

## Meeting Minutes

### Attendees:

CMSgt Garland	CMSgt (ret) Damrow	CMSgt Rodgersson
CMSgt (ret) Anderson	CMSgt (ret) Gwaltney	CMSgt Knox
CMSgt (sel) Chong	CMSgt Gill	CMSgt Wood
CMSgt Fischer	CMSgt Fanning	CMSgt (ret) Potter
CMSgt (sel) DePorter	CMSgt (sel) Sample	CMSgt (ret) "Lew" Lewis
CMSgt Thornell	CMSgt Rafferty	CMSgt Norman
CMSgt Felch	CMSgt Taylor	CMSgt (ret) J. Smith
CMSgt Steffen	CMSgt Wilson, Angelo	CMSgt (ret) Cordell

1. **Start of Meeting:** CMSgt Garland, called the meeting to order at 1100 hours, at the Falcon's Nest. CMSgt (ret) Gwaltney led the group in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and CMSgt Fischer provided the invocation. Chief Garland welcomed everyone.

### Guest Speaker: None Scheduled

2. **Presentations:**

Chiefs' Choice Award: Chief Garland recognized Amn Jennifer Diaz, 554 ELSG and how she has completed her CDCs and handles every task with aplomb.

Chief Thornell stated A1C Witham from SFS was also receiving the Chief's choice award but is on leave prior to his upcoming deployment. Chief Thornell and Chief Jozwiak would present the award to him prior to his departure.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** CMSgt Jozwiak was not available to give a report.

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

Welcome – Chief Dennis Norman, SNCOA Commandant, CMSgt (sel) Abie Chong, CEPME

Farewells- CMSgt Barb Steffen PCSing within a month to Columbus, MS, MDG Supt

Retirements – CMSgt Barb Gill retires 25 Apr 08, looking at the AIS Auditorium

5. **Executive Council Comments:**

- CMSgt Garland - Recognized Chief (sel) Chong with his Chief Charge and coin and received congratulatory letter from one of the charter chiefs, Jim Flash. Chief Garland also stated how he received numerous comments on the outstanding Chief's celebration dinner from family members and how moved they were. Tim also stated what an outstanding speaker Maj Gen Flowers was and how he respected Chiefs from his 12 years as an enlisted member. Lastly, ELSG will be going through a UCI first week of March.

## 6. Committees:

- a. Chiefs' Panel (CMSgt Schroeder): Not present, past on that ALS class begins on 31 Mar and the chief's panel will be 1 May.
- b. Ways and Means Committee (CMSgt McVicar): not present, however, BBQ in two weeks for the Chief's Leadership Course, Barb Steffen will work on a good day and need help for this event.
- c. Memorabilia (CMSgt Knox): nothing to report
- d. Membership (CMSgt Wilson): not present.
- e. Recognition (CMSgt Thornell): stated we had most of this year filled and would send a request out to finalize the entire year.
- f. Advertising/Publicity (CMSgt Sagstetter): Not present
- g. Fellowship Committee (CMSgt Gill and CMSgt (ret) Potter):  
Chief's Gill and Wilson are working on a Chiefs get together at the Magnolia House in Wetumpka, slated for mid March.  
CMSgt (ret) Potter is working a Chiefs get together at the Biscuits games, slated for 16 May, Friday, cost will be \$21 each person and includes Box car buffet/drink (non-alcoholic) RSVP 10 Apr.

