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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (5 Jul 2023)

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) Liz Lynn
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) Liz Lynn, Secretary, Present
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Present
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, Present	Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present	Pam Wright, Secretary, Absent
	Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Present

4. **Members Present:**

Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary	Larry Lynn, Auxiliary	Donna Masters, Auxiliary
Jane Toms, Auxiliary		

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan discussed several topics: The NCOAdvocate and the Grand Knight memo regarding the 2024 PGA Championship in Louisville, KY. He provided an update on his search for a new credit card processing service and presented his new military ID card received at the California Military Department on Goethe Road. Their process is very efficient.

Auxiliary: None

HQ Chairman's Comments: None

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 156 Auxiliary: 116

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

Balance: Regular: \$2,571.83	JROTC: \$3,218.23	Auxiliary: \$2,222.47
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9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase provided updates on various topics:

After 44 years in the U.S. Army and a 4-year stint as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Milley will retire Oct 1, 2023. President Biden is expected to announce Gen. Charles Q. Brown Jr., the Air Force Chief of Staff, to replace Gen. Milley as the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. The number of suicides across Active-Duty military increased from 75 in the 1st quarter of 2022 to 94 in the 1st quarter of 2023 per the Defense Department Suicide Prevention Office. On June 29th, a Supreme Court decision ended the Affirmative Action Plan in college admissions which contained a caveat for military service academies, however, a key Senate Republican wants to eliminate it as well. On June 30th, the Supreme Court decision to end President Biden's 'college debt forgiveness' attempt, stated that the President did not have the authority under the U.S. Constitution. To reduce veterans facing homelessness, White House officials are pairing new legal support and job training programs for veterans with a \$3.1 billion investment in general community support grants. Veteran Affairs leaders will repeat their 2022 goal of getting at least 38,000 financially distressed veterans into stable housing. VA is also setting additional benchmarks to ensure these moves will lead to permanent improvements for individuals in need. The country of Sweden still awaiting an answer on their application for admission to NATO. 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 – Continues to be updated. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – Sent one additional order and received 3 JROTC scholarship applications to be reviewed by committee. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com – Scott Rodowick provided an update. Another 8 to 9 bags of sneakers collected. Discussed idea of our members partnering with their churches on collecting more sneakers and bringing up Gotsneakers.com at the July 2023 NCOA conference. (Open)
- d. 2023 Calendar of Events – Updated copy passed around. (Open)
- e. VFW Golf Tournament - 16 Jun 2023 – Auxiliary Chairman Tammy Sullivan read a 'thank you' letter from VFW. Thank you to Tammy and Auxiliary Vice Chairman Ellie Witt handling the booth. (Closed)
- f. VFW Dinner – 9 Jun – Seventy-two meals were served. Total profit was \$338.35 split as follows: VFW - \$33.84, Auxiliary - \$140.07, Regular chapter - \$164.44. Thanks to all the volunteers. (Closed)
- g. Rancho Cordova Business Expo - 22 Jun – Served 312 hotdogs. Total expenses were \$211.35. Great success! Thank you to all the volunteers. Between the golf tournament and the Business Expo, 16 new membership applications were sent to HQ. (Closed)
- h. NCOA Conference: 18-21 July 2023 – CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Tammy Sullivan and International Auxiliary Trustee Scott Rodowick will be attending. (Open)

11. **New Business:**

- a. VFW Breakfast – 16 July – Signup sheet was passed around. (Open)
- b. VFW Vendor Fundraiser 9 July 2023 - parking lot and VFW hall will have various vendors to benefit VFW. NCOA will have a booth. (Open)
- c. Irreverent Warrior Walk – MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow discussed the possibility of walking the Johnny Cash trail near Folsom Prison. Other plans are coming along. (Open)
- d. Veterans Hub Correctional Training Facility – Soledad. MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow provided an update from when he and SPC Tim Tribble attended the event in May. (Closed)
- e. Move America Forward – Auxiliary Trustee Melissa Carnahan discussed exploring more ideas in involving/volunteering our NCOA with local community projects (Open).

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 2 Aug 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