



Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 985
General membership Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2007



1. Meeting convened at 1133 hours, President Thompson opened the regularly scheduled monthly meeting and announced we had a quorum.
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Moment of Silent Reflection in Lieu of Invocation
Pledge of Allegiance led by: President Thompson
AFSA Preamble read by Rebecca Galambos
3. **Members Present:**

Jon Bennett	Rob Binard	Alan Pongratz	Jim Foltz
Don Sullivan	Jim Law	Terry Turner	Phil Cherry
Tim Ossinger	Rebecca Galambos	Tammy Jo Snyder	Tina Long
Athena Martin	Mike Crawford	Doug Bynum	Eduardo Assman
Duaine Ross	Kristi Binard	George Childers	Mary Kramer
Elissa Meeks	Rod Hartsook	Ralph Binkley	Brian Sauls
Stephanie Selmon	Andre Dame	Mike Devenitch	Bryan Thompson
Ann Percy		Guest: Jay Foote (TFCU)	
4. **Special welcome:** CMSgt Cherry, CMSgt Foltz, CMSgt Long, CMSgt Hartsook, CMSgt (Ret) Ossinger, CMSgt (Ret) Law
5. **Introductions:** First time attendees: George Childers, Alan Pongratz, Rod Hartsook, Jay Foote (TFCU)
6. **Presentations:** President Thompson presented TSgt Childers a certificate recognizing his selection as Unit Representative for Chapter 985 recruiting/retention rep for the 552 MXS.
7. **Reports:**
 - A. **Legislative:** Jim Howard- deployed. President Thompson reported on various acts attached to the National Defense Authorization Act which just made it through the Senate. He also advised that members can find a very detailed list of recent legislative activity on our web site
 - B. **Activities:** Mary Kramer/ Heidi Chesser : Mary Kramer was welcomed back following her deployment. President Thompson briefed to the membership that SVS has approved our annual gift wrap and issued our license to hold the fundraiser at the BX. (See New Business).
 - C. **Communications:** Lisa Sears/ Mike Devenitch. Tinker Take-Off has been printing Bi-Weekly meeting reminders. Chapter 985 Team Tinker reports are available on the website.
 - D. **Awards:** Chapter 985 sponsored the Junior Enlisted Council Supervisory Excellence Award presented to MSgt Cecil Ennet at the last JEC meeting. The Chapter also donated \$60.00 for the Newcomers Award for the Honor Guard banquet held 11 October.
 - E. **Treasurer's Report:** Rebecca Galambos presented her report of the chapter's financial position. Motion to accept the report made by Chief Cherry and seconded by Tim Ossinger. Motion Carried.

- F. **Secretary's Report:** Kristi Binard advised all minutes from the Executive Council Meeting and General Membership meetings in September, along with the Executive Council meeting minutes from 4 October were e-mailed to the membership via our list server and are also available on the Chapter Website. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Tim Ossinger, seconded by Chief Cherry. Motion Carried.
- G. **Recruiting:** Terry Turner (Recruiting) briefed that as of 11 October, Chapter 985 has 404 new members. AFSA Goal for year: 386, Chapter Goal: 500. The Chapter has 3 Sky Highers and is working on 4th. The email distribution list has been updated and now includes 1500+ members.
- H. **Retentions:** Rob Binard briefed that we received 10 retentions from the 300 mail-outs. There are two retention incentives going on to include selecting Unit reps and the retention contest (member with most retentions wins \$50 cash card {minimum 5 retentions}).
- I. **Reports:** Rebecca Galambos advised that the AFSA FY2008 2d quarter ends 31 October. Reports are due to Division 9 by 15 November.
- J. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** Ann Pearcy briefed that Saint Ann's Retirement Center will hold their Halloween theme dinner and dance on 25 Oct, and there are currently no volunteers. They have some volunteers for the Regional Food Bank on 29 and 30 Oct, trick or treating at the OKC Zoo from 26-31 Oct, and also a Safe Kids event on 27 Oct. If you want to volunteer, please email ann.pearcy@tinker.af.mil or heidi.chesser@tinker.af.mil.
- K. **Website:** President Thompson briefed that the website is up to date. In September our chapter website had 101 unique visitors and 64 first time visitors. www.afsa985.org.

