U.S. CIVIL AIR PATROL

SQUADRON 442

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

MONTHLY NEWS

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

Lt Col John Murray
COMMANDER

1Lt Isaac Real
DEPUTY SQUADRON COMMANDER

2Lt Sarah Crusan
DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR CADETS

Lt Col Bob Hamm
OPERATIONS OFFICER

COMMANDER'S CORNER (John Murray)

The squadron currently has just 18 active senior members participating in activities. A number of positions still need to be filled. Most members will need to fill at least 2 positions. Please consider what positions you might fill. We need to recruit new members willing to contribute/participate. Be alert to potential new members. Invite them to attend our monthly squadron meeting. I've made the difficult decision to move a number of senior members that are either not safety current or actively participant in Squadron activities.

John introduced a visitor, Matt Christainsen.

Nine active senior members were awarded the Red Service Ribbon or a clasp.

The Texas Wing Conference is coming up April 30 – May 3 in Houston. Go to TXWG.cap.gov/about/conference for more details.

DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WHAT	*WHERE*	*WHEN*	*WHO*
March Squadron Meeting	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	Wednesday, 4 March 2026	Squadron Members
Cadet Orientation Flights	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	Saturday,21 February 2026	Orientation Pilots and Cadets
SAR/DR Exercise	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	Saturday, 28 February 2026	Squadron Members
Squadron Subordinate Unit Inspection 2026	TX-442 Kerrville & Ingram	Ongoing throughout the year	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)

Many thanks to John Lehman for taking on the Personnel Officer position. We are still looking to fill a number of critical staff positions. Administration, Logistics, and Public Affairs Officer positions are open. Please let John Murray know if you are interested in filling a staff position. We have multiple members serving in 2, 3, or even 4 positions to keep the squadron running. The Civil Air Patrol is a "team sport." When members find themselves working in several positions, they tend to "vote with their feet." We need your help.

FINANCE (Murray/Real)

Received $459.12 in January
Expended $766.49 Squadron T-Shirts/Aircraft Supplies
Balance on January 31st: $9477.11
Finance Committee approved future expenditures: $1400.00 for Cadet Encampment; $520.00 Cadet Airman Leadership School, $780.00 for Cadets to attend Texas Wing Conference; Total $2700.00

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE/LOGISTICS (Tommy Hayes)

N794CA is no longer at KERV. It has moved to Denton (KDTO) for a 100-hour inspection. Aircraft will be reassigned.

N290CP flew 16.8 tach hours in January 2026. The plane has flown 40.3 hobbs hours in FY 2026. This rate is on track to reach the desired minimum of 200 hours in FY 2026 even though the plane came online 2.5 months into FY26. N290CP will need an oil change in 10.4 hours and a 100-hour inspection in 62.5 hours (these times are as of the end of January). When the next oil change is complete, we will cease using the Type M oil. We've not had to add any oil to N290CP. Currently there are 2 quarts of Type M and 1 quart of long-term oil in the back. All pilots and FROs, please pay close attention to AMRAD and the AIF Cover Sheet so that we don't overfly any maintenance events.

Van 42131 was transferred to Randolph TX 142 Squadron on 29 Jan. This is creating a great deal of turmoil and having a negative impact on the squadron's ability to carry out its Cadet Program goals.

OPERATIONS/EMERGENCY SERVICES (Bob Hamm)

TX-442 Crews flew 31.7 Hobbs Hours in a variety of aircraft in January. We flew Orientation Flights, Form 5, Form F5 Prep, SAR Proficiency/Training and TAA/Glass Cockpit Transition to Cessna 182T. Congratulations to Isaac Real and John Larson on their transition to C182. We have 3 new Mission Scanners (Boots, Evans, Stearns). All have moved on to Mission Observer training. Cadet Orientation Flights are scheduled at KSSF on Saturday 7 February (Hayes/Hamm). Cadet Orientation Flights at KERV are scheduled for Saturday 21 February; please save the date and let Bob Hamm know if you are available to participate. A squadron led SAREX is scheduled for Saturday, 28 February (and throughout the month). Use these sorties for MP/MO/MS training and proficiency. We have a number of GTM-3 qualification opportunities coming up, including Juniper Rivet a 1 Day GTM training event targeting Cadets and hosted by the Randolph Composite Squadron on 21 February. Registration is Live in Registration Zone. Additionally, CAP is conducting BCCS Bivouac for 3 days and 2 nights. The event provides GTM training for Cadets on 10-12 April. This event will be open in Registration Zone on 1 March. Both courses have prerequisites. Group V is hosting a recruiting booth at Laughlin AFB Del Rio on 28 March 2026. The Group is requesting 1 aircraft and crew. Let Bob Hamm know if you are interested.

If you've managed to find an instructor willing to come to Kerrville to administer or help qualify pilots in CAP aircraft or fly F5s, let other pilots who are ready for a Form 5 or who are preparing for a Form 5 know. Alternatively, if you are heading to Georgetown, San Marcos, Austin or Stinson in a private airplane or vehicle to fly with an instructor or check pilot, let our other pilots know and consider allowing them to tag along so they can snag a flight if the instructor/check pilot is willing to add an additional sortie. If you have questions, don't hesitate to give Bob a call.

Operations/Emergency Services goals for the next 60 to 90 days include 1) CAP IP – John Larson, 2) upgrade Isaac Real to Mission Pilot, 3) Upgrade Erika Evans, Steve Boots and Ed Stearns to Transport Mission Pilot, 4) Cadet O Flights 5) SAREX, 6) GTM-3 training.

CADETS (Sarah Crusan)



Our cadets continue activities to foster Leadership, Character, Aerospace Education, Physical Fitness and Emergency Services skills. We have plenty of Phase II cadets and we are working to increase the number of Phase III and IV cadets. Forty-three percent of active cadets have participated in at least one "out of squadron" activity in FY 2026. We have met six of the 7 elements required to achieve the Quality Cadet Unit Award (QCUA) thus far in FY 2026. We need more Cadet Program Officers and senior member sponsors.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION (Isaac Real/Scott Purdy)

The Cadets have completed one STEM project thus far in 2026. The squadron goal is set at three. Isaac is ordering another kit. Cadets have also completed 1 AE field trip in 2026. Our goal is to complete two AE field trips. Isaac is working on setting up a field trip to an Air Traffic Control tower. Bob has offered to set up a field trip to operations and maintenance facilities at Randolph Air Force Base (lots of STEM there) – awaiting a date that works for the cadets.

SAFETY (John Murrary/Ed Stearn)

The February Safety Briefing covers Cold Weather Operations. It was presented by Ed Stearns. Numerous references were given that provided additional information. Note: don't fly until runways and taxiways are reported clear and prepared for taxi, takeoff and landings; check braking action reports; ensure to carry survival gear appropriate for the conditions, including water. 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.