



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

## MONTHLY NEWS

*“ReCAP ping what you need to know .... January 2020”*

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DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR SENIORS  
  
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DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR CADETS  
  
LTC JOHN MURRAY CAP  
OPERATIONS OFFICER  
  
1Lt BILL WOOD CAP  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER  
  
Capt JOHN DORIE CAP  
AEROSPACE ED & SAFETY OFFICER

### COMMANDER’S CORNER (George Otto)

George welcomed those in attendance at last night’s monthly squadron meeting. He also welcomed guest Tommy Hayes of Tierra Linda. Tommy is a Mooney owner (based at the Tierra Linda airport) and may be interested in joining CAP. The December monthly squadron meeting was combined with the squadron’s annual Christmas potluck dinner at the Cook’s residence (43 Oak Alley in Tierra Linda) on Saturday, 14 December 2019. Attendance was good and the food was excellent! Many thanks to Harry and Marjorie for hosting this activity. The next squadron meeting will be on Wednesday, 5 February 2020 at 6:30 PM.



### DATES & EVENTS TO REMEMBER

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	WHO
Wing-wide SAREX	KERV	18-19 January 2020	ES qualified members
CAP/JROTC Cadet O-Flights	KGTU / KSSF / KERV / KDRT	TBD	TBD
Squadron meeting	Tierra Linda airport	5 February 2020; 6:30 PM	Squadron members and guests

*For additional information on these activities, contact either George Otto (830-997-2901) or Harry Cook (830-895-7889).*

### ADMINISTRATION (Bill Wood and Roberta Himebrook)

Roberta Himebrook reminded everyone about the importance for each of us to update our CAPF 45. She distributed a summary sheet for each of us to review and return to her. If you have questions about CAPF 45 and your personnel file, please contact Roberta. She also told everyone that she has updated the squadron duty-position charts (based on current eServices data). Roberta also said that she and George will announce the latest “Red Ribbon” awards at next month’s squadron meeting.

The annual Wreaths Across America was held at the VA Cemetery in Kerrville on Saturday 14 December 2019. Both CAP (TX442) and JROTC (Tivy HS) cadets participated in the event. Weather was excellent for the event. This was a particularly busy day for the squadron with this ceremony as well as JROTC orientation flights and the annual Christmas dinner that evening. And it all worked out perfectly!

Harry Cook noted that our squadron airplane (N794CA) has approximately 11 hours before its next 100 hour/annual inspection. The aircraft is in need of exterior cleaning; several members will do this on Saturday, 11 January at 1:00 pm at the Kerrville airport.

Harry said the squadron bank account currently has about \$1,500. Donations to the squadron are tax-deductible (501c3 charitable organization). Checks can be sent to Harry or Marjorie Cook (squadron finance officer) and made out to “Kerrville CAP”.

### OPERATIONS (John Murray, Tom King and Harry Cook)

Chuck and Tom King flew the squadron airplane on Saturday, 7 December 2019 to Del Rio to conduct CAP cadet orientation flights. You may recall that Gary Black and Tom also conducted cadet orientation flights out of KDRT on 9 November 2019. These flights have been a huge success with these cadets, the group’s senior members and cadets’ parents. And we certainly want continue to support the Del Rio cadets and seniors in these flight activities going into 2020.

Chuck and Tom completed three JROTC (Tivy HS) cadet orientation flights out of the Kerrville airport (KERV) on Saturday, 14 December 2019. During these three flights, supported by Bill Wood and the JROTC commander LTC (ret) Bobby Woods, a total of nine cadets were provided flights in groups of three cadets per flight.

George noted a newly discovered scheduling conflict with the squadron’s Mountain Flight Clinic to be held in Alpine, Texas (E38) on the weekend of 26-28 April 2019. This year’s TXWG annual conference was recently scheduled for that same weekend.

We were only very recently made aware of this problem. We discussed various possible solutions including our moving the MFC forward into April and backward into May of this year. We came up with no final resolution on the issue last night. George will confer with Col. Frank Eldridge (Group V Commander) about various alternatives before we make any decision regarding the scheduling problem.





