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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (Aug 2025)

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) Michael Grabow
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, Absent
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Absent

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, Present
Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Present

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

4. **Members Present:**

MCPO (Ret) Joe Humphrey
CPO (Ret) Lisa Varner
Donna Master, Auxiliary

SKCS (Ret) Norma Van Dohren
TSgt (Ret) Orin K. Taylor
Bob Byers, Auxiliary

SMSgt (Ret) John Pensko
YN3 Fred Grote

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: Chief Sullivan discussed the Rancho Cordova Weekly Business Updates as well as the Rancho Cordova calendar of events. He shared the NCOA President's message thanking the membership for participation in the NCOA Virtual Conference and addressing the Zoom bombing that occurred during the event. Chief Sullivan also informed the membership of the new Food Handlers certification that will be required by the VFW for all food related events beginning in fourth quarter. Scott Rodowick had already completed it and provided a quick synopsis.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA. She discussed the ongoing One Dollar campaign and provided updates. She continued to stress the vital role membership plays in the success of the organization.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 166 Auxiliary: 164

8. **Treasurer's Reports:** MSgt (Ret) Liz M. Lynn and Mr. Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.

Balance: \$8,422.05

JROTC: \$2,577.84

Auxiliary: \$2,874.90

9. **Legislative:** VA, and the National Cemetery Administration, welcome the Honorable Samuel B. Brown as the eighth Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs.

Information for veterans when they're affected by natural disaster can be found at:

<https://www.va.gov/resources/disaster-help/>

The Senate confirmed Adm. Daryl Caudle to be chief of naval operations and Lt. Gen. Sean Bratton as vice chief of space operations on 31 July.

Senate Passes Bipartisan Bills to Fund The Fiscal Year 2026 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act that provides \$7.125 billion for the operations of the United States Senate and House VA, Military Construction, Agriculture, FDA, And **Capitol Police: GAO, CBO, Congressional Research Service Library of Congress, U.S. Copyright Office, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights.**

Five soldiers were shot at Ft Stewart in Georgia. Enforcement officials briefed on the matter identified the suspect as Sgt Quornelius Radford.

Michael T. Hlad assumed command of DISA Pacific from Marine Corps Col. Jared C. Voneida.

H.R.1815 Became Law The VA Home Loan Program Reform Act: The bill authorizes the VA to pay the holder of a loan guaranteed by the VA an amount necessary to avoid the foreclosure of the loan, provided that the holder of the loan and the veteran obligated on the loan execute documents to ensure the VA obtains a secured interest in the property covered by the loan.

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. JROTC Update – Five scholarship applications have been received, post marked by 30 June. Our chapter will review applications and determine how funding will be appropriated (Open).
- b. 2025 Calendar of Events (Tammy). The updated 2025 calendar was handed out. (Open).
- c. Korean War and Vietnam Medallion Program (Jim S). Continue looking for potential recipients. (Open).
- d. VFW Dinner – 25 Jul – Thank you to all volunteers who participated. We served 46 meals and raised \$476.96. (Closed)
- e. NCOA Virtual Conference recap. MSgt Grabow provided an overview of the events as well as addressed the Zoom bombing incident. Participation always good be better, but those that participated made it a successful event. He and the staff have discussed precautions needed for such events in the future. (Closed)

11. **New Business:**

- a. VFW Breakfast – 31 Aug. A volunteer signup sheet was passed around. A short discussion ensued concerning the number of meals to prepare for. The average participation over the past 6 breakfasts has been 38. The group agreed to prepare for 40 meals. (Open)
- b. SIRS – Salute to Service Luncheon – 9 Sep. Scott Rodowick provided an overview of his planned event to recognize more than 30 SIRS members with the NCOA medallions. He will coordinate with Chief Sullivan to acquire the medals. (Open)

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 Sep 2025 at 1900 hours and will be held in person at the VFW.

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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