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4 Oct 2023

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

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

1. **Meeting called to order at 1900 hours in person.**

Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan  
NCOA Creed read by: 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, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn, Secretary, Present  
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, 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, Present

4. **Members Present:**

TSgt (Ret) Bryant Bickford	SP4 Donald (Tim) Tribble	SRA Joseph Blea
Tammy Rowley, Auxiliary	Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary	Bob Byers, Auxiliary
Donna Master, Auxiliary	Larry Lynn, Auxiliary	

5. **Guests Present:** Michelle Duchesne from RWB (Red, White, Blue) Team offers real-life & virtual opportunities to build a healthier lifestyle with a focus on mental & physical health. RWB is about connecting with veterans who need to prioritize their well-being first as they integrate back into civilian life.

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

**Regular:** Grand Knight letter was discussed. VFW toaster delivered and a special thanks to Scott Rodowick, Bob Byers and Chief Sullivan for the VFW oven/grill cleanup. Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce to host a luncheon, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker, Thien Ho, Sacramento County District Attorney. NCOA Medallion Recognition Program is looking to recognize more deserving veterans. The NCOA Strategic Plan by Garry A. McClure (President) and Gerald Morey (Chairman Board) was handed out for informational purposes.

**Auxiliary:** Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. CMSgt Gerald Morey, Chairman of the Board stepped down and replaced by MSgt Robert Llewellyn. Support through donations for NCOA's Medallion Program, Scholarship Program, Disaster Relief Fund and General Donations was presented. October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**HQ Chairman's Comments:** Sir Joe Terry commented on the Yearend NCOA Membership Drive and how this can be promoted through Facebook, Instagram, social media and personal communications for those who do not use technology.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 156 Auxiliary: 128

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

Balance: \$2,141.35      JROTC: \$1,406.61      Auxiliary: \$1,832.07

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase provided updates on various topics: Scores of military veterans, service academy graduates and families are scrambling to find hotel rooms for the big Army-Navy game at Gillette Stadium because their reservations were canceled to make way for migrant families. In the second day of the former POTUS' financial fraud trial, Judge Arthur Engoron just issued a limited gag order against everyone in the civil case to stop verbal and social media-posted swipes at members of his staff. On Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, the Biden administration announced that they waived 26 federal laws in South Texas to allow border wall construction, marking the administration's first use of a sweeping executive power employed often during the Trump presidency. The Department of Homeland Security posted the announcement with few details outlining the construction in Starr County, Texas. (Delcia Lopez/The Monitor via AP, File) Construction will add up to an additional 20 miles. U.S. Central Command said that 1.1 million 7.62 mm rounds given to Ukraine were part of seizures by U.S. naval forces of weapons shipments believed to be from Iran for fighters backed by Tehran in Yemen. Two soldiers were killed, and 12 others sustained injuries when a U.S. Army transport vehicle overturned outside an Alaskan base. TRICARE Open enrollment Season is Nov. 13 through Dec. 12, 2023.

**10. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Website Update – Pam-Capital Airshow photos to be posted on our website. Continues to be updated. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – Scholarship recipient, Gabriella Gracia, approved for \$500, awaiting check to clear. New banking system to go live Nov 1, 2023. Work in-progress on updating the JROTC Program, Application and Evaluation form with Dr. Liz Lynn, Gary Chase and Michael Grabow. Results expected early Dec 2023. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com - Scott Rodowick: Up to 6 barrels now. More opportunities for barrel placements. So far, 1,000 sneakers have been saved from going to landfills. A check for \$38.50 was given to Tammy. Scott is now point of contact for all NCOA for Gotsneakers.com (Open)
- d. 2023 Calendar of Events – Updated copy passed around. (Open)
- e. Irreverent Warrior Walk – MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow – “Silkie Hike” The trail elevation is upwards of 856 ft. So far, 65 people have signed up. At 9:21am, day of race, a ‘ring of fire’ predicted in the sky. VFW 6604 at 1300 Veterans Way, Folsom to host event. The theme is Burritos, Beer & Buddies. Corn-hole and other fun activities afterwards (Open)
- f. Capitol City Airshow – 23/24 Sept 2023 –big thank you to all volunteers. Great time and weather. Very busy, served 794 pizzas and 900 bottles of water. This year, no cash, credit card only. Earned \$906.00 in tips. Final accounting of funds available at our Nov meeting. (Open)

**11. New Business:**

- a. Christmas Party – 9 Dec 2023 –Saturday 6:00pm – Dinner fee \$35.00 per person. Includes Santa, Elf, a choir, DJ, and other fun Christmas activities. Catered by ‘Off the Vine.’ (Open)
- b. VFW dinner Dec 15, 2023 (Open)
- c. Per Tim Tribble, on Oct 9, 2023 a “drive-by” to honor a 100 year old veteran (John Canfield) is scheduled at Eastern Oak Park at 11:00am (Closed)

The meeting adjourned at 2015 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 Nov 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, Ed. D, MSGT, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Secretary