



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

13 September 2012

Meeting Convened at 1136 hours with Vice President Michael Mooney presiding.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: Chaplain Don Sullivan led with the Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Vice President Michael Mooney
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: TSgt Michelle Wilkes
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: A1C Michelle Herrera

2. Members Present:

Terry Turner	Don Sullivan	Tim Ossinger
James Mitchell	Mary Rokitka	Mike Bartels
Rachael Long	Michael Mooney	Derick Heflin
Brett Diaz	Owen Reed-Aguilar	Greg Reyes
Rosita Grubbs	Chris Ludstrom	James Mogren
Bruce Reno	Latonya Reno	Michelle Wilkes
Michelle Herrera	Jonathan Bennett	Lisa Muth
Michael Rutledge		

3. **Special welcome:** 4 new attendees. The new attendees introduced themselves.

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Rachael Long reported the Aug GM and Sep 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 Treasure Mary Rokitka 2nd by Historian Tim Ossinger, motion carried.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Rokitka provided a comprehensive briefing of the July 2012 Treasurer's Report. Motion to Accept by Webmaster Lisa Muth, 2nd by Chaplain Don Sullivan, motion carried.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Chaplain Don Sullivan briefed that the 2012-08 AFSA Team Tinker is completed and was sent out this morning to membership via list server and had posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>.
- D. Legislative:** President Terry Turner highlighted some key issues of monthly report that was sent out. See report for details.
- E. Activities and Programs:** No update.
- F. Airman Activities Coordinators:** Vice President Michael Mooney reported for Cody Fondahn as follows:
 1. 38 Volunteers for August; 98 Total Hours of Community Service
 - 14 Volunteers for the Military Welcome Center
 - 5 Volunteers for the VA Bingo Night

- 1 Volunteer for the Tri-Race for the Cure
- 3 Volunteers for the AIDS Walk Poster Distribution
- 15 Volunteers for the Tinker Air Park/Memorial Clean-up
- 2. New events for September
 - Walk to Cure Diabetes – Sep 8
 - VA Bingo – Sep 17
 - Military Welcome Center- Every Saturday
 - Special Olympics – Sep 20-23
 - AIDS Walk – Sep 23
 - Airpark/Memorial Cleanup – Sep 28
- 3. AAC Cody Fondahn held an Airmen Activities Council Committee Meeting September 5, 2012 - 4 attendees. Committee objectives and volunteer opportunities were discussed, defined. The committee will help with the cookout for dormitory residents scheduled for September 28, 2012. (See new business for funding approved to support cookout for our dorm Airmen).

G. Membership: Vice President Michael Mooney:

- 1. **New Members:** Vice President Michael Mooney reported 57 new members were recruited in August 2012 with 200 new members recruited in 2012 YTD from 7 recruiters. As of August 31, 2012 the chapter had a total strength of 1,710 active members with 1,664 active members and 46 lapsed members.
- 2. **Recruiting Opportunities:**
 - a. **The next FTAC opportunities are:** 18 & 25 Sep 2012, 1250-1335
 - b. ALS Class 12G, 21Sep – 25Oct, Briefing TBD
 - c. SNCOPES, 12 Sep, 1130-1200
 - d. **Other recruiting opportunities are:**
 - e. **Membership Drives: TBD**
- 3. **Renewal/Retentions:** 0 renewals in August with 26 in 2012 YTD from 2 retainers.
- 4. **Lapsed Member Roster:** We have 21 members on lapse listing and will be worked aggressively. 41 of 46 had been contacted by email for 89% contact rate, unable to be contact 5.
- 5. **Bad Address List:** Trustee Doug Bynum reported that he contacted 2 of 23 members by every means necessary and updated 2 members. 21 members remain.
- 6. **Briefing slides:** VP Michael Mooney has updated the slides. He is not satisfied with how dim the data appears on the projector screen and will correct that for a better visual.
- 7. We currently have 1 SKYhigher (Terry Turner) and 0 HIGHfliers.

H. Communications: Trustees Lisa Muth and Don Sullivan Thunderbird Newsletter (May-Aug 2012) is being compiled and all inputs will be appreciated. Lisa Muth also briefed that we need volunteers to write articles for the newsletter. Contact Lisa if you have an article you would like to submit.

