



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

6 April 2015

Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with President Rachael Long presiding, waiving quorum. Motion to accept by Don Sullivan, second by Trustee Shelby Platt, motion passed.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: Chaplain Zachary Merkl gave the Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Rachael Long
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: VP Joseph Tolley
- d. Airman’s Creed: Member Tracy Morrill

2. Members Present:

Rachael Long	Joseph Tolley	Shelby Platt
Chris Haymans	Zachary Merkl	Terry Turner
Tim Ossinger	Don Sullivan	Zack Merkl
Wendy Frometa	Loretta Yabut	Nick Pivrnec
Kay Pivrnec	Justin Garsjo	Tracy Morrill
Charity Dice	Brenda Hyland	

3. Reports:

- A. Secretary Report:** President Rachael Long briefed on behalf of Secretary Michelle Herrera, that March GM Minutes and April EC Minutes are completed, and will be distributed via our list server and posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>. Motion to accept by Tim Ossinger and 2nd by Don sullivan motion passed.
- B. Treasurer Report:** President Rachael Long briefed on behalf of Treasurer Eric Dale. President Rachael Long provided a comprehensive briefing of the April 2015 Treasurer’s Report.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Trustee Shelby Platt briefed that the AFSA Team Tinker is still being worked and will distributed via our list server once complete.
- D. Legislative:** Vice President Joseph Tolley briefed the March legislative and some of the key points in the report. For more details, see the full report that was sent out to our list server and also posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>.

-Capwiz is now Voters Voice, Please send letters and notify Chapter 985 after you have done so!
- E. Activities and Programs:** Trustee Charity Dice briefed 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.

Upcoming ALS Graduation Dates: If you would like to attend and present the John L. Levitow award please contact President Rachael Long.

-14 May: _____

-2 Jul:

-3 Sep: _____

-22 Oct: _____

-17 Dec: _____

F. Airman Activities Coordinator: Trustee Shelby Platt briefed on behalf of AAC Rafe Holmes that the program distributed 8 notices via our list server to over 4,732 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for the DoD Bone Marrow Recruitment Drive (30), Veteran's Bingo (15), Tinker Cemetery Project (15), Regional Food Bank (13), Kylee's Kitchen (3), the Military Welcome Center at Will Rogers Airport (2), the Latte Lounge (1), and the American Legion (1).

80 Volunteers for February; 277 Total Hours of Community Service
30 Volunteers for the DoD Bone Marrow Recruitment Drive
15 Volunteers for Veteran's Bingo
15 Volunteers for the Tinker Cemetery Project
13 Volunteers for the Regional Food Bank
3 Volunteers for Kylee's Kitchen
2 Volunteers for the Military Welcome Center at Will Rogers Airport
1 Volunteer for the Latte Lounge
1 Volunteer for the American Legion

New events for April:

OKC Memorial Marathon – 26 April
Regional Food Bank – 22 & 29 April
VA Bingo – 20 April
Kylee's Kitchen – 3, 10, 17, & 24 April
Mid Del Food Pantry – Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
Military Welcome Center – Every day
Latte Lounge – Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays

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

G. Membership:

- 1. New Members:** President Rachael Long briefed on behalf of Trustee Greg Reyes the membership summary for March 2015 as follows: 3 new members resulting in a total of 22 new members recruited year-to-date from 7 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1673 total members (1572 active and 101 lapsed).
- 2. Recruiting Opportunities:**
 - a. Membership Briefings/Drives:**
 - (1) Other recruiting opportunities are: ALS Brief
 - (2) Membership Drives: Trustee Greg Reyes BX Food Court Tuesday 7 April from 1130-1230.
 - (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: Historian Terry Turner is putting together the Jan-Apr 15 edition of the Thunderbird News, if you have any articles please submit to terry.turner.7@us.af.mil.

I. Webmaster/Content: We had 2,559 unique visitors and a total 4,732 list server subscribers to our website in March. Total unique visitors for 2015 YTD are 6,247.

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 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 Rafe Holmes to have them added. **(Item Open).**
- K. Quarterly Meetings:** Our next off base quarterly meeting will be June 11, 2015, Santa Fe Cattle Co. on 29th Street. President Rachael Long encourages more to come and enjoy this festive meeting. **(Item Open).**

5. New Business:

- A. 2015 POW/MIA Coins:** An email vote went out to purchase 50 Coins to sell. Coins are available for purchase for \$10 each! If interested please contact Trustee Shelby Platt **(Item Open).**
- B. Dorm Movie Night:** The dorm council has decided to host their event Movie Event 10 April. There will be total of 20 Airman attending and the amount of \$205.00 to be donated from AFSA to host this event. **(Item closed).**
- C. Basketball Shoot-out:** An email vote went out to approve a donation of \$40.00 to cover the purchase of two basket balls to help host this event. **(Item closed).**
- D. 2015-2016 Member Appreciation Night:** A motion for \$400 to be used to purchase tickets for the upcoming OKC Thunder games. Historian Terry Turner Motion, Seconded by Vice President Joseph Tolley, discussion, motion passed. **(Item Open).**
- E. Paypal Account:** President Rachael Long discussed a new idea from the council to get a Paypal or Square Account, to make recruiting a lot smoother. Recently some feedback that has been received from potential recruits was that they were not comfortable with giving their personal information in such an unsecure manner via paper application. The upgrade would allow future members to feel more comfortable signing up swiping their credit card rather than writing down their information. At this time VP Joseph Tolley and Trustee Andrew Wojcuich are doing some research to find the most cost efficient program. More discussion at the next meeting. **(Item Open).**
- F. Division 3 Conference:** The conference will be held April 23-26 2015 at Deadwood, South Dakota. Delegates were elected at GM meeting April 8, 2015. VP Joseph Tolley motioned, Don Sullivan seconded, and motion passed that Past President Nick Pivrnec be Chapter 985's chief delegate at the 2015 Division 3 Conference, April 23-26 2015. Terry Turner will be the 1st alternate chief delegate and

Latoya Irving the 2nd alternate chief delegate. It is further motioned that Kay Pivrnec, Terry Turner, Latoya Irving, be voting delegates. Since we don't know the names of all the Chapter 985 attendees yet, the chief delegate is authorized to add delegates up to the time our credentials are turned in at the conference site. The chief delegate will assign votes among the delegates once all names are posted. Any odd votes will go to the chief delegate. The chief delegate will also cast all votes of any absent delegate. Also, to sign up for the conference and get hotel room use the link listed <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)**.

- G. Our chapter is looking for individuals who would like to help put together a video for recruiting opportunities. We would like to have a video that displays both the overall mission of AFSA, but also highlights what our members are doing locally for our chapter. Please contact Trustee Andrew Wojciuch if you are interested in this project.
- H. VP Josephy Tolley is looking for our chapter to adopt a highway on I-40. We would be responsible for upkeep, but also get a sign with our chapter and emblem for military members and community to see as they drive by. Lets get some AFSA representation!!! POC is VP Joseph Tolley if you have any questions.

Door Prize Winners:

Harkin Movie Gift Card: Chris Haymans, Justin Garsjo, & Tim Ossinger
Free Haircut Giftcard: Joseph Tolley & Don Sullivan

- 6. President Rachael Long asked for comments around the room, or any new business.

There being no further comments, President Rachael Long motioned to adjourn, seconded by VP Joseph Tolley adjourned at: 12:35PM.

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Michelle Herrera, Secretary

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Rachael Long, President