



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

10 Apr 2014

Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with 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 Michael Mooney
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Treasurer Christopher Looney
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Vice President Zach Merkl

2. Members Present:	Terry Turner	Michael Mooney	Latoya Irving	Don Sullivan
	Zach Merkl	Nick Pivrnec	Richard Porter	Mary Rokitka
	Tyron Taylor	Eric Dale	Chris Looney	Tim Ossinger
	Kevin Terrell	Charity Dice	Jose Magana	Roger Turnipseed
	Shakesiha Perkins	Brian Brewer	Bianca Locust	Misty Johnson
	Ibrahim Alabed	Clyde Irving	Linda Irving	

3. Special welcome:

Guest: The new attendees Ibrahim Alabed, Clyde Irving, and Linda Irving introduced themselves. We were glad to have Secretary Latoya Irving's parents with us.

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** President Michael Mooney reported on behalf of Secretary Latoya Irving that the March GM Minutes are completed and posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>. They will be distributed via our list server. Motion to accept Trustee Terry Turner 2nd by Trustee Richard Porter, motioned passed.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Christopher Looney provided a comprehensive briefing of the March 2014 Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept Trustee Mary Rokitka 2nd by Trustee Richard Porter, motioned passed.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Trustee Rachael Long briefed that the March AFSA Team Tinker is completed and posted to our website. Will be distributed via our list server.
- D. Legislative:** Trustee Richard Porter briefed the April legislative report. It was distributed via our list server by President Michael Mooney and will be posted to our website.
- E. Activities and Programs:** Trustee Charity Dice sent the AFJROTC High School Banquet schedule to the Executive Council, which is for 7 schools in the OKC area and Inola HS (Tulsa area). Still need 3 presenters; Trustee Eric Dale will take Edmond North HS on April 25th. Still need presenters for Choctaw and John Marshall HS.
- F. Airman Activities Coordinator(s):** AAC Shelby Platt briefed that the program distributed 6 notices via our list server to over 4,582 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for the City Rescue Mission (8) VA Bingo (13), Regional Food Bank (3), Red Cross (2), TACP 24hr Run (4), the Military Welcome Center (2), and the Oklahoma City Animal Welfare Division (11).

43 Volunteers for March, 137.5 Total Hours of Community Service

8 Volunteers for the City Rescue Mission

13 Volunteers for VA Bingo

3 Volunteers for Regional Food Bank (Pack and Sort)

2 Volunteers for Red Cross Home and Outdoor Show

4 Volunteers for TACP 24 HR Run
2 Volunteers for the Military Welcome Center
11 Volunteers for the OKC Animal Welfare Division

New events for April

Military Welcome Center – 5, 12, 19, and the 26th
Regional Food Bank – 30th
City Rescue Mission – 20th
VA Bingo – 21st
OKC Marathon – 27th

Volunteer opportunities will start being displayed on Facebook for increased awareness.

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

- 1. New Members:** President Michael Mooney briefed a membership summary for March 2014 as follow: 24 new members resulting in a total of 47 new members recruited year-to-date from 10 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,852 total members (1,763 active and 89 lapsed).
- 2. Recruiting Opportunities:**
 - a. Membership Briefings/Drives:**
 - (1) VP Zach Merkl and Trustee Eric Dale will brief ALS on April 15th at 1500 hours.
 - (2) Trustee Reyes is scheduling a recruiting booth for the BX April 21-27th, 1100-1300 hours each day.
 - (3) Need more members willing to be a part of the briefing teams.
 - b. FTAC/NCOPEs/ALS TBD**
- 3. Renewal/Retentions:** 2 members retained in March, with 4 YTD in 2014 from 2 retainers.
- 4. Lapsed Member Roster:** Reported we have 102 members on the lapsed roster.
- 5. Bad Address List:** 89 members on the BAL roster, 83 contacted via email for a 93% contact rate.
- 6. SKYhighers & HIGHfliers:** None yet for 2014.

H. Communications: Historian Don Sullivan advised the Thunderbird News for January-April 2014 is being prepared. Please submit any articles to him at ddsullivan@cox.net.

