



## Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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### General Membership Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2012



Meeting Convened at 1132 hours with Trustee Doug Bynum presiding. A quorum was declared.

#### 1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: A moment of silent reflection
- b. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Trustee Doug Bynum
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: TSgt ReGina Hubregtse
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: TSgt Richard Porter

#### 2. Members Present:

Terry Turner	Don Sullivan	Tim Ossinger
Doug Bynum	Mike Bartels	Rachael Long
Lisa Muth	James Mitchell	Cody Fondahn
Latonya Reno	Bruce Reno	Chris Huckins
Stephanie Branscomb	Adam Hubregtse	ReGina Hubregtse
Richard Porter	Jose Magana	Brando Ray
Jason Oldenburg	Denita Sampsell	Kevin Terrell
Dave Lowe	Derrick Bennett	

3. Special welcome: CMSgt (Ret) Tim Ossinger, MSgt Jason Oldenburg (964 AACCS First Sergeant), Karl Wasserleben (TFCU), Steven Gonner (TFCU).

#### 4. Reports:

- A. **Secretary's Report:** Secretary Rachael Long reported the March General Membership and April Executive Council meeting minutes were emailed out by President Terry L. Turner via our list server and posted at <http://afsa985.org/>. Motion to accept by Chaplain Don Sullivan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Webmaster Lisa Muth. Motion approved for both minutes.
- B. **Treasurer's Report:** President Terry Turner on behalf of Treasurer Mary Rokitka provided a comprehensive briefing of the March 2012 Treasurer's Report. Motion to Accept by Historian Tim Ossinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Lowe. Report approved as briefed.
- C. **Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Chaplain Don Sullivan briefed that the 2012-03 AFSA Team Tinker is completed and e-mailed to list server and copies are in the back of the room.
- D. **Legislative:** Trustee Christopher Huckins briefed that April's report was completed by President Terry Turner and it has been posted on the website. Trustee Christopher Huckins has also written the first article for the website and it has been sent to Webmaster Lisa Muth. He also encouraged members to use [CAPWIZ - Click Here](#) to write and send letters to their representatives. He reminded members to not use government computers to write these letters, they should be done off duty on personal computers.
- E. **Activities and Programs:** Trustee Doug Bynum reported that the POW/MIA coin is now for sale. It is dated for the official day of POW/MIA Ceremonies; the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of September. This year's coin is dated 21 Sep 12.
- F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** Cody Fondahn reported:
  1. 78 Volunteers for March, 700 Total Hours of Community Service
  2. Volunteer activities and totals:
    - a. 10 Volunteers for Military Welcome Center
    - b. 4 Volunteers for Airpark Cleanup at TAFB
    - c. 62 Volunteers for OKC Animal Welfare Shelter

- d. 2 Volunteers for Division 89 Conference as Designated Drivers
- 3. New events for April:
  - a. Special Olympics - April 4
  - b. Rebuilding Together – April 7,14,21,28
  - c. Will Rogers Gardens – April 14
  - d. Airpark Cleanup – April 27
  - e. Airpark Cleanup Cont. – Last week of month (27 Apr 12)
  - f. Susan G. Komen Lawton/Ft. Sill Race for the Cure – April 28
  - g. OKC Memorial Marathon – April 29
  - h. Military Welcome Center - Every Saturday
- G. Membership: Unable to attend: Vice President Michael Mooney
  - 1. New Members: Webmaster Lisa Muth reported 37 new members were recruited in March 2012 with 56 new members recruited in 2012 YTD from 4 recruiter. As of January 31, 2012 the chapter had a total strength of 1,818 active members with 1,712 active members and 106 lapsed members.
  - 2. Recruiting Opportunities:
    - a. The next FTAC opportunities are: 24 April, 8 and 15 May at 1250-1335
    - b. Other recruiting opportunities are: ALS - April 17 at 1100  
SNCO seminar - 19 Apr at 1450-1540
  - 3. Renewal/Retentions: Webmaster Lisa Muth reported 8 renewals in March with 13 in 2012 YTD.
  - 4. Lapsed Member Roster: Webmaster Lisa Muth reported we have 106 members on lapse listing and will be worked aggressively. 95 of 106 had been contacted by email for 89% contact rate. 11 Unable to be contacted.
  - 5. Bad Address List: Trustee Doug Bynum reported that he contacted 158 of 160 members by every means necessary and updated/removed 158 members. 2 members remain and are deployed..
- H. Communications: Trustees Lisa Muth & Don Sullivan
  - 1. Webmaster Lisa Muth reported that the general membership meeting announcement was sent to the Tinker Takeoff for publishing and have been contacted to do short story on Division 89 Professional Airmen's Conference.
  - 2. Quarterly newsletter is almost complete and ready for review.
- I. Awards:
  - 1. Division 89 Professional Airmen's Conference: Chaplain Don Sullivan reported of the Five team awards we earned the following:

