



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

13 June 2013

Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with Vice President Michael Mooney presiding, quorum declared.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: Trustee Don Sullivan led with the Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance led by: President Terry Turner
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: A1C Shelby Platt
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: SRA Michelle Herrera

2. Members Present:

Terry Turner	Michael Mooney	Michael Maynard
Karl Wasserleben	Erica Grissor	James Ergenbright
Rich Porter	Shelby Platt	Kevin Aterrell
Derick Heflin	Jose Magana	Christopher Looney
Garry Cannon	Auttumn Hartepence	Michael Bartels
Dave Lowe	Mary Rokitka	Michelle Herrera
Jessica Nunamann	Brian Lavoie	Don Sullivan
Terry Turner		

3. Special welcome: CMSgt Brian Lavoie, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 72D Air Base Wing. Also 3 new attendees. The new attendees introduced themselves.

4. Reports:

A. Secretary's Report: President Michelle Herrera reported that the May GM Minutes were distributed via our email list server June 10, 2013. The June EC minutes are completed and waiting review and in the process of being sent. All will be posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>. Motion to accept, Treasurer Mary Rokitka, 2nd by Trustee Rich Porter, motion passed.

B. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mary Rokitka reported income, expenses and end of month balances for the month of May. Motion to accept, Jose Magana, 2nd by Trustee Rich Porter, motion passed.

C. Team Tinker/Quarterly: Trustee Don Sullivan briefed that the 2013-04 AFSA Team Tinker was sent via the list server June 11, 2013. May AFSA Team Tinker is awaiting approval and distribution.

D. Legislative: President Terry Turner briefed a summary of the Monthly June 2013 report. See full report for details. For those writing their elected officials via CAPWIZ, please let President Terry Turner and Trustee Don Sullivan know.

E. Activities and Programs: No change -Trustee Lowell Bynum- Group Photo Update for Aug/Sep 2013, AFSA SharePoint, Halloween Party-26 Oct 2013. BBQ in the summertime will start planning soon. Christmas card planning party will meet in July 2013.

F. Airman Activities Coordinator(s): Secretary Michelle Herrera for AAC Rachael Long reported:

- ◆ 59 Volunteers for May, 344 Total Hours of Community Service
- 2 Volunteers for the Military Welcome Center

- 1 Volunteers for Midwest City HS Testing Proctor
- 19 Volunteers for Habitat for Humanity
- 2 Volunteers for Regional Food Bank Donation Pick-up
- 10 Volunteers for the CDC West Book Fair
- 6 Volunteers for Feed the Children
- 2 Volunteers for Regional Food Bank Packaging
- 10 Volunteers for Memorial Flag Placement
- 7 Volunteers for Moore Tornado Clean-up efforts

◆ New events June

- Regional Food Bank Food Packing-TBA
- VA Bingo – 17 June
- Military Welcome Center – Every Weekend
- Run-O-Thon-6-7 June
- Habitat for Humanity- 6 Jun
- Infant Crisis Center- TBA

G. Membership: Vice President Michael Mooney reported

1. **New Members:** VP Michael Mooney reported a membership summary for May 2013 as follow: 18 new members recruited resulting in a total of 82 new members recruited year-to-date from 6 different recruiters; and a total strength of 2032 total members (1916 active and 116 lapsed).
2. **Recruiting Opportunities:**
 - a. **The next FTAC opportunities are:** 4 & 18 June 2013, 1250-1335
 - b. **Other recruiting opportunities are:**
 - c. **Membership Drives:**
3. **Renewal/Retentions:** President Terry Turner reported 1 renewal in May with 17 in 2013 YTD.
4. **Lapsed Member Roster:** President Terry Turner reported we have 116 members on lapse listing and will be worked aggressively. 108 of 116 had been contacted by email for 92 % contact rate.
5. **Bad Address List:** Trustee Doug Bynum advised 81 members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL), due to duty requirements and leave, no contacts were made in May, 81 members still remain.
6. We currently have No SKYhighers and no HIGHfliers

H. Communications: Trustee Don Sullivan reported the Jan-Apr 2013 Thunderbird News is finished and was sent out via the list server 6 June 2013. The May-Aug 2013 edition is being assembled. If you have any submissions, please forward to him and President Terry Turner.

I. Web Site: We had 150 unique visitors and a total of 3,973 list server subscribers to our web site in May. Total unique visitors for 2013 YTD are 918.

