



## Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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### General Membership Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2016

Meeting Convened at 1132 hours with President Tracy Morrill presiding, quorum declared.

#### 1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: VP Joseph Tolley
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Tracy Morrill
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Trustee Bobby Kazmir
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Seth Mannos

#### 2. Members Present:

Thomas Batchelor	Garry Cannon	Damont Cooley
Tracy Morrill	Blake Manuel	Bobby Kazmir
Michael Helsdingen	Joseph Tolley	Adam Magdaleno
Terry Turner	Seth Mannos	

#### 3. Special welcome: No special guests

New attendees in the room:

#### 4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Michael Helsdingen, reported that the April EC minutes are complete and under review and will be sent out via our list server and will be posted on our website once complete. <http://afsa985.org>. **I will entertain a motion to approve the March Executive Council Meeting Minutes. Motion: Member Garry Cannon, Second Trustee Bobby Kazmir, any discussion, Motion approved**
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Damont Cooley provided a comprehensive briefing of the April 2016 Treasurer's Report.
- C. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Trustee Shelby Platt briefed that the AFSA Team Tinker and the Annual Team Tinker is complete and was sent out via the list server.
- D. Legislative:** Vice President Joseph Tolley briefed on behalf of Trustee Andrew Wojcuch that the April Legislative has been completed and sent via list server and will be posted to our website. <http://afsa985.org>.
- E. Activities and Programs:** AAC Seth Mannos briefed that our previous events from December were the annual Thanksgiving to Christmas giftwrap fundraiser which made a little over \$10K; and the AFSA Traveling Road Show. Both events were a great success. Our upcoming events are 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. (re) SMSgt Pete Piazza will be presenting for the remainder of 2016.

**F. Airman Activities Coordinator:** AAC Seth Mannos briefed that the program distributed 2 notices via our list server to over 4,985 subscribers offering volunteer opportunities for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, Kylee's Kitchen, and Veteran's Bingo. We are looking to get 8-10 volunteers for the upcoming OKC Marathon.

- 8 Volunteers for Veteran's Bingo
- 2 Volunteers for the Regional Food Bank
- 1 Volunteer for Kylee's Kitchen
- 1 Volunteer for Local Theatre Productions
- 1 Volunteer for the OKC Humane Society

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

## **G. Membership**

**1. New Members:** President Tracy Morrill briefed the membership summary for April 2016 as follows: 9 new members resulting in a total of 86 new members recruited year-to-date from 13 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,597 total members (1,384 active and 213 lapsed).

**2. Recruiting Opportunities:**

**a. Membership Briefings/Drives:**

(1) Other recruiting opportunities are:

**ALS Briefs @ 1045**

- 28 Jun 16: \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 Aug 16: \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 Oct 16: \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Dec 16: \_\_\_\_\_

**FTAC Briefs @ 1130**

- 15 Jun 16: \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 Jul 16: \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 Aug 16: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Oct 16: \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Nov 16: \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 Nov 16: \_\_\_\_\_
- 14 Dec 16: \_\_\_\_\_

**SNCO & NCOPS Briefs**

Currently no dates available

**Newcomers Briefs @ 1000**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of every month: SSgt Michael Helsdingen and MSgt Eric Dale

(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 9 YTD from 2 retainers.

**4. Bad Address List:** 9 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. Communications:** Historian Terry Turner is putting together the Apr – Jun 16 edition of the Thunderbird News, once complete it will be sent out via our list server. [terry.turner.7@us.af.mil](mailto:terry.turner.7@us.af.mil).

**I. Webmaster/Content:** We had 2,119 unique visitors and a total 4,987 list server subscribers to our website in December. Total unique visitors for 2015 YTD are 25,739.

## 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. 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. Member Thomas Batchelor has stepped up to take on this project. **(Item Closed)**

## 6. New Business:

**L. Division 3 Conference:** Election of Delegates for the Division 3 2016 Conference: Lifetime Trustee Don Sullivan motioned that President Tracy Morrill be Chapter 985's chief delegate at the 2016 Division 3 Conference, April 21-23, 2016 at Grand Forks, North Dakota. Rafe Holmes will be the 1st alternate chief delegate and David Trevino will be the 2nd alternate chief delegate. All 3 will be voting delegates sharing equal votes with any odd remaining votes going to the chief delegate. Since we may not know the names of all Chapter 985 attendees yet, the chief delegate is authorized to add delegates up to the time our credentials are turned in at the conference site. The chief delegate will assign votes among the delegates once all names are posted. The chief delegate will also cast all votes of any absent delegate. **Member Garry Cannon seconded, and motion passed. (Item Closed)**

**M. Elections:** With Vice President Joseph Tolley's upcoming retirement he has decided to step down. Trustee Bobby Kazmir was nominated for the position by Terry Turner. **Member Seconded by Gary Cannon, and the motion passed. (Item Closed)**

**7. President Tracy Morrill asks if there was any other new business or comments from around the room before we adjourn.**

There being no further comments, Member Gary Cannon motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Blake Manuel; meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM.

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Michael Helsdingen, Secretary

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Tracy Morrill, President