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7 Dec 22

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (7 Dec 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, 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
5. **Guests Present:** SGM Terry also joined from the headquarters.
6. **Chairman's Comments:**
Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan discussed several topics: Recognition of 7 Dec as Pearl Harbor Day; the Grand Knight monthly newsletter and the Aerospace Museum of California December schedule of events.
Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan briefly discussed membership and wished everyone a very happy holiday season. She also informed the membership about chapter elections in the Spring.
HQ Chairman's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry confirmed the 2023 conference will be in San Antonio at the Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk Hotel from 18-21 July. The Army, Navy and USMC Vanguard sponsors have already committed. He is looking for sponsors for the Air Force and USCG. He indicated the new Korean War medals were available.
7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 156 Auxiliary: 112
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Mr. Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: Regular: \$4,373.93 JROTC: \$2,253.73 Auxiliary: \$1,213.75

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following topics: He reminded everyone that the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor 81 years ago today launched the United States into World War II. House and Senate lawmakers on 6 Dec unveiled plans for a compromise Defense Authorization bill which would boost the military budget by 8% over fiscal 2022 levels and rescind the military's COVID-19 vaccine mandate for service members. U.S. military departments missed recruiting goals for various reasons including overweight, not educationally fit, COVID-19 shot mandates and wokeness standards, to name a few. The VA announced it will prioritize the processing of veterans' claims associated with the PACT ACT. On 1 Jan 23, the VA will open enrollment for VA Life Insurance, the first new VA life insurance program in more than 50 years. Over 15,000 pharmacies have left the Tricare network. Tricare open enrollment is ongoing through 13 Dec 22. Gary also discussed the NCOA Legislative Affairs committee meeting he participated in. Levi solicited interested parties to assist with the social media activity for the association. 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. Gotsneakers.com – Scott Rodowick provided an update on the program. Over 20 bags have been sent in and he received the second check for \$ 85.25. The barrels from the VFW and Log Off Brewery were removed. New locations will be determined after the holidays. (Open)
 - d. Elections – 5/8 Nov – Twelve volunteers participated. We are awaiting the checks to determine overall income. (Open)
 - e. VFW Breakfast – 20 Nov – Eight volunteers participated. We served 55 meals and raised \$167.79, \$90.61 for the regular chapter and \$ 77.18 for the auxiliary chapter. Thanks to all volunteers! (Closed)
 - f. Christmas Party – Friday, 9 Dec – DJ and caterer have been contracted. Cost will be \$35. We are planning for 60 guests. (Open)
 - g. 2023 Calendar of Events draft was provided. Chief Sullivan solicited input for 2023 events. (Open)
11. **New Business:**
- a. SFC Tribble informed the membership that the Vietnam Memorial traveling wall will be in Sacramento at Rusch Park from 28 March through 2 April. We will look at participating in the event. SGM Terry indicated it may be a great event to provide the NCOA Vietnam medal to attending veterans. (Open)
 - b. MSgt Grabow indicated the 2023 Irreverent Warrior hike is scheduled for 14 October. This will become an open item as we get closer to the event. (Closed)

Meeting adjourned at 2005 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Jan 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