



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2015

Meeting Convened at 1135 hours with Vice President Joseph Tolley presiding, quorum declared.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: VP Joseph Tolley
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: VP Joseph Tolley
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Trustee Shelby Platt
- d. Airman’s Creed rendered by: Member Bobby Kazmir

2. Members Present:

Joseph Tolley	Michelle Herrera	Tracy Morrill
Shelby Platt	Tyron Taylor	Bobby Kazmir
Terry Turner	Don Sullivan	Howard Morgan
Christopher Looney	Mike Bartels	Clayton Moore
Kay Pivrnec	Chris Hymes	James Foulks
Nick Pivrnec	Garry Cannon	Wendy Frometa
Tasha Windisch	Jessica Lester	Blake Manuel

3. Special welcome: Karl Wasserleban from Tinker Federal Credit Union, Sarah Dron from First National bank and Michelle Devinney from First National Bank.

New attendees in the room:

Howard Morgan	Blake Manuel	Kacey-Jo Hyde
Jessica Lester	Chris Hymes	

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary’s Report:** Secretary Michelle Herrera, reported that the September GM minutes and October EC minutes are complete and have been sent out via our list server and will posted on our website. <http://afsa985.org>. Historian/Senior Advisor Terry Turner motion to approve both the September General Membership and October Executive Council Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Secretary Michelle Herrera, no discussion, Motion approved.
- B. Treasurer’s Report:** Historian Terry Turner briefed on behalf of Treasurer Eric Dale and provided a comprehensive briefing of the September 2015 Treasurer’s Report. Secretary Michelle Herrera motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report as briefed. Seconded by trustee Tyron Taylor, no discussion, Motion approved.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Trustee Shelby Platt briefed that the AFSA Team Tinker is complete and has been distributed via our list server. Please see our email or visit our website for details. <http://afsa985.org>.
- D. Legislative:** VP Joespeh Tolley briefed on behlff of Trustee Andrew Wojcuich that the October Legislative is complete. This was sent via the list server on October 4, 2015, see website or email for details. <http://afsa985.org>.

E. Activities and Programs: Trustee Shelby Platt now taking over. Upcoming: Our annual Thanksgiving to Christmas giftwrap fundraiser (POC Andrew Wojcuich and co POC MSgt Brian Partido) and the December AFSA Traveling Road Show to care homes for special needs adults. This will be 5 December 2015. 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.

- 17 Dec 15: VP Joseph Tolley
- 11 Feb 16: _____
- 31 Mar 16: _____
- 12 May 16: _____
- 30 Jun 16: _____
- 1 Sep 16: _____
- 20 Oct 16: _____
- 15 Dec 16: _____

F. Airman Activities Coordinator: AAC Rafe Holmes briefed that the program distributed 4 notices via our list server to over 5,007 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for Kylee's Kitchen (6), the DSACO 5K/Awareness Walk (5), the AIDS Walk (3), and the JDRF One Walk (1).

- 26 Volunteers for September; 186 Total Hours of Community Service
- 6 Volunteers for Kylee's Kitchen
- 5 Volunteers for the DSACO 5K/Awareness Walk
- 3 Volunteers for the AIDS Walk
- 3 Volunteers for Constitution Day/Week
- 3 Volunteers for Local Theatre Productions
- 2 Volunteers for "Cops on Doughnut Shops"
- 2 Volunteer for the Moore Resource Center
- 1 Volunteer for the JDRF One Walk
- 1 Volunteer for the Oklahoma Humane Society

New events for October:

- 12th Annual Construction Derby – 4 October
- Regional Food Bank – 10 October
- Veteran's Bingo – 19 October
- Team Tinker Half Marathon/5K – 24 October
- Regional Food Bank – 28 October
- Kylee's Kitchen – Every Friday

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

G. Membership:

1. **New Members:** Vice President Joesph Tolley briefed the membership summary for September 2015 as follows: 9 new members resulting in a total of 77 new members recruited year-to-date from 12 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,788 total members (1,465 active and 323 lapsed).

