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4 Mar 15

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (4 Mar 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, Present 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, Present Sherry Byers, Treasure, Present Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present Judy Mabie, Secretary, Present Lauren Wheat, Trustee, Absent

4. Members Present:

CMSgt (Ret) Allen Hegelein Sgt Elliott Ross Robert Byers, Auxiliary Bettie Upton, Auxiliary Corrine Davidson, Auxiliary SKCS (Ret) Norma Von Dohren Corp Donald Ellis Nan Murphy, Auxiliary Karen Jamison, Auxiliary John Davidson, Auxiliary

MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett June Shannon, Auxiliary Sylvia Hegelein, Auxiliary Joan Turner, Auxiliary

5. Guests Present: None

6. Chairman's Comments:

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

- Handed out Super Saxon Awards. Congratulations to those who received the award and the effort put forth to meet the criteria for receiving one.
- Rancho Community Council annual membership was paid (\$50).
- MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon read a letter received from the Children's Receiving Home. The letter was about a donor who provided one of the children a box of Valentine's Day cards to hand out, and made quite impression on the young girl who recently arrived at the home. Thanks again to the Chapter for giving to a worthwhile cause.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan reported on the following topics:

• Reminded members not to forget to bring in your box tops for education.

- A letter of appreciation was read addressed to Betty Upton for coupons being received at a military base in the Netherlands. Thanks Bettie!!
- 7. Membership Coordinator: Regular: 101 Auxiliary: 88
- 8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Sherry Byers gave their treasurer's reports.

Balances: Regular: \$2,692.24 JROTC: \$14,161.16 Auxiliary: \$1,692.62

9. Legislative:

MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow spoke about proposals being discussed on Capitol Hill. They included changes to medical care for family members who could possibly be required to use "Obama Care", and TRICARE members using VA care facilities. He emphasized the importance of letting your concerns be heard by contacting your representatives. The following sites provide valuable ongoing information for all active duty/retired military members and dependents, AFSA - (<u>http://www.hqafsa.org</u>), Military Times - (<u>http://www.militarytimes.com</u> and Capwiz which provides current legislative affairs information - <u>http://capwiz.com/military/issues/bills/</u>.

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. SnowBall Express Sherry Byers is looking for volunteers to support the event being held for SnowBall express families who will be invited to the Mather Air Show. An email will be sent to NCOA members so preparation can start. For more information about SnowBall Express: <u>http://snowballexpress.org</u> (Open)
- b. 2015 Calendar of events Discussed upcoming events. (Open)
- c. NCOA Merchandise Website Finishing up small details. (Open)
- d. MDA Muscle Walk, 26 Apr 15 The Chapter will participate by assisting with the event set-up and will have a team of walkers. Please submit donations on MDA website. (Open)
- e. Air Museum Membership –The response from the Aerospace Museum regarding group membership is that they are not in a position to offer a group membership to a non-profit organization. Topic is closed for further discussion at this time, but will be reconsidered if it changes in the future. (Closed)
- f. Sacramento Food bank MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon contacted the volunteer coordinator (Robin Simpson). All that is required is to submit an email request for a date when we want to volunteer. The date agreed upon was 9 May 15 (0800-1200). Confirmation of those who are going to volunteer will be made at the Apr meeting.

11. New Business:

- a. No new business.
- 12. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 Apr 15 at 1900 hours at VFW Post 4647.

//signed// JAMES N. SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret) Chapter Chairman //signed// TERRY G. SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret) Chapter Secretary

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