



Air Force Sergeants Association
Thunderbird Chapter 985
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General Membership Meeting Minutes
October 8, 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 Trustee Paul Findley
Airman's Creed read by Bret McGivern

- 2. Members Present:**

Terry Turner	Lawrence Bach	Bryan Thompson
Don Sullivan	Tim Ossinger	Paul Findley
Andre Dame	Jason Wakefield	Zach Santacroce
Bret McGivern	William Miller	Andrew Mathias
Tate Beaufeaux	Rodney Hartwig	Rebecca Dawson
Michael Bartels	Joseph Sachleben	John Dunham

- 3. Special welcome:** CMSgt (ret) Tim Ossinger and CMSgt John Dunham. Karl Wasserleben and Steve O'Connor from TFCU. First time attendees Zach Santacroce, Bret McGivern, Jason Wakefield, and William Miller.

- 4. Awards Presentations:** VP Terry Turner presented Rebecca Dawson with an LOA for her assistance with the Spring Picnic and Dance. William Miller was presented an LOA, a Certificate of Appreciation and a Chapter 985 Presidential coin for his generous donation for the care packages sent to Iraq. President Bryan Thompson was presented mementos of recognition received on his behalf while he was deployed to Afghanistan, namely:
 - Division 9 Legislative of the Year Award (Individual) Plaque
 - Division 9 Member of the Year Runner-up Award Letter
 - International Legislative of the Year Award (Individual) Plaque
 - International SkyHIGH Club Coin
 - International Chapter of the Year (Over 500 members) Award Plaque
 - International Legislative of the Year Award (Organizational) Plaque

- 5. Reports:**
 - A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Lawrence Bach advised minutes from the September Executive Council and General Membership meetings were disseminated via our list server and are posted on our web site at www.afsa985.org. Some hard copies were available in the back of the room with the sign-in sheet. *President Bryan Thompson motioned to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger. Minutes were accepted as written. Motion passed.*
 - B. Treasurer's Report:** Historian Don Sullivan for Treasurer Deb Johnson provided a comprehensive briefing of the September 2009 Treasurer's report. *President Bryan Thompson motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger. Treasurer's report was accepted as briefed. Motion passed.*
 - C. Reports:** VP Terry Turner for Treasurer Deb Johnson stated all reports are up to date. Next reports are due November 15, 2009.
 - D. Legislative:** VP Terry Turner for Trustee Lisa Sears gave a brief overview of October Legislative report to members, also distributed via the list server. If you did not receive it, you can visit

www.afsa985.org for more updates. Extra copies were available in the back of the room as handouts.

- E. Activities/Programs:** VP Terry Turner for 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 129/150 originally ordered. We have also presold 32 more POW and 24 more Presidential coins. No updates available.
- F. Airman Activities Coordinators:** VP Terry Turner for AAC Brandi Kelley briefed that we are still furnishing volunteers as an ongoing project to different charities. In September, we supplied 67 volunteers to include 27 for Habitat for Humanity, 25 for the Oklahoma City veterans VFW, and 15 for the Red Cross at the state fair. Upcoming events for October include World Fest 2009, Will Rogers Gardens, Tinker Network 56 Food Basket Program, Tinker A2D2 Program, Moore Community Gardens and OKC Habitat for Humanity. 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 37 new members for September making 324 new members YTD. As of September 30, 2009 the chapter has a total strength of 1,970 active members with 119 in lapse and 3 in terminate status
 - (2) Retentions: Trustee Paul Findley briefed we contacted 78 members in September bringing us to a grand total of 32 retentions for 2009 by 5 different retainers, and 80% contact of those members on termination roster.
 - (3) Unit Representatives: VP Terry Turner for Misty Givens briefed that we currently have 8 Unit Reps, 4 of which are deployed. Unit Reps will be briefing at commander's calls and within units, and are the AFSA POCs within units. They assist in retention and recruiting by spreading AFSA information. If you would like to volunteer or know anyone who would like to be a Unit Representative, please contact VP Turner or Unit Rep Misty Givens.
 - (4) Bad Address List: VP Terry Turner for Trustee Lisa Sears briefed that of the 159 members on the BAL, 15 members were contacted, 10 members' information was updated, and further contact is ongoing. Our current BAL total is 145.
- H. Communications:** VP Terry Turner for Trustee Ronda White advised that the AFSA Team Tinker Newsletter for September 2009 is complete and submitted to Debra Kirby for our PO folder. The Team Tinker Newsletter will be distributed via the list server and can be viewed on our website at www.afsa985.org. Also, Tinker Take-off announced General Membership meeting.
- I. Awards:** See paragraph 4.
- J. Website:** VP Terry Turner for David Weller-Fahy briefed we had 232 unique visitors in September. Our e-mail list server distribution is up to 2,578 addressees as of 30 September 2009.

