



**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
May 14, 2009

Meeting convened at 1137 hours. VP Terry Turner presiding and declared a quorum.

- 1. Opening Ceremonies:** Observed a moment of silence in lieu of Invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance led by VP Terry Turner  
AFSA Preamble read by VP Terry Turner
  
- 2. Members Present:**

Terry Turner	Lawrence Bach	Yaritza Liriano
Andre Dame	Steve Crowder	Jonathan Bennett
Don Sullivan	Andrew Cathey	Lisa Sears
MaryAnn Prescott	Duaine Ross	Timothy Ossinger
Lowell "Doug" Bynum	Tate Beaufeaux	Sheila Beaufeaux
Timmy Snelling	Chris Huddleston	Misty Givens
Gemma Clark	Mary Hagan	Brian Rogers
Tina Long		
  
- 3. Special welcome:** CMSgt Mary Hagan, CMSgt Tina Long, CMSgt (ret) Timothy Ossinger; guest Jay Foote and first time attendees Germán Ortiz, Patrick Johnson, and Demetrius Sumlin.
  
- 4. Awards Presentations:** VP Terry Turner presented Jon Bennett with a coin and letter for becoming the newest 5-Star Club member and presented Doug Bynum with an LOA for his AFSA volunteer activities.
  
- 5. Reports:**
  - A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lawrence Bach advised minutes from the May 7, 2009 Executive Council and April 9, 2009 General Membership meeting minutes were disseminated via our list server and are posted on our web site at [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org). Some hard copies were in the back of the room with the sign-in sheet. Trustee Steve Crowder motioned to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Brian Rogers. Minutes were accepted as written. Motion passed.
  - B. Treasurer's Report:** Historian Don Sullivan for Treasurer Deb Johnson provided a comprehensive briefing of the April 2009 Treasurer's report. Brian Rogers motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Trustee Lisa Sears. Motion passed.
  - C. Reports:** VP Terry Turner for Treasurer Deb Johnson stated all reports are up to date. The Team Tinker Report is up to date and posted on the website. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter FY09 Activities & Americanism and Financial reports were emailed to the Division President and to the 72 FSS to be put into our PO folder on May 7, 2009, which will close out the year. The Budget and Directory of Officers annual reports were e-mailed to the same addressees on May 12, 2009. The annual chapter audit is in progress and due to the Division President no later than May 25, 2009.
  - D. Legislative:** Trustee Lisa Sears completed and VP Terry Turner emailed May's Legislative report to members on list server. If you did not receive it, you can visit [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org) for more updates.
  - E. Activities/Programs:** Trustee Steve Crowder gave a brief summary about the Presidential and POW/MIA coins as an AFSA fundraiser. He asked for volunteers within the units to act as

POCs for sales. The coins will sell for \$10 each and will be made available for purchase through POCs to be named later.

- F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** AAC Yaritza Liriano briefed that we are still furnishing volunteers as an ongoing project to different charities to include; Jesus House, Habitat for Humanity, and Youth Services for Oklahoma County. More information for these and other volunteer opportunities will be sent out via the AAC email listing.
- G. **Recruiting/Retention:**
- (1) New Members: Trustee Andre Dame briefed that Chapter 985 has 74 new members for April making 155 new members YTD as of April 30, 2009. As of April 30, 2009, the chapter has a total strength of 1,918 members with 130 in Lapse status and 1 in Terminate status.
  - (2) Retentions: VP Terry Turner for Paul Findley briefed we have 6 retentions for April 2009 bringing us to a grand total of 21 for 2009 by 9 different retainers. AAC Yaritza Liriano, Taj Preciado, Talana Brown are working the current renewal lists. VP Terry Turner was contacted by two members for renewal and is currently in the process of renewing them.
  - (3) Unit Representatives: AAC Yaritza Liriano briefed that anyone interested in being a Unit Representative should please contact her and she will schedule him or her for a brief training session. We currently have 7 Unit Reps with another in training.
  - (4) Bad Address List: Trustee Lisa Sears is reviewing the current list and working to contact all the members on the list. A comprehensive report will be given at the June meeting.
- H. **Communications:** Historian Don Sullivan for Ronda White advised that the AFSA Team Tinker for April 2009 is complete, attached to the May 7, 2009 Exec Council minutes, and submitted to Debra Kirby for our PO folder. The Team Tinker report can be viewed on our website at [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org).
- I. **Awards:**
- (1) Chapter 985 Achievers/Supporters. VP Terry Turner briefed that all awards have been presented to recognize our achievers/supporters for 2008 to include Representative Jim Whitten of GEICO Insurance, Tinker AFB Main Exchange Store Manager Catherine Jones, and the Vice President of First National Bank Tammy Jo Snyder. (We previously recognized Jay Foote, Vice President Tinker Federal Credit Union).
  - (2) Division 9 Award Winners. VP Terry Turner briefed Chapter 985 definitely received its fair share of division awards this year; (1) Chapter of the Year – over 500, Chapter Website of the Year, Chapter Legislative Award, Individual Legislative Award – SMSgt Bryan Thompson, and Community Service Award (2) Member of the Year Runner Up – SMSgt Bryan Thompson, Top Recruiting, Top Retaining Chapter of the Year and Top Retainer of the Year– Jon Bennett. We will compete for International honors in all awards cited in subparagraph 1 above at the AFSA International PAC in Atlanta, Georgia in August 2009.
  - (3) VP Terry Turner appreciated the attendance and excellent representation of our NCO and Airman of the Year submissions – MSgt Sheila Beaufeaux and SrA Charles Martin. Although they did not win the division award, they like all the other nominees were indeed still winners.
- J. **Website:** VP Terry Turner for David Weller-Fahy briefed we had 248 unique visitors in April. Our e-mail list server distribution is up to 2,344 addressees as of the end of April.

