



**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
November 10, 2010

Meeting convened at 1130 hours with President Terry Turner presiding. A quorum was declared.  
(This meeting was scheduled a day early because of Veterans Day holiday)

- 1. Opening Ceremonies:** Invocation by: Chapter Chaplain Christopher White  
Pledge of Allegiance led by: President Terry Turner  
AFSA Preamble read by: Trustee Paul Findley  
Airman's Creed rendered by: AAC Jonathan Sumerlin
  
- 2. Members Present:**

Terry Turner	Don Sullivan	Tim Ossinger
Jim Peters	Chris Huddleston	Mary Rokita
Jonathan Sumerlin	Chris White	Anthony Burleson
Carnita Farve	"Doug" Bynum	Kevin Vegas
Deb Johnson	Paul Findley	Van Stewart
Jennifer Thomas	Jennifer Ponder	
  
- 3. Special welcome:** 72ABW Command CMSgts' (current) Kevin Vegas (former) Tim Ossinger; Supporters Karl Wasserleben (TFCU), Steve Gonners TFCU, Michelle Devinney (FNB) and Kimberly Barnes (FNB); along with Newcomers Van Stewart (960AACS), Jennifer Thomas and Sara Mesenbrink (507 ARW-USAFR). **Total Attendees – 23.**
  
- 4. Reports:**
  - A. Secretary's Report:** President Terry Turner for Secretary Sheila Beaufeaux. Advised minutes from the October General Membership and November Executive Council meetings were completed and disseminated via our list server and are posted on our web site at [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org). Some hard copies were available in the back of the room with the sign-in sheet. *Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger motioned to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Anthony Burleson. Motioned passed, minutes accepted as written.*
  - B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Rokitka provided a comprehensive briefing of the October 2010 Treasurer's Report. *Historian Don Sullivan motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger. Motioned passed, report accepted as written.*
  - C. Reports:** Trustee Deb Johnson briefed AFSA FY2011 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ended October 31<sup>st</sup>. The required quarterly Activities and Americanism and Financial Reports are completed and being reviewed by President Terry Turner. He will certify their accuracy and send to Division 89 President Lutzen for AFSA and Debra Kirby for our Tinker PO folder.
  - D. Legislative:** Trustee Jim Peters briefed important issues/various bills of interest from the November legislative report to members present. An electronic copy was emailed to membership via the chapter email list server. If you did not receive it, you can visit [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org) for more updates. Extra copies were available in the back of the room as handouts. He urged members to review HR 4646 (Transaction Tax) at [www.thomas.gov](http://www.thomas.gov) and contact their congressional leaders to vote NO. President Terry Turner stated that if anyone has questions about the Legislative Report, they can email him [president@afsa985.org](mailto:president@afsa985.org).
  - E. Activities/Programs:** President Terry Turner for Vice President Ronda White. She needed 6 more Chapter T-Shirts pre-ordered to complete the 25 needed for the initial order. The Executive Council at its November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting passed President Turner's motioned to

purchase the remaining 6 T-Shirts needed. They can be used to reward volunteers or as door prizes.

**F. Airmen Activities Coordinators:** Jonathan Sumerlin reported:

1. 49 Volunteers for October totaling 210 hours.
2. 5 Volunteer activities and volunteer totals:
  - a. 16 Volunteers for Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk
  - b. 19 Volunteers for YMCA Military Welcome Center
  - c. 7 Volunteers for Infant Crisis Services
  - d. 6 Volunteers for Midnight Woofness (OKC Animal Welfare)
  - e. 1 Volunteer for Norman Animal Welfare Office
3. Jennifer Ponder reported: 1 New event for November
  - a. Military Welcome Center Every Saturday

