



Air Force Sergeants Association
Thunderbird Chapter 985
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General Membership Meeting Minutes
13 December 2012

Meeting Convened at 1138 hours with President Terry Turner presiding.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: Jeremy Heinz led with the Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance led by: President Terry Turner
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Rich Porter
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Adam Hubregtse

2. Members Present:

Terry Turner	Don Sullivan	Michelle Herrera
Doug Bynum	Mary Rokitka	Eric Mijangos
Derrick Heflin	Michael Bartels	Christopher Parker
Jonathan Midkiff	Rafe Holmes	Kevin Terrell
Darcy Kiefer	Zach Merkl	Jeff Echeverry
Rich Porter	Adam Hubregtse	Regina Hubregtse
Bradley Benham	Heather Panepinto	Jeremy Heinz

3. Special welcome: CMSgt Brian Lavoie, Sarah Dron (FNB), Michelle Devinney (FNB) and 8 new attendees. The new attendees introduced themselves.

4. Reports:

- A. **Secretary's Report:** Michelle Herrera reported for Secretary Rachael Long who was unable to attend; the November General Membership (GM) and December Executive Council (EC) minutes are completed and sent to the membership via our email list server and will posted to our website <http://afsa985.org> in a few days once the website is fixed. Motion to accept by Trustee Doug Bynum 2nd by Treasurer Mary Rokitka, motion carried.
- B. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Rokitka provided a comprehensive briefing of the November 2012 Treasurer's Report. Motion to Accept by Trustee Doug Bynum, 2nd by Rich Porter, motion carried.
- C. **Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Chaplain Don Sullivan briefed that the 2012-11 AFSA Team Tinker is completed and went out on the server and posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>.
- D. **Legislative:** President Terry Turner briefed a summary of the Chapter December Legislative report and went out on the server and posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>.
- E. **Activities and Programs:** Trustee Doug Bynum briefed that there are 35 POW/MIA Coins left for sale; \$10 each. Contact him if you would like to purchase a coin. He also briefed to put a hold on the discussion of holiday card and Halloween party until closer to the end of next year.
- F. **Airman Activities Coordinators:** President Terry Turner reported for AAC Cody Fondahn as follows:

1. 29 Volunteers for November, 113 Total Hours of Community Service
 - 1 Volunteer for the Military Welcome Center
 - 10 Volunteers for the VA Bingo Night
 - 5 Volunteers for the OU Game Security
 - 9 Volunteers for the Veteran's day Parade
 - 2 Volunteers for the Tinker Air Park/Memorial Clean-up
 - 2 Volunteers for the Make a Wish at North Norman High School
2. New events for December:
 - AFSA Gift Wrapping – Dec 1-24
 - VA Bingo – Dec 17
 - Military Welcome Center – Every Weekend
 - Airpark/Memorial Cleanup – Dec 28

G. Membership: President Terry Turner for Vice President Michael Mooney:

1. New Members: 25 new members were recruited in November 2012 with 339 new members recruited in 2012 YTD from 9 recruiters. As of November 31, 2012 the chapter had a total strength of 1,670 members with 1,624 active members and 46 lapsed members.
2. Recruiting Opportunities:
 - a. The next FTAC opportunities are: 11 Dec 12, 1250-1335
 - b. Other recruiting opportunities are:
 - c. Membership Drives: None scheduled at this time.
3. Renewal/Retentions: Vice President Michael Mooney reported: 5 renewals in September with 39 in 2012 YTD.
4. Lapsed Member Roster: Vice President Michael Mooney reported contact was ongoing and no additional updates.
5. Bad Address List: Trustee Doug Bynum reported that he cleared the list in October and it still remains at 0. He has contacted 259 year-to-date and either updated their profiles, removed them if deceased, transferred to other chapters, or removed after exhaustive search to locate.
6. Briefing slides: Vice President Michael Mooney has updated the briefing slides.
7. We currently have 3 SKYhigher (Terry Turner, Hilda Findley and Lowell Bynum) and 0 HIGHfliers.

