



# NCOA<sup>®</sup>

## Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America

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6 May 15

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (6 May 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, Absent

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Jean Krocke, Vice Chairman, Present	Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Sherry Byers, Treasure, Present	Judy Mabie, Secretary, Present
	Lauren Wheat, Trustee, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett	TSgt Alain Gringas	TSgt Orin Taylor
Sgt Elliott Ross	June Shannon, Auxiliary	Robert Byers, Auxiliary
Nan Murphy, Auxiliary	Karen Jamison, Auxiliary	Joan Turner, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

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

- Two applications have been received for JROTC Scholarships with 1 Jun 15 as the deadline. A panel will review the applications for approval in the very near future.
- Ms. Nan Murphy attended a No Veteran Dies Alone presentation at the Mather VA Hospital. Quite moving were her comments as she experienced it first-hand due to a Veteran passing on the day of the presentation. A presentation from one of the team members will be scheduled at a later NCOA meeting.
- 23 May 15 @ 0800, volunteers are needed to place 3,000 flags at the headstones of each Veteran at the East Lawn Cemetery.
- The Moving Wall will be on display at Royer Park located at 130 Park Drive, Roseville, CA. Opening ceremonies start at 1000 on 28 May 15 and viewing is available 24-hours daily until 1600 on 1 Jun 15.
- The NCOA/AFSA Joint Social Fund was divided between the two organizations and will no longer exist. Distributions were \$685.00 for both NCOA 1551 and AFSA 1322.

**Auxiliary:** Tammy Sullivan reported on the following topics: No comments.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 105      Auxiliary: 89

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

Balances: Regular: \$2,519.99

Auxiliary: \$2,071.43

JROTC: \$29,132.21

9. **Legislative:**

CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan announced that Loretta Lynch was sworn in as the new Attorney General. 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 – Ms. Sherry Byers and CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about the status of the Mather Air Show for the Snow Flake event. 13 families, consisting of 35 family members and 22 children within a 150 mile radius will be sent an invitation to attend the Snow Flake event. Volunteers are needed to making the event a success. Discussions will continue at each meeting until the event occurs. For more information about SnowBall Express: <http://snowballexpress.org> (Open)
- b. 2015 Calendar of events – Discussed upcoming events. (Open)
- c. NCOA Merchandise Website – No updates. (Open)
- d. MDA Muscle Walk, 26 Apr 15 – The event was once again a huge success with MDA staff members in awe of the support the NCOA provides. Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in the walk. (Closed)
- e. Sacramento Food bank - The date of 9 May 15 (0800-1200) turned out to be the Post Office food collection day and our services were not needed. There are no volunteer dates available until mid-July and with the NCOA convention taking place we will discuss another date at a later meeting. (Closed)
- f. NCOA Dinner @ VFW – 15 May 15. Volunteers are needed at 1700. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. The 2015 NCOA Convention will once again take place in Las Vegas, NV at the Golden Nugget during 14-17 Jul 15. You can sign up by going to the following website: <http://ncoausa.org/>.
- b. CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan presented Super Saxon awards to MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler and Scott Rodowick. Congratulations and thanks for supporting our NCOA chapter.

12. Meeting adjourned at 1958 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 Jun 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