**Division 89 Awards**  
**Member of the Year – MSgt Michael Mooney**  
**Individual Legislative of the Year – MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner**  
**Legislative Chapter of the Year**  
**Chapter Newsletter of the Year**  
**Certificate of Commendation – MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner, Conference Manager**  
**Certificate of Commendation – Ms. Lisa Muth, Conference Contributions**

**Division 89 Runner-Up Awards**  
**Website of the Year**  
**Community Service Award**  
**Chapter of the Year (over 500 members)**  
**Top Recruiting Chapter of the Year**  
**Top Retainer of the Year – MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner**

We also had nominees Airman of the Year: A1C Andrew M. Lowe, NCO of the Year: TSgt Mary Rokitka and Volunteer Service Award – A1C Cody Fondahn. Although we did not win

every category, we are very proud of the accomplishments and support given by all our award nominees. Each and every one of them are winners to us and directly contributed to the success of Chapter 985!!!

2. April presentations that we support:

JEC Supervisory Award for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2012 – presentation date TBA

Base Quarterly Awards, 10 May 2012/1100

Base Annual Awards, TBD 2012

Annual High School AFJROTC Awards:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Chap 985 Presenter</u>
Midwest City	5 Apr 12/1830	MWCHS Cafeteria	A1C Andrew Lowe/Holland
Crooked Oak	20 Apr 12/6:30	Tinker Club	TSgt Mary Rokitka
Edmond North	21 Apr 12/1800	Edmond North	A1C Andrew Lowe/Holland
Carl Albert	27 Apr 12/1800/	S. Post Road	A1C Andrew Lowe/Holland
Choctaw	27 Apr 12/1800	HS Activity Center	TSgt Bruce Reno
Southeast	3 May 12/1800	Tinker Club	TSgt Richard Porter
John Marshall	10 May 12/1800	HS Cafeteria	AAC Cody Fondahn

\* Presentation kits will be directly sent to school from AFSA headquarters

\* E-mailed President Terry Turner or Webmaster Lisa Muth if you would like to present an award(s) in the future.

3. President Terry Turner presented coins for Excellent support to the Chapter to: CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Terrell, Webmaster Lisa Muth, Mr. Steve Gonner (TFCU), Mr. Karl Wasserleben (TFCU), and a OKC Thunder Foam Finger to MSgt Mike Bennett.

J. Web Site: Webmaster Lisa Muth and Don Sullivan reported we had 255 unique visitors in March 2012. E-mail list server distribution was up to 3, 661 subscribers at the end of March 2012. Total unique visitors for 2012 YTD were 738.

5. Old Business

- A. Chapter 985 to host 2012 Division 89 Conference – Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2945 NW Expressway, O K C – March 29-31, 2012: Conference Manager Terry Turner thanked his Executive Council members for all their hard work and the event was best seen to date. The Chapter fundraiser raised over \$200.00 to add to general fund to support Tinker AFB activities. Committee members donated over 369.75 off duty hours and traveled over 1,250 miles to acquire door prizes, sell advertisements for the program to help defray conference costs. Webmaster Lisa Muth was recognized for outstanding achievement by Division 89 President Lutzen and he commended the great job chapter 985 did in hosting event. President Terry Turner also recognized Chaplain Don Sullivan for saving the day! Don found replacement entertainment at Firelake Casino after Riverwind Casino backed out of providing transportation to over 35 out of town visitors to Oklahoma City Area Friday evening, March 30<sup>th</sup>. (Item Closed).
- B. Crooked Oaks AFJROTC: President Terry Turner reported the chapter has collected and distributed 60 lbs of ABUs/DCUs/Flight Suits to support HS AFJROTC program. Collections will be on-going. The school is in need of any combination uniforms you may have. Email [president@afsa985.org](mailto:president@afsa985.org) for more details. (Item Open).
- C. Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). Chapter 985 was accepted as a certifying organization. Our volunteers need to register at [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov) and use Record of Service Key BHH-51436 to track volunteer activities. Once hourly milestones are reached, volunteer will be recognized at appropriate time with letter from President, certificate, and lapel pin according to achievement level. Volunteers need to log in to track volunteer hours for the Chapter. (Item Open).