We expect to remain busy with CAP cadet orientation flights, both with our cadets and those in other squadrons. The latter will be conducted at Georgetown (KGTU) and at Stinson Airport (KSSF) each month. We also plan to continue flying CAP cadet orientation flights for the Del Rio Flight (a part of our squadron) on a regular basis. We have been asked to participate in UT-Austin ROTC cadet O-flights out of the Georgetown airport as well in February.

We plan to participate in this month's statewide SAREX / ES Exercise (20-T-4189). This activity is scheduled for the weekend of 17-19 January 2020. We expect to operate as a Staging Area from the Kerrville airport. More on this via email announcement in the coming week or so.

Photo: Tivy HS JROTC cadets involved in a preflight inspection/discussion with orientation pilot Tom King, Col. Bobby Woods and AP Bill Wood. The cadets were a very enthusiastic group; the flights were a big success.

## CADETS (Josh Taylor)

Josh Taylor spoke briefly about the cadet squadron's latest activities. The cadet squadron has increased its number of members significantly since last October with a current total of 28 cadets.

Josh also mentioned that the cadet squadron will have a Change of Command ceremony on Monday evening (13 January) at 7:00 pm at the Ingram HS auditorium. All are invited to the ceremony. The cadets will participate in a presentation and brunch for the Military Order of World Wars (MOWW) to be held next Tuesday (14 January) at 11:30 am at the YO Ranch in Kerrville. John Dorie has agreed to give a brief presentation on the various missions of the Civil Air Patrol.

The cadet squadron is planning a Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) program for senior members. Newly redesigned, the TLC series of courses equips adult leaders with youth mentoring skills, policy knowledge and practical tools for implementing the CAP Cadet Program. TLC is a three-course program. TLC "Basic" is open to all senior members and produces adult leaders who are prepared to contribute as Cadet Programs Officers of a squadron staff. For more information, please contact Josh.

John Dorie also briefly described his work with the cadets on Aerospace Education and their construction of a telescope as part of a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) kit. Their next Aerospace Education Excellence (AEX) activity will be the construction of a weather station.

## SAFETY (John Dorie)

John presented "Safety Information and Reporting System (SIRS) and Bird Strikes" for the monthly safety briefing (Annual Safety and ORM.)

When a Mishap or Accident occurs involving aircraft, vehicles or personnel: The Unit or Activity Commander (IC) will immediately notify the 1) Wing Commander or 2) Vice Commander or 3) Wing Director of Safety, listed on the Wing or SWR websites. Texas Wing Command or CAP-NHQ will deal with any outside agencies. Reporting an incident or mishap is done through eServices:: Safety: SIRS. On the next screen, click "File New Mishap" or "update Mishap". For questions about incidents or mishaps, please contact John Dorie who is our squadron Safety Officer as well as tan Assistant Wing Safety Officer.

John also described the concept of "Operational Risk Management" as this applies to all CAP activities (not just aviation-related activities). ORM consists of a six-step process for identifying and mitigating risks associated with CAP activities:

1. Identify the hazards
2. Assess the risks
3. Analyze the risk control measures
4. Make control decisions
5. Risk control implementation
6. Supervise and review

		Probability				
		Frequent	Likely	Occasional	Seldom	Unlikely
S E R I O U S N E S S I T Y	Catastrophic	Extremely High	High		Medium	Low
	Critical	High	Medium	Low	Very Low	Very Low
	Moderate	Medium	Low	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low
	Negligible	Low	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low	Very Low

Assessing and mitigating risks does not necessarily mean that the activity cannot be conducted. Instead, PRM outlines the process by which risks are identified and assessed for seriousness. And defines mitigation to minimize those risks where possible.



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 and will be verified prior to flight release of an aircrew. 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 stating simply that you have received the newsletter/safety briefing. And you'll get credit for the safety briefing.