



Air Force Sergeants Association

Thunderbird Chapter 985

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

General Membership Meeting

September 13, 2018



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

1. Opening Ceremonies.

- A. Invocation: President Manuel
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: President Manuel
- C. AFSA Preamble Read by: Vice President Whitfield
- D. Airman's Creed rendered by: President Manuel

2. Members Present:

Blake Manuel (President)
John Whitfield (Vice President)
Terry Turner (Historian)
Chief Melissa Erb
Tasha Windish
Seth Rollins (Trustee)
Thomas Coughill
Jennifer Pipkin
Jose Magana
Frank Henrion
Jaime Schmidt
William Parker
Andrew Menchavez
Marie Menchavez
Brandie Benoit
Damont Cooley
Yewande Mohammed (AAC)

3. Special Welcome:

New Members: Jennifer Pipkin and Marie Menchavez

Guest: CMSgt Erb

Reports:

- A. **Secretary's Report:** President Manuel said that everything is up to date and on website. A motion to accept by Vice President Whitfield, seconded by Brandie Benoit, motion was approved.

- B. Treasurer's Report:** President Manuel briefed on treasurer report since, Treasurer Menard was not present. President Manuel entertained a motion to accept treasurer's report. Motion: Trustee Rollins, second: Vice President Whitfield, opened for discussion. Motion was approved.
- C. Legislative Report:** Trustee Rollins briefed the month of September. President Manuel motioned to approve the report, seconded by Vice-President Whitfield, report accepted.
- D. Team Tinker/Quarterly:** Report was briefed by President Manuel and it will be emailed out and posted on the website by the end of the week.
- E. Activities and Programs:** Trustee Rollins briefed on an initiative of a legislative drive.
- F. Airman Activities Coordinator:** AAC Yewande Mohammed briefed the activities coming up.
 - a. 9/11 POW/MIA run
 - b. VA Bingo
 - c. Veterans Day Parade
 - d. Travelling Road Show
 - e. NBA Thunder games for membership appreciation

G. Membership

- 1. **New Members:** 4 new members for the month of August, for 79 YTF from 7 recruiters
- 2. **Recruiting Opportunities:**

(1) Other recruiting opportunities are:

ALS Briefs @ 1045

23 Oct 2018: _____

FTAC Briefs @ 0730

18 Oct 18: _____

8 Nov 18: _____

6 Dec 18: _____

Tinker Family Orientation @ 1300 [in place at 1245]

25 Sep 18: _____

13 Nov 18: _____

11 Dec 18: _____

- 3. **Renewal/Retentions:** 0 retained member this month, with 3 YTD from 2 retainers.
- 4. **Bad Address List:** 3 members are on the Bad Address Listing (BAL). Thanks to TSgt Bobbitt.
- 5. **For 2018:** The chapter has produced 0 Skyhighers, 0 Highfliers, and 0 Twinfliners.

4. Old Business: None

- 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 Yewande Mohammed to have them added. Several members of our chapter were recognized with the PVSA this year!!!! (**Open Item**).

5. New Business:

- A. Education Grant:** President Manuel briefed that the application period will be from October to Nov/Dec, with a plan to announce winners in December. We also have advertised our new CCAF graduation grant for this Fall's graduates.
- B. AFSA Traveling Show:** President Manuel briefed that this will be happening in the first week of December. SrA Menchavez will be POC. Please get with him for more information or to sign up.
- C. Gift-Wrapping fundraiser:** SSgt Rollins briefed that he and SSgt Perez will lead this event, but will want to get weekly leads for each week to be responsible for that week. Fundraiser will be 23 Nov-24 Dec.
- D. Special Elections:** President Manuel briefed that he will be PCS'ing in Dec. VP Whitfield will not be able to take over Presidential responsibilities due to work constraints. Currently looking to have elections discussed during Oct GM to find candidates/replacements.
- E. Veteran's Day Parade:** Terry Turner briefed that the Midwest City parade will be Nov 12, 2018. We are participating in this as our chapter's custom. Let Historian Turner know if you need a chapter shirt. We will meet at Denny's on Douglas Blvd. at 0700 as usual for breakfast before going to line up.
- F. Membership Appreciation:** President Manuel briefed to be on the look out for emails concerning tickets to OKC Thunder games on the following dates; 5 Nov, 10 Dec, and 2 Apr 2019. You have to be a member in good standing with the chapter to request the tickets.

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

- VP Whitfield covered the AFSA Awards the chapter won at PAC.
- Multiple gift cards, Tshirts, and a AFSA pen set were handed out as door prizes.

Meeting adjourned at 1213hrs.

//--Signed--//
Seth Rollins, Trustee

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Blake Manuel, President