



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2016



Meeting Convened at 1135 hours with President Bobby Kazmir presiding, quorum declared.

1. Opening Ceremonies:

- a. Pledge of Allegiance led by President Bobby Kazmir
- b. AFSA Preamble Read by Johnathan Midkiff
- c. Airman's Creed rendered by the all present members
- d. Invocation by Chaplain Howard Morgan

2. Members Present:

Bobby Kazmir	Christian Peters	Damont Cooley
Rafe Holmes	Howard Morgan	Blake Manuel
Garry Cannon	Shelby Platt	Terry Turner
Neel Rodgers	Johnathan Midkiff	Shane Poling
Letrice Stewart		

3. Special welcome: Tasha Windisch – TFCU

New attendees in the room: Jordan McClelland Amanda Simoncelli

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** President Bobby Kazmir reported that the November GM minutes are complete and Dec EC minutes are being completed and will be sent out via our list server and will posted on our website once complete. <http://afsa985.org>.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Damont Cooley provided a comprehensive briefing of the November 2016 Treasurer's Report. **Motion to approve by Gary Cannon, seconded by Neel Rodgers.**
- C. Legislative:** Vice President Andrew Wojciuch briefed on behalf of Trustee Merissa Pough that the December Legislative report is complete and will be sent via list server and posted to our website. <http://afsa985.org>.
- D. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Trustee Shelby Platt briefed that the AFSA Team Tinker Newsletter is complete and will be sent out via the list server.
- E. Activities and Programs:** President Kazmir thanked Rafe Holmes for stepping up to fill in for the AAC position since AAC Seth Mannos has been TDY. He also briefed that Letrice Stewart was approved by the council as a trustee, but was not present to be sworn in. Rafe Holmes has indicated he will provide turnover for Letrice Stewart.
- F. Airman Activities Coordinator:** AAC Rafe Holmes is turning over the coordinator position to Letrice Stewart. Rafe Holmes briefed that the Chapter had 46 volunteers, totaling 308.5 hours of Community Service.

G. Membership

- 1. New Members:** President Kazmir briefed the membership summary for November 2016. He briefed the success rate of our free USAA-sponsored membership for ALS graduates is more than 90%. Also, there are 51 new members YTD. President Kazmir stressed the importance of our members spreading the word and bringing a new person to the GM meetings.

2. Recruiting Opportunities:

Membership Briefings/Drives:

ALS Briefs @ 1045

13 Dec 16: Neel Rodgers

? Feb 16:

FTAC Briefs @ 1130

16 Nov 16: Michael Bartels

30 Nov 16: Michael Bartels and Blake Manuel

14 Dec 16: Damont Cooley and Jordan McClelland

Tinker Family Orientation (1st & 3rd Thursday) @ 1300 [Tinker Club]

(1) Membership Drives:

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

3. Renewal/Retentions: 2 members retained this month, with 8 YTD from 4 retainers.

4. Bad Address List: 41 members on the Bad Address Listing (BAL). Trustee Blake Manuel is working to contact folks to re-new their membership before they expire.

5. For 2016: The chapter has produced no Skyhighers, Highfliers, or Twinfliers.

H. Communications: Historian Terry Turner briefed the Team Tinker Newsletter is being finalized and once complete it will be sent out via our list server. If you have any news story, highlights, photos of a volunteer even, or other input, please contact him directly at terry.turner.7@us.af.mil.

I. Webmaster/Content: President Kazmir briefed that until the Chapter can come up with a more accurate way to track unique visitors and list server subscribers that we are suspending this action item. If any Chapter member has a solid way forward, please email the President at president@afsa985.org.

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. Command Chief Welcome Reception: President Kazmir briefed the Chief's reception happened on December 1, 2016 at the Tinker Club Ballroom; we welcomed the AFSC, 72 ABW, and 552 ACW Command Chief's to Tinker Air Force Base. The event was a success. For those in attendance, please send feedback to yp@afsa985.org. **(Item Open)**

C. AFSA T-Shirts: Historian Terry Turner briefed that T-shirts are in and everyone that ordered a shirt will receive it at the Midwest City Veterans Day Parade event. **(Item Closed)**

D. Professional Development Seminar: President Kazmir briefed that the 552 ACW/CCC suggested AFSA be the "belly button" for Tinker professional development events. This is an important issue, but the council agreed to table the issue until next year due to the busyness of the upcoming holiday season. **(Open Item)**

E. OKC Thunder Membership Night: Historian Terry Turner briefed the final Thunder home game our Chapter has tickets for is in March 2017. This will go out on to the chapter via email and will be first come, first served. **(Item Open)**

6. New Business:

A. Holiday Gift Wrapping: President Kazmir briefed this year will entail substantial changes. Instead of Chapter 985 running the event, we will only run the calendar. Neel Rodgers and Damont Cooley are heading this year's gift-wrapping event for the chapter and running the schedule for the event. The Chapter dates for gift wrapping are December 22, 23, 24 from 0900-2000.

B. Jim Lokovic Visit: President Kazmir briefed that he is looking into splitting the cost of having Mr. Lokovic do an Oklahoma tour. More to come. **Historian Terry Turner motioned that \$500 be put aside to offset the cost of this visit, seconded by Shanna Peters. The motion was approved by the membership. (Item Open)**

C. Chapter Annual Awards: Trustee Platt has agreed to head up the annual Chapter awards for this year. Please send inputs directly to her. shelby.platt@us.af.mil **(Item Open)**

D. Annual Awards Banquet: The chapter needs a POC to head up the annual awards banquet that will take place in late Jan-early Feb timeframe. **(Item Open)**

E. AFSA Roadshow: This year's roadshow is scheduled for December 10, 2016. The Chapter is scheduled to visit four different adult living facilities. Trustee Shelby Platt briefed the group will be departing the MDG parking lot at 0800 on December 10, 2016. **(Item Open)**

F. Scholarship Grant: The scholarship grant is going to be two different programs; social media and traditional. The social media grant will entail posting a video to our AFSA Chapter Facebook page while the traditional will be answering several questions. The winners will be notified no later than 30 Dec 16 and will be recognized at the January GM meeting. Details will be posted to our Facebook and emailed to the list server. **(Item Open)**

G. 2017 Elections: Trustee Rafe Holmes and Trustee Blake Manuel are running the 2017 elections. Please send nominations for the following positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and ?? to trustee3@afsa985.org, president@afsa985.org, or vp@afsa985.org.

H. AFSA Promo video: The Chapter is looking for a member to lead the charge with putting together a promotion [recruiting] video about "being an AFSA member" to be posted on social media. The intent is for Chapter members to provide a brief explanation on why they joined AFSA.

7. President Bobby Kazmir asked if there was any other new business or comments from around the room before we adjourn. Neel Rodgers motioned to adjourn, seconded by Garry Cannon; meeting adjourned at 1244.

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Christian Peters, Secretary

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Bobby Kazmir, President