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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (4 Jan 2023)

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, Present
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Absent 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 Ellie Witt, Auxiliary
Bob Byers, Auxiliary Melissa Carnahan, Auxiliary Kim Dewar, Auxiliary
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary Donna Master, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** SGM Terry also joined from the headquarters.
6. **Chairman's Comments:**
Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan discussed several topics: The Grand Knight monthly newsletter, Executive Director Insights and the NCOAdvocate.
Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan briefly discussed membership and informed the Auxiliary about an Executive meeting next month before the regular meeting.
HQ Executive Director's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry provided an update on the 2023 conference. He also discussed a new membership drive and related incentives.
7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 156 Auxiliary: 114
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Mr. Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: Regular: \$3,243.42 JROTC: \$2,230.78 Auxiliary: \$731.17

9. Legislative: MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following topics: Beginning on February 1, 2023, surviving spouses will receive their full Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payment from DFAS and their full Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) payment from the VA. This is because February 1, 2023, will be the first SBP annuity payday after the SBP-DIC Offset is fully eliminated, which takes effect January 1, 2023. Congress provided for a Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season in the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The SBP Open Season allows for retirees receiving retired pay, eligible members, or former members awaiting retired pay who are currently NOT enrolled in SBP or RCSBP (Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan) to enroll. The Space Force has taken over all the Department of Defense's military satellite communication functions, a major step in building the new service. The Pentagon's long-awaited parental leave policy for service members and their spouses was announced but doesn't apply to those troops who grew their families in the last year who already used all their leave while waiting for the guidance. Both parents are now offered up to 12 weeks of leave after welcoming a new child, as well as any doctor-approved convalescent leave for the birth parent. Thousands of troops across all services who had pending religious exemptions for the COVID-19 vaccine are no longer facing the risk of separation from the military after the Pentagon announced it won't review their cases anymore in the wake of a law eliminating the vaccine mandate. 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 – We have shipped 3 orders and email traffic has picked up. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com – Scott Rodowick provided an update on the program. We have sent 142 pairs of sneakers and he received the third check for \$ 100.00. The members will look for new locations to place the collection bins. (Open)
- d. Elections – 5/8 Nov – Due to some clerical errors at the county, we are still awaiting some checks to determine overall income. (Open)
- e. Christmas Party – Friday, 9 Dec – Forty-five people attended. There were several late notice cancellations due to weather, sickness, and other family emergencies. The food was excellent and Santa, his helper and the Grinch kept the crowd entertained. The overall event lost \$803.73 split between the chapters as the event was based on 60 attendees. Each participant offered their perspective. Though a date of 9 Dec has been reserved, the team will decide if we have a party in 2023. (Closed)
- f. 2023 Calendar of Events was provided. Chief Sullivan solicited input for 2023 events. (Open)
- g. The Wall that Heals – 3/30-4/3. The Vietnam Traveling wall will be in Citrus Heights. The membership will decide upon a way to support the event. Further discussion at the next meeting. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. VFW Breakfast – 26 Feb – Sign up sheets will be available at the next meeting. (Open)
- b. SP4 Tribble discussed a potential fund-raising opportunity called Raise Right. Many vendors participate by providing 3% – 20% of the sale value to participating non-profit organizations. Additional research will be conducted. (Open)
- c. SP4 Tribble informed the membership about a sendoff event at BT Collins Army Reserve Center for a unit deployment from 10 a.m. to noon. On Saturday, 7 Jan. (CLOSED)

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 Feb 2023 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