



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

12 Dec 2013

Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with President Terry Turner 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: Jose Magana
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Christopher Looney

2. Members Present:

Terry Turner	Latoya Irving	Michael Mooney	Eric Dale	Avery Wooldridge
Brian Brewer	Mary Rokitka	Frederick Schlag	Tim Ossinger	Roger Turnipseed
Michael Mooney	Victor Coredo	Tyron Taylor	Don Sullivan	
Zach Merkl	Will Turner	Victor Cordero	Gary Cannon	
Karl Wasserleben	Erica Grissom	Heather Blaylod	Jose Magana	
Reza Grisson	Joseph Simkins	Christopher Looney	Kevin Terrell	
John Danne	Stein Colombo	James Mitchell	Clayton Moore	
Wendy Frometa	Charity Dice	Ken Sciberras	Mike Davernith	

3. Special welcome: SMSgt Roger Turnipseed, CMSgt Avery Wooldridge

Guest: Karl Wasserleben (TFCU) Erica Grissom (TFCU)

The five new attendees introduced themselves.

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Latoya Irving reported that Nov GM Minutes and Dec EC Minutes were completed. They were distributed via our list server and posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>. Motion to accept, Trustee Don Sullivan 2nd by Member Zach Merkl. Motion passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Rokitka provided a comprehensive briefing of the Nov 2013 Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept, Historian/Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger, 2nd by Member Gary Cannon. Motion passed.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Trustee Don Sullivan briefed that the November AFSA Team Tinker was distributed via our list server this morning and will be posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>.
- D. Legislative:** President Terry Turner briefed the December legislative report.
- E. Activities and Programs:** Vice President Mike Mooney briefed that due to scheduling conflict we are unable to perform the Christmas card planning part this year. We will postpone for next year.
- F. Airman Activities Coordinator(s):** President Terry Turner briefed on behalf of Shelby Platt: Airman Activities Program distributed 6 notices via our list server to over 4,524 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for OKC Regional Food Bank Rock N' Box (0), Midwest City Veterans Parade (13) Veterans Bingo (40), Special Olympics Horse Riding Competition (3), Feeding the Homeless at City Rescue Mission (1), and Salvation Army's Build a Bike (3)

- ◆ 60 Volunteers for August, 197 Total Hours of Community Service
 - 0 Volunteers for the OKC Regional Food Bank's Rock N' Box
 - 13 Volunteers for the Midwest City Veterans Parade
 - 40 Volunteers for the Veterans Bingo
 - 3 Volunteers for Special Olympics Horse Riding Competition
 - 1 Volunteers for City Rescue Mission (Feeding the homeless)
 - 3 Volunteers for Salvation Army's Build a Bike
- ◆ New events for December
 - Military Welcome Center – 7, 14, 21, and the 28th
 - Gift Wrapping at the BX- 29 Nov. – 24 December
 - Annual Holiday Toy Distribution in MWC – 10 December
 - VA Bingo – 16 December
 - Red Andrews Annual Christmas Dinner – 25 December

G. Membership: Vice President Michael Mooney reported a membership summary:

1. **New Members:** November 2013 as follow: 12 new members recruited resulting in a total of 202 new members recruited year-to-date from 11 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,902 total members (1796 active and 106 lapsed)
2. **Recruiting Opportunities:**
 - a. **Membership Drives: TBD**
3. **Renewal/Retentions:** VP Michael Mooney reported 1 renewal in November with 29 in 2013 YTD.
4. **Lapsed Member Roster:** Reported we have 99 of 106 members on the lapsed roster contacted via email for a 93% contact rate.
5. **Bad Address List:** Vice President Mooney advised 32 members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL) due to duty requirements and leave, no contacts were made in May, 32 members still remain. 1 bad address corrected.
6. Year to date Skyhigher is President Terry Turner and no Highfliers thus far.

H. Communications: Trustee Don Sullivan reports that the Sep-Dec Thunderbird News preparation is underway. If you have an article to submit, please send to Don Sullivan ddsullivan@cox.net .

I. Webmaster/Content: We had 1,474 unique visitors and a total of 4,540 list server subscribers to our web site in November. Total unique visitors for 2013 YTD are 13,717.

2. Old Business

A. 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 appointed Trustee Rachael Long to identify and log volunteer hours for chapter members. Volunteer hours need to be input NLT 31 Dec 2013. All members are current as of 10 Oct 2013. All members are current as of All members are current as of 10 Oct 2013. Don Sullivan motioned at December's Executive Council meeting to use up to \$350.00 to purchase materials for this project; pins, certificates, etc. Mike Mooney seconded, motion carried. **(Item Open)**.

B. Chapter Education Grants: President Terry Turner emailed announcement via our list server; resent

with new deadline date. Eric Dale and William Turner were presented a \$250.00 check each by President Terry Turner and Tinker FCU Vice President and Tinker Branch Manager Karl Wasserleben. **(Item Open)**.

