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4 Feb 2026

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

SUBJECT: NCOA/Auxiliary General Membership Meeting Minutes (Feb 2026)

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
Treasurer (Vacant)
MSgt (Ret) Liz Lynn, Secretary, Present
MSgt (Ret) Gary Chase, Trustee, Present
3. **Auxiliary Executive Committee Members:**
Ellie Witt, Vice Chairman, (Present)
Melissa Carnahan, Trustee, (Absent)
Tammy Sullivan, Chairman, Present
Scott Rodowick, Treasurer, Present
4. **Members Present:**
TSgt (Ret) Orin K. Taylor Bob Byers, Auxiliary Cynthia Newton, Auxiliary
Donna Master, Auxiliary
5. **Guests Present:** None.
6. **Chairman's Comments:**
Regular: Help build the future of Rancho Cordova at Community Workshop #3 on Feb 26, 2026. Capital Air Show Scholarships available for 2 years, 4 years and Career Tech schools, deadline May 1, 2026. Korean School to open Feb 7- May 16. Crab feed Mar 7, 2026. NCOA Conference 21-24 July 2026 -Norfolk, VA. Our Ch 1551 to sponsor conference bags (i.e. swag bags) for \$4,000. The JROTC Awards Program funds the conference donations.
Auxiliary: Tammy Sullivan, President, International Auxiliary NCOA. Reiterated 'strength in unity' for 2026 by doubling our membership.
7. **Membership Coordinator:** Regular: 155 Auxiliary: 133
8. **Treasurer's Reports:** MSgt (Ret) Liz M. Lynn and Scott Rodowick gave their treasurers' reports.
Balance: \$7,137.36 JROTC: \$2,109.04 Auxiliary: \$3,846.70

9. Legislative: Gary Chase

H.R. 224-Disabled Veterans Housing Support Act amends the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 which excludes service-connected compensation when determining if a person is of low income or moderate income for other purposes.

H.R. 1832- VA Budget Shortfall Accountability Act aims to improve transparency of how VA manages its budget; requires VA to report budget shortfalls and causes; mandates regular updates to Congress; holds VA leadership accountable and encourages and ensures funds are allocated properly.

H.R. 4446- FAST VETS Act, specifies when vocational rehabilitation plans must be redeveloped.

The Veteran Fraud Reimbursement Act become law on Dec 12, 2025. Modifies procedures of reissues of misused benefits and VA must pay surviving beneficiary if a beneficiary predeceases. Also prohibits VA from delaying benefit payments due to its own existing negligence in fiduciary misuse cases.

10. Unfinished Business:

- a. JROTC Update – (Jim S.) 15 shipments and 39 medals shipped. 1000 medals ordered. Activity is starting to pick up. (Open)
- b. 2026 Calendar of Events (Tammy). Vendor Craft Faire by Antelope Friends of Veterans Lions Club on Saturday, April 11, 10am to 3pm. (Closed)
- c. NCOA Medallion Program (Jim S). Ongoing campaign to identify Medallion recipients that may have been missed and to recognize them Mar/April 2026. (Open)
- d. Jessup University Update (Liz). Hoops for Heroes (basketball) on Saturday, Feb 7, 2026 at 3:30pm. Opening ceremony to include holding of the American flag the size of the full basketball court. All welcome, veterans enter for free. Half-time program to recognize an honorary local community veteran and sponsors. (Open)
- e. Christmas Party - Dec 2026 (Tammy). Continued discussion on possible alternatives. (Open)
- f. VFW Dinner - 20 Feb 2026. Sign-up sheet handed out. (Open)
- g. Sacramento Food Bank (Melissa) (Open)
- h. Sacramento Stand Down (Jim/Tammy) (Open)
- i. Quarterly Socials (Michael). Discussed quarterly social dates. Michael to host first quarterly social on Saturday, Mar 28 with more information to follow. The next three quarterly socials will be discussed as we progress through the year (June, Sept and Dec). Great opportunity to have family, friends and fun over to 'unwind & chill out.' (Open)
- j. Chapter Elections 4 Mar (Jim). Anyone interested in applying for the Trustee position, contact Jim Sullivan. Elections may be over Zoom call and you must register with Zoom. The four current trustees indicated a willingness to continue serving this year: Jim Sullivan, Michael Grabow, Gary Chase and Liz Lynn. (Open)

11. New Business:

- a. VFW Breakfast -15 Mar 26

The meeting adjourned at 2000 hours. The next meeting is scheduled for 4 Mar 2026 at 1900 hours and will be in person at the VFW Post.

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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