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2 May 18

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (2 May 18)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647 by Chapter Chairman CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.

Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan
NCOA Creed read by MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon
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) Terry Shannon, Secretary, Present
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Present
Sgt Michael Smith, Trustee, Absent

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Karen Jamison, Vice Chairman, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Present
Pam Wright, Trustee, Present

4. **Members Present:**

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| CMSgt (Ret) Tom Wentz | MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett | MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase |
| MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill | MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn | CPO (Ret) Lisa Varner |
| TSgt (Ret) Alain Gingras | TSgt Chip Luchte | TSgt Shann Elmore |
| SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney | Corp Donald Ellis | Sue Wentz, Auxiliary |
| Joan Turner, Auxiliary | Bettie Upton, Auxiliary | Honglan Kearns, Auxiliary |
| Kim Dewar, Auxiliary | | |

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about the NCOA Convention and the five Vanguard recipients; look on the NCOA Site to read about why they were recognized. MSgt Shannon read an appreciation card received from the Muscular Dystrophy Association. They wanted to thank all of the volunteers for once again making the MDA Muscle Walk a success! Very much appreciated and they couldn't have done it without you...

Auxiliary: No Comments

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 108 Auxiliary: 68

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

Balances: Regular: \$2,117.50
JROTC: \$11,302.60

Auxiliary: \$729.78

• **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow reminded the members to keep track of legislative activities by going to the NCOA website and the Capwiz website (provided below). The following provides more details on the subject and how to contact your local Government representatives to let them know it's not a good idea.

<https://www.votervoicenet/mobile/NCOA/Petitions/1109/Respond> The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees.

<http://www.airforcemag.com/Pages/HomePage.aspx>. The NCOAdvocate - (<http://www.ncoarogue.org/ncoa-dc/>). AFSA - (<http://www.hqafsa.org>), Military Times - (<http://www.militarytimes.com> and Capwiz which provides current legislative affairs information - <http://capwiz.com/military/issues/bills/>, Veterans Administration - <https://www.va.gov>.

9. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. 2018 Calendar of events – Discussed updates to the calendar. (Open)
- b. The 2018 NCOA Conference and Vanguard Tribute – CMSgt Sullivan was the MC for the conference and spoke about the Senior Enlisted Panel speakers; Outstanding! Excellent job Chief Sullivan as usual and thanks for making our Chapters look good! MSgt Grabow live streamed our meeting; discussed at the conference to allow members who are unable to attend the meeting to be a part of it! Thanks Mike. (Closed)
- c. JROTC – Requests for medals continue to be received. 400 shipments have been made; 1200+ medals have been requested and have been shipped since Jan 2018. (Open)
- d. MDA Muscle walk – 29 Apr 18 Thank you volunteers! Due to your support the event went on without any issues and the MDA raised over \$70K and counting. (Closed)
- e. NCOA Membership Drive – Recruit three new members and you will receive an NCOA challenge coin. Each new member you sign up enters you and the new member into a \$100 gift card drawing. The drawing will take place at the Jun meeting. (Open)
- f. VFW Dinner (Combined NCOA/AFSA) – 18 May 18; Chicken and Ribs.

10. **New Business:**

- a. Korean Defense Veterans Association (KDVA) Membership – Former and current U.S. military & DOD personnel who served in U.S. Forces Korea. If you are someone who served in Korea, the KDVA membership is free! If you need more information about the association it is available at: www.kdva.vet. (Closed)
- b. Ms. Kim Dewar spoke about the Sacramento Stand Down golf tournament being held on 20 Jul at the Lincoln Hills Golf Course (Lincoln, CA) starting at 0830.
- c. The VFW Golf Tournament is being held on 3 Aug at the Cherry Island Golf Course (Elverta, CA) starting at 0800. The event is a fundraiser to support VFW Post 4647.

11. Meeting adjourned at 2002 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 Jun 18 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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JAMES N.SULLIVAN CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY G. SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Secretary