



Air Force Sergeants Association  
Thunderbird Chapter 985  
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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
January 13, 2010

Meeting convened at 1130 hours with Vice President Ronda White presiding. A quorum was declared.

- 1. Opening Ceremonies:** Invocation by: Chapter Chaplain Christopher White  
Pledge of Allegiance led by: Vice President Ronda White  
AFSA Preamble read by: Michael Mooney  
Airman's Creed rendered by: Vice President Ronda White

- 2. Members Present:**
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| Terry Turner      | Don Sullivan        | Tim Ossinger     |
| Jim Peters        | Mary Rokita         | Sheila Beaufeaux |
| Tate Beaufeaux    | Christina Lindstrom | Ronda White      |
| Jorge Liriano     | Elissa Black        | Latisha Russell  |
| Lindsay Pritchett | Michael Mooney      | Heather Michael  |
| Jonathan Sumerlin | Chris White         | "Doug" Bynum     |
| Deb Johnson       | Jennifer Ponder     |                  |

- 3. Special welcome:** None.

**4. Reports:**

- A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Sheila Beaufeaux advised minutes for the December General Membership and January Executive Council meetings are up to date and have been distributed via our list server, and posted on our website at [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org). Some hard copies were available in the back of the room with the sign-in sheet.

*Historian Don Sullivan made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger. None opposed. No discussion. Minutes accepted as written.*

- B. Treasurer's Report:** Mary Rokitka provided a comprehensive briefing of the December Treasurer's Report. *Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger motion to accept, seconded by Chaplain Christopher White. None opposed. No discussion. Treasurer's report accepted as written.*

- C. Reports:** Trustee Deb Johnson briefed all reports emailed to Div President Lutzen to forward to HQ AFSA and Debra Kirby for our PO folder. Annual Audit due 15 Feb 2011. She also reminded the General Membership that when our reports are turned in on time, the chapter receives a rebate.

- D. Legislative:** Trustee Jim Peters briefed some important issues within the Jan 11 report. President Terry Turner has emailed to list server. If you did not receive it, you can visit [www.afsa985.org](http://www.afsa985.org) for more updates. President Terry Turner briefed that the Legislative posting can be found on the AFSA website. President Terry Turner stated that if anyone has questions about the Legislative Report, they can email him at [president@afsa985.org](mailto:president@afsa985.org). Report copies were available in the back of the room.

- E. Activities/Programs:** VP Ronda White reports: There are 3 t-shirts left for purchase \$10.00. Also, POW/MIA coins are available for sale (\$10.00)

**F. Airman Activities Coordinator:** SrA Jennifer Ponder/SSgt Jon Sumerlin

1. 34 Volunteers for December totaling 111 hours.
2. 4 Volunteer activities and volunteer totals:
  - a. 21 Volunteers for YMCA Military Welcome Center
  - b. 4 Volunteer for Infant Crisis Services
  - c. 8 Volunteers for OKC Animal Shelter
  - d. 1 Volunteer for 552 ACW Retirement
3. 4 New events for January
  - a. Military Welcome Center Every Saturday
  - b. Special Olympics Bowling Event – 8 Jan 2011
  - c. OKC animal Shelter-14 & 15 Jan 2011
  - d. Habitat for Humanity

**G. Membership:**

1. **New Members:** Trustee Paul Findley reported 57 new members were recruited in Dec with 437 new members recruited in 2010 YTD from 10 different recruiters. As of December 31, 2010 the chapter had a total strength of 1,928 active members which includes 39 lapsed members. He also reported that Chapter 985 had the #2 recruiter in Division 89 (Jennifer Ponder).
  - a. **Skyhighers:** 4 – Terry Turner, Paul Findley, Ronda White, and Jennifer Ponder
  - b. **Lucky Strike Club members:** (5) Bryan Thompson, Paul Findley, Ronda White, Terry Turner, and Jennifer Ponder
  - c. FTAC- 11 January 2011 and 1 February 2011
  - d. Other recruiting opportunities:
    - 1.) The next ALS class Icebreaker: 22 Feb 2011@1100
    - 2.) The next NCOPEs: 26 Jan 2011@1330-1400
    - 3.) The next SNCOPES: none scheduled at this time
2. **Renewal/Retentions:** Trustee Paul Findley contacted members who membership is about to expire and led to 7 renewals and YTD **38**.
3. **Termination Roster:** Trustee Paul Findley briefed he contacted 62 out of 69; 59 emailed & 3 called, 7 no contact info/unable to contact for a 90% contact rate.
4. **Bad Address list:** President Terry Turner briefed:
  - a. BAL members contacted 5 out of 134
  - b. Members updated 5
  - c. Members removed 5, new total is 129

**H. Communications:** President Terry Turner for Trustee Carnita Farve briefed that the Dec AFSA Team Tinker Newsletter is completed and being reviewed. Also, the 7 January 2011 Tinker Takeoff will have meeting reminder article.

**I. Awards:** Trustee Tate Beaufeaux briefed that AAC Jon Sumerlin attended JEC Dec 2010 meeting on behalf of chapter and took photos of award presentation for AFSA sponsored award. Also, Trustee Tate Beaufeaux briefed the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and annual awards are coming up. All were reminded that AFSA NCO and Airman of the Quarter nominees had to have been a member before July 1, 2010. Vice President Ronda White has the format for awards packages if anyone needs to have it as an example, ask and she will email it.