8. Old Business:

- A. **Chapter 985 Grants:** Terry Turner reported that a draft will be presented for feedback from the General Membership during the 8 November General Membership meeting. The proposal is currently for 4 \$250 grants. Once finalized, the grants program will be implemented in time to make presentations at our annual awards banquet in March 2008. Mr. Jay Foote of the Tinker Federal Credit Union announced they would provide matching funds for each grant up to \$1,000.00. **(Item Open)**.
- B. **Operation Kudos:** The event was 22 September 2007; Chapter 985 donated \$500 and provided 11 volunteers for the event, which was a big success. **(Item Closed)**.
- C. **Membership Retention Contest:** A reminder that the membership retention contest is still going on from now until December 13 at the General Membership meeting. All retention applications should be turned into Rob Binard or Terry Turner for accountability. **(Item Open)**.

9. New Business:

- A. **Armed Services YMCA Lounge:** President Thompson explained a suggestion that had been made to obtain volunteers to help run the military hospitality suite at Will Rogers Airport for 4 hours a week. VP Devenitch spent some time at the lounge to determine feasibility and recommended that this opportunity should be tabled for now until after our annual fundraiser. **(Item Tabled)**.
- B. **Holiday Program Support:** In past years the chapter has made a monetary donation to the NCOA chapter to support the Thanksgiving Basket Program. Since the NCOA chapter has

deactivated on Tinker AFB, we understand Network 56 has assumed this function. The chapter has also contributed to the Mid-Del Food Pantry for the last few years to help feed our community's hungry. It has not been decided yet how our chapter will support these organizations (either monetarily or through donating food items). **(Item Open)**

- C. **Chapter 985 Annual Gift Wrap fund raiser:** As stated in Item 7b above, our annual month-long fundraiser has been approved. We will set up the afternoon before Thanksgiving at the BX and commence operation the day after Thanksgiving until mid-Christmas Eve. The POCs for the wrap are Mary Kramer and Mike Devenitch. They will be developing schedules, soliciting volunteers and making overall preparations for a successful year. **(Item Open)**
- D. **Unit Representatives:** Our Chapter is looking for individuals to be POCs for AFSA within their organizations. If you are interested in being a unit rep, please contact your First Sergeant, Vice President Devenitch, Rob Binard and/or Terry Turner. **(Item Open)**

➤ There being no further new business, President Thompson solicited comments from around the room.

10. Comments From Around The Room:

- A. President Thompson briefed that the TSP grassroots movement submitted to the Chapter by Jim Howard has been sent to AFSA Headquarters through Division 9. Division 9 President, Dale Lutzen, has requested information concerning the proposal's status. More information will follow. The grassroots proposal governing duty status decisions made during pregnancy was set aside by CMSAF Murray due to lack of support from the field.
 - B. SrA Eduardo Assman from the Junior Enlisted Council (and recent BTZ recipient) thanked the General Membership for support with the JEC Supervisor Excellence award.
 - C. Special thank you to Jay Foote from Tinker Federal Credit Union as he announced that TFCU will match funds for our Chapter Educational Grants.
 - D. Chief Foltz announced that this Saturday (October 13) is the Fall Dorm Clean-up. Our Chapter has budgeted \$500 to support the Spring and Fall cleanup efforts. He also mentioned that he thought the First Sergeant Council was in charge of the Thanksgiving Baskets and to check with them. (This was of course accurate and Network 56 is helping the First Sergeants make it successful.)
 - E. Chief Cherry reminded everyone that the Annual Honor Guard Banquet was being held in the club on 11 Oct.
 - F. Chief Long thanked the chapter for supporting the ARW Family Day and so many base activities.
- There being no further discussions, Chief Cherry motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tim Ossinger. The meeting was adjourned at 1206.

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Bryan Thompson, President

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Kristi L. Binard, Secretary