



Air Force Sergeants Association
Thunderbird Chapter 985
<http://afsa985.org/>
General Membership Quarterly Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2012



1. Our 4th 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 meetings.
3. 18 Attendees (our highest attendance yet).

President Terry Turner, MSgt (Ret)

Trustee Lowell "Doug" Bynum, SMSgt (Ret) & Spouse Keiko Bynum

Member James Mitchell, MSgt (Ret)

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)

Member Jeremy Heinz, SSgt

Member Derick Heflin, MSgt

Member Adam Hubregtse, TSgt

Member Regina Hubregtse, TSgt

Guest Bryan Tuttle, Lt.

Member James Mogren, SMSgt

Member Eric Mijangos, TSgt

Member Tanya Mijangos, SSgt

Guest Rowen Mijangos, Son

Member Joanne Compton, MSgt (Ret)

Member Richard Porter, TSgt

4. Introductions: President Terry Turner welcomed everyone.
5. Meeting:

A. Member James Mitchell (also of the Retiree Activities Office) briefed on the Retiree Appreciation Day held in June every year. Due to declining attendance, they have been mass mailing advertisements for this event. Our chapter generously donated funds to help defray these expenses in 2012. He doesn't know the strategy for 2013 yet, but anticipates the RAO requesting us to be involved in some way.

B. Trustee Doug Bynum briefed the huge success of the Wounded Warriors – Fairways for Freedom Golf Tournament 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. A golf tournament and dinner to include a silent auction raised over \$230K for our warriors and families. These funds will be used for scholarships, and we had the honor of seeing one presented to a fellow wounded warrior that evening. All branches of the armed forces were present and talked one-on-one with community leaders. A detailed account of this event will be published in our Thunderbird News, Sep-Dec 2012 edition.

C. The importance of our legislative awareness/involvement was discussed. President Terry Turner explained 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. Terry 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. Several present discussed how easy and productive it was because responses are so much faster than the old mail system.

D. Member Joanne Compton briefed on our 8th Annual Spring Dance for Special Needs Adults, and that this is the 3rd year to conduct it as a "Roadshow" and going to the care homes rather than them having to transport their residents to us. Our "road show" visited a home in 4 cities (Del City, Oklahoma City, Guthrie and Okarche, Oklahoma) traveling a total of 400 volunteer miles with 4 POVs and took an 8-hour day to visit the over 350 residents (adults/staff). The same 5 volunteers go every year. It would be nice if some new faces joined this traveling road show next year. It is a thrill and most satisfying to bring joy to so many. See the entire article with photos in the Thunderbird News, Sep-Dec2012 edition.

E. Chaplain Don Sullivan briefed on our monthly/annual AFSA Team Tinker Newsletters and their importance in showcasing our achievements/activities to our members and visiting dignitaries. They are also a great tool for preparing AFSA required reports and awards packages. He explained the process, including the end of the year reports in progress and their due dates.

F. Member Eric Mijangos briefed about the Midwest City Veterans Day Parade held Monday, November 12, 2012. 9 chapter members spent 4 hours braving 40 degree weather to march 3 miles in Midwest City's parade to salute its veterans. These members wore overlaid t-shirts to identify them as AFSA Chapter 985 participants, purchased and waved flags along the route and handed out 10lbs. of candy they purchased for the children. A detailed account with photos will appear in the Thunderbird News, Sep-Dec2012 edition.

G. Past Vice President/Lifetime Trustee Michael Devenitch asked an AFSA History trivia question – who was Benny McGehee? Chaplain Don Sullivan answered, "one of AFSA's founders," which was correct. Mike knew him when stationed in San Antonio and gave a brief BIO of him and his family.

H. President Terry Turner briefed our annual Holiday Gift Wrap Fundraiser at the Base Exchange. It began the day after Thanksgiving and will run through Christmas Eve. It will be extremely busy from now until Christmas Eve. He sends the schedule periodically via our list server. Anyone that can spare a few hours to help in this most important fundraiser, please contact him.

G. Dinner was served and visitation between all continued.

H. President Terry Turner held drawings for door prizes of NBA Thunder memorabilia, Membership Applications, Restaurants and Base Exchange Gift Cards. Michael Devenitch receiving reimbursement from President Terry Turner for his purchase of stuffed animals for residents of the care homes during the traveling road show. The check was donated back to the chapter to apply to the refreshments of the evening.

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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