U.S. CIVIL AIR PATROL

SQUADRON 442

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

MONTHLY NEWS

"ReCAPping what you need to know …. August 2026"

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DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR CADETS

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OPERATIONS OFFICER

COMMANDER'S CORNER (John Murray)

Thank you for remaining safe this summer. The summer safety standard is simple: apply Operational Risk Management (ORM) to every activity, on-duty and off-duty. The goal is not simply injury prevention, but preserving mission readiness, protecting our people, and ensuring everyone returns home safely.

The CAPR 35-5 requirement for promotion to 2nd LT is to complete LVL 1 and Part 1, LVL 2 and to have been a member for 6 months. I would love to see all Senior Members's promote to 2nd LT, which can be approved at the Squadron level.

We welcomed two visitors, Christy Graham and Mark Grant, during our squadron meeting.

DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WHAT	*WHERE*	*WHEN*	*WHO*
September Squadron Meeting	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	2 September July 2026	Squadron Members
Cadet Orientation Flights	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	Throughout August	Orientation Pilots and Cadets
SAR/DR Training	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	Throughout August	Squadron Members
Squadron Subordinate Unit Inspection 2026	TX-442 Kerrville & Ingram	TBD	Squadron Members

For additional information on these activities, contact either John Murray 830-285-3248 or Isaac Real 712-259-2965.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION (Murray)

Administration: We anticipate our Subordinate Unit Inspection (SUI) to take place in FY27. We should get a 60-day notice but it would be a good idea to start running those checklists now.

Personnel: Nothing significant to report.

PAO: Danny Soria has agreed to serve as Squadron Public Affairs Officer (PAO). We welcome him back to the Squadron from life in the DFW area.

Comms: The Squadron Motorola radios are on loan to other Civil Air Patrol activities across the Texas Wing.

IT / Web: Nothing significant to report.

FINANCE (Graham)

Balance: $6,545,59. There are 3 reimbursements pending at this time.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE/LOGISTICS (Tommy Hayes)

N290CP flew 23.8 Tach Hours in July 2026. Oil change/100 Hour/Annual is due in 11.0 hours; please watch those TACH hours closely before you fly.

Reminder that others are looking over our shoulders when we are filling out the paper flight logs and transferring that information to WIMIRS. Please pay attention to the details on the logs.

TXWG is looking carefully at Tach and Hobbs hours, fuel amount and cost, and which box is checked for payment. Getting this information right is important to ensure TXWG doesn't have to pay for fuel that should be paid for by NHQ and ensuring we get proper credit for the number of hours we are flying we should act professionally and endeavor to fill the logs out completely and clearly.

TYPE SORTIE	HOBBS	SORTIES
Cadet O Flights	7.3	9
SAR Training (Air)	5.5	5
SAR Training (Ground)	NA	0
Maintenance	0	0
Proficiency	1.4	1
OnBoarding	1.5	1
F91	1.4	1
Others	12.3	14
Total	**29.4**	**31**

OPERATIONS/EMERGENCY SERVICES (Bob Hamm)

TX-442 Crews flew 17.2 HOBBs hours in July. An additional 12.3 HOBBs hours were flown by other TXWG crews for a total of 29.4 HOBBs hours flown in the month of July. Total HOBBs hours flown on N290CP thus far in FY 2026 is 214.8. We've achieved the CAP goal of 200 hours for FY26.

The Civil Air Patrol has drafted CAPP 70-14 Flight Release Officer Guide. Additionally, there is a new FRO Course in absorb and STAN/EVAL recommend pilots take the course. Our squadron STAN/EVAL Officer John Larson reports that there are some changes coming soon to The Annual Pilot Evaluation:

Form 5 Changes coming:

1. Demonstrate Access to the Stan/Eval page https://txwg.cap.gov/about/directorates/do/dov : bookmark this!
2. More emphasis on using technology e.g. flying offset flight paths in addition to the standard patterns; creating user waypoints; jumping to a later point in the FP.
3. Instruments: precision or non- precision approach required. Partial Panel Approach (Simulated failure of PFD or MFD or Standby AI) required.
4. Use of CAP onboard mission systems.
5. Short and Soft field takeoffs and landings are going to be required.
6. Mountain Flying certification added.
7. Form shortened to two pages and signature is on front page

Also, please remember that pilots are authorized two proficiency Flights per quarter for the remainder of FY '26. Please take advantage of this opportunity…stay current and safe! Book a flight with John Larson while we still have money left in the Annual Proficiency mission. John recommends work on instrument proficiency and partial panel skills as well as soft field operations to avoid tail strikes.

Please include mission number, sortie number, CAPID, and the pilot's name on your fuel receipts BEFORE loading into WMIRS.

The new CTAF at Kerrville-Kerr County Airport is 122.8.

Operations/Emergency Services priorities for August include:

1) F/5 (1.3) HAYES
2) F91 (1.3) HAYES
3) F5 PREP PROFICIENCY (1.3) HAYES
4) ONBOARDING (3.O) BOOTS
5) AP RENEWAL (1.3) GRAHAM
6) AP INITIAL (2.6) WARD
7) MO/MS RENEWAL (2.6) PURDY
8) MP SAR/ES AIR SORTIE (6.5) HAMM, HAYES, MURRAY, REAL, LARSON
9) ORIENTATION FLIGHTS

CADETS (Sarah Crusan)



Our cadets continue activities to foster Leadership, Character, Aerospace Education, Physical Fitness and Emergency Services skills. The number of cadets in TX-442 continues to grow to record numbers.

Diego Dry, Jayden Branch, Levi Sauer, Eze Grandfield completed Summer Encampment 11-18 July.

Caleb Ward, Brady Espensen, Brazos Worrell, David Asher and Anthony Asher completed the Non-Commissioned Officer Course 1-5 August. Caleb Ward was selected as Honor Graduate from NCOS.

Sarah Crusan, Mark Del Toro, Andrew Crusan, and Camden Sladaritz provided food distribution support to the community, assisting with setup, organization, and serving families in need at Light on the Hill.

Cadets Ava and Ana Del Toro, Jaden Moss, and Andrew Crusan provided color guard support to the Kerrville Masonic Lodge in July as well (for a new officer installation ceremony).

AEROSPACE EDUCATION (Isaac Real/Scott Purdy)

Nothing significant to report.

SAFETY (John Murrary/Ed Stearn)

John Murray presented the monthly Safety Briefing to address Hydration. A copy of the monthly safety briefing has been sent to members not in attendance. Members receiving the monthly safety brief via email from the Commander (or Deputy Commander or Safety Officer) will acknowledge receipt of the safety briefing by replying to the Safety Officer with the answer to a question regarding the material presented. Members must complete the Safety training monthly to participate in squadron activities.