## 7. Old Business:

- a. Airmen Career Day: Airman's Career Day is slated for 12-13 Mar. Will be looking for active, Guard, Reserve and retired chiefs for Chief's Panel. This training is for A1Cs and below. Some that will be covered; Assignment System, Status of Discipline and Under age drinking, BTZ, CJR's. CMSgt Rod Wilson, JA will give a briefing on Art 15's and how A1C's are the largest group to receive them. Chief's panel will include two active to two retired chief's to discuss some on the past and present issues. CMSgt (ret) Lewis stated shouldn't the retired chief's focus on how to prepare for retirement vice talk about the past. After much discussion, it was decided whatever the airman would like to focus on since it's about them and what questions they will have. Chief McVicar will also have a tour for the airman at the Enlisted Heritage Hall and the 2-day career day will be in the ELSW auditorium. Chief Taylor suggested the career day be taped for those A1C's who cannot attend. (OPEN)

## 8. New Business:

- a. 2009 Chief Celebration dinner is scheduled for 24 Jan 09 w/guest speaker CMSAF #5 Gaylor.
- b. Chief Group donation AETC/CC order of the sword: Chief Norman clarified the amount needed by Maxwell-Gunter as a whole needs \$1,000 for fair share. Chief Wilson stated that when he was a CCM he asked private orgs to participate. Chief Garland mentioned if AFMC had an order of the sword would the group be willing to give to AFMC as well since it's a joint council. Additionally, CMSgt Fanning asked about the Reserve commander as well. All voted to support all MAJCOMs that the Chief's group represents to support as needed. CMSgt (ret) Gwaltney proposed \$150.00 donation and the group voted to support the proposal. (Closed)
- c. Present CMSgt mementos to CMSgt (sel) Chong & Petersen. Presented to Chong (Open)
- d. CCAF Scholarship – already in annual budget 2 X \$100.00. (Closed)
- e. Disaster Relief Fund – AFA gave \$500.00 to support enlisted. CMSgt (ret) Andy Potter questioned why the Chief's group waited so long to provide funds. Chief Taylor stated that there were organizations providing support and Chief Potter suggested donating \$100.00 and the discretion was left up to the E-council if they so choose to send funds. Other support is coming from commissary vouchers, cash donations, thrift shop, airman's attic and AAFES certificates. Additionally, it was brought up by a member that more importantly our airman must realize that they need to ensure they have insurance on their belongings that rental properties only provide dwelling insurance and nothing covers their personal belongings. CMSgt Fanning stated he had four members of his unit hit hard and when he called one of his airman and asked if everything was alright the airman said yes, they were fine. However, what he didn't say was his house was

totaled by the tornado and he was homeless. But all family members were fine. The first sgt council supported all airman and SMSgt Todd Burrows, HQ AU first sergeant spearheaded the shirt council support system and was extremely supportive and successful for all.

- f. Donation for Minnie's PCS: Chief Garland brought up what Minnie has meant to the enlisted community and the mainstay of the Falcon's Nest. What should we do for her departure in two weeks. After much discussion CMSgt (ret) Gwaltney suggested the chief's bust for her with a nice plate to describe what she has meant to the base. All agreed.

**10. Command Chief input:**

- a. AU/CCM: CMSgt Sagstetter not present.
- b. 42 ABW/CCM: CMSgt Reynolds – not present
- c. 908 AW/CCM: CMSgt Fanning – 908<sup>th</sup> SF went to Texas for two weeks to prepare for upcoming deployment. Ready to deploy

**11. Open Floor:**

CMSgt (ret) Lewis stated that he needed chief volunteers for the CFC application review and an opportunity to go through the process. CMSgt's Garland and Rafferty volunteered to support.

CMSgt Taylor stated that the clinic are short handed with Dr's, staff, and efficiency's within the pharmacy and that if someone is sick there's not much the Dr can do with common symptoms and if someone needs to go home to send them home. SMSgt Bullach is the new Supt, of the pharmacy. If you see someone not being professional to correct the airman, inform the supervisor and tell Chief Taylor what the situation was to follow up. CMSgt (ret) Gwaltney stated, he has seen vast improvement in the pharmacy and timing and thinks it has been running very well. Chief Taylor stated there is some more room for improvements.

CMSgt Knox stated a quarters recommendation is just that, it doesn't state the member must go home.

12. Meeting adjourned at 1233. Next meeting 26 Mar, 1130 hours at the Falcon's Nest, Old South Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

TIMOTHY GARLAND, CMSgt, USAF  
President