



Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 985
General membership Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2007



1. Meeting convened at 1138 hours, President Thompson advised we had a quorum.
2. Opening Ceremonies: Moment of Silent Reflection in Lieu of Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance led by: President Thompson
AFSA Preamble: MSgt Jason Sears
3. Members Present:

MSgt Michael Garrity	MSgt Michael Wilsey	Don Sullivan
SSgt Misty Givens	SrA Athena Martin*	Tim Ossinger
TSgt Jerome Fuller	SSgt Tasha Gilmore	SSgt Ann Percy
SSgt Heidi Chesser	Jon Bennett	Jim Houaro
MSgt Anna Futrell	TSgt Glenn Futrell	MSgt Lisa Sears
MSgt Jason Sears	SMSgt Bethann Fleming	Michelle Devinny
CMSgt G. Fleming	Tammy Snyder	Joanne Compton
MSgt Yvette Hodges	MSgt Terry Turner	SSgt Nic Husted
MSgt Bryan Thompson	SSgt Rob Binard	TSgt Kristi Binard
CMSgt P. Cherry		
4. Introductions: President Thompson welcomed first time attendees: MSgt Michael Wilsey, SrA Athena Martin, MSgt Michael Garrity, TSgt Jerome Fuller, SSgt Tasha Gilmore, TSgt Glen Futrell.

Special welcome: CMSgt Cherry, CMSgt Flemming, CMSgt (ret) Ossinger, Michelle Devinny and Tammy Jo Snyder.
5. Presentations: None
6. Reports:
 - a. Legislative: Jim Howard reported HR 1538, HR 1435, HR 1284 and The Supplement spending bill were all passed by the House. HR 1223, HR 579 (bill to raise Tricare cost) both need responses to representatives by members. Tricare information will return to distribution by postal mail rather than via email. He briefed from his monthly Chapter 985 Legislative Report for April 2007.
 - b. Activities: Mary Kramer/ Heidi Chesser. No new activities to report.
 - c. Communications: Lisa Sears/ Mike Devenitch. No new communication to report.
 - d. Awards: President Thompson presented Flisha Bailey, General Manger of the Tinker, Tulsa, Vance AAFES stores, at the BX on 04 Apr 07 with a framed photo capturing her receiving an outstanding support award at our annual banquet. On 2 April, a Chapter Coin holder was presented during the 552 CMS commander's call to recognize the 552 ACW Additional First Sergeant of the Year that was omitted at their annual awards ceremony.
 - e. Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Galambos provided a comprehensive briefing of the March 2007 Treasurer's Report. There were no questions.
 - f. Secretary's Report: Kristi Binard advised all minutes from the General Membership Meeting, March 2007, and Executive Counsel Meeting, April 5, 2007, were distributed to all members via our email list

server and asked if there were any questions/comments. There being no issues, motion was made by Robert Binard to accept as written, seconded by Tim Ossinger- motion carried.

- g. Recruiting/Retention: Terry Turner, Recruiting, reported Chapter 985 currently had 1874 members, 13 memberships pending, 10 changes into our chapter; placing the chapter as the 9th largest chapter in AFSA. Goal is 500 new members this year. He relayed message from International President to continue to work on retention. Robert Binard/ Michael Crawford, Retentions: Robert Binard encouraged all members to remain active in recruiting and retention.
- h. Reports: Rebecca Galambos- Don Sullivan advised that we are current on all reports. He also provided membership with the Team Tinker report for April 2007. He advised that 30 April ends the FY for AFSA. Reports are due to HDQ by 15 May 2007. He also informed attendees that new AFSA forms/manuals have been issued.
- i. Airman Activities Coordinator: Heidi Chesser/ Ann Percy- Heidi Chesser reported that there are several activities open: the Plaza Towers playground restoration, OKC Marathon, Jim Thorpe Golf Tournament, OKC Arts Festival Taco Booth to support the Lyric Foundation. If anyone would like to volunteer, please email heidi.chesser@tinker.af.mil or call 734-2060.
- j. Website: President Thompson advised that the website will be updated to be more user-friendly after. Meeting minutes will be posted in word format, password protected. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Bryan Thompson.

