U.S. CIVIL AIR PATROL

SQUADRON 442

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

MONTHLY NEWS

"ReCAPping what you need to know …. August 2025"

1LT MARK DEL TORO
COMMANDER

LT COL JOHN MURRAY
DEPUTY SQUADRON COMMANDER

1LT SARAH CRUSAN CAP
DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR CADETS

LT COL BOB HAMM
OPERATIONS OFFICER

MAJ JOHN DORIE CAP
SAFETY OFFICER

COMMANDER'S CORNER (Mark Del Toro)

1Lt Mark Del Toro is stepping down as the Squadron Commander in September. Lt Col John Muray will replace Mark as the Squadron Commander. Isaac Real will step into the Deputy Squadron commander position. The change of command ceremony is planned for 6:00pm on 22 September 2025 at:

Cadet Building – Ingram Tom Moore High School
172 Tomahawk Trail West
Ingram, TX 78025

Maj John Dorie will replace Lt Col Don Jones as the Group V Commander in September and will serve as the officiating officer for the TX-442 Change of Command.

Many thanks to Maj John Dorie, Group V Commander (select) for taking the time to visit TX-442 to provide his vision for the Group.

DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WHAT	*WHERE*	*WHEN*	*WHO*
August SAREX	Kerrville Airport (KERV)	TBD	ES Qualified members
TX442 Cadet O-Flights	Kerrville Airport (KERV)	Saturday 23 August	Pilots and cadets
September Squadron Monthly Meeting	Kerrville Airport, FBO + TEAMS	Wednesday 3 September	Squadron members and guests

For additional information on these activities, contact either Mark Del Toro (830-739-5912) or John Murray (830-285-3248).

OPERATIONS/EMERGENCY SERVICES (Bob Hamm)

Squadron pilots and crews flew a total of 10.4 Hobbs Hours. These hours were flown in N271CA, normally based at Stinson Field.

Many thanks to Steve Gladwin from Georgetown. Steve agreed to fly N165CP to KERV to perform C182 F5s for Tommy Hayes, Tom King and Bob Hamm.



Bob Hamm and Tommy Hayes are scheduled to fly PINS in ATO4 on 1 September. Tom King is the back-up.

Since N794CA is still out of commission, we will need to borrow an aircraft from another squadron to support a SAREX August. Bob will forward a request to TXWG/ES requesting funding for 4 sorties with a notional date. Pilots should let Bob know their availability and training needs as soon as possible. Until then, mission crews wishing to maintain SAR proficiency should plan to take advantage of TX-MISC (member paid) and aircraft based at other Group V squadrons.

Cadet O Flights are scheduled for 23 August at KERV. Tommy Hayes, Bob Hamm and John Larson will fly. John Murray will oversee operations on the ground. We need a list of cadets that want to fly, along with weight, CAPID, and profile required NLT Friday 15 August.

Lt Col Mark Wodishek, CAP-USAF, has scheduled a visit to TX-442 to conduct a Form 71 inspection on N794CA. The aircraft, logs and AIF are in order for the visit whenever Mark arrives. Isaac Real and Tom King have volunteered to meet with Mark.

Bob Hamm and Isaac Real will meet with Carl Davis, Director Schriener University Aviation Department to discuss the possibility of recruiting graduates from the Aviation program into Civil Air Patrol. More to follow.

TX-442 will participate in the Emergency Preparedness Expo in September. Exact date and time TBD.

MAINTENANCE (Tommy Hayes)

N794CA did not fly in September. It is still grounded. Wolfe has been asked to submit an estimate to replace the overhauled mags with new mags. Unknown costs and time for approval.

Reminder: Cadet O flights will not be allowed before 10 tach hours are on the overhauled engine.

COMMUNICATIONS (Scott Purdy)

The Micom3 will be sent back for repairs. The Micom 3 is the newer, more advanced HF radio. National pays the bill. No impact to the squadron. The HF radios are used for the wing, region, and national traffic nets.

FINANCE

Acccunt balance is $3675.86. H-E-B approved our grant request for $5,000 to support Wreaths Across America (WAA). The check will be sent directly to WAA. This support will net $1666.00 to the TX-442 Account. We are looking for fund raising ideas. Let us know if you have any ideas.

We have a new Finance Officer: Isaac Real. Finance Committee Chairman: John Murray Members: Bob Hamm, Sarah Crusan, Isaac Real

CADETS (Sarah Crusan)

The number of Cadets continues to grow. The Squadron has exceeded its recruiting goals this year, growing from 8 Cadets to 24 Cadets. The Cadets are extremely active. With Isaac and Scott's help, the Cadets are learning about electricity and different types of circuits using Snaptricity kits. The key topic for August is amateur radio operations. Cadets continue to participate in various professionalism courses. Three cadets completed NCOS at Ft Wolters in Mineral Wells, TX in July. ALS is planned for the last week in September and CTEP is planned for October.

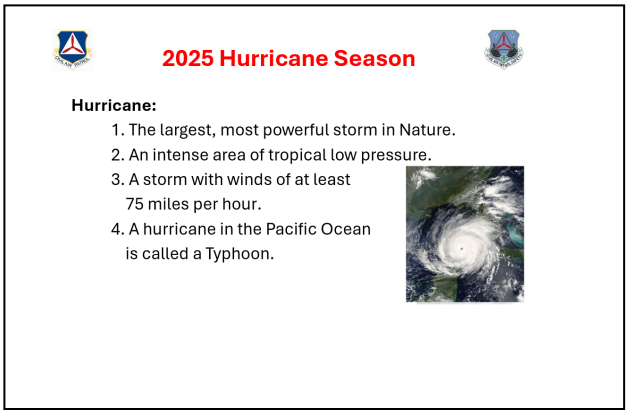


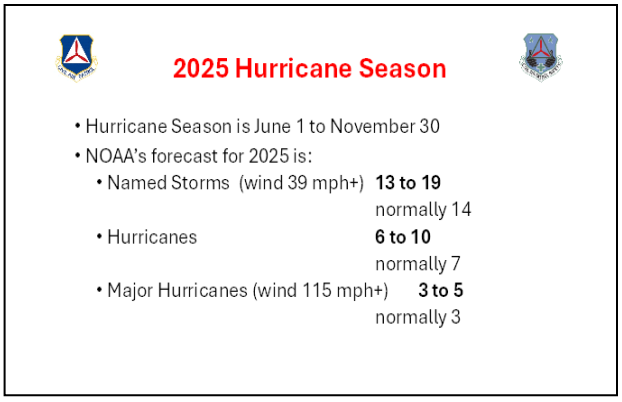
Seven cadets completed I-Fly in San Antonio on 6 August. Cadets are planning an overnight trip to visit the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi in November. Fun, fun, fun!

The flight simulator built by Isaac and Mark is getting a lot of use by our cadets. Isaac is working with Sarah to appoint cadets as flight simulator supervisors. This initiative will improve access to the flight simulator for all cadets. More news to follow.

SAFETY John Dorie)

John presented the safety briefing to the group. The topic was Hurricanes.





Remember that TXWG mandates that all members must participate in the monthly safety briefing prior to participation in any squadron activity including air operations. This participation must be documented. Your signing in at the monthly squadron meeting completes this requirement. You need no more safety briefing for this month. If you cannot attend a particular monthly meeting, respond "RECEIVED" to the e-mail to which the monthly newsletter is attached. And you'll get credit for the safety briefing.