U.S. CIVIL AIR PATROL
SQUADRON 442
KERRVILLE, TEXAS

MONTHLY NEWS

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

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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)

We welcome Captain Kevin Graham to our squadron. Kevin holds a Finance Rating and has volunteered to serve as our Finance Officer. Thank you Kevin!

We also had a guest at our squadron meeting. His name is Gage Brown. Gage lives in Bandara. He is a CSEL, CME Land and ins trument rated with 300 hours of flight time.

The squadron currently has 23 active senior members. Be alert to potential new members, willing to contribute and actively participate.
The cadet unit still needs additional Senior Members to assist with our cadet activities; even volunteering 1 night per month would be helpful. Talk to Isaac or Sarah.

The Squadron SUI is scheduled for 30 June 2026 but will likely be delayed, as 60 day notice is generally given. It's not too early to start running that checklist!

DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WHAT	*WHERE*	*WHEN*	*WHO*
June Squadron Meeting	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	3 June 2026	Squadron Members
Cadet Orientation Flights	Kerrville-Kerr County Airport	10-17 May	Orientation Pilots and Cadets
SAR/DR Training	Ingram High School	23 May Ground Team Training/Air Sorties Throughout the Month	Squadron Members
Squadron Subordinate Unit Inspection 2026	TX-442 Kerrville & Ingram	30 June 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)
Thanks to Kevin Graham for filling the Finance Officer position. The Public Affairs Officer position is open. Please let John Murray know if you are interested in filling a staff position. We need your help.

FINANCE (Murray/Real)
Balance: $9086.23. There are no reimbursements pending at this time.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE/LOGISTICS (Tommy Hayes)

N290CP: Is 8.5 tach hours away from a 100-hour inspection. The swap of N290CP with N592CP has been postponed again. More information to follow.

N794CA: Has been reassigned.

OPERATIONS/EMERGENCY SERVICES (Bob Hamm)
Congratulations to John Larson and Isaac, our newest Mission Pilots! We now have five MPs in the squadron. Our goal is 6! The Wing needs more mission pilots! Remember, decisions made by National Headquarters regarding the number of aircraft in each Wing or Group has is partially based on the number of mission pilots available to fly. Pilots are encouraged to become MPs.

Just last week, TX-442 received a task to put a crew together to locate an ELT signal in the vicinity of Lackland Air Force Base. Within 90 minutes of tasking, MP John Murrary, MO Issac Real and MS (and newest member of our squadron) Kevin Graham were airborne and enroute to a location provided by the Incident Commander. The crew used onboard equipment to locate the ELT and communicated with a ground team th roughout the sortie. Great job!

While our crews fly SAR/DR sorties throughout May, our SAREX coming up on 23 May will concentrate on Ground Team training. The event will ta ke place at Ingram High School. Andrea Forte, Group V Emergency Services Officer, is coming to Kerrville to serve as Ground Team Leader and Ground Team Member SET during 2 ground sorties. Our primary goal is to satisfy the remaining Ground Team Member 3 (GTM-3) requirements for Hamm,

Murray, Crusan and a number of cadets. While we are working to build a ground team capability at Ingram HS, Josh Taylor will be at Stinson to complete Ground Team Leader (GTM) qualification. We're getting there…our goal is 6 GTMs, at least one GTL, and eventually one Ground Branch Director.

Isaac Real added Orientation Pilot to his list of qualifications this month. We now have 5 Orientation Pilots in TX-442. Cadets Castro, Branch, Diggs, Ward, Sauer and Langlinais flew Orientation Flights with John Larson, John Murray and Bob Hamm in April. Four cadets are flyi ng with Isaac, John Murrary and Tommy Hayes during the week of 11-18 May.

TX-442 completed a variety of air sorties throughout April in support of Civil Air Patrol missions, including a real-world ELT search, SAR/ES training, cadet orientation and proficiency sorties. With respect to pilot proficiency, the wing has authorized two proficiency flights per quarter. Great news, please take advantage of this opportunity to stay current, proficient and safe.

When you have some time, TXWG is encouraging all pilots to log into Absorb to complete the Mountain Flying Course. Expect mo re information on mountain flying qualification upon publication of the new CAPR 70-10, the replacement for CAPR 70-1.

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)
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.

Four 4 cadets attended the Texas Wing Conference in April, Anthony and David Asher, Caleb Ward, and Andrew Crusan. Their daily conference tuition was covered by our squadron funds.

We will be visiting Hunt Elementary/Middle School on May 14th for their" Science Alive" event. Additionally, we will visit Harper High School in May to spread the word about the Civil Air Patrol.

Great Start	Wright Brothers	Mitchell	Earhart	Eaker	New Members	LVL 3	LVL 4	LVL 5	O-Rides		Master Ratings
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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. Our cadets have been able to fly drones during AE night. The Squadron simulator is getting a workout! **It may be time to consider upgrading the simulator to G1000 capability to match the configuration in N290CP.** The AE night in May (18th) Mike Vitti with ATC from San Antonio is going to present to the cadets. He was in CAP as a cadet himself. If/when the Aerospace Education Kits arrive, Isaac plans to recruit local teachers to serve as Aerospace Education Members (AEM).

SAFETY (John Murrary/Ed Stearn)
Ed Stearns presented the May Safety Briefing to address **STRESS**. A copy of his 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 rece ipt of the safety briefing by replying to the Safety Officer with the answer to a question regarding the material presented. Members must com plete the Safety training monthly to participate in squadron activities.