

Maxwell-Gunter Chief's Group Meeting
Falcon's Nest – 24 Oct 07
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Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

CMSgt Crawford	CMSgt Tim Garland	CMSgt Steffan
CMSgt Steffen	CMSgt Jozwiak	CMSgt Rodgerson
CMSgt Casto	CMSgt (ret) Gwaltney	CMSgt Don Felch
CMSgt Reynolds	CMSgt (ret) Voigt	
CMSgt D. Fischer	CMSgt Mincey	

1. **Start of Meeting:** CMSgt Garland, called the meeting to order at 1132 hours, at the Falcon's Nest. CMSgt (Ret) Gwaltney led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and CMSgt Crawford provided the invocation.

2. **Presentations:**

Chiefs' Choice Award: No awards presented.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** CMSgt Jozwiak said we had \$3,040.20 in checking.

4. **Welcome/Farewells/Retirements/Promotions:**

Welcome – CMSgt (sel) Don Felch (pin on 31 Oct) came to us from The Guard Bureau in D.C.
Farewell – CMSgt Skeen who went to all Chief promotion celebrations passed away, Flowers sent to the family from the Chief's group.

Retirements – CMSgt Joey Mincey retires 16 Nov, 1400 hours in the MEC
CMSgt Tyrone Crawford retires 2 Nov, 1030 hours in the SNCOA Auditorium
CMSgt Amos Moore retires 1 Dec, Carrabas, 1100 hours.

5. **Executive Council Comments:**

- Chief Garland stated we need more folks to step up and assist with events and fundraisers. He went on to say, there are some folks stating we shouldn't have fundraisers during the CFC campaign. To many times the same folks are working events. We need to try and make it a viable Chief's Group. Be out there for the airman and be visible. We do some things but we can do more. Chief Gwaltney stated you may have fundraisers during CFC like a burger burn for the SNCO and NCO Academies because that does not interfere with the organization giving but provides a lunch service to our enlisted and perhaps our junior officers during combined ops. Chief Garland also stated that if no one wants to assist with fundraisers then we can raise the dues. Chief Gwaltney stated the Chief's Group is a place to network and see what is going on throughout the base as you have different functional members at this meeting for updates to better serve their units. He also asked how many Chief's we had on Maxwell-Gunter and Chief Reynolds stated between 25 – 28 which is less than years passed. Chief Garland also stated he has been contacted by a Chief in a Guard unit from Birmingham that may want to attend our

meetings. The Chief's group may want to reach out to the Reserve and Guard bases to invite them to our meetings as well.

- Chief Reynolds suggested doing an activities plan similar to what the Top 3 put together because as Chief Reynolds stated; sometimes you don't realize everything you are doing until you see it on paper. This way there's a roadmap and we can easily capture and show this to others. Chief Fischer has taken this on and will devise this plan based on previous minutes and the annual financial plan.

6. Committees:

- a. Chiefs' Panel (CMSgt Schroeder): Not present
- b. Ways and Means Committee (CMSgt MCVicar): Not present
- c. Memorabilia (CMSgt Knox): TDY, need Brick or Chief's Bust for our three retirees.
- d. Membership (CMSgt Wilson): Not present
- e. Recognition (CMSgts Thornell): TDY. Passed on we will catch up next month.
- f. Advertising/Publicity (CMSgt Sagstetter): Not Present
- g. Fellowship Committee (CMSgt Gill and CMSgt (ret) Potter): Not present but passed on to the group that we will wait until after the new year for the next social with the holidays coming.

7. Old Business:

- a. Airmen Career Day: Much discussion between CMSgt's Casto, Garland and Reynolds: Chief Casto stated perhaps A1C's be our target group. Chief Reynolds stated, A1C's typically will have a gap in any PME/career broadening from FTAC to ALS, average about five years. With CJRs and typically the blotter normally has more A1Cs/SrA than any other rank. If we target A1Cs for NCO career day, this would help focus them on CJR, retraining opportunities and career broadening, extracting certain curriculum from FTAC and NCOPE to create an intermediate level of education for our young airman. Perhaps this will help reduce the number of A1Cs getting into trouble.
(OPEN)
- b. Faulkner University was a lot of fun and a must if you are in the area at least one time.
(CLOSED)
- c. CMSgt Steffen has been working the Chief's Celebration dinner in January and has some help already. Everyone must pitch in to make this a success.
- d. CMSgt Promotion Party: Ceremony begins at 1530 hours on 14 Nov at the Falcon's Nest. Chief Fischer will spearhead the event with making up the advertisement flyer for the base and make the promotion certificates. He will work with Chief Reynolds executive assistant. We will have to estimate the food based on last year's number of promotees.

8. New Business: None

9. Command Chief input:

- a. AU/CCM: CMSgt Sagstetter passed on to Chief Garland that the Chief's group will have monthly PT with a different unit every month. Chief Reynolds added that from now on Chief's/Shirts will have a 3-mile run with ALS students on the last day instead of playing volleyball. Chief Sagstetter also passed on how we need to reinvigorate the "First Fridays" for all SNCOs at the Falcon's Nest and the MEC on a rotational basis.
- b. 42 ABW/CCM: Chief Reynolds
 - The Advance AU Board of Visitor's will be on base 4-7 Nov and this group carry's a lot of clout within AU. Attention to detail and sharp uniforms are a must.
 - The Montgomery Chamber of Commerce Military appreciation week is scheduled for 11-17 Nov. AFA luncheon on 13 Nov, at 1130 hours in the Maxwell O'Club. Maj Gen Peck is the guest speaker. Right now, very low enlisted turnout. \$10.00 per person.
 - On 26 Oct, Kids on base, 1630, MEC October Festival fun for all.
 - DECA scholarships for 2008, Forms at the commissary, most received scholarships last year do to lack of participation. Or, on line at www.militaryscholarship.com Also, new registers/self checkouts coming. New card swipes like at the newer grocery stores replacing old one on Maxwell first.
 - American Legion in Prattville holding a Veterans Day celebration on 12 Nov at 1100 hours, at the Autauga County Court House.
- c. 908 AW/CCM: CMSgt Fanning not present.

10. Open floor:

- a. CMSgt (ret) Gwaltney stated have we thought about an Order of the Sword for Lt Gen Lorenz since he will probably leave next summer? Chief Reynolds stated there are huge costs involved and if the Chief's Group wanted to take this on. Chief Reynolds will discuss with Chief Sagstetter, but stated there is something else in the works for AETC. Chief Gwaltney then stated he has been approached by several people that the Falcon's Nest is not very good and are unhappy with the service and food quality.
- b. CMSgt (ret) Ed Voith stated he met an Air Force TSgt (female) who was medically retired for brain cancer and the Air Force only sent her the retirement certificate and paperwork but did not brief her on her medical and benefits through the VA. He was able to help her get additional money per month in excess of \$1,400 above her \$1,200 the Air Force was giving her. She was not from this base but folks need to be briefed that when they get out because of medical or other reasons they may be entitled to additional VA benefits.

11. Meeting adjourned at 1230 Next meeting 28 Nov 07, 1130 hours at the Falcon's Nest, Old South Room.

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Respectfully submitted,

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