

Maxwell-Gunter Chief's Group Meeting
MEC – 25 Apr 07
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Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

CMSgt (Ret) Anderson	CMSgt (ret) Glover	CMSgt W. Sanders
CMSgt (Ret) Cantrell	CMSgt (ret) Gwaltney	CMSgt Smith
CMSgt Casto	CMSgt (ret) Lewis	CMSgt Steffen
CMSgt Coombs	CMSgt (ret) Looney	CMSgt Taylor
CMSgt Crawford	CMSgt Merrill	CMSgt Thornell
CMSgt Darrow	CMSgt McVicar	CMSgt Voith
CMSgt Fischer	CMSgt Reynolds	CMSgt Whited
CMSgt Gill	CMSgt (ret) Sackie	

1. **Start of Meeting:** CMSgt Taylor, called the meeting to order at 1133 hours, at the MEC. CMSgt (ret) Bill Glover led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and CMSgt Joe Thornell provided the invocation.

2. Presentations:

Look Sharp Award: Awards were presented to SSgt Vincent Beck, 42 CS (CMSgt Darrow) and SSgt Curtis Kerven, 42 MSS (CMSgt D. Smith) for their outstanding professionalism, performance, and support to the Maxwell Gunter community.

3. Guest Speaker: Col McGillicuddy, 42 ABW/CC

Topics covered:

- Col McGillicuddy has a great respect for Chiefs. In fact, his brother was selected for promotion to Chief this year.
 - He will rely on Chiefs to work EPR stratification/Awards/Decs
 - Awards/Decs are not a right they're earned
 - Free education is one of our best benefits. He requests our help in encouraging Airmen to take advantage of this opportunity. And he fully understands the need to balance on-duty training/CDCs with off-duty education and that decisions to allow simultaneous training will be individually based.
 - Families of our deployed personnel need to be cared for during their sponsor's absence from the home.
 - AEF – Great job with pre-deployment, however, some UDMs are not performing their duties satisfactorily.
 - Remind UDMs that they represent their unit's CC. .
- Chief Gill praised Col McGillicuddy for easing the burden of losing personnel to Honor Guard duties and the Ready program. Chief Gill then asked about the deployment exercises and asked if they were going to ease the preparation. We had a full blown exercise process and took a lot of

Airman away from their sections for two weeks. Col McGillicuddy assured the Chiefs that we will ease up some and will ramp back up in Aug/Sep with full blown deployment exercises.

Col McGillicuddy thanked everyone again for their efforts and said he would like to address the group quarterly.

4. Welcome/Farewells/Retirements/Promotions:

Welcome – None

Farewell – None

Retirements – CMSgt Kathleen Smith, 4 May 07, 1000 hours, AIS Large Aud

5. Exec Council Comments:

- a. CMSgt Taylor stated the AU workshop went very well. The Maxwell Child Development center parent advisory board is in need of a new President and Vice President. Please poll your folks for a leadership opportunity.
- b. Chief's Leadership Course Mentors, 18 Sep. There are several Chiefs coming from other bases that drop out last minute. The base will ask for volunteers to sit in as mentors for the entire week and act as mentors in the flight rooms. It is a fantastic time to share your experience, learn from others and help them be successful sooner. As a mentor in the last course, Chief Taylor stated she learned our youngest generation of Airmen embrace heritage. And since, our CSAF has been focusing on AF tradition and heritage and it might behoove us to follow his example.
- c. Chief McVicar also stated that on the front cover of the new PDG is a dedication to CMSAF #1 Paul Airey. EHRI and others worked hard to get this put in this edition.

