



# NCOA<sup>®</sup>

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

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1 Aug 18

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (1 Aug 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, Present

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Present  
Pam Wright, Trustee, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

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| MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett | MSgt (Ret) Raymond Hill | MSgt. Gary Chase          |     |
| MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn     | CPO (Ret) Lisa Varner   | SFC (Ret) Whitley Varney  |     |
| Joan Turner, Auxiliary  | Bettie Upton, Auxiliary | Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary | Kim |
| Dewar, Auxiliary        | June Shannon, Auxiliary | Patty Grabow, Auxiliary   |     |

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about the letters going out to the JROTC scholarship recipients and the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of the Chiefs, being held at Lions Gate on 15 Sep 18; RSVP by 5 Sep. MSgt (Ret) Shannon read a letter received from Tina Kish, Director, NCOA Benevolent Programs, expressing appreciation to the Chapter for the donation made to the NCOA Scholarship Fund.

**Auxiliary:** Ms. Tammy Sullivan asked members to continue collecting and bringing in box tops for education. RC Chamber of Commerce is having a Move America Forward ribbon cutting event. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving our troops on the front lines. In addition to the ribbon cutting, Move America Forward will have a Pack-a-Thon to honor the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 106      Auxiliary: 60

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

Balances: Regular: \$1,774.10

Auxiliary: \$729.78

JROTC: \$11,576.67

• **Legislative:**

CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about Honorable Robert Wilkie being confirmed as the 10<sup>th</sup> Secretary of Veterans Affairs on 23 Jul 18. The FY19 National Defense bill was passed on 1 Aug 18. The FY19 NDAA authorizes a \$717 billion national defense budget that rebuilds our military, increases lethality, strengthens our alliances and partnerships and reforms the way we do business. Service members will receive a 2.6% pay increase; the highest in nine years. Effective 7/20/19, eligibility to transfer GI Bill benefits will be limited to service members with less than 16 years of active duty or selected reserve service. The co-pay for TRICARE prescriptions has increased. A task force has been identified to look into the financial feasibility of combining the Base Exchange and Commissary. The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees.

The <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 updates to the calendar. (Open)
- b. JROTC – Scholarships were awarded to five of six applicants. Checks of \$500 are being mailed and names will be posted to our website upon applicant receipt. (Closed)
- c. Joint NCOA/AFSA VFW Dinner – 22 Jun 18. Thanks to all the volunteers. (Closed)
- d. Stand Down Golf Tournament – 20 Jul 18. Kim Dewar said it was a success. (Closed)
- e. The VFW Golf Tournament – 3 Aug 18. 144 golfers signed up! Looking for volunteers at each hole if available. (Open)
- f. Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce Business Expo – 16 Aug. Looking for volunteers to work the NCOA booth along with handing out hot dogs. (Open)
- g. Capital City Air Show – 22-24 Sep 18. 100 Year Anniversary featuring the Thunderbirds. More discussions at Sep meeting. (Open)

10. **New Business:**

- a. Stand Down – Cal Expo 24 -26 Aug 18. Need volunteers. Go to website: [sacramentostanddown.org](http://sacramentostanddown.org). (Open)
- b. Chapter Website Update – No update at this time (Open)

11. Meeting adjourned at 1956 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 Sep 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