



**Air Force Sergeants Association**  
Thunderbird Chapter 985  
<http://afsa985.org/>  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
March 8, 2012



Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with Vice President Michael Mooney presiding. A quorum was declared.

**1. Opening Ceremonies:**

- a. Invocation: A moment of silent reflection
- b. Pledge of Allegiance led by: Vice President Michael Mooney
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Vice President Michael Mooney
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Vice President Michael Mooney

**2. Members Present:**

Terry Turner	Don Sullivan	Tim Ossinger
Doug Bynum	Mike Bartels	Rachael Long
Lisa Muth	Michael Mooney	Mary Rokitka
Jennifer Ponder	James Kelly	Shannon Holland
James Mitchell	Andrew Lowe	Mary Jane Kelly
Dustin McClure	Victor Cordero	Kevin Davis
James Mogren	Mike Devenitch	Rey Quiosay
Joseph Sachleben	Armstrong Ekpete	Tim O'Linn
Anthony Fleury	Constance Driver	

**3. Special welcome:** CMSgt Tim O'Linn, CMSgt (Ret) Tim Ossinger, Michael Devenitch (Past Vice President/VFW), Karl Wasserleben (TFCU), Steven Gonner (TFCU).

**4. Reports:**

- A. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Rachael Long reported the February General Membership and March Executive Council meeting minutes were emailed out by President Terry L. Turner via our mailing list and posted at <http://afsa985.org/>. Motion to accept by Historian Tim Ossinger 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Michael Bartels.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mary Rokitka provided a comprehensive briefing of the February 2012 Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept by Webmaster Lisa Muth 2<sup>nd</sup> by Historian ~~Tom~~ Tim Ossinger.
- C. Reports:** Chaplain Don Sullivan briefed next quarterly reports are due April 15, 2012. He is currently working on the quarterly Activities and Americanism report, awaiting the March AFSA Team Tinker completion. Treasurer Mary Rokitka has started preparing the quarterly financial report awaiting final March transactions. Reports will be sent to DP Lutzen to review and forward to HQ AFSA.
- D. Legislative:** President Terry Turner briefed March legislative report is completed, gave a brief overview and advised it was distributed via list server. Copies were available at back of room.
- E. Activities:** Trustee Lowell Bynum briefed that the deadline is approaching for registration to the Di

vision 89 Conference and encouraged members to sign up.

**F. Airman Activities Coordinators: Cody Fondahn: Briefed by Vice President Michael Mooney**

1. **31** Volunteers for February, 110.25 Total Hours of Community Service
2. Volunteer activities and totals:
  - A. 9 Volunteers for Military Welcome Center (44 hours)
  - B. 3 Volunteers for Airpark Cleanup at TAFB (2.25 hours)
  - C. 3 Volunteers for Friends of the Library (24 hours)
  - D. 16 Volunteers for Feed the Children Books sale cleanup (40 hours)
3. New events for March
  - A. Military Welcome Center - Every Saturday
  - B. Airpark Cleanup Cont. – Last week of month
  - D. OKC Animal Welfare Shelter-March 17-23 (20-30 vol's)
  - E. Will Rogers Gardens-All of the month of March-E-mails will be going out with more details.

**G. Membership: Vice President Michael Mooney**

1. **New Members:** Vice President Michael Mooney reported 2 new members were recruited in February with 20 new members recruited in 2012 YTD from 2 different recruiters. As of March 2, 2012 the chapter had a total strength of 1,897 with 1,810 active members and 87 lapsed members.
  - a. **Sky-higher:** 0
  - b. **11 in 11 members-**\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. **50/50 club members-**\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. **1/1 club members-**\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. **The next FTAC opportunities are:** March 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 1250-1335
  - f. **Other recruiting opportunities are:** ALS today (Thursday) 8 March 2012 at 1545 and ALS Graduation on 29 March 2012
2. **Renewal:** Vice President Michael Mooney
  - a. Renewal list members contacted 75 out of 87; 75 emailed, for an 86% contact rate.
  - b. Members renewed: 5, YTD 2 retainers
3. **Bad Address List:** Vice President Michael Mooney
  - a. BAL members contacted: 0
  - b. Members updated: 0
  - c. Members removed: 0 new total

**H. Communications:** Webmaster Lisa Muth & Chaplain Don Sullivan: Webmaster Lisa Muth reported that the general membership meeting announcement was sent to the Tinker Takeoff for publishing (Date for Posting; pending) February. Don Sullivan reported that the AFSA 985 Team Tinker Report for February was ready to be reviewed and distributed by President Terry Turner.

