



Air Force Sergeants Association
Thunderbird Chapter 985
<http://afsa985.org/>
General Membership Quarterly Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2012



1. Our 3rd Quarterly General Membership Meeting convened at 1730 hours at the Midwest City Santa Fe Steakhouse with President Terry Turner presiding.
2. The purpose of a quarterly general membership (GM) meeting is to attract members that are unable to attend our monthly meetings, yet want to engage in/meet other members for possible future involvement. Therefore, this meeting is conducted in a more social/informational setting that permits more visitations while attendees eat dinner. Thus, no voting will be accomplished and a quorum is not necessary. Any issues requiring a vote will be addressed to the next Executive Council and General Membership meets.
3. 10 Attendees (attendance was light because of base commitments to end of fiscal year duties and upcoming exercise).

President Terry Turner, MSgt (Ret)

Trustee Lowell "Doug" Bynum, SMSgt (Ret)

Historian/Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger, CMSgt (Ret) ger

Chaplain Don Sullivan, SMSgt (Ret)

Lifetime Trustee Michael Devenitch, SMSgt (Ret) and daughter Chintalah Devenitch (Mike is also the VFW Commander for State of Oklahoma)

Trustee LaTonya Reno, MSgt,

Member Michelle Wilkes, TSgt

Webmaster Lisa Muth, Former TSgt; Husband Jonathan Muth, Captain and son Jayden

4. Introductions: President Terry Turner welcomed everyone.
5. Meeting:
 - A. President Terry Turner briefed our chapter website has been corrupted because of hackers. As a result of this activity, it is currently being redesigned. Meanwhile, information is being posted on Facebook and visitors are being redirected there.
 - B. Trustee Doug Bynum briefed that Command CMSgt Kevin Vegas asked us to man an AFSA table at the Inaugural Wounded Warriors - Fairways for Freedom Golf Tournament scheduled at the Gaillardia Country Club in Oklahoma City October 5, 2012. This event is in acknowledgement of the sacrifices made by the men, women and families of the U.S. Military.

Tournament activities will kick off with welcoming festivities for our military, their families, club members and participants in the 18-hole golf tournament that will follow. Each four-man team will join forces with a designated golfer from one of the branches of the military. CMSAF #15 (Ret) Rodney McKinley will be playing. This event is open to our military members and their families...local restaurants will provide food and beverages.

C. The importance of our legislative awareness/involvement was discussed. AFSA's CAPWIZ tool which simplifies the letter writing process in contacting our congressional leaders was lauded by those using it. All were encouraged to use it. President Terry Turner explained it's a quick and most effective tool to contact all of one's appropriate Senators or Representatives by merely inserting the writer's zip code. Letters are already prepared on various issues and just need your mailing information inserted. The letters can be edited to add personal comments to these letters if preferred.

D. Past Vice President/Lifetime Trustee Michael Devenitch discussed we are scheduled for our Annual Spring Dance for Special Needs Adults Roadshow on December 1, 2012. We need volunteers. We don't have a source to get the stuffed animals donated any longer, but Mike has arranged to get them at a discount.

This will be our 8th annual event and our 3rd year to make it a "road trip" to the homes rather than have the residents bused in by their staffs. Last year's project involved 7 volunteers – Homie the Clown (Doug Bynum), C-R-A-Z-Y Bob (Mike Devenitch), Sound Man (Terry Turner), Photographer (Lisa Muth) and Dancers/Helpers (Joanne Compton, Chintalah Devenitch and Brett Karp). Our "road show" visited a home in 4 cities (Del City, Moore, Guthrie and Okarche, Oklahoma) traveling a total of 535 miles with 3 POVs and took an 8-hour day to visit the over 200 residents (adults/staff). The residents at each home were given a stuffed animal. The joy of the recipients was priceless – truly a blessing – this is what it's all about!!

E. President Terry Turner briefed our annual Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser at the Base Exchange. It will begin the day after Thanksgiving and run to Christmas Eve. Trustees Bruce and LaTonya Reno will be the POCs this year. The request for approval for appropriate base agencies is prepared and will be submitted next week.

F. President Terry Turner asked if anyone had received a "dun" from AFSA for payment due on the AFSA DVDs mailed unsolicited to members. No one present had. He explained he was contacted by an A1C who had. He will be sending an email to AFSA leadership next week on this topic.

G. Dinner was served and visitation between all continued.

H. President Terry Turner asked for comments or questions from around the room. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 1830 hours.

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Don Sullivan, Acting Secretary

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Terry L. Turner, President