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THE COYOTE'S HOWL

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UNIT LEADER - Howdy Coyotes and Happy New Year, I would like to say first that I hope and pray that you and your families had a happy holiday season and that the blessings that you hoped and prayed for were delivered to you in the manner in which you wanted them. I pray this New Year brings health and Happiness to your families and the Lord's blessings upon all of you and your families.

As we start off the first month of this year I would like to say Thank you to Colonel Ken Authier our now, past Unit Leader. Ken, you have run the squadron with much dedication and exhibited a humble attitude throughout. Your example of unselfish service as a leader is one I admire and