- D. Strategic Planning-Goals, Objectives, Committee assignments, Training, etc: President Terry Turner thanked everyone for attending the 4 meetings on the weekend and at lunch. EC currently working on smart books with estimated completion date of 1 May 2012. (Item Open).
- E. Meeting with Leadership: President Terry Turner reported SMSgt Mogren setup meeting with 72 Air Base Wing Commander and 7 AFSA members attended meeting. The commander so impressed he joined on the spot. More meetings are being planned for the future. (Item Open).
- F. Unit Reps: President Terry Turner announced the chapter would start unit representative program again due to increased interest. They will not serve as recruiters but educators about AFSA. Anyone interested can email [president@afsa985.org](mailto:president@afsa985.org) for details. (Item Closed).
- G. Annual Event Calendar: President Terry Turner asked for special/reoccurring events be added to annual chapter calendar and uploaded to website. This calendar will be updated during the 2012 Strategic Planning meeting to be scheduled for May 2012. Trustee Lisa Muth volunteered to cover the task. (Item Closed).
- H. Membership Appreciation Day 1 April 2012, Thunder Community Service: President Terry Turner reported we had 36 AFSA 985 members attend event and it was a great success even though the Bulls lost. (Item Closed).
- I. VA Hospital/Home Needs Support: President Terry Turner asked for volunteer to head up visits in conjunction with Top 3 professional Organization. SSgt Rachael Long will be the POC.(Item Closed).
- J. AFJROTC Awards Support: President Terry Turner asked for volunteer to contact local area schools to support AFSA supported awards. Webmaster Lisa Muth volunteered to chair project. President Terry Turner will ask for volunteers to present certificate, ribbon and medal to cadets for their achievements.(Item Closed).
- K. POW/MIA Coin Fundraiser: President Terry Turner announced the 2012 POW/MIA Coins were ordered/received. Trustee Doug Bynum volunteered to manage program. Trustee Doug Bynum has sold 10 coins already. Contact Trustee Doug Bynum to purchase a coin.(Item Open).

#### 6. New Business:

- A. President Terry Turner gave a brief summary of the Conference and the awards presented are as follows: CMSgt Eddie Compton, 552ACW Command Chief, was the key note speaker for the opening ceremonies, CMSAF #15 (Retired) Rodney McKinley was the guest speaker at the honors banquet. Next year's conference will be in Omaha, Nebraska.

### Division 89 Annual Award Winners

- Division 89 Member of the Year - MSgt Michael Mooney (985)
- Division 89 Auxiliary Member of the Year - Helen Hatz (A804)
- Chapter of the Year over 500 Members - Chapter 872, Scott AFB
- Chapter of the Year under 500 Members - Chapter 988, Altus AFB
- Auxiliary Chapter of the Year - Chapter A851, Milwaukee WI
- Chapter Newsletter fo the Year - Chapter 985, Tinker AFB
- Auxiliary Newsletter of the Year - Chapter A804, Kansas City MO
- Chapter Community Service Award - Chapter 872, Scott AFB
- Auxiliary Community Service Award - Chapter A851, Milwaukee WI
- Auxiliary VA Service Award - Barbara Veach, Chapter A804, Kansas City
- Volunteer Service Person Award - MSgt Shannon Midgette, Chapter 872, Scott AFB
- Chapter individual Legislative Award - MSgt (ret) Terry Turner, Chapter 985
- Chapter Legislative Award - Chapter 985, Tinker AFB
- Chapter Website of the Year, Chapter 872, Scott AFB