2. Old Business:

A. Crooked Oaks AFJROTC. President Terry Turner reported the chapter has collected and distributed 235lbs of ABUs/DCUs/Flight Suits to support HS AFJROTC program. TSgt Vanilla Nixon donated 100lbs of

uniforms/boots. Doug Bynum also donated 20lbs 6 June 2013. Items still being collected so please bring what you can! **(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. Volunteer hours need to be input NLT 31 Dec 2013. **(Item Open)**.
- C. AFSA Promotional Items:** Mike Bartells is still waiting on the banner and flag, to be picked up on Saturday, 15 June, 2013. Due to delay of banner and flag, items may be free or discounted. **(Item Open)**.
- D. Summer 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 in August/September 2013. Trying for 1,000's of members to be in the picture. On hold at the moment trying to find a park to host BBQ. Thinking about Welcome Center Park. **(Item Open)**.
- E. New Ideas to get more members.** Educate on why you should become a member. In next month or two small groups will get together. New idea of recruiting new members at JEC Meetings to reach out to the new airman. Need new ways to get members! **(Item Open)**.
- F. Tornado Victims:** In efforts to help those in need The Chapter motioned a donation of \$500 to give to The Airman and Family Readiness Center. Trustee Doug Bynum motioned, Trustee Rachael Long 2nd motion, discussion, motion passed. President Terry Turner briefed that 20-27 May 2013 at least 7 chapter members donated over 168 hours helping after the devastating tornado tore through the city of Moore, OK. We're sure there are many more members that assisted and did so without providing their contributions. Following are just some of the work performed: (1) aided in salvaging personal items from two houses and demolition of destroyed homes (one survivor was a retired Air Force E-7 that we were able to get his widow's personal belongings out unharmed); (2) cleaned up insulation and other debris; (3) Assisted agencies in taking in 1,000's of donations from around the country and disbursed them to over 11K displaced families; (4) served lunch and dinner to over 700 volunteers working each day to help the survivors; (5) collected, transported and handed out bottled water and gloves to all in the affected area; (6) first responders, pulled people out of their shelters and the rubble, rendering first aid, then came back to clear 5 yards, cut 7 trees off houses, piled debris; (7) donated food and clothes; (8) worked at American Red Cross Warehouse Bulk Distribution Center packaging 100K pounds of supplies for distribution to Oklahoma disaster victims; and (9) 2 Airman also co-wrote and recorded a song called "Helping Hand", and made a youtube video to help support the tornado victims. **(Item Closed)**.
- G. Quarterly Meeting:** Chapter 985 quarterly meeting will be held at Santa Fe on 13 June 2013 at 5:00pm. There will be \$150.00 given out in prizes. **(Item Open)**.

3. New Business:

- A. Proposed Bylaw Changes:** Trustee Don Sullivan briefed Proposed Bylaw changes to be voted on at AFSA Intl PAC, August 2013
- B. Run-O-Thon:** Michelle Herrera, Rachael Long, Douglas Ash, Terry Turner, Rich Porter, Jeremy Heinz, and Brittany Kelley walked a total of 95 laps (23.75 miles) and raised \$948 for this event.
- C. Chapter Education Grants.** President Terry Turner announced he would be emailing applications via

our list server for this program within the next week. Tinker Federal Credit Union partners with the chapter to support continuing education by members. A total of \$2500 is allocated this year and will be granted from \$75 - \$500 amounts depending on number of applicants. **(Item Open)**.

- D. Tinker Family Readiness Fund:** Lena Jackson from the Airman Family and Readiness Center came and briefed at the general membership meeting about the status of collections for our military tornado victims. Right now they are only looking for monetary donations. For those who want to donate just stop by the Airman Family Readiness Center. President Terry Turner presented her with a “Chapter Gold Excellence Coin.”
- E.** A1C Shelby Platt was installed as the new Airman Activities Coordinator (AAC). She will be taking over for Rachael Long as of 13 June 2013.
- F. Letters of Appreciation** were given out to VP Michael Mooney, Trustee Derik Heflin, Brett Diaz, Historian/Senior advisor Timothy Ossinger, Trustee Rich Porter, and Chaplain Jeremy Heinz. Historian/Senior advisor Timothy Ossinger, Brett Diaz, and Chaplain Jeremy Heinz were unable to accept their award at this time but will be presented with them at a later date.
- G.** Member James Ergenbright donated his \$25 giftcard to the Airman Family Readiness Center for tornado relief victims.

7. President Terry Turner asks for any other new business or comments from around the room.

- A.** Any other new business or comments from around the room
- B. REMINDER:** Please make sure you sign in on the sheet at the back of the room before you leave
- C.** Door Prize Winners

Lunch paid for by Chapter – Shelby Platt and Jessica Nunamann
\$25 Gift Card to the BX – James Ergenbright

With no other new business, member Jose Magana motioned to adjourn, seconded by Jessica Nunamann. Meeting adjourned at: 1248 hours.

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Michelle Herrera, Secretary

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Terry Turner, President