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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (3 May 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 (Ret)
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) Liz Lynn, Secretary, Present
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Absent
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present
3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:** Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Absent
Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, Absent Pam Wright, Secretary, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Present
4. **Members Present:**
TSgt (Ret) Orin K. Taylor Sr. SP4 (Ret) Tim Tribble Donna Master, Auxiliary Kim
Dewar, Auxiliary Bob Byers, Auxiliary Larry Lynn, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present: None**
6. **Chairman's Comments:**
Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan discussed several topics: The Grand Knight monthly newsletter, The Big Day of Giving campaign, and the NCOA Survey. He discussed the Career Resource Fair in Elk Grove on 11 May and the second anniversary celebration of The Veterans Hub correctional training facility in Soledad. MSgt (Ret) Grabow plans on attending. He notified the membership that he is looking to replace the current credit card processing system for the JROTC program. Lastly, he identified a few Memorial Day events taking place in the local area.

Auxiliary: None

HQ Chairman's Comments: Sir Joe Terry provided an update on the 2023 conference. He also solicited orders for the medallion programs.
7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 162 Auxiliary: 116
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan and Mr. Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: Regular: \$2,509.89 JROTC: \$11,946.11 Auxiliary: \$2,450.91

Legislative – MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase provided updates on various topics: An additional 1,500 Active-Duty military troops deployed to the southern border with Mexico as the U.S. prepares for an expected surge of migrants. The troops will join about 2,400 National Guard members already deployed; The pandemic-era policy that allows for swift deportation has been lifted. Air Force prepares to retire U-2 spy planes in 2026. On April 27th three soldiers died, another was injured when a pair of AH-64 Apache helicopters based at Fort Wainwright crashed near Healy, Alaska, according to the 11th Airborne Division; Troops stationed outside the contiguous United States will see a drop in their overseas COLA this month. Pentagon to implement new restrictions on allowance fluctuations for lost time following a 90-day pause. Effective 1 June in locations including Hawaii, Guam, Japan, Australia, and some in Europe will be impacted. Command Sgt. Maj. JoAnn Naumann is the first female senior enlisted advisor for U.S. Army Special Operations Command. The services recruiting slump won't end this year. FY 2023 the second year in a row that the branch won't meet its recruiting targets per Army's top officials; Last year the VA help more than 40,000 homeless veterans' find a permanent housing, VA goal for 2023 is to help 38,000 more veterans find permanent housing.

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>.

9. Unfinished Business:

- a. Website Update – Pam Wright indicated various updates were made to the website including the 2023 NCOA Survey. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – Chief Sullivan working a more efficient way to save cost/fees for the JROTC Account. Researching SAFE Credit Union as an alternative credit card processing system. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com – Scott Rodowick provided an update about the program. Quite a few sneakers were picked up from Claimstake Brewery. He is looking to place a barrel back in the VFW. (Open)
- d. 2023 Calendar of Events – Updated copy was passed around. (Open)
- e. The Wall that Heals – A letter of gratitude was read by Chief Sullivan in appreciation for volunteers that supported the event. SPC4 Tim Tribble was recognized as the overall top volunteer for the event. Scott Rodowick also volunteered. Over 8,000 visitors attended the event including several chapter members. A \$300 donation was approved by the membership to support the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. (Closed)
- f. Stand Down – 5/7 May - A motion made by SPC4 Tim Tribble and seconded by Michael Grabow to donate \$100 to the Sacramento Stand Down Association as part of The Big Day of Giving. Another motion was made by Auxiliary Secretary Pam Wright and seconded by Auxiliary Treasurer Scott Rodowick to donate an additional \$100. Both motions were approved by all present. (Open)
- g. VFW Golf Tournament - 16 Jun 2023 - A \$200 check given to Donna Master from the Auxiliary to sponsor a table (hole #10) for our chapters. (Open)
- h. VFW Breakfast – 21 May – Volunteer sign up sheet was passed around. (Open)

10. New Business:

- a. VFW Dinner – 9 Jun – Signup sheet will be passed around at the next meeting. (Open)
- b. NCOA Conference: 18-21 July 2023 – Chapters committed to sponsoring a Vanguard Award Winner from the JROTC Program for \$5000. No selling of merchandise this year. (Open)
- c. Honor Court (basketball) at William Jessup Univ -11 Nov 2023 (Closed)

Meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 Jun 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