I. Awards: Vice President Michael Mooney reported:
September presentations that we support:
 JEC Supervisory Award for 2nd quarter 2012 – presentation date TBA

J. Web Site: Don Sullivan reported we had 162 unique visitors in August 2012. E-mail list server distribution had 3,781 subscribers at the end of August 2012. Total unique visitors for 2012 YTD are 1,717.

5. Old Business:

- A. Crooked Oaks AFJROTC:** President Terry Turner reported the chapter has collected and distributed 105lbs of ABUs/DCUs/Flight Suits to support HS AFJROTC program (includes 35lbs DCUs donated by Bruce Reno in August). The school is in need of any combination uniforms you may have. Collections will be on-going. President Terry Turner will contact the school to discuss the Chapter sponsoring some event for them in late September or October 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. President Terry Turner will request letter from President Obama, and purchase certificates and pins. Chaplain Don Sullivan motioned for \$50.00 for this event, Tim Ossinger seconded. Motion passed. **(Item Open)**.
- C. Strategic Planning-Goals, Objectives, Committee assignments, Training, etc:** EC currently working on smart books with estimated completion date of 1 December 2012. **(Item Open)**.
- D. International PAC Announcement for August 2012, Jacksonville, Florida, August 11-16, 2012.** President Terry Turner competing for International Individual Legislative of the Year Award, Vice President Michael Mooney competed for International Member of the Year, and Chapter 985 competed for International Chapter Legislative of the year. President Terry Turner and Chapter 985 won the two awards they were competing for. **(Item Closed)**.
- E. 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; 5 additional tickets were donated. Children under 12 are free. President Terry Turner handed out tickets to all attendees interested during August 9 General Membership meeting. 35 members attended this event and had a great time. **(Item Closed)**.
- F. Open Executive Council Positions:** Still need a Legislative Chair; we have 4 members on the Airman Activities Council Committee. If you're interesting in serving on any committee, let President Terry Turner know. **(Item Open)**.
- G. Education Grant:** President Terry Turner emailed out 5 Aug 2012....Due by 1800 Aug 21, 2012. The grant goes back to the beginning of the year for anyone who has attended school this year. We only had 2 submissions, which were recognized. The Executive Council determined to send out again for more participation. It was discussed to expand the grant out to spouses and family members. Tabled at this time. It was agreed that the advertisement for the grant would be revised and sent out again. **(Item Open)**.
- H. 552 Commander Meeting:** The Commander and CMSgt Compton have been TDY lots. VP Michael Mooney will seek to schedule meeting, tentatively for October 18, 2012. **(Item Open)**
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- I. Chief Vegas going away.** We received a donation request for \$100.00 to assist with "come and go reception." Chapter members wanted to also give him some memento for his outstanding support to the chapter. Trustee Bruce Reno motioned to approve the \$100.00 plus an additional \$150.00 for

some type going away gift for a total approval of \$250.00, Vice President Michael Mooney seconded, motioned carried at the August General Membership meeting. President Terry Turner presented him with AFSA cups and glasses sets at the ceremony on August 17, 2012; items cost \$48.00. **(Item Closed)**.

J. 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 approved for this was \$750.00. Trustee Michael Bartels is checking with staffs for convenient dates to schedule. **(Item Open)**.

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

6. New Business:

A. CMSgt (Ret) James Lokovic Visit, September 11-12, 2012: Chief Lokovic is AFSA's Vice Chairman of the International Legislative Committee, and was AFSA's Chief Lobbyist for 13 years. His transportation is funded by Vance AFB and he agreed to come early and present some legislative briefings to Tinker personnel. He will arrive 2:40PM, September 11th and depart Tinker for Vance at noon, September 12th. President Terry Turner will schedule briefings and prepare agenda. Treasurer Mary Rokitka motioned for up to \$250.00 for one night's lodging and other incidental expenses while at Tinker, VP Michael Mooney seconded, motion passed.