## Runner Up Awards

- Member of the Year - MSgt Rebecca McNelly, Chapter 972, McConnell AFB
- Auxiliary Member of the Year - Sue Metzger, Chapter A851, Milwaukee WI
- Chapter of the Year over 500 Members - Chapter 985, Tinker AFB
- Auxiliary Chapter of the Year over 125 Members - Chapter A804 Kansas City MO
- Chapter Community Service Award - Chapter 985, Tinker AFB OK
- Auxiliary Community Service award - Chapter A804, Kansas City MO
- Volunteer Service Person Award - Kurt Kundert, Chapter 959, Minot AFB
- Chapter Website of the Year, Chapter 985, Tinker AFB
- Newsletter of the Year - Chapter 872, Scott AFB
- Auxiliary Newsletter of the Year - Chapter A851, Milwaukee WI
- Individual Legislative Award - Dave Bamburg, Chapter 951

## Scholarships

- Shelby Perez, Daughter of CMSgt (ret) Ivan Perez, Chapter 972, McConnell AFB
  - Casandra Thyne, Daughter of MSgt (ret) Micheal Thyne, Chapter 872, Scott AFB
- B. Trustee Michael Bartels provided comprehensive information on professional organization fund-raising opportunities in local area. The 552 is looking for a private org to run a golf tournament on 29 Jun 12. The private org would receive 20% of the funds. Request is tabled for now to review the details. (Item Open-Tabled).
- C. Read motions approved by email/Strategic Planning Meetings to be recorded:
1. The EC voted that the quarterly GM Meeting be allotted \$500 to use toward the event for 2012. The event is held at the Santé Fe Restaurant. VP Michael Mooney made motion, 2d by Trustee Michael Bartels, motion approved. (Item Closed).
  2. On 10 Apr 12, MSgt Dana Reynolds requests an OKC Bombing Memorial Contribution up to \$250.00 an email vote was performed to secure approval. (Item Closed).
- D. Chapter 988 (Altus AFB) Senior Advisor Steve Francis requested we see if any members wanted to personally donate to helping a Past International Auxiliary President Willa Hyde from Kansas City attend the International PAC in Jacksonville, FL. This PAC will be the Auxiliary's last hurrah as a separate organization, she is widowed, elderly and cannot afford to go on her own. Doug Bynum and Don Sullivan have already donated. We have collected/donated \$92.00 from chapter members. If you're interested please place donations the hat provided.(Item Closed).
- E. OKC Bombing Memorial Tree replacement – Across from BX where state flags are located. The tree of life is dead, Trustee Doug Bynum will be getting a free tree to replace the dead one. In need of volunteers to assisted with taking out the old tree and planting the new tree. Trustee Doug Bynam requested a motion to adopt the responsibility of taking care of the memorial. Motion by Historian Tim Ossinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Chis Huckins. Trustee Doug Bynum and Volunteer Coordinator Cody Fondahn will be the POCs, the plan is to clean the memorial on the same schedule as the Air Park Clean-up.(Item Open).
- F. MSgt Jason Oldenburg informed members that a Dorm Clean-up was coming up on 3 May 12 and they are in need of people to assist, contact MSgt Oldenburg to help out.(Item Closed).
- G. TFCU has a new community room, people are more than welcome to go by and use it. The community room is located at the main branch.(Item Closed).

## 7. Closing

- A. Any other new business or comments from around the room:  
Dave Lowe informed the members that a Republican Party Convention in Norman was coming up. Recommended people come out. President Terry Turner recommended people not

wear AFSA shirts if they attend, they should wear business attire. (Item Closed).  
B. REMINDER: Please make sure you sign in on the sheet at the back of the room before you leave.

C. Door Prize Winners:

Dave Lowe/Terry Turner/Denita Sampsell  
Bruce Reno/Derrick Bennett/Jose Magana

With no other business, President Terry Turner motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Chaplain Don Sullivan.  
Meeting adjourned at: 1234 hrs.

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Rachael A Long, Secretary

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Doug Bynum, Trustee