



Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 985  
General membership Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2008



1. Meeting convened at 1132 hours, President Thompson opened the regularly scheduled monthly General Membership meeting and announced we did have a quorum.
2. **Opening Ceremonies:** Pledge of Allegiance led by President Thompson  
AFSA Preamble read by Kristi Binard
3. **Members Present:**

Bryan Thompson	Michael Findley	Rebecca Galambos	Kerri Skobic
David Lowe	Terry Turner	James Foltz	Lisa Sears
Don Sullivan	Jeff James	Duaine Ross	Bernard Anderson
Tabitha Nixon	Mike Crawford	Tim Ossinger	Mike Devenitch
Kristi Binard	Andre Dame	Bethann Fleming	Eduardo Assman
4. **Guests Present:** Jay Foote (TFCU)
5. **Special welcome:** CMSgt Foltz, Chief Ossinger
6. **Introductions:** First time attendees: SSgt Kerri Skobic, TSgt Michael Findley
7. **Reports:**
  - A. **Secretary's Report:** Kristi Binard advised all minutes from the Executive Council Meeting and General Membership meetings in December; along with the Executive Council meeting minutes from 3 January, are available on the chapter website. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written by Don Sullivan, seconded Chief Ossinger. Motion Carried.
  - B. **Treasurer's Report:** Rebecca Galambos – Rebecca gave a report of the December budget. Chief Ossinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion seconded by Tabitha Nixon. Motion carried.
  - C. **Reports:** Rebecca Galambos- Rebecca briefed that all reports are up to date. She also briefed that the next quarterly report will include the budget standing.
  - D. **Legislative:** Vice-President Devenitch reported on various acts going through Congress when they get back in session, to include the 3.5% pay raise that is on hold at this point and may be reduced to a 3% pay raise. 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.
  - E. **Activities:** Mary Kramer- Not Present. President Thompson stated that there are no activities to report at this time.
  - F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** Ann Percy briefed that the AAC needs volunteer for the 31 January Saint Ann's Dance and the Safe Kids program on 19 January. The AAC has various activities with Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House and the Regional Food Bank. 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).

- G. **Communications:** Lisa Sears- The Team Tinker Report for December is available on the website and a few copies were available at the meeting. She is working on the 2007 Team Tinker which will also be posted to the website as soon as it is complete.
- H. **Recruiting/Retention:** Terry Turner (Rob Binard deployed) briefed that as of 10 January, Chapter 985 has 2,017 members. However, 104 of those members are in termination status. The next recruiting opportunities are 11, 18 and 25 January at the Newcomers briefing. Also on 28 January at FTAC.
- I. **Awards:** President Thompson briefed upcoming awards such as the annual awards for the Air Control Wing on February 9, and Tinker 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter awards on February 1.
- J. **Website:** President Thompson briefed that the website is up to date. In December our chapter website had 177 unique visitors. President Thompson is revamping the Chapter website to include new legislative links. [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org).