**G. Membership:**

1. **New Members:** Trustee Paul Findley reported 59 new members were recruited in October with 337 new members recruited in 2010 YTD from 8 different recruiters. As of October 31, 2010 the chapter had a total strength of 1,915 active members and 108 lapsed members and 5 terminated
    - a. **3 Skyhighers:** Terry Turner, Paul Findley and Ronda White
    - b. **5 Lucky Strike Club members:** Bryan Thompson, Paul Findley, Ronda White, Terry Turner, and Jennifer Ponder.
    - c. FTAC briefing opportunities for the remainder of the year are:
      - 1) 16 Nov 2010 at 1200 hours.
      - 2) 30 Nov 2010 at 1200 hours.
      - 3) 7 Dec 2010 at 1200 hours.
    - d. Other briefing recruiting opportunities:
      - 1) ALS Class Icebreaker: 4 Nov was the last for 2010.
      - 2) NCOPEs: 27 Oct was the last for 2010.
      - 3) The next SNCOPES: none scheduled at this time.
  2. **Renewal/Retentions:** Trustee Paul Findley briefed
    - a. Renewal list members contacted 53 out of 60; 45 emailed & 8 called, 7 no contact info/unable to contact
    - b. Members renewed 3; YTD 26
  3. **Bad Address List:** President Terry Turner briefed
    - a. BAL members contacted: 5 out of 149
    - b. Members updated 5
    - c. Members removed 5, new total is 144
- H. Communications:** Trustee Carnita Farve had to leave; President Terry Turner reported that the October AFSA Team Tinker Newsletter is complete, posted to the website and distributed via our chapter email list server (some spare copies at the front of the room).
- I. Awards:** President Terry Turner for Trustee Tate Beaufeaux; briefed the Base Quarterly Awards Luncheon is scheduled for November 19, 2010. Upon receipt of the winners list, Trustee Tate Beaufeaux will prepare appropriate certificates/letters of appreciation and present them at this function.
- J. Website:** President Terry Turner for Webmaster David Weller-Fahy briefed we had 162 unique visitors in October. Our e-mail list server distribution is up to 3,000 subscribers at the end of October 2010.

**5. Old Business:**

- A. **Spring Dance.** President Terry Turner briefed we are still planning this event. Much coordination is required with care homes and to secure a facility with inside/outside access for grilling and to get in out of the weather - more to come. **(Item Open).**

- B. AFSA Gift Wrap Fundraiser.** President Terry Turner reported that POC Vice President Ronda White is anticipating having a schedule posted on our website by this weekend for volunteers to sign up. She also advised that it cannot be advertised outside of AFSA until the CFC campaign is finished on 19 Nov 2010. Advertising for the gift wrap will begin 20 Nov 2010 when volunteer requests will be sent to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sgts. Until then, the AACs will be allowed to advertise and solicit volunteers within the Chapter via our email server. The dates for the gift wrap will be 26 Nov-24 Dec 2010. Trustee Carnita Farve will assist VP Ronda white as a POC. Trustee/Secretary Tate and Sheila Beaufeaux have agreed to store any excess materials after concluding the fundraiser until next year. **(Item Open).**
- C. Volunteer Activities Posting Facebook/Website.** AACs Jennifer Ponder and Jonathan Sumerlin will look into expanding information thru social networks. Information/calendars will be available to Chapter 985 volunteers and members. Become a Facebook fan of the Chapter to see the event calendar. AAC Ponder is having problems accessing the page. She is working to fix the problem so that she can make timely updates. **(Item Open).**
- D. POW/MIA Coins.** President Terry Turner for Vice President Ronda White; briefed we have approximately 27 coins remaining to sell. Sales will resume after the CFC campaign is over. **(Item Open).**
- E. Meet and Greet.** President Terry Turner briefed we have met with 72ABW and 552ACW Commanders and would like to also meet and greet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Herd Commander, Col. Babyak. Trustee Deb Johnson advised he is TDY to Robins AFB until next week. She will continue to check for openings on Col. Babyak's calendar. **(Item Open).**
- F. Membership/lifetime members:** President Terry Turner briefed that he and Trustee Paul Findley will make contact with the Chapter Lifetime Members to check in with them and give them current information about events within the Chapter. Trustee Findley will generate a roster of these members in order to maintain accountability of the Chapter's members. This is an ongoing process as monthly rosters are received. **(Item Closed).**
- G. Membership Appreciation Night:** President Terry Turner announced plans to hold the annual membership appreciation night. Currently planned for January at the Tinker Bowling Center. CCM Vegas suggested we avoid scheduling January 5-6 due to CMSAF Roy's visit and Jan 21 or 28 when there will be a CMSgt Mixer. **(Item Open).**
- H. Awards Criteria:** President Terry Turner asked Historian Don Sullivan to brief the status of the new AFSA Awards Manual. AFSA Intl. President Ledoux anticipates a final vote from his Exec. Council by this Friday and having the manual in the field by Monday or Tuesday of next week. There are problems with the AFSA Airman/NCO of the Year program because submissions from chapters/bases are diminishing. Tinker's participation is no exception. It will be continued for this year with a few tweaks then reevaluated. VP Ronda White will brief and distribute the criteria for the 1206s to the First Sergeants upon receipt asking for maximum participation. **(Item Open).**
- I. Awards Banquet:** President Terry Turner advised the type of annual awards ceremony the chapter will have will factor heavily on the total number of 1206s received recognizing our outstanding members via the Airman/NCO of the Year Program. **(Item Open).**

