



General Membership Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2009

Meeting convened at 1141 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 Yaritza Liriano
Airman's Creed read by Jorge Liriano

- 2. Members Present:**

Terry Turner	Lawrence Bach	Yaritza Liriano
Jorge Liriano	Steve Crowder	Timothy Ossinger
Don Sullivan	Duaine Ross	Dick Russell
Mike Devenitch	Paul Findley	Martha Johnson
Christina Lindstrom	San Juanita Bates	Lowell "Doug" Bynum
Misty Givens		

- 3. Special welcome:** CMSgt (ret) Timothy Ossinger, CMSgt Retired Dick Russell; guest Jay Foote and first time attendee Jeremiah Martin.

- 4. Awards Presentations:** VP Terry Turner presented Mike Devenitch with an LOA for his assistance with the Spring Dance, Jeremiah Martin was presented an LOA for being a Quarterly award winner, and Doug Bynum was presented an LOA for volunteering at the Memorial Vietnam Wall. The remaining LOAs will be distributed via the First Sergeants.

- 5. Reports:**
 - A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lawrence Bach advised minutes from the June 4, 2009 Executive Council and June 11, 2009 General Membership meeting minutes were disseminated via our list server and are posted on our web site at www.afsa985.org. Some hard copies were in the back of the room with the sign-in sheet. AAC Yaritza Liriano motioned to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Trustee Steve Crowder. Minutes were accepted as written. Motion passed.
 - B. Treasurer's Report:** Historian Don Sullivan for Treasurer Deb Johnson provided a summary of accounting in lieu of the June 2009 Treasurer's report. Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger motioned to accept the Treasurer's accounting contingent on the reconciliation of the report, seconded by Lowell "Doug" Bynum. Motion passed.
 - C. Reports:** VP Terry Turner for Treasurer Deb Johnson stated all reports are up to date. The next reports will be due August 15, 2009.
 - D. Legislative:** VP Terry Turner for Trustee Lisa Sears gave a brief overview of July's Legislative report to members and it was distributed via the list server. If you did not receive it, you can visit www.afsa985.org for more updates.
 - E. Activities/Programs:** Trustee Steve Crowder gave a brief summary on the progress of the Presidential and POW/MIA coins fundraiser. The coins are selling for \$10 each and are available for purchase through POCs in the squadrons and Trustee Steve Crowder. We sold 98/150 originally ordered. We have also ordered 32 more POW and 24 more Presidential coins. We will continue to sell the POW coins through September.

- F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** AAC Yaritza Liriano briefed that we are still furnishing volunteers as an ongoing project to different charities. In June we supplied 34 volunteers to include 10 for Habitat for Humanity on June 3, 2009, 4 for the Jesus House on June 11, 2009 and 20 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities Kids Triathlon on June 28, 2009. Upcoming events: Ronald McDonald House Charities and Habitat for Humanity. More information for these and other volunteer opportunities will be sent out via the AAC email listing.
- G. **Recruiting/Retention:**
- (1) **New Members:** VP Terry Turner for Trustee Andre Dame briefed that Chapter 985 has 17 new members for June making 214 new members YTD as of June 30, 2009. As of June 30, 2009 the chapter has a total strength of 1,958 active members with 106 in lapse status.
 - (2) **Retentions:** VP Terry Turner for Trustee Paul Findley briefed we contacted 65 members and have 7 retentions for June 2009 bringing us to a grand total of 24 for 2009 by 9 different retainers. AAC Yaritza Liriano, Taj Preciado and 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 8 Unit Reps with one in training. Misty Givens will be taking over the Unit Reps for Yaritza as this will be Yaritza's last meeting.
 - (4) **Bad Address List:** VP Terry Turner for Trustee Lisa Sears briefed that of the 153 members on the BAL, 20 members were contacted, 7 members' information was update, and further contacts is ongoing.
- H. **Communications:** Historian Don Sullivan for Ronda White advised that the AFSA Team Tinker for June 2009 is complete, attached to the July 2, 2009 Exec Council minutes, and submitted to Debra Kirby for our PO folder. There have been some changes to the Team Tinker Report, it has been renamed a newsletter and a summary of the recruiting and retention numbers has been added. The Team Tinker report can be viewed on our website at www.afsa985.org. Also, Tinker Take-off, July 2, 2009 issue on page 16 announced GM meeting.
- I. **Awards:** VP Terry Turner presented LOAs and coins at the beginning of the meeting to 5-Star Club members and volunteers.
- J. **Website:** VP Terry Turner for David Weller-Fahy briefed we had 209 unique visitors in June. Our e-mail list server distribution is up to 2,411 addressees as of the end of June.