H. Communications: Chaplain Don Sullivan:

Thunderbird Newsletter (Sep-Dec 2012) is being compiled and all inputs will be appreciated. President Terry Turner also briefed that we need volunteers to write article for the newsletter. Contact President Terry Turner if you have an article you would like to submit. Deadline December 27th.

- I. Awards: President Terry Turner reported: he attended the JEC Meeting 11 Dec 2012, where they announced the Supervisory award to TSgt Randall Blackburn, from the 72 CPTS.

- J. Web Site: Don Sullivan reported we had 241 unique visitors in November 2012. E-mail list server distribution had 3,826 subscribers at the end of November 2012. Total unique visitors for 2012 YTD are 2,374.

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. A moral event for the students at Cooked Oaks has been set for 14 Dec 12 at Heyday in Norman. We will buy pizzas, get tokens and play laser tag. The cost is \$7 per person for pizza and \$20 per person for 100 tokens. A motion at a prior meeting was made by Historian Tim Ossinger, seconded by Vice President Michael Mooney and approved for up to \$600 for the event. Derick Heflin will be bringing shirts to give out to the AFJROTC students during the event. (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. A prior motion of \$50.00 has been approved for these purchases. Volunteer hours need to be input NLT 30 Dec 2012. Annual awards will be announced in Feb. (Item Open).
- C. **Strategic Planning-Goals, Objectives, Committee assignments, Training, etc.** EC currently working on smart books with estimated completion date of 31 December 2012. We will discuss the goals and objectives with the 2013 council at the New Year. A lot of new members coming along. (Item Open).
- D. **72 ABW Command Chief Welcome Reception/Angel Tree Gifts.** The Command Chief approved the cancellation of the reception and the chapter motioned to do Angel Tree donation instead, with a donation of \$500 to support 7 families. Historian Timothy Ossinger motioned, Secretary Rachael Long second, motion, motion passed. Michelle Herrera and Secretary Rachael Long purchased gifts for 7 families on 9 Dec 12. President Terry Turner presented Michelle Herrera a Presidential Excellence coin for great job supporting the Angel Tree and unable to attend Secretary Rachael Long will be presented at a later date. (Item Open).
- E. **Annual Gift Wrap Paper Work.** President Terry Turner briefed the approved event is going well, slots are still available, many volunteers needed for the slots closer to Christmas. Times are from 0900-2100. (Item Open).
- F. **AFSA Promotional Items.** President Terry Turner for Trustee Mike Bartels briefed should be ready by 14 Dec 2012. Previous motion was approved up to \$200 for up to \$200 to purchase new promotional items to represent the chapter such as a flag and/or table cloth, etc. Prior motion passed at October GM meeting. (Item Open).
- G. **Spring Burger Burn.** The Chapter would like to host a burger burn in the spring for members to come out have some fun and take a chapter photo. The chapter would like to host the burger burn around May/June 2013. Trying for 1000's of members to be in picture. (Item Open).
- H. **4th Quarter General Membership Meeting.** The meeting will be held on 13 Dec 12 at 1700 at the Santa Fe Restaurant in Midwest City. Have \$200.00 to give out in prizes. (Item Open).
- I. **Appointed Council Positions.** President Terry Turner will make Appointments at another time for the remaining positions. Elected/appointed officers will be installed within 90 days per AFSA Manual 100-2, tentatively scheduled for our February 14, 2013 General Membership/Annual Awards Meeting. (Item Open).

