



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2016

Meeting Convened at 1135 hours with President Tracy Morrill presiding, quorum declared.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Invocation: Howard Morgan
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Bobby Kazmir
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Chris Peters
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Bobby Kazmir

2. Members Present:

Gary Cannon	Michael Helsdingen	Andrew Wojoic
Don Sullivan	Chris Peters	Shanna Peters
Timothy Lenker	Christina Hymes	Shanda Casey
Curtis Baker	Katie Speer	Stephanie Hickman
Jonathan Villa	Jamie Schmidt	Racheal Long
Joseph Tolley	Loretta Yabut	Howard Morgan
Merissa Pough	Anthea Jackson	Rachel Duncan
Terry Turner		

3. Special welcome:

New attendees in the room: Jonathan Villa, Anthea Jackson, and Katie Speer

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Michael Helsdingen, reported that the June GM minutes and July 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 July Executive Council Meeting Minutes and June General Meeting Minutes. Motion: Member Garry Cannon, Second Terry Turner, any discussion, Motion approved**
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Terry Turner briefed on behalf of Treasurer Damont Cooley and provided a comprehensive briefing of the June 2016 Treasurer's Report. **I will entertain a motion to accept the June Treasurer's report as briefed. Motion: Member Gary Cannon, Second Member Timothy Lenker.**
- 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:** Trustee Merissa Pough briefed that the June Legislative has been completed and sent via list server and will be posted to our website. <http://afsa985.org>.

E. Activities and Programs: President Bobby Kazmir briefed that Racheal Long has volunteered to run our Activities and Programs.

F. Airman Activities Coordinator: President Bobby Kazmir briefed on behalf of AAC Rafe Holmes that there is no old news to report.

New Events for June:

Veteran's Bingo – 18 July

Red Shield Diner – Saturdays 1600-1900/Sundays 1500-1800

Food for Kids Backpack Program – Tues, Wed, & Thurs from 0900-1500

Kylee's Kitchen – Every Friday

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

30 Aug 16: TSgt Shanna Peters and MSgt Chris Peters

18 Oct 16: _____

13 Dec 16: _____

FTAC Briefs @ 1130

17 Aug 16: MSgt Timothy Lenker

5 Oct 16: _____

16 Nov 16: _____

30 Nov 16: _____

14 Dec 16: _____

SNCO & NCOPS Briefs

Newcomers Briefs @ 1000

28 July 16: MSgt Bobby Kazmir

(2) Membership Drives: 507th Recruiting Event. POC MSgt Christina Hymes 10 Sept 2016 (1200-1600) SSgt Michael Helsdingen will lead a team.

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

3. Renewal/Retentions: 1 member 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.

I. Webmaster/Content: We had 3,952 unique visitors and a total 3,592 list server subscribers to our website in December. Total unique visitors for 2016 YTD are 25,739.

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. POW/MIA Remembrance Day: President Bobby Kazmir represented 985 for the POW/MIA Remembrance Day planning committee. The celebration is scheduled for Friday, 16 September 2016. Part of the day is to have a ruck march on the base with stops commemorating a POW or MIA. Discussion led to the conclusion of fielding the motion at the GM meeting for Ch 985 to head the ruck march. MSgt Kasey has stepped up to take the lead on this project. **(Item Open)**.

6. New Business:

A. Elections: President Bobby Kazmir has stepped up to be the new President of Ch 985 Thunderbirds. With that being said he has appointed MSgt Andrew Wojcuich as the new VP. General membership approved the changes and both were sworn in.

B. Chiefs Welcome Reception: With the new incoming Command Chief's, Chief Tuck has brought up the idea of a large ceremony for all three Chief's. The general membership has elected to go with a large ceremony set for 28 October 2016. We are still in need of someone to step up and take on this important role.

C. MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION: Our Family Affairs Trustee has organized a great event, Trustee Shanna Peters has schedule our bowling event for 28 Jul 2016//6-10PM. Please RSVP at president@afsa985.org with names, ages, members name. This event is free to the first 60 people, so reserve your spot ASAP.

D. New Members: Four new members attended today's meeting and were granted a free membership
Motion Member Gary Cannon, Second VP Andrew Wojchuich.

7. President Kazmir asks if there is any other new business or comments from around the room before we adjourn?

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B. REMINDER: Please make sure you sign in on the sheet at the back of the room before you leave.

C. Door Prize Winners: Johnathan Villa, Andrea Jackson, Michael Helsdingen, Aaron Kisner, and Curtis Baker.

_____ motioned to adjourn, seconded by _____; meeting adjourned at

There being no further comments, Member Gary Cannon motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Member Timothy Lenker; meeting adjourned at 12:39 PM.

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Michael Helsdingen, Secretary

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Bobby Kazmir, President