



# Charleston Chiefs' Group

## Minutes for 18 Aug 2005



**MEMORANDUM FOR:** ALL CHARLESTON CHIEFS' GROUP MEMBERS

**FROM:** CHARLESTON CHIEFS' GROUP VICE PRESIDENT

**SUBJECT:** MEETING MINUTES - 18 Aug 2005

1. **ATTENDANCE: 22** Chiefs and 3 Guests (Great turnout!)
2. The meeting was sponsored by AAFES. Mrs. Beth Pritchard gave each Chief the new AAFES catalog and provided an update on the BX expansion which will include an expanded Food Court and Garden area. Chief M. Branum called the meeting to order at 1140. The meeting was opened with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. THE MINUTES:**

Chief C. Branum provided a copy of the minutes for July. **(APPROVED)**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Chief Terry provided a report which reported the total balance in checking and savings as \$602.04 with \$362.98 in checking and \$239.06 in savings. **(APPROVED).**

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Chiefs' Induction Ceremony: POC Chief Baumgras**  
Chief Troy McIntosh (AF Reserves) and Chief Malcolm McVicker (Enlisted Heritage Hall) were both nominated as guest speakers for the induction. We are attempting to obtain biographies on both Chiefs so we can put it to a final vote. Last years inductees should be the "primary" team putting this together. Chiefs Baumgras and Liggins really need some help from their fellow inductees. The first meeting of the Induction Committee will be 26 Aug 05/1300 hours at the Club. UPDATE: We were unable to confirm Chief McVicker's availability. Chief Baumgras will formally invite Chief McIntosh. **(OPEN)**
- Chief C. Branum contacted Chief Willis concerning the open item from last months minutes on the softball challenge between the Chiefs and the Colonels. Chief Willis will attempt to set it up during the Oktoberfest. **(OPEN)**
- Chief Clemons thanked our three guests for all of their help on the previous Fish Fry's and Chief M. Branum presented them with "Chief Well Done" coins. Chief Clemons is looking at having the Fall Fish Fry in October and will find out what the donation to CFC will have to be if we decide to do it at that time. If the donation makes it prohibitive, we will have the Fish Fry in November. **(OPEN)**

During the last meeting, Chief Strother brought up that we need someone to replace Chief Angel as the Chair of the Elections Committee (Chief Angel is moving to Florida). So far, we have not received any volunteers for this position. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chief Mike Branum. **(OPEN)**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

- **FTAC and ALS (OPEN)**

We still need Chiefs to sign up for the ALS and FTAC panels, there are openings for FTAC on 12 and 26 Sep. Please contact Chief Mike Branum if you are able to help out.

- **Command Chief Update**

Chief Petersen (315<sup>th</sup> AW) briefed that the AMC Order of the Sword for General Handy was a huge success, and Chief Willis did a great job as the Sergeant of Arms! This was a great event and seemed to be enjoyed by all. Chief Willis (437<sup>th</sup> AW) asked the Chiefs' to put some thought to changing the word "Induction" to "Recognition" (or something else) as we are not really "inducting" the new Chiefs into anything—we "induct" into the NCO corps and SNCO corp. There was quite a bit of discussion concerning this with one Chief stating that the "Induction Ceremony" was actually a Chiefs' Meeting that is called to order by the President and that the Chiefs are being "inducted" into the Chiefs' Group. There may be more to come on this, please give it some thought. Chief Willis asked us to help generate interest in the Air Force Ball. So far we only have about 200 signed up. He also challenged each Chief to sponsor an Airman.

- **Open Floor**

Chief Mike Branum will be resigning as Vice-President due to an upcoming assignment to Dover AFB. CMSgt Carl Austin and CMSgt Carla Sharman have both expressed an interest in replacing him for the duration of the year. Chief Mark Withers (President) has returned from his deployment and will make the final decision IAW the by-laws. **(OPEN)**

During the last meeting, CMSgt (Ret) Bob Adams suggested we look at doing "fun" things as a group—that that is what keeps a group like this strong. A suggestion was made to have a get together for the Chiefs and guests one of the Dinner Boat/Harbor Tours. The suggestion seemed to be well received, but we need someone to volunteer to look into this and brief the group. **(OPEN)**

Chief Charlotte Branum's going away is scheduled for 24 Aug at 1500 in the Family Support Center (no RSVP required). Chief Jim Peters' will be 29 Aug 05 at Sticky Fingers on Rivers. If you would like to go, RSVP to SSgt Phil Hall (3-5348) or Mr. Kerry Lehman (3-5343). Chief Kenny Liggins is replacing Chief Branum as the Secretary. **(CLOSED)**

Honorary Chief Tony Kolgaklis discussed some of the concerns he has of the perception of "strained relationships" between the civilian and military communities. He recently met with the General Manager of the Riverdogs and they were concerned about the lack of attendance at Military Appreciation Night. There is another one on 31 Aug, please ensure your folks are getting the word! Tickets can be picked up at the 437 AW or the 315<sup>th</sup> AW Public Affairs offices. Also, if you have any ideas how we can continue to improve the relationships between the civilians and military, please contact him! **(CLOSED)**

Chief Strother made a motion that we donate \$150 to buy 4 Airmen tickets to the Air Force Ball. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Money will be provided to the Air Force Ball Committee to distribute to Airmen. **(CLOSED)**

Chief Terry informed the group that the recent SSgt promotion party overran contributions by about \$400. This was primarily due to the fact that most of the promotees either did not donate any money, or donated very little. The bar was shut off; however, there were a lot of people there and the tab was run up quickly.

As the Chiefs' Group was not asked for money for the SMSgt party (and we budgeted for it), Chief Terry made a motion that if they are unable to recoup the money during the scheduled car wash, the Chiefs' Group give them the \$100 we had budgeted for the SMSgt party. This motion passed unanimously--if requested, the money will be given. **(CLOSED)**

- **Drawing**

Chief Gene Reeves won the drawing—the Chiefs' Group take was \$9.00.

6. **NEXT MEETING: 15 Sep 05, 1100 lunch, 1130 meeting**

7. **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ALS Volleyball – 21 Sep 1530
- ALS Graduation – 22 Sep 1830
- Fish Fry – Oct/Nov
- Chief Branum Going Away – 24 Aug/1500/Family Spt Ctr
- Chief Peters Going Away – 29 Aug/1200/Sticky Fingers

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