



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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

General Membership Meeting

November 09, 2017



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

1. Opening Ceremonies.

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

2. Members Present:

Neel Rodgers (President)
Jobrieth Menard (Treasurer)
Terry Turner (Historian)
Seth Rollins (Secretary)
Blake Manuel (Trustee)
Johnathan Midkiff (Trustee)
Juan Diaz
Hugo Perez
Lowell D. Bynum
Jorge Davila Mercado
Robert W. Brown III
Joseph Rippinger

3. Special Welcome:

New Members:

Karle Allen
Brooke Dobson

Guest:

Reports:

- A. **Secretary's Report:** The October minutes are in and will be sent out via our list server. They will be posted on our website, <http://afsa985.org/conc/> for review. All of the minutes that have been received by President Rodgers have also been posted on our website.
- B. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Menard/ Historian Turner briefed our income, expenses and end of month balances for the month of October. President Rodgers entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as briefed. Motion: Secretary Rollins, Second: Trustee Midkiff, opened for discussion, motion was approved.
- C. **Legislative Report:** The Legislative Report for the month of November was presented by: Historian Turner
- D. **Team Tinker/Quarterly:** The Team Tinker report was briefed by President Rodgers as in work.
- E. **Activities and Programs:** President Rodgers briefed on the Veterans Day Parade in Midwest City.

F. Airman Activities Coordinator: President Rodgers briefed that he was working on collecting our volunteer hours from AAC Stewart who was unable to attend the meeting

New Events for October:

The Command Chief welcome party on the 9th, at 1500.

G. Membership

1. **New Members:** Trustee Manuel briefed the membership summary for November 2017 as follows: 18 new members resulting in a total of 97 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

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]

09 Nov 17: Kelly
21 Dec 17: _____

Additional Membership Drives:

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

- 3. **Renewal/Retentions:** 0 retained member this month, with 28 YTD from 6 retainers.
- 4. **Bad Address List:** 147 members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL).
- 5. **For 2017:** The chapter has produced 0 Skyhighers, 0 Highfliers, and 0 Twinfliers.

H. Communication: None was briefed as President Rodgers had to step out.

5. Old Business:

A. Presidential Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) Chapter 985 was accepted as a certifying organization. Our volunteers need to register at www.presidentalserviceawards.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 raised \$151 approximately.

II. Walmart Grants: Waiting for responses still, we already have a few denials.

III. Christmas Wrapping: It's back to being an AFSA show. POC Hugo Perez briefed about the schedule and how to sign up to volunteer. **(Open Item)**

C. 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. AFSA is #16 in this year's parade, so we'll be pretty well towards the front.

D. 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 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. All tickets for the Oct 25 game were handed out and used by members of our great chapter.

E. Chief Erb Welcome: Trustee Manuel headed up this event, scheduled for 1500, today, at the Club.

F. 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. The open positions are: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee's 1,2,&3.

6. New Business:

A. No new business was presented

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 1210.

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Seth Rollins, Secretary CH 985

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Neel Rodgers, President CH 985