntary group to meet early Jan for 2025 Lookahead ideas are welcome.
- b. No meeting Jan 1, 2025 - New Years Day.

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for **5 Feb 2025** 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