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6 Oct 2021

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (6 Oct 2021)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours 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, Absent
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, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

MSgt (Ret) Shawn Simmons TSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor, Sr. Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry and Ms. Tina Kish

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the meeting discussing a COVID outbreak at the VFW and the only option available was to do the ZOOM meeting. Apologies to those who were unable to connect. The Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce is holding a luncheon on 17 Oct @ 1130, with recruiter TSgt Thomas Waters speaking about the US Space Force. The executive letter "Call to Action" is posted on the HQ NCOA website. The membership campaign continues with the recruitment of 1200 new members.

Auxiliary: Chairman Tammy Sullivan announced the passing of one of her family members, an auxiliary member. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jim and Tammy.

HQ Chairman's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry spoke about the WWII medallions. They are available and if anyone knows of someone who is a WWII veteran, please contact HQ NCOA. A new Chapter is being formed at Offutt AFB, NE. Next year's conference will be held in San Antonio, TX, 19-22 Jul. More details to follow with the agenda and available

lodging. Looking for volunteers to serve on Strategic Goal's boards. Ms. Kish spoke about the PCI mailings and database verification taking place. The purpose of the validation is to confirm your contact information on file is current.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 162 Auxiliary: 113

8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) James Sullivan and Mr. Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: Regular: \$ 4,762.21 Auxiliary: \$1,791.00
JROTC: \$ 4,003.63

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities. The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced the expansion of their Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM) website, which now contains individual webpages for nearly 4.5 million veterans interred in national, state, territorial and tribal veteran's cemeteries. Military Retirees will pay more for Tricare enrollment and Pharmacy copays for all prescriptions in 2022. Rates not yet determined. See Tricare website for details on the Federal Dental and Vision premiums rise for 2022. See OPM.gov website for details. The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees: <https://www.cac.mil/coronavirus/Tricare>, AFSA - (<http://www.hqafsa.org>), <http://www.airforcemag.com/Pages/HomePage.aspx>, Veterans Administration - <https://www.va.gov>, and Military Times - (<http://www.militarytimes.com>).

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Website Update – Website will be updated with pictures of the pack-a-thon and Air Show. A new source for merchandise is being researched, with the online ordering form being placed on hold until a source has been identified. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – No new activity. (Open)
- c. Aerospace Museum of California – No updates, we will revisit in the future. (Closed)
- d. 2021 Calendar of Events – VFW Breakfast, details below. (Open)
- e. VFW Dinner – 17 Sep. Thanks to volunteers, sold 86 meals, net profit \$518.22. (Closed)
- f. Capital City Air Show – Thanks to all the volunteers! Another successful airshow with all pizzas being sold. Final details will be provided at the next meeting. (Open)
- g. 9/11 Ceremonies – Patriots Day in Rocklin and Cal Expo events were attended by Chapter members; names of those who passed from Sacramento were read. (Closed)
- h. Christmas Party – Scheduled on 11 Dec 21 at the VFW. The meal will be catered with more details to follow in upcoming meetings. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. VFW Breakfast – 17 Oct. Looking for volunteers. (Open)

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 Nov 2021 at 1900 hours and will be held both in person at the VFW and 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.

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JAMES SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Chairman

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TERRY G. SHANNON, MSGT, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Secretary