



## Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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### General Membership Meeting Minutes

12 March 2015

Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with Vice President Joseph Tolley presiding, quorum declared.

#### 1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: Chaplain Zachary Merkl gave the Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Treasurer Eric Dale
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Trustee Shelby Platt
- d. Airman's Creed: VP Joseph Tolley

#### 2. Members Present:

Joseph Tolley	Michelle Herrera	Eric Dale
Greg Reyes	Zachary Merkl	Terry Turner
Tim Ossinger	Don Sullivan	Seth Mannos
Ty Tomison	Christina Wolfe	Zack Merkl
Christopher Looney	Trinette Crockam	Wendy Frometa
Bianca Murillo	Lisa Elijah	Tiheisha Hardaway
Doug Bynum	Loretta Yabut	Nick Pivrnec
Kay Pivrnec		

#### 3. Reports:

- A. Secretary Report:** Secretary Michelle Herrera reported that February GM Minutes and Mar EC Minutes are completed, and will be distributed via our list server and posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>. Motion to accept by Chaplain Zackary Merkl and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Ossinger motion passed.
- B. Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Eric Dale provided a comprehensive briefing of the February 2015 Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept by Secretary Michelle Herrera 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Ossinger motion passed.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Vice President Joseph Tolley briefed that the AFSA Team Tinker is complete and was distributed via our list server.
- D. Legislative:** Vice President Joseph Tolley briefed the March legislative is still being worked on and will be distributed via our list server and will be posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>, once complete.
- E. Activities and Programs:** Vice President Tolley briefed on behalf of Trustee Charity Dice that several projects are ongoing. Currently we have the 2015 AFJROTC awards/recognition, if you would like to help out or would like some information on this please contact her.
- F. Airman Activities Coordinator:** Vice President Joseph Tolley briefed on behalf of Rafe Holmes that the program distributed 5 notices via our list server to over 4,737 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for the Latte Lounge (1), Regional Food Bank (3) Down Syndrome Association's Kylee's Kitchen (7), VA Bingo (3), and the City Rescue Mission (0).

- 14 Volunteers for February; 81.5 Total Hours of Community Service
- 7 Volunteers for DSACO's Kylee's Kitchen
- 3 Volunteers for the Regional Food Bank
- 3 Volunteers for VA Bingo
- 1 Volunteer for the Latte Lounge

New events for March:

- Bone Marrow Recruitment Drive – 13, 14, and 15 March
- Kuhlman Cemetery Project – 14 March
- DSACO's Kylee's Kitchen – 6, 13, 20, and 27 March
- Regional Food Bank – 18 and 21 March
- Veteran's Bingo – 16 March
- Military Welcome Center – Every day in March
- Latte Lounge – Friday, Saturday, and Sundays in March

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

#### **G. Membership:**

- 1. New Members:** Trustee Greg Reyes Reported a membership summary for February 2015 as follows: 8 new members resulting in a total of 19 new members recruited year-to-date from 7 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1670 total members (1569 active and 101 lapsed).
- 2. Recruiting Opportunities:**
  - a. Membership Briefings/Drives:**
    - (1) Other recruiting opportunities are: ALS Brief 31 Mar 2015
    - (2) Membership Drives: Trustee Greg Reyes BX Food Court every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday from 1100-1300.
    - (3) Need more members willing to be a part of the briefing teams.
- 3. Renewal/Retentions:** 0 members retained this month, with 0 YTD from 0 retainers.
- 4. Bad Address List:** X members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL), X still active and X members lapsed. (Number were not able to be pulled due to the website being non-operational)
- 5. For 2015:** The chapter has produced 0 Skyhighers & 0 Highfliers

**H. Communication:** Trustee Tyron Taylor is putting together the Jan-Apr 15 edition of the Thunderbird News, if you have any articles please submit to [tyron.taylor.1@us.af.mil](mailto:tyron.taylor.1@us.af.mil).

**I. Webmaster/Content:** We had 1,952 unique visitors and a total 4,738 list server subscribers to our website in February. Total unique visitors for 2015 YTD are 3,688.

#### **4. Old Business**

- J. Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)** Chapter 985 was accepted as a certifying organization. Our volunteers need to register at [www.presidentialserviceawards.gov](http://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 29<sup>th</sup> Street. Vice President Joseph Tolley encouraged more to come and enjoy this festive meeting. **(Item Open)**.

**L. POW/MIA Remembrance Coins:** Still have a few 2014 POW/MIA coins lying around if you would like to purchase for \$5.00 each. Also have new 2015 coins coming for purchase for \$10. If you are interested please contact President Rachael Long or Trustee Terry Turner. **(Item Closed)**.

**M. Directory of Officers:** A Directory of Officers was set up 23 February and 23 March for the Installation of new officers. Historian Terry Turner 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. **(Item Closed)**.

**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-convention-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: Previous Chapter President** President Zach Merkl motioned up to \$280.00 to sponsor Dorm council's movie night, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Closed)**.

## 5. 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 Closed)**.

### B. Chief Jones briefed

(1) **40<sup>th</sup> 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 Closed)**.

(2) **Newcomers:** A major thanks to AFSA for sponsoring Newcomers. Possible future considerations are donating lunch twice a month. **(Item Closed)**.

## 6. Vice President Joseph Tolley asked for comments around the room:

<b>Door Prize Winners:</b>	Shelby Platt	Terry Turner	Bianca Murillo
	Wendy Frometa	Michelle Herrera	Seth Mannos (x2)
	Tiheisha Hardaway	Christopher Looney	Tim Ossinger

Trinette Crockam

Christina Wolfe

Joseph Tolley

There being no further comments, Secretary Michelle Herrera motioned to adjourn, seconded by Historian Terry Turner adjourned at: 12:42PM.

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Michelle Herrera, Secretary

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Joseph Tolley, Vice President