

USAF Recruiting Alumni Association Board Meeting

January 10, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Matt Macho at 10:05 am. Members present were Dale Ullrich, Chris Rabenold, Andy Coppi, Bob Cantu, MSgt Christopher Balderas, MSgt Matt Garza, Billy McAllan, Tino Tinoco, Mary Gandolfo and Matt Macho. Members absent were Ed Curbelo, Danny Roby and Carl Childs.

October minutes were reviewed and accepted as written.

Stan gave the treasurer's report. We paid for membership dues for the San Antonio Chamber and also purchased the Blue Suit watches in the amount of \$781.08. We currently have 76 members on the roles with 38 current on their dues. We have an invoice for the association coins. We have 26 coins remaining and those are set aside for Blue Suit.

Our current account balances are:

General fund	\$1802.07
Blue Suit	\$15,898.28
Monument fund	\$32,696.99

The bulk of this meeting is dedicated to Blue Suit XLV (45 for those who don't read Roman numerals!) Agendas for the Blue Suit week were provided by the Air Force Recruiting Service (AFRS) representatives MSgt Balderas and MSgt Garza. They are attached to these minutes.

Blue Suit is March 17 – 22, 2024. There are 14 winners that have been selected. Biographies and further details about the award winners will be forwarded from AFRS for association information. We went through the week day by day to affirm our responsibilities and AFRS responsibilities.

Day 1 – March 17 is a travel day. We are scheduled to take tables and chairs to the Kahlig Ranch this day.

Day 2 – March 18

Welcome and briefings during the day.

Dinner at La Margarita hosted by the Kahlig Auto Group. Greg Valdez, Chris Rabenold and Mary Gandolfo will coordinate with Kahlig Auto group to provide table signs and name tags for this event. We will also coordinate with the restaurant if there are any special meals needed. Dinner is scheduled for 6 pm that evening. All AFRAA members need to be at the venue by 5:30 pm.

Day 3 – March 19

Arrival ceremony at Randolph AFB. We just need to let AFRS know how many AFRAA members will be there.

The San Antonio Chamber of Commerce reception is at 4:45 pm. Andy Coppi, Dale Ullrich and Matt Macho will be the representatives from USAFRAA. The Association has no other involvement this day.

Day 4 – March 20

This is ranch day with Clarence Kahlig. We provide lunch and the bus to and from the ranch. We will also present watches and coins to the winners. We need to ensure we have the watches, coins and a check for the driver.

Day 5 – March 21

The morning is spent at Lackland AFB at Basic Training, Recruiting School and lunch. There is also a visit to Kellac Uniforms.

That evening is the banquet. Those attending the banquet will need to RSVP with AFRS. Typically, Bob and Billy have a spread sheet and take care of this for the Association members.

Day 6 – March 22

Travel day home. We have no further responsibilities with Blue Suit activities.

Association financial commitments were reviewed and all the necessary plans have been made to ensure payment is made or provided for services rendered.

Matt Macho presented the Association with two checks one in support of the monument from Vance Clark and the other in support of Blue Suit from Wise Realty. Cost of the monument is being reviewed and it will be increasing.

Articles are needed for the next issue of the Bag Dragger. Please submit your articles to Mary Gandolfo by January 19, 2024. The following are articles that were asked for:

Notes from the President ... Matt Macho

Blue Suit Preparations ... MSgts Balderas and Garza

Biography information for Carl Childs ... Carl Childs

There being no further business meeting was adjourned at 11:45. Our next meeting is February 13, 2024 at 10:00 am. We will meet at the Cantu Ranch.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Mary Gandolfo

