



Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 985
General membership Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2007



1. Meeting convened at 1135 hours, Vice-President Devenitch announced we did not have a quorum. Don Sullivan motioned to waive quorum requirements, 2d by Tim Ossinger. Motion Carried.
2. Opening Ceremonies: Moment of Silent Reflection in Lieu of Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance led by: Vice-President Devenitch
AFSA Preamble read by Veronica Marshall
3. Members Present:

Jon Bennett	Rob Binard	Duaine Ross	Terry Turner
Don Sullivan	Rebecca Galambos	Mike Crawford	Lawrence Bach
Tim Ossinger	Kristi Binard	Michael Brown	Doug Bynum
Athena Martin	Veronica Marshall	Sahkiner Hill	Joanne Compton
Tabatha Nixon	Bob Newsom	Jeremy Marshall	Stephanie Selmon
4. Introductions: Vice President Devenitch welcomed all returning members
5. Special welcome: CMSgt (Ret) Tim Ossinger
6. Presentations: None
7. Reports:
 - a. Legislative: Jim Howard- deployed. Kristi Binard 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 were available of the Chapter's September Legislative Report on legislative items of interest.
 - b. Activities: Mary Kramer/ Heidi Chesser were unable to attend. Chapter events are available on the website.
 - c. Communications: Lisa Sears/ Mike Devenitch. AFSA Team Tinker report for August available on Chapter 985 website, and handouts were available for members at meeting.
 - d. Awards: President Thompson unable to attend. See old business for a list of awards the chapter was presented at the Professional Airman's Conference.
 - e. Treasurer's Report: Rebecca Galambos arrived after report request. Jon Bennett provided a comprehensive briefing of the August 2007 Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept the report made by Tim Ossinger and seconded by Joanne Compton. Motion Carried.
 - f. Secretary's Report: Kristi Binard advised all minutes from the Executive Counsel Meeting, 6 September, and General Membership Meeting, 9 August were distributed to members via our email list server (also available on website). Jon Bennett asked if there were any questions/comments. There being no issues, motion was made by Rob Binard to accept as written, seconded by Mike Crawford. Motion Carried.

- g. Recruiting: Terry Turner (Recruiting) briefed that as of 6 September, Chapter 985 had 347 new members and 83 retentions for the year with 2 Skyhighers. Rob Binard (Retentions) advised that retention tri-folds went out to all members that had upcoming expiring memberships. 7 retentions were received back as of 6 September.
- h. Reports: Rebecca Galambos and Don Sullivan prepared the 1st Quarter of 2008 reports, and Rebecca e-mailed to President Thompson who certified and forwarded to AFSA via Division 9 President Lutzen on 23 Aug.
- i. Airman Activities Coordinators: Heidi Chesser/ Ann Pearcy- Unable to attend. Saint Ann's Retirement Center held their monthly dinner and dance on 30 Aug, they had 5 volunteers. The next St. Ann's event will be held on 27 Sep. Operation Kudos, 22 September, still needs volunteers. If anyone would like to volunteer, please email ann.pearcy@tinker.af.mil or heidi.chesser@tinker.af.mil.
- j. Website: Don Sullivan briefed that Webmaster Thompson has the website up to date. www.afsa985.org.

8. Old Business:

A. The AFSA International Convention/ Professional Airman's Conference:

Jon Bennett briefed on this year's convention. Intl. Pres. John 'Doc' McCauslin and VP Mike Carton were reelected. James Anderson was reelected as Trustee for Retired & Veteran Affairs. The ANG and USAR Trustees remained the same. AND, our immediate past Chapter 985 President (now relocated to Travis AFB) was elected as Trustee for Active Duty Affairs. Vice-President Devenitch also reported that Chapter 985 was presented the following awards: **(Item Closed)**

- ❑ AFSA Lee R. Thompson Award of Excellence
- ❑ AFSA Field Organization Legislative Award
- ❑ Kristi Binard Received AFSA Int'l President's Award for Exemplary Achievement
- ❑ Runner-up for AFSA Chapter Website of the Year
- ❑ AFSA Individual Legislative Award Runner Up - James Howard
- ❑ *Jon Bennett, *James Pepin, *Michael Devenitch and Tim Ossinger were Inducted into AFSA's prestigious SkyHIGH Club. *Jon Bennett was also inducted into the HighFLIER Club (*denotes repeat performer).

B. Chapter 985 Grants: Terry Turner reported that a draft has been presented for feedback from the Executive Counsel. A final draft will be presented to the Executive Counsel on 4 October. Once finalized, the grant guidelines will be presented to the General Membership for approval. The grants are being proposed for March 2008. **Item Open.**

C. 507th Air Refueling Wing Family Day: The event was Saturday, 8 September 2007, in the 507th hanger from 1030-1600. Rob and Kristi Binard and Heidi Chesser assisted Terry Turner in the event. The team recruited 7, retained 1. **Item Closed.**

D. Operation Kudos: The event is 22 September 2007, many more volunteers are needed. If interested in volunteering, contact heidi.chesser@tinker.af.mil or ann.pearcy@tinker.af.mil. **Item Open.**

E. Membership Retention Contest: Kristi and Rob Binard devised a contest to boost retention. The contest will run from September 13 through December 13, 2007, to all members (Executive Counsel excluded from winning prize, but not from participating). The member that retains the most members (minimum of 5 members) during this time frame will win a \$50 cash card. All retention applications must be turned into Rob Binard or Terry Turner to be counted and processed. A motion was made by Don Sullivan to approve the contest as stated and 2d by Stephanie Selmon. Motion carried. **Item Open.**

F. Tulsa Firefighters/Educational Clowns Burn Camp: The event was held 9-12 August 2007. Chapter 985 donated \$409 to assist with transportation for 21 personnel: 16 adults and 5 local campers. The executive council voted that future assistance (if requested) will be for the Burn Camp itself rather than for transportation expenses. **Item Closed.**

9. New Business:

A. President Thompson, Vice-President Devenitch returned from the Middle East on 4 September. Mary Kramer scheduled to return around 17 September. **Item Closed.**

B. President's Challenge: President Thompson asked Vice President Devenitch to pass along a challenge for each member to retain one member and recruit one member. Make it easy- renew your own membership and recruit one new member! Turn in applications to Terry Turner or Rob Binard so we can maintain an accurate count. **Item Open.**

There being no further new business, Vice-President Devenitch solicited comments from around the room.

10. Comments From Around The Room:

A. Chief (Ret) Ossinger encouraged the Command Chiefs to start now on obtaining funded slots for next year's Professional Airman's Conference and allow people to get involved.

B. There being no further discussions, Tim Ossinger motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rob Binard. The meeting was adjourned at 1213 hours.

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Mike Devenitch, Vice-President

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Kristi L. Binard, Secretary