



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

<http://afsa985.org/conc/>

General Membership Meeting

April 12, 2017



Meeting Convened at 1130 hours with President Neel Rodgers presiding, a quorum was declared.

1. Opening Ceremonies.

- a. Invocation: Bobby Kazmir
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: President Neel Rodgers
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: Neel Rodgers
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Trustee Shelby Platt

2. Members Present:

Neel Rodgers (President)
John Whitfield (Vice President)
Jobrieth Menard (Treasurer)
Shelby Platt (Trustee – Reports)
Blake Manuel (Trustee – Membership)
Johnathan Midkiff (Trustee 3)
Terry Turner (Historian)
Bobby Kazmir (Advisor)
Lowell Bynum
Garry Cannon
Eddie Compton
Joanne Compton
Jaime Schmidt
Andrew Wojciuch

3. Special Welcome:

New Members: Seth Rollins

Guest: Robert Chewning (First Command)

4. Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** The February and March EC Minutes are complete and should be posted. President Rodgers has attempted to send them out, but has had e-mail trouble. The April EC Minutes are being finalized. They will be sent out via our list server and will be posted on our website, <http://afsa985.org/conc/> for review once finalized.
- B. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jobrieth Menard briefed our income, expenses and end of month balances for the month of March. I will entertain a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as briefed. Motion: Historian Terry Turner, Second Senior Advisor Bobby Kazmir, opened for discussion, motion was approved.
- C. Legislative Report:** The Legislative Report for the month of March/April was presented by: Historian Terry Turner.
- D. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** The Team Tinker report was briefed by Trustee Platt. The March report should be coming out shortly through the list server. She is also currently working on the Quarterly Report.

E. Activities and Programs: Trustee Platt briefed on behalf of AAC LeTrice Autumn-Stewart: All of the JROTC Awards dates are filled. The question was asked if there was a backup list, and Trustee Platt stated not yet, but she would start one.

F. Airman Activities Coordinator: Trustee Platt briefed on behalf of AAC LeTrice Autumn-Stewart our volunteer hours.

26 Volunteers/108.5 Hours of Community Service

- 13 Volunteers for the Norman Veteran’s Center Bingo Game
- 2 Volunteers for the Kylee’s Kitchen
- 1 Volunteer for various private organization involvement
- 1 Volunteer for the Ushering for John Lithgow performance
- 1 Volunteer for the Ushering at college for touring productions
- 1 Volunteer for the Elderly Assistance
- 1 Volunteer for the Ushering for OKC Symphony
- 1 Volunteer for the Odyssey of the Mind
- 1 Volunteer for the Korea Veteran’s Memorial

New events for April:

17 Apr – VA Bingo. 1845 – 2000 @ the VA Center in Norman, OK

22 Apr – Operation Kids Understanding Deployment Operations (K.U.D.O.S) 0900-1400.

30 Apr – Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon

13 May – Armed Services Parade, 0900-1200

07 June – Jim Lokovic Visit. At this time, the only location scheduled is the Tinker Auditorium (theater) with time to be determined.

G. Membership

1. **New Members:** Trustee Manuel briefed the membership summary for March 2017 as follows:
1 new member resulting in a total of 2 new members recruited year-to-date from 2 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,413 total members.

2. Recruiting Opportunities:

a. Membership Briefings/Drives:

(1) Other recruiting opportunities are:

ALS Briefs @ 1045

- 9 May 17: Manuel/Rodgers
- 27 Jun 17: Rodgers
- 29 Aug 17: Rodgers
- 17 Oct 17: Rodgers
- 12 Dec 17: Rodgers

FTAC Briefs @ 1130

- 17 May 17: Menard/Wojciuch
- 14 June 17: _____
- 19 July 17: _____
- 16 Aug 17: _____
- 20 Sep 17: _____
- 18 Oct 17: _____

15 Nov 17: _____
13 Dec 17: _____

NCOPEs

09-11 May: _____

Tinker Family Orientation @ 1300 [in place at 1245]

27 Apr 17: _____
11 May 17: _____
25 May 17: _____
01 Jun 17: _____
22 Jun 17: _____
06 Jul 17: _____
27 Jul 17: _____
10 Aug 17: _____
24 Aug 17: _____
07 Sep 17: _____
21 Sep 17: _____
05 Oct 17: _____
19 Oct 17: _____
09 Nov 17: _____
21 Dec 17: _____

Additional Membership Drives:

We need more members willing to be a part of the briefing teams!!

3. **Renewal/Retentions:** 1 members retained this month, with 2 YTD from 1 retainers.
4. **Bad Address List:** 74 members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL).
5. **For 2017:** The chapter has produced 0 Skyhighers, 0 Highfliers, and 0 Twinfliers.

H. Communication:

Communication has been relating to the Division Conference in Independence, MO. Additionally, there has been communication relating to the Membership Pamphlets and the need to destroy the old copies.

