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**COMMANDER'S CALL
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Wing Headquarters**

The Commander's Call was called to order by the Chief of Staff at 0903 hours.

Chaplain Larry Killian led the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

LTC Jim Gilbert/Chief of Staff briefed attendees on the ICS staff academy that has been going on every Thursday night this past month. He encouraged anyone who has not signed up for this course to do so when the next course is conducted. He reminded members of the tax benefits available to them under the IRS Code for participation in CAP activities.

MAJ Doug Wood/Safety Officer conducted a safety briefing for all attendees. The briefing included a 12 minute presentation from the AOPA Safety Foundation on a Single engine failure on a dark night. He advised the Squadron commanders on the CAP requirement to have at least one 15 minute face-to-face safety briefing by all members quarterly and to document the results.

Doug Alexander/Operations – He is having good communications with the Squadrons on a/c reports. Dwight Talburt is having medical issues and may be out several months before returning fully operational. Dwight is working well with Summit Aviation. Upcoming events: SAV in April, SWR check pilot clinic in April and a distributive SAREX in April. CAP is considering upgrading the existing fleet of 182s with the Aspen system and Garmin radios versus acquiring new G-1000 aircraft. His goal is to make Operations work well for members. Will be amending checklists to include all pilots monitoring 121.5 on their standby radios.

MAJ Morris Middleton/Admin Officer briefed on administrative issues. Big concern with SAV inspectors is supplements. They require periodic review for validity. Six supplements now in ARWING. Two are current and four need to be looked for consistency with basic regulations. Each staff officer is responsible for conducting an administrative review in their area.

LTC Doug Radford/Logistics informed the commanders that the Form 73s, vehicle reports, are not being completed, nor on a timely basis. They should be turned in on

the first of each month, but are being given until the 10th to get them in to Headquarters. A CAPF 2a must be completed every year for all unit supply officers.

CMSG Bob Loeber/Services Coordinator announced a new Form 99 for flight releases. Be sure to pull all old 99s from further use. The Form 66-1f is being revised with all mission numbers on it. Vehicle Utilization Reports are just as important as aircraft reports. Make extra effort to document use of vehicles. National uses this data to justify replacement vehicles.

LTC Chuck Bishop/Communications briefed the commanders on the new zone channel plan. He is having to re-program all radios in the Wing, including vehicles, hand-helds and base stations.

CPT Frank Warner/Aerospace Education Officer – 1. Emails have been sent to the Squadrons on AE weekends at FEDEX and the Air Guard in Memphis. Six cadets maximum per trip. Once the number has been turned in, must find an alternate if that cadet fails to show. FEDEX needs to block out the simulator time. 2. Space Grant Consortium Award is a one page application for up to \$500. Cannot be used for cadet expenses per NASA, but can be used to reimburse senior members' travel, etc. 3. Fly A Teacher program. He is still organizing that and will report to the membership when it is ready. 4. There is an AEO school in June. He recommends that all AEs should attend at least once. 5. Yeager awards. He wants to set up a Yeager weekend. His ultimate goal is to have 100% of senior members qualified for the award. He also discussed the annual cadet program at Columbus AFB in MS.

LTC Larry Webster/Professional Development Officer announced that the recent SLS program was successful. He also discussed planning for the cadet encampment in June and announced his staff.

LTC Bobby Allison/Director of Cadet Programs announced that the cadet encampment will be at LRAFB on 13-20 June. Get all first year cadets to enroll. CAC meeting is being held today, less than 50% participation of the Squadrons. December is always the cut-off date for national cadet activities. Squadrons need to emphasize cadet protection program completion for all senior members.. 16 & 17 May is mandatory training for all encampment staff.

COL Britton was recognized for comments. He stated his thanks to all Squadron Commanders for their dedication, hard work and sacrifice of time on behalf of the Wing. The membership owes them a debt of gratitude. The distributive SAREX should be used by the Squadrons to train their crews for mission planning, etc. A flight crew should be ready for deployment within 15 minutes of being given a mission. Same goes for ground crews. The SAREX is supposed to be used to train mission staff. Units sending crews to participate should be certain that they are already trained and ready to go. Upon arrival at HQ, sign in and make any training needs known to the mission base staff and stand by for a mission.

He announced that Keith Maddison had to step down as Wing Safety Officer because of commitments at work and home. He will stay on as a special advisor to the Commander and MAJ Doug Wood has been appointed as the new Wing Safety Officer.

He thanked Blake Sasse for the contacts made with the Arkansas Game & Fish Commission. We've already had a number of missions on Arkansas lakes as a result of these contacts. Low level surveys are also being conducted throughout the Wing area.

The Wing will be conducting a SAV next weekend. He said the Wing has some communications gaps. He will be working on establishing a periodic newsletter. Last night he worked out a working agreement with the MO Wing to use their aircraft for check rides, proficiency flying , etc. for the Jonesboro Squadron. He also anticipates working out something with the MS Wing CC for the West Memphis Squadron at Olive Branch.

He reminded everyone that the Wing will have its CI coming up in January. He is considering going back to named Squadrons instead of numbered ones. He wants some feedback from the Squadrons before a final decision is made. The Wing financial picture is good right now. The Wing lost money on last year's banquet and he is considering changing the frequency of the banquet to every other year and still have the Conference for awards every year. He informed the Squadron CCs that the requirement for quarterly face to face safety briefings will be considered mandatory in the Arkansas Wing beginning in April. He closed by asking the members to keep Dwight Talburt and Lee Nelson in their prayers, Talburt for his medical issues and Nelson for the sudden loss of his mother.

The Chief of Staff announced that the C-4 Section has gone away. It will probably be re-allocated to Region for regional events.

The meeting was adjourned at 12200 hours.

/s/ Doug Wood

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Wing Administrator/Recorder

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/s/ Robert B. Britton

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