



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2012

Meeting Convened at 1144 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: Ronda White
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Richard Porter

2. Members Present:

Terry Turner	Don Sullivan	Tim Ossinger
Lowell Bynum	James Mitchell	Mary Rokitka
Mike Bartels	Cody Fondahn	Rachael Long
Stephanie Branscomb	Ronda White	Steven Fletcher
Trenton Otto	Richard Porter	Salvador Uribe
Morris Ned		

3. Special welcome: Karl Wasserleben (TFCU), Edgar Medina (TFCU) and 3 new attendees. The new attendees introduced themselves.

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Rachael Long reported the Jul GM and Aug EC minutes are completed and sent to the membership via our email list server and will posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>. Motion to accept by Historian Tim Ossinger 2nd by Treasure Mary Rokitka, motion carried.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Rokitka provided a comprehensive briefing of the July 2012 Treasurer's Report. Motion to Accept by Trustee Lowell Bynum, 2nd by Historian Tim Ossinger, motion carried.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Chaplain Don Sullivan briefed that the 2012-07 AFSA Team Tinker is Completed and sent to membership via list server and had posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>. 8 Aug 12.
- D. Legislative:** President Terry Turner highlighted some key issues of monthly report that was sent out on 8 Aug 12. See report for details.
- E. Activities and Programs:** Trustee Lowell Bynum reported that the POW/MIA coins he has for sale are \$10.00 each.
- F. Airman Activities Coordinators:** Cody Fondahn reported as follows:
 1. 14 Volunteers for July, 34 Total Hours of Community Service
 - 4 Volunteers for the Military Welcome Center
 - 1 Volunteer for the VA Bingo Night
 - 9 Volunteers for the Tinker Air Park/Memorial Clean-up

2. New events for August

- Tri-Race for the Cure August 4/5
- VA Bingo – 20 August
- Military Welcome Center- Every Saturday
- Airpark/Memorial Cleanup – August 24, 31

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

1. **New Members:** Vice President Michael Mooney reported 12 new members were recruited in July 2012 with 142 new members recruited in 2012 YTD from 5 recruiters. As of July 31, 2012 the chapter had a total strength of 1,736 active members with 1,658 active members and 121 lapsed members.
2. **Recruiting Opportunities:**
 - a. The next FTAC opportunities are: 7 August 2012 at 1250-1335
 - b. Other recruiting opportunities are: 9 Aug 2012; ALS Ice-breaker 1100
 - c. Membership Drives: Ideas are currently being formulated for a membership drive
3. **Renewal/Retentions:** Vice President Michael Mooney reported 2 renewals in July with 26 in 2012 YTD. Year-to-date: 1 SKYhigher (Terry Turner) and no HIGHfliers
4. **Lapsed Member Roster:** President Terry Turner reported we have 78 members on lapse listing and will be worked aggressively. 71 of 78 had been contacted by email for 91% contact rate, 7 unable to be contacted.
5. **Bad Address List:** Trustee Doug Bynum reported that he contacted 11 of 14 members by every means necessary and updated **7 members. 7 members** remain and are deployed or waiting for call.

H. Communications: Trustees Lisa Muth and Don Sullivan

Thunderbird Newsletter (Jan-Apr 2012) has been completed and will be emailed out 10 Aug 12.

I. Awards: President Terry Turner reported:

August presentations that we support:

JEC Supervisory Award for 2nd quarter 2012 – presentation date TBA; ready for pick-up
Base Quarterly Awards 2012, 3 August 2012/1100-Presented Coin, LOA, and free membership to winners.
Base Annual Awards, TBD 2012

J. Web Site: Don Sullivan reported we had 175 unique visitors in July 2012. E-mail list server distribution had 3,774 subscribers at the end of July 2012. Total unique visitors for 2012 YTD are 1,552.

