



General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2009

Meeting convened at 1135 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 Michelle Murphy
Airman's Creed read by Zachary Coltey

- 2. Members Present:**

Terry Turner	Lawrence Bach	Brandi Kelley
Elizabeth White	Steve Crowder	Patrick Johnson
Don Sullivan	Duaine Ross	Andre Dame
Rodney Hartwig	Ronda White	Joseph Sachleben
Nickie Jay Moreno	Deb Johnson	Zachary Coltey
Michelle Murphy		

- 3. Special welcome:** Guests Jay Foote and Karl Wesserleben from TFCU. Michelle Devinney and Kimberly Barnes from FNB. First time attendees Tavarus Powell (Honor Guard NCO of the Qtr) and Zachary Coltey.

- 4. Awards Presentations:** VP Terry Turner administered the oath of office to Brandi Kelley, our newest AAC. He also presented Nickie Jay Moreno with an LOA for her assistance with the Spring Dance. Jay Foote was presented a "Memories" farewell plaque for his outstanding support of AFSA Chapter 985.

- 5. Reports:**
 - A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lawrence Bach advised minutes from the Aug 6th Executive Council and July 9th 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. Historian Don Sullivan motioned to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Treasurer Deb Johnson. Minutes were accepted as written. Motion passed.
 - B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Deb Johnson provided a comprehensive briefing of the July 2009 Treasurer's report. She also reported we have made over \$700.00 net profit on the POW/MIA & Pres. Obama coin sales. Historian Don Sullivan motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Trustee Ronda White. Motion passed.
 - C. Reports:** Treasurer Deb Johnson stated all reports are up to date. VP Terry Turner emailed AFSA quarterly reports for the 1st quarter of FY2010, Activities & Americanism and Financial, to Division 89 President Lutzen to forward to AFSA Headquarters and Debra Kirby, 72FSS/FSRO for our PO folder this date.
 - D. Legislative:** VP Terry Turner for Trustee Lisa Sears gave a brief overview of August 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. Extra copies were also in the back of the room as handouts.
 - 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 123/150 originally ordered. We have also presold 32 more POW and 24 more Presidential coins. We will continue to sell the POW coins through September.

- F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** AAC Brandi Kelley briefed that we are still furnishing volunteers as an ongoing project to different charities. In July, we supplied 22 volunteers to include 9 for Habitat for Humanity, 10 for the VA Medical Center, and 1 for the Veterans' Home in Norman. More information for 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 61 new members for July making 275 new members YTD as of July 31st. As of July 31, 2009 the chapter has a total strength of 1,978 active members with 102 in lapse status.
 - (2) **Retentions:** VP Terry Turner for Trustee Paul Findley briefed we contacted 35 members bringing us to a grand total of 26 retentions for 2009 by 9 different retainers.
 - (3) **Unit Representatives:** VP Terry Turner for Misty Givens briefed that we currently have 8 Unit Reps. Unit Reps will be briefing at commander's calls and within units.
 - (4) **Bad Address List:** VP Terry Turner for Trustee Lisa Sears briefed that of the 159 members on the BAL, 15 members were contacted, 5 members' information was updated, and further contact is ongoing.
- H. **Communications:** Historian Don Sullivan for Ronda White advised that the AFSA Team Tinker Newsletter for July 2009 is complete and submitted to Debra Kirby for our PO folder. The Team Tinker Newsletter will no longer be attached to the Executive Council minutes but it will still be distributed via the list server and can be viewed on our website at www.afsa985.org. Also, Tinker Take-off, announced GM meeting.
- I. **Awards:** See section 4.
- J. **Website:** VP Terry Turner for David Weller-Fahy briefed we had 270 unique visitors in July. Our e-mail list server distribution is up to 2,482 addressees as of the end of July.

6. Old Business:

- A. **President Obama Coins/POW-MIA Coins.** Trustee Steve Crowder. Chapter 985 is selling the President Obama coin and the new POW/MIA coin as a fundraiser. We have sold 123 of the original 150 preordered coins with money collected. We also ordered and distributed 34 more POW/MIA coins and 24 more Presidential coins, which were prepaid. We will continue to sell the coins throughout September which is National POW/MIA month. **(Item Open).**
- B. **Membership/Volunteer Appreciation Event.** VP Terry Turner briefed that Jay Foote (TFCU) donated \$500 for a Membership/Volunteer Appreciation event to recognize members and those who have volunteered within AFSA Chapter 985. It took place on 24 July from 1600-1900 at the Tinker Bowling Center. 37 members and family members attended, \$230 remained after the party to be used for future AFSA member programs. **(Item Closed).**
- C. **Professional Airman's Conference.** VP Terry Turner reported the PAC will be held from 15 – 19 Aug in Atlanta, Georgia. President Terry Turner will serve as our Chief Delegate at the 2009 AFSA Professional Airmen's Conference (PAC). Secretary Lawrence Bach will also be attending as a delegate. **(Item Closed).**

