



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

<http://afsa985.org/conc/>

General Membership Meeting

April 11, 2019



Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with President Cooley presiding, a quorum was declared.

1. Opening Ceremonies.

- A. Invocation:** A moment of silence was asserted by President Cooley in lieu of an invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Everyone present recited.
- C. AFSA Preamble Read by:** President Cooley
- D. Airman's Creed rendered by:** Everyone present

2. Members Present:

Damont Cooley (President)
Hugo Perez (Vice-President)
Charlotte Crosby (Secretary)
Christa Yarbrough (Treasurer)
Soladeem Anderson (Trustee)
Brandie Benoit (Trustee)
Kristina Song (Trustee)
Crystal Albritton (Trustee)
Terry Turner (Historian)
Frank Zamorano (Sr. Advisor)
Pete Piazza
Justin Rhodes
Charles Barkheimer

Melissa Erb
April Berry
Katie Speer
Pat Johnson
Tyler Garcia
Noah Griffin
Jessenia McKnight
Letrice Stewart
Jamie Schmidt
Raymond Mott
Jordan McClelland
Steve Roy
Steven Brown

3. Special Welcome:

- A. New Members:** None.
- B. Guests:**
 - Martelli Major
 - Ryan Stinner
 - Kelley Smith

4. Reports:

Secretary's Report: Secretary Crosby briefed that March's GM minutes, and March EC Meeting Minutes are completed and have been sent via our list server and are posted on our website, <http://afsa985.org/conc/> for review. A motion to accept by Historian Turner, seconded by Senior Advisor Zamorano, with no further discussion, motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: On behalf of Treasurer Yarbrough, President Cooley briefed our income, expenses, and EOM balances. A motion to accept the report was made by Historian Turner, seconded by Trustee

Song, with no further discussion, motion passed. A motion to accept by Historian Turner, seconded by Sr. Advisor Zamorano, motion was approved.

B. Legislative Report: President Cooley reported that the Legislative Report was completed and emailed to our list server and posted to our website, <http://afsa985.org/conc/> for review.

C. Team Tinker/Quarterly: President Cooley, Secretary Crosby and Historian Terry Turner briefed the importance of AFSA's role in promoting and protecting earned benefits of the Air Force total enlisted force and their families, the resulting legislative process, and local chapter activities at base FTAC: 23 attendees, awaiting results for new members and changes of address are in progress. Pictures will be posted on Facebook. It will also be emailed to our list server and posted to our website, <http://afsa985.org/conc/> for review.

D. Airman Activities Coordinator: Trustee Song reported:

1) New event(s) April:

- a. **VA Bingo:** VA Bingo Night takes place on the third Monday of every month, at 18:45 hrs, at the Norman VA Center. Tinker Top III is designated the volunteer coordinator POCs. The POC for this quarter is MSgt Delisha Donnelly.
- b. **Next Membership Appreciation Night:** 26 April from 6-9 p.m. at the Tinker Bowling Lanes. Event pricing varies depending on food and drink choices. Details have been sent out via email and briefed during the meeting along with informational handouts.

F. Membership: Trustee Anderson reported:

- 1) **New Members:** 3 for the month of March with 5 YTD from 3 Recruiters, with a total strength of 1,205 members.
- 2) **Recruiting Opportunities:**
 - a. **Membership Briefings/Drives: Reward the Recruiter/Reward the Retainer membership campaigns** - are designed incentivize and reward the recruiter or the retainer as well as inform, train, and educate young Airmen and NCOs on how to get involved and develop a sustained recruiting and retaining mind. Runs from 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019. See upcoming opportunities below:

ALS Briefs @ 1045 (In place at 1015):

May 14:	
July 9:	
Sep 3:	
Oct 22:	
Dec 17:	

Upcoming FTAC Briefs @ 0730 (In place at 0715):

