



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2012

Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with President Terry Turner presiding.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: Chaplain Don Sullivan led with the Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance led by: President Terry Turner
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Doug Nelson
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Michelle Herrera

2. Members Present:

Terry Turner	Don Sullivan	Tim Ossinger
Lowell Bynum	James Mitchell	Mary Rokitka
Michelle Herrera	Jeff Echeverry	Lacey Echeverry
Talana Brown	Victor Cordero	Justin Magers
Megan Watt	Doug Nelson	Mike Devenitch
Kevin Vegas	Mike Bartels	James Ergenbright
Lindsey Pritchett	Cody Fondahn	Rachael Long
Stephanie Branscomb	Jordan Lakotas	

3. Special welcome: CMSgt Kevin Vegas, VFW President Mike Devenitch and 2 new attendees. The new attendees introduced themselves.

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Rachael Long reported that the completed June General Membership and July Executive Council meeting minutes were emailed out via our list server and posted at <http://afsa985.org>. Chaplain Don Sullivan briefed that the Quarterly General Membership minutes were also completed and were sent to President Terry Turner for approval. Motion to accept by Chaplain Don Sullivan, 2nd by Historian Tim Ossinger, motion carried. Copies provided in back of the room.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Rokitka provided a comprehensive briefing of the June 2012 Treasurer's Report. Motion to Accept by Historian Tim Ossinger, 2nd by Trustee Lowell Bynum, motion carried.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Chaplain Don Sullivan briefed that the 2012-06 AFSA Team Tinker is completed, approved and President Terry Turner emailed via list server and had posted to website. The Quartely report will be submitted this weekend.
- D. Legislative:** President Terry Turner reported that the report has been sent out via our list server, also he briefed highlights of the report and the availability of CAPWIZ to contact congressional leaders.
- E. Activities and Programs:** Trustee Lowell Bynum reported that the POW/MIA coins he has for sale are \$10.00 each; he gave 1 away at the Quarterly General Membership meeting. He also briefed the Tinker Air Park has put a bid out to redo the park. More information to come.

F. Airman Activities Coordinators: Cody Fondahn reported as follows:

1. 18 Volunteers for June, 39 Total Hours of Community Service

2. Volunteer activities and totals:

- a. 9 Volunteer for the Tinker Air Park/Memorial Clean-up
- b. 6 Volunteers for Will Rogers Garden Exhibition
- c. 3 Volunteers for VA Bingo Night

3. New events for July:

- a. Will Rogers Gardens – TBD
- b. VA Bingo Night – July 16
- c. Airpark/Memorial Cleanup – July 27
- d. Military Welcome Center – Every Saturday
- e. Latte Lounge-Every Weekend

G. Membership: President Terry Turner for Vice President Michael Mooney (TDY):

1. New Members: 17 new members were recruited in June 2012 with 130 new members recruited in 2012 YTD from 5 recruiters. As of June 30, 2012 the chapter had a total strength of 1,766 active members with 1,642 active members and 122 lapsed members.

2. Recruiting Opportunities:

a. **The next FTAC opportunities are:** July 10 and July 24 at 1250-1335

b. **Other recruiting opportunities are:**

c. **Membership Drives:** Aug-Sep

3. Renewal/Retentions: President Terry Turner for Vice President Michael Mooney reported 1 renewal in June with 22 YTD from 1 retainer.

4. Lapsed Member Roster: President Terry Turner for Vice President Michael Mooney reported we have 122 members on lapse listing and will be worked aggressively. 117 of 122 had been contacted by email for 96% contact rate.

5. Bad Address List: Trustee Lowell Bynum reported that he contacted 13 of 13 members; 12 members remain on Bad Address List.

H. Communications: President Terry Turner reported for Communications Chair Lisa Muth (TDY), there is no activity at this time.

I. Awards: President Terry Turner reported:

1. June presentations that we support:

- a. JEC Supervisory Award for 2nd quarter 2012 – Presentation date TBA, we now have the name of the winner.
- b. Base Quarterly Awards for 2Q12, 3 August 2012/1100
- c. ALS Levitow Award – 28 Jun 2012

J. Web Site: Don Sullivan reported for Webmaster Lisa Muth; we had 233 unique visitors in June 2012. E-mail list server distribution had 3,776 subscribers at the end of June 2012. Total unique visitors for 2012 YTD are 1,374.

5. Old Business:

A. Croaked Oaks AFJROTC: President Terry Turner reported the chapter has collected and distributed 70 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. A1C Shannon

Holland and SrA Alric Schmidt removed insignia, etc. from old ABUs and donated for use by Crooked Oaks AFJROTC High School Cadets. Chapter will look at sponsoring some event for this school late August or September 2012 when school starts. Email president@afsa985.org for more details. **(Item Open)**.

B. Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA). Chapter 985 was accepted as a certifying organization. Our volunteers need to register at 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. Historian/Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger advised he has registered using this tool. President Terry Turner advised all to register their volunteer hours for the 1st and 2nd quarters. President Terry Turner has started reviewing the hours, 8 people so far, 2 of those have already qualified for a bronze award. Keep tracking volunteer hours, the Chapter will report them at the end of the year. Historian Tim Ossinger briefed that volunteerism is a great way to reach out to the community. He recommend people contact AAC Cody Fondahn if they were interested in volunteering at the Welcome Center, it is very rewarding. **(Item Open)**.

C. 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 4 Sep 2012. **(Item Open)**.

6. New Business:

A. International PAC Announcement for August 2012, Jacksonville, Florida, August 11-16, 2012. President Terry Turner sent a full page Chapter 985 Ad for PAC program booklet, cost \$225.00 as budgeted. If you're thinking about going, you need to reserve your hotel room now. To make reservation today. Room rate is \$80. **(Item Open)**.

Hotel Address

Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront
East Coastline Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

For additional assistance please call 888 421 1442

1. Professional Airman's Conference Chapter 985 Delegates. Chaplain Don Sullivan motioned that President Terry Turner serve as our Chief Delegate with VP Michael Mooney our Alternate Chief Delegate, dividing the votes between them at the 2012 AFSA Professional Airmen's Conference (PAC). We know of no others attending at this time. Chapter 985 has 70 votes, the Chief Delegate will have the authority to add delegates and reassign number of votes at the conference site if appropriate. Any remaining surplus numbers will go to the Chief Delegate. Further, the Chief Delegate will cast the votes of any absentee delegate. The Alternate will have and cast the votes in the same manner as stated above in the Chief Delegate's absence. Motion seconded by Historian Tim Ossinger. Motion passed. **(Item Closed)**.

2. Funding for the PAC attendees. Chaplain Don Sullivan motioned to supplement our \$1,000.00 budgeted amount by up to a \$500.00 increase to help offset the cost of lodging, transportation and food expenses for President Terry Turner. VP Michael Mooney is funded and advised the estimated cost to attend is approximately \$1,800.00. We have about \$300.00 left over from the 2012 Division Conference that can be applied first. President Terry Turner will provide receipts to the Treasurer upon completion of trip.

Motion seconded by Historian Time Ossinger. Motion passed. **(Item Closed)**.

- B. AFSA 2nd Quarter Reports:** AFSA's 2nd quarter ends June 30, 2012. We want to submit the required combined Americanism/Activities and Financial Report by July 15, 2012. Timely submission of June AFSA Team Tinker input will help us achieve this date and be appreciated. **(Item Open)**.
- C. Membership Appreciation Night at OKC Girls Roller Derby:** VP Michael Mooney advised he could still get reduced cost on tickets and asked if we were still interested. President Terry Turner said he would send out an email to check interest. **(Item Open)**.
- D. Open Executive Council Positions:** Legislative Chair, Need members for Airman Activities Council/Committee. Rachael Long and Michelle Herrera would like to be on the Airman Activities Council/Committee **(Item Open)**.
- E. Education Grant:** Should be together and sent out by next week. The grant goes back to the beginning of the year for anyone who has attended school this year. **(Item Open)**.
- F. 552 Commander Meeting:** In August with the new WG/CC. **(Item Open)**.
- G. Quarterly GM Meeting Discussion:** There were 12 attendees, trustee Doug Bynum lead the meeting, Chief from 552 and wife attended. They would like to start attending the meetings. Need to e-mail invites. The meeting was very informal, Trustee Doug Bynum gave information on the Chapter and volunteer opportunities and events. **(Item Open)**.

6. *President Turner asks if there is any other new business or comments from around the room*

- A. Chief Vegas's remarks:** Chief Vegas briefed that Rose State is hosting an education expo on 31 July and recommends people attend if they are pursuing their off duty education. He also briefed that as the Dining Facilities are going to be open with new hours offered for service. There are new Career advisors and a new NCOIC over at the AFRC. Feel free to contact them if you have questions. Lastly, 31 Jul 12 is Chief Vegas's last day. He will be moving to the new sustainment center as the Command Chief.
- B. REMINDER:** Please make sure you sign in on the sheet at the back of the room before you leave
- C. Door Prize Winners**

\$5.00 Exchange Gift Cards: Michelle Herrera, Justin Magers, Cody Fondahn, James Ergenbright, Rachael Long, Megan Watt, Jordan Lakatos and Mary Rokitka.

Letter of Appreciation for 2012 Division 89 PAC-1 Man POW/MIA table: CMSgt (Ret) Kevin Terrell

AFSA Chapter 985 President's Excellence Coin: Jordan Lakatos

With no other new business, Trustee Lowell Bynum motioned to adjourn, seconded by Historian/Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger. Meeting adjourned at: 1236 hours.

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Rachael A Long, Secretary

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Terry Turner, President