



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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

General Membership Meeting

October 12, 2017



Meeting Convened at 1134 hours with President Neel Rodgers presiding, a quorum was declared.

1. Opening Ceremonies.

- a. Invocation: President Neel Rodgers
- b. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice President John Whitfield
- c. AFSA Preamble Read by: President Neel Rodgers
- d. Airman's Creed rendered by: Vice President John Whitfield

2. Members Present:

Neel Rodgers (President)
John Whitfield (Vice President)
Jobrieth Menard (Treasurer)
Terry Turner (Historian)
Seth Rollins (Secretary)
Bobby Kazmir (Senior Advisor)
Blake Manuel (Trustee)
Shelby Platt (Trustee)
Merissa Pough (Trustee)
Melissa Erb
Kyle Erb
Daniel Farlow
Garrett Hendley (FNB)
Michelle Devinney (FNB)
Juan Diaz
Hugo Perez
Jose Magana
Frank Zamovana
Lowell D. Bynum
Jesse Mitchell
Robert Tyler

3. Special Welcome:

New Members:

MSgt Frank Zamovana
TSgt Robert Tyler

Guest:

Reports:

- A. **Secretary's Report:** The September GM minutes have been sent out via our list server and posted on our website, <http://afsa985.org/conc/> for review. The October EC minutes are in the works.
- B. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Menard briefed our income, expenses and end of month balances for the month of August. President Rodgers entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as briefed. Motion: Secretary Rollins, Second: Advisor Kazmir, opened for discussion, motion was approved.

C. Legislative Report: The Legislative Report for the month of October was presented by: President Rodgers

D. Team Tinker/Quarterly: The Team Tinker report was briefed by Trustee Platt.

E. Activities and Programs: Trustee Platt briefed on the fundraiser set up with The Garage off of I-240, Oct. 23 from 6-9 P.M., and the Veterans Day Parade in Midwest City.

F. Airman Activities Coordinator: President Rodgers briefed our volunteer hours.

18 Volunteers/246 Hours of Community Service

- 6 Volunteers for the Love OKC One Day
- 5 Volunteers for the Norman Veteran’s Center Bingo Game
- 2 Volunteers for Kylie’s Kitchen
 - 1 Volunteer for SAPR Volunteer Victim Advocate on Call
 - 1 Volunteer for Air Force Ball committee
 - 1 Volunteer for ushering for the Broadway production
 - 1 Volunteer for ushering for US Navy Jazz Ensemble concert
 - 1 Volunteer for the local theater production
 - 1 Volunteer for various private organization involvement
 - 1 Volunteer for Tony’s homeless ministry
 - 1 Volunteer for CMSgt Erne’s Retirement ceremony
 - 1 Volunteer for the MDG Picnic planning committee, set up and tear down
 - 1 Volunteer for the Tinker AFB Airman’s picnic

New Events for October:

The Garage Fundraiser on the 23rd at the Garage location on I-240

G. Membership

1. **New Members:** Trustee Manuel briefed the membership summary for October 2017 as follows: 53 new members resulting in a total of 78 new members recruited year-to-date from 6 different recruiters; and a total strength of 1,511 total members.

2. Recruiting Opportunities:

a. Membership Briefings/Drives:

(1) Other recruiting opportunities are:

ALS Briefs @ 1045

- 17 Oct 17: Manuel
- 12 Dec 17: Rodgers
- 06 Feb 18: _____
- 27 Mar 18: _____
- 22 May 18: _____
- 10 Jul 18: _____
- 04 Sep 18: _____
- 23 Oct 18: _____
- 18 Dec 18: _____

FTAC Briefs @ 1130

TBD

Tinker Family Orientation @ 1300 [in place at 1245]

12 Oct 17: Kelly _____

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:** 15 retained member this month, with 28 YTD from 6 retainers.
4. **Bad Address List:** 146 members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL). We need help trying to get this down!
5. **For 2017:** The chapter has produced 0 Skyhighers, 0 Highfliers, and 0 Twinfliers.
 - a. The chapter had its first membership recruitment coin presented to Trustee Blake.

H. Communication: Most of the communications has had to do with Family Affairs positions.

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. Fundraising:

I. Restaurant night: The Garage fundraiser

II. Walmart Grants: Waiting for responses still, we already have a few denials. The grants work on a Calendar Year basis, so we have been recommended to try again in January.

III. Christmas Wrapping: Waiting on the professional organizations to decide how they want to work it, and getting a POC. There is a meeting on 17 October that President Rodgers will attend to present options. CFC pushed due to contract issues, making new issues for us and this fundraiser. Talking to legal about a way around the no compete rules and Historian Turner mentioned something about a charitable donation to appease the rules as well. **(Open Item)**

C. Trustee positions: We currently have one position still open with another that we thought had been filled open. The position opening with good continuity is the reports position currently held by Trustee Platt. The other could pick up anything, but we need one to build on Family Affairs. **(Open Item)**

D. Membership Committee: Trustee Manuel has enlisted the help of a couple people from the chapter. SSgt Brown and A1C Kelly have offered assistance.

E. Veteran's Day Parade: Historian Turner collected T-Shirt sizes from members to wear at the parade. It is scheduled to be held 10 Nov, Normal start is around 1000 with breakfast beforehand at Denny's at 0700.

F. Membership Appreciation: The chapter will once again be hosting membership appreciation nights watching the OKC Thunder. Tickets have already been acquired by the chapter for members for the following games: 25 OCT vs. the Pacers, 25 Dec. vs. the Rockets, and 03 Apr. vs. the Warriors. Members can expect the email about a week in advance of these games if they'd like to put in for tickets. We will accept names up to the number of tickets, and then create a stand-by list in case people fall out.

6. New Business:

- A. Chief Erb Welcome:** Trustee Manuel volunteered as POC for this get together. Historian Turner made a motion to fund this event up to \$600, which was seconded by Advisor Kazmir, opened for discussion. The motion was approved.
- B. Elections:** Elections are to be held 11 January 2018 at the GM meeting. This is the initial heads up to start considering if you would like to run for one of the elected positions. They take hard work and dedication, so be prepared coming in.
- C. Assistants:** We could use people to assist the elected positions with routine duties.
- D. Educational Grant:** Applications should be in soon for this grant sponsored by TFCU. You have to be a member in good standing of the organization.
- E. Trustee Platt:** Due to her hard work for the Chapter over the years, President Rodgers made Trustee Platt a Lifetime Trustee of the Chapter. We also wished her well as she will soon be departing us to PCS.

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. Historian Terry Turner motioned to adjourn, seconded by Vice President Whitfield; meeting adjourned at 1224.

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Seth Rollins, Secretary CH 985

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Neel Rodgers, President CH 985