6. Committees:

- a. Chief's Panel (CMSgt Schroeder): CMSgt Norman, CMSgt Thornell and SMSgt Fuller visited Auburn University ROTC and it went very well. CGO panel had 10 officers and Chief's D. Smith/C. Sanders said it went well.
- b. Ways and Means Committee (CMSgt MCVicar): BBQ sale at the SNCOA during combined ops on 9 Apr, 1100-1230 went well. Raised \$440.00 where \$220.00 goes to AFAF and the other to CFC
- c. Memorabilia (CMSgt Knox): Chief's coin box order arrived.
- d. Membership (CMSgt Jozwiak): Nothing to report.
- e. Recognition (CMSgt K. Smith): CMSgt Daryl Coombs stated he has received an assignment and will depart in June, CMSgt Joe Thornell stepped up to take on the recognition committee.
- f. Advertising/Publicity (CMSgt Sagstetter): Not present.

- g. Fellowship Committee (CMSgt Gill and CMSgt (ret) Potter): Chief Gill has reserved the Young House downtown on North Hull St. This function will be on 12 May at 1800 hours and there will be two choices available. The restaurant does not have a liquor license.
7. **Old Business:**
Proposal was made for CG to use Hawaii Chiefs Group flower sales to raise some additional funds. Due to the lack of participation and timeline this was not feasible this year. **(CLOSED)**

8. **New Business: The MEC will no longer serve food or hold meetings. Therefore, we have reserved the Falcon's Nest through December 2008.**

9. **Command Chief input:**

- a. AU/CCM: CMSgt Sagstetter unable to attend
- b. 42 ABW/CCM: Chief Reynolds stated the base has scaled down the Honor Guard and they would be restricted to required functions only. In the past, we have asked our HG folks to do CC calls, retirements and other functions that aren't required by law. This past quarter the HG has done 43 more funerals than last quarter. With the rising numbers projected based on a DoD-wide study for projections deaths of Vets/Retirees we will see an increase across the US. With that the Air Force is now looking at reducing the number of HG members to participate in a military funeral from 10 to 7. In some cases, bases are trying to go down to five.

The new Airman's Creed will be required to be memorized by BMTs, FTAC, and ALS Airman. This will also be recited at promotion ceremonies. Suggest we all learn it quickly. Posters are currently being worked to be made and placed in popular spots on base for everyone to see.

Housing privatization – Ms Booth, will be more than happy to answer any questions concerning the privatization endeavor. If you have airman with questions shoot them to CMSgt Reynolds and Ms. Booth will consolidate and advertise in the base paper the frequently asked questions to put folks at ease. Another issue that was brought up in the Shirt Council meeting was shed's for places with very limited storage. The 42 ABW/CC is more than happy to let folks purchase their own but before we send the word out Ms. Booth will check with the contractor once the contract is awarded to see what type of storage units will be sufficient to place in the yards so folks don't purchase the wrong ones and have to remove them.

Noted an increase in the following violation of standards/policy: (1) Airmen wearing blue tooth ear piece while in (2) Personnel/visitors driving on base while talking on cell phone (3) Airmen walking and talking on the cell phone while in uniform (suspect most of these are not duty-related calls)

- c. 908 AW/CCM: CMSgt Fanning was unable to attend.

10. Open floor:

- a. CMSgt (ret) Voith stated reminded members to be very careful to file all medical issues with the VA when they retire as it is more difficult post retirement. (INFO)
- b. CMSgt Hunter Merrell, 331st Recruiting Squadron stated; if there are any issues with recruiters in the area giving folks a hard time please call him. He is responsible for this area down to Panama City and Mississippi. Recruiters are doing great things and the process has changed a little since we've been in. If you have any questions please call him at 416-4073. (INFO)
- c. CMSgt Taylor stated if you have any issues at the MDG to please give her a call, cell phone 318-9004. (INFO)
- d. CMSgt (ret) Lewis has had a complaint concerning the BX stating something is on sale and they run out of it. He had experienced a couple of items that were on sale and then they were out before the sale was over and was not receiving any more in. CMSgt Reynolds was checking with Joe Hwler the BX manager. (OPEN)

11. Meeting adjourned at 1255. Next meeting 30 May, 1130 hours at the Falcon's Nest Ballroom.

Respectfully submitted,

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