



# MAXWELL-GUNTER CHIEFS' GROUP

## General Membership Meeting Minutes – April 2009

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Jeff Urbaniak, Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group President, called the meeting to order at 1130 on 29 Apr 09 at the Falcon's Nest. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was offered by Chief Thornell. The President then welcomed all members present for the general membership meeting:

Chief Urbaniak (Outgoing President)	Chief Knox	Chief McMillon (AU/CCC)
Chief Fanning (Incoming VP)	Chief Lewis (Ret)	Chief (Sel) Burk
Chief LaClair	Chief Pate	Chief (Sel) Mclain
Chief Felch (Incoming President)	Chief Sagstetter (ret)	Chief Thornell
Chief Boyles	Chief Dixon (Treasurer)	Chief Bulluck
Chief Cone (187FW/CCC)	Chief Cheney	Chief Cardell (ret)
Chief Meyer-Piper (Secretary)	Chief Webber	Chief Anderson (ret)

### 2. SWEARING IN

Chief McMillan swore in the new council President, Chief Felch. Chief Felch then swore in the rest of the executive council, Chief Fanning, Chief Dixon, and Chief Meyer-Piper.

### 3. AWARDS PRESENTATION

Three Chiefs' Choice Awards were presented. Chief McMillon presented to SSgt Hoover, Chief Felch presented to SSgt Genwright, and Chief Knox presented to Ann McNealy.

### 4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chief Urbaniak made a motion to accept the Mar 09 minutes as written and Chief Bulluck provided a second--all were in favor, none opposed; motion passed.

### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chief Dixon presented the membership with the following info:

	<u>Checking</u>	<u>Savings</u>
- Ending Balance:	\$1,911	\$125.45

## 6. HAIL & FAREWELLS, RETIREMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

**Hails:** Chief Cone--- 187th Fighter Wing, Dannelly Field, Command Chief

**Retirements:** Chief Fischer (19 June), Chief Casto (29 May), Chief Turner (7 August), Chief Wood (15 May), Chief Norman (9 May), Chief Garland (12 June)

**Promotions:** Effective 1 May 09, Chief David Mclain, AFSNCOA

## 6. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMMENTS

**President:** Chief Felch laid out direction for council this year, choosing to focus on making the council stronger and more unified, rather than focusing on primarily outside events. He listed three priorities towards this goal: #1-grow membership to encompass more of the 200 eligible on our base and increase meeting attendance by 50%; #2-Focus on Socializing and Teambuilding, specifically to organize two Chiefs Group member events this year. #3 – Healthy Finances, primarily through a healthy support of our BBQ fundraisers and with a successful golf tourney this summer.

**Vice President:** No comments

**Treasurer:** No comments.

**Secretary:** No comments



## 7. OLD BUSINESS / COMMITTEE AND ACTIVITIES REPORTS

**ALS Fellowship Panel (Chief Urbaniak)** Next panel is scheduled for 7 May 09, ALS (Chiefs Fischer and Dixon will attend).

**Ways & Means (Chief Laclair)** Chief Meyer-Piper briefed the results of the April bbq – total sales were over \$900 and profits after reimbursement for supplies was \$630.

**Memorabilia (Chief Webber)** Chief Felch described the role of the Memorabilia committee chair and asked for a volunteer to take it over. Chief Webber vol'd. There was some discussion about upcoming retirement gifts and the need to define rules/guidelines for what is considered active membership when purchasing gifts. This was tabled for later discussion by the executive council.

**Membership (Chief Pate)** Chief Felch described the role of the Membership committee chair and asked for a volunteer to take it over. Chief Pate vol'd. Chiefs Pate and Webber agreed to be each other's back ups.

**Recognition (Chief Thornell)** None.

**Advertising and  
Publicity  
(Chief McMillon)**

Discussed Chief McMillan's role as a conduit between Chiefs Group and Public Affairs. Any other advertising and publicity would require a committee chair.

