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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (May 2025)

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) 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, Absent
MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn, Secretary, Present
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Absent

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, Present
Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Absent

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

4. **Members Present:**

SMSgt John Pensko (Ret)
Larry Lynn, Auxiliary

MSgt Al Davis (Ret)
Donna Master, Auxiliary

TSgt Orin K. Taylor (Ret)

5. **Guests Present:** None.

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: Military Appreciation Month, May 2025, observed to honor and recognize sacrifices and contributions of military personnel in the U.S. and express gratitude to those who served in the Armed Forces. Also includes V-E Day (May 8) and Military Spouse Appreciation Day on Friday before Mother's Day. Capitol City Airshow final results raised \$3,414.05 with \$1,092.50 to Ch 1551 and \$2,321.55 to Auxiliary. Chief Sullivan attended training to be an Aerospace Museum Volunteer and awaiting security clearance results from FBI. Discussed possible future NCOA events at the Museum. Rancho Cordova Biz Brief includes National Small Business Month. American Cancer Society Relay for life scheduled for 13 Sept 2025. Motion by Scott Rodowick to donate \$100 to the American Cancer Society was seconded by Michael Grabow and approved by all present. Veterans Assistance 26 Apr – A huge appreciation and gratitude for those who assisted an elderly fellow veteran at his home in North Highlands. It needed clearing, cleaning, and multiple dumping of trash, etc. etc. Kudos to Chief Jim, Tammy, Michael Grabow, Scott Rodowick, Karen Jamison, John Putt, Ed Smith, his wife and son.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. The Rancho Cordova Memorial Day Observance is scheduled for Monday, 26 May 2025 at 10am. Includes Children's Poppy Art and Chief Sullivan will host our Missing Man Tribute (POW/MIA or Missing Man Table). Tammy urges people to attend. VOA contributions include donations by Women's Widows, \$675 and MOCA (Donna Master), \$500. Auxiliary members encouraged to apply for the NCOA Bettys Ross Educational Fund - \$500.00

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7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 171 Auxiliary: 161

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

1551 Balance: \$9,534.13

JROTC: \$4,001.25

Auxiliary: \$4,741.08

9. **Legislative: None.**

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. JROTC Update – (Jim S.) 258 Shipments/753 medals. (Open).
- b. Gotsneakers.com (Scott Rodowick). With a heartfelt sigh, Scott stated that it's time to 'sunset' the Gotsneakers program. Among other things, the cost of doing business is not feasible as when it first started. Effective June 1, 2025, operations of Gotsneakers will cease. Need to alert members at the July 2025 NCOA Conference. (Open).
- c. 2025 Calendar of Events (Tammy). The updated 2025 calendar was handed out. (Open).
- d. Korean War and Vietnam Medallion Program (Jim S). Continue looking for potential recipients. (Open).
- e. Jessup University Update (Liz). A Cyberdawn Exercise to be held at Jessup U. this summer 2025. Ocean/Surf Therapy scheduled in Aug 2025 and 9/11 Ruck Walk; NCOA possibly host table for Ruck Walk as we did last year (Open).
- f. VFW Dinner – 25 Apr (Cancelled)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Memorial Day Events - 26 May 2025 (Open)
- b. VFW Dinner - 30 May 2025 - Chicken & Ribs (Open)
- c. Rancho Cordova Business Expo - 26 Jun 2025 (Open)
- d. NCOA Conference July 2025. Motion by Michael Grabow to donate \$2,300 for sponsorship at Conference, seconded by Al Davis and approved by all present. (Closed)
- e. MSgt (Ret) Grabow informed the membership he was writing a training manual for the Knights of the Square Table and will present when complete. (Closed)

The meeting adjourned at 2015 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Jun 2025 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