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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (7 Jun 2023)

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan
NCOA Creed read by SP4 Tim Tribble (Ret)
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, Absent
MSgt (Ret) George Wheeler, Trustee, Absent
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present

3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:** Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, Present Pam Wright, Secretary, Absent
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, Absent

4. **Members Present:**

SKCS Norma Von Dohren	SMSgt (Ret) Dale Klug	TSgt (Ret) Orin K. Taylor Sr.
SP4 (Ret) Tim Tribble	Bob Byers, Auxiliary	Jasmine Kearns, Auxiliary

5. **Guests Present:** Leticia Lapre and Joe Holland from Sanctuary Home Health and Hospice

6. **Chairman's Comments:**

Regular: CMSgt (Ret) Jim Sullivan discussed several topics: The Grand Knight monthly newsletter, The NCOAdvocate and the California State Commanders Veterans Council. He discussed the WWII presentation that was made in Carmichael. He read a card from Pati Ward who donated \$1000 to the HUD-VASH program. He provided an update on his search for a new credit card processing service.

Auxiliary: None

HQ Chairman's Comments: Lady Tina Kish provided an update on the 2023 conference. She also solicited applications for the Betsy Ross Scholarship program.

7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 158 Auxiliary: 114

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

Balance: Regular: \$2,717.99 JROTC: \$7044.00 Auxiliary: \$2,233.05

9. **Legislative:** MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase provided updates on various topics. On Tuesday, June 6th 2023, on Utah Bach, France, World War II veterans shared vivid memories of D-Day and the fighting as dozens returned to Normandy beaches and key battle sites to mark the 79th anniversary of the decisive assault that led to the liberation of France and Western Europe from Nazi control. The Department of Veterans Affairs improperly spent or lost roughly \$3.5 billion in fiscal 2022 across several programs it is required by law to track to improve management of department outlays. The Veterans Health Administration increased its total workforce by 13,627 (3.6%) between October 2022 and April 2023, the highest growth rate for VHA in over 20 years. The Veteran Benefits Administration hired 4,120 employees during the same time period, the highest growth rate for VBA in 15 years. VHA now has 393,500 employees, and VBA now has more than 28,000 employees for the first time ever. The remains of an unknown American soldier from World War I, which were discovered only a year ago, were buried Wednesday at an American military cemetery in northern France for the first time in more than 90 years. Republican Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin has directed the deployment of 100 Virginia National Guard troops to assist Texas in reducing the flow of illegal drugs and people trafficking into the United States at the southern border. Republican governors, including Florida Governor and 2024 presidential candidate Ron DeSantis, have announced intentions to send over 800 National Guard troops and 300 law enforcement officers to Texas in response to an increase in border crossings prompted by the repeal of Title 42.

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 – Photos from WWII presentation were posted. (Open)
- b. JROTC Update – Chief Sullivan received proposals from two credit card processing agencies trying to reduce cost/fees for the JROTC Account. Selection will be made next month. (Open)
- c. Gotsneakers.com – Scott Rodowick provided an update about the program. Quite a few sneakers were picked up from the VFW Post and Claimstake Brewery. He sent in 8 bags of sneakers and provided a check for \$ 29.25. (Open)
- d. 2023 Calendar of Events – Updated copy was passed around. (Open)
- e. Stand Down – 5/7 May – Approximately 250 veterans were served during this year's event. (Closed)
- f. VFW Golf Tournament - 16 Jun 2023 – No update. (Open)
- g. VFW Breakfast – 21 May – Ten volunteers provided 45 meals. The event raised \$366.18 with \$36.62 for the Post, \$158.19 to the Auxiliary and \$171.37 for the regular chapter. Thanks to all who supported the event. (Open)
- h. VFW Dinner – 9 Jun – Signup sheet was passed around. (Open)
- i. 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. Rancho Cordova Business Expo – 22 Jun. A volunteer signup sheet was passed around. We will be serving hot dogs again. (Open)
- b. SMSgt Dale Klug discussed the push for the issuance of the new military retiree ID card. He provided examples of where the current card has been confiscated at various military bases. He also informed the membership about Military Day at the CA State Fair on 27 July. (Closed)

The meeting adjourned at 2010 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 Jul 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