5. Old Business:

- A. Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA)** Chapter 985 was accepted as a certifying organization. Our volunteers need to register at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov and use Record of Service Key **BHH-51436** to track volunteer activities. Once hourly milestones are reached, volunteer will be recognized at appropriate time with letter from President, certificate, and lapel pin according to achievement level. If anyone has any other hours outside of the AAC events, please contact LeTrice Stewart to have them added. **(Open Item).**
- B. AFSA T-Shirts:** If you do not already have your AFSA Chapter t-shirt; please pass your size to Mr. Terry Turner, so he can put the order in. **(Open Item).**

- C. Jim Lokovic Visit:** AAC Stewart has been working with the POC's from the nearby AFSA Chapters and it appears 07 June will be the best day for his visit. \$500 has already been set aside to help cost-share. Advice was given to look at his time at Tinker and provide an entire day itinerary and do more than just an all-call at the Auditorium. Consider breakfasts, lunches, visits to work centers, etc. **(Item Open)**.
- D. AFSA Promo Video:** The previous council brought forth the idea of creating a promotional/recruiting video to post to our social media. The intent is for Chapter members to provide a brief explanation on why they joined AFSA and what it means to be an AFSA member. This effort may need some help and to be reinvigorated. **(Item closed until a later time)**.
- E. End of USAA ALS Graduate program:** On 31 March, the USAA sponsorship of the first year of ALS Graduates ended. This may effect recruit efforts, but the Chapter will receive \$5 per recruit so we could still benefit in the long run. **(Item open)**.
- F. Fundraising:** Due to the lack of money that we earned Gift Wrapping this year, we need to think of other ways we can fundraise. Ones where we could potentially recruit as well would be ideal. Ideas such as bowling and working at OU games have been brought up. Trustee Midkiff has already started looking into the OU games. Additionally, the OU Move-in is scheduled for 09 August as well as 14-17 August 2017. All provide possibilities for earning money for AFSA. **(Item Open)**.
- G. Airshow:** This year's Airshow will be 20-21 May and will be celebrating Tinker's 75th Anniversary. VP Whitfield tracked down the information on setting up a booth at the Airshow to sell AFSA merchandise. Bottom line is we can't. The costs are too prohibitive to set up a booth, and we cannot sell items out of it. **(Item Closed)**.
- H. Chief Tuck and Col Wilson going away:** A lunch will be held for them on 27 April. President Rodgers stated he intends on attending and is trying to RSVP at this time. President Rodgers asked if the Chapter would like to do anything for CMSgt Tuck for his going-away. President Rodgers opened the floor for discussion. The motion to purchase a going-away gift from Chapter 985 was made by Joanne Compton and seconded by Gary Cannon. The motion was put forth for a vote and was opposed. **(Item Closed)**.
- I. Division 3 Conference:** The Division 3 Conference will be held 04-06 May in Independence, Missouri. Historian Turner, Trustee Platt, and Airman of the Year nominee Manolo Rosas will all be attending. The Division will not be able to provide any sponsorship this year, so it will be on the Chapter to help cost-share with the attendees. \$900 has already been allocated to help the attendees. **(Item Open)**.
- J. Conference Clothing Drive:** Division 3 is looking to do a clothing drive as a part of the conference. Our members attending have offered to take the bags of clothing with them to the conference. President Rodgers reached out to Legal to make sure the drive could be done with the extension of Air Force Assistance Fund and was cleared. President Rodgers stated he was trying to get the box in the Atrium of the clinic. **(Item Open)**.

6. New Business:

- A. Tinker Top III Toy Drive:** Tinker Top III is doing a toy drive for the Children's Hospital. AFSA has a large number of stuffed animals that could go to this cause. Is this something we would want to support? The motion was opened for discussion and it was relayed that AFSA donates a certain number per year already. A motion was made to donate the rest to the Tinker Top III toy drive by Andrew Wojciuch and seconded by Vice President Whitfield. The motion was put to a vote and approved. **(Item Open).**
- B. AFSA Chapter 985 Secretary:** Secretary Holmes needed to resign due to mission requirements. Our Chapter will be looking for a new Secretary. President Rodgers opened the floor to volunteers and nominees. New Arrival Seth Rollins stated he would like the position and could devote the time to it, but needed to join first. There were no other volunteers or nominees, and no disapprovals were voiced. It was determined that Seth Rollins would be the new Secretary pending joining AFSA as it is an appointed position and does not have any membership time-length restrictions. **(Item Closed).**
- C. Daedalian Room in Tinker Club:** The price for using the Daedalian Room nearly doubled, going from \$50 per use to \$96. President Rodgers opened up the floor for discussion as to if we should continue to use the Tinker Club, and if not then where to move the meeting to. A motion to move the meeting was made by Joanne Compton and seconded by Gary Cannon. It went to a vote and was approved. The topic of moving the meeting place was then opened for discussion. Advisor Kazmir made a motion to move the meeting to the Enlisted Lounge in the Tinker Club, for the same time, and was seconded by Gary Cannon. The measure was put to a vote, and approved. **(Item Open).**
- D. Division 3 Conference Delegates:** President Rodgers turned the floor over to Historian Turner concerning Chapter 985's delegates at the Division 3 Conference. Historian Turner motioned that Trustee Platt be named the Chief Delegate to represent Chapter 985 at the Division Conference and that he be the Alternate Chief Delegate. It was seconded by Gary Cannon and opened for discussion. No discussion was needed, the motion was voted on and approved. **(Item Open).**
- E. Division 3 Conference Attendees support:** Historian Terry Turner also made a motion to increase the amount of support to our attendees of the Division Conference by \$600, bringing it to a total of \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Gary Cannon and opened for discussion. After a short discussion, the motion was voted on and approved. **(Item Closed).**
- F. Misc:** During the course of the discussions, it was mentioned that the AFSA Symbol has changed to have fuller wings. President Rodgers stated he would reach out to find out about a new Crest to replace the Chapter's older one. Additionally, it was mentioned in the past there were endorsement memos for AFSA from the Chief of Staff of the Air Force and the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. President Rodgers stated he would see if he could track some down. **(Item Open).**

7. President Rodgers asks if there is any other new business or comments from around the room before we adjourn.

There was no other new business from around the room. Gary Cannon motioned to adjourn, seconded by VP Whitfield; meeting adjourned at 1245.

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John Whitfield, Acting Secretary

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Neel Rodgers, President