**I. Awards:** Presented by President Terry Turner

1. Acrylic Statuette of Appreciation in recognition of volunteer excellence during our 2011

annual gift-wrap fundraiser: Constance Driver.

2. Plaque for Appreciation in recognition of volunteer excellence during our 2011 annual fundraiser: Family Matters Category (2011 volunteer of the year for child): Zach Driver
3. AFSA Chapter 985 Special Achievement Award: (recognizing outstanding contributions as an Executive Council Member – hard work and dedication to Chapter 985 meeting all its goals: Webmaster Lisa Muth.
4. Airman of the Year: A1C Andrew M. Lowe

**J. Web Site:** Webmaster Lisa Muth reported we had 244 unique visitors in February 2012. E-mail list server distribution was up to 3,666 subscribers at the end of February 2012. Total unique visitors for 2012 YTD were 480.

## 5. Old Business:

- A. Chapter 985 to host 2012 Division 89 Conference – Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2945 NW Expressway, OKC – March 29-31, 2012:** Conference Manager Terry Turner. Division President Dale Lutzen has sent out welcome letter and registration form. It's also posted on [www.afsativ89.org](http://www.afsativ89.org) (the division web site). A host Chapter fundraiser will be allowed during the conference. We also need to sell ads for the program to help defray conference costs. Webmaster Lisa Muth will be POC to solicit prizes and ads from merchants. Michael Mooney, Doug Bynum and Bruce Reno will serve on the committee with her. President Turner secured a bus for the casino trip for optional on-your-own Friday evening, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Members Joanne Compton, Jonathan Bennett and Andrew Lowe will work the registration desk Thursday afternoon from 1300-1700; Historian Tim Ossinger will work it Friday morning 0700-0800 and be the POC for the Hospitality Suite. Trustee Jennifer Ponder Motioned to have drawing for free registration to the conference, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Historian Tim Ossinger, motion approved. The winner of the drawing was President Terry Turner who re-gift prize and awarded to Airman of the Year Nominee A1C Andrew Lowe. **(Item Open).**
- B. Croaked Oaks AFJROTC:** President Terry Turner was contacted by unit commander for uniform request, they are in the need of any sizes ABUs, BDUs, DCUs, for their field exercises. Currently searching for drop-off location and POC. **(Item Open).**
- C. 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. Volunteers need to log in to track volunteer hours for the Chapter. **(Item Open).**
- D. Strategic Planning-Goals, Objectives, Committee assignments, Training, etc:** 10 March 2012 at 11:30 the Executive Council will meet for the council to put together the strategic plan for the chapter. President Terry Turner stated that if any members have anything to add that they want addressed at the meeting to please contact the executive council **(Item Open).**

