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4 May 2022

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

**SUBJECT:** NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (4 May 2022)

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) Lynn  
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, Present  
MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon, Secretary, Absent  
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) Liz Lynn  
SPC Donald "Tim" Tribble  
Bob Byers, Auxiliary  
MSgt (Ret) Shawn Simmons  
Melissa Carnahan, Auxiliary  
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary  
TSgt Shann Elmore  
Ellie Witt, Auxiliary  
Sherry Byers, Auxiliary
  
5. **Guests Present:** Derrick Jackson, Steven Barnett from 4 Paws 2 Freedom
  
6. **Chairman's Comments:**  
**Regular:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan – opened the meeting presenting Super Saxon Awards to Pam Wright and Melissa Carnahan. He then introduced member Tim Tribble who introduced Steven Barnett from 4 Paws 2 Freedom. The organization specializes in service dogs for PTSD. Steven gave an outstanding demonstration and then answered several questions. Jim continued with comments about the Big Day of Giving on 5 May, the Rancho Cordova National Day of Prayer and the NCOA Korean War Medallion campaign.  
  
**Auxiliary:** Chairman Ms. Tammy Sullivan discussed the ongoing membership campaign.  
  
**HQ Chairman's Comments:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry (no comments)
  
7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 168 Auxiliary: 121  
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8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Mr. Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: Regular: \$ 3,448.60                      JROTC: \$ 6,649.31                      Auxiliary: \$2,673.05

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase provided the following updates. H.R.789/S.219, the Aid and Attendance Support Act! If passed, temporarily increases eligible disabled veterans' and surviving spouses' Aid and Attendance (A&A) allowance by 25%; The Air Mobility Command has announced that Space Available (Space-A) travel on military aircraft has returned for travelers to pre-pandemic availability. As of April 22, 2022, all restrictions on Space-A travel had been lifted; The Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs is getting its first permanent professor who is a member of the Space Force, Col. Luke Sauter; The commanding officer of the aircraft carrier USS George Washington told his crew April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, that the Navy will begin to move sailors off the aircraft carrier following a string of suicides. The following are 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 – The website provides up to date information. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – A total of 320 orders have been shipped this year. Currently awaiting a shipment of medals which has been delayed. Chairman Sullivan read a card received from one of the recipients of the award. (Open)
- c. Irreverent Warriors Walk – No update available. (Open)
- d. 2022 Calendar of Events – Copies provided to the membership. (OPEN)
- e. Elections – 4-7 Jun. Volunteers provided availability. Final details to follow at the next meeting. (Open)
- f. 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. Motion was made to support the Stand Down by both the Chapter and Auxiliary Chapter to donate \$100 for shoe donations. (Open)
- g. Capital City Airshow – 1-2 Oct. More details to follow. (Open)
- h. Hud/Vash Storage Clean Up – 16 Apr. Event to clean up six of the units in Rancho Cordova cancelled due to inclement weather. Rescheduled for 21 May, 0800-1200. A sign-up sheet was passed around. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. VFW Breakfast – 15 May. A volunteer sign-up sheet was passed around. (Open)
- b. VFW Golf Tournament – 18 Jun. The membership agreed to sponsor a tee for \$100. (CLOSED)

Meeting adjourned at 2010 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 1 Jun 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 N. SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Chairman

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DR. LIZ M. LYNN, MSGT, USAF (Ret)  
Chapter Secretary