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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (5 Oct 2022)

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, Absent
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Present MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present
3. Auxiliary Executive Committee Members: Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Karen Jamison, Vice Chairman, Absent Pam Wright, Secretary, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present Judy Mabie, Trustee, Absent
4. **Members Present:**
MSgt (Ret) Shawn Simmons TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor SP4 Donald (Tim) Tribble
Bob Byers, Auxiliary Melissa Carnahan, Auxiliary Donna Master, Auxiliary
Kim Dewar, Auxiliary Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** SGM Terry and Tina Kish also joined from the headquarters.
6. **Chairman's Comments:**
Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan discussed several topics: GK October Newsletter wishing the US Navy a Happy 247th Birthday and reminded all Knights of the Knights Mission Statement; Game Night at the post on 22 Oct; VA Caregiver benefits expanded to all vets starting 1 Oct; Representative Dr. Ami Bera will be hosting the 7th Annual Brain Health Forum Services on 6 Oct; NCOA Advocate has several great articles.
Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan discussed her recent trip to Tucson and had lunch with the International Auxiliary Board President, Ronda Smith.
HQ Chairman's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry indicated the new Korean War medals were due any day. A location for the 2023 conference has not been determined. He is already looking for sponsors for the 2024 conference. Tina reminded the Chapter Chairmen that the Super Saxon nominations are due in November.
7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 155 Auxiliary: 114
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Mr. Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: Regular: \$2,419.73 JROTC: \$2,505.52 Auxiliary: \$1,204.65

9. Legislative: MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following topics: Under the PACT Act signed into law, tens of thousands more veterans will be eligible for VA health care beginning 1 Oct; effective 24 Oct, 14,963 pharmacies will no longer participate in Tricare's pharmacy network; the Veterans Health Administration plans to screen all patients for environmental exposure beginning in November; the US Army missed their recruitment goals by 15,000; thousands of active-duty troops await their disposition for refusing the Covid-19 vaccination. 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 – No new orders have been requested. (Open)
 - c. Irreverent Warriors Walk – 8 Oct 2022 - MSgt Grabow (Ret) provided an update. He is expecting upwards of 100 hikers. Volunteers are requested to show at 0730. Step off will be 0900 with expected finish at 1500 hours. He presented a coin to Tammy Sullivan and Scott Rodowick for their support. (Open)
 - d. 2022 Calendar of Events – Copies were provided to the membership. (Open)
 - e. Capital City Airshow – 15 volunteers participated over the 2-day event. Revenue will be determined by the next meeting, but we did take in \$119 in tips. We did receive a Thank You email from Shelly Blanchard, the Executive Director of the Cordova Community Council. Though the event was successful, there were several issues that needed to be addressed. Tammy Sullivan agreed to gather the list of issues from the volunteers and present them to the Air Show team. Thanks to all volunteers. (Open)
 - f. VFW Dinner – 23 Sep – 13 volunteers participated. We sold 66 meals and raised \$236.72; \$106.52 for the Regular chapter and \$130.20 for the Auxiliary chapter. Thanks to all volunteers. (Closed)
 - g. Gotsneakers.com – Scott Rodowick provided an update on the program. Several bags have been sent in already. He advised there may be a delay in payment as the headquarters is in Florida and was impacted by the hurricane. (Open)
 - h. Elections – 5/8 Nov – Volunteers confirmed their availability. Chief Sullivan will finalize the assignments. (Open)
11. **New Business:**
- a. Christmas Party – Friday, 9 Dec – DJ and caterer have been identified. Cost will be \$35. More details at the Nov meeting. (Open)
 - b. VFW Breakfast – 20 Nov – Sign up sheets will be available at the Nov meeting. (Open)
 - c. MSgt (Ret) Grabow announced the William Jessup University Honor Court Event on 4 Nov. (Closed)
 - d. SP4 Tribble announced a Salute to Service event at the 9 Nov Sacramento Kings basketball game. Game time is 7 p.m. and the cost is \$27. Tickets must be purchased by 1 Nov. (Closed)
 - e. Kim Dewar discussed a fund raiser for her granddaughter Kylie's dance team. (Closed)

Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 Nov 2022 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