- E. List Server:** As the chapter's list server has grown by 500% over the years, the need to get additional space/usage may be required. Webmaster Lisa Muth reported that the issue may be because of size amount of people on the mailing list. There is a server limit of 1500 at a time. Will research if condensing the mailing list will correct the issue. **(Item Closed)**.
- F. Meeting with Leadership:** President Terry Turner requested volunteers to set up meeting with unit leadership so the 2012 Executive Council can inform them about AFSA and Chapter 985 goals and objectives for 2012. Vice President Michael Mooney will set up the meeting for the 552 ACW, SMSgt Mogren will set up the meeting for the 72 ABW **(Item Open)**.
- G. Unit Reps:** President Terry Turner announced the chapter would start unit representative program again due to increased interest. They will not serve as recruiters but educators about AFSA. Anyone interested can email president@afsa985.org for details. **(Item Open)**.
- H. POW/MIA Coin Fundraiser:** President Terry Turner announced the 2012 POW/MIA Coins are available and asked for POC for fund-raiser. Trustee Doug Bynum volunteered to manage program. Trustee Doug Bynum motioned to order of 50 coins, seconded by Tim Ossinger, motion passed. Coins can be pre-ordered, contact Trustee Doug Bynum. Webmaster Lisa Muth will post pictures of the coins on the website **(Item Open)**.
- I. Annual Event Calendar:** President Terry Turner asked for special/reoccurring events be added to annual chapter calendar and uploaded to website. This calendar will be updated during the 2012 Strategic Planning meeting. Webmaster Lisa Muth volunteered to cover the task. President Terry Turner requested that if anyone has a Commanders Call that they please coordinate with him or Vice President Michael Mooney to come over and speak to the unit about AFSA. **(Item Open)**.

## **6. New Business:**

- A. Convention assignment Help: Delegates for Convention (Get people registered):** Chaplain Don Sullivan motioned that President Terry Turner be Chapter 985's chief delegate at the 2012 Division 89 Conference, March 29-31, 2012. Michael Mooney will be the alternate chief delegate. It is further motioned that Terry Turner, Michael Mooney, Mary Rokitka, and Don Sullivan be voting delegates. Since we don't know the names of all the 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 as sign votes among the delegates once all names are posted. Any odd votes will go to the chief delegate. The chief delegate will also cast all votes for any absent delegate. The motion seconded by Historian Tim Ossinger, motion passed. President Terry Turner stated that members should contact delegates if they have issues to be addressed during the conference. **(Item Open)**.
- B. Membership Appreciation Day 1 April 2012, Thunder Community Service:** President Terry Turner announced that the e-mail for membership appreciation day will go out soon to the e-mail listing. **(Item Open)**.
- C. VA Hospital/Home Needs Support:** Item will tabled until next General Membership meeting. **(Item Open)**.

**D. AFJROTC Awards Support:** Volunteers needed to present awards- We support 7 schools, going to start awards ceremonies for cadets. Crooked Oaks award ceremony 20 April at 1830 at the Tinker Club; and Choctaw High school award ceremony 27 April at 1800 at the school. President Terry Turner will send an e-mail out for volunteers. **(Item Open)**.

**E. Update Briefing slides (POC: Mooney):** Slides will be updated before the next FTAC briefing.

**F. Ad Sales – need um bad:** Don Sullivan requested volunteers to go to business to sell ads. Webmaster Lisa Muth will be the centralized POC and will establish a spreadsheet of who has been contacted and suggested merchants to contact. VP Michael Mooney, Trustees Doug Bynum and Bruce Reno will assist in selling ads obtaining gift donations. This item will be discussed at the General Membership meeting. **(Item Open)**.

**G. Guest Speaker: Vice President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars:** Vice President Michael Devenitch briefed the chapter on the importance on making contact with your elected officials. Send letters, meet with legislators or their staff; inform them of the concerns of the Active Duty military member. There is a Tribute to Fallen Soldiers at the Welcome Center on 17 March 2012, encourage members to attend. President Terry Turner recommended that members go to CAPWZ and log-in to contact elected officials.

## **7. Closing.**

A. Any other new business or comments from around the room

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

C. Door Prize Winners

Rachael Long/Michael Bartels/Andrew Lowe  
Tim O'Linn/Doug Bynum/Don Sullivan  
Lisa Muth/Dep. Zach Driver/Shannon Holland  
Mary Rokitka/James Mogren/Jennifer Ponder  
Armstrong Ekpote/Victor Cordero

With no other new business, Chaplain Don Sullivan motioned to adjourn, seconded by Tim Ossinger

Meeting adjourned at: 1231 hrs.

///Signed ///  
Rachael A. Long, Secretary

Approved as written///Signed///  
Terry L. Turner, President