



## Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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

### General Membership Meeting

December 14, 2017



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

#### 1. Opening Ceremonies.

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

#### 2. Members Present:

Neel Rodgers (President)  
Jobrieth Menard (Treasurer)  
Terry Turner (Historian)  
Seth Rollins (Secretary)  
Blake Manuel (Trustee)  
Merissa Pough (Trustee)  
Garry Cannon  
Daniel Farlow  
Shateenie Stokes  
Robert Brown III  
Jeffrey Hamann  
Justin Thorpe  
Yewande Mohammed  
Hugo Perez  
Manuel Munoz  
Chaelon Moultry  
Brian Pence  
Kyle Erb  
Juan Diaz

#### 3. Special Welcome:

##### New Members:

Jeffrey Hamann  
Brian Pence  
Shateenie Stokes  
Manuel Munoz  
Yewande Mohammed  
Chaelon Moultry

##### Guest:

None

##### Reports:

- A. Secretary's Report:** Everything from November is in and last week's EC meeting minutes are in as well and have been sent out via our list server and are posted on our website, <http://afsa985.org/conc/> for review.

- B. Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Menard/ Historian Turner briefed our income, expenses and end of month balances for the month of November. President Rodgers entertained a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as briefed. Motion: Garry Cannon, Second: Kyle Erb, opened for discussion, motion was approved.
- C. Legislative Report:** The Legislative Report for the month of November was presented by: Trustee Pough.
- D. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** The Team Tinker report was briefed by President Rodgers as in the works, but only needing a couple more items.
- E. Activities and Programs:** President Rodgers briefed the only real activity was the Gift Wrapping.
- 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 December:  
Gift Wrapping!.

**G. Membership**

- 1. **New Members:** Trustee Manuel briefed the membership summary for November 2017 as follows: 0 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**

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]**

21 Dec 17: \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Membership Drives:
- (2) We are building a briefing team, would anyone else like to join on?!?
- 3. **Renewal/Retentions:** 1 retained member this month, with 28 YTD from 6 retainers.
- 4. **Bad Address List:** 145 members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL).

5. **For 2017:** The chapter has produced 0 Skyhighers, 0 Highfliers, and 0 Twinfliers. Trustee Manuel has 53 recruits/retains, Advisor Kazmir has 56.

**H. Communication:** Retentions and scholarships

**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](http://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. Walmart Grants:** Every response was a no, general consensus was that the company had already used it's budget for the year. VP Witfield will reattack at the first of the year.
- II. Christmas Wrapping:** SSgt Hugo Perez is POC. Needing volunteers as usual but going strong.

**C. Veteran's Day Parade:** We had 15 people come out to march and pass out candy with us. Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's parade.

**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 membership usage. The dates and teams scheduled to be played are: 25 Dec vs. the Rockets, and 03 Apr vs. the Warriors. Tickets should be posted by someone in the chapter after this meeting, so keep an eye out.

**E. Elections:** Elections will be held 11 January 2018 at the GM Meeting. They take hard work and dedication, so be prepared coming in. This has to be something you want, not just an EPR bullet. The open positions are: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee's 1,2,&3. An e-mail will go out after this meeting again.

**6. New Business:**

**A. Awards:** Call for awards is going to go out after the next General Membership meeting. Once President Rodgers can finish digesting the new info that came down from HQ. One thing that was noticed was Highflier, Skyhigher, and Twinflier numbers are all still 100.

**B. Education Grant:** Call for the Chapter's Education Grant will also likely go out after the next GM meeting. President Rodgers brought up whether or not the Chapter should continue the Social Media campaign. After some discussion, it was determined that the Social Media and Traditional programs would run simultaneously again.

**C. Upcoming dates:** Chapter looking forward to budget and prepare:

- a.** Applications need to be in by Christmas to count toward 2017. Any after count toward 2018.

- b. AFSA Scholarship Program will be open 01 January – 31 March. Everything must be submitted NLT the 31 March deadline.
- c. Annual Recognition (Awards): Due to HQ NLT 01 May 2018. Amn/NCO due to HQ NLT 01 Jun 2018.
- d. 2018 PAC: 25-29 August 2018, at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio, 600 E. Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.
- e. Div PAC: 05-07 April 2018 in Wichita, Kansas.

**D. JROTC Support:** SSgt Joshua Joseph reached out to see if we would be interested in helping out with the State JROTC Competitions on 17 February 2018 at the Jim Norick Arena at the OKC Fairgrounds. They are trying to get a representative from each service as a judge for each of the competition fields (7). They also need people to help in the score room to calculate scores to help determine the winners. In the past they have had 8 unit sign up to compete, this year they are already up to 15. They also need help with their trophy budget. It is \$2,000 which covers 30 trophies, 21 medals, and 2 plaques. President Rodgers brought up that as a Chapter, we could not support that full amount and that he was working to see if First Command Financial would be willing to help as well as Tinker Top III. President Rodgers then put forth for discussion on if the Chapter could support their budget in any way. Garry Cannon made a motion to donate up to \$250 to help, seconded by Historian Terry Turner. The motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously. It was also recommended that we reach out to other Chapters as this is a state-wide competition.

**E. Dodgeball Tournament Partnership:** This morning, Mr. George Waring reached out to President Rodgers about potentially partnering with the Chapter to put on a Dodgeball Tournament over in the Gerrity Fitness Center. It would be Saturday, 03 February 2018, from 1300-1700. He currently volunteers through the Chapel already to help our Airmen who live in the Dorms and with other Chapel Functions. We would potentially be partnering with them to help put this on. They are currently planning prizes for the top 3 teams, and may look to do some raffle prizes as well depending on their funds. As of now, they are looking for us mostly to help distribute information on it and try to get people interested. President Rodgers has also asked if they are needing any other support and it sounds like not at this time. Mr. Waring did state we could potentially set up a table to distribute information as well.

**F. Enlisted Lounge:** Prior to the meeting, President Rodgers spoke with some of the staff and found out that we could potentially block off meeting times in the Enlisted Lounge so that other organizations could not use it. It would also give the staff notice that we would be present and there could be a rush.

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

**A. Red Andrews Dinner:** Garry Cannon brought up the Red Andrews dinner where volunteers get together and feed the less fortunate on Christmas Eve. He stated it starts at 0830 or 0900 and ends around 1700.

There was no other new business from around the room. Garry Cannon motioned to adjourn, seconded by Historian Turner; meeting adjourned at 1230.

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Seth Rollins, Secretary CH 985

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Neel Rodgers, President CH 985