- C. Tulsa Quarterly General Membership Meeting (Date, Time, Place, Etc):** President Terry Turner briefed that due to weather the ANG Wing Commander cancelled the meeting. Rescheduling is expected January-March 2014 time frame. **(Item Open)**.
- D. Gift Wrap:** The gift wrap fundraiser is going well. POCs Derick Heflin and Brian Brewer are doing a great job scheduling volunteers. **(Item Open)**.
- E. Annual Roadshow:** Past Vice President Michael Devenitch 9th Annual Christmas/Spring Dance Roadshow has been modified for this year due to driving hazards from the ice and snow and care homes scheduling conflicts. 4 Volunteers visited, performed for the 85 residents at the home closet to the base. Although limited it was a huge success again this year. **(Item Closed)**.
- F. Recruiting:** Trustee Derick Heflin discussed upcoming recruiting improvements to include slide updates, venue changes and updated EC on current recruiting efforts. **(Item Open)**.
- G. AFSA APP:** Div 3 President Lutzen emailed that the AFSA app is now available on Google; and also an Apple app. President Terry Turner sent an announcement of these features and the links to download via our list server. **(Item Open)**.
- H. Elections:** Chapter elections have been rescheduled from November 14th to December 12th general membership meeting because of base inspections. All positions are available. Trustee Don Sullivan, ddsullivan@cox.net & Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger tossinger@cox.net will be the nominating committee. If you are interested in an elected or appointed position please let them know (including current executive council members). The elections will be effected in New Business at this meeting. **(Item Closed)**.
- I. Base Thanksgiving Baskets** First Sergeants are the new POCs. \$150.00 was donated. **(Item Closed)**.
- J. Volunteer Opportunities:** A Christmas dinner event, and weekly Sunday meal volunteer opportunity is available. Great way to get involved, and serve the community. Further information will be sent to President Terry Turner for further distribution. **(Item Open)**.
- K. Chapter T-Shirts:** President Terry Turner explained that chapter t-shirts are needed to identify our volunteers at some functions. Trustee, Brian Brewer previously motioned up to \$300 for the t-shirts, 2nd by, Trustee Derick Heflin, motioned carried. 14 shirts have been received by volunteers, and the remaining shirts are left with President Terry Turner. **(Item Closed)**.
- L. Military Spouses Protocol Dinner:** President Terry Turner solicited an email vote of the Executive Council to fund up to \$300.00 (one time) for printing the training booklet for the Military Spouses Traditions and Protocol Dinner. Each military spouse attendee will receive booklet on the do's and don'ts of military functions (changes of commands, awards and promotion ceremonies, retirements, Dining-outs, etc.). For example: Volunteers will receive hands on training how to set a formal military dinner table without being overwhelmed. These booklets are 48-50 pages with detailed information that can be used for a lifetime by the military spouse. The Tinker Top 3 shared the expenses last year and will partner with us again this year. The vote to support was approved on November 13, 2013. The chapter's portion of \$150.64 was paid 4 December 2013. **(Item Closed)**.

3. New Business:

- A. Angel Tree Program (Electronic Vote):** Our participation in the Angel Tree Program last year was a success in helping the Tinker Children. An email vote was taken to fund up to \$600 (one time) for the project again this year - Motion passed. President Terry Turner briefed we will be able to support 35 children this year. **(Item Closed).**
- B. Welcome Reception 552 ACW Commander Chief:** We will begin the planning stages in late January to provide him with the proper welcome. Invites will be sent out to DV's. **(Item Open).**
- C. President Terry Turner appointed and installed today MSgt Charity Dice** to fill the Trustee vacancy for this term ending February 13, 2014. **(Item Closed).**
- D. PTSD Program:** Great volunteer opportunity to help our returning deployers. More information will be given out for opportunities to participate. **(Item Open).**
- E. Donations approved earlier completed on December 3, 2013 as follows:**
 - (1) \$100.00 donation mailed to Inola, OK High School AFJROTC to support their December Survival Camp and Marksmanship Team.
 - (2) \$200.00 donation delivered to Carl Albert High School AFJROTC to support their Drill Meet And related trophies. **(Item Closed).**
- F. President Terry Turner presented Past Vice President Michael Devenitch, Vice President Michael Mooney and Trustee Brian Brewer with the Chapter Presidential Coin of Excellence for their outstanding contributions. (Item Closed).**

F. Elections:

President Terry Turner

The chapter elections will be our final order of business today. Are there any other Old or New Business before we proceed to elections? There being none, I turn the elections over to Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger:

SA Tim Ossinger

- (1) The 30-day notice of elections in accordance with AFSA Manual 100-2, Principle 6, has been met. Notice was given at the General Membership Meetings October 10, 2013 and November 14, 2013; and emailed via list server October 10 and November 13, 2013. The names, phone numbers and e-mail address of Senior Advisor Tim Ossinger and Trustee Don Sullivan, Nominating Committee Chairpersons were given at those times for members interested in running for office to contact.
- (2) The office of President, Vice President and Three Trustees will be elected this year and are one year terms; except the Vice President which is a 2 year term per Chapter Standing Rule 2013-3.
- (3) AFSA Manual also specifies that all Trustees can be elected or appointed for 1 or 2 year terms. Chapter Standing Rules 2012-3 and 2012-4, as approved by the general membership, specifies we will elect 3 Trustees for 1 year terms and allow the President to appoint two additional Trustees as desired. Standing Rule 2013-4 also states we will use a pre-printed ballot for the trustee positions.

