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4 May 16

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (4 May 16)

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:**

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

4. **Members Present:**

CMSgt (Ret) Tom Wentz	MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett	TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr.
Sgt Elliott Ross	Corp Donald Ellis	Bettie Upton, Auxiliary
Joan Turner, Auxiliary	June Shannon, Auxiliary	Karen Jamison, Auxiliary
Nan Ross, Auxiliary	Sue Wentz, Auxiliary	

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

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

- The VA selected new Director of the Center for Women Veterans (Kayla M. Williams).
- Women's Clothing Closet (providing professional office attire to support female Veterans in their transition to civilian jobs). Distribution Mon-Fri during 0800-1700 located at the Veterans Service Center, Mather, CA. Donations accepted Tue/Thurs, 1300-1500.
- Placer Veterans Stand Down at the Roseville Fairgrounds (24-26 May 16, open 0800)
- Golf Tournament for Sacramento Stand Down. Bartley Cavanaugh, 17 Jun 16 at 1300.
- Flags for every Hero, Memorial Day Weekend. Sacramento City Historic Cemetery.
- CMSgt (Ret) Tom Wentz shared that \$450M in projects being done in Northern California in support of VA hospitals.
- MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett shared flags being placed at East Lawn Mortuary, 28 May.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, Auxiliary Chairman reported on the following topic:

- The towel donation box will be passed at monthly meetings in support of the annual Sacramento Stand Down.

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

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

Balances: Regular: \$1,986.36
JROTC: \$11,666.30

Auxiliary: \$2,028.77

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow shared that H.R. Bill 3016 being discussed is about Government being able to tap in to the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill. The bill attempts to reduce the housing allowance for dependents using the benefit. There are concerns it would be just the beginning of the dismantling of this benefit. Bobby Henline spoke to the Huffington Post about a series being done (Beyond the Battlefield) where he speaks about people asking instead of staring. His story can be read on his website: bobbyhenline.com/new. 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:**

- 2016 Calendar of events – Discussed upcoming events. (Open)
- NCOA for MDA (MDA.Org) – Another successful year! Thanks to all who volunteered and especially Judy Mabie who took the lead and attended all the meetings. (Closed)
- The Auxiliary Chapter will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1130. This month it's at Panera Bread located at 7901 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights. (Open)
- California Capital Airshow – Will take place on 1-2 Oct 16. Blue Angels are the demonstration team for this year. More details to come. (Open)
- Elections – Volunteers are need for 3 Jun (0700-1700) and 7 Jun (1930-2400) at the Orangevale Community Center located at 6826 Hazel Ave, Orangevale. (Open)
- NCOA Dinner – 10 Jun 16 at the VFW. Volunteers needed. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- Memorial Day Parade – “Honor Their Service”, starts at 1000 on 30 May 16. (Open)
- Chairman requested a motion for the previously agreed to donation of \$100 to the Children's Receiving Home and motion was approved by all in attendance. (Closed)

12. Meeting adjourned at 1955 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 Jun 16 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