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## Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America

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6 Nov 2024

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (Nov 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, Present

4. **Members Present:**

SKCS (Ret) Norma Von Dohren	TSgt (Ret) Orin K. Taylor	ET1 Charlie Tucker
Donna Master, Auxiliary	Larry Lynn, Auxiliary	Bob Byers, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

**Regular:** NCOAdvocate will be received via email now. VFW holiday baskets in progress, Donna Masters received several checks. Veteran Assistance Expo will be on 11/11/2024 in Rancho Cordova. Our Chapter 1551 proposes to award Col. Joseph Peterburs, USAF (Ret), triple medallions for his service in WWII, Korean and Vietnam wars. His exemplary service was published in the MOAA-Military Officers Association of America. Capital City Airshow-Blue Angels scheduled for 22-23 Mar 2025. More info to follow with sign-up sheets at our 4 Dec 2024 meeting.

**Auxiliary:** Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. The 2024 NCOA calendar of events was updated to include the 15 Nov 2024 VFW dinner. Extra NCOA T-shirts were provided for anyone wanting one. Over this past year, there has been a decrease in the number of attendees at the VFW breakfasts and dinners. Discussed how best to market these events to entice more attendees and adjust our budget accordingly. For example, perhaps provide music, dance and/or entertainment.

**HQ Chairman's Comments: Sir Joe Terry** - Membership campaign encourages everyone to sign up or sponsor at least one new member before the year is out. Opportunities in investing with Vanguard Life Member Program are available. NCOA Annual Conference scheduled for 15-18 July 2025 in Norfolk, Virginia. Sign up for the contest of the best Design Team for Global War on Terrorism Medal. See link for more information: <https://www.gwotmemorialfoundation.org/kengo-kuma-to-lead-design/>

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 179 Auxiliary: 172

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

Balance: \$1,741.39 JROTC: \$385.08 Auxiliary: \$4,410.97

9. **Legislative:** Newly elected President Trump 5 Nov 2024.

**10. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Website Update – Pam - Updated info on website. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – Processed 270 shipments in 2024. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com (Scott Rodowick). With the upcoming holidays, barrels have been slow to fill. Suggestion by Charlie Tucker to set up a barrel at a local YMCA. (Open)
- d. 2024 Calendar of Events (Tammy). Updated calendar to include Nov 15th VFW dinner and reminder about our Christmas party, Saturday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$35.00 per person. (Open)
- e. Korean War and Vietnam Medallion Program (Jim S). Aim to present 3 medallions to Col. Joseph Peterburs, USAF (Ret): WWII, Korean and Vietnam Medallions. (Open)
- f. Irreverent Warriors Silkie Hike Update (Jim S). Great event as several members of Ch 1551 participated. Each expressed positive experiences with entertaining side stories. Michael Grabow was absent and will update more at our 4 Dec 2024 meeting.
- g. William Jessup University Update (Liz). Hoops for Heroes scheduled for 8 Nov 2024. NCOA to provide the MIA/POW Table display at WJU's Veteran Resource Center. Then for more visibility, the display will be moved to Jessup's Café 11-15 Nov. Des Nelson from WJU very thankful and appreciative of NCOA for providing the Table display. (Open)
- h. Elections 2-5 Nov 2024 (Jim S). Great turnout of voters, even after the polls were closed. Those who worked the Supply Van or Ballot Transport shared their experiences, especially the first timers. Interesting, funny, yet patriotic stories were shared. Unfortunately, Michael Grabow's car was broken into in the parking lot. With the funds earned by the Elections Board, a motion by Charlie Tucker was proposed to reimburse Michael's car repairs for up to \$600. Motion second by Orin Tayler and approved by all present. Reimbursement occurs after final checks are received. (Open)
- i. VFW Breakfast 27 Oct (Jim S). Another prosperous event, great job by all who helped. Again, briefly discussed how best to solicit more attendees at the VFW breakfast & dinners. (CLOSED)

**11. New Business:**

- a. VFW Dinner – 15 Nov 24. The sign-up sheet passed out.
- b. Christmas Party - 7 Dec 2024, Saturday - \$35.00/person.

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for **4 Dec 2024** 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