

Great job everyone. I can't thank you enough for your participation. What we do means so much to the family and community. Times like this make me so proud of my TWU/AA family. Thank you again.

This one was very personal for me knowing Ssgt Owen had one of the Ruck Sacks with him that fateful day. He was there when we presented the Ruck Sacks to the 145th but managed to stay off camera. Thank you all so much.

Curtis Lyons

Mission report - SSGT. Kirk A. Owen

I would like to thank the family for inviting us to Honor and ride for SSGT. Kirk A. Owen.

On Friday August 12, 2011, we had the privilege of escorting him from the Air National Guard base in Tulsa to his home in Sapulpa and the waiting Patriots lining the roadway in his Honor. When we turned off Hwy 75 on to Hwy 117 it sure got awfully hard to see where one was going!

Monday August 15, 2011, we were again given the honor and privilege of escorting SSGT. Owen from the funeral home to his final resting place and then escorting the family to the cemetery.

At the Memorial that afternoon we formed a flag line for the family to the church to assure their privacy after which all were dismissed.

The Family was very appreciative of all that was done for them and for respecting their wishes.

Rest in Peace SSGT. Owen and know you will not be forgotten! May God Bless and stand with the family in their time of grieving and in the days to come.

I would like to personally thank all those who came out to honor and respect this great hero and his family and all the support and hard work put forth by those that made it happen.

THANKS Grassman, Speedo, Poppy, Pacman, Dragman, Gator, Turtle and the AVMC, The Faith Riders and the American Legion in Sapulpa, Thanks to the Local Transport Workers Union, Local 514 for the flag support, Thanks to OHP, Tulsa PD, Sapulpa PD and the the Creek County Sheriffs Dept. and the Airmen at the ANG for making this about one thing and one thing only, working together to Honor SSGT. Owen and his Family!

AWESOME JOB ONE AND ALL!

And thanks to those who rode and stood to support our Hero! Thanks Mogols, Guard Dogs, The Priesthood, Combat Vets, Independent Rattlesnake, ALR Spavina, U.S. Veterans Bike & Streetrods Association, the City and Citizens of Sapulpa and last but by far not least, each and every Patriot Guard Rider.

Proud to ride as one with each and every one of you!

Respectfully,

Don "Ape" Serner
Owasso, OK
ASC PGR of OK



M&R Negotiation Update

The TWU and American Airlines management are reviewing several possible dates for negotiation meetings in September. The membership will be updated as we are informed of the agreed upon dates.

"The mediator's decision not to schedule any further mediated sessions has stirred questions from the floor." Why didn't the TWU ask for a release for self help at this time? "Mediator Jack Kane and NMB Chief of Staff Larry Gibbons made it clear to both parties that the Board was not going to release the parties to engage in self help. They were explicit on this matter. To ask for that form of relief when you have been told by the NMB that it will not be granted just does not make any sense. This is not a matter of the two sides not being able to negotiate but a matter of the Mediation Board choosing to use their resources in other areas.

Another question from the floor was about the term Iced. Are the TWU and American on Ice? In the text of the Railway Labor Act you will probably not find the term Iced. Iced is a layman's term that is used to define that the NMB will not schedule any meetings. As a general rule, the NMB does not provide consistent mediation dates unless the NMB feels the parties are close to an agreement. But it does not mean that the two sides cannot continue in negotiations on their own.

The NMB's decision not to participate in further bargaining at this time is in line with what occurred with the APA, and the pilots continue to meet with the Company without the assistance of the mediator.

Labor Quote

"We build roads for high tech companies. Offer tax breaks to big industries. Cut electric bills for employers. So what can be done for... towns where people live every day at the edge of a very violent margin? More than likely, government can do very little; and where it has tried, the failure rate has been phenomenal, because so many in power forget the basic rule that the best social program of all is spelled J-O-B. There is not a welfare check invented that allows a recipient to purchase dignity."

Boston Globe

Visiting Nurse Association (VNA)



The **Visiting Nurse Program** was established to provide skilled nursing home health services to those without insurance or with limited financial resources. This program provides services to approximately 325 clients per year, averaging 8,500 total visits per year, all in the greater Tulsa area. The program is funded in part by the Tulsa Area United Way; other support comes from grants and donations. The unique business model of the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) provides additional funding to the program from revenues earned from two fee-for-service departments, "Wellness", and "Private Care."

The Visiting Nurse Association of Tulsa ensures that monies spent with the VNA for such services as flu shots from our Wellness department or having in home care from our Private Care department, goes back into the community of Tulsa. Since 1981, Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) has served residents of Oklahoma as a community based provider of Home Health Services, committed to investing resources to serve the underinsured, working poor, and indigent of North East Oklahoma.

By choosing VNA as your source for Private Care, Wellness and Flu shot services, you are providing VNA the opportunity to give back and invest in our community.

On Monday, August 29, 2011 The VNA will be at the TWU Membership Meeting providing:

Flu Shot \$22.00 ● Flu Mist \$30.00 ● Pneumonia \$65.00

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