



**MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AFSA Kittyhawk Chapter 751
6 March 2007**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1132 in "Rockers" (downstairs, WP Club), by President CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia, with 25 people in attendance. There were 5 "first time attendees" who introduced themselves today: Brian Farr, Will Gabbard, Jeff and Charlotte Foran, and Ryan Puckett. All were heartily welcomed. There were no departees this meeting.

2. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (Received)
 - Invitation from the Chamber of Commerce to their annual banquet
 - "Put Fairborn Kids First" solicitation (request to support a school levy)
 - Help Unite Fairborn - (Request to fund community center and improve quality of life)
 - Multiple requests by JROTC to present awards
 - Thank you from FNHI for gift wrapping donation
 - Thank you from John Merryman (Past President) for fruit basket

3. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **Secretary:** Minutes from 6 Feb GMM were approved.
 - b. **Treasurer:** MSgt(Ret) Geoff Oliver- Accepted/approved January Financial Report. If there are any questions please contact an Exec Council Member.
 - c. **Enlisted Partnership:** CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia- February meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for 21 Mar.
 - d. **Membership:** MSgt (Ret) Rodney Hromada trying for a BX membership drive at the end of March.
 - e. **Legislation:** SMSgt (Ret) Dembinski – TriCare issues are at the top of the priority list. (annual fee and co-pay increases). This affects all of us. The goal is to have this program taken from DOD and placed under a Congressional Authorization. He encouraged all to write their Congressman/Senators. Communicate what we'd like them to support. Another item in the scope is reducing the retirement age to 55 for Guard and Reservists. To see more 110th Congress issues, visit www.afsahq.org (updated Tue & Fri nights) or visit www.hcst.net/afsa751/legislation.htm for a list of bills to read more on.
 - f. **Communications Chairman:** MSgt Pabon - The February newsletter is on the website via the Chapter link. To view it, visit <http://www.hcst.net/afsa751/751newsletters.htm>.
 - g. **Fisher/Nightingale Houses, Inc. (FNHI):** Jules Durkee – The annual fundraiser "All American Evening" will be Saturday, 28 Apr 07. They need volunteer assistance (help moving items to the museum that day / and helping with the silent/live auction that evening). Meals are \$25 (\$60 total but \$35 is tax deductible). Dress is casual (no jeans). Contact Ruben Garcia or Jules Durkee for more info or view the website at: <http://www.fnhi.org/>
 - h. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** SrA Jacquelyn Allen – Still working on getting an Airman Distribution List (similar to email Top 3 list). A new slide show is available for the briefing. The
 - i. **Auxiliary:** Jules Durkee – Auxiliary meets quarterly. Next meeting tentatively scheduled for

this month. She invited all members to involve their family members in our great association. Join the auxiliary and bring a friend!

4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Division Convention...20-22 Apr 07:** The cost is \$65 which includes lunch, breakfast, banquet, and the hospitality room, etc. Division elections occur. The banquet will be on the 21st in the Mezzanine Room. The convention gives members a first hand view of what also happens at the International convention. If interested in attending the Division Convention here at WPAFB, contact Fred Dembinski for the forms. There will be a meeting tonight in the Fireside Room here at the club for anyone interested in assisting. (OPEN)
- b. **Membership Drive:** If anyone had any new recruits, please turn in applications at the end of the meeting. We're still awaiting final numbers (OPEN)
- c. **Tops in Blue:** SSgt Jamie Cleveland absent to give report. Security and escorts were provided. This was a snow day, so not many people attended, but a good time was had by all who weathered the temperatures. (CLOSED)
- d. **Highway Cleanup:** Scheduled for 24 March @ 0900 hrs. Meet at the commissary gate. Safety vests will be provided. Call SrA Allen at 522-2252 for information. If interested, there will be a breakfast at Roush's Restaurant @ 0800 hrs that morning. (OPEN)
- e. **50/50 Fund Raiser:** SMSgt George Broome – Absent ... Nothing new to report. (OPEN)

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Strategic/Annual Plan & Budget.** Executive council is currently reviewing. If you'd like to have a copy, contact President Garcia. (OPEN)
- b. **Retirees Luncheon 11 Apr 07:** We're looking for someone to provide a briefing and volunteer at table. He/she would set up and represent AFSA. Contact Ruben if interested in volunteering for this position (OPEN)

6. OPEN DISCUSSION:

- a. **AFMC Tattoo 29 Jun 07:** Chapter will be looking for volunteers (CLOSED)
- b. **President meeting with ABW/CC:** If there's something you'd like addressed to the wing commander, this is another avenue to raise an issue. Tell President Garcia if you have something to bring forward. (CLOSED)
- c. **Eagle Scout Honors Banquet:** Looking for 2 members (in uniform) to represent AFSA on 15 Mar 07. (OPEN)
- d. **Tecumseh Eagle Scout Banquet:** Date now 9 Jun 07. Chapter is looking for 2 members in uniform. Meal is provided. (OPEN)
- e. **AFSA Conventions:** President Garcia encouraged all to be involved in Division convention events and to communicate with the council. Bottom line is please get involved as we're "not just another military organization, we're family!" (CLOSED)

7. The meeting was adjourned at 1223 hrs. The next General Membership meeting is 3 Apr 07 (same location).

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