2. Recruiting Opportunities:

a. Membership Briefings/Drives:

(1) Other recruiting opportunities are:

ALS Briefs @ 1015

20 Oct 15: _____

15 Dec 15: SrA Abigail Paisley

9 Feb 16: TSgt Blake Manuel, TSgt Kacey-Jo Hyde, TSgt Jessica Lester

29 Mar 16: _____

10 May 16: TSgt Blake Manuel, TSgt Kacey-Jo Hyde, TSgt Jessica Lester

28 Jun 16: _____

30 Aug 16: _____

18 Oct 16: _____

13 Dec 16: _____

FTAC Briefs

4 Nov 15: TSgt Blake Manuel, TSgt Kacey-Jo Hyde, TSgt Jessica Lester

18 Nov 15: _____

2 Dec 15: _____

(2) Membership Drives:

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

3. Renewal/Retentions: 1 members retained this month, with 5 YTD from 2 retainers.

4. Bad Address List: 3 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.

(2) President Rachael Long sent an email to all of the lapsed members informing them that the opportunity to renew for 5 years for \$25 renewal is a good opportunity as it ends this month.

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

H. Communications: Historian Terry Turner is putting together the Sep-Dec 15 edition of the Thunderbird News, if you have any articles please submit to terry.turner.7@us.af.mil. The May-Aug 15 will be sent out this month.

I. Webmaster/Content: We had 2,448 unique visitors and a total 5000 list server subscribers to our website in October. Total unique visitors for 2015 YTD are 20,394.

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 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 December 10, 2015, Santa Fe Cattle Co. on 29th Street. President Rachael Long encourages more to come and enjoy this festive meeting. **(Item Open)**.

- L. POW/MIA Coins:** Coins are available for purchase for \$10 each! If interested please contact Trustee Shelby Platt **(Item Open)**.
- M. 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)**
- N. 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)**
- O. Chapter Education Grant:** We had the great pleasure of Presenting education grants to our 3 winners, Clayton Moore, Mike Bartels, and Angela Brown in the amount of \$250. Angela Brown could not attend, we will be mailing her check to her. **(Item Closed)**
- P. Midwest City Veterans Parade:** Historian Terry Turner has submitted AFSA Chapter 985's application for the Veterans Parade 2015. The application has already been approved and we are excited for the event. Be on the look out for an e-mail from our Airmen Activities Coordinator on details closer to the date of the event. **(Item Open)**

6. New Business

- A. Membership Appreciation Night:** Our next membership appreciation night is coming up on 25 November 2015 to watch the Oklahoma City Thunder play the Brooklyn Nets. There will be only 40 tickets available for this game. If interested please email Historian Terry Turner. terry.turner.7@us.af.mil . Our next membership appreciation night will not be until March 2016, and we will have further information for this event as we get close to the date. (Item Open)
- B. Motions from the Executive Council:** Information Only:
- a. Historian and Senior Advisor Terry Turner motioned to donate \$100 for funding CFC, to purchase supplies due to previous signs being damaged in bad weather last year. The motion was, and Second by Secretary Michelle Herrera, no discussion, Motion passed. (Item Closed)
 - b. Historian and Senior Advisor Terry Turner motioned to donate \$500 to purchase new AFSA shirts for Vets Parade in November. Starting to take sizes down during GM Meeting. The motion was, and Second by President Rachael Long, no discussion, Motion passed. (Item Closed)
 - c. Historian and Senior Advisor Terry Turner motioned to donate \$150 to Sponsor a hole for Golf Tournament. The motion was, and Second by Trustee Donald Botkins, no discussion, Motion passed. (Item Closed)

d. Historian and Senior Advisor Terry Turner motioned to donate \$100 to CFC from our money raised during Gift Wrapping Event. The motion was, and Second by VP Joseph Tolley, no discussion, Motion passed. (Item Closed)

C. Farewell to a Chapter Member/Trustee: Our chapter presented Trustee Tyron Taylor with Memories Plaque upon his retirement, just a small token of our gratitude for him and everything he's has done to help out the chapter. (Item Closed)

D. Installment: Division 3 Trustee/Chapter 985 Senior Advisor Terry Turner gave the oath of office to and installed Tracy Morrill as an appointed Trustee to fill an existing vacancy. **(Item Closed)**

Door Prize winners: Christopher Looney- \$25 Exchange Gift card, Tyron Taylor \$20 Exchange Gift card, and Clayton Moore \$10 Exchange Gift card.

7. 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 12:41PM.

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Michelle Herrera, Secretary

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Joseph Tolley, Vice President