



MAXWELL-GUNTER CHIEFS' GROUP

General Membership Meeting Minutes –Oct 2009

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chief Don Felch, Maxwell-Gunter Chiefs' Group President, called the meeting to order at 1130 on 28 Oct 09 at the Maxwell O'Club. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation was offered by Chief Lewis. The President then welcomed all members present for the general membership meeting:

Chief Fanning (VP)
Chief Potter (ret)
Chief Gwaltney (ret)
Chief Perry
Chief Pressley
Chief Youngs
Chief Moore (ret)
Chief LaClair

Chief Repp
Chief Fryer
Chief Meyer-Piper (Secretary)
Chief C. Johnson
Chief Pate
Chief Baumayr
Chief Mclain

Chief Cone
Chief Kirksey
Chief Boyles
Chief Knox
Chief Urbaniak
Chief A. Lewis
Chief Dotherow (ret)

2. AWARDS PRESENTATION

No Chiefs' Choice Award was presented.

3. GUEST PRESENTATION

Guest speaker was CMSgt Rick Fanning from the Enlisted Heritage Hall/Enlisted Heritage Research Institute (EHRI). He spoke briefly about the latest efforts to make the EHRI feel like a college campus bookstore and encourage a relaxing atmosphere. Part of that effort includes a large patio in the back for grilling, big enough for parties of up to 150 people. He talked about volunteer opportunities to help expand the exhibits and recent ideas such as a touchscreen computer for mission videos.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Chief Gwaltney (ret) made a motion to accept the Sep 09 minutes as written and Chief Urbaniak provided a second--all were in favor, none opposed; motion passed.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

Chief Felch presented the following info: **Checking \$4,279.72** **Savings \$126.07**

6. HAIL & FAREWELLS, RETIREMENTS AND PROMOTIONS

Hails: Chief Baumayr, 42FSS, Chief Dotherow (ret) (visiting)

Farewells: None were at the meeting for the last time

Retirements: Chief Youngs will retire on Nov 6. Chief Felch gave her a sincere thanks for her support to the community and to the Chiefs Group. Chief Gwaltney also thanked her for the excellent support she has given to everyone he knows when they have needed it.

Promotions: None. Chief Felch reminded everyone of the upcoming CMSgt Induction ceremony in January, and to be ready to assist (C)MSgt Ray with that event.

6. ALS SUPPORT

Chief Urbaniak announced that Chief Felch is the guest speaker for this evening's ALS graduation, and reminded everyone of the need for future graduation speakers.

7. UPCOMING EVENTS

Chief Al Lewis discussed the CMSgt Promotion celebration scheduled for Nov 6 immediately following Chief Youngs' retirement. The promotion ceremony will also be in lieu of the First Friday get together. The ceremony will be held at the Maxwell Events Center. Chief Lewis discussed the specifics of the contract currently under negotiation as far as food and pricing, currently at \$970. After some discussion, members all agreed to add 2 kegs of beer to the contract. Chief Pate made a motion to approve the contract as written plus the two kegs of beer; Chief Knox seconded; all were in favor and the motion passed.

8. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Chief Felch discussed the need for a small space, preferably on Gunter, for a GC storage area, and asked the members for any ideas or locations.

9. OLD BUSINESS / COMMITTEE AND ACTIVITIES REPORTS

**Ways & Means
(Chief Laclair)**

Chief Laclair mentioned the next big opportunity for fundraising would be the 2010 Airshow.

**Departure Gifts
(Chief Webber)**

Membership decided to purchase a brick for Chief Youngs

**Membership
(Chief Pate)**

Currently 61 members on the roster, of which 11 have dues due.

**Recognition
(Chief Borland)**

Chief Felch discussed the recent turnover and lack of Chiefs Choice nominees for the last two months. He apologized for the lack of attention by the executive council and vowed we would get it back on track for Nov.

**Advertising and Publicity
(Chief McMillon)**

Nothing to report.

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

The Harriet II dinner cruise will not be scheduled due to various conflicts. Chief Potter asked that a second Chief become active on the Fellowship committee to take the fall event while he retains the spring event. Chief Felch asked everyone to consider taking this on, and to generate ideas for a Fall fellowship event.

Web Site (Chief Rafferty)

Nothing to report.

**Merchandizing/Memorabilia
(Chief Mclain)**

Due to his impending PCS, Chief Mclain stated that someone else would need to take over the merchandizing. Chief Pressley volunteered to take it over.

10. NEW BUSINESS / UPCOMING EVENTS

CMSgt Promotion party and Induction ceremony as discussed above.

11. COMMAND CHIEF COMMENTS

Chief McMillon – AU/CCC: .

Chief Repp – 42 ABW/CCC: - Outlined Maxwell-Gunter's startup of the new PT requirements in January 2010. Due to civilian staffing which will not be filled by then, he explained the military PTLs from the units will be called upon, and that there is currently discussion as to the best way to utilize those folks. He reminded everyone of the need to moderate food and drink consumption during the upcoming holidays with fitness testing starting in Jan.

Chief Kirksey – 908AW/CCC: 908th is full steam into their very busy fall and Chief K thanked the membership for the support and assistance.

Chief Cone--- 187th FW/CCC: Chief C restated an earlier invitation to the CG members for a tour of the wing at Dannelly Field. He also discussed retention and recruiting efforts and asked all members to consider guest speaking at Dannelly Field in support of those efforts.

12. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP COMMENTS

Chief Potter talked about the recent AFA golf tournament and they had great assistance and participation from the base. He also mentioned there would be an AFA Veterans Day luncheon with a General officer guest speaker. Chief Baumayr stated Nov 1 – 7 is the week of the Family and will kick off with a 5K Fun Run this Saturday morning at Air Park. There will be free lunch provided and information booths. Chief Knox reminded everyone that family members of deployed military members can eat at the military

dining facilities on Friday nights. Chief Perry spoke of the recent PME change requiring MSgts to attend SNCOA before putting on SMSgt.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Felch adjourned the meeting at 1245. The next meeting is scheduled for **Nov 25 09** at **1130** at the O'Club. All members are encouraged to arrive at 1100 and have lunch prior to the meeting.

//SIGNED//30 Oct 09

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

