



## Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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### General Membership Meeting Minutes

11 June 2015

Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with President Rachael Long presiding, quorum declared.

#### 1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: Chaplain Zachary Merkl gave the Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Rachael Long
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Treasurer Eric Dale
- d. Airman's Creed: Member Kristopher Luna

#### 2. Members Present:

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| Rachael Long     | Joseph Tolley      | Shelby Platt       |
| Eric Dale        | Zachary Merkl      | Rafe Holmes        |
| Michelle Herrera | Terry Turner       | Don Sullivan       |
| Tim Ossinger     | Mary Rokitka       | Michael Bartels    |
| Tasha Windisch   | Karl Wasserleson   | James Mitchell     |
| Lisa Muth        | Trinette Crockam   | Kristopher Luna    |
| Peter Silcox     | Timothy Viktora    | Christopher Looney |
| Tracy Morrill    | Christopher Thomas | Loretta Yabut      |
| Garry Cannon     |                    |                    |

#### 3. Special welcome:

**Guest:** President Rachael Long welcomed and introduced 72d ABW Command Chief, CMSgt Thomas Christopher.

No new members present.

#### 4. Reports:

- A. Secretary Report:** Secretary Michelle Herrera briefed May GM Minutes are done and have been distributed via our list server and posted to our website. As for June EC Minutes, they are complete and under review, and will be distributed and posted once finalized. Historian Terry Turner motioned to approve, Tim Ossinger seconded, motion passed. <http://afsa985.org>.
- B. Treasurer Report:** Treasurer Eric Dale provided a comprehensive briefing of the May 2015 Treasurer's Report. Historian Terry Turner motioned to approve the report, Garry Cannon seconded, Treasurer Report approved.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Trustee Shelby Platt briefed that the AFSA Team Tinker is complete and has been distributed via our list server once complete.
- D. Legislative:** VP Joseph Tolley briefed the June legislative top issues on behalf of trustee Andrew Wojcuich. The report is complete and was 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:** President Rachael Long briefed on behalf of Trustee Charity Dice that several projects are ongoing. The 2015 AFJROTC awards/recognition have all been presented so now we are focusing on ALS presentations.

**Upcoming ALS Graduation Dates:** As a chapter we have been looking for members to present the John L. Levitow award. During the meeting we received volunteers for the remaining presentations for 2015. If you are interested in presenting at future graduations, please contact President Rachael Long.

- 2 Jul: Member Tracy Morrill
- 3 Sep: Trustee Donald Botkins
- 22 Oct: Trustee Andrew Wojcuich
- 17 Dec: VP Joseph Tolley

**F. Airman Activities Coordinator:** AAC Rafe Holmes briefed that the program distributed 4 notices via our list server to over 4,732 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for the American Flag Placement/Pickup (77), Veteran's Bingo (3), OKC Humane Society (2), and OKC Promise Walk (3).

- 88 Volunteers for May; 255 Total Hours of Community Service
- 77 Volunteer for Memorial Day Flag Placement
- 3 Volunteers for VA Bingo
- 2 Volunteers for the OKC Humane Society
- 1 Volunteer for Wall of Honor Moore
- 1 Volunteer for the OKC Symphony
- 1 Volunteer for the Christmas Connection
- 1 Volunteer for Bike Moore
- 1 Volunteer for the Moore Community Center
- 1 Volunteer for the DoD Bone Marrow Drive

New events for June:

- OKC Promise Walk - 6 June
- Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma - 10 June / 13 June
- VA Bingo - 15 June
- Kylee's Kitchen - 5, 12, 19, and 26 June
- All American Blood Drive - 27 June

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

**G. Membership:**

**1. New Members:** Trustee Greg Reyes briefed a membership summary for May 2015 as follows: 8 new members resulting in a total of 44 new members recruited year-to-date from 10 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,675 total members (1,487 active and 188 lapsed).

**2. Recruiting Opportunities:**

**a. Membership Briefings/Drives:**

(1) Other recruiting opportunities are:

**ALS Briefs**

30 Jun: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sep: \_\_\_\_\_

20 Oct: \_\_\_\_\_

15 Dec: \_\_\_\_\_

**FTAC Briefs**

8 Jul: \_\_\_\_\_

5 Aug: \_\_\_\_\_

19 Aug : \_\_\_\_\_

16 Sep: \_\_\_\_\_

30 Sep: \_\_\_\_\_

21 Oct: \_\_\_\_\_

4 Nov: \_\_\_\_\_

18 Nov: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Dec: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Membership Drives:

(3) Need more members willing to be a part of the briefing teams.

