



Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 985  
General membership Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 2007



1. Meeting convened at 1132 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 Mike Crawford
3. **Members Present:**

Jon Bennett	Rob Binard	Mary Kramer
David Lowe	Terry Turner	Jarrod Cordova
Tim Ossinger	Doug Bynum	Lisa Sears
Athena Martin	Mike Crawford	Jason Sears
Bryan Thompson	Kristi Binard	Tabitha Nixon
Chris Charpentier	Mike Devenitch	Joshua Lemke
Stephanie Selmon	Phil Cherry	Miranda Wallace
4. **Guests Present:** Jay Foote (TFCU)
5. **Special welcome:** CMSgt Cherry, CMSgt (Ret) Ossinger
6. **Introductions:** First time attendees: Miranda Wallace, Joshua Lemke
7. **Presentations:** No awards presented
8. **Reports:**
  - A. **Legislative:** Jim Howard- deployed. Vice-President Devenitch 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 website, [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org). Highlighted topics will also be sent out over the email list server.
  - B. **Activities:** Mary Kramer- Mary briefed that the annual gift wrap planning is underway. The Wrap will begin on November 24 and end December 24. A schedule can be found on the website and a sign up sheet was available at the meeting. President Thompson reminded everyone that volunteers had to be civilian clothes to work at the booth.
  - C. **Communications:** Lisa Sears- Lisa had no new communication topics to report. Chapter 985 Team Tinker reports are available on the website.
  - D. **Awards:** President Thompson reported that the 507th ARW 10th annual awards banquet was held Friday, Nov 2. Our chapter donated \$150 (divided into 3 \$50 donations) towards the Billy Hughes memorial award. Our Chapter also donated 5 coin holders to the Team Tinker 3rd quarter awards luncheon. We also helped sponsored the Newcomer of the Year award during the annual Honor Guard Banquet.

- E. **Treasurer's Report:** Rebecca Galambos – Rebecca was not present. President Thompson gave a report of the October budget based on the limited information he was able to recall. Chief Ossinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Terry Turner. 22 yea / 1 nay. Motion carried.
  
- F. **Secretary's Report:** Kristi Binard advised all minutes from the Executive Council Meeting and General Membership meetings in October, along with the Executive Council meeting minutes from 2 November 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 Rob Binard, seconded by Chief Cherry. Motion Carried.
  
- G. **Recruiting:** Terry Turner (Recruiting) briefed that as of 8 November, Chapter 985 has 456 new members for the year. AFSA Goal for year: 386, Chapter Goal: 500.
  
- H. **Retentions:** Rob Binard briefed that we have 66 retentions for the year, our goal is 200. There are three retention incentives going on. See Old Business below. President Thompson briefed some retention history facts.
  
- I. **Reports:** Rebecca Galambos- Rebecca unable to attend. President Thompson briefed that reports are due to Division 9 by 15 November.
  
- J. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** Ann Percy / Heidi Chesser- both unable to attend. President Thompson briefed that the AAC had 67 volunteers for the zoo Halloween event. The AAC also helped out at a local Batteries Plus store for a "Kids Safe" event. If you want to get on the AAC volunteer list, please email [ann.percy@tinker.af.mil](mailto:ann.percy@tinker.af.mil) or [heidi.chesser@tinker.af.mil](mailto:heidi.chesser@tinker.af.mil).
  
- K. **Website:** President Thompson briefed that the website is up to date. In October our chapter website had 141 unique visitors, that is 887 unique visitors for the year. [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org).

## 8. Old Business:

- A. **Chapter 985 Grants:** Terry Turner handed out drafts of the grant proposal for the General Membership to review and comment on. The item was open to discussion. Terry made a motion to approve the grant program as written and to allow the executive council to make minor changes as needed prior to sending it out to the first sergeants. Motion seconded by Lisa Sears. Motion carried. **(Item Open)**.
  
- B. **Membership Retention Contests:** Chapter 985 has four retention efforts going on to include selecting Unit reps. We currently have 4 volunteers that will support contacting expiring members within their squadron. We also have the retention contest (member with most retentions wins \$50 cash card {minimum 5 retentions}), free buffet lunch (see new business) as well as a squadron pizza party (see new business) **(Item Open)**.
  
- C. **Holiday Program Support:** President Thompson briefed that our chapter donated \$300 to the First Sergeant's council for the Thanksgiving Basket food drive program. The chapter also donated \$250 to the Mid-Del food pantry. **(Item Closed)**.
  
- D. **Armed Services YMCA Lounge: (Item Tabled)**.

- E. 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 of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November at the BX and commence operation the 24th until mid-Christmas Eve. The POCs for the wrap are Mary Kramer and Mike Devenitch. Schedules have been prepared, are available on the website, and volunteers are still needed. **(Item Open).**
- F. Unit Representatives:** Rob Binard took over this program. We currently have 4 unit reps to help with retention efforts within their squadrons. **(Item Open).**

## 9. New Business

- A. NCOY Program:** AFSA International is introducing the NCO of the Year program. The program is similar to the First Term Airman of the year program with the exception that is designed for NCOs with less than 16 years in service. President Thompson will email the 1st Sergeants with the information. A motion was made for Chapter 985 to support the NCOY program by Chief Cherry and seconded by Stephanie Selmon. 23 yea / 0 nay. Motion carried. **(Item Closed).**
- B. Free Lunch:** President Thompson announced that our chapter will buy a buffet lunch for anyone who completes a new member or renewal application at the November or December General Membership meetings. **(Item Open).**
- C. Pizza Party:** President Thompson briefed that the chapter will donate \$110 for a pizza party to the unit that recruits or retains the most members (minimum 10 recruits/retentions) by 13 Dec. **(Item Open).**
- D. Support for Claremore High School Naval JROTC program:** David Lowe requested financial support for the Claremore HS Navy JROTC members to go to Hawaii for a performance at the Dec 7<sup>th</sup> ceremony at Pearl Harbor. He motioned for a \$500 donation for the JROTC members in effort to offset the cost of their trip. After discussion from the General Membership, it was decided that Chief Cherry would contact the Navy attachment on Tinker to discuss possible support from the Navy members and President Thompson was to find out if there are any Air Force JROTC members attending the ceremony that might need our support as well. The motion was seconded and carried with one member opposed. **(Item Closed).**
- A.** There being no further new business, President Thompson solicited comments from around the room.
- Joshua Lemke renewed his membership.
  - An anonymous member paid 1 year AFSA membership dues for the youngest member in attendance, that Airman was SrA Stephanie Selmon.

- There being no further discussions, Chief Cherry motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tim Ossinger. The meeting was adjourned at 1231.

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Kristi L. Binard, Secretary

Approved as written  
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Bryan K. Thompson, President