



Air Force Sergeants Association
Thunderbird Chapter 985
<http://afsa985.org/>
General Membership Quarterly Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2013



1. Our 1st Quarterly General Membership Meeting for 2013 (5th total) convened at 1700 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. President Terry Turner led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. 21 Attendees (counting the children - our highest attendance yet).

President Terry Turner, MSgt (Ret)
Vice President Michael Mooney
Trustee Don Sullivan, SMSgt (Ret)
Historian/Senior Advisor Timothy Ossinger, CMSgt (Ret) and spouse Kathy
Lifetime Trustee Michael Devenitch, SMSgt (Ret) and daughter Chintalah Devenitch (Mike is also the VFW Commander for State of Oklahoma)
Member Michael Ruff, MSgt and spouse Linda (Michael renewed and Linda joined as new member)
Chaplain Jeremy Heinz, SSgt
Trustee Derick Heflin, MSgt
Trustee Brian Brewer
Member Michael Bartels, MSgt (Ret)
Member Eric Mijangos, TSgt
Member Tanya Mijangos, SSgt
Guess Rowen Mijangos, Son
Member Brett Diaz, TSgt
Member Kristy Dalton, SSgt (ROTC), and 3 children

3. Introductions: President Terry Turner welcomed everyone.
4. Meeting:
 - A. President Terry Turner gave a comprehensive briefing of our Treasurer's Report ending February 28, 2013.
 - B. Vice President Michael Mooney briefed that the chapter had prepared and emailed 10 awards packages to our Division 3 Vice President/Awards Chair for competition at the 2013 annual division conference in Council Bluffs, IA on April 11-13, 2013. He explained that 5 of the packages were individual awards and 5 were team awards. Division winners will be

forwarded for AFSA International competition at their annual Professional Airmen's Conference in August 2013 at San Antonio, Texas.

C. President Terry Turner briefed about our humanitarian/outreach and legislative programs. The Airmen Activities Coordinator administers our outreach program helping those in our communities less fortunate than ourselves.

1. Michael Devenitch explained our monthly commitment to help with bingo for residents of the Norman VA Retirement Home, and the next scheduled visit for any that might be interested.

2. Terry also 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. Historian/Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger briefed the schedule and how we help man the Military Welcome Center at Will Rogers World Airport for armed forces personnel in transit. He and spouse Kathy work the center most Saturdays.

E. Trustee Derick Heflin is our POC for the CAP and High School AFJROTC Award's Ceremonies this year. He briefed the project and stated he was looking for volunteers for three CAP units and the 7 local high schools we support. A chapter representative presents a certificate, bar ribbon and medal to a deserving cadet during these ceremonies.

F. Chaplain Jeremy Heinz explained the 3d Combat Communications Group (3rd Herd) timetable for deactivation and various resulting ceremonies. 3rd Herd operated on Tinker AFB from 1957 to 2013. They are in the process of raising funds through donations and corporate partnership to fund these events. The Oklahoma City Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA) is the primary sponsor of these events and funds will channel through them.

E. Trustee 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.

F. Dinner was served and visitation between all continued.

G. President Terry Turner distributed tickets for Chapter Membership Appreciation Night to the OKC NBA Thunder basketball game against the Washington Wizards (game sold out), Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 5:30PM – game starting at 7:00PM.

H. He also held drawings for door prizes of NBA Thunder memorabilia, Bon Jovi Tickets, Restaurants Gift Cards and Base Exchange Gift Cards.

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Santa Fe Steakhouse, Midwest City, OK



H. President Terry Turner asked for comments or questions from around the room. There being none, the meeting was adjourned at 1815 hours.

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Don Sullivan, Acting Secretary

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Terry L. Turner, President