Apr 18:	President Cooley/Secretary Crosby/Historian Turner
May 9:	
Jun 6:	
Jul 18:	
Aug 15:	
Sep 19:	
Oct 10:	

Nov 7:	
Dec 5:	

Tinker Family Orientation @ 1300 (in place at 1245):

May 14 & 28:	
Jun 11 & 25:	
Jul 9 & 23:	
Aug 13 & 27:	
Sep 10 & 24:	
Oct 8:	
Nov 12:	
Dec 10:	

- 3) **Renewal/Retentions:** 3 retained this month, with 5 YTD in 2019.
- 4) **Bad Address List:** 1 member(s) is on the Bad Address Listing (BAL) and will be contacted to try and update information.
- 5) **For 2019:** The chapter has produced 0 Skyhighers, 0 Highfliers, and 0 Twinfliers.

G. Communication: Trustee Benoit reported that if anyone has any news stories, highlights, photos of volunteer events, or any other media input, please contact Trustee Brandi Benoit directly at aap1@afsa985.org.

H. Webmaster/Content: President Cooley briefed on behalf of Trustee Lawhorn that we had 1362 unique visitors and a total of 5523 visitors from the list server, for a total of 5209 unique visitors for 2019.

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. If anyone has any other hours outside of the AAC events, please contact Trustee Song to have them added. **(Open Item)**
- B. POW MIA 9/11 Run:** The initial 2019 committee meeting will be on 19 April 2019, at 1400 hrs, in Bldg. 201, 966th AACS Auditorium. There are still four volunteer lead positions available. See Trustee Anderson if interested. **(Open Item)**
- C. AFJROTC Awards:** Service Dress is required for Military Members. Includes meal/no money required. See dates/times below: **(Open Item)**

- Midwest City- 22 April 6pm/Perez – Midwest City HS. Looking for standby volunteer
- Crooked Oak- no reply from school.
- Edmond North- 19 April/6pm/MSgt Johnson
- Southeast – 3 May/6pm/Perez
- John Marshall no longer has a JROTC Unit
- Carl Albert- 24 April/1300/Lawhorn – Carl Albert High School
- Choctaw- 26th April/1800/Lawhorn/Haymans – Choctaw High School
- Putnam City- 4 May/1600/TSgt Miller
- Del City- April 22nd/ 6pm/ Mid Del Tech Center – need volunteer still

6. New Business:

- A. Future Meeting/Location:** The AFSA Chapter 985 GM meetings for the duration of 2019 will be held at the FTAC Bldg. **(Closed Item)**
- B. 2019 AFSA Division 3. Professional Airmen’s Conference (PAC) - Chapter 985 Delegates:** Historian Terry Turner motioned that Historian Terry Turner serve as our Chief Delegate with Trustee Brandie Benoit as our Alternate Chief Delegate, Trustee Manuel Munoz will be our 2nd Alternate Chief Delegate. The above mentioned people will be delegates for chapter 985 at the Division 3 Professional Airmen’s Conference being held 25-27 April 2019 in O’Fallon, Illinois (Scott AFB). We know of no others attending at this time. Chapter 985 has 50 votes, the Chief Delegate will have the authority to add delegates and reassign number of votes at the conference site as required. Any remaining surplus numbers will go to the Chief Delegate. Further, the Chief Delegate will cast the votes of any absentee delegate. The Alternate(s) will have and cast the votes in the same manner as stated above in the Chief Delegate’s absence. Motion by President Cooley, seconded by Secretary Crosby, with no further discussion, motion was approved. **(Closed Item)**
- C. Membership Appreciation Night:** Next AFSA membership appreciation night will be on April 26, 2019, at Tinker Bowling Lanes. Bowling, shoes and pizza will be free; burgers are at individual expense; drinks are being discussed still. No outside food or drinks is permitted, apart from bakery items. The first 30 members/depends are highly sought after! Sign-up now! Some ideas for the next membership appreciation night include Top Golf at approximately \$70 per person, Dave & Busters at approximately \$20 for lunch/\$30 for dinner per person, and Escape Room at approximately \$150-\$200 per group of 8. Vote today! **(Closed Item)**
- D. General Membership Pole by Members:** It was asked by Trustee Anderson, “What would members like to get for their AFSA membership, and what ideas do members have concerning how AFSA can give back to not only its members, but also the community?” An open discussion introduced the idea of having a burger burn. It was also mentioned that the Firsts Sergeants might have a grill that they could possibly donate to the chapter. (President Cooley will follow-up.) Trustee Anderson will investigate the specifics for the possibility of a burger burn and present at the next meeting. **(Open Item)**

