



**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
October 13, 2011

Meeting convened at 1130 hours with President Terry Turner presiding. A quorum was declared.

**Opening Ceremonies:**

- a. Invocation by:** Moment of Silent Reflection in Lieu of
- b. Pledge of Allegiance led by:** President Terry Turner
- c. AFSA Preamble read by:** Trustee Doug Bynum
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by:** Trustee Michael Mooney

<b>1. Members Present:</b>	Terry Turner	Don Sullivan	Tim Ossinger
	Mary Rokita	Lisa Muth	Michael Mooney
	"Doug" Bynum	James Mitchell	<b>James Lokovic</b>
	Craig Colby	John Dunham	Joseph Sachleben
	Shirley Jones	Dave Lowe	Sara Tallman
	Timothy Carlson	David Shellgren	Tara Ward
	David Cruz	Tina Tafolla	Chris Huckins
	Jose Magana		
<b>Guest:</b>	Michelle Devinney	Kim Barnes	Erin Huckins

- 2. Special welcome:** CMSgt (Ret) James Lokovic, CMSgt (Ret.) John Dunham, CMSgt (Ret) Tim Ossinger, CMSgt Shirley Jones, Michelle Devinney (FNB) and Kim Barnes (FNB). First time attendees were asked to stand and be recognized.

**Total Attendees – 25**

- 3. Reports:** *President Terry Turner announced that the contents of reports we normally brief at general membership meetings will be minimal discussed today to permit time for our guest speaker CMSgt (Ret) James Lokovic to present important legislative quality of life initiatives that are threatened by the current economic climate. The reports contents normally briefed can be found in the October 6, 2011 Executive Council Minutes posted at <http://afsa985.org>.*

- A. Secretary.** President Terry Turner for Secretary Sheila Beaufeaux. Minutes for the September General Membership and October Executive Council meetings have been distributed via our list server, and posted on our website at <http://afsa985.org>. Vice President Tim Ossinger motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Lisa Muth. None opposed. No discussion. Minutes approved as written.
- B. Treasurer:** Treasurer Mary Rokitka. Presented the September Treasurer's Report Historian Don Sullivan motioned to accept the report as written. Dave Lowe seconded. None opposed. No discussion. Treasurer's report approved as written.
- C. Reports:** President Terry Turner and Don Sullivan.
- D. Legislative:** Trustee Jeffrey Anderson.
- E. Activities/Programs:** President Terry Turner reported no activities at this time.
- F. Airman Activities Coordinator:** Jennifer Ponder and/or Justin Wilson.  
A summary for September 2011: 82 Volunteers totaling 298 hours of community service.
- G. Membership: Trustee Michael Mooney**
  - 1. New Members: 28 New, 371 YTD, and 1,855 total members as of 30 Sep 11.
  - 2. Renewal/Retentions: 6 Renewed, 39 YTD.
- H. Communications:** Trustee Lisa Muth and Historian Don Sullivan.

- I. Awards:** Chaplain Christopher White. Next base quarterly 14 Nov 11.
- J. Web Site:** Trustee/Web Content Manager Lisa Muth. 146 Unique Visitors and 3,465 list subscriber distribution as of September 30, 2011.

*For the same reason stated at the beginning of paragraph “3 – Reports” above, the following Old Business topics were not discussed in any detail so more time would be available for Guest speaker CMSgt (Ret) Lokovic for his legislative presentation. The topics are shown to insure continuity of keeping “Open Items” current.*

#### **4. Old Business:**

- A. POW/MIA coin Fund-raiser.** POC Christopher White still has 14 of the 50 coins for sale. **(Item Open).**
- B. Christmas Gift Wrap Fundraiser:** Our month-long gift wrap fundraiser was approved. President Terry Turner is looking for POCs to schedule and manage this important event (Nov25-Dec24). **(Item Open).**
- C. Chapter 985 to host 2012 Division 89 Conference:** We have 7 bids seeking to be the site for our conference, March 29-31, 2012. The first visitation/discussion by the planning committee with the sales managers of these facilities begins October 14, 2011. **(Item Open).**
- D. Membership Drive:** Ongoing through 31 December 2011; a membership drive is in progress. **(Item Open).**

#### **5. New Business:**

- A.** President Terry Turner briefed that we are honored to have CMSgt (Ret) James Lokovic as our distinguished speaker today. Chief Lokovic currently resides in Utah and is the Vice Chair of the AFSA International Legislative Committee. He regularly travels to chapters throughout the Association to provide legislative and military quality-of-life benefit briefings and to promote Association membership. His BIO was furnished with all the announcements sent via our list server to issue invitations to his briefings throughout the day, but is also provided as the last page to these minutes. President Turner asked if there was any other business or comments from around the room. There being none, he turned the meeting over to Chief Lokovic.

Chief Lokovic gave an outstanding power point legislative briefing to the general membership, the legislative process, benefits rumored to be in jeopardy but currently are not, the best way to contact elected officials – [www.thomas.gov](http://www.thomas.gov) and [www.contactingthecongress.org](http://www.contactingthecongress.org). He followed up his briefing with a question and answers session that was also enlightening to the membership. President Terry Turner presented him with a Chapter 985 memento of our appreciation.

