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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (1 Mar 2023)

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan
NCOA Creed read by SP4 Tim Tribble (Ret)
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, Absent
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:** Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, Present Pam Wright, Secretary, Absent
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Present

4. **Members Present:**

MCPO (Ret) Joe Humphrey SKCS (Ret) Norman Von Dohren MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn
TSgt (Ret) Orin K. Taylor Sr. SP4 (Ret) Tim Tribble Larry Lynn, Auxiliary
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary Bob Byers, Auxiliary Derek Kresge, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** Rick Linares - VFW Post 4647 Commander provided an update of the status of the Post. The Wall that Heals representative GySgt Paul Reyes provided information about the event. Lady Tina Kish also joined from the headquarters.

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan discussed several topics: The Grand Knight monthly newsletter, Executive Director Insights and the NCOAdvocate.

Auxiliary: Chairman Ms. Tammy Sullivan – discussed continued membership campaign.

HQ Chairman's Comments: Not available

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 162 Auxiliary: 124

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

Balance: Regular: \$1,474.51 JROTC: \$2,621.11 Auxiliary: \$2,582.62

Legislative: MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase. Military branches continue to review cases of service members who refused a coronavirus vaccine without asking for an exemption as the DOD nullifies its pandemic-era immunization policies. VA increases maximum life insurance coverage for Veterans and service members by \$100,000 to a maximum of \$500,000 dollars. The Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act ([H.R. 1045](#)), a bill which would expand TRICARE eligibility to young adult dependents up to age 26 and fix a TRICARE parity gap with commercial plans that has existed for more than a decade. Congressional Budget Office (CBO) Options for Reducing the Deficit, 2023 to 2032 Small and Larger Reductions. Veteran cuts include but not limited to: Option 15. End VA's Individual Un-employability Payments to Disabled Veterans at the Full Retirement Age for Social Security. Option 16. Reduce VA's Disability Benefits for Veterans Who Are Older Than the Full Retirement Age for Social Security. Option 33. End Enrollment in VA Medical Care for Veterans in Priority Groups 7 and 8. <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5861>.

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>).

Also, Levi Sadr would like to set up a town hall with a Congressional representative to discuss pressing issues of NCOA members. The NCOA Conference this year might be the perfect place.

9. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Website Update – The website provides up to date information.
- b. JROTC Update – We have shipped 30 orders and email traffic has picked up. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com – Scott Rodowick provided an update on the program. He received a check for \$13.50. The members will look for new locations to place the collection bins. (Open)
- d. 2023 Calendar of Events – Updated calendars were provided.
- e. The Wall that Heals will be at Rusch Park, Citrus Heights: 29 Mar – 2 Apr 2023 Guest speaker GySgt Reyes provided background and information about the event. (Open)
- f. Raise Right – No update (Open)
- g. VFW Golf Tournament 16 Jun 2023. No update available.
- h. VFW Family Freedom Festival 11 Mar 2023 – Event was cancelled due to weather and will be rescheduled (Open)

10. **New Business:**

- a. NCOA Conference: 19-21 Jul 2022-San Antonio, TX. Chief Sullivan discussed the NCOA conference in Texas, July 19-22, 2023. The chapters need to determine this year's sponsorship level. (Open)

Meeting adjourned at 2015 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 Apr 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