



MAXWELL-GUNTER CHIEFS' GROUP

General Membership Meeting Minutes – December 2008

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Jeff Urbaniak, Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group President, called the meeting to order at 1130 on 17 Dec 08 at the Falcon's Nest. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was offered by Chief Turner. The President then welcomed all members present for the general membership meeting in the Old South Room and proceeded to the awards presentation:

Chief Urbaniak (President)	Chief Chong (Secretary)	Chief Taylor (Vice)
Chief McMillon (AU/CCC)	Chief Fanning	Chief Garland
Chief Wood	Chief Slater	Chief Jozwiak
Chief Moore (Ret)	Chief Anderson (Ret)	Chief Potter (Ret)
Chief Lewis (Ret)	Chief Dixon	Chief Fischer
Chief Casto	Chief Borland	Chief Turner
Chief Pressley	Chief Sackie (Ret)	Chief (Sel) McClain
Chief (Sel) P. Woodham	Chief (Sel) Ray	Chief (Sel) Burk
Chief (Sel) McClain	Chief (Sel) Boyles	Chief McClair

2. AWARDS PRESENTATION

Chief Urbaniak presented a Chiefs' Choice Award to TSgt Darryl Guppy, CCAF; Chief Sackie also presented the Chiefs' Choice Award to A1C Keaston Simmons, 42 CONS.

2a. GUEST SPEAKER

Chief Urbaniak introduced Col Kris D. Beasley, 42d Air Base Wing Commander; he discussed recent achievements (ORI, hurricane relief) and challenges (force protection and network security issues) affecting us. He stressed the importance of changing the culture of the academic environment to ensure the focus/attitude of our Airmen remains on having the right mentality to produce and sustain the war-fighting capability that the Air Force requires. He reminded everyone that we still have 258 deployed Airmen and that we are still very much part of the big Air Force, despite the academic environment where we operate in. He also stressed the importance of enforcing standards post-ORI...this seemed to be a serious concern shared by junior enlisted recently with the AU/CCC, Chief McMillon. The commander also addressed force protection initiatives, maintaining and modernizing our facilities and infrastructure (e.g., housing, Gunter gym project), and seeking efficient, new ways of conducting operations (e.g., annual awards program). Finally, the commander entertained questions from the chiefs on lessons learned from tragedy to illustrate the need for Wingmen to look after one another.

Colonel Beasley offered to meet frequently with the chiefs—he needs to know what’s happening with our Airmen so he can make informed decisions. Chief Urbaniak presented Col Beasley with the Maxwell-Gunter chiefs’ coin as a token of our appreciation for his leadership.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chief Slater made a motion to accept the Oct 08 minutes and Chief McMillon seconded; motion passed.

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

The President provided the financial report (see attached) update on behalf of the Treasurer, Chief Rodgerson, who was on leave:

	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>
- Beginning Balance:	\$941.33	\$125.06
- Dues Collected:	\$ 0.00	
- Total Expenses:	\$ 200.00	
(postage)		
- Total Raised:	\$ 0.00	
- Ending Balance:	\$741.33	\$125.06

5. HAIL & FAREWELLS, RETIREMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Hails: The following new chief selects attended their first Chiefs’ Group meeting: Chief (Sel) McClain, Chief (Sel) P. Woodham, Chief (Sel) Ray, Chief (Sel) Burk, Chief (Sel) McClain, Chief (Sel) Boyles, and Chief (Sel) McClair.

Retirements: The following chiefs have retirements on the horizon. They will send out notices/invites closer to their retirement dates: Chief Rafferty, Chief Fischer, Chief Turner, Chief Casto, Chief Garland, Chief Woods, and Chief Jozwiak.

Promotions: Effective 1 Jan 2009, Chief Webber and Chief Meyer-Piper from SNCOA; Chief McClair, ESCG.

6. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMMENTS

President: Emphasized the importance of chiefs working together to promote Chiefs’ Group activities and fundraisers. The last fundraiser didn’t go well due to lack of teamwork on behalf of the chiefs at Maxwell-Gunter.

Vice President: No comments.

Treasurer: Not present

Secretary: Discussed the postponed Honorary Chief Induction ceremony and looking at notional dates (Saturday 6 March or Friday 27 March)—expect an email in the near future to

pulse the Group on date preference. After the meeting, the Secretary also collected \$30 total dues from Chief (S) McLain.