7. President Cooley asked if there is any other new business or comments from around the room before we adjourn. Below are the items noted or discussed.

- A. Tinker Single Parents Succeeding Together:** It will be a luncheon/network group to help single parents. We will provide outside agency information as well as what Tinker has to offer to help single parents. This also gives the parents an opportunity to build relationships. Soft date is 17 May from 1100-1200 at the Tinker Housing Community Center. Lunch will be provided. For more information please contact SSgt April Berry at april.berry@us.af.mil. **(Closed Item)**
- B. Cooking Class for Airman in the Dorms:** Cooking class is filled up but we still highly encourage everyone to attend the 1800 meal the airmen prepared. It is at the chapel on 17 April and everyone is welcomed to come. On the menu is chili, loaded potatoes and angel food cake. Chapel hosts dinners every Wednesday at 1800. For more information please contact SSgt April Berry at april.berry@us.af.mil. **(Closed Item)**
- C. Police Week:** Historian Turner announced that the Chapter donated \$100.00 to support Police Week activities, PR 424 on budget. **(Closed Item)**
- D. AFSA Chapter 984 Flood Relief Fundraising Campaign:** Historian Turner announced that the affected people of Chapter 984 of flood damages could use our help. They have currently raised \$195 of \$1,000, and 8 people in 9 days have donated. \$250 was motioned by Historian Turner, seconded by Senior Advisor Zamorano, with no further discussion, motion was approved. We will leave the following comment: *"#AFSA985 #AFSAgivesback #AFSAdiv3 AFSA Chapter 985 always looks for ways to make this a better place and we are glad we have the opportunity help another chapter in need. We wish all your members and your community a speedy recovery and would like to donate funds to support your cause."* The donation will be made through the Go Fund Me Campaign: <https://www.gofundme.com/afsa-chapter-984-supports-nebraska-flood-relief> **(Closed Item)**
- E. Door Prize Winners:** During the meeting, the following members received door prizes as a way to show the Chapter's appreciation: Martelli Major/\$5 BX gift card, Letrice Stewart/\$15 Burger King gift card, Charles Barkeimer/\$15 Dairy Queen gift card, Noah Griffin/\$5 BX gift card, Historian Turner/AFSA Ch. 985 coin, Pete Piazza/\$5 BX gift card, Steve Roy/AFSA Ch. 985 pen, and Secretary Crosby/\$25 Buffalo Wild Wings gift card. **(Closed Item)**
- F. ACTION ITEM:** Chief Erb mentioned that the AFSA Preamble wording recently changed. Secretary Crosby will verify that we have the correct version according to Excerpt: AFSA Manual 100-1, By-laws of the AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION, dated October 2018 PDF Page 2. **(Closed Item)**
- G. CCAF Spring Education Grant:** Historian Terry Turner briefed the Tinker AFB CCAF Spring Education Grant Package was sent to CCAF Committee on 21 March 2019 to send to Graduates. The due date for packages is 15 Apr 2019. Once evaluated, selection will be announced at 2 May 2019 Graduation. We will have a POC attend to represent AFSA, they will present recipient a check for \$250.00. **(Closed Item)**

Meeting adjourned at 1213 hrs.

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Charlotte Crosby, Secretary

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Damont Cooley, President