



## AFSA – TEAM TINKER NEWSLETTER

Thunderbird Chapter 985, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma



**Chapter President SMSgt Bryan Thompson, and his Executive Council, presents the following summary of accomplishments/activities during the month of January 2010.**

### January

7. Chapter 985 held its monthly Executive Council Meeting.
8. Martha Johnson manned an information/recruiting booth at base Newcomers; 54 attendees.
8. Vanessa Smock briefed 26 FTAC students on the importance of professional organizations in the protection and improvement of AF enlisted quality of life benefits; resulted in 4 changes of address.
14. AFSA Chapter 985 held its monthly General Membership Meeting at 1130 at the Tinker Club
14. The chapter funded a light lunch “meet and greet” lunch to afford ALS students an opportunity to meet and interact with base enlisted leadership; 54 students and 11 first sergeants attended. President Thompson and Chapter Chaplain Turner, Tinker First Sergeant Council President talked about the importance and benefits to being a member of AFSA.
15. President Bryan Thompson, VP Terry Turner, and Historian Don Sullivan 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, local chapter activities and recruited at base FTAC, 19 attendees; resulted in 12 new members, and 2 changes of chapter/address.
21. President Bryan Thompson & Historian Don Sullivan briefed the importance of supporting professional organizations and AFSA’s role in the legislative process, and the promoting and protecting benefits for the total Air force Enlisted to ALS students, 54 attendees; resulted in 15 new members and 1 renewal.
25. MSgt Lance Turner briefed local AFSA activities to the Tinker First Sergeants Council and emphasized the importance of supporting this great organization both internationally and locally.
31. A membership summary for January 2010 follows:
  - ✓ Trustee Andre Dame reported 7 new members recruited resulting in a total of 7 new member’s recruited year-to-date and a total strength of 1,998 active members.
  - ✓ Trustee Paul Findley contacted 47 of 56 members on the January termination roster (34 via email and 13 by phone) – unable to contact 9. Contact resulted in 4 members retained by 2 different retainers.
  - ✓ Trustee Lisa Sears reported 25 of 105 members on the Bad Address List were contacted via e-mail resulting in 4 change of address updates. Further contacts are ongoing.
31. President Bryan Thompson distributed 4 AFSA e-Newsletters, 1 General Membership Meeting Reminder notice with meeting minutes and a chapter monthly legislative report, 1 Chapter Monthly Newsletter, Email PDS 564, 1 Press Release, Health Care Letter Example, email HB 1053.
31. Web Master David Weller-Fahy reports we had 307 unique visitors to our web site in January for a total of 2,732 subscribers.
31. AFSA FY2010 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ends. The Activities and Americanism and Financial Reports are currently being prepared to forward through Division 89.

## Presidents Remarks:

We continued to do well in January despite our second ice/snow storm within a month. The Tinker area received 1/2 – 3/4” of freezing rain and sleet, and then about 5” of snow layered on top. Following are a couple of Photos: We hope all weathered the storm comfortably and without injury.



We received photos of the new 2010 POW/MIA coin designed by CMSgt (Ret) Dale Nelson in Washington state. A POC for the coins will be announced after the elections on February 11, 2010. In the meantime, here is a look at the new coin with more news about how you can purchase is forthcoming.



Do not forget our chapter elections at the General Membership meeting, Thursday, February 11, 2010 starting at 1130 at the Tinker Club. We will be electing/appointing new officers for the coming year. All positions are open. If you are interested in any elected or volunteer positions, contact me at [president@afsa985.org](mailto:president@afsa985.org)