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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (Mar 2024)

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan
NCOA Creed read by Vice Chairman 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, 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, Absent
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present

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

4. **Members Present:**

TSgt (Ret) Orin K. Taylor, Sr. Larry Lynn, Auxiliary Bob Byers, Auxiliary
Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary Donna Masters, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** Ciara Liu - foreign exchange student from China who is currently residing with Pam Wright until May 31, 2024.

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Grand Knight Letter: Happy 82nd Birthday to U.S. Naval Construction Battalions, aka "SEEBEES." At the 2024 Annual Conference, the Association needs your attendance, participation, support, and voice on how to move forward in the future. Sponsorship opportunities and individual donations are available at ncoausa.org. National Vietnam War Veterans Day to be observed on 29 Mar 2024.

Regular: The 5-year VA Benefits Review is crucial for veterans to understand and to be proactive in the event their current disability rating may be discontinued. See <https://veteransguide.org/va-disability/5-year-rule/>. Important to know 'what to do when a veteran dies.' See <https://www.dfas.mil/dfas/AskDFAS/>. The 2024 Memorial Day Observance at Rancho Cordova is in the planning stages. A motion by Michael Grabow was proposed with a second by George Wheeler to donate \$100 to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. Proposal unanimously approved. VOA SSF Healthcare Fair scheduled for 28 May 2024 at Mather. NCOA Advocate and NCOA Strategic Plan in progress.

Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, President of NCOA International Auxiliary. Proud to announce Spirit of Sacramento auxiliary members are now at 146. The International Rat Pack Certificate was awarded to Ellie Witt and Melissa Carnahan -Yay!

HQ Chairman's Comments: Sir Joe Terry. For the Legislative Committee members, there's an urgent need to stay committed to these meetings to support our goals and members. Granted, this commitment is on a voluntary basis and much appreciated, however, if other priorities take precedence over the Legislative Committee, kindly inform Levi and Sir Joe Terry. Continue to increase membership during our 2024 NCOA Membership Campaign.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 151 Auxiliary: 146

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

Balance: \$2,671.44 JROTC: \$747.80 Auxiliary: \$2,370.36

9. **Legislative:** H.R. 1282 expands eligibility to certain retirees who are concurrently receiving veteran's disability compensation, retired pay or combat-related compensation and other purposes. For those in this category or need to share with other veterans, see this link:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/1282/all-info>

A "new TRICARE contract that facilitates beneficiary health care in the civilian sector, known as T-5, is expected to start in 2024. The changes will improve the delivery, quality, and cost of health care services for service members, retirees, and their families." <https://tricare.mil/About/Changes>

10. **Unfinished Business:**

- a. Website Update – Pam- To include updated info on JROTC Program, Minutes, 2024 Calendar and VA Welcome Kit. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – 39 shipments were sent plus a dozen more by Mar/Apr 2024. Check cleared for the 1,000 folders. Luther Burbank H.S. and Highlands H.S. to be represented by SKCS VonDohren and Chief Sullivan, respectively, for local JROTC program presentations. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com - Scott Rodowick - Several barrels collected with a \$28.00 check given to our Auxiliary. Scheduled pickups to be collected from At Ease Brewery, Sketchers and Tim Tribble's. (Open)
- d. 2024 Calendar of Events – Tammy- Updated to reflect 27 May Memorial Day at Cordova HS and 7 Jun Golf Tourney at Cherry Island 7am (Open)
- e. VFW Breakfast - 22 Mar was a success and Chief Sullivan thanked those who helped. (Closed)
- f. Primary Elections- Chief Sullivan - Ballot Transport vans were police escorted both on site and back to 65th Street. Supply Van volunteers worked the whole day. Overall, well organized, smooth transitions and enjoyable to work. Successful fund raiser event for the year. Heads up for the General Elections in November 2024. (Open)
- g. VFW Dinner 22 Mar 2024 - Sign Up sheet handed out.
- h. Korean War and Vietnam Medallion Program-Chief Sullivan. So far, 12 names have been submitted for the Korean War Medallion and Vietnam Medallion.
- i. Golf Tournament 7 June 2024-Cherry Island - 7am

11. **New Business:**

- a. VFW Post 4647 - Donna Master - Auxiliary Tri-Tip Dinner on Friday 8 Mar 2024 at 5:30 p.m. (Closed)
- b. Air-Show - Tammy Sullivan - For the 13-14 July 2024 Air Show, individual participation sheets were handed out. Need at least 12 volunteers to secure our spot. (Open)

The meeting adjourned at 2010 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 Apr 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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JAMES N. SULLIVAN, CMSgt, USAF (Ret)
Chapter Chairman

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