5. Old Business:

- A. **Croaked Oaks AFJROTC:** Trustee Bruce Reno reported that he will be donating old uniforms and boots to support HS AFRTTOCT program. **Collected 35 lbs of DCU uniforms from Bruce Reno.** Collections will be on-going. The school is in need of any combination uniforms you may have. Chapter will look at sponsoring some event for this school late August or September 2012. 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. Keep tracking volunteer hours, the Chapter will report them at the end of the year. **(Item Open).**

C. Strategic Planning-Goals, Objectives, Committee assignments, Training, etc: EC currently working on smart books with estimated completion date of 1 Sept 2012. **(Item Open).**

D. 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. At the Conference, President Terry Turner will be competing for Individual Legislative member of the year, Vice President will be competing for individual member of the year, and Chapter 985 will be competing for Legislative Field of the year. **(Item Open).**

E. AFSA 2nd Quarter Reports: AFSA's 2nd quarter ended President Terry Turner emailed the new combined quarterly AFSA Activities/Americanism & Financial (AAF) Report for 2nd quarter CY2012 to Division President Dale Lutzen to forward to AFSA; to Debra Kirby, 72FSS/FSRO for our PO folder; and to Historian Timothy Ossinger for our chapter file on July 17, 2012. **(Item Closed).**

F. Membership Appreciation Night at OKC Girls Roller Derby: VP Michael Mooney received 30 tickets at \$10.00 each for a total of \$300.00 for the 18 August 2012 show. Children under 12 are free. President Terry Turner handed out tickets to all attendees interested during meeting. **(Item Open).**

G. 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. President Terry Turner thinks there is another person interested, and will get the name from Airman Activity Coordinator Cody Fondahn. **(Item Open).**

A1C Shannon Holland
A1C Michelle Herrera
James Mitchell

H. Education Grant: Will be sent out by Sunday 5 August 2012 and will be due by 21 August 2012. The grant goes back to the beginning of the year for anyone who has attended school this year. **(Item Open).**

I. 552 Commander Meeting: In August with the new WG/CC. **(Item Open).**

J. 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 Closed).**

6. New Business:

A. Chief Vegas going away donation request of \$100.00 and an additional \$150.00 for some type

going away gift from the chapter, for a total approval of \$250.00, Trustee Bruce Reno motioned for the increase, and Vice President Michael Mooney seconded, motioned carried. **(Item Open)**.

B. 72 ABW Command Chief Welcome Reception- President Terry Turner suggested that a combination reception be held for both the 72 ABW and the 507th CCMs. The amount proposed is \$750.00. Trustee Doug Bynum is finding out who the new is the new 507th Chief. **(Item Open)**.

C. Annual Gift Wrap Paper Work- Trustee MSgt Bruce Reno is working on the paperwork, and will submit to President Terry Turner for approval. **(Item Open)**.

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

A. Trustee Doug Bynum provided information about services from the legal office website. On the Tinker Home Page right side select "Legal Assistance" You may fill out an online legal worksheet prior to your visit to the legal office for expedited service, although this is not required prior to your visit. Worksheet topics include wills, advance medical directives, and powers of attorney. Please note that no legal documents can be printed from this website - you are required to visit the nearest Air Force legal office to obtain your legal document. Only Air Force legal offices have access to the data you enter here, and data you enter is deleted after 90 days. After you fill out it will give you a control number so you can go back and visit and make changes before your visit. You can even email your worksheet to yourself or spouse.

B. President Terry Turner also urged everyone one to fill out the questionnaires that we e-mailed out so that they can be taken to the International Professional Airman's Conference. Filling the questionnaires allow issues to be brought up and discussed during the Conference.

C. REMINDER: Please make sure you sign in on the sheet at the back of the room before you leave

D. Door Prize Winners

\$5.00 Exchange Gift Cards: Cody Fondahn, Trenton Otto, Richard Porter, Salvador Uribe, Morris Ned, Stephanie Branscomb, Mary Rokitka & Steven Fletcher.

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

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Rachael A Long, Secretary

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Terry Turner, President