



## Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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### General Membership Meeting Minutes

9 July 2015

Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with Vice President Joseph Tolley presiding, quorum waived by Don Sullivan, Second by Chaplain Zachery Merkl.

#### 1. Opening Ceremonies:

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

#### 2. Members Present:

Zachery Merkl	Shelby Platt	Don Sullivan
Joseph Tolley	Terry Turner	Trinette Crocker
Garry Cannon	Soumaly Orlando	Kim Bethelmie
Nick Pivrnec	Kay Pivrnec	Alessio Orlando
TSgt Stiles	SrA Manly	SrA Journell

#### 3. Special welcome:

**Guest/New Members:** MSgt Stiles is transferring over to us from another Chapter. She introduced herself and we welcomed her to our flight.

#### 4. Reports:

- A. Secretary Report:** VP Joseph Tolley briefed on behalf of Secretary Michelle Herrera that the June GM Minutes are done and have been distributed via our list server and posted to our website. As for July EC Minutes, they are complete and under review, and will be distributed and posted once finalized. Don Sullivan motioned to approve, Historian Terry Turner seconded, motion passed. <http://afsa985.org>.
- B. Treasurer Report:** VP Joseph Tolley briefed on behalf of Treasurer Eric Dale and provided a comprehensive briefing of the June 2015 Treasurer's Report. Garry Cannon motioned to approve the report, Chaplain Zachery 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. Please see e-mail or our website to read the full content of the newsletter.
- D. Legislative:** VP Joseph Tolley briefed the legislative report on behalf of Trustee Andrew Wojcuich that the July legislative is Complete and was distributed via our list server and 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:** Vice President Joseph Tolley briefed on behalf of Trustee Charity Dice that we have several projects that are on going.

**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.

-3 Sep: Trustee Donald Botkins  
-22 Oct: Trustee Andrew Wojcuch  
-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 Veteran's Bingo (15), the OKC Pride Booth (5), All American Blood Drive (3), Kylee's Kitchen (3), Warped Tour (2), OKC Promise Walk (2), and Regional Food Bank (1).

30 Volunteers for June; 110 Total Hours of Community Service  
15 Volunteers for Veteran's Bingo  
5 Volunteers for the OKC Pride Booth  
3 Volunteers for the All American Blood Drive with OKC Dodgers  
3 Volunteers for Kylee's Kitchen  
2 Volunteers for the Warped Tour  
2 Volunteers for the OKC Promise Walk  
1 Volunteer for the Regional Food Bank

New events for July:  
Regional Food Bank - 8 and 18 July  
Veteran's Bingo - 20 July  
Kylee's Kitchen - Every Friday in July  
A2D2 - 3, 4 & 10, 11 July  
5K/ AFSA hosted - 24 July

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

### **G. Membership:**

**1. New Members:** Trustee Greg Reyes briefed a membership summary for June 2015 as follows: 12 new members resulting in a total of 56 new members recruited year-to-date from 12 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,644 total members (1,475 active and 169 lapsed).

#### **2. Recruiting Opportunities:**

**a. Membership Briefings/Drives: AFSA is looking to build a committee to have multiple people to be able to brief/ recruit. Wanting 5-10 people or more, with one person as head of the committee. Please let us know if you would like to be part of this team.**

(1) Other recruiting opportunities are: **ALS Briefs**

1 Sep: SrA Manley 964/AACS and SrA Journell 966/AACS = requires lead briefer

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

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

## **FTAC Briefs**

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

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

16 Sep: MSgt Stites - requires lead briefer

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:** 1 member retained this month, with 4 YTD from 3 retainers.

**4. Bad Address List:** 0 members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL).

(1) Lapsed members and soon to be expired members: Looking for someone to work ahead of the drop dead date on a regular basis to contact folks to re-new their membership before they expire.

We need someone with the time and dedication to be making contact.

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

**H. Communication:** 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 September 10, 2015, Santa Fe Cattle Co. on 29<sup>th</sup> Street at 5:00pm. President Rachael Long encourages more to come and enjoy this festive meeting. **(Item Open)**.

**L. 2015 POW/MIA Coins:** 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. AFSA chapter will soon be getting a Square account. 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 Closed)**.

- N. Recruiting Video:** 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. 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)**
- P. Welcome Lunch for CMSgt France:** AFSA Chapter 985 is throwing a welcome gathering 29 July 2015 at 1500. Currently looking for 2 volunteers to MC and others to help with anything else. All E-invites must be done NLT 27 July. POC's are Trustee Donald Botkins and Shane Poling, please contact them if you have any questions. **(Item Open)**
- Q. Coupon Program:** 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 Tracy Morrill if anyone has questions they can contact her. **(Item Open)**
- R. 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. All applications due **NLT 31 August 2015**, any received after this date will not be considered. This has been sent out via our list server. For any further questions please contact President Rachael Long. **(Item Open)**
- S. 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. We would like to know who our delegates will be by 13 August, during our monthly GM meeting. **(Item Open)**

## 6. New Business:

- A. Change of Venue:** Recent votes are no for meeting change Motion to close 1. Terry Turner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Cannon. Motion passed. **(Item closed)**
- B. Promotion Parties:** Would like to budget \$480 for future coalitions.

Door Prize Winners:

TSgt Stiles	TSgt Orlando	SrA Manly
SrA Journell	Shelby Platt	Nick Pivrnec

7. Vice President Joseph Tolley asked for comments around the room, or any new business.

There being no further comments, meeting adjourned at: 12:30PM.

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Michelle Herrera, Secretary

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Joseph Tolley, Vice President