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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (7 May 08)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647 by Chapter Chairman, CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.
 - b. NCOA Creed read by Sgt Michael Smith.
 - c. Moment of silence observed.

2. **Executive Committee Members:**
CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman, Present
MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon, Vice-Chairman, Absent
CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns, Treasurer, Present
Sgt Michael Smith, Secretary, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:** Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Jean Krocke, Vice Chairman, Present Lauren Wheat, Secretary, Present
Teri Page-Gleason, Treasurer, Present

4. **Members Present:**

CMSgt (Ret) George Moses	CMSgt (Ret) Gerald Stewart	MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler
MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett	MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow	MSgt (Ret) Doug MacDonald
MSgt (Ret) Nelda MacDonald	TSgt (Ret) Carl Cooley	TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor
SSgt Shann Elmore	SSgt Mark Reith	Dottie Everett, Auxiliary
Yvonne Cooley, Auxiliary		

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: Jim discussed the Veterans Business Outreach Center. He mentioned that there is over 3.6 million veteran owned businesses in the U.S. Michael Smith read the correspondence from last month.

Auxiliary: Tammy mentioned that the Box Tops for Education and Campbell soup labels collected so far went to Navigator Elementary School.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** 135 regular members, 49 auxiliary members.

8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns gave the treasurers' report.
Balances - Regular: \$1,765.35 Auxiliary: \$1,239.16

9. **Legislative:** The IRS is warning everyone about email phishing scams trying to get people to enter personal info. Jim mentioned HR 5832 Submitted by Mr. Hall (NY) to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to modernize the disability benefits claims processing system of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Currently there is a backlog of 650,000 claims. The backlog is expected to increase to over 1,000,000 by year's end.
Also mentioned was that the SBP premiums will end and be considered paid in full after 30 years of contributions.
The Woman's Veteran Conference will be held at Lions Gate on 8 Aug.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Purchase of Service flags – Jim purchased the flags he wanted; he came in \$9.00 under budget. (CLOSED)
- b. NCOA convention –15 -17 Jul. All are invited to attend. Rooms are available for \$69 per night. There is a \$150 registration fee and \$175 after 1 Jun. Jim and Tammy had proxy ballots available. Tammy mentioned the Western Region hospitality suite. (OPEN)
- c. JROTC Program – Chief Sullivan briefed that SKCS Norma Von Dohren presented at Valley and Luther Burbank High Schools. SSgt Shann Elmore has volunteered to present at Las Plumas High School on 23 May 08. (OPEN)
- d. VFW Parade – 26 May. The chapter had decided to participate again this year. CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns has graciously agreed to let us use his new motorcycle in the parade. (OPEN)
- e. Watt Ave Cleanup – 17 May. 0800 – 1200 Meet at the North Highlands Community Center. Freedom Park Ave and Watt Ave. There will be a BBQ at 1130 across the street for the volunteers. (OPEN)
- f. NCOA Logo Merchandise – logoed merchandise was purchased. Members will be able to buy at a significant discount. (OPEN)
- g. Stand Down 2008 – Jim was waiting for feedback from the organizers. (OPEN)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Election – 30 May 0700 – 1900 hours and 3 Jun 1930 – 2300 hours at the Orangevale Community Center. Jim passed out signup sheets.
 - b. AFSA/NCOA Steak Dinner – 20 Jun Proceeds will pay for Christmas dinner and other activities. Jim will have more details at the next meeting.
 - c. State Fair – Jim contacted Jeff Connors about working on the first day of the fair. More details will follow at the next meeting.
12. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Jun 08 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

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

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MICHAEL SMITH, Sgt, USAF
Chapter Secretary