## 6. Old Business:

- A. **Spring Dance for the Adult Handicap.** VP Terry Turner briefed that the event took place April 26, 2009 at Mitchell Park on Tinker AFB, from 1200-1700. We had 136 guests and escorts with 17 volunteers to enjoy the entertainment, which included a DJ, dancing, great food, and stuffed animals. We approved spending \$400.00 for this event, but actually spent \$481.54 due to the large turnout and increase cost of goods. At the May Executive Council meeting, Historian Don Sullivan motioned to apply an additional \$81.54 to fund the remaining cost of the dance; Trustee Lisa Sears seconded the motion. Motion passed with no discussion. **(Item Closed).**
- B. **President Obama Coins/POW-MIA Coins.** Trustee Steve Crowder and Historian Don Sullivan stated that Chapter 985 will sell the new President Obama coin and the new POW/MIA coin as a fundraiser. Total Cost of \$735.35 (includes \$10.35 shipping cost) for the 100 coins to cover the initial order of 50 each of both coins. Sales in progress, coins can be purchased through Trustee Steve Crowder or from one of the POCs. **(Item Open).**
- C. **Thank You Letter for Volunteers.** VP Terry Turner briefed that AAC Yaritza Liriano furnished rank, names and units for volunteers of our outreach Moore Community Garden Project to VP Terry Turner so the chapter can forward letters of appreciation to these individuals. Letters were completed and ready for signatures. **(Item Closed).**

## 7. New Business:

- A. **Bad Address List Committee.** VP Terry Turner briefed AFSA's concern over the Bad Address List and how these losses affect the Chapters. At the May Executive Council meeting, Trustee Lisa Sears volunteered to chair the BAL Committee. A BAL section will be added to the minutes. **(Item Open).**
- B. **Membership/Volunteer Appreciation Event.** VP Terry Turner briefed that Jay Foote (TFCU) would like to sponsor a Membership/Volunteer Appreciation event to recognize those who have volunteered within AFSA Chapter 985. Webmaster David Weller-Fahy volunteered to chair the event with the assistance of Trustee Lisa Sears and AAC Yaritza Liriano. **(Item Open).**
- C. **Professional Airman's Conference.** VP Terry Turner and Historian Don Sullivan discussed the PAC, which will be held from 15 – 19 Aug in Atlanta, Georgia. If you would like to attend, please make your hotel reservations in advance. Delegates for Chapter 985 will be elected at our July 9 or August 13 general membership meeting. **(Item Open).**
- D. **Div 8/9 Brief Summary.** VP Terry Turner briefed that it is official as of 1 May 2009, we are now Division 89. Our theme or motto is, "Division 89, Heartland of America". The Standing Rules were discussed and voted on in the joint Division 8/9 Business Session. All the delegates approved the merger. The Division consists of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Therefore, that covers a big territory. The Division 89 Executive Council is working on the final details on the logo, coin, and Division pin.

Three goals for new Division 89, recruit new members, retain current members, and find missing members on the bad address list. Currently there are 564 people on the bad address

list and our chapter carries 154 of the members on that list. AFSA will vote at PAC to have the AAC position be an elected position as opposed to an appointed position. AFSA International President Carton briefed past accomplishments of AFSA to include: 10 days paternity leave for active duty members, concurrent receipt for disability and retirement pay, and current grassroots efforts such as ANG/ARC retirement reduction to 55years old and finally Tricare Fee increase freeze. In addition, President Carton gave toll free number 1-888-762-8760 to call and contact your elected officials on bills of concern to Active Duty Military, Reserve, AF National Guard, retirees & Veterans.

The new Division 89 Executive Council is:

President—Dale Lutzen

Auxiliary Coordinator—Jean Kolwitz

Vice-President—Steve Zalesky

1st Trustee—Tom Pavlick

**2nd Trustee—Terry Turner**

3rd Trustee—Bud Kolwitz

4th Trustee—Gary Swanson

**5th Trustee—Jon Bennett**

Airmen Activity Coordinator—Candace Desa

Secretary—Denise Roberts

Treasurer—Delbert Friesen

Senior Advisor—Charlie Dalzell

Web Master—Gary Swanson

**Historian—Don Sullivan**

More information will be sent via list server in the future when it becomes available. **(Item Closed).**

- E. **AFSA Executive Officer Training.** VP Terry Turner briefed that training is available to those who would like to learn more about the infrastructure of AFSA Chapters. He emailed executive council training presentation for trustees on April 23, 2009 and will do one-on-one training at a later date upon request. If you are interested, please contact VP Terry Turner. **(Item Closed).**
- F. **CCM Donation for SEL.** VP Terry Turner submitted an email vote to approve a donation to the CCMs for the SEL summit in May 2009. The email vote passed approving \$200 for each CCM. These donations go to the Enlisted Widows Home and the CMSAF Scholarship Fund, but from Tinker – not Chapter 985. **(Item Closed).**
- G. **Replacement for Airmen Activities Coordinator.** VP Terry Turner informed the members that AAC Yaritza Liriano is being forced to retrain into AF critical career field and a required replacement will be needed no later than Aug 2009 for the Airmen Activities Coordinator. Please pass on all possible candidates' names to VP Terry Turner who will coordinate recommendation with President Thompson for selection. **(Item Open).**
- H. Chief Long offered a special thank you to VP Terry Turner for assisting with the 507 ARW reintegration gathering.
8. There being no further new business, VP Terry Turner asked for a motion to adjourn. Doug Bynum motioned to adjourn, seconded by Bryan Rogers, the meeting adjourned at 1218 hours.

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Lawrence G. Bach, Jr., Secretary

Approved as written

///signed by VP Terry Turner///

Bryan K. Thompson, President