## 6. New Business:

- A. Annual Report/Directory of Officers.** Historian Don Sullivan briefed that annual reports will be due to AFSA January 15, 2011 versus May 15, 2011 because of a short year caused by AFSA changing its fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year effective January 1, 2011. The Audit due date will be February 15 versus June 15, 2011. The 2011 transition year will be called "Budget Year" to avoid duplicate file names. Trustee Deb Johnson, Historian Don Sullivan and Treasurer Mary Rokitka are working these items to insure timely submission. **(Item Closed).**

**B. FTAC Holiday Reception.** President Terry Turner briefed the membership that the Executive Council at its November 4<sup>th</sup> meeting approved a donation up to \$250.00 for FTAC to host a holiday reception on November 17, 2010 for Airmen, their supervisors and base leadership. NCOIC Jeff Anderson will furnish receipts and return any unused funds. **(Item Closed).**

**C. Executive Council Elections/Appointments.** President Terry Turner announced AFSA Chapter 985 annual elections will be held at our February 10, 2011 general membership meeting in accordance with AFSA Manual 100-2, Principle 6, Section 8 which requires notification be given AT LEAST 30 days prior to annual elections. All positions are open and will be for a 1-year term, except the Vice President who is serving a 2-year term. We will elect a President and 3 Trustees. The elected President will appoint up to 2 additional Trustees, a Secretary, Treasurer, Airmen Activities Coordinator, Chaplain, Historian and Senior Advisor. Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger will run the elections. Vice President Ronda White and Historian Don Sullivan will serve as the Nominating Committee. Anyone interested in any position, elected or appointed, please contact one or both of them at [ronda.white@tinker.af.mil](mailto:ronda.white@tinker.af.mil) and [ddsullivan@cox.net](mailto:ddsullivan@cox.net). You can direct any questions to President Turner at [president@afsa985.org](mailto:president@afsa985.org). This announcement at the December and January general membership meetings. **(Item Open).**

**7. Door Prizes.** Drawings were held throughout the meeting for Base Exchange Gift Cards. Winners were: Deb Johnson, Doug Bynum, Mary Rokitka, Paul Findley, Van Stewart, Anthony Burleson, CCM Kevin Vegas and Terry Turner (Chief Vegas and President Turner re-gifted theirs to our 507 ARW (Reserve) attendees Sara Mesenbrink and Jennifer Thomas. President Turner also gifted two NBA Thunder basketball tickets to Van Stewart.

**8. Comments From Around the Room.**

**A.** Chief Vegas announced the following upcoming events and an open invitation for all interested to attend both events:

**1.** The CMSgt Promotion List will be published on November 18, 2010. A social will be held at the Tinker Club November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1530 honoring those selected.

**2.** CCAF Graduation will be held at the Base Theater December 6, 2010 at 1400.

**B.** Trustee Deb Johnson explained the importance of our month-long gift wrap fundraiser. It places us in a positive financial position to support all the varied programs we do throughout the year involving our enlisted family and in our community, on and off base. She urged all to volunteer what time they could to this worthwhile function, and ask their friends to do the same. She also stressed not to be a “no show.” Make yourself a reminder note of the shift you volunteered for. President Terry Turner explained that if you can’t work an entire shift, consider helping during peak periods.....and, family members volunteering is welcome. He cautioned to coordinate through your supervisors if appropriate and that you cannot work the booth in uniform, so bring civvies’ with you.

**C.** Historian Don Sullivan recognized the efforts and hours worked by the Executive Council on behalf of Tinker’s enlisted and their families. He reminded all that President Terry Turner was named AFSA International Member of the Year in August 2010 out of 112,000 members worldwide. He emphasized the marvel of such an individual balancing the time to accommodate the required activities of leadership, personal achievements/production and mentorship.....while working a full time job, going to school at night and having time left for his family. President Turner responded that he was humbled by the attention and Don Sullivan himself, in his long service, provided the model and unselfish dedication that inspires others to excel.

7. There being no further business or comments around the room, President Terry Turner asked for a motion to adjourn. Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger so motioned, seconded by member Anthony Burleson, the meeting adjourned at 1233 hours.

///signed Don Sullivan, for///  
Sheila A. Beaufeaux, Secretary

Approved as written///Signed///  
Terry L. Turner, President