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7 Mar 18

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (7 Mar 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, Absent
Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Present
Pam Wright, Trustee, Present

4. **Members Present:**

SKCS Norma von Dohren	SMSgt (Ret) Dale Klug	MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett
MSgt Gary Chase	MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill	TSgt (Ret) Alain Gingras
CPO (Ret) Lisa Varner	TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr.	TSgt Shann Elmore
SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney	Corp Donald Ellis	Joan Turner, Auxiliary
Bettie Upton, Auxiliary	Robert Byers, Auxiliary	June Shannon, Auxiliary
Jasmine Liu, Auxiliary		

5. **Guests Present:** MSgt(S) Chip Luchte (New chapter member)

6. **Chairman’s Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about the McClellan Air Museum and the Air Traffic Control exhibits on display: it’s worth the visit. Don’t forget about the free upcoming event: Vietnam: An InnerView being held at the Sacramento Public Library on 11 Mar during 1330-1600. MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon read a letter received from the Sacramento Children’s Receiving Home; a \$100 check is being mailed in May to coincide with the Day of Giving.

Auxiliary: Ms. Tammy Sullivan spoke about an upcoming flag disposal ceremony being held at VFW Post 4647. Date is TBD. You are welcome to bring your flag to our meeting or to the post for appropriate disposal.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 105 Auxiliary: 66

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

Balances: Regular: \$3,017.34
JROTC: \$4,256.79

Auxiliary: \$1,096.21

• **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow spoke about receiving a message from the NCOA Chairman regarding Congress wanting to tax enlistees \$2,400 to use their Post-9/11 GI Bill. 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.votervoice.net/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 and updated calendar. (Open)

b. The 2018 NCOA Conference and Vanguard Tribute - Being held at the Hilton Crystal City in Washington D.C. during 18-22 Apr 18. Register by going to the following website: <http://ncoausa.org>. A motion was made by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and seconded to donate \$5K from the JROTC funds to support the Vanguard banquet. All members were in favor. The Auxiliary Chapter motioned to donate \$300 to the NCOA International fund with all auxiliary members in favor. (Open)

c. JROTC – Requests for medals are increasing. CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan gave an overview of the program. Two scholarship submittals have been received with 30 Jun 18 being a deadline for Cadets submitting packages. (Open)

d. MDA Muscle walk – 29 Apr 18; setup at 0600 at the Sacramento Capital. To sign up for the NCOA for MDA team, please sign up on the MDA website. A signup sheet was passed for volunteers. NCOA for MDA T-Shirts will be given at the Apr meeting for those who don't have one; make sure your size was provided. (Open)

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. (Open)

10. **New Business:**

a. VFW Dinner – 18 May 18. Chicken & Ribs will be served. (Open)

b. Marjory Stoneman Douglas H.S. JROTC Program – A motion was made by MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill and seconded to donate \$500 to their JROTC program in honor of Cadet Peter Wang who lost his life while being a hero assisting others get to safety during the tragic shooting. All members were in favor. A check will be mailed to the school this month. (Closed)

11. Meeting adjourned at 2007 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Apr 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