- J. Web Site: President Terry Turner for Webmaster David Weller-Fahy briefed we had 208 unique visitors in December. Our e-mail list server distribution is up to 3,204 subscribers at the end of December 2010.

## 5. Old Business:

- A. **AFSA Gift Wrap Fundraiser.** President Terry Turner briefed the chapter's month-long gift wrap fundraiser ran Nov26-Dec24 at the main Base Exchange. 278 volunteers worked a grand total of 1,136 hours manning the booth 12 hours daily, 7 days a week. A record high number of volunteers, hours worked and net proceeds were realized this year. All proceeds go back to the Tinker Community for Airman and their families. Also, he still needed volunteers to email him their supervisor and commander's contact information. **(Item Closed).**
- B. **POW/MIA Coins.** Vice President Ronda White briefed that 48 POW/MIA coins are available for sale. Chaplain Chris White is working to sell these coins. **(Item Open).**
- C. **Membership Appreciation Night.** President Terry Turner briefed he will request a POC for event at our GM Meeting. Trustee Deb Johnson volunteered as POC for this event. **(Item Open).**
- D. **Awards Criteria.** President Terry Turner briefed AFSA finalized this year's Awards program/criteria for annual awards; VP Ronda White briefed and distribute the criteria for the 1206s to the First Sergeants asking for maximum participation. The awards committee determined not to require photos at this time and will update 1<sup>st</sup> Sgts. Also, we're in the process of selecting awards recipients locally and to be submitted to Division 89 for completion. Packages will be prepared on the normal 10 awards we submit for and must be postmarked by February 11, 2011. **(Item Open).**
- E. **Awards Banquet.** President Terry Turner advised we are still waiting to determine the type of recognition ceremony. **(Item Open).**
- F. **Executive Council Elections/Appointments.** Vice President Ronda White for President Terry Turner made the third announcement for 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. Any one interested in any position, elected or appointed, please contact one or both of them at [vp@afsa985.org](mailto:vp@afsa985.org) and [ddsullivan@cox.net](mailto:ddsullivan@cox.net). Please direct any questions to President Turner at [president@afsa985.org](mailto:president@afsa985.org). This announcement will be made at the January general membership meetings. President Terry Turner stated that Annual elections will be held 10 February, 2011. This announcement will be made again at the January meeting. The final time this announcement will be made is the February meeting. **(Item Open).**
- G. **FTAC CY2011 new schedule and Financial Support (\$75 X 30 classes):** Vice President

Ronda White briefed: President Terry Turner invited FTAC NCOIC TSgt Jeffrey Anderson to explain request for financial support for working lunch proposal. TSgt Anderson gave a comprehensive plan on CY11 schedule changes and estimated cost to execute working lunch plan. He stated some requirements have changed and was still waiting for final approval. President Terry Turner conducted minor discussion with council and issue was tabled till plan is approved by 72 ABW/CCC. President Turner explained the intent of the proposal and discussion concerning it. The Executive Council/President Turner is awaiting the final information and details. President Turner announced that a possible email vote will follow for the council to decide if we want to support this activity. **(Item Open)**.

## 6. New Business:

- A. President Terry Turner briefed LOA are almost complete for volunteer activities (compiling Supervisor & Commander's contact info) and once completed will be distributed to volunteers. **(Item Open)**.
- B. 2011 Standing Rules presented for approval. Historian Don Sullivan presented and explained the proposed standing rules for 2011. Seven standing rules were presented for approval. Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger made a motion to approve the standing rules as presented, President Turner seconded. None opposed; standing rules accepted as briefed/written. **(Item Closed)**.

## 7. Closing.

- A. Any other new business or comments from around the room.
  - 1. Chaplain Christopher White thanked all for supporting the giftwrap fundraiser. He stated that we should emulate that spirit and passion by applying it to all things that we do.
  - 2. Historian Don Sullivan briefed that the Division 89 Annual Conference will be 24-26 March, 2011 in Independence, MO. He stated that attendance at these events has decreased in recent years. Division 89 is the most productive, and all members should consider attending the conference. Funding for some members attendance is being worked, especially for potential award recipients. Mandatory training will be conducted at this year's conference to ensure attendees have professional development opportunities at the conference and provide justification for unit funding. The cost of the conference is \$90.00 for registration and \$90.00 per night hotel fee. He also briefed that the International PAC will be held 23-27 July, 2011 in San Antonio, TX.
  - 3. President Terry Turner announced a thank you letter was received from SSgt Shaw at 507<sup>th</sup> for gifts that he was given as an AFSA award winner.
  - 4. Door Prize winners: AAFES gift cards: Lindsey Prichett, Elissa Black, Tate Beaufeaux donated to Heather Michael, Sheila Beaufeaux donated to Latisha Russell, Jorge Lariano, Mary Rokitka, Michael Mooney, Doug Bynum. POW/MIA coins: Heather Michael, Terry Turner donated to Lindsey Prichett, Latisha Russell.
- B. REMINDER: Please make sure you sign in on the sheet at the back of the room before you leave

With no other new business, President Terry Turner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mary Rokitka. Meeting adjourned at: 1229 hrs.

///signed ///  
Sheila A. Beaufeaux, Secretary

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