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MEMORANDUM FOR ARKANSAS WING

FROM: ARWG/CC

SUBJECT: Arkansas Wing Change of Command, 19 October 2019

1. On Saturday, 19 October 2019, at 1100 HRS, Lt Col Robert M (Bobby) Allison will assume command of the Arkansas Wing, Civil Air Patrol, from Col Arthur R Formanek and will also be promoted to the grade of Colonel. Southwest Region Commander Col Joe R Smith will be the presiding officer. The ceremony will take place at Arkansas Wing Headquarters in Little Rock.
2. Prior to the change-of-command ceremony, some additional meetings will be held. This schedule is subject to change and a more detailed schedule will be distributed.
 - a. From 0900 to 0930, the Arkansas Wing Finance Committee will meet. All Arkansas Wing members are invited to attend this meeting.
 - b. From 0900 to 1000, the CAC will meet.
 - c. From 0930 to 1000, the Arkansas Legal Officers will meet in a closed meeting.
 - d. From 1000 to 1100, Col Formanek will conduct a Commander's Call and Wing Staff meeting. Awards will be distributed. This meeting open is to all CAP members. Members not wishing to attend this meeting can use the time as flex time to renew acquaintances or conduct other matters.
3. Col Allison was selected by our SWR Commander Col Smith based upon the recommendation of a selection board composed of senior officers in the SWR with command background. Col Allison has CAP background as a cadet, senior wing officer, and squadron commander. In addition, he is an incident commander and has commanded numerous SAREX's and SAR missions. He is an outstanding officer who has prepared himself to be Arkansas Wing Commander.
4. We hand over to Col Allison the reins of an Arkansas Wing strong in all three of our mission areas.
 - a. For Operations, we are "Ready" qualified by the Air Force to conduct our mission. We have scored well on USAF reviews; in particular, on the CI (Compliance Inspection) and the OPS EVAL (Operational Evaluation). This success is the leadership and support of our squadron commanders and incident commanders. The wing has provided personnel and assets when called upon, such as in the case of Hurricane Harvey.

- b. Aerospace Education continues to be standout thanks to the leadership of our wing AE officer. The Arkansas Wing continues to receive region and national recognition for its AE activities.
 - c. Cadet Programs is strong under the leadership of our Cadet Programs officer. The Arkansas Wing has had very successful Cadet Encampments (jointly with the Oklahoma Wing for the last three years) and bivouacs providing encampment like experiences for our cadets under the leadership of our senior NCO's.
5. We are also strong in our support areas.
 - a. Our administrative functions are current and up-to-date thanks our volunteer Wing Administrative Officer, Services Coordinator, and Wing Administrator.
 - b. Wing finances continue to be strong under the guidance of our Wing Finance Officer.
 - c. Wing Legal and Medical areas are well taken care of under strong leadership.
 - d. Wing Communications and Logistics are both strong under long-standing leadership.
 - e. Professional Development is very active thanks to our Professional Development Officer.
 - f. Finally, the Arkansas Wing has benefited from a very active, committed, and strong Wing Chaplain. He is a standout in all of CAP.
6. As in any wing, the squadrons are responsible for the success of the Arkansas Wing. The leadership, commitment, and efforts of our squadron commanders make the difference. The squadron is where the "rubber meets the road." Nothing would get done without squadron support. We have in the Arkansas Wing a very strong squadron base and group of squadron commanders. I am very thankful for their support and dedication during my term as wing commander.
7. Col Allison will have some challenges but he has our support in resolving them.
 - a. Membership levels remain static. Recruitment and retention is an issue for all of CAP. For the Arkansas Wing, the southeast portion of the state remains a challenge.
 - b. Aircraft utilization is strong. We are eighth nationally, but individual pilot proficiency flights remain below national guidelines.
 - c. Cadet participation by the Arkansas Wing in region and national team competitions is underrepresented. For cadet and wing pride and satisfaction, we should and must focus on the team events.
 - d. The repair or replacement of our Arkansas Wing Headquarters building is under serious scrutiny by our Wing Legal Officers and involves some serious legal issues.
8. As a final note, we leave Col Allison and the Arkansas Wing with a brand new aircraft. It is Cessna 172S NAV III G-1000 [N233CP; CAP 323] and will be picked up from Cessna in Wichita in mid-October. It has been assigned to the Arkansas Wing by Southwest Region Commander Col Smith with the realization that the Arkansas Wing gets the job done.

9. Congratulations to Col Allison. I was only able to do the job with the support of our National, Southwest Region, and Arkansas Squadron Commanders, as well as the full membership of the Arkansas Wing. He will assume command with that support and will take the Arkansas Wing to new achievements.

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