6. Old Business:

- A. Recruiting/Retention Campaign Jul-Sep 2009.** VP Terry Turner briefed that our recruiting campaign gained the Chapter 136 new members and 13 membership renewals. Each new or retention membership was entered into our recruiting incentive drawing. President Bryan Thompson drew the first winning ticket; Andrea Lofaso won the \$100.00 1st prize and Trustee Andre Dame drew Nicolas Taghon who was awarded \$50.00 for 2nd prize. Also, a drawing was

held for members that attended the general membership meeting; five \$5 cash prizes were awarded. **(Item Closed).**

- B. Volunteer Database.** VP Terry Turner briefed that he, AACs San Juanita Bates and Brandi Kelley are preparing a volunteer database to keep track of all volunteers and activities to help improve awards program. **(Item Open).**
- C. 507 ARW Annual Family Day/Briefings.** VP Terry Turner briefed that the 507th requested AFSA to set up a recruiting booth at their Family Day. POC Christina Lindstrom. We briefed over 500 Reservists/family members and recruited 8 new members and updated 1 member. **(Item Closed).**
- D. School Supply Drive.** VP Terry Turner and Historian Don Sullivan reported former VP Rebecca Galambos' (from her deployed location) proposed a school supplies drive for needy children in rural Iraq. POC's are TSgt Crowder and SSgt Coltey of FTAC. The council previously approved \$100.00 for mailing these items, plus the sheets/pillowcases, etc. to Afghanistan. \$47.80 was spent on Afghan mailing. We only had 3 complete kits and 5 soccer balls donated. Don Sullivan bought supplies to complete 9 more kits at a cost of \$41.72. 4 flat rate priority packages was mailed September 25, 2009 at a cost of \$47.80. Total cost for both projects was \$137.32. At the Executive Council meeting *Trustee Paul Findley motioned to increase the supported amount to \$137.32, seconded by Trustee Ronda White. Motion passed with no discussion.* **(Item Closed).**
- E. Sheets & Pillow Cases for AF Troops in Afghanistan.** Historian Don Sullivan reported he received a request for sheets and pillowcases for Airmen in Afghanistan. He stated they need 2 twin sheets (66" x 96") \$5.25 each and 1 pillow case (pkg of 2 \$6.00) at Walmart. 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. 12 sets of bed linens and misc items were packaged into 4 flat rate priority boxes and mailed @ \$11.95 each for a total of \$47.80 on September 11, 2009. **(Item Closed).**
- F. 513 ACG/CC Call Briefing on Professional Organizations.** VP Terry Turner reported that we briefed 160 Air Force Reservists on 13 Sep 2009 at 1500 for 10-15 minutes at the 552OG Auditorium. **(Item Closed).**
- G. 507 HRDC Briefing.** VP Terry Turner reported that we briefed 42 Reservists on Sat, 12 Sep 2009 at 0800. **(Item Closed).**

7. New Business:

- A. Holiday Gift Wrap.** VP Terry Turner submitted and obtained approval for our annual fundraiser at the Base BX from the day after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve. VP Terry Turner asked for volunteers to head the fundraiser. Secretary Lawrence Bach, Jason Wakefield, and Christine Stone volunteered to manage event. We will be sending out volunteer information via the AFSA 985 list server. **(Item Open).**
- B. Chapter Audit.** VP Terry Turner reported our last audit (annual) was completed May 14, 2009. The Executive Council discussed performing a semi-annual audit, Treasurer Deb Johnson agreed. It will be scheduled for November 2009 to include months May-Oct 2009. **(Item Open).**
- C. OKC VA Hospital Visit.** VP Terry Turner briefed that the VFW is setting up a military visit to the OKC VA Hospital for Veterans Day (11 Nov 09) at 1000, show time 0945. Military

volunteers are encouraged to wear ABUs, BDUs or uniform of the day. More information will be distributed via the AAC. **(Item Open)**.

- D. Division 89 Membership Drive.** VP Terry Turner reported that Division 89 is putting on a membership drive and anyone who recruits or retains 10 or more members in a month between Oct 1, 2009 and Mar 30, 2010 will be entered into a drawing for \$250 cash gift. Also, each chapter that shows positive growth will have a chance to win \$500 for their chapter. **(Item Open)**.
- E. Special Thanks.** VP Terry Turner gave a special thanks to CMSgt Tina Long, SMSgt David Liszeski and TSgt Khalid R. Elneser for helping furthering the goals of the Air Force Sergeants Association by coordinating recruiting events within their wing and group. Their efforts led to updating over 20 members who were not receiving critical AFSA information and brief AFSA information to over 700 reservists. **(Item Closed)**.
- F. Legislative Awareness Week.** VP Terry Turner briefed that 12 – 18 October will be Legislative Awareness week in which Chapter 985 will examine the top few legislative issues that concern our membership and work on letters to send to Congress. AFSA HQ will be distributing slide shows and videos to help educate members. **(Item Open)**.
- G. Chapter 985 on the Web.** VP Terry Turner is in the process of creating AFSA Chapter 985 webpages on some of the most popular social networking sites to include; Facebook, Twitter, MySpace and AFKN. Zach Santacroce and Bret McGivern volunteered to assist VP Turner with social networking sites. More information to come. **(Item Open)**.
- H. Network 56 Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive.** Secretary Lawrence Bach reported that Network 56 is once again hosting the Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive for needy Tinker families. He inquired on a donation for the food baskets that formerly was donated to NCOA for the same event and asked that the donation now be given to Network 56. *Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger motioned to support this project with a \$100.00 donation, seconded by William Miller, motion passed with no discussion.* **(Item Closed)**.
- 8.** VP Terry Turner solicited comments from around the room. President Bryan Thompson explained how great it was to be back with his Air Force family as compared to the multi-forces he served with in Afghanistan. He applauded Vice President Terry Turner for his outstanding leadership during his 8 month absence.
- 9.** There being no further new business, VP Terry Turner asked for a motion to adjourn. Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger, seconded by William Miller, 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