



BEXAR COUNTY SENIOR SQUADRON
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Greetings,

Thanks for visiting the Bexar County Senior Squadron, TX424, a squadron in the Civil Air Patrol volunteer service organization. We are a flying emergency services squadron that specializes in day & night flight operations for search & rescue, disaster relief, and counter-drug missions. It is important to note that we are neither a low-cost flying club, nor a basic flight school and do not offer initial flight instruction.

Please feel free to investigate some of our information that we manage on our squadron website portal at: www.tx424.com. On that website, you'll find a lot of information that covers most of our operational training support needs. The CAP National Headquarters site contains far more information, and is the system of record for all of our governing regulations (e.g., CAPR 50-17).

If you decide to join our CAP organization, there are a number of short online training tasks that can be initiated at the squadron website, which also contains links to all the other relevant CAP sites. These tasks must be completed before you will be able to get participate in any squadron activities outside of meetings, including getting checked out for flying the CAP aircraft.

General Emergency Services (GES) Training Tasks at:

http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/emergency_services/operations_support/education_and_training/general-emergency-services-training-materials/

LEVEL 1 Training Tasks

The CAP National Headquarters website has the specific online tasks to be completed at: http://members.gocivilairpatrol.com/cap_university/level_i_foundations.cfm

Once you join, you will receive a CAP identification number (CAPID) that can be used to access CAP online resources; notably our primary online system: e-Services. Only after you receive your CAPID are you allowed to access e-Services and complete the initial training process. This may take several weeks after completion of your CAP application.

There are a number of initial tasks that can be started PRIOR to receiving this information, and some that can only be completed AFTER you have received your CAPID. Much of CAP training is cumulative in nature, so there are a seemingly endless series of small training tasks that are best spread out over several days, rather than a single marathon session. A cup of coffee per online task works out pretty well for scheduling.

Things you can do to initiate the traditional "Hurry-Up & Wait" (HUAW) procedure:

AFTER receiving your CAPID go to:

- LEVEL 1 Training Tasks:
 - 1 OPSEC
 - 2 CPPT printout and fill answers (save in notebook for your future summary conversation)
 - 3 modules 1-6 foundation, printout answer sheet and fill in the blanks from the materials (IBID)
 - 4 EO agreement
 - 5 online safety briefing
- GES Training Tasks:
 - ICS-100, 200, 700, 800 (Mission Pilots) - save Certificates for later upload to eservices, Operational Risk Management Basic/Inter./Test, and the ground handling video.

Most of these tasks will seem extremely familiar to anyone who has been in the military or corporate management. After your CAP ID arrives and before completing Level 1 please get with Steve Rice to arrange a Commander's interview.

UNIFORMS

After officially joining you will need to provide yourself with a CAP uniform. The most popular uniform is a nice pair of black shoes, black socks, gray slacks, and an official CAP blue polo shirt. The polo shirt can be ordered and purchased through Vanguard. The following link will take you directly to the blue CAP shirts on the Vanguard website. Getting at least two shirts is wise. We do a lot of 2-3 day missions in hot temperatures, and having an extra fresh shirt for the following day is a wise idea. <http://www.vanguardmil.com/clothing-uniform-items-c-6-2507-2508.html>. The other most common uniform is the sage green flight suit. If you do wear the flight suit it needs to be worn to Air Force standards along with correct patches, name tags and rank.

USEFUL BOOKMARKS

Professional Development & Operations Bookmarks:

- [PDO Library Bookmarks](#)
- [CAP Bookmarks](#)

Operations Bookmarks:

- [Pilot F5 Preparation](#)

Thanks, once again, for visiting our squadron. I've presented you with quite a bit of information here. Please feel free to me at **(210) 289-2950** or via email at rice4353@yahoo.com with any questions.

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