- B.** A group photo was taken of all GM attendees and posted to the website by Lisa Muth. President Terry Turner held drawings for door prize winners and presented cash gift cards to the following winners: Chris Huckins, Erin Huckins, Jose Magana, Sara Tallman and Tina Tafolla.

#### **6. Meeting adjourned at: 1230 hrs.**

Memo for the Record of Chief Lokovic's Visit/ Itinerary:

A. The chapter paid for his overnight room at Tinker Lodging, his meals while on station, and snacks for two meetings. We shared his travel expenses with the McConnell AFB Chapter and Division 89. President Terry Turner planned/hosted our guest throughout his visit.

B. Wednesday, October 12, 2011:  
1700 Chief Lokovic arrived from McConnell AFB, KS.

1800-2030 A dinner was held in his honor at the Sante Fe Steakhouse, Midwest City. Attending were President Terry Turner, VP Tim Ossinger and wife Kathy, Command CMSgt Kevin Vegas (72ABW), Command CMSgt Eddie Compton (552ACW), Trustee Doug Bynum and wife Keiko, Trustee Lisa Muth, and Past VP Michael Devenitch.

C. Thursday, October 13, 2011 events:  
0745-0830 VP Tim Ossinger and Historian Don Sullivan took our guest to breakfast.

0900-1030 Briefing with Questions and Answers Session held for Top 3 Active/Retired (Target Audience) at Tinker Club, light snacks and beverages provided by Chapter 985. 14 attendees including Command CMSgt Eddie Compton, 552ACW.

1100-1230 Lunch & General Membership Meeting at Tinker Club in Ballroom (all ranks/civilians invited). Power point presentation with questions and answers session provided - 25 attendees

1310-1340 Historian Don Sullivan escorted Chief Lokovic to visit Tinker Retirees Activities Office (RAO).

1400-1500 Briefing with questions and answers session held at the Tinker Club. This briefing was initially planned for mid-level NCOs and Junior Enlisted (AB-TSgt), but was opened to all ranks. Light snacks and beverages provided by Chapter 985 – 23 attendees.

1530-1630 Briefing with questions and answers session held at the ALS Building for the current class in session (SrA-SSgt) – 42 attendees.

1700 – CMSgt James Lokovic departed for Vance AFB, OK

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

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

## **CMSGT (RET.) JAMES E. LOKOVIC**

CMSgt (Ret.) James E. Lokovic is the Air Force Sergeants Association's (AFSA) Vice Chairman of the International Legislative Committee and the Legislative and Retired Affairs Trustee for AFSA Division 12 (Nevada, Arizona, and New Mexico) and for Chapter 1252 at Nellis AFB, Nev. He is also the author of the AFSA International Legislative Committee Bulletin that is distributed throughout the Association and to selected military leaders as well. He regularly travels to chapters throughout the Association to provide legislative and military quality-of-life benefits briefings and to promote Association membership.

After a 25-year Air Force career, in 1994 he joined the Association's headquarters staff as Deputy Executive Director and Director of Military and Government Relations. While there, he fashioned AFSA's lobbying and testimonial programs that have been largely responsible for many improvements in the quality-of-life programs enjoyed by Airmen, retirees, veterans, and their families. He also worked directly with officials from the White House, the Department of Defense, and with top military leaders—in particular with the Chief Master Sergeants of the Air Force. Over his 15 years working with and for AFSA, he testified dozens of times before the United States Congress and served as one of AFSA's registered lobbyists. On Capitol Hill, he led campaigns for higher military pay raises; enhancements to military health care, dormitories, housing, and the G.I. Bill; improvements to permanent change of station moves; the creation and improvement of family programs; the creation of TRICARE for Life; the protection of annual retiree COLAs; improved veterans' and retirement programs; protection of the commissary and base exchange benefits; creation and protection of programs for Guardsmen and Reservists; and the upgrade of Airman William H. Pitsenbarger's Air Force Cross to the Medal of Honor, just to name a few. In 2007, Chief Lokovic and his wife, Linda, moved to Cedar City, Utah, where he continued to work for AFSA's CEO as a legislative consultant and writer for SERGEANTS Magazine and the Association's on-line weekly newsletter. He periodically traveled for the Association, and provided training to the AFSA headquarters staff upon request. In 2009, he joined Division 12 and Nellis AFB Chapter 1252 and recently was named to the AFSA International Legislative Committee.

Chief Lokovic's Air Force assignments included Okinawa, Japan; San Vito, Italy (2 tours); Crete, Greece; Pensacola, Florida; Fort Meade, Maryland; San Antonio and San Angelo, Texas (3 tours), and the Pentagon. He worked in the Morse and Non-Morse Systems career fields, served as a Unit OJT Manager, Unit Career Advisor, MAJCOM IG inspector, and as an instructor and director of education at NCO Academy and Leadership School levels. His final assignment was on the Air Staff at the Pentagon where he two-hatted as the functional manager for Air Force First Sergeants and as the Chief, USAF Enlisted Professional Military Education. Chief Lokovic received the Levitow Award in 1985 at the Goodfellow NCO Academy and, in 1988, at the USAF Senior NCO Academy. His civilian education includes a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and associates degrees from the Community College of the Air Force in Communications Technology and in Instructional Systems Technology. His decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (5 OLCs), the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

**September 1, 2011**