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3 Nov 2021

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (3 Nov 2021)

1. Meeting called to order at 1900 hours in person 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, Present  
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, Present  
Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present  
Pam Wright, Secretary, Present  
Judy Mabie, Trustee, Absent
4. **Members Present:**  
MSgt (Ret) Shawn Simmons      MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn      SPC Dennis Scherer  
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary      Ellie Witt, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry
6. **Chairman's Comments:**  
**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the meeting providing information about the McClellan Air Museum holding an open cockpit day on 11 Nov. Additionally, a wreath laying ceremony will be held. A certificate of appreciation was received from NCOA HQ for the JROTC contribution made to the NCOA convention by the JROTC program. Effective 15 Dec 2021, Walmart will no longer accept TRICARE

**Auxiliary:** Chairman Tammy Sullivan tabled having a packing event on 11 Nov at the Move America Forward building. Due to other member commitments, the event will be scheduled at a later date. Move America Forward asks if you have leftover Halloween candy, please feel free to drop it off at their building.

**HQ Chairman's Comments:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry spoke about the WWII medallions, 300 shipped at this time. They remain available and if anyone knows of a WWII veteran, please contact HQ NCOA. The membership campaign continues with the recruitment of 1200 new members, with 215 new members being signed up since the program started. Volunteers for the NCOA HQ Strategic Goal's boards are still needed.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 162 Auxiliary: 113

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

Balance: Regular: \$ 4,762.73      Auxiliary: \$1,791.00  
JROTC: \$ 3,480.68

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities. HR 2441 Became Law: Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish three new rural centers for Mental Health in FY22. A COLA increase of 5.9% will take place 1 Jan 22 for retirees and Disability recipients. HR 5142 was passed by the House, for awarding posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on 26 Aug 21. See OPM.gov website for details. Arlington National Cemetery to mark 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on 11 Nov 21. 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 – Website was updated with pictures of past events. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – A total of 205 medal shipments have been made this year. (Open)
- c. 2021 Calendar of Events – No updates. (Open)
- d. Capital City Air Show – The event resulted with a net profit of \$1660.84 being split between the Chapter, Auxiliary and AFSA. (Closed)
- e. Christmas Party – Scheduled on 11 Dec 21 at the VFW, starting with cocktail hour starting at 1800 and dinner served at 1900. Cost is \$25 per person. Ms. Tammy Sullivan and Mr. Scott Rodowick are the points of contact for tickets. (Open)
- f. VFW Breakfast – 17 Oct. Event was cancelled due to COVID outbreak. (Closed)

11. **New Business:**

- a. Veterans' Day Events – Many are taking place around the local area to include the McClellan Air Museum and the American Legion hosting an event at the Rocklin cemetery. (Open)
- b. Irreverent Warriors Walk – MSgt (Ret) Grabow spoke about the event being planned for next year. At this time, it is scheduled during the month of May 2022, but a request has been made to move it to Oct 2022. The walk would start at the Mather VA hospital, transitioning to the American River trail. More details to follow. (Open)

Meeting adjourned at 2004 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 Dec 2021 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