September 12th CMSgt (Ret) Lokovic briefed 19 attendees at two morning open forum meetings and 55 attendees at SNCOPME. Personnel from Vance AFB picked him up at 1245 hours and he departed Tinker. 6 new members joined from the SNCOPME class. Vance AFB paid Chief Lokovic's transportation, our chapter paid for one night's lodging and dinner. Total cost for visit was \$249.00 (\$92.00 lodging, \$105.00 dinner and \$52.00 snacks). **(Item Closed)**.

B. Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Shawnee: President Terry Turner has the certificate, bar ribbon and medal for the AFSA CAP Award for a worthy cadet at the Shawnee, OK CAP Squadron. Trustee Michael Bartels will present the award on behalf of the chapter. The following information applies: **(Item Closed)**.

Location: Gordon Cooper Technology Center, Shawnee OK
Room: Either I-10, I-90 or I-95
Date: Tuesday, 18 Sep 2012
Time: 1815 Showtime
Cadet: Cadet John Massey Jr.
Medal/Certificate: Terry Turner has

CAP POC: Mr. Farrow's Civil Air Patrol Squadron is in Shawnee, OK and his telephone number is 405-365-5010. Their mailing address is PO Box 35, Shawnee, OK 74802

C. 507 ARW Family Day, September 8, 2012, 1100-1530

President Terry Turner, Trustee Michael Bartels and member Christina Lindstrom manned an information/recruiting booth at the 507th Air Refueling Wing Annual Family Day. Critical information on AFSA current legislative platform affecting Air Force Total Force Reserve benefits, and AFSA's role in promoting and protecting earned benefits and how to use CAPWIZ was explained via one-on-one discussions with Reservists (over 600 attendees). Resulted in 4 new members. **(Item Closed)**.

D. Chapter 985 Elections/Installation of Officers (985 Standing Rule 2012-4): President Terry Turner submitted a Talking Paper to the International Executive Council through Division 89

President Dale Lutzen to change the language in AFSA Manual 100-2 permitting installation of officers up to 90 days after elections or appointments instead of the current 30 days now specified. The following recommendation was submitted:

1. **REFERENCE:** AFSA Manual 100-2, Principle 6, Section 10 - Elected or appointed officers "SHALL" assume office no later than thirty (30) days following the general membership meeting at which they were elected or appointed.
2. **BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:**
 - a. Action plans/operations at large, productive, active duty chapters are too complex to educate and develop a new president within 30 days from his/her election. Thirty days is insufficient to encompass the vast scope of local activities without even considering division and AFSA applications and requirements, such as reports, etc.
 - b. Like any over business, an adequate transition period is necessary and advantageous to insure the person occupying the top leadership role is ready to perform at this level. The most effective way to do this is functioning side-by-side with the presiding chapter president until he/she is comfortable, confident, and knowledgeable.
 - c. Elections are unpredictable; thus mentoring a preferred candidate in advance may result in an unsatisfactory outcome if he/she is not elected. Then the intended continuity is disrupted and productivity suffers for 2 or 3 months until the president-elect can get on board.
3. **RECOMMENDATION:**
 - a. Preferred option. Change Section 10 to read "shall assume office no later than 90 days following election or appointment." This is a more realistic break-in period to prepare someone for such an important office.
 - b. Alternate option. Change Section 10 language to read "should to replace shall." Local standing rules could then be issued by chapters needing more time to effect the appropriate 90 day transition period.

The AFSA International Executive Council agreed and approved option 3a. Chapter 985 currently holds elections in January and installs new officers in February each year. We need to decide which months we want to hold our functions in to gain the best training advantage/opportunity. Chaplain Don Sullivan motioned to change elections to November with of new council in February, 2nd by Webmaster Lisa Muth, motion passed. **(Item Open).**

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

- A. REMINDER: Please make sure you sign in on the sheet at the back of the room before you leave
- B. Door Prize Winners

\$5.00 Exchange Gift Cards: James Mogren, Historian Tim Ossinger, Jonathan Bennett, Owen Reed-Aguilar, Greg Reyes, Lisa Muth, and Michael Rutledger.

With no other new business, Webmaster Lisa Muth motioned to adjourn, seconded by Historian Tim Ossinger. Meeting adjourned at: 1240 hours.

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Rachael A Long, Secretary

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Terry Turner, President