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5 Aug 15

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (5 Aug 15)

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, Absent  
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, Absent  
Sherry Byers, Treasure, Absent  
Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Present  
Lauren Wheat, Trustee, Absent
4. **Members Present:**  
SKCSS (Ret) Norma Von Dohren    MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett    TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor  
Sgt Elliott Ross    Corp Donald Ellis    June Shannon, Auxiliary  
Nan Murphy, Auxiliary    Karen Jamison, Auxiliary    Betty Upton, Auxiliary  
Scott Rodowick, Auxiliary    Kim Dewar, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** None
6. **Chairman's Comments:**  
**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman reported on the following topics:
  - The new NCOA Marketing Company. The website is <http://ncoapromos.com>  
This was further discussed under the convention update.**Auxiliary:** Tammy Sullivan reported on the following topics:
  - Reminder to collect and bring to the meetings Box Tops for Education. Last year \$68 was collected.
  - Betty Upton continues to collect store coupons and sends them overseas bases.  
Please bring in your coupons and support those serving overseas.
7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 107    Auxiliary: 90

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

Balances: Regular: \$1,371.24

Auxiliary: \$1,539.74

JROTC: \$15,695.7

**Shirt sales at the convention amounted to \$900.00**

**Donated \$5,000 to HQS NCOA Scholarship Fund**

9. **Legislative:**

CMSgt Jim Sullivan enlightened members by stating only 18% of elected officials served in the military. They make the decisions in behalf of both active duty and retired military members; make sure you let them know how you feel about how they are voting. The Air Force Enlisted Village will celebrate the Grand Opening of Bob Hope Village 5 with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, July 31, 2015. 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 – CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan received a list of 120 eligible participants and estimated upwards of 110 who are likely to attend. Both he and Sherry Byers will reach out to the families with invitations. They are attempting to obtain Thunderbirds souvenirs and are working on getting a logo for the shirts. Reserved seating and tables will be provided in the shaded areas. Volunteers are needed to making the event a success. For more information about SnowBall Express: <http://snowballexpress.org> (Open)
- b. 2015 Calendar of events – Discussed upcoming events. (Open)
- c. Stand Down 2015 – 18-20 Sep 15. Ms. Kim Dewar spoke about the event and that volunteers are needed. You can go online ([www.standdownsacramento.org](http://www.standdownsacramento.org)) if you are interested in being a volunteer; shifts are 4-hours each and contributions are appreciated. Our chapter will once again be donating towels. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Rancho Cordova Business Expo – 20 Aug 15, 1000-1400. A motion was made to purchase a booth at the Expo for a \$129 contribution with all in attendance in favor. The event will be used to advertise members and educate the public about the NCOA. (Open)

12. **Old Business:**

- a. The 2015 NCOA Convention –14-17 Jul 15. CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about the events held to include no longer having the Rat Pack. Our own chapter member MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow was Knighted! NCOA HQ is asking for everyone to take a look at their marketing website: **ncoapromos.com**. The site contains items for purchase with the focus on "Paying it Forward". (Closed)

13. Meeting adjourned at 1947 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 Sep 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