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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (4 Oct 2023) in progress

1. **Meeting called to order at 1900 hours in person.**

Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan
NCOA Creed read by MSgt (Ret) Liz M. Lynn
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) Liz Lynn, Secretary, Present
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Absent
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Pam Wright, Secretary, Present
Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

Donna Master, Auxiliary Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary Bob Byers, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: Grand Knight letter was discussed. Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Oct 20th attended by Chief Sullivan, Tammy Sullivan and Ellie Witt. Guest speaker, Thien Ho, Sacramento County District Attorney also addressed the 'homeless encampment' situation. Great luncheon overall. NCOA 2024 Strategic Plan in progress. The 2024 Annual Conference will be at San Antonio, Texas, July 16-19. The NCOA Benefits Brochure is to be distributed soon. Veterans Day is Nov 11, 2023, with various celebrations throughout our region. For example, Pancake Breakfast at VFW 4647 and Elks Club floats in Auburn.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. EY2023 is the code for membership form. Auxiliary reports have been re-signed and sent to headquarters along with IRS data.

HQ Chairman's Comments: Sir Joe Terry commented that Lifetime members have an opportunity to become a Vanguard Life Member. For those interested, there are various legislative committees to volunteer that are within the military Coalition. Contact Levi Sadr, our Government Affairs Director. The NCOA Medallion Recognition Program is asking for current and new sponsors within our communities to fund medallions for WWII, Korean War or Vietnam War veterans. An NCOA Membership Workshop will be hosted this month, Nov 2023, to encourage people to join. Try and sign up one new person before this year's end.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 156 Auxiliary: 128

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

Balance: \$1,941.44 JROTC: \$1,359.01 Auxiliary: \$1,784.95

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase-None.

Informative Websites below:

<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 – Pam- Chief Sullivan to provide Capital Airshow photos to Pam for our website. Continues to be updated. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – Dr. Liz Lynn, Gary Chase and Michael Grabow submitted preliminary draft of updated JROTC Program, JROTC Application and JROTC Evaluation form to Chief Sullivan for review. Results expected early Dec 2023. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com - Scott Rodowick: Big change with Gotsneakers Corporate. No longer honoring the 25-cents per sneakers, only those in good to excellent shape. Collected several barrels from At Ease Brewing Company. Check of \$35.25 given to Spirit of America Auxiliary. Gotsneakers taking a pause for the Christmas holidays, expected to resume Feb 2024 (Open)
- d. 2023 Calendar of Events – Updated copy forthcoming Dec 2023 (Open)
- e. Irreverent Warrior Walk – MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow – Successful event! The survey indicated walkers, volunteers and sponsors loved the trail and connection with others. Eight volunteers, 61 walkers, and an 'energizing team' to support participants at the higher elevations. Donations from various groups included \$500 from Grand Canyon University and \$500 from Gotsneakers, Spirit of Sacramento. Total of \$1,500 in the account. The forecast 'Ring of Fire' was unfortunately behind some clouds. Next year, entertaining the idea of a different location for the 2024 Irreverent Walk. (Closed)
- f. Christmas Party – 9 Dec 2023 –Saturday 6:00pm – Dinner fee \$35.00 per person. Includes Santa, Elf, a choir, DJ, and other fun Christmas activities. Catered by 'Off the Vine.' (Open)
- g. VFW Dinner -15 Dec 2023. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. AFSA dinner Nov 17, 2023 - Sign-up sheet handed out (Open)

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 6 Dec 2023 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 N. SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Chairman

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DR. LIZ M. LYNN, Ed.D, MSGT, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Secretary