6. New Business:

- A. 3rd Annual Protocol Dinner: Trustee Doug Bynum briefed that on 5 Dec 12, the third annual Protocol Dinner was held at the Tinker Club. The event was attended by 30 military couples to learn more about the world of protocol. There was welcoming remarks from Ms. Lori Vegas the host of the event. Presentation of Colors, National Anthem, Invocation/ POW/MIA Ceremony followed by a evening of dinning and training on protocol. There were quest speakers from First Sergeants, Senior NCO's, Junior Officers and community leaders. After each training which was done on official ceremonies, social functions, customs and much more it was followed by a fashion show of does and don's. Each person that attended was given a 49 page "Protocol Handbook" which details every aspect of the military way of life for new spouses and old as well. The guest speaker was Captain (O-6) John Patrick Keilty, United States Navy. His speech was uplifting and informational on the role of the military spouse. The program gave top honor to the Air Force Sergeants Association for their support. (Item Open).
- B. Halloween Party in 2013: The Chapter would like to host a Halloween party at the Club next year that would be free for members to attend, non member can attend but pay for tickets. We will re-open this item in the fall of 2013. (Item Closed).
- C. AFSA Holiday Card: The chapter would like to put together an AFSA Christmas card for next year to display on Arnold Street. We will re-open this item in the 2013. (Item Closed).
- D. FTAC Briefer Training: Trustee Doug Bynum would like to start training a few members to brief the 2013 FTAC sessions. If anyone is interested in briefing, please contact Trustee Doug Bynum. (Item Open).
- E. 2013 Budget Discussion: The council discussed and adjusted the budget for 2013 to include additional special projects (AFJROTC Events, Dorm Support, etc.) Trustee Mike Bartels motioned to approve, 2nd by Trustee Doug Bynum, motion carried. (Item Closed).
- F. Dorm Council Holiday Party: Michelle Herrera asked for support from the chapter for the Dorm Council Holiday Party in the amount of up to \$100.00 Chaplain Don Sullivan Motioned, Trustee Doug Bynum Second, and motion passed. (Item Closed).
- G. Electronic Motions Since Previous G M Meeting:
- Below are the approved/disapproved electronic votes/ status
\$150.00 to Regional Food Back- \$50.00, motion passed
\$150.00 to AFRC Tinker Family Readiness Fund; Food Pantry- \$50.00, motion passed; \$50.00 Through CFC \$100.00 direct
\$100.00 MWC Food Pantry- motion passed
\$500.00 1st Sgt Appreciation Day Event- Motion died due to never receiving a second motion
\$300.00 Enlisted Spouse Group Protocol Dinner/ Training Booklet Support- \$127.00 was spent, motion passed. (Items Closed).
- H. Infant Crisis Center or Regional food Bank Volunteer Opportunity: Victor Cordero suggested AFSA should perform a special project with Infant Crisis Center or Regional Food Bank on the 21 Dec 2012 in the afternoon. AAC Cody Fondahn will investigate and send out for volunteers via the e-mail listing. Trying to get 50 volunteers to help. (Item Open).

I. **Achievement and Recognition:** These members are being awarded to show our appreciation for all they have done for The Chapter. Michelle Herrera was presented the Chapter President's Coin of Excellence by President Terry Turner for her contributions. Kim Savidge was presented a "Memories" plaque as a thank you for her support and coined for excellence. President Terry Turner was awarded one plaque commemorating all three levels of competition for Chapter, Division 89 and AFSA International Member of the Year for 2009. (Item Closed).

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

- A. Chaplain Don Sullivan informed The Chapter that Div 89 President, Dale Lutzen will be coming to Oklahoma. Chaplain Don Sullivan will be picking him up and escorting him to Vance AFB to assist with their elections. If anyone is interested in meeting him please let President Terry Turner know, so we may try and get something set up.
- B. Rich Porter briefed he used AFSA Capwiz for the first time and got 2 responses from his senators. He stated how easy the tool was to use.
- C. President Terry Turner stated it was a pleasure to have CMSgt Brian Lavoie, 72Air Base Wing's Command Chief with us this meeting. He addressed attendees on varied topics, to include volunteerism, service before self and excellence in all we do. President Terry Turner presented him with an AFSA desk flag set, a coffee mug and the chapter's excellence coin.
- D. REMINDER: Please make sure you sign in on the sheet at the back of the room before you leave
- E. Door Prize Winners

Thunder Hat: Regina Hubregtse

Thunder Piggy Bank: Rafe Homles; Bradley Benham

POWMIA Coin: Jonathan Midkiff; Darcy Kiefer

With no other new business, Trustee Doug Bynum motioned to adjourn, seconded by Rich Porter. Meeting adjourned at: 1239 hours.

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Michelle Herrera, Secretary

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Terry Turner, President