



Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 985
General membership Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2007



1. Meeting convened at 1130 hours, President Prot-Tem Bennett announced we had a quorum.
2. Opening Ceremonies: Moment of Silent Reflection in Lieu of Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance led by: President Pro-Tem Bennett
AFSA Preamble: Tabitha Nixon
3. Members Present:

Jon Bennett	Rob Binard	Kristi Binard
Don Sullivan	Lisa Sears	Rebecca Galambos
Tim Ossinger	Ann Percy	Jim Howard
Athena Martin	Jason Sears	Phil Cherry
Tabatha Nixon	Sheva Jones	Veronica Marshall
David Brau	Adrian Wineland	Kathy Smith
Tina Long	Doug Bynum	Jim Foltz
4. Introductions: President Pro-Tem Bennett welcomed all returning members
5. Special welcome: CMSgt Foltz, CMSgt Cherry, CMSgt Long, CMSgt Brau, CMSgt (ret) Ossinger
6. Presentations: None
7. Reports:
 - a. Legislative: Jim Howard reported on various congressional initiatives and advised that members can find a detailed list of items in Congress on our web site www.afsa985.org. Handouts on legislative items of interest were also available.
 - b. Activities: Mary Kramer/ Heidi Chesser were unable to attend. Chapter events are available on the website.
 - c. Communications: Lisa Sears/ Mike Devenitch. Lisa Sears submitted to reminders for the August General Membership meeting to the Tinker Take-off.
 - d. Awards: President Thompson unable to attend. Lisa Sears represented Chapter 985 at the 2d Quarter Base awards ceremony on 3 Aug.
 - e. Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Galambos provided a comprehensive briefing of the July 2007 Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept the report made by Tim Ossinger and seconded by Rob Binard. Motion Carried.
 - f. Secretary's Report: Kristi Binard advised all minutes from the Executive Counsel Meeting, 2 Aug, and General Membership Meeting, 12 July, were distributed to members via our email list server (July GM available on website). Jon Bennett asked if there were any questions/comments. There being no issues, motion was made by Don Sullivan to accept as written, seconded by Rob Binard. Motion Carried.

- g. Recruiting: Terry Turner (Recruiting) unable to attend. Rob Binard (Retentions) advised that as of 9 Aug, Chapter 985 has 278 new members and 71 retentions for the year.
- h. Reports: Rebecca Galambos advised that the AFSA FY1Q08 (May-Jul07) quarterly reports are due August 15th. She and Don Sullivan will work on and hope to finish and send to President Thompson for review and submission Monday, Aug 13, 2007.
- i. Airman Activities Coordinators: Heidi Chesser/ Ann Percy- Ann reported that the AAC is looking into upcoming activities for the AAC to get involved with. They obtained 4 volunteers to attend the Saint Ann's Retirement Center monthly retiree dinner and dance; volunteers wore full service dress uniforms and participated in dancing and mingling with the 183 residents, 70% retired military. If anyone would like to volunteer, please email ann.percy@tinker.af.mil or heidi.chesser@tinker.af.mil.
- j. Website: Don briefed that the website is up to date. www.afsa985.org.

8. Old Business:

- a. **Chapter 985 Grants:** The requirements and recipient qualifications for the proposed 3/ \$250 grants have been drafted. Terry Turner is reviewing the requirements and will present them to the Executive Counsel on 6 Sep to be ready for the 13 Sep General Membership Meeting. **Item Open.**
- b. **The AFSA International Convention/ Professional Airman's Conference:** Event will be held on Aug 18-22, 2007 in Orlando, Fl. President Pro-Tem Bennett is our sole delegate attending. Chapter voting strength is 74, based on 1,848 members. Chief Ossinger motioned that Jonathan Bennett serve as our Chief (and sole) Delegate at the AFSA Professional Airmen's Conference (PAC) – 'formerly International Convention' in 2007. We have 74 votes. Further, the Chief Delegate will have the authority to add delegates and assign number of votes at the convention site if appropriate. If any delegates are added, they will become the Alternate Chief Delegate, and will be assigned no more than 1 vote. The Chief Delegate will cast the votes of any absentee delegate. The Alternate will have and cast the votes in the same manner as stated above in the Chief Delegate's absence. Lisa Sears seconded the motion, motion carried. **Item Closed.**

8. New Business:

- a. **Operation Kudos:** The event is 22 September; President Pro-Tem Bennett solicited an e-mail vote, and Executive Council members responded with approval to support with a \$500 limit. AFSA will have an information booth at the event. Volunteers are needed to man the event. For more information contact Ann Percy, Heidi Chesser (Chapter AAC chairs) or Jason Crosby at the Family Support Center. **Item Open.**
- b. **Retention:** Rob Binard is mailing out 300 retention tri-folds this week to those members whose membership is expired or will expire between now and Dec 2007. **Item Open.**
- c. **Membership Retention Contest:** Rob Binard briefed about an idea of an AFSA member retention contest. The idea is that any AFSA member (excluding the Executive Counsel) that retained the most memberships in a set amount of time would win a prize (such as a T.V./DVD player, or an Ipod, etc.) The money that will be used to purchase the prize is already budgeted, and all retentions would still go to the appropriate recruiter. We will

advertise the name and AFSA number of the recruiter in the Tinker Take-Off and have pre-filled applications at the General Membership meeting for members to take with them. Awaiting further discussion. **Item Open.**

- d. **Air Force Enlisted Village donation:** Chief Cherry briefed that the Chapter donation of \$100 each to he and Chief Foltz resulted in an overall \$63,000 donation made by the Air Force Command Chiefs to the Air Force Enlisted Widows Village. **Item Closed.**
- e. **Awards change suggestion:** Lisa Sears suggested that the chapter review, and possible change, the prizes it presents to winners in the Tinker AFB Awards Programs. Discussion was made and decided to work this issue with a committee and present a proposed replacement for approval. Don Sullivan is to furnish Lisa a copy of our current contributions to the base/wing awards programs. **Item Closed.**

- There being no further new business, President Pro-Tem Bennett solicited comments from around the room.
 - a. Chief Foltz briefed that US Sen. Inhoff is working on the possibility of introducing a bill/guideline for flag protocol concerning the option for military members and veterans in civilian clothes to salute the flag during the playing of the National Anthem.
 - b. Dave Lowe advised that U.S. Congressman Tom Cole, Serving Oklahoma's 4th District, will be at the Yukon Community Center today at 4:00PM for a public forum – all invited.
- There being no further discussions, Rebecca Galambos motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tim Ossinger. The meeting was adjourned at 1225 hours.

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Jon Bennett, President Pro-Tem

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Kristi L. Binard, Secretary