

# Thunderbird Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

## General Membership Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2006

1. Meeting convened at 1140 hours. President Pepin declared a quorum. President Pepin announced the chapter would buy lunch for the attendees at this meeting for a combined meeting/social as authorized by the membership 2 years ago and included in the budget

2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Moment of Silence in lieu of Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance: James Pepin  
AFSA Preamble: James Howard

3. **Members Present:**

Don Sullivan	Ralph
Binkley	Kristi Binard
	Kathi Glascock
	*Jeremy
Marshall	*Veronica Marshall
	Robert Anderson
	Tim
Ossinger	Duaine Ross
	Jim Law
	Jonathan
Bennett	Sabrina Barfield
	Jim Howard
	Kathy
Smith	*John Lundberg
	Tammy Snyder
	Colleen
Callahar	*Diana Palmer
	Kristina Pace
	James
Pepin	Jeff James

\* Denotes New Attendees      Guests: June Ross (Duaine's Wife) Jacob Bennett (Jon's Son)

4. **Introductions:** President Pepin welcomed and recognized various categories of attendees CMSgts, new members, first time attendees, etc

5. **Presentations:** No awards or special presentations. Division

9 Vice President Jon Bennett gave the oath of office to and installed Kristi Binard as the Division 9 Airmen Activities Coordinator.

## 6. **Reports:**

- a. **Legislative:** Jim Howard - Briefed and provided handouts of Chapter 985's Legislative monthly report for June 2006
- b. **Activities/Programs:** Jeff James –Nothing new to report.
- c. **Communications:** Tim Ossinger - Still awaiting for last news release concerning the awards Chapter 985 and members won at the Division 9 Convention to appear in the Tinker Take Off. President Pepin advised he and FTA Quirk had an interview with a staff writer on Monday, June 5, but he was unable to attend. SSgt Quirk did the interview, and he had a questionnaire to complete and return to the staff interviewer before the article was to be published.
- d. **Awards:** Mike Devenitch – On leave, no awards pending.
- e. **Treasurer's Report:** Rob Binard – Unable to attend. He sent the May 2006 Treasurer's Report with Kristi Binard. She provided a comprehensive briefing of the report on his behalf. There were no questions.
- f. **Secretary's Report:** Don Sullivan – Advised that minutes from the General Membership meeting May 11, 2006 and the Executive Council meeting June 1, 2006 were distributed via our web e-mail server. He could/would summarize for any that had not seen them, or was interested in further discussion. There being no issues, motion was made by Tim Ossinger to accept as written, seconded by

Ralph Binkley - motion carried.

- g. **Recruiting:** Sabrina Barfield – Briefed we currently have over 200 total new member recruits in the system and all are still not posted. President Pepin qualified for the Skyhigh Club as of 31 May with 101 new recruits this year, and Trustee Ossinger is now over 61. President Pepin/Kristi Binard briefed we have a couple of special recruiting opportunities; ALS at 1115 on June 14 and volunteer appreciation lunch on June 16 from 100-1200 hours. Next regular scheduled recruiting opportunity is FTAC on June 19 at 0900 hours
- h. **Reports:** Don Sullivan - Advised all reports are current. The AFSA Team Tinker for May 2006 was finalized and attached to the Executive Council meeting minutes for June 1, 2006. They have also been posted to the web site.
- i. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** Kristi Binard - Recapped the following activities: We had 7 volunteers to man aid and water stations for the March of Dimes Walk America event on May 6 (approx. \$34,000 was raised). Also, She and Mike Crawford initiated an OU Children's Hospital Toy Drive for their toy cart during May. \$1700.00 worth of toys were collected and donated. AAC Binard is seeking volunteers for The RMHC (Ronald McDonald House for Children) of OKC Lighthouse Triathlon. The event is scheduled for August 6 and over 100 volunteers are needed (we have 20 volunteers to date). Chief Ossinger gave Kristi a contact at St. Ann's Veteran's Home and she called. They hold a Senior's Dance every last Thursday of the month and would appreciate volunteers. There are 186 residents, about 85% women and 15% men. Active duty volunteers are requested to wear class A blues because aging veterans appreciate the service of today's younger force. Contact Kristi for more

information. Don't forget the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (Pizza), June 16, 2006 in Heritage Hall at the Med. Group from 100-1200 hours