6. Old Business:

- A. **President Obama Coins/POW-MIA Coins.** Chapter 985 is selling the President Obama coin and the new POW/MIA coin as a fundraiser. We have sold 98 of the 150 preordered coins with money collected. We are also ordering 32 more POW/MIA coins and 24 more Presidential coins, but they must be prepaid. Presidential coins are on backorder. We will continue to sell the POW/MIA coins throughout September. **(Item Open).**
- B. **Membership/Volunteer Appreciation Event.** VP Terry Turner reported that Jay Foote (TFCU) graciously donated \$500 for a Membership/Volunteer Appreciation event to recognize members and those who have volunteered within AFSA Chapter 985. It is rescheduled to take place on 24 July from 1600-1900 at the Tinker Bowling Center. **(Item Open).**

- C. **Professional Airman's Conference.** PAC will be held from 15 – 19 Aug in Atlanta, Georgia. If you would like to attend, please make your hotel reservations in advance. Historian Don Sullivan motioned that Vice President Terry Turner serve as our Chief Delegate at the 2009 AFSA Professional Airmen's Conference (PAC). We know of no other attending at this time. Chapter 985 has 85 votes, the Chief Delegate will have the authority to add delegates and assign number of votes at the convention site if appropriate. Any remaining surplus numbers will go to the Chief Delegate. Further, the Chief Delegate will cast the votes of any absentee delegate. The Alternate will have and cast the votes in the same manner as stated above in the Chief Delegate's absence. Motion seconded by Senior Advisor Timothy Ossinger. Motion passed as is. **(Item Open).**
- D. **Replacement for Airmen Activities Coordinator.** VP Terry Turner briefed that AAC Yaritza Liriano is being forced to retrain into AF critical career field and a required replacement will be needed before July 31, 2009. It has been suggested that an AAP committee be formed to alleviate some of the workload for the AAC and to better accommodate the growing activities on base. Volunteers include; Talana Brown, Brandi Kelley, April Draper and San Juanita Bates. The new AAC will be announced at the August Executive Council meeting. **(Item Open).**
- E. **Recruiting/Retention Campaign Jul–Sep 2009.**
- (1) VP Terry Turner proposed making the Base Commander an AFSA member and using that as a recruiting tool to help push during the recruiting campaign. VP Terry Turner, Trustee Andre Dame and Secretary Lawrence Bach volunteered to lead the Base Commander's AFSA inauguration.
 - (2) Trustee Andre Dame volunteered to be the POC for the Campaign. Need volunteers to work at the booth in the BX, dates are; July 11, 2009 from 0800-1600, July 15, 2009 from 1100-1300 and 1600-1800, July 31, 2009 from 1100-1300 and 1600-1800, August 01, 2009 from 0800-1600, August 28, 2009 from 1100-1300, and 1600-1800, and September 1 and 15, 2009 from 1100-1300 and 1600-1800. A detailed schedule for sign-ups will be sent out via the list server or contact Trustee Andre Dame at andre.dame@tinker.af.mil.
 - (3) The Executive council discussed and decided to offer two cash prizes for members being recruited or retained. The incentive funds are already budgeted. Therefore, a drawing will be held after the conclusion of our campaign at the October general membership meeting to select and reward a 1st prize of \$100.00 and 2nd prize of \$50.00. **(Item Open).**
- F. **Webpage-Updated Links.** Links on the AFSA Chapter 985 webpage are being updated to include voting information updates, volunteer information, and a Legislative Letter Campaign incentive link. A Google calendar has already been added. **(Item Open).**
- G. **Bank Representatives Departing.** VP Terry Turner was saddened to share that our two coveted bank representatives from Tinker Federal Credit Union and First National Bank will be leaving us soon for bigger and better things. Jay Foote and Tammy-Jo Snyder will be accepting positions taking them away from Tinker. They will be missed; new representatives will be recognized at a later time. **(Item Closed).**

4. New Business.

- A. **2008/9 Legislative Platform.** VP Terry Turner briefed that the PAC will be reviewing the 2008/2009 Legislative Platform and preparing the 2009/10 platform and requires input from the Chapters. **(Item Open).**

B. **Volunteer Database.** VP Terry Turner and AAC Yaritza Liriano are preparing a volunteer database to keep track of all volunteers for records and review. Upon AAC Liriano's departure, new AAC will take over project. **(Item Open).**

7. There being no further new business, VP Terry Turner asked for a motion to adjourn. Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger motioned to adjourn, seconded by AAC Yaritza Liriano, the meeting adjourned at 1238 hours.

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Lawrence G. Bach, Jr., Secretary

Approved as written

///signed by VP Terry Turner///

Bryan K. Thompson, President