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3 Dec 14

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (3 Dec 14)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647 by Chapter Vice-Chairman MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow.

Pledge of Allegiance led by MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow  
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, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon, Secretary, Present  
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Present  
Sgt Michael Smith, Trustee, Present

**3. Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Jean Krocke, Vice Chairman, Present  
Sherry Byers, Treasurer

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Lauren Wheat, Trustee, Absent  
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Absent

**4. Members Present:**

MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett	Sgt Elliott Ross	Sgt Debra Smith
June Shannon, Auxiliary	Robert Byers, Auxiliary	Nan Murphy, Auxiliary
Dottie Everett, Auxiliary	Kim Dewar, Auxiliary	

**5. Guests Present:** None

**6. Chairman's Comments:**

**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman reported on the following topics:

- Some of the Chapter's members attended a HUD VASH Program appreciation event with certificates being given to those who had volunteered time supporting the program. Certificates were handed out to those who were not able to attend.
- MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon read a letter of appreciation to the chapter from a recipient of a WWII Medallion presented by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan. Also, he read a letter received from Stand Down in appreciation of towels donated to their annual event.

**Auxiliary:** No comments.

**7. Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 101      Auxiliary: 88

8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Sherry Byers gave their treasurer's reports.

Balances: Regular: \$3,038.36  
JROTC: \$20,592.09

Auxiliary: \$2,080.46

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow briefed that legislators passed a Military pay raise of 1%, along with increasing most BAH rates. He also discussed William Jessup University and their commitment to Veterans. The university is creating an endowment fund to provide financial support to those who meet the appropriate criteria. The veterans pay no out of pocket costs to attend. There are 32 vets already enrolled at WJU. The following sites provide valuable ongoing information for all active duty/retired military members and dependents, 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/>.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. SnowBall Express – The Chapter was not able to participate in the send off of participants because the information was provided too late. For more information about SnowBall Express: <http://snowballexpress.org> (Open)
- b. 2014 Calendar of events – Recapped the 2014 calendar. (Closed)
- c. NCOA Merchandise Website – No additional details were available. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Christmas Party – 6 Dec, being held at VFW Post 4647. Currently 77 attendees are signed up to participate. (Open)
- b. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy 2015. See you next year! (Closed)

12. Meeting adjourned at 1953 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 Jan 15 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