Civil Air Patrol TX – 645 AFA 2Q2026 Quarterly Report
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G1000 Red Bird BATD Simulator: The Majors Composite Squadron (SQ) celebrated the Red Bird Basic Advanced Training Device (BATD) G1000 Simulator Grand Opening on April 25th (donated by AFA Chapter 416) in conjunction with the AFA Inspire event. The Greenville Aviation Community gathered for the inaugural training after the festive ribbon cutting and presentation of a permanent plaque to AFA representative, Vance Clarke. Attendees included: Majors Flying Club, EAA, the local CAP SQ, 645th AESS, and general aviation enthusiasts that gathered for briefings and demonstrations on how using this equipment further develops skills in private pilot, G1000, and instrument training.

The Grand Opening was attended by the AFA President, Vance Clarke and the AFA Treasurer, Chad Chaffee, Cass County Judge and Army Reserve Command Sergeant Major, Travis Ransom (the Inspire Event Speaker), and the TX – 645 Squadron Commander, Lt Col Choya Shanahan. Since that time, 11.2 hours were accumulated through May 31st, 2026. Later, while at the Texas Wing Conference, Group II was briefed on the simulator availability and the Rockwall CAP Squadron OPS Officer requested training to support their squadron. Recently, Majors Flying Club was briefed during their June meeting on the capability, and we expect their CFIs to receive their initial training in June.



AFA President, Cass Mayor
Sgt Major Travis Ransom

In preparation, TX – 645's CFI, Capt Shane Klase delivered a Basic Ground School on March 21-22 to X cadets & Y SMs and a Solo Preparation Course on April 18th to X cadets & Y SMs from 3 different squadrons. Capt Klase followed these accomplishments by earning his CAP G-1000 Check Pilot Rating - May 20, 2026.



Capt Klase, LtCol MacLaird
Chad Chaffee & Vance Clarke

These events tied in nicely with the Scout Aviation Workshop on April 11th where our cadets and SMs helped train 50 Scouts who earned their Scout Aviation Merit Badge.







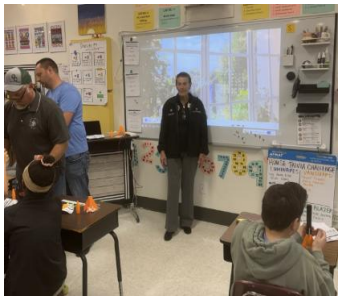
The following weekend the DFW Flight International Simulator Tour on April 18th where 6 cadets and 2 Senior Members were briefed on Flight International's capabilities, toured various simulators, and everyone personally flew a commercial 747 simulator mission.





Greenville Christian School Rocket Launch: Greenville Christian School packed grandstands at on a windy Friday, March 27th, to see their students demonstrate their classroom lessons in physics burst into the sky at the Annual Rocket Launch. In collaboration with AFA Chapter 416 and Civil Air Patrol TX – 645, the sixth graders showed off their mastery of aviation concepts with rockets they built from an AFA classroom grant.

Facilities Director, Brad Pletcher, spearheaded this initiative and brought in Dads of students to support this project. CAP members taught rocket physics and directed rocket building and launches. AFA made it all possible with a grant to buy supplies. Together, it made a Spring Day more than just an exercise; it became an opportunity to ignite wonder and inspire youth in STEM and aviation.



A major annual event that our squadron participates in is the Knights of Columbus Flag Retirement Ceremony. On March 21st XX cadets and yy senior members participated in retiring xx flags.





CAP/NASA Aviation Sky Watch Mission Training: These missions harken back to Operation Skywatch, a 1950s U.S. Air Force program designed to identify and track aircraft before radar was available where CAP helped train the skywatchers of the Ground Observer Corps. TX – 645 participated on March 14th and May 16th to collect data and atmospheric conditions; identify and track specific aircraft across multiple wings and regions to help NASA scientists better understand how weather conditions impact commercial aircraft. The squadron collected xx data tracks and turned that data into NASA for future analysis.





Morale Events: Quarterly, TX – 645 Senior Members meet to relax and team build. Our first 2026 event was hosted at the Highland Vintage Farms & Ranch on May 9th. Additionally, months that have five Mondays, the squadron hosts a family event to enjoy and celebrate our partners that ensure the success of our squadron. At the end of May, March 30th a Family Picnic at Wright Bros Park included games and cookout with a potluck dinner.

Training is important at the Majors Composite Squadron. Throughout this quarter six training opportunities were attended and TX – 645 in addition to creating and hosted the SM ICS 300 & 400 Course, taught by the WG Deputy CC, Rick Wolfolk at the L3Harris Recreation Center on March 26 – 28th for ourselves and sister squadrons. Additional Training during this quarter included two (2) Training Leaders of Cadets / Cadet Training & Education Programs (TLC/CTEP) (Basic & Intermediate) opportunities in Nacogdoches and Houston, TX. Additionally, Capt Klase has completed one Check Ride and soloed one Cadet in the C-172 and is preparing for another C-182 Check Ride.

Texas Wing Conference: Each year the Texas Wing hosts an annual state conference and this year it was hosted in Houston Apr 30 – May 3 providing training opportunities, seminars and classes on subjects of interest. Our squadron sent two SMs, 6 cadets, and two parents where CMSgt Annalise Devore was recognized as USAF

Sergeants Association Outstanding Cadet NCO of the Year and TX – 645 SQ received the 2026 Quality Cadet Unit Award and Aerospace Education Excellence Award – both for the second year in a row.








Greenville Barn Stomer May 16 Fly In: TX – 645 is an annual sponsor and participant teaming with local flying clubs, the City of Greenville, and the Commemorative Air Force (CAF). During this event, CAP recruited for local squadrons and the AFA; Displayed STEM Kits; Completed the SkyWatch Mission; Demonstrated Communications Skills; and Flew two (2) Group II Search And Rescue Missions (SAREX).

Mission Readiness: In the May, TX – 645 secured additional Transport Pilots (2Lt James Finley & 2Lt Joe Roy); additional Mission Pilots (Capt Shane Klase & 1Lt Richard Rudol); and onboarding another two pilots. On Memorial Day, LtCol MacLaird and Capt Klase were called to pick up and transport an Arkansas C-172 on loan to the TX Wing. The mission accumulated 6.6 total hours traveling from Greenville to Texarkana to pick up 901CP to drop off in Lufkin and return to Greenville. The mission provided instrument training as well as day, nighttime, weather and cross-country operations, culminating in securing a new TX asset for the next six (6) months.