**Fellowship Committee  
(Chief Potter- retired)**

Chief Felch reiterated need for two social events to help strengthen and unify the CG. One event forecasted is a Biscuits game.

**Web Site (Chief  
Rafferty)**

Web site is a work in progress. We have renewed the site for two years at a cost of \$18. Chief Felch experimented with it to see if we can now use it to pay dues, but there are still issues with it. Along this discussion, Chief Anderson(ret) brought up the fact that retirees cannot always open or access the emails we send due to encryption. This is an issue we will try to address.

**Chiefs' Group Golf  
Tournament**

Due to Chief Norman's retirement, we need a new POC for the golf tournament.

**Honorary Chief  
Induction Ceremony  
(Chief Chong)**

Chief Chong was not present to discuss lessons learned. Discussion around the room indicated overall satisfaction with the ceremony other than the mike **issues**.

**Private Organizations  
Meeting**

Chief McMillan shared information on a meeting of representatives from Enlisted-related private organizations (pogs). They came away with a goal of meeting at least once a quarter. The intent is to deconflict meetings and events (i.e. during our meeting, the Top Three was having a Bowl-a-thon) and to share ideas / expertise for pogs with new or inexperienced leadership.

## **9. NEW BUSINESS / UPCOMING EVENTS**

- a. Chief Felch reminded everyone about First Friday on May 1 at the Falcon's Nest
- b. Chief Felch reminded everyone about the promotion of Dave Mclain on 1 May at the SNCOA. The ceremony will be held at 0900, immediately preceding the graduation Hotwash, so although all are invited, we were asked to not stay after!
- c. We are scheduled to provide lunch (Cowboy BBQ) for the SEL summit on Monday, 4 May. Chief Meyer-Piper said she will be on leave and not available, and asked for volunteers to manage this bbq. Chiefs Felch, Fanning, Dixon and Urbaniak vol'd to make it happen.
- d. ALS graduation – Chief Fanning is still scheduled to present Levitow Award
- e. CCAF graduation – Chief Felch will present scholarships
- f. Golf Tourney – discussed under old business

- g. Pinnacle Hunt will address the next CG meeting about the new Chief Housing and other enlisted housing issues pertaining to our Airman

## 10. COMMAND CHIEF COMMENTS

**Chief McMillon – AU/CCC:** Discussed the upcoming Pinnacle Hunt meeting and the Gunter rocks. Someone decided to remove the rocks, but they are now being put back.

**Chief Repp – 42 ABW/CCC:** Not present. Sent response to a question raised from last month's meeting about where the money goes that is collected by the 1<sup>st</sup> sgts for care packages. The response is that the money goes to mailing costs.

**Chief Kirksey – 908AW/CCC:** 908<sup>th</sup> will be using Blue Thunder site 25 – 30 April. The UTA weekend is moved to 16-17 May.

**Chief Cone--- 187th FW/CCC:** Chief Cone stated that the 187<sup>th</sup> FW is eager to become more involved in M-G community activities and events. They have been an active associate at Dannelly Field ANGB since 2005 and are looking forward to welcoming their first active Airmen in the coming months. The 187<sup>th</sup> has about 11 CMSgts in the wing, all but two are fulltime. He will invite them to join us.

## 11. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Chief Fanning invited the group to attend a ring presentation at the EHRI on 30 April. CMSgt (ret) Dale Airey will present his father's CMSAF ring to the EHRI.

Chief Knox thanked all well wishers who called to provide assistance/condolences after the student death at the SNCOA this class.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Felch adjourned the meeting at 1230. The next meeting is scheduled for **27 Mayr 09** at **1130** at the Falcon's Nest. All members are encouraged to arrive at 1100 and have lunch prior to the meeting.

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BOBBIE MEYER-PIPER, CMSgt, USAF  
Secretary, Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group

Approved as written.

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DONALD FELCH, CMSgt, USAF

President, Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group

cc:  
Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group Members

