

Meeting notes – Commanders’ call – 25 May 2004

Attendance

Group Staff

LtCol Milano
Maj Quinones
Maj Hoffman
Maj Tracy
Capt Smith
Capt Ulmer
Capt Wiley
Capt Green
1Lt May
1Lt Guyer
2Lt Mercadante
2Lt Robinson

Squadron Representatives

LtCol Hermack
1Lt Garoniak
Maj Kerekes
1Lt Abegg
Capt Casaday
1Lt Moskus
1Lt Woods (dropped off material)

Meeting Minutes

LtCol Milano:

Wing has requested that all units send forms 2A (appointing Safety Officers) to Wing HQ.

Twin Pine – Vehicle inspection: there were 4000 miles unaccounted for. All vehicle mileage on CAP vehicles must be documented and accounted for. Vehicles should be treated with care and given a “pre-flight check” before each use.

A member was awaiting promotion, but the wrong form was submitted by the Commander (2A instead of a 2).

Air Force steel nametag has now been approved for wear on class ‘A’ uniform.

Several cadets had e-mailed other squadrons in the hope of transferring, as their squadron did not provide sufficient activities. All cadets must be kept busy and interested in CAP programs.

Capt. Wiley:

Vehicle in Trenton had an unsecured lug wrench in the back, constituting a safety hazard. The vehicle’s papers were disorganized.

Visit to O'Grady Squadron – They completed their recent move very efficiently, and have a nice setup. Cadets have a positive attitude.

All of us need to be mentors to our fellow members.

Wing has made the glider program a priority. Five cadets flew last Saturday – two could not because of their weight. 215 pounds is the limit, and this must be emphasized when discussing the program. Most cadets should be able to fly sometime between May and October. The Wingrunner course is a prerequisite.

Please submit the names of all pilots in the squadrons (not just CAP qualified pilots) to Capt. Wiley ASAP. We need more qualified pilots.

Capt Ulmer:

Level One training was held on 23 May at Freehold, with Maj Esagui and Capt Ulmer instructing. 17 students graduated, there were four no-shows, 3 of them from Ocean Squadron. LtCol Hawthorn and Maj Perrine of Wing staff also attended.

The first issue of the newsletter has been printed, and copies available to take on the way out. We need more articles submitted by Squadrons and Group staff to make the newsletter a valuable recruiting tool.

1Lt Moskus:

Twin Pine is now getting a fresh start in the right direction. They have 43 cadets and 27 senior members.

Capt. Green:

Will begin visiting the squadrons, starting with Twin Pine. He will need copies of each squadron's bank records submitted to him each month. He will need the names of each squadron's finance officer by the 10th of next month.

1Lt. Guyer:

Recently completed Chaplain school in Rhode Island, received his promotion to 1Lt, and will be visiting squadrons soon.

LtCol Hermack:

Squadron will be running an Urban DF school in June. They are also marching in a parade in No. Wildwood on 20 June.

2Lt Mercadante:

The cadets thank Group for visiting.

1Lt. Garoniak:

Trip to McGuire is planned. Cadets recently completed glider flights. Leadership and survival bivouacs are planned for this summer.

1Lt Kerekes:

Just completed their move to new HQ. Cadets are planning bivouacs.

1Lt Abegg:

Will be teaching 1st aid and CPR courses as needed. Let her know if any cadets are interested.

1Lt May.

1Lt Abegg is coordinating the Speakers' Bureau.

Basic Public Affairs workshop for cadets is planned tentatively for 19 June (Freehold HQ) at 0900. Cadet Molchan is coordinating.

Thanks to 1Lt Abegg's squadron for providing their color guard for an organization's recent affair.

Please submit information for the Group newsletter to Capt. Ulmer.

Capt. Smith:

Please check the alert rosters to ensure all your info is correct. Include the info for all deputy commanders.

Cadets at Allentown looked very sharp.

Major Quinones:

Thanks to all participating in the recent SAREX. Most Group 224 people were taken by Wing to fill positions.

Our website must be updated.

Capt. Wiley will be Director of our SLS in September and October.

National Staff College to be held at Maxwell AFB 16-23 Oct. Cost is \$125.

Always use the chain of command – utilize Group staff officers before going to Wing staff.

If your squadron participates in events, parades, etc. inform Group staff.

Remember, the purpose of our visits to the squadrons is to assist, not to find fault.

Maj Tracy:

Lists of ES qualified personnel were distributed. Make sure everyone who participated in the SAREX gets on the MIMS system.

Pineland is creating a condensed GSAR school for the Group.

Pineland has been active in the rocketry program – National has updated the program. Encourage your cadets to participate. NJ Groups and squadrons could begin holding competitions.

Maj Hoffman:

Group staff is here to mentor the squadrons – if you need assistance, let us know.

LtCol Milano:

If anyone contacts you for a mission or other activity, notify Group immediately. Anyone may visit and attend Group meetings.

Submitted 27 May 04 – Capt. Ulmer