- D. **Replacement for Airmen Activities Coordinator.** VP Terry Turner announced the new AACs at the beginning of the meeting. **(Item Closed).**
- E. **Recruiting/Retention Campaign Jul–Sep 2009.**
- (1) VP Terry Turner briefed the campaign is well under way.
 - (2) Trustee Andre Dame volunteered to be the POC for the Campaign. Recruiting booth in the BX, dates are: August 28, 2009 from 1100-1300, and 1600-1800, and September 01 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, WINNERS will be announced and contacted if not present. **(Item Open).**
- F. **Webpage-Updated Links.** VP Terry Turner reported the links on the AFSA Chapter 985 webpage are being updated to include voting information updates, a Google calendar, volunteer information, and a Legislative Letter Campaign incentive link. If you are having any problems with the links please contact VP Terry Turner at VP@AFSA985.org. Links are completed and require verification, once verified, webpage will be updated. **(Item Closed).**
- G. **2008/9 Legislative Platform.** VP Terry Turner reported that the PAC will be reviewing the 2008/2009 Legislative Platform and preparing the 2009/10 platform and requires input from the Chapters. VP Terry Turner emailed mailing list for comments from membership. If anyone has anything you would like brought forth please contact VP Terry Turner at VP@AFSA985.org. **(Item Closed).**
- H. **Volunteer Database.** VP Terry Turner briefed that he and the new AACs will be preparing a volunteer database to keep track of all volunteers for records, review, and award submissions. **(Item Open).**

1. New Business:

- A. **507 ARW First Annual Tinker Reserve Career Enlisted Workshop, September 12, 2009.** VP Terry Turner. This will encompass about 50 Airmen to include spouses. The 507th requested \$100.00 to help provide refreshments for the event. At the Aug 4th Executive Council meeting Historian Don Sullivan motioned to provide \$100.00 to supplement the event, seconded by Trustee Steve Crowder. Motioned passed as stated with minor discussion. **(Item Closed).**
- B. **507 ARW Annual Family Day.** VP Terry Turner. The 507th requested AFSA to set up a recruiting booth at the Family Day. Our POC will be Christina Lindstrom. **(Item Open).**
- C. **507 ARW Annual Awards Banquet, November 14, 2009.** VP Terry Turner. Chief Tina Long requested financial support in the amount of \$150.00 (three categories - \$50.00 each) to present to the annual award winners. Historian Don Sullivan motioned to support the Annual Awards banquet with \$150.00, seconded by Ronda White. Motion passed with no discussion. **(Item Closed).**
- D. **School Supply Drive.** VP Terry Turner and Historian Don Sullivan. Former VP Rebecca Galambos' proposed a school supplies drive for needy children in rural Iraq. POC's are TSgt Crowder and SSgt Coltey of FTAC. Completion target date September 15, 2009. VP Terry Turner contacted Catherine Jones at the BX about putting a box out front to collect items. Joseph

Sachleben motioned to fund \$100.00 to cover the postage for sending these items and the sheets and pillows, seconded by Trustee Ronda White. Motion passed with no discussion. **(Item Open)**.

E. FTAC Gardens. VP Terry Turner briefed that Trustee Steve Crowder requested a donation to help complete the restructuring of the small garden area in front of FTAC. At the Aug 4, 2009 Executive Council meeting Historian Don Sullivan motioned to fund up to \$50.00 for the renovation of the FTAC garden, seconded by Treasurer Deb Johnson. Motion passed with no discussion. **(Item Closed)**.

F. Sheets & Pillow Cases for Afghan AF Troops. Historian Don Sullivan received a request for sheets and pillow cases for Airmen in Afghanistan. He stated they each need 2 twin sheets (66" x 96") \$5.25 each and 1 pillow case (pkg of 2 \$6.00) at Wal-Mart. Don added 1 each toothbrush, toothpaste, bath soap, stick deodorant, and bag of M&Ms for another \$8.00. They ask the sheets and pillow case be washed so they're ready to sleep on with that back home feeling. Completion target date September 1, 2009. Drop off point FTAC, POCs TSgt Crowder and SSgt Coltey. Don Sullivan motioned the chapter pay the postage expenses for mailing this project as well as the school supplies addressed in item D above. The motion was 2nd and passed. Joseph Sachleben suggested speaking with the managers from Wal-Mart and AAFES about bulk purchasing to receive a discounted price on the sheets and pillowcases. **(Item Open)**.

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7. There being no further new business, VP Terry Turner asked for a motion to adjourn. Duaine Ross motioned to adjourn, seconded by Treasurer Deb Johnson, the meeting adjourned at 1223 hours.

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Lawrence G. Bach, Jr., Secretary

Approved as written

///signed by VP Terry Turner///

Bryan K. Thompson, President