I. Webmaster/Content: We had 872 unique visitors and a total 4,582 list server subscribers to our Website in March. Total unique visitors for 2014 YTD are 3,176.

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. Volunteer hours need to be input NLT 31 Dec 2014. Trustee Rachael Long has logged volunteer hours for chapter members for January and February 2014. She will update March soon so all members will be current. **(Item Open).**
- B. Chapter Education Grants:** Trustee Rachael Long has updated the Grant application and Instructions for 2014, including converting the PDF file to a form-typing format. More to come. **(Item Open)**
- C. Tulsa Quarterly General Membership Meeting (Date, Time, Place, Etc):** President Terry Turner briefed 3 chapter members traveled to Tulsa to meet with and have an AFSA table at the ANG

Family Day on 1 March 2014. Recruited 14 ANG members. Trustee Richard Porter is working with our Tulsa POC CMSgt (Ret) Lanham to schedule another meeting/booth for mid-summer. **(Item Open)**.

- D. PTSD Program:** Great volunteer opportunity to help our returning deployers. More information will be given out for opportunities to participate. VP Zach Merkl and AAC Shelby Platt are POCs. **(Item Open)**.
- E. Chief Lavoie and Chief Vegas Retirement (gift/support):** VP Zach Merkl, Trustee Charity Dice and Trustee Bianca Locust attended Command CMSgt Kevin Vegas's Retirement Ceremony on March 28, 2014. They presented a token of our appreciation from the chapter for his support. VP Zach Merkl motioned, President Michael Mooney seconded for up to \$100.00 for Chief Lavoie's retirement in May 2014. Several ideas what to get were discussed and motion carried. **(Item Open)**.
- F. Strategic Planning Meeting:** Consider available dates for new council members to discuss the rules, goals, and training. **(Item Open)**.
- G. Website POC:** President Michael Mooney has appointed TSgt Daniel Reis as Chapter 985 Webmaster. **(Item Closed)**.
- H. Golf Tournament:** VP Zach Merkl advised the Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 11th. He suggested having the Welcome Ceremony for the Command CMSgt replacing Chief Vegas before then. Historian Don Sullivan recommended having a joint ceremony to include Chief Lavoie's replacement versus having two separate ceremonies. **(Item Open)**.
- I. AFSA Chapter 985 FTAC and ALS Displays:** Displays for the FTAC building will be created, and placed on the walls to attract new members. If interested in helping with displays contact VP Zach Merkl. Look forward to completing awards and CMSAF update in early June. **(Item Open)**.
- J. Quarterly Meetings:** Our first quarterly general membership meeting was held March 13, 2014 at 5pm at Santé Fe on 29th Street. Next quarterly meeting to be June 12, 2014, 5PM, Santa Fe. **(Item Open)**.
- K. Relocation for Meeting:** Starting in the month of April the Tinker Club will charge \$50.00 per session for us to hold meetings there. A final decision has not been made. The Executive Council is looking at hold their meetings elsewhere and continuing the general membership meetings at the club for now. Possibilities and locations are being explored. POC is trustee Rich Porter. **(Item Open)**.
- L. Membership:** VP Zach Merkl suggested a recruitment initiative for an upcoming membership drive. One suggestion from the EC was to have an iPad give-a-way drawing (or equivalent value device) as a door prize at the may AFSA General Membership meeting. Advertisements will be posted at the membership drive from at April's General Membership meeting and at 21-27 April membership drives in the BX. Members that sign up will automatically be entered. Trustee Eric Dale volunteered to acquire prize for event. **(Item Open)**.
- M. TACP 24 Hour Run/Fundraiser:** Trustee Rachael Long and Jeremy Long volunteered at recruiting/information booth during TACP-A Run fundraiser, estimated 35 people were briefed on AFSA activities and directly resulted in recruiting 5 new ANG members. Event took place March 27-28, 2014. **(Item Closed)**.
- N. Base Exchange Booth:** A booth will be set up at the Base Exchange to help promote our Chapter.
 - a.** POC is trustee Greg Reyes, and President Michael Mooney. The scheduling is April 21-27th, 1100-1300 hours each day. **(Item Open)**.
- O. Annual Private Organization (PO) Certification, AFI 34-223:** Target date is 15 April 2014 to Submit package to 72FSS/FSRO. Annual certification is necessary for our chapter to operate on Tinker AFB is a Private Organization. President Michael Mooney will begin preparation. **(Item Open)**.
- P. Appoint Committee Chairs:** President Michael Mooney made the following committee chair appointments in compliance with AFSA Manual 100-2, Policy & Procedures, Principle 11:

Awards: Trustee Bianca Locust

Programs: Trustee Charity Dice

Legislative: Trustee Richard Porter

Membership: Trustee Greg Reyes
Communications: Trustee Tyron Taylor
Reports: TSgt Rachael Long
First Sergeant Council Liaison: Trustee Brian Brewer
Budget & Finance: Treasurer Christopher Looney
Website/Webmaster: Daniel Reis
(Item Closed).

Q. Tinker Caring for People Forums: The purpose of the Caring for People is to strengthen support and identify the top quality-of-life issues that directly impact the quality of life of Airmen, their families, civilians and retirees. This includes both here at Tinker AFB and Air Force wide. Air Force funding was lost for this worthy endeavor. Trustee Terry Turner motioned \$150.00 to help, President Michael Mooney seconded, motion carried. **(Item Closed).**

R. Special “Memories” plaque presentation to retiring Tinker Club employee Carolyn Kasper.

3. New Business:

- A. Operation Warm Heart Car Show:** This event is scheduled for 19 April, from 9AM-2PM at Anthony's TV & Appliance. Anthony's is located at the corner of Sooner & Reno in Midwest City. There are trophy classes for a variety of cars, and Smokey Ray's BBQ will provide food. This event will aid Operation Warm Heart. **(Item Open)**
- B. Adopt a Vet Memorial Service:** Army veteran Billy Ray served his country honorably in the Army from 1973 to 1981. Billy was a homeless man with no known family. Adopt him for one hour this Friday. Services consist of full military honors held Friday (April 11th) at 10 a.m. at Dignity Memorial, Sunny Lane Funeral Home, 4000 SE 29th Street, Del City, OK 73115. Following the service the Patriot Guard will escort him to Fort Sill for graveside honors at 1 p.m. **(Item Closed)**
- C. Push-a-thon:** The 1st Sergeant Council will be sponsoring a push-up-a thon in support of the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Scholarship Enlisted Village Fund. This event will take place 25 April 2014, 0800-1100 at Gerrity Fitness Center. The competitors will consist of, Teams or individuals; Every competitor is expected to solicit for donations. No uniforms of any kind can be worn; Costumes in good taste are encouraged! If any questions contact POC MSgt Perkins.
- D. 2013 Division 3 PAC:** Chapter 985 took the following awards at Division 3 Conference at O'Fallon, Illinois March 27-29, 2014 (Field Legislative award for the 9th year in a row)! **(Item Closed)**
2013 Division 3 Awards Won by Chapter 985
AFSA Community Service Award
Legislative Award (Field Unit)
Top Recruiter of the Year – MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner

Runner-Up Awards
Chapter of the Year (Over 500 Members) (RU)
Newsletter of the Year (RU)
Legislative Award (Individual) (RU) – MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner
Volunteer Service Person (VSP) (RU) – TSgt Rachael Long
- E. Remembrance Coin:** Trustee Terry Turner motioned to buy 100 2014 POW/MIA coins that can be sold as fundraiser, VP Zachary Merkl seconded, motion carried. **(Item Open)**

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

5. **Door Prize Winners:** Ibrahim Alabed, Latoya Irving, Linda Irving, Nick Pivrnec, Richard Porter, Charity Dice, Misty Johnson.

OKC Thunder Flag to Ibrahim Alabed,

OKC Thunder Bag: to Richard Porter

OKC Thunder Banner: to Misty Johnson

Harkins Movie Theater Gift Card: Linda Irving, Nick Pivrnec, Charity Dice
Logan Roadhouse Gift Card: Latoya Irving

6. President Michael Mooney asked for comments around the room, there being none, President Michael Mooney motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Mary Rokitka adjourned at: 1233 hours.

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Latoya Irving, Secretary

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Michael Mooney, President