- j. **Web Site:** Nicholas Smith unable to attend. President Pepin advised the site is 100% updated. Go visit at URL [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org)

## 7. **Old Business:**

- a. **Chapter Polo Shirts.** Mike Devenitch advised we still have ample chapter polo shirts for sale at a reduced price of \$15.00. **Item Open.**
- b. **Approved President's Recruiting Training Dinner.** The purpose is an informal dinner/training session lasting about 1 1/2 hours to expand our recruiting cadre. Planned location is Golden Corral – waiting on them to respond for a requested reserved date of June 24, 2006. **Item Open**
- c. **Play Station Tournament.** No new information is available at this time. Closing this item until further information is forthcoming. **Item Closed**
- d. **Volunteer Appreciation Lunch.** AAC Kristi Binard asked the chapter to support a luncheon to show our appreciation of the some 70 people that volunteer to support our projects. It was approved not to exceed \$200.00 and is scheduled for June 16, 2006 from 1100-1200 in Heritage at the Med. Group. Pizza, chips and pop will be served. This event will also provide a recruiting opportunity. **Item Open**
- e. **2007 Division 9 Annual Convention.** President Pepin stated he received an e-mail from Div. 9 President that we will have a joint convention with Division 8 hosting. The location will be Ramada Inn, St. Joseph, MO. This was the preferred option voted on by the membership at

the 2006 Division 9 Annual Convention in Minot, ND. The dates are not decided. The last weekend in April and mid-June 2007 are the dates being looked at. You will be informed as information becomes available. **Item Closed**

- f. **Choctaw High School AFJROTC.** President Pepin read a Thank You Letter the chapter received for our support of their annual awards program. **Item Closed**

## 8. **New Business:**

- a. **AF Enlisted Village (Widows Home).** President Pepin advised the chapter received a thank you card for our \$200.00 donation from CEO (and former CMSAF #9) James Binnicker. President Pepin also advised a "paved brick" with the chapter's name on it will be laid once he submits the paperwork. **Item Closed**
- b. **AFSA's E1-E4 Membership Drive.** Senior Advisor Jon Bennett mentioned we have special applications for this exclusive recruiting offer. E1-E4s can obtain a 18-month membership for \$16.50 instead of the usual \$18.00 and a 3-year for \$33.00 replacing an estimated \$64.00 expense. The offer is good through December 31, 2006. We'll have some opportunities for this drive specifically at FTAC and ALS. **Item Open**
- c. **Sponsored Membership.** Ralph Binkley said he would sponsor a 1-year membership for one Airman that could not afford the dues. Jim Law, Tim Ossinger and Jon Bennett advised to add their names to this same sponsorship. **Item Open**
- d. **Meeting/Lunch Social.** President Pepin announced at the beginning of the meeting that the chapter would buy lunch for all attendees at this meeting. He was authorized by the membership 2 years ago to use his discretion to make such a surprise declaration to replace the annual picnic social. The chapter spent \$135.00 on this event. **Item Closed**

e. **507 ARW Family Day.** Chief Ossinger advised he had talked with CCM Tytanic and our chapter is invited to have a booth, table, whatever we need to recruit at the 507 ARW Family Day scheduled for September 16, 2006, 1000-1600 hours. We will check into this further to see if an opportunity also exists to brief the Top 3 as in prior year(s). **Item Open**

9. President Pepin solicited comments from around the room. There being none further, Tim Ossinger motioned to adjourn, Duaine Ross seconded - motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1222 hours.

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Donald Sullivan for//  
JAMES PEPIN  
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President

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Secretary