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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (5 Jan 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, Present
MSgt (Ret) Terry Shannon, Secretary, Present
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Absent
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) Shawn Simmons MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn Bob Byers, Auxiliary
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary Ellie Witt, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry, Tina Kish, Scott Tillson/Chuck Gardner from the VFW Post
6. **Chairman's Comments:**
Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan opened the meeting welcoming Scott and Chuck for a VFW update. Currently the Canteen is lacking patrons and without increased activity the VFW Post won't be able to sustain operations in the near future. Any additional patronage would be appreciated. Quick covers were purchased for use during dinners held at the VFW. Membership 2022 remains a topic to meet the goal of signing up 1,000 new NCOA members. WWII medallions are still available and don't forget the NCOA Conference.

Auxiliary: Chairman Ms. Tammy Sullivan spoke about the Amazon Smile program and encouraged members to identify the NCOA as the non-profit organization when purchasing.

HQ Chairman's Comments: SGM (Ret) Joseph Terry stated almost 300 applications for new NCOA members have been received. Ms. Kish provided a reminder about the Super Saxon awards, 4th quarter reports and annual reports are due.

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7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 160 Auxiliary: 90
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns and Ms. Tammy Sullivan gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: Regular: \$ 6,258.82 Auxiliary: \$1,289.22
JROTC: \$ 3,176.20

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase discussed the following Legislative activities. A federal judge has ordered the Navy and Defense Department to halt disciplinary procedures against 35 members of the service's special operations community for refusing to take the COVID-19 vaccine -- a move that could complicate the Pentagon's immunization mandate. All U.S. veterans, active-duty service members and their spouses now qualify for Home Depot's everyday military discount thanks to an expansion announced by the home improvement retailer. President Joe Biden signed the \$768 billion National Defense Authorization Act. The following are additional websites providing useful information for both active duty and retirees: <https://www.cac.mil/coronavirus/Tricare>, AFSA - (<http://www.hgafsa.org>), <http://www.airforcemaq.com/Pages/HomePage.aspx>, Veterans Administration - <https://www.va.gov>, and Military Times - (<http://www.militarytimes.com>).

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Website Update – Site was updated with pictures from the Christmas Party. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – First package of medals for the new year was shipped. (Open)
- c. Christmas Party – 11 Dec. 62 people attended and was enjoyed by all. There was an out-of-pocket cost of \$900 being shared by the chapters. (Closed)
- d. Irreverent Warriors Walk – MSgt (Ret) Grabow spoke about the Silky Hike taking place on 8 Oct 22. Information can be found on Facebook page: IWSacramento. (Open)
- e. 2022 Calendar of Events – Discussed upcoming events. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. VFW Post 4647 Update – See Chairman's comments. Looking for suggestions to assist with increasing support to the Canteen. (Open)
- b. VFW Breakfast – 20 Feb 22 0800-1100. (Open)

Ellie Witt was the raffle prize winner. Meeting adjourned at 2010 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 Feb 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