



**MINUTES OF THE  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
AFSA Kittyhawk Chapter 751  
10 July 2007**

1. President, CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia, called the meeting to order at 1135 in the Rocker Lounge, WPAFB Club with approximately 33 people in attendance. The meeting began with opening remarks from Col. Colleen Ryan, 88 ABW/CC, and CMSgt Martin Smith, 88 ABW/CCC, some key points made are notes below.

**Col. Ryan's comments:**

- Proud to be a member of AFSA and Chapter 751
- Expressed gratitude towards chapter involvement in various activities, highlighted Relay-for-Life, Highway Clean-Up, AADD, and support for veterans
- Encouraged participation for Heroes Welcoming Heroes, event will take place at the National Museum of USAF
- Highlighted 88 ABW Annual Picnic, scheduled for 10 Aug
- Extensive talks of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and FY 08 Budget constraints
  - FY08 budget is fluid at best, but will communicate all actions with base populace
  - Wright-Patterson AFB was a winner with respects to BRAC
  - All BRAC actions must be complete by 15 Sep 11
  - Major construction to take place in Area B, upwards of \$300M, be prepared to alter routes with construction of a new gate—communication plan is in works
- Honored to represent WPAFB at the Proclamation of Military Appreciation Week hosted by the City of Huber Heights
- CMSgt Garcia presented Col. Ryan with “token of appreciation”—an AFSA Bear

**CMSgt Smith's comments:**

- Enforced “Back-to-Basics”, confront things that are not correct, adhere to customs and courtesies and AFI 36-2903
- Airmen Leadership School (ALS) will transfer to a Professional Education Development Bldg
  - Plans are in work, but bottom lime, ALS will relocate
- Encouraged participation in Expeditionary Combat Skills Training for upcoming AEF 9/10

**2. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Letter of Appreciation, Veterans Administration, for VA Picnic donation(s)
- b. Letter of Appreciation, Director, Education and Training Flight, for 2007 CCAF Graduation
- c. Thank you note from Westland High School for JROTC Cadet recognition
- d. \$100 Donation from AFRL, c/o Maj Gen. Edward J. Mechenbier, for 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards Luncheon
- e. Request for participation, City of Beavercreek, for 4 July Parade
- f. Donated \$100 to WPAFB TOP 3 for SNCO Induction Ceremony
- g. Received \$25 contribution from George Hassey from Londonderry, OH for Newsletter

**3. REPORTS:**

- a. **Secretary:** June minutes required few changes before being approved, on file now.
- b. **Treasurer:** May financial report was approved.

- c. **Enlisted Partnership:** CMSgt Ruben Garcia – June meeting was cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for July 30.
- d. **Airman Activities Coordinator:** SrA Jacquelyn Allen and SrA Rebecca Amusa. Dorm Pizza Party was a huge hit, over 80 Airmen attended in addition to the 16 - 20 volunteers. 30 Pizzas were donated from local vendors. Sincere thanks for all the support.
- e. **Membership:** MSgt (Ret) Rodney Hromada – Stern messages were relayed from CMSgt (Ret) Anderson. Points made: Chapter hailed at 3,094 members in Jan and is down to 2,995 now. Every members needs to do his/her part to reach our goal of 500 new recruits while maintaining our end strength.
- f. **Legislation:** SMSgt (Ret) Fred Dembinski – 142 bills reside on the House floor and 70 in the Senate, please log on to THOMAS Legislation, <http://www.hcst.net/afsa751/legislation.htm> to view any bill. Highlights from these include “Keep Our Promise to America’s Military Retirees” Act, Military Pay Improvement Act of 2007, and National Guard and Reserve Retirement Modernization Act. Ohio Senate Bill 19 still in the Means and Ways Committee.
- g. **Communications:** MSgt Rolando Pabon – Nothing significant to report (NSTR), TDY to SNCO Academy. **Chapter Web Page:** TSgt (Ret) Jeff Stepanek – Please continue to send/e-mail any photos covering our community activities, at the moment, seeking V.A. Picnic pictures.
- h. **Auxiliary:** Julie Durkee – NSTR, next meeting is scheduled for 18 Sep 07, 1900 hrs in the Courtyard room.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **50/50 Fund Raiser:** SMSgt George Broome – No change, request/paperwork is being routed through legal. (OPEN)
- b. **Commissary Case Lot Sale:** CMSgt (Ret) Chuck Worm – 28 members participated and raised \$1.4K from Hot Dog/concession sales. Next event is scheduled for 30 Aug. Looking for person(s) to organize the fundraiser.(OPEN)
- c. **Yellow Springs Street Fair:** SMSgt George Broom – 9 June event involved 10 volunteers and raised \$525. (CLOSED)
- d. **Freedom’s Call Tattoo:** CMSgt (Ret) Chuck Worm – Great show, 32 volunteers helped the chapter raise \$975, sincere thanks to all who participated. (CLOSED)
- e. **Dayton Air Show:** SMSgt (Ret) Fred Dembinski – Scheduled for 28/29 July, need at least 100 volunteers for chapter’s biggest fundraiser, have 46 volunteers for now. (OPEN)
- f. **AF Heritage:** CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia – NSTR, have tabled it for further discussion. (OPEN)
- g. **Commander Action Information Board (CAIB):** CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia – Soliciting volunteer to fill vacancy, please contact CMSgt Garcia for details. (OPEN)

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Beavercreek July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival:** Mr. Kevin Martin – Last minute fundraiser brought in \$75 thanks to two volunteers. (CLOSED)
- b. **Trustee Vacancy:** CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia – repositioned Trustee 5 for continuity purposes, TSgt Parson is now filling that position. MSgt Brian Tobin was confirmed as Trustee 2. (CLOSED)
- c. **Tops in Blue:** CMSgt (Ret) John Merryman – Event scheduled for 8 Aug, e-mail soliciting volunteers is forthcoming. (OPEN)
- d. **Unaccompanied Airman’s Picnic:** CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia – work in process, details forthcoming. (OPEN)
- e. **AFSA Professional Airmen’s Conference:** CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia – Please visit [www.afsahq.org](http://www.afsahq.org) for details/registration, conference is scheduled for 18-23 August. (OPEN)
- f. **USAF Marathon:** CMSgt (Ret) Ruben Garcia – Chapter will host Aid Station 8, e-mail soliciting volunteers is forthcoming. AFSA relay team had two vacancies until MSgts Tobin and Fuenfgeld volunteered to join SMSgt (Ret) Dembinski and CMSgt (Ret) Humphrey. (OPEN)

6. Meeting was adjourned around at 1245 hrs, next General Membership meeting is scheduled for 7 August.

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