



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2015

Meeting Convened at 1134 hours with Vice President Joseph Tolley presiding, quorum declared.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: VP Joseph Tolley
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: AAC Rafe Holmes
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: VP Joseph Tolley
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Member A1C Mannos

2. Members Present:

Joseph Tolley	Rachael Long	Tracy Morrill
David Trevino	Terry Turner	Don Sullivan
Gabriel Castillo	Amn Mannos	Andrew Wojcuich
Christopher Looney	MSgt Yabut	Blake Manuel
Nick Pivrnec	Garry Cannon	CMSgt France
MSgt Peters		

3. Special welcome: AFSC Command Chief France

New attendees in the room: **Gabriel Castillo**

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** President Rachael Long briefed on behalf of Secretary Michelle Herrera that the October GM minutes and November EC minutes are complete and have been sent out via our list server and will be posted on our website. <http://afsa985.org>. **I will entertain a motion to approve both the October General Membership and November Executive Council Meeting Minutes. Motion Member Garry Cannon, Second Historian Terry Turner, any discussion, Motion approved.**
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Historian Terry Turner briefed on behalf of Treasurer Eric Dale and provided a comprehensive briefing of the October 2015 Treasurer's Report. **I will entertain a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as briefed. Motion: Historian Terry Turner, Second Trustee Christopher Looney, any discussion, Motion approved.**
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** President Rachael Long briefed that the AFSA Team Tinker is complete and has been distributed via our list server. <http://afsa985.org>.
- D. Legislative:** Trustee Andrew Wojcuich briefed that the November Legislative has been completed and sent out via list server and posted to our website. He also provided an in-depth briefing on current hot topics in the legislative realm this month. <http://afsa985.org>.
- E. Activities and Programs:** President Rachael Long briefed that the Upcoming events are as follows: Our annual Thanksgiving to Christmas giftwrap fundraiser (POC Andrew Wojcuich and co POC MSgt Brian Partido) is already in the works. Most days have already been reserved for different

organizations and just waiting for the event to start. The December AFSA Traveling Road Show to care homes for special needs adults is also coming up. This will be 5 December 2015, with our first destination arrival at 0900. 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: Trustee Donald Botkins or MSgt Christopher Looney
-31 Mar 16: _____
-12 May 16: MSgt Andrew Wojciuch
-30 Jun 16: _____
-1 Sep 16: _____
-20 Oct 16: _____
-15 Dec 16: _____

F. Airman Activities Coordinator AAC Rafe Holmes briefed that the program distributed 5 notices via our list server to over 5,000 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for the Team Tinker Marathon, the Regional Food Bank, VA Bingo, the Veteran's Day Parade, AAHC "Here For the Holidays", and Kylee's Kitchen.

40 Volunteers for October; 255.5 Total Hours of Community Service
13 Volunteers for OU Football Game
13 Volunteers for Veteran's Bingo
5 Volunteers for Kylee's Kitchen
5 Volunteers for the Regional Food Bank
1 Volunteer for the OKC Zoo
1 Volunteer for the OKC Humane Society
1 Volunteer for local theatre productions
1 Volunteer for the National Day of Service

New events for November:
Veteran's Day Parade – 11 November
Here For the Holidays Thanksgiving Potluck – 21 November
Veteran's Bingo – 16 November
Kylee's Kitchen – Every Friday

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

G. Membership

1. New Members: President Rachael Long briefed the membership summary for October 2015 as follows: 7 new members resulting in a total of 116 new members recruited year-to-date from 13 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,586 total members (1,223 active and 362 lapsed).

2. Recruiting Opportunities:

a. Membership Briefings/Drives:

(1) Other recruiting opportunities are:

ALS Briefs @ 1015

15 Dec 15: SrA Abigail Paisley, MSgt Christopher Looney, and Terry Turner
9 Feb 16: TSgt Blake Manuel, TSgt Kacey-Jo Hyde, and TSgt Jessica Lester
29 Mar 16: _____
10 May 16: TSgt Blake Manuel, TSgt Kacey-Jo Hyde, and TSgt Jessica Lester
28 Jun 16: _____
30 Aug 16: _____
18 Oct 16: _____
13 Dec 16: _____

FTAC Briefs

18 Nov 15: TSgt Hyde, TSgt Manual

2 Dec 15: SSgt Trevino

(2) Membership Drives:

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

3. Renewal/Retentions: 5 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.

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 1.798 unique visitors and a total 4998 list server subscribers to our website in November. Total unique visitors for 2015 YTD are 22,645.

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: During our executive council meeting it was discussed that these quarterly meetings will be discontinued due to lack of participation. However, the chapter is looking at other ways to still get together either quarterly or bi-annually outside of a meeting forum, such as bowling, golf, or a movie night. Be on the lookout for more information on this topic in the near future. Starting next month this item will be renamed to Chapter morale events. **(Item Closed)**.

L. POW/MIA Coins: Coins are available for purchase for \$5 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 any 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:** AFSA Chapter 985 is proud to announce that we will be offering a "Holiday Round" of 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 30 November 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. Presentations will be made during the December GM meeting **(Item Open)**
- P. Midwest City Veterans Parade:** This year our chapter kept up the tradition of participating in Midwest City's Veteran's Day parade. Pictures will be posted in our monthly TT newsletter. **(Item Closed)**

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. Elections:** Elections are coming up in December; President Rachael Long will be getting an e-mail out this week to announce the open positions. POCs for elections will be Historian/Senior Advisor Terry Turner and Treasurer Eric Dale. They will want names 5 days prior to the elections so that they can prepare. Elections will be held at the December GM Meeting. Those requesting to be in an elected position must have been a member for at least 6 months. **(Item Open)**
- C. Annual Award Banquet:** A brief initial discussion was kicked off about the annual awards banquet to tentatively be scheduled for the February GM meeting. Vice President Joseph Tolley will be the main POC and he will select his board members. President Rachael Long will switch the rooms at the club and send out an announcement asking for 1206s within the next month. **(Item Open)**
- D. Installation:** Vice President Joseph Tolley gave the oath of office to and installed Christopher Looney as an appointed Trustee to fill an existing vacancy. **(Item Closed)**
- E. Motion:** Historian/Senior Advisor Terry Turner brought up a discussion to support the local JROTC for up to \$300 to purchase trophies for their upcoming events. Historian/Senior Advisor Terry Turner motioned and President Rachael Long seconded, no discussion, motion passed. **(Item Closed)**

- F.** Vice President Joseph Tolley opened the floor for new ideas to get involved with Tinker Community from the attendees. President Rachael Long and the Airman Leadership School Cadre already have an ACA Lunch 'N' Learn in the works with AFSA as the sponsor. Other members brought up ideas for our chapter to participate in such as an awards writing seminar, involvement in the Bataan Death March, PA tours, and getting an the Tinker Take Off. More information to come as we get more involved and add this information to the moral events item next month. **(Item Closed)**
- G.** A motion was made to donate \$100 for Mid Del Food Pantry, 1st Historian/Senior Advisor Terry Turner, 2nd VP Joseph Tolley; Motion approved.**(Item Closed)**
- H.** A1C Mannos request a donation of \$150 donated for Warrior Care Month, 1st _Garry Cannon, 2ndHistorian/Senior Advisor Terry Turner; Motion approved.**(Item Closed)**

Door Prize winners: Tracy Morrill, A1C Mannos, Gabriel Castillo, Blake Manuel, MSgt Peters

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, VP Joseph Tolley motioned to adjourn, seconded by Andrew Wojchuich; meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.

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Michelle Herrera, Secretary

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Joseph Tolley, President