



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

12 FEBRUARY 2015

Annual Chapter Award and Installation Convened at 1130 hours with President Zachary Merkl presiding, quorum declared.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: President Zachary Merkl gave the Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Trustee Tyron Taylor
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Trustee Tyron Taylor

2. Members Present:

Charity Dice	Tyron Taylor	Zachary Merkl
Nick Pivrnec	Kay Pivrnec	Rachael Long
Grace Sullivan	Latoya Irving	Tracy Morrill
Greg Reyes	Brian Brewer	Shelly Hill
Robin Nutt	Don Sullivan	Tim Ossinger
Linay Johnson	Terry Turner	Rafe Holmes
Christopher Azzano	Shelby Platt	Thomas Christopher
Brian Humphrey	Andrew Wojciuch	Ray Nguyen
Noelle Burleson	J.R. Becker	Rosalina Johnson
James Mitchell	Christina Wolfe	Ellen Bugarin
Stacey Isaac	Ana Colsten	Maria Windisch
Tasha Windisch	Karl Wasserleben	Greg Jones
Betty Worley		

3. Special welcome:

Guest: Trustee Tyron Taylor recognized Colonel Azzano, Command Chief Jones, Command Chief Christopher, and CMSgt (Ret) Tim Ossinger and thanked them for coming. **There were additional 10 people who did not sign in for total of 47 present.**

Annual Chapter Awards and Installation- February 12, 2015 at 11:30 hours

2014 AFSA Chapter 985 Annual Installation Officers, Awards Recognition and Social Ceremony honoring Chapter Achievers, Chapter Supporter, and Airman and NCO of the Year- Trustee Tyron Taylor Emcee.

4. Installation of Officers: CMSgt (Ret) Nick Pivrnec, installed the new elected/appointed officers for the coming year.

President: TSgt Rachael Long
Vice President: MSgt Joseph Tolley
Trustee- SMSgt Tryon Taylor
Trustee: MSgt Charity Dice
Trustee: MSgt Andrew Wojciuch
Trustee SrA Shelby Platt
Secretary- SrA Michelle Herrea

Treasurer- MSgt Eric Dale
Airman Activity Coordinator- SrA Rafe Holmes
Senior Advisor- MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner
Historian- MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner
Chaplain- MSgt Zach Merkl

5. Awards: Presented by Presidents Zach Merkl, Emcee Trustee Tyron Taylor

A. Outstanding Chapter Supporters

Michelle Devinney, FNB Community Bank
 Karl Wasserleben, Tinker Federal Credit Union
 Ms. Brenda Hyland, Ms. Rosalina Johnson and Ms. Hollie Heft-Morales, Tinker AFB Main Exchange (Ms. Johnson accepting)
 Mr. Doug Davis, Warren Theaters – unable to attend – presentation to be at a later date

B. Top Gift Wrap Fundraiser Performers, booth time- exclusive of management time

Gift Wrap Volunteers Over 10 Hour Worked	Hours
Terry Turner	64.5
Brian Brewer	29
Jet Albisa	25
Betty Worley	24.5
Greg Reyes	17.5
Sarah Brewer	17
Christina Wolfe	16.5
Alexis Wolfe	16.5
Ray Nguyen	13.5
Richard Porter	13
Courtney Rachael	13
Sean Duncan	12
Brian Pardo	12
Rachael Long	11.5

C. Presidential Volunteer Service Award: A letter certificate and pin presented on behalf of President Obama for members who logged over 100 hours in 2014 on chapter volunteer activities

Recipients are:
 Terry Turner (Silver)
 Kay Pivrnec (Silver)
 Nick Pivrnec (Silver)
 Betty Worley (Silver)
 Latoya Irving (Silver)
 Greg Reyes (Bronze)
 Don Sullivan (Bronze)
 Shelby Platt (Bronze)
 Rachael Long (Bronze)
 Timothy Ossinger (Bronze)
 Kathy Ossinger (Bronze)

D. Volunteer of the Year: (Plaques in 4 categories recognizing contribution to our humanitarian/outreach programs throughout the year): Trustees Rafe Holmes (Active Duty), Nick Pivrnec and Betty Worley (Retiree category), Kay Pivrnec (Family Matters category).

E. President's Award: MSgt Charity Dice

F. AFSA Chapter 985's SMSgt(Ret) Donald D. Sullivan Leadership Award: SMSgt Brian Brewer and MSgt (Ret) Terry Turner

The following individual awards, including the Airman and NCO of the Year, will be forwarded to AFSA Division 3 and compete at the Annual Conference to be held in Deadwood, South Dakota 23-25 April 2015.

G. Volunteer Service Person (VSP) of the Year: SrA Shelby Platt

H. Individual Legislative Award: TSgt Richard Porter

I. Member of the Year (Best of the Best): TSgt Rachael Long

J. Airmen of the Year: SrA Latoya Irving

K. NCO of the Year: TSgt Richard Porter

6. Old Business:

A. Secretary Report: Secretary Latoya Irving reported that the Jan GM min and Feb EC minutes are completed and were distributed via our list server. They are posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>. Motion to accept by Trustee Terry Turner and 2nd by Trustee Zach Merkl motion passed.

B. Treasurer Report: Trustee Zach Merkl provided a comprehensive briefing of the January 2015 Treasurer's Report. Audits were submitted, accounts and funds were verified. Motion to accept by Trustee Terry Turner 2nd by Rafe Holmes motion passed.

C. Team Tinker/Quarterly: President Rachael Long briefed that the AFSA Team Tinker is complete and was distributed via our list server.