- (4) We can allow limited speeches by each candidate or their representative or not. Motion to eliminate speeches made by Terry Turner, seconded by Gary Cannon. Motion carried.

President Election

- (5) We will now elect the President for a one-year term.
- (6) On the pre-printed ballot, Michael Mooney is the only member indicating he will accept a nomination to run for the position of President on the ballot for AFSA Chapter 985. Michael Mooney, please stand and acknowledge that you still accept this nomination. Acknowledgement made by Michael Mooney.
- (7) Are there any nominations from the floor for the office of President? There being none, A motion to close nominations made by Trustee Don Sullivan, Seconded by Trustee Gary Cannon Motion carried. Trustee Don Sullivan motioned to elect Michael Mooney as chapter President by acclamation Trustee Gary Cannon seconded, motion carried.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: President Michael Mooney

Vice President Election

- (8) We will now elect the Vice President for a two-year term.
- (9) On the pre-printed ballot, Zachary Merkl is the only member indicating he will accept a nomination to run for the position of Vice President on the ballot for AFSA Chapter 985. Zachary Merkl, please stand and acknowledge that you still accept this nomination. Acknowledgement made by Zachary Merkl.
- (10) Are there any nominations from the floor for the office of Vice President? There being none, a motion to close nominations made by Trustee Don Sullivan, Seconded by Trustee Gary Cannon, motion carried. Trustee Don Sullivan motioned to elect Trustee Zachary Merkl as chapter vice president by acclamation, Trustee Gary Cannon seconded, motion carried.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Vice President Zachary Merkl

Trustee Elections

- (11) On the pre-printed ballot, the following individuals have indicated their desire to seek office and have accepted a nomination to run for the positions of Trustee on the ballot for AFSA Chapter 985. Would each of you stand as your name is called so everyone can see who you are: Please indicate that you still accept the nomination:

For the office of Trustee

Richard Porter – Yes

Terry Turner – Yes

Rachael Long – Yes (Attending NCO Academy – confirmed by email)

Eric Dale - Yes

Tyron Taylor - Yes

Charity Dice - Yes

Bianca Locust – yes

Greg Reyes – Unable to attend, but acceptance confirmed.

(12) We will now elect three Trustees from the ballot for a one-year term. Are there any other nominations from the floor for Trustee? There being none, President Terry Turner motioned to close the nominations, seconded by Trustee Don Sullivan, motion carried.

(13) Please circle the three nominees you wish to vote for on the ballot provided. Tim Ossinger and Don Sullivan will pick them up and count the votes and tell us the top three Vote recipients.

(The new President can use the remaining nominees on the ballot to appoint two other Trustees if he/she prefers, or select from some other source).

(14) We have been informed that Terry Turner, Charity Dice and Rachael Long are the nominees that have the most votes. Trustee Gary Cannon motioned to elect the three by acclamation, seconded by Trustee Zach Merkl, motion carried.

CONGRATULATIONS to President Terry Turner, Trustee Charity Dice and Trustee Rachael Long

The elections are now closed and the meeting turned over to the President-Elect if he/she wants to say a few words.

President-Elect Michael Mooney stated we were a great chapter and had great nominees and enough work for all of the candidates. He asked for authority to appoint 5 additional trustees. Terry Turner motioned to permit authority to appoint 7 additional trustees for a total of 10, seconded by Tim Ossinger, motion carried.

(15) President-Elect Michael Mooney made the following appointments for 1 year terms:

Trustee Richard Porter

Trustee Tyron Taylor

Trustee Bianca Locust

Trustee Eric Dale

Trustee Greg Reyes

Secretary Latoya Irving

Treasurer Christopher Looney

Airmen Activities Coordinator Shelby Platt

Historian Don Sullivan

Senior Advisor Terry Turner

Trustee First Sergeant Liaison Brian Brewer

Chaplain and Webmaster and 2 trustees (if needed) will be appointed at a later date.

President-Elect Michael Mooney now turns the program back over to President Terry Turner

4. President Terry Turner reminded to please make sure you sign in on the sheet at the back of the room before you leave.

5. Door Prize Winners:

OKC Thunder Christmas Hat to Latoya Irving,
OKC Thunder Christmas Stocking to Tim Ossinger & Jose Magana
AFSA T-Shirt to Tyron Taylor & Clayton Moore
Thunder T-Shirt to Brian Brewer & Victor Cordero

6. President Terry Turner asked for comments around the room, there being none, Trustee Brian Brewer motioned to adjourn, seconded by Secretary Latoya Irving. Meeting adjourned at: 12:45 hours.

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Latoya Irving, Secretary

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Terry Turner, President