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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (2 Aug 2023)

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan.
NCOA Creed read by SP4 Tim Tribble.
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, Present
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, Absent
Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Present

4. **Members Present:**

Dale Klug, SMSgt, Ret	Orin Taylor, Sr., TSgt (Ret)	Donald (Tim) Tribble, SP4
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary	Larry Lynn, Auxiliary	Donna Masters, Auxiliary
Jane Toms, Auxiliary	Hannah Carnahan, Auxiliary	Kim Dewar, Auxiliary
Dave Krush, Auxiliary		

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: Super Saxon was awarded to SP4 Tim Tribble. A motion was made by Tim Tribble to spend up to \$200 for two new banners with a redesigned NCOA logo, seconded by Gary Chase and motion carried. Chief Sullivan discussed the NCOA Strategic Plan which needs to be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

Auxiliary: Spirit of Sacramento Auxiliary Chapter Chairman, Tammy Sullivan, was elected as President of the International Auxiliary. The International President's Award was presented to Chapter Treasurer Scott Rodowick. A commemorative NCOA membership book was given to Chief and Tammy Sullivan at the conference. The chapter was also recognized as the International Auxiliary Betsy Ross Top Recruiter of the Year. Tammy also discussed the Betsy Ross scholarship program in response to a question from Kim Dewar. Tammy encouraged everyone to plan on attending next year's conference; very beneficial and rewarding. A birthday cake tribute for Chief Sullivan enjoyed by all.

HQ Chairman's Comments: Sir Joe Terry commented on the success of the Conference and a shout out to our Partners and Sponsors. The NCOA Medallion Recognition Program presented close to 900 WWII Medallions, 300 Korean War Medallions and 700 Vietnam War Medallions. The NCOAdvocate Membership is another opportunity to recruit new members.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 158 Auxiliary: 116

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

Balance: \$3109.29 JROTC: \$1,827.96 Auxiliary: \$ 1,863.51

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase provided updates on various topics:

There's no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits. But if you file your PACT Act claim—or quickly submit your intent to file—**by** August 9, 2023, you may receive benefits backdated to August 10, 2022. So don't wait, apply today! The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched a study to determine whether 3 types of cancer: leukemia, chronic leukemia and multiple myeloma are linked to environmental exposures for U.S. troops who served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Yemen, Uzbekistan, and all of the Southwest Asia operational theater. President Joe Biden has tapped Gen. David Allvin as his nominee to serve as the next Air Force Chief of Staff, the White House announced Wednesday. <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 – Continues to be updated. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – Chief Sullivan close to choosing a new bank for JROTC between SAFE Credit Union, Merchant Mechanics Bank & DTX. This will save 60% of costs from the current banking system, no machine needed, all online on multiple systems. Three JROTC scholarship applications reviewed. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com - Scott Rodowick, VFW barrel full, 2 1/2 bags of sneakers. Last month 12 bags recycled, excellent pairs. Received a check for \$127.25. Scott is now point of contact for all NCOA with Gotsneakers.com. (Open)
- d. 2023 Calendar of Events – Updated copy passed around. (Open)
- e. NCOA Conference - 18/21 Jul CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Tammy Sullivan and Scott Rodowick attended - great event. A new motto introduced “Teamwork Makes the Dream Work” made into T-shirts. Senior Enlisted Panel did a nice job, Space Force Commander attended. No Coast Guard represented, disappointing. Silent auction raised \$600, and the Vanguard banquet was the highlight of the conference. (Closed)
- f. VFW Breakfast – 16 Jul 23. Thanks to 10 volunteers, 49 meals served. \$283.88 was raised, split as follows: \$30 VFW Post 4647, \$103.10 Chapter 1551 and \$121.02 Chapter 270. (Closed)
- g. VFW Vendor Fair Fundraiser – 9 Jul 23. More than 30 vendors participated and there was a dunk tank and free haircuts available. A nice inaugural event. (Closed)
- h. Irreverent Warrior Walk – 14 Oct. MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow gave an update on preparations for the walk. The Johnny Cash Trail surrounding Folsom Prison is the selected route. Registration is now open. Folsom Mayor Rosario Rodriguez is providing support. Michael will provide additional details at next month's meeting. (Open)
- i. VFW Steak Dinner – 11 Aug 23. Sign Up sheet was available. (Open)
- j. Move America Forward - Auxiliary Trustee Melissa Carnahan stated name change from Move America Forward to “Troopathon.” Mon-Fri-weekdays only. Looking for volunteers to work and commemorate 9/11, in West Sac. (Open).

11. **New Business:**

- a. Capital City Air Show – 23/24 Sep – Chief Sullivan confirmed we have locked in a booth. Though 12 volunteer sheets were submitted, the volunteer list will be finalized at the Sep meeting. (Open).

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Oct 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