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6 Dec 2023

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (6 Dec 2023)

1. **Meeting called to order at 1900 hours in person.**

Pledge of Allegiance led by MSgt Michael Grabow (Ret)
NCOA Creed read by MSgt (Ret) Liz M. Lynn
Moment of silence observed.

2. **Executive Committee Members:**

CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan, Chairman, Absent
MSgt (Ret) Michael Grabow, Vice-Chairman, Present
CMSgt (Ret) Jim Kearns, Treasurer, Absent
MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn, Secretary, Present
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Absent
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**

Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Pam Wright, Secretary, Absent
Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Present

4. **Members Present:**

Dale Klug, SMSgt (Ret) Orin Taylor Sr, TSgt (Ret) Bob Byers, Auxiliary
Donna Master, Auxiliary Larry Lynn, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** None

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Grand Knight Letter: Recognized 7 Dec with tribute to WWII veterans who served during Pearl Harbor; Dec 13 is 387th birthday of the National Guard; Dec 20 is the 4th birthday of the U.S. Space Force. During the holiday season, consider visiting older veterans living alone with a small gift or food. Remember our active-duty members and their families, especially those deployed.

Regular: Obituary in remembrance of Mac McKinney, 7th Grand Knight in 1988 and nominated for CMSgt of the USAF in 1973. NCOA Membership Drive 2023 is coming at year's end. Encourage memberships! The 2024 NCOA Strategic Plan in progress.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, President of International Auxiliary NCOA reminded everyone about the Christmas party.

HQ Chairman's Comments: Sir Joe Terry commented on the War Medallion Recognition Program which presented over 1,000 Vietnam War Medallions. Seeking more Corporate Sponsors and a huge appreciation to GEICO Military who donated funds to support the program. Consider gifting a Membership to a family member, co-worker, and/or friend for Christmas. The 2024 Conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Airport Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, July 16-19, 2024. Consider joining the Strength in Unity Facebook page for NCOA information and events.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 156 Auxiliary: 128

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

Balance: \$2,738.63 JROTC: \$1,247.51 Auxiliary: \$3,358.91

9. **Legislative:** General items of mutual interest discussed included BENEFEDS, Pact Act, FedVip, Tri-Care and new ID cards.

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 – Pam- Continues to be updated. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update –Dr. Liz M. Lynn-JROTC Program, JROTC Application and JROTC Evaluation documents reviewed by Chief Sullivan. Minor changes, results by Jan 2024. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com - Scott Rodowick- Collected 15 barrels in various areas, Roseville, Solano, Del Web, and At Ease Brewing Company. A check of \$183.75 from barrels and a check of \$100 donated by Joan Turner given to Spirt of Sacramento Auxiliary. Gotsneakers taking a pause for the Christmas holidays, expected to resume Feb 2024. (Open)
- d. 2023 Calendar of Events – Last calendar of 2023 handed out. Tammy Sullivan to pre-populate 2024 Calendar of Events by 3 Jan 2024 meeting. (Open)
- e. Christmas Party – 9 Dec 2023 –Saturday 6:00pm – Dinner fee \$35.00 per person. Includes Santa, Elf, a choir, DJ and other fun Christmas activities. Catered by 'Off the Vine.' (Open)
- f. VFW Dinner -15 Dec 2023 -Sign Up sheet passed out (Open)
- g. AFSA Dinner – Successful event, active-duty volunteers very helpful and efficient with serving and cleaning up. Proceeds of \$182.69 to be split between AFSA and VFW.

11. **New Business:**

- a. NCOA Medallion Recognition Program - a motion was made by TSgt Taylor, seconded by MSgt Chase and carried unanimously to spend \$300 to purchase 15 Korean War Medallions and 15 Vietnam War Medallions. The distribution plan will be addressed in the new year. (CLOSED)
- b. Happy New Year!

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 Jan 2024 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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MICHAEL GRABOW, MSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Vice Chairman

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