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7 Sept 05

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (7 Sept 05)

1. Meeting called to order at 1905 hours at Carrows Restaurant by Chapter Chairman, CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.
 - b. NCOA Creed read by MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon
 - c. Moment of silence observed.

2. Executive Committee Members:
CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman, Present
SMSgt (Ret) Wes Wheeler, Vice-Chairman, Absent
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Treasurer, Absent Sgt Debra Smith, Secretary, Present
MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon, Special Projects Coordinator, Present

3. Auxiliary Executive Committee Members: Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Kim Morris, Vice Chairman, Absent Melissa Carnahan, Secretary, Absent
Treasurer, Vacant

4. Members Present:
CMSgt (Ret) Marcel-Henri Claing MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett MSgt (Ret) Leo Murphy
TSgt Orin Taylor Michael Smith Jean Krocke, Auxiliary
Dottie Everett, Auxiliary

5. Guests Present:
None

6. Chairman's Comments:
Regular:
 - DOD announced a 1year Survivor Benefit Plan Open Enrollment. There are a couple of criteria.
 - 1) If you were in the plan and chose to leave you are not eligible to return.
 - 2) The open enrollment elections require a lump sum "buy-in" premium along with future monthly premiums. The lump sum premium is equal to all back premiums plus interest from the date of original eligibility plus an amount needed to protect the Military Retirement Fund This lump sum can be paid over a 2 year period..
 - The VA activated a surviving spouse benefit website:
<http://www.vba.va.gov/survivors>
 - New Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff position created Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey was selected to occupy the post.
 - Unconfirmed reports of gasoline shortages at Beale and Travis AFEES stations.
 - Four Air Force Retiree Council positions to become vacant although those selected will not become members until 1 July 06 the new area representatives normally attend the

next Council meeting as observers. The Pacific Region including Alaska and Hawaii is one of the positions becoming vacant. CMSgt. Vincent D. Mee Jr. is leaving.

- 8 Oct 05 the Navy turns 230 years old. A celebration will be held at the Garden Pavilion at McClellan Park, cost \$30 per person.
- VA drivers are still needed at Mather during the weekdays to transport patients from the parking lots to the various clinics. The drivers typically work four hour shifts (8-12, 12-4).
- Del Campo JROTC to be held 17 Nov. at Carmichael Elks Lodge.
- Assemblyman Joe Nation was appointed to Chair of the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee.
- There was a letter written by the American Legion demanding the resignation of Secretary Johnson because of perceived inaction by the Secretary at the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Armed Forces Retirees Association wrote a letter in support of Secretary Johnson.

Auxiliary:

Tammy Sullivan discussed the following topics:

- Attended NCOA Annual Business meeting held on 19th – 21st in San Antonio TX. The Auxiliary filled one position.

Tammy spoke of the Association's relationship with Academy Life which dissolved and now with United Associations Group (UAG) which acts as a broker for marketing material e.g. banners, journals, trinkets, etc. to generate revenue for the NCOA. UAG is owned and operated by the NCOA. Tammy passed out flyers with contact information for UAG.

7. Membership Coordinator: 130 regular members 24 auxiliary.

8. Treasurer's Reports: combined checking and savings.

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Beginning Balance \$610.79 Ending Balance \$532.79

Auxiliary:

Beginning Balance \$1079.50 Ending Balance \$871.66

9. Legislative:

Legislators spending most of the time with Katrina relief efforts and passing of Chief Justice Reinqest.

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. Breakfast with Santa fundraiser, Auxiliary has requested 10 Dec date. Will check with VFW during Monday's meeting. (OPEN)
- b. VAC Stand Down at Camp Pollock bath towel donations went well, over 160 towels collected (CLOSED)
- c. Worked the ticket booths at the state fair on 12 August turnout was a little light. (CLOSED)
- d. Holiday party will be held on 17 Dec details forthcoming at Oct meeting. (OPEN)
- e. Labor Day Telethon had outstanding support (45) from Beale total of 60 volunteers. Despite Katrina \$785,427.00 collected locally. (CLOSED).
- f. MDA Brewfest, 15 Oct 05. Signups still being taken. (OPEN)
- g. Election Day, 8 Nov 05. Expect details at the end of the month and will discuss further at the Oct meeting. (OPEN)
- h. Elk Grove teen accepted into People to People Leadership forum and is looking for donations for a trip to Washington D.C. Will table this item until the finances can be determined at the Oct meeting. (OPEN)

- i. Auxiliary donated to the three benevolent funds, Disaster relief fund, Medical Trust Fund, and the Scholarship fund at the business meeting, NCOA will determine finances at the end of the year before donating. (OPEN)
 - j. Captain Delacate retired from the Coast Guard Air Station Sacramento. Several chiefs held a flag ceremony on 12 Aug.(CLOSED)
 - k. Case lot sale at the commissary, possible chance for another hot dog sale 23 or 24 Sept. This will require email signups.(OPEN)
 - l. SSgt Crozier to look into details involved for sponsoring softball tournament (OPEN)
11. New Business:
- a. Fundraising dinner to be held at VFW Hall Friday 21 Oct. Motion carried and seconded. Details on what to serve will be determined at the Oct meeting. (OPEN)
12. Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 Oct. 05 at 1900 at a location to be determined.

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

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DEBRA SMITH, SGT, USA
Chapter Secretary