7. FEEDBACK FROM LAST MONTH'S ACTIVITIES

None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

ALS Fellowship Panel (Chief Urbaniak)	Next panel is scheduled for 12 Feb 09, 0800, at ALS (will need two chiefs to participate on it.).
Ways & Means (Chief Turner)	None.
Memorabilia (Chief Knox)	Not present.
Membership (Chief Rodgeron)	Not present.
Recognition (Chief Thornell)	Currently deployed.
Advertising and Publicity (Chief McMillon)	None.
Fellowship Committee (Chiefs Gill & Potter, retired)	Chief Gill sent an email indicating the possibility of setting up a chiefs fellowship event at the Faulkner Dinner Theatre. More to come on this in the near future.
Web Site (Chief Rafferty)	Not present.
Chiefs' Promotion Celebration Dinner (Chief Felch)	Not present; however he sent an email indicating that all is going according to plan as of the 17 Dec 08.
Chiefs' Group Golf Tournament (Chief Norman)	Not present.
Honorary Chief Induction Ceremony (Chief Chong)	The program and scroll are about 99.5% complete (just need to plug in the event date); menu and e-invitations will be resent once date is confirmed; \$77 collected in donations will offset only part of the cost of the guests meals and mementos; additional funding, if



needed will be paid by the Group's funding. The script still needs approval from the Group (OPEN). The base paper is doing a story and photos, too. All Chiefs are encouraged to attend to make this a memorable evening/affair.

Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Mentorship Event (Chief Urbaniak) Working on a presentation for the Spring of 2009.

9. OLD BUSINESS

All approved events are in planning phases.

10. NEW BUSINESS

The President planned on reviewing, adjusting and approving the Chiefs' Group budget for 2009; however, due to the mass exodus after Col Beasley spoke, he postponed it until January's meeting. It is highly recommended that those who want to have some input on the budget be present during the January meeting.

An election committee will be appointed during January's membership meeting for the 2009 Chiefs' Group annual election.

11. COMMAND CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief McMillon – AU/CCC: Briefly discussed BMTS going to 8.5 weeks, 1 Nov 08. His take-away from his enlisted call: need for Gunter chiefs to be more prevalent/visible at Maxwell; he's working with Chief Repp to make some potential changes to the quarterly & annual award programs. Finally, he mentioned that the AU/CC will want to meet with the chiefs periodically to discuss issues.

Chief Repp – 42 ABW/CCC: Not present.

12. UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. ALS Chiefs' Fellowship Panel, 12 Feb 09, 0800, ALS (need two chiefs)
- b. ALS Graduation, 12 Feb 09, 1830, Falcon's Nest (Chief (S) Patty Woodham will present the John Levitow Award)
- c. Chiefs' Promotion Celebration Dinner, 24 Jan 09, 1830, Falcon's Nest.
- d. Honorary Chief Induction Ceremony (Postponed; looking at 6 Mar OR 27 Mar)
- e. ALS Chiefs' Fellowship Panel, 7 May 09, 0800, ALS
- f. ALS Graduation, 7 May 09, 1830, Falcon's Nest.

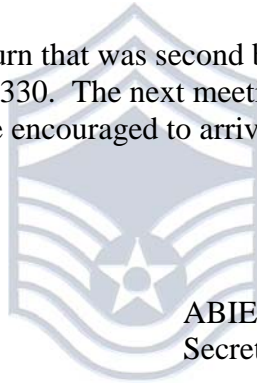
- g. ALS Chiefs' Fellowship Panel, 18 Jun 09, 0800, ALS
- h. ALS Graduation, 18 Jun 09, 1830, Falcon's Nest.
- i. ALS Chiefs' Fellowship Panel, 30 Jul 09, 0800, ALS
- j. ALS Graduation, 30 Jul 09, 1830, Falcon's Nest.
- k. ALS Chiefs' Fellowship Panel, 29 Oct 09, 0800, ALS
- l. ALS Graduation, 29 Oct 09, 1830, Falcon's Nest.

13. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

- None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Pressley made a motion to adjourn that was second by Chief (Sel) Boyles. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 1330. The next meeting is scheduled for **28 Jan 09** at **1130** at the Falcon's Nest. All members are encouraged to arrive at 1100, pay their dues, and have lunch prior to the meeting.



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ABIE CHONG, CMSgt, USAF
Secretary, Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group

Approved as written.

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President, Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group

cc:
Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group Members