



AIR FORCE SERGEANTS ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Hill Air Force Base, Utah
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31 January 2006

MEETING: Monthly AFSA General Membership Meeting

LOCATION: Dining Facility

DATE/TIME: 31 January 2006/1200 hrs

AFSA Officers:

President: MSgt Chetan Sawhney

Vice-President: MSgt Tammy Martinovic

Secretary: MSgt Erica Shipp

Treasurer: TSgt Julie McQueen

Advisor: MSgt Tyrone Reynolds

Recruitment: MSgt Beth Topa

Membership: SMSgt Stephanie Burroughs

Legislative: CMSgt (ret) Chet Atkins

Communication: MSgt Samuel Evans

Awards: TSgt Debra Massa

Community Service: TSgt Keith Steele

Fund Raising: MSgt Toni Palmer

1. **Call to Order:** MSgt Sawhney called the meeting to order at 1200 hrs.
2. **Recited the Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble**
3. **President's Comments:** All members were welcomed by MSgt Sawhney.
4. **Acceptance of Minutes:**
5. **Treasury Report for January 2006**

Treasury Report

Beginning Balance	\$2,115.48
Interest (.90)	\$0.90
Other payments (68 Post Office 1 year)	0.00
Deposits	\$0.00
Outstanding Checks	\$0.00
Chapter Rebate	\$0.00
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	\$2,116.38
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Share Acct Bal (.05 interest)	\$59.82
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TOTAL:	<u>\$2,176.18</u>

6. **Command Chief Comments:** Chief Smith welcomed in 2006 and mentioned our current president's PCS. He spoke of the new 75 ABW Wing Commander and the new OO-ALC Vice

Commander. He also mentioned CMSAF #5, Bob Gaylor visit to Hill AFB. Finally, Chief Smith discussed the promotion path/progression for Colonels to Brigadier General.

7. Newcomers: First time attendees included SSgt Bourgeois, Chief Trejo, MSgt Jarry, MSgt Dale Baker, TSgt Williams, MSgt Wheeler, and MSgt Lewis

8. Membership: Current strength is 981.

9. Legislative Report: Chief Atkins sends out Capitol Hill Updates on a regular basis. Legislative issues NDAA 06 approved an increase of 500lbs for SNCO household goods; neither VEAP nor GI Bill transferability made it to the floor; DOD will not conduct DECA studies until 2008. Upcoming, there could be significant changes regarding TRICARE. Some highlights: DoD wants to establish a TRICARE Standard annual enrollment fee; annual enrollment fee for TRICARE Prime premium for retired E-7s and above would go to \$950 versus the \$460 present cost; annual deductibles would increase; and the proposed changes in pharmacy charges for all beneficiaries are alarming. Lastly, when writing your elected representatives ask for a response and a hand-written letter may solicit a quicker response.

10. Communications: MSgt Sam Evans has returned from TDY and will now maintain the AFSA All distribution list.

11. Awards: TSgt Massa announced the FTAY Board will be conducted on 24 Feb 06. Currently we have 11 nominees. 80% of overall score is the AF Form 1206 and 20% is Board score. Chief Smith will serve as president. Also drafts are underway/review for Member of Year, Chapter of the Year, Website of the Year, and Legislative Trustee of the Year packages.

12. Recurring Business:

- a. VA Hospital visit: A1C Evans with MSgt Palmer organized our 1st annual Valentines for Vets community project. The cards were hand delivered by 25 Hill AFB personnel to the VA Hospital. This was a huge success.
- b. Need people to write articles for Hill Top Times.
- c. AFSA Polo Shirts and coins for sale, POC: MSgt Toni Palmer @ 6-1822. POW/MIA Coins for sale, POC, Chief Kevin Fallen @ 5-4379.
- d. The next briefings: ALS brief—ALS Graduation for DG Award- TBD
- e. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of the coin catalog, please see Chief Fallen. The cost of the coins is \$10.

10. Old Business:

- a. Membership points system program. No action taken. (CLOSED)
- b. SrA Bettencourt advertised AFSA Chapter 1163 Coin Design Contest. \$50 give-away and first coin for winning submission. Need to present check. Coin now in production. (OPEN)

- c. MSgt Palmer is working on ideas for fund raising in order to give E-1 – E-4 discounts. Now, SMSgt Burroughs and MSgt Beth Topa are working on plan. Since we now have our coin in production, this will be given out as an incentive. (CLOSED)
- d. MSgt Palmer finally got the chapter set up with the Adopt-a-Highway campaign and we have a 3-5 stretch of highway in South Weber. She will go to the location and check out feasibility. (OPEN)
- e. New Bowling Tournament date is 31 Mar 06. MSgt Palmer sent out flyer electronically. She also asked for volunteers to be designated drivers. (OPEN)
- f. A Thanksgiving or Christmas card drive for Veterans. More to come. POC A1C Evans. The chapter chose to organize the Valentines for Vets instead. (CLOSED)
- g. Chief Bauer will check on the Adopt-A-Highway program. (CLOSED)

11. New Business:

- a. TSgt Steele and MSgt Hemphill will be checking with AAFES to see if we can secure dates for gift wrapping as a fund raiser. (CLOSED)
- b. Homeless Veterans Stand Down is scheduled for November. TSgt Steele is working on a clothing drive. TSgt Steele did organize the clothing drive approximately 800lbs of clothing delivered, most of it coming from the hurricane relief effort. (CLOSED)
- c. Weekly AFSA set up at BINGO at the clubs. POC MSgt Topa (OPEN)
- d. MSgt Palmer will check to see if we can reconnect with the Habitat for Humanity organization once again. (OPEN)
- e. Chapter Elections will take place on 28 Feb 06. Offices up for election are President, Vice-President, and Trustees 1, 2, and 3. Mr. Larue Campbell will be the election official. (OPEN)
- f. Division 11/12 Conference will be held in Tucson, Arizona 20-23 April. \$75 Registration Fee and \$75 per night for hotel. FTAY will be going and CMSAF #11 Campanale will be the guest speaker.

12. General Membership Comments: None.

14. Closing Comments.

15. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1300 hrs. Next meeting will be 28 Feb, 1200 hrs at the Dining Facility (please come about 15 minutes early if you want lunch).

16. This Meeting Attendees: Erica Shipp, Franklin Smith, Ty Jarry, Maria Maldonado, Glenn Williams, Alyson Williams, Larue Campbell Jr., Stephanie Burroughs, Toni Palmer, Don Hemphill, Debra Massa, Chris Baker, Katherine Trejo, Frank Wheeler, Timothy Lewis, Dale Baker, Beth Topa.

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