U.S. CIVIL AIR PATROL

SQUADRON 442

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

MONTHLY NEWS

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

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OPERATIONS OFFICER

COMMANDER'S CORNER (John Murray)
Per our National Commander, we held a Safety Focus Day, ahead of the summer busy season..A copy of the safety brief and discussion was sent to all those unable to attend the meeting in person or online. In an open forum, we spoke about risk and risk decisions, reinforcing standards, and making concrete improvements, as protecting our resources and people is our #1 priority.

The emphasis was on learning over blame, having an open dialogue and sustaining professional trust. The safety standard is simple: apply Operational Risk Management (ORM) to every activity, on-duty and off-duty. The goal is ensuring everyone returns home safely.

A potential new member, Anne-Marie Vance from Boerne, plans to visit in August. She has an education degree and works for the BISD.

DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WHAT	*WHERE*	*WHEN*	*WHO*
August Squadron Meeting	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	5 August 2026	Squadron Members
Cadet Orientation Flights	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	Throughout July	Orientation Pilots and Cadets
SAR/DR Training	TBD	Throughout July	Squadron Members
Squadron Subordinate Unit Inspection 2026	TX-442 Kerrville & Ingram	TBD - 2026	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)
No items of note.

FINANCE (Murray/Real)
End May Balance $8805.21. Current Balance: $6384.08. Reimbursements made to Sarah Crusan for uniform and TXWG Conference expenses and Andre Forte travels to support May SAREX; Kerrville Aviation $600 rent paid. Our CAPF-172, Consolidated Finance Authorization, has been updated with the addition of Kevin Graham to the Finance committee. TX-442 has applied to H-E-B for a grant to purchase wreaths to be placed on the headstones at the Kerrville National Cemetery in December. The squadron will receive $5.00 for every wreath sponsored to support squadron activities throughout the year.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE/LOGISTICS (Tommy Hayes)

N290CP flew 53.9 hobbs hours and 46.2 tach hours in June. YTD use is 185.4 hobbs hours. Average hobbs hours per month has been 37 hours discounting the down time for piston replacement. We have 3 Months left in FY26 to reach 200 hours. A 100-hour inspection was completed on 5/24/26 & a 50 hour oil change was completed on 6/26/26. Just over 42 tach hours remain before the next 100 hour.

OPERATIONS/EMERGENCY SERVICES (Bob Hamm):

TX-442 crews flew 28.2 Hobbs hours in June.

TXWG/ES has approved 5 SAR/ES sorties for TX-442 this month. Our July SAR/ES plan is to concentrate on aerial photography (AP) qualification/renewal as well as mission crew proficiency. Mission pilots will put crews together to fly the sorties throughout the month. Cadet orientation flights will be flown throughout the month as well. Isaac has gathered requirements from the cadets and forwarded to the orientation pilots for execution.

TYPE SORTIE	HOBBS	SORTIES
Cadet O Flights	7.4	9
SAR Training (Air)	6.4	7
Proficiency	14.4	10
Total	**28.2**	**26**

The credit cards for N290CP were reported missing and TXWG cancelled the cards. When you fly AFAM sorties, KA will put fuel in N290CP for us as usual on a temporary "charge account." DO NOT GIVE KA the silver fuel credit card…IT WILL NOT WORK. You will still receive a receipt from KA so you can debrief your sortie. Load that receipt in WMIRS and document the AIF just as if you had used the card. This is a temporary procedure. Our new cards should arrive in about 3 weeks. Many thanks to KA!

Operations/Emergency Services goals for the next 60 to 90 days include 1) Upgrade Erika Evans, Steve Boots, Ed Stearns and Matt Christiansen to Transport Mission Pilot, 2) Cadet O Flights, 3) GTM-3, GBD and GTL training as opportunities arise.

CADETS (Sarah Crusan)

June 2026 Summary

- **Squadron Strength:** 27 active cadets with 1 new member and 2 prospective cadets attending meetings.
- **Outstanding Achievement: 10 cadet promotions**, including **C/MSgt Andrew Crusan earning the General Billy Mitchell Award.**
- **Training Highlights:** Conducted weekly Leadership, Aerospace, Character Development, Emergency Services (Stop the Bleed), Physical Training, and Orientation Flights.
- **Special Activities:** One cadet attended the **AFCEA National Cadet Special Activity (NCSA)** at Tyndall AFB.
- **QCUA Progress: 7 of 10 requirements complete**, with **Encampment expected to bring the squadron to 8 of 10** in July.
- **Recruiting & Retention:** Continued steady growth with 2 visitors, 1 new cadet, and planning underway for a strong fall recruiting campaign.
- **Upcoming Priorities:** Support four cadets attending Summer Encampment, complete GES training in August, plan next year's STEM activity, and continue preparing cadets for leadership opportunities including NCOS.

AEROSPACE EDUCATION (Isaac Real/Scott Purdy)
The Cadets have completed one STEM project thus far in 2026. The squadron goal is set at three. The Air Navigation Kit has arrived.

SAFETY (John Murrary/Ed Stearn)

Five Safety Focus Day Areas discussed:

Recent Safety Signals & Risk Patterns
Aviation Safety (Flt and Grnd Handling)
Vehicle Safety
Cadet Health: Syncope, Heat, Hydration

What can we do?

Pause to take a moment to ensure operations are safe
Commit to doing things right
Encourage a strong Safety reporting culture
Ensure your wellbeing in all CAP activities
Look out after one another – “Brothers Keeper”
Per our Wing Commander: “…*please go into our summer activities with a plan to have fun, while encouraging safety in everything we do!”*

TXWG KEY TOPICS:

Hydration and nutrition awareness needs continued attention during the height of summer. Hydration and proper nutrition are intertwined. Energy drinks don't count for either one.

Fireworks create hazards we do not normally deal with. Please make sure you use any fireworks in accordance with local laws, recommendations for handling and disposal, and please don't let small children and pets get around them! Be sure your fireworks use won't start local fires! Be prepared to extinguish inadvertent fires.

Tropical WX season is here. If you live on the coast or near enough to be affected by a tropical system, please review your personal response and evacuation plans. Also have your Units review your plans for checking on your people and securing your vehicles and aircraft.

TXWG continues with a very LOW Safety Briefing completion rate. Please read and acknowledge completion of monthly safety briefs.