



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2015

Meeting Convened at 1145 hours with Vice President Joseph Tolley presiding. Sufficient members were not present for a quorum due to TDYs, mission requirements, leaves before school starts and an unexpected change of location. The Tinker Club was closed due to water damage/water line problems. Lifetime Trustee Don Sullivan motioned to waive quorum requirements, seconded by Trustee Charity Dice, motion carried.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: Lifetime Trustee Don Sullivan gave the Invocation
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice President Joseph Tolley
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Trustee Charity Dice
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Member Christopher Looney

2. Members Present:

Joseph Tolley	Don Sullivan	Charity Dice
Loretta Yalbut	Greg Reyes	Christopher Looney

3. Special welcome: None

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** VP Joseph Tolley, for Secretary Michelle Herrera, reported that the August EC minutes are being reviewed. All others have been distributed via our list server and are posted on our website <http://afsa985.org>. The last minutes approved by the membership were the June General Membership Meeting. It was decided that further approval would be held in abeyance until more members were present. **Recap: Approval for the following minutes will be completed at the September GM meeting: July EC & GM, August EC & GM and September EC minutes.**
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Trustee Eric Dale unable to attend and a copy of the July 2014 Treasurer's Report not available. **Note: The President, Vice President and Senior Advisor obtained Treasurer's Report and checked against July bank statements to insure funds accountability via e-mail with Trustee Eric Dale.**
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** President Rachael Long sent the AFSA Team Tinker via the list server August 12, 2015. It will be posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>.
- D. Legislative:** President Rachael Long sent our monthly August Legislative Report via the list server August 11, 2015. It will be posted to our website <http://afsa985.org>. Vice President Joseph Tolley briefed the great participation as reflected in our legislative summary for letters written/received in July. He summarized some answers received pertaining to possibly merging BX and Commissary operations, pay raise, FY2016 NDAA and budget.
- E. Activities and Programs:** Trustee Charity Dice briefed that several future projects; specifically our annual Thanksgiving to Christmas giftwrap fundraiser and the December AFSA Traveling Road Show to care homes for special needs adults, usually held the first Saturday in December. More coming on these most important and worthwhile projects. Also the following ALS graduation dates:

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 Wojcuich
- 17 Dec: VP Joseph Tolley

F. Airman Activities Coordinator: AAC Rafe Holmes unable to attend. He emailed that the program distributed 5 notices via our list server to over 4,732 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for Airmen Against Drunk Driving (9), the Tinker Freedom Run (6), Kylee's Kitchen (5), the Regional Food Bank (2), and the Oklahoma City Zoo (2).

- 30 Volunteers for July; 188 Total Hours of Community Service
 - 9 Volunteers for Airmen Against Drunk Driving
 - 6 Volunteers for the Tinker Freedom Run
 - 5 Volunteers for Kylee's Kitchen
 - 4 Volunteers for Local Theatre Productions
 - 2 Volunteers for the Regional Food Bank
 - 2 Volunteer for the Oklahoma City Zoo
 - 1 Volunteer for the Oklahoma City Humane Society
 - 1 Volunteer for the Meadowood Baptist Church Vacation Bible School

New events for August:

- Bob Moore Autogroup's "I've Got Drive" Blood Drive – 8 August
- Operation Homefront - 11 August
- Veteran's Bingo – 17 August
- Regional Food Bank - 12 and 15 August
- Kylee's Kitchen – Fridays in August

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

G. Membership:

1. New Members: Trustee Greg Reyes briefed a membership summary for July 2015 as follows: 11 new members resulting in a total of 67 new members recruited year-to-date from 12 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,619 total members (1,459 active and 160 lapsed).

2. Recruiting Opportunities:

a. Membership Briefings/Drives:

(1) Other recruiting opportunities are:

ALS Briefs

1 Sep: _____

20 Oct: _____

15 Dec: _____

FTAC Briefs

8 Jul: Greg Reyes & Terry Turner

5 Aug: No briefer available

19 Aug: Cancelled

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 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. For2015: The chapter has produced 0 Skyhighers & 0 Highfliers

H. Communications: 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.

I. Webmaster/Content: We had 2,604 unique visitors and a total 5, 012 list server subscribers to our website in July. Total unique visitors for 2015 YTD are 15,680.

5. Old Business

- A. 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)**.
- B. Quarterly Meetings:** Our next off base quarterly meeting will be September 10, 2015, Santa Fe Cattle Co. on 29th Street. President Rachael Long encourages more to come and enjoy this festive meeting. **(Item Open)**.
- C. POW/MIA Coins:** Coins are available for purchase for \$10 each! If interested please contact Trustee Shelby Platt **(Item Open)**.
- D. 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. Vice President Joseph Tolley briefed there is a 4-minute AFSA video on U-Tube showing 3 former CMSAF that we could possibly use. **(Item Open)**
- E. 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. POC VP Joseph Tolley is currently having difficulties contacting appropriate personnel in the highway department. We will close this item for now and reopen at a later date if it develops. **(Item Closed)**

- F. 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)**
- G. Chapter Education 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)**
- H. 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. 2015 AFSA International Professional Airman's Conference (PAC), San Antonio, Texas August 21-26, 2015 - Chapter 985 Delegates:** Lifetime Trustee Don Sullivan motioned that Miroslav 'Nick' Pivrnec serve as our Chief Delegate with Kay Pivrnec as our Alternate Chief Delegate dividing the votes between them evenly with any odd votes going to the Chief Delegate at the 2015 AFSA Intl. Professional Airmen's Conference (PAC). We know of no others attending at this time. Chapter 985 has ____ votes, the Chief Delegate will have the authority to add delegates and reassign number of votes at the conference site if appropriate. Any remaining surplus numbers will go to the Chief Delegate. Further, the Chief Delegate will cast the votes of any absentee delegate. The Alternate will have and cast the votes in the same manner as stated above in the Chief Delegate's absence. Motion seconded by Trustee Charity Dice, Motion passed. **(Item Open)**
- B. 2015 Midwest City Veterans Parade:** Historian Terry Turner has submitted AFSA Chapter 985's Application for the Veterans Parade 2015. Still waiting on more news to come on this. **(Item Open)**
- C. Tinker Turbulence Event 18 Sep 2015:** MSgt Zachary Merkl recommends spending \$500.00 on event. Motion to donate \$500.00. Terry Turner Motioned, Second by Zachary Merkl, Motion Passed. **(Item Open)**

7. Vice President Joseph Tolley asks if there was any other new business or comments from around the room before we adjourn.

There being no further comments, Lifetime Trustee Don Sullivan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Greg Reyes; meeting adjourned at 12:40PM.

(No door prizes given)

/// signed Don Sullivan for ///
Michelle Herrera, Secretary

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Joseph Tolley, Vice President