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3 Jan 2024

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (3 Jan 2024)

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) Gary Chase
Moment of silence observed.

2. **Executive Committee Members:**

CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman, Present
MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow, Vice-Chairman, Absent
CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns, Treasurer, Absent
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, Absent
Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Present

4. **Members Present: B**

SMSgt (Ret) John Pensko Donna Master, Auxiliary Larry Lynn, Auxiliary
Bob Byers, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Grand Knight Letter: Recognized and in memory of Sharon Ciringione who passed away on Christmas Eve. As a long-time supporter of the Knights and NCOA, her dedication to events such as the NCOA Conference, golf tournaments, behind the scenes events and projects will always be remembered.

Regular: A new VA Welcome Kit (52 pages) will be posted on our website. The Electronic 1099 can be accessed via myPay, <https://my.pay.mil>. The 2024 NCOA Membership Campaign offers a 'sign up 3 new members, get 1 free. The campaign runs from 2 Jan 2024 to 12 July 2024. Work towards recognizing more Vietnam/Korea veterans for NCOA Medallion Recognition in 2024. Columbia Southern University to offer scholarship to NCOA for one under-graduate or graduate course. NCOA Strategic Plan in progress.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. 2024 NCOA calendar of events issued and copy to the VFW. It was noted that the 2024 Air show will be in 13-14 July and 'at night.' Our participation this year to be discussed. Reminder that when sharing information to the public via email, remember to be brief, concise with topic/subject and provide links as needed.

HQ Chairman's Comments: None

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

8. **Treasurer's Reports:** MSgt (Ret) Liz M. Lynn and Mr. Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: \$2,738.63 JROTC: \$1,247.51 Auxiliary: \$3,358.91

9. **Legislative:** Congress is back in session and 89 bills are awaiting approval. An informative legislative search called "LegiScan" Bringing People to the Process, provides real-time tracking services for bills across the nation. <https://legiscan.com>

Other 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- To be updated to include changes such as phone numbers, JROTC Program, Minutes, 2024 Calendar and VA Welcome Kit. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update –Two shipments of JROTC medals in progress. Worked with four JROTC high schools and issued one scholarship which is pending the cashing of \$500 check. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com - Scott Rodowick- Barrels in various areas, Roseville, Solano, Del Web, and At Ease Brewing Company and one to be placed at our VFW. A check of \$13.00 was collected and given to the Auxiliary. Gotsneakers taking a pause for the Christmas holidays, expected to resume Feb 2024, hopefully. (Open)
- d. 2024 Calendar of Events – Tammy- (Open) Updated to reflect Easter is on 31 Mar 2024, may impact 4 April Easter Bunnies for Veterans VA Hosp. (Open)
- e. Christmas Party – 9 Dec 2023 –Tammy - Another successful event! Special thanks to those whose efforts stood out: Ellie Witt, Donna Master and Gary Chase for the silent auction donations which netted \$268.00 (proceeds fund safety vests and socks for veterans). The food was great, caterers Off the Vine, friendly and personable and fun activities followed by DJ music and Electric Slide line dancing by Scott Rodowick and Dr. Liz M. Lynn. Christmas party total expenses were \$2,310 with costs of \$2,265.23 at a profit of \$44.77-Yay! (Closed)
- f. VFW Dinner - 15 Dec 2023 -Thank you to all who were able to show up. Successful event, 49 meals served. Total profit was \$ 264.57; 1551 - \$ 86.79, 0270 - \$ 147.78 and BFW \$30. (Closed)

11. **New Business:**

- a. VFW Breakfast – 18 Feb 24
- b. Primary Elections – 2-5 Mar 24. Awaiting more information regarding the actual schedule. Encourage participation, a profitable event for our Chapter.
- c. VFW Dinner – 22 Mar 24

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 Feb 2024 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