U.S. CIVIL AIR PATROL

SQUADRON 442

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

MONTHLY NEWS

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

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COMMANDER'S CORNER (John Murray)

We now have a strategic plan to take us through the next two years. It is closely aligned with the CAP National Strategic plan. We have four Focus Areas 1) Operations and Emergency Services, 2) Cadet Programs, 3) Aerospace Education, and 4) Resources and Sustainability. Each Focus Area has a Champion that will keep track of progress on our plan. There are 14 initiatives associated with the focus areas. These focus areas are the "meat of our plan." Now that everyone knows the plan, we will make decisions based on the priorities we've established. Focus Area Champions will provide updates to members once a quarter. Thanks to Tom King, Sarah Crusan, Isaac Real, Josh Taylor, John Murrary and Bob Hamm for developing a plan that we can use to guide the squadron for the next 2 years.

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*
February Squadron Meeting	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	Wednesday, 4 February 2026	Squadron Members
Cadet Orientation Flights	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	Saturday,17 December 2026	Orientation Pilots and Cadets
SAR/DR Exercise	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	Saturday, 24 January 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/Cook)
We are still looking to fill a number of critical staff positions. Administration, Personnel, 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)
Our account balance at the end of December is $9784.48. The finance committee approved a request from Tommy Hayes to procure items for N290CP, the new Cessna 182T. Total costs are $117.42

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE (Tommy Hayes)
Tommy Hayes flew to Independence, KS to pickup up our brand new C182T. Thank you, Tommy! Engine break-in is complete.

OPERATIONS/EMERGENCY SERVICES (Bob Hamm)
Cadet Orientation Flights are scheduled for Saturday, January 17, at the Kerrville-Kerr County Airport.

Our squadron SAR Exercise will take place at the Kerrville-Kerr County Airport on Saturday, 24 January. Five sorties have been approved by TXWG/ES for folks requiring mission scanner and mission observer qualification who have completed prerequisites.

Cadets are encouraged to participate in the SAREX to gain GTM3 skills as well. Capt Taylor will conduct GTM-3 prerequisite training. Cadets completing GTM-3 prerequisites during the SAREX can complete GTM-3 qualification at the Basic Cadet Course coming up in Belton, Texas April 10-12.

Due to lack of aircraft, instructor pilots in the squadron and the government shut down, we have a backlog of pilots requiring sorties in preparation for Form 5s. Group V is trying to put together a "mini-flight" clinic to help pilots prepare for evaluations (Form 5) at San Marcos. Right now, the clinic is in planning, but funding will be an issue. According to Group V/DO, it doesn't look good.

So, it's up to the pilots preparing for Form 5s to find an instructor for the preparation and a check pilot for the actual Form 5. For example, if a pilot has arranged for an instructor or check pilot to fly a relocation sortie to Kerrville to complete a Form 5, the evaluation and associated relocation sorties are funded by CAP. But this is not the case for sorties flown to prepare for the Form 5. It's important to note that relocation sorties, other than those required for the actual Form 5, are not funded by CAP. Therefore, pilots working toward a Form 5 should consider privately owned ground or air transportation to Georgetown, San Marcos, Austin or Stinson to fly with instructors in preparation for a Form 5. Communication among TX-442 pilots is critical. TX-442 pilots preparing for a Form-5 should be notified so they can ask the instructor/check pilot if they are willing to add a sortie to meet their requirements while at Kerrville.

If you've managed to find an instructor willing to come to Kerrville to administer your Form 5, 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 me a call.

Operations/Emergency Services goals for the next 60 to 90 days include 1) upgrading Isaac Real and John Larson to C182, 2) return to Fly Ed Stearns, 3) Cadet O Flights, 4) SAREX, 5) onboard Stephen Boots, Erika Evans.

CADETS (Sarah Crusan)



Cadets David Asher, Anthony Asher, Patrick Wallerstedt, Brazos Worrell, Jonas Rotge, and Brady Espensen attended the Winter Encampment at Sheppard Air Force Base, TX from 26 December 2025 to 4 January 2026. Cadets developed their leadership potential, enhanced interpersonal skills, gained a sense of discipline, developed time-management skills and learned how to overcome challenges and succeed! Congratulations to Cadet Anthony Asher who earned the Honor Cadet award within his Flight.



AEROSPACE EDUCATION (Isaac Real/Scott Purdy)

Weeks of work by cadets completing a Bridge Building STEM kit came to an end…with a BIG TEST last month at the Cadet Christmas Party. Cadets studied the properties of physics and its place in structural engineering. Each cadet was encouraged to use science and math formulas, engineering principles and "unique" designs that will hold weight. Cadets were challenged to design structurally sound bridges and use problem solving skills. Looking forward to reporting on the next STEM project in the February Newsletter.

SAFETY (John Murrary/Ed Stearn)

John Murrary presented Group V Safety Briefing to members. Everyone received the briefing in a separate email from the Commander as well. Please remember, **members receiving the monthly safety briefing via email from the Commander, Deputy Commander or Safety Officer will acknowledge that they have "READ and UNDERSTAND" the safety briefing and reply back to the sender.**

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