**3. Renewal/Retentions:** 0 members retained this month, with 3 YTD from 3 retainers.

**4. Bad Address List:** 2 members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL), 2 still active and 0 members lapsed.

**5. For 2015:** The chapter has produced 0 Skyhighers & 0 Highfliers

**H. Communication:** Senior Advisor/Historian Terry Turner is putting together the May-Aug 15 edition of the Thunderbird News, if you have any articles please submit to [terry.turner.7@us.af.mil](mailto:terry.turner.7@us.af.mil).

**I. Webmaster/Content:** We had 2,773 unique visitors and a total 4,721 list server subscribers to our website in June. Total unique visitors for 2015 YTD are 13,085.

**5. 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 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 29<sup>th</sup> Street. President Rachael Long encourages more to come and enjoy this festive meeting. **(Item Open)**.

**L. 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)**.

**M. Tablet/ Paypal Account:** Discussion to get a Tablet with Wi-Fi. This topic was raised when possible new members expressed that they were uncomfortable with handing over a piece of paper with all of their credit card information on it and not knowing what will happen to it. This tablet will allow students to connect their smart phones to Wi-Fi and sign up via AFSA website. Our other option would be to get a Paypal or Square Account, to make recruiting a lot smoother. This allows future members to feel more comfortable signing up swiping their credit card rather than writing down their information. Research on

the cost effectiveness is still in the works. Vice President Joseph Tolley and Trustee Andrew Wojciuch are the POCs for this initiative. **(Item Open)**.

- N. Our Chapter is looking for individuals who would like to help put together a video for recruiting opportunities. We are currently using the ALS classes as a venue for the video. Please contact Trustee Andrew Wojciuch if you are interested in this project or have an good ideas on how to make this video a success. **(Item Open)**
- O. Our chapter is looking to Adopt a Highway on I-40. We are hoping to make this a Quarterly project. The plan is to take responsibility for about a two mile stretch and routinely maintain the upkeep. Adopt a Highway will place to signs with our chapter logo on I-40 as our representation and we also gain another community involvement opportunity. The POC is currently VP Joseph Tolley if you have any questions or would like to help out. ( **Item Open**)

## 6. New Business:

- A. Chief Welcome Reception, Command CMSgt France has taken over for Chief Jones. AFSA Chapter 985 wanted to do a welcome gathering, like we have in the past for others. The date and time is still yet to be determined. As of right now the POCs for this event will be Trustee Donald Botkins and member Jason Morrill if you have any questions. Currently looking for volunteers to emcee or help with miscellaneous tasks to make this event as successful as possible. **(Item Open)**
- B. Patti Dalzell of Chapter 804, would like to start the Coupon Program for Div 3, where we send coupons to military bases overseas. Any ideas on how we can help? POC is SSgt Tracy Morrill if anyone has questions they can contact them. **(Item Open)**
- C. **GRANT:** AFSA Chapter 985 is proud to announce we will have the opportunity to offer educational grants ranging from \$50 - \$500 not to exceed \$2,500 of Chapter 985 funds for active AFSA Chapter 985 members. Any additional funds from outside organizations will be evenly distributed amongst the grants awarded. For any questions or how to submit please contact President Rachael Long. **(Item Open)**
- D. **Change of Venue:** There has been great thought into changing the AFSA Monthly meeting location, date, and time. Suggestions? Fridays? 2:30/3?
  - (1) Original thought: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 1400 at tinker club so that all groups (5/6, top 3, JEC, etc...) can avoid paying a fee. (hopes of more business with so many people in attendance at one place) There will be a social hour for all groups to intermingle from 1500-1600.
  - (2) The bad: multiple people are in multiple groups so they will not be able to attend all group meetings they are in. Will new date/ time be okay for all? **(Item Open)**
- E. **AFSA 2015 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION:** This year's conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas 21 August-26 August. There are Pre-contracted room rates for AFSA members, but must be reserved by 3 August, 2015. If you are interested in attending please let AFSA President know asap. **(Item Open)**

Door Prize Winners:

Tom Christopher  
Loretta Yabut

Tracy Morrill  
Timothy Viktora

Terry Turner  
Garry Cannon

Kristopher Luna  
Lisa Muth (child)

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

There being no further comments, Don Sullivan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Historian Terry Turner, adjourned at: 12:54PM.

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Michelle Herrera, Secretary

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Rachael Long, President