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2 Feb 2022

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (2 Feb 2022)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours in person and online with 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, Absent  
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, Absent

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Pam Wright, Secretary, Absent  
Judy Mabie, Trustee, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn  
Ellie Witt, Auxiliary

Bob Byers, Auxiliary  
Kim Dewar, Auxiliary

Sherry Byers, Auxiliary  
Melissa Carnahan, Auxiliary

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

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the providing details of events taking place at the Sacramento Air Museum. VFW's priority goals are new membership and member participation.

**Auxiliary:** Chairman Ms. Tammy Sullivan spoke about Each One Reach One – NCOA HQ is challenging each member to sign up at least one new member.

**HQ Chairman's Comments:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry spoke about the conference schedule being created. Looking to bring back the Rat Pack at the Ice Breaker along with a scavenger hunt, additionally considering having an Awards Luncheon to replace the Parade of Checks. Ms. Kish spoke about the underutilized Betsy Ross scholarships program; \$500 per scholarship for those who qualify.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 167    Auxiliary: 114
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan and Ms. Ellie Witt gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: Regular: \$ 6,159.10            Auxiliary: \$1,254.22  
                  JROTC: \$ 3,144.30

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities. House approves Bill to automatically enroll Vets in VA Health Care, Ensuring Veterans' Smooth Transition (EVEST) Act. Eligible veterans would be automatically enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system under a bill passed by the House. The VA's Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care is launching a five-year expansion of the Home-Based Primary Care, Medical Foster Home, and Veteran Directed Care programs to increase Veterans' access to home and community-based services and improve health outcomes. This five-year expansion will help meet the health care needs of the aging Veteran population while honoring Veterans' preferences to age safely at home. The expansion will be phased in over 5 years with new teams starting each fiscal year. 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 – Older material on the site is being identified for removal. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – Medals continue to be shipped out. (Open)
- c. Irreverent Warriors Walk – A team of six members have been identified and will be holding a meeting on 5 Feb. (Open)
- d. 2022 Calendar of Events – Discussed upcoming events. (Open)
- e. VFW Breakfast – Has been changed to 27 Feb 22 0800-1100. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. William Jessup University – Two recipients have received Lance Corporal Victor Dew scholarships in the amount of \$2,300. (Closed)
- b. Sacramento Stand Down – 6-8 May at the Mather VA Center. Looking for volunteers. Reminder, 5 May is the Big Day of Giving; consider giving to the Sacramento Stand Down Association. (Open)

Gary Chase was the raffle prize winner. Meeting adjourned at 1945 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 Mar 2022 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