

USAF Recruiting Alumni Association Board Meeting

March 13, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Matt Macho at 10:05 AM. Members present Billy McAllen, Bob Cantu, Andy Coppi, Greg Valdez, Chris Rabenold, Fortunato (Tino) Tinoco and Matt Macho. MSgt Matt Garza represented the HRS team.

Bob Cantu led a conversation regarding Dale Ullrich current situation and regards about his ability to return soon.

Matt Macho confirmed all the watches and rings have arrived and are available for the winners. He also confirmed the bus for transportation to the ranch and Bob Cantu confirmed the Bill Miller's lunch for the ranch.

The February minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer Stan Staples was not available due to medical appointments. Current account balances were not available.

The main purpose of this meeting was to finalize all Blue Suit XLV activities.

The Kahlig Auto Group is donating the use of Lincolns to transport winners from the San Antonio airport to the hotel. Greg Valdez validated there were two Lincolns at the main North Park store and one from the North Park Audi store. HRS JAG will not allow the chiefs assigned for pick up to drive the autos. AFRAA needs to provide drivers for the chiefs and winners. Arrangements were made and AFRAA member volunteers were selected. Matt Macho went through the arrival times of each winner and ensured all were covered.

The following schedule will reflect only the activities the AFRAA is responsible for and not the complete Blue Suit Agenda

Day 0 - March 16

One winner traveling from overseas was to arrive. Arrangements made for that pick up

Day 1 – March 17 the remaining winners and guests were to arrive, again the scheduled pick up times have been coordinated.

Greg Valdez and Tino Tinoco will meet at the North Park Lexus store and Chris Rabenold to go by Bob Cantu's ranch they will pick up tables and chairs and transport to The Kahlig (Poc Mas) Ranch in Big Wells Texas.

Day 2 - March 18

Dinner at La Margarita hosted by the Kahlig Auto Group. Mary Gandolfo is unable to attend, she has in the past been our go to member to coordinate and provide name tags, Chris Rabenold volunteered to do name tags and table signs. Member were advised to be at the venue by 5:00 PM.

Day 3 - March 19 Members to attend the arrival ceremony, HRS at 9:00 AM 4:45 PM San Antonio Chamber of Commerce reception. Matt Macho & Andy Coppi to attend.

Day 4 – March 20

Ranch Day. Matt Macho confirmed the pick-up time from the hotel and who was going to be on the bus beside the winners and accompanying guests. Insured the check was available for the bus company. Bob Cantu confirmed 60 meals from Bill Miller. The question about special meals for a couple of the guests came up, MSgt. Matt Garza was going to further research the situation and get back to Matt Macho & Bob Cantu if there was a problem. The watches and coins were all in and ready for presentation at the ranch.

Day 5 – March 21

Blue Suit Banquet. Matt Macho was coordinating to ensure the beverage bars were set and payment made for all banquet expenses AFRAA agreed to sponsor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM. Matt Macho to schedule next month's meeting at a later date.

Minutes Completed and submitted,

Fortunato Tinoco, III