D. Legislative: Trustee Andrew Wojcuich briefed the February legislative is still being worked on and will be distributed via our list server once complete.

E. Activities and Programs: Trustee Charity Dice briefed that several projects are ongoing. The projects and their status are addressed individually later in Old and New business.

F. Airman Coordinator: AAC Rafe Holmes briefed that the program distributed 5 notices via our list server to over 4,707 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for the Moore Resource Center (6) Down Syndrome Association Kylee's Kitchen (2), Regional Food Bank (2), Kylee's kitchen (1), and the City Rescue Mission (25).

13 Volunteers for January, 151.5 Total Hours of Community Service

6 Volunteers for the Moore Resource Center

2 Volunteers for the City Rescue Mission

- 1 Volunteer for DSACO Kylee's Kitchen
- 2 Volunteers for the Regional Food Bank
- 1 Volunteer for DSACO Kylee's Kitchen
- 1 Volunteer for City Rescue Mission

New events for February:

- DSACO's Kylee's Kitchen – 13, 20, and 27 February
- DSACO's Club – 06 and 20 February
- Regional Food Bank – 14 February
- City Rescue Mission – 22 February
- Veterans Bingo- 16 February

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

G. Membership:

- 1. New Members:** Trustee Greg Reyes Reported a membership summary for January 2015 as follows: 8 new members resulting in a total of 8 new members recruited year-to-date from 4 different recruiters; and a total strength of **XXXX total members (XXXX active and XX lapsed)**. **Numbers unavailable on website at this time.**
- 2. Renewal/Retentions:** 0 members retained this month, with 0 YTD from 0 retainers.
- 3. Bad Address List:** **X members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL), X still active and X members lapsed.** **Numbers unavailable on website at this time.**
- 4. For 2015:** The chapter has produced 0 Skyhighers & 0 Highfliers
(Number were not able to be pulled due to the website being non-operational)

H. Communications: President Zach Merkl sent our Thunderbird News, Sep- Dec 2014 edition, via the list server on February 3, 2015.

I. Webmaster /Content: We had 1,736 unique visitors and a total 4,745 list server subscribers to our website in January. Total unique visitors for 2015 YTD are 1,736.

J. 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. President Rachael Long spoke about the fact that these hours are automatically tracked from the tracking sheet via AAC Rafe Holmes. If anyone has any other hours outside of the AAC events, please contact President Rachael Long or Rafe Holmes to have them added. **(Item Open).**

K. Quarterly Meetings: Our next off base quarterly meeting will be March 12, 2015, 5PM, Santa Fe Cattle Co. on 29th Street. President Rachael Long encouraged more to come and enjoy this festive meeting. **(Item Open).**

L. POW/MIA Remembrance Coins: Trustee Terry Turner motioned at the April general membership meeting to buy 100 2014 POW/MIA coins that can be sold as a fundraiser, President Zachary Merkl seconded, motion carried. Sale of coins is still ongoing; however there is only a handful left. Remaining coins are \$5.00 each. If you are interested please contact President Rachael Long or Trustee Terry Turner. **(Item Open).**

- M. Directory of Officers:** A Directory of Officers will have to be submitted within 15 days of our Installation new officer on February 12th. Historian Don Sullivan will prepare as soon as he gets a couple of mailing addresses. In the meantime, there is a requirement to list “Who is designated to act on the organizations behalf if the President and Vice President are both deployed for periods exceeding 30 days?” Need a decision on this. **(Item Open)**.
- N. Standing Rule:** These have been updated as 2015 SRs. Only change is in bold italics on SR 2015-4 Election Procedures. Nominations off the floor will only be permitted if the nominee can provide a membership card, a screenshot of profile or some other means of current membership verification to confirm eligibility. These Standing Rules will be presented and approved by the General Membership during out March EC Meeting. **(Item Open)**.
- O. AFSA Div 3 Hotel Rooms:** Sign up for the conference and get hotel room with the link listed [http://www.afsa.951.org/index.php/2015-conventioon-registration./](http://www.afsa.951.org/index.php/2015-conventioon-registration/) The conference will be held in Deadwood SD, the dates will be April 23-25 2015. If interested please contact any of our Executive Council Members. **(Item Open)**.
- P. Dorm Council Movie Night:** President Zach Merkl motioned up to \$280.00 to sponsor Dorm council’s movie night, 2nd by Secretary Latoya Irving, motioned carried. Warren theaters could sponsor to get tickets for airmen. Event date is currently pending, Chapter 985 will stay in contact with dorm council for any help they may need. **(Item Open)**.

7. New Business:

- A. G.I. Wishes:** Director D.R. Becker briefed on an opportunity to foster a deploying soldier’s pet. The non-profits goal is to match veterans with rescue animals, and to provide homes for deployed owner’s pet. For more information, contact GIWishes.org. **(Item Open)**.

B. Chief Jones briefed

- (1) **40th Vietnam War Anniversary:** The Air Park retreat Ceremony will be held 30 April 2015. The members will get the recognition that is well deserved. In addition, there will be a host of guest speakers. This event will be take place at an off-base location to provide max participation, shuttles will be available. **(Item Open)**.
- (2) **Newcomers:** A major thanks to AFSA for sponsoring Newcomers. Possible future considerations are donating lunch twice a month. **(Item Closed)**.

8. President Rachael Long asked for comments around the room:

There being no further comments, Trustee Tyron Taylor motioned to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Charity Dice adjourned at: 12:15PM.

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Latoya Irving, Secretary

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Rachael Long, President