## 8. Old Business:

- A. **Chapter 985 Grants:** President Thompson briefed that the selection committee has been appointed and the qualification guidelines are posted on the website. The deadline for application is 7 February. **(Item Open)**.
- B. **Armed Services YMCA Lounge:** Mike Devenitch made a motion to take this item from the table, seconded by Terry Turner. Mike described some of the activities of the lounge through the month of December. Mike Crawford made a motion to close the item, seconded by David Lowe, motion carried. **(Item Closed)**.
- C. **Chapter 985 Annual Gift Wrap fund raiser:** President Thompson briefed the income and expenses for the annual gift wrap which broke the previous record by approximately \$22. 303 volunteers made the gift wrap a success. A final tally will be available after MSgt Kramer and MSgt Galambos reconcile the deposits and expenses **(Item Closed)**.
- D. **Unit Representatives:** Mike Crawford briefed that he has taken over the program while Rob Binard is deployed and he plans to ask senior leadership (i.e. the Chiefs and First Sergeants) for support in gathering interested individuals to be AFSA unit reps. **(Item Open)**.
- E. **2008 Award Committee:** President Thompson briefed that he chairs the chapter awards committee; members Jon Bennett and Don Sullivan complete the committee.
  - 1) The committee will be selecting our Member of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Individual Legislative of the Year, and Special Achievement Awards recognition for our AFSA Chapter 985 Annual Banquet. Packages will be written on the Member of the Year and Individual Legislative of the Year and submitted to Division 9 for further competition. Other chapter packages of our collective efforts will be written and submitted also. If you have any recommendations for one of the “individual awards” please forward to one of the committee members with a brief supporting statement.
  - 2) The First Sergeants will administer our First Term Airman and NCO of the Year boards again this year. First Sgt Council President Mary Kramer will be establishing 2 boards to do this and recommend selections to go forward for competition at the Division level in April 2008. **(Items Open)**.

- F. **2008 Executive Council Elections:** President Thompson announced that the general membership will be electing new officers in February. Jon Bennett is the Nominating Committee Chair. If anyone is interested in serving in any position please inform either Jon or Bryan of your intent. The membership will elect a President, Vice-President and 3 Trustees. The President will appoint 2 Trustees, a Secretary, Treasurer, Airmen's Activities Coordinator, Senior Advisor, and Historian. **(Item Open)**.
- G. **2008 Annual Banquet Chair:** SMSgt Bethann Fleming has agreed to be the chair for the Chapter Annual Awards Banquet to be held on March 14, 2008. Volunteers met after today's meeting and made initial plans. **(Item Open)**.
- H. **New OC/ALC Command Chief welcome:** President Thompson briefed that Mike Devenitch volunteered to head up the reception and Mike Crawford volunteered to assist as alternate to host the welcome reception scheduled for 23 January. We have approved up to \$300 to fund the event. **(Item Open)**.

9. **New Business**

- A. Spring Handicap Dance: Mike Devenitch announced that Stephanie Selmon will be helping him with the annual handicap dance in April. Mary Kramer offered to help procure stuffed animals. **(Item Open)**.
- B. Division 9 Scholarships: Division 9 offers two \$500 scholarships for AFSA members dependants. The scholarships will be awarded at the Division Conference in April. **(Item Closed)**.

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

- A. MSgt Anderson, President of Tinker Top III, discussed some Air Force changes, especially concerning the 3S career field going back to the MPF. This will eliminate most Commander's Support Staffs and supervisors will need to be ready to help subordinates handle situations that the CSS would have handled in the past. Supervisory tools are available on the Career Assistance website under Community of Practice.
- B. SMSgt Fleming briefed about how young Airmen will benefit from knowing about AFSA and the importance of the supervisors explaining to the Airmen about why we need to support professional organizations such as AFSA when it comes to protecting our benefits.
- C. President Thompson formally thanked Terry Turner for a job well done with the recruiting and retention program.
- D. Chief Foltz informed the General Membership that Brigadier General Lori Robinson is scheduled to attend and brief the membership in February concerning any items of interest. Please email Chief Foltz with any topics of interest.
- E. Chief Foltz asked the General Membership to continue the financial support to the Command Chief's fund and to the Command Chief's conference (funds used at the Command Chief's conference go to the Enlisted Widows home). He requested that the chapter donate \$200 to the conference and \$400 to his fund, and the same amount to Chief Harmon. President

Thompson stated that an amount will be added to the budget for the next year and put before the chapter for a vote.

F. The February General Membership meeting date will be announced via the mail server.

G. Terry Turner thanked all individuals who helped him with the recruiting program.

11. There being no further discussions, Rebecca Galambos motioned to adjourn, seconded by Chief Ossinger. The meeting was adjourned at 1215.

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Kristi L. Binard, Secretary

Approved as written

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Bryan K. Thompson, President