U.S. CIVIL AIR PATROL

SQUADRON 442

KERRVILLE, TEXAS

MONTHLY NEWS

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

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COMMANDER'S CORNER (Mark Del Toro)

Lt Col John Murray will take command of the Squadron. All are welcome to attend. Capt John Dorie will preside over a change of command at the Cadet building at Ingram Tom Moore School 172 Tomahawk Trail W. Ingram, Texas on 22 September at 6:00PM.

Squadron Financial Balance is $3474.86. We spent $204.00 out of squadron funds to support iFly STEM. There are no expenses pending at this time. We are expecting a check for $1460.00 from Wreaths Across America in coming weeks.

Sarah, Mark, Isaac and Bob met with the Kerrville Masonic Lodge to discuss possible support for Cadet Programs. The Lodge is anxious to provide support and build a relationship with the squadron now and into the future. The squadron continues to look for ways to raise funds at various events throughout the year.

The squadron is looking for a Safety Officer. Please consider volunteering for this important position.

DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WHAT	*WHERE*	*WHEN*	*WHO*
AVN 166 Support	Kerrville Airport (KERV)	20 September 20 2025	ES Qualified members
TX442 Cadet O-Flights	Kerrville Airport (KERV)	TBD in October 2025	Pilots and cadets
Squadron Monthly Meeting	Kerrville Airport, FBO + TEAMS	Wednesday 1 October 2025	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 9.1 Hobbs Hours. The lack of serviceable aircraft in Group V continues to hamper operations. Currently, only N271CA, based at Stinson, is cable of flight. However, thanks to a great deal of help from the Group V Cadet Orientation Flight Manager, we were able to provide O Flights to 4 TX-442 Cadets on Saturday 24 September with N277CP based in College Station. We will not fly O Flights at Kerrville in September, but our pilots may be asked to support O Flights at other Group V locations.

The Squadron is on tap to provide two pilots to support training of military air traffic controllers of the 166 Aviation Brigade at the Longhorn AUX Landing Strip located in the Hood Military Operations Area on 20 September.

In an effort to increase the number of pilots in TX-442, John Murary, Bob Hamm and Isaac Real will present an overview of Civil Air Patrol Flight Operations to students working to earn a bachelor's in aviation studies at Schriner University from 6PM to 7PM on 18 September in the Activity Center on the Schriener Campus.

The Squadron will have a booth at the Kerr County Emergency Preparedness Expo, 9AM – 4PM at the Hill Country Youth Event Center, at 3785 Highway 27, in Kerrville. Attendees will learn about water purification, food storage, solar power, emergency communications, financial preparedness, rainwater catchment, local disaster response resources and much more. Mark will send out a sign-up sheet with a shift schedule soon. This will be a great opportunity to raise community awareness of Civil Air Patrol Emergency Services and to raise funds for TX-442 activities through the sale of wreaths to support Wreaths Across America.

The aircraft based at Kerrville, N794CA is still out of commission due to a magneto drop discrepancy. There is no way to tell when N794CA will be back in service. The TXWG Aircraft Maintenance Officer is looking for a way to position another aircraft at Kerrville. CAP-USAF stopped by to perform an assessment of the squadron's management of the aircraft. The assessor was pleased with the condition of both the aircraft and documentation. Many thanks to our crew members and especially our maintenance officer, Tommy Hayes, for all of his work. Well done, Tommy!

CADETS (Sarah Crusan)

Congratulations are in order!. The Squadron's Cadet Program has earned the Quality Cadet Unit Award…again! Award Winners are chosen based on performance from 31 August 2024 – 31 August 2025. Here is a brief look at the numbers. The number of Cadets continues to grow. The Squadron has exceeded its recruiting goals this year, growing from **8 Cadets to 26 Cadets**. The Cadets are extremely active. **Seventy percent** of all new cadets earned Achievement 1 in just 8 weeks. **Forty-Five percent** of our cadets have attained the Wright Brothers Award. **Seventy percent** of cadets have first flight credit. **Fifty percent** of cadets on roster have graduated from an encampment. **Sixty percent** of cadets had General Emergency Services certification. We could go on and on! This is the fourth consecutive year our cadet program has received this honor!

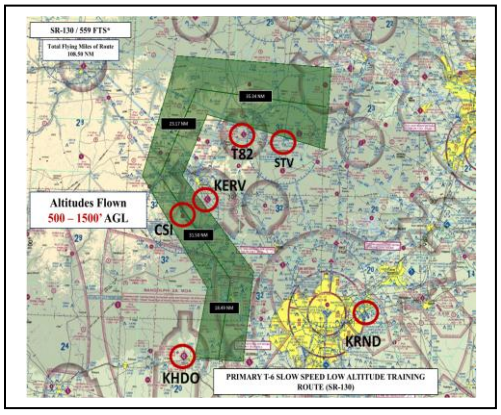


AEROSPACE EDUCATION (Scott Purdy)

Scott is looking for volunteers to support Science Alive at Ingram Elementary School on 17 October 2025. This is fun day. Squadron Members spend the day bringing the science of flight alive for some very energetic youngsters. We provide the basics of the science involved in miracle of flight by explaining principles, providing demonstrations and answering questions. Please consider volunteering.

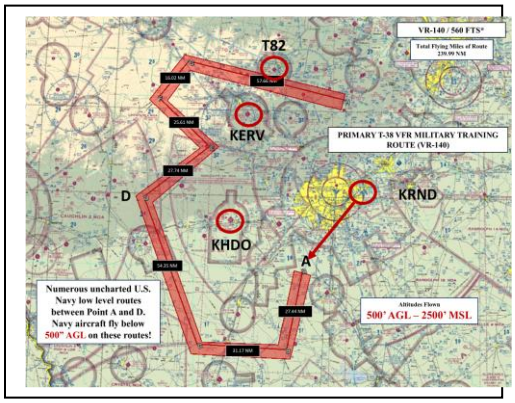
SAFETY (Bob Hamm)

Bob Hamm discussed two Military Training Routes that routinely transit the Texas Hill County and how our pilots and crew can find out more about each route. SR-130 and VR-140 are flown by T-6s and T-38s respectively. Generally, the aircraft fly between 500 and 2500 feet above ground at high speeds. Information describing each route in detail can be found in Fore Flight Documents for those of us that have the Air Force Foreflight Subscription loaded on their iPads. Contact Bob if you have more questions.





T-6 Texan IIs
Fly SR-130 at 195 – 220 KIAS
500”-1500” AGL





T-38 Talons
Fly VR-140 at 300-325 KIAS
500’ -2500’ AGL

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.