7. Old Business:

- k. Chapter Annual Banquet- we had 128 guests present, Chapter spent \$605 on awards, \$113 for programs and \$144.36 for decorations. **Item Closed.**
- b. Enlisted Heritage Museum: President Thompson read thank you letter from Enlisted Heritage Research Institute, CMSgt McVicar for our \$250.00 donation. **Item Closed.**
- c. Tinker AFB Civil Air Patrol Banquet, 27 March. A Certificate, bar ribbon and medal was provided for presentation to a deserving cadet at their annual awards. **Item Closed**
- d. High School AFJROTC Banquets: **Item Open.**
April 12th, 1830- Midwest City- Bryan Thompson and Jennifer Jones to attend
April 20th, 1830- Edmond North- Mike Crawford to attend
April 24th, 1800- Carl Albert- Lisa and Jason Sears to attend
May 8th, 1830- Southeast- Rebecca Galambos to attend
- e. Dorm Spring Clean Up: Event to be held May 12, 2007. President Thompson advised the membership that the executive counsel approved up to \$510.00 to support the event. Michael Wilsey reported that NCOA will donate \$250 to event, President Thompson announced that AFSA will cover remaining cost, not to exceed the \$510 already approved. The item has been suggested as a one time annual \$500 addition to the chapter annual budget. **Item Open.**
- f. Chapter Debit/Credit Card: Don Sullivan advised AFSA HQ will require a credit card to order supplies, process apps, etc. starting with the AFSA FY2008 (May 1). Several options have been discussed. The preferred option is a credit card with a \$600 limit, but we are having difficulty getting one in the chapter's name. President Thompson is reviewing a Visa Business Card from FNB. The card will only be available to key personnel. **Item Open.**
- g. Division 9 Annual Convention- Kansas City, MO. April 19-21, 2007. Election of Delegates: Don Sullivan motioned that President Thompson be the chief delegate per standing rules as chapter president. Mike Devenitch and Kristi Binard will be the alternate chief delegates. He motioned that Jon Bennett, Don Sullivan, Joshua Calderwood (FTA) and Charissa Calderwood (spouse of FTA) be voting delegates. All delegates, except Joshua and Charissa Calderwood to share equal votes; with any

odd votes going to the chief delegate. The chief delegate will also cast all votes of any absent delegate. The chief delegate is authorized to add delegates up to and including at the convention site until our credentials are turned in at the convention site. The motion was seconded by Tim Ossinger, motion carried. **Item Open.**

- h. 2007 Spring Fling (Adult Mentally Challenged Dance): Sunday, April 15, 2007. Mike Devenitch briefed that the picnic/dance will begin at 1300 and last until 1700. Currently, he has 75 residents confirmed. Stuffed animals were obtained by MSgt Hodges. **Item Open.**
- i. Club Meeting Room Fees: President Thompson advised that club will not charge us for the room as long as majority of attendees purchase lunch at the club. **Item Closed.**

8. New Business:

- a. 2007 Standing Rules: These have been updated and were presented for approval by the general membership. Don Sullivan advised the only change to the 2007 standing rules from the 2006 standing rules was the date (from 2006 to 2007). A motion was made by CMSgt Gregory Fleming to accept the 2007 standing rules as written, seconded by Robert Binard. Motion carried. **Item Closed.**
- b. FY 2008 Budget/Semi-Annual Audit: Rebecca Galambos to finalize 27 April, present to Executive Counsel May 3, and general membership May 10 and submit to AFSA HQ by May 15. Send any input to her and/or President Thompson and Don Sullivan. **Item Open.**
- c. Chapter Committee Chair Assignments: President Thompson announced to the GM the individuals selected for: **Item Closed.**
Legislative: Jim Howard
Awards: Bryan Thompson
Programs: Mary Kramer/ Heidi Chesser
Recruitment: Terry Turner
Retentions: Robert Binard/ Mike Crawford
Communications: Lisa Sears/ Mike Devenitch
Budget/Finance/Reports: Rebecca Galambos
Secretary: Kristi Binard
- d. BX Recruiting Booth: Terry Turner announced we currently have these dates available at the BX for recruiting: 13-15 April, 11 and 18 May, 01 June, 16-17 June. **Item Open.**
- e. Division 9 Scholarship Funds: Don Sullivan made a motion to request that Chapter 985 donate \$100.00 to the Division 9 Scholarship fund at the Division 9 annual convention. Seconded by Kristi Binard. Motion carried. **Item Closed.**
- f. POW/MIA Coins: President Thompson briefed the option to purchase POW/MIA coins to be sold. Decision to purchase was decided to be held off until later date due to the POW/MIA committee selling coins for their fundraiser. **Item Tabled.**
- g. Don Sullivan briefed that programs were still available from the Chapter annual awards banquet. Programs can be used for recruitment purposes. **Item Closed.**
- h. CMSgt Phillip Cherry thanked the membership for the donation to the CCM Fund. He briefed the membership the funds are being used to support the Tinker Enlisted programs. **Item Closed.**
- i. Chapter 985 Grants: Terry Turner made a motion that Chapter 985 develop and sponsor 3 \$250 to \$300 grants for Active duty and/or dependant use. Seconded by MSgt Futrell; Motion not carried. Robert Binard made motion to table the discussion for the Executive Counsel meeting in order to gather all data and develop/review criteria, then present to GM meeting for approval. MSgt Futrell volunteered to draft criteria. **Item Tabled.**

- j. VFW Commander visit: Mike Devenitch announced that the VFW Commander will be visiting the Guthrie/Enid VFW Chapters on the afternoon of 12 April 2007. He also announced that VFW coins are available for purchase. **Item closed**

- 9. There being no further new business, President Thompson solicited comments from around the room. There being no further discussions, CMSgt Fleming motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rob Binard. the meeting was adjourned at 1231 hours.

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Bryan K. Thompson, President

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Kristi L. Binard, Secretary