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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (2 Sep 2020)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours virtually on Zoom 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  
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present
3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**  
Karen Jamison, Vice Chairman, Absent  
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present  
Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Judy Mabie, Secretary, Absent  
Pam Wright, Trustee, Present
4. **Members Present:**  
TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr. Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary Kim Dewar, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** MCPO (Ret) Terry Haines, SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry, Tina Kish and Robert Bryant, President, William Jessup University (WJU) Student Veterans Organization.
6. **Chairman's Comments:**  
**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan spoke about the service that was held on 28 Aug for our distinguished member, MSgt (Ret) Nick Everett. The Chapter approved a \$50 donation to the NCOA in Nick's name. Costco is offering discounted memberships to military members.  
**Auxiliary:** Chairman Tammy Sullivan spoke about our very active chapter member, MSgt (Ret) Ray Hill remaining in the hospital.  
**HQ Chairman's Comments:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry and MCPO (Ret) Terry Haines is asking for ideas to dress up the NCOA Website. They asked if we should have a separate tab on the Website for the Auxiliary. Don't forget, September is National Suicide Month; do daily buddy checks. We're losing too many veterans to suicide. Looking to start having Chapter representatives round table. Topics of discussions are being identified.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 116      Auxiliary: 63
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.  
Balance: Regular: \$4,728.11              Auxiliary: \$2,761.95  
JROTC: \$4,742.44

9. **Legislative:**

MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities: The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) has improved procedures by incorporating an artificial intelligence (AI) solution to reduce the time it takes to process in-coming mail from 10 days to just one day. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it will begin awarding more than \$400 million in grants under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF) to 266 non-profit organizations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands on Oct. 1 of this year. The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees. COVID information for DoD ID cards and benefits.

<https://www.cac.mil/coronavirus/Tricare>. <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>.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. 2020 Calendar of events – Air show was cancelled. (Open)
- b. Website Update – Order form coming soon. No other updates. (Open)
- c. MDA Muscle Walk – Virtual Walk events taking place on 5 Sep 20. (Open)
- d. JROTC Update – MSgt (Ret) Lynn formed a committee, applicant packages being evaluated, completion 10-11 Sep. JROTC Medal requests have been few. (Open)
- e. Rancho Cordova CoC Golf Tournament – 25 Sep 20. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Election Support – The Chairman will be sending out a message soon to capture volunteers. Ballet Transporter dates: 24-30 Oct, 1300-1900, 31 Oct – 2 Nov, 1500-2000 and 3 Nov, 1200-2300. Supply Vans: 31 Oct – 2 Nov, 0900-1800 and 3 Nov 1000-2100. More details will be provided in email. (Open)
- b. 2021 NCOA Conference Sponsorship – Response will be provided to HQ after Labor Day. (Open)
- c. Robert Bryant spoke about the Veterans program at WJU. Active with moving the program forward, attempting to secure funds for a veteran's resource center for the purpose of looking out for the well-being of the veteran students and their families. Looking to gain the interest of organizations to support the efforts of the program.

Meeting adjourned at 2001 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 Oct 2020 at 1900 hours and will be done online with ZOOM. MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow will send out an email with information to attend; please respond to his message so you can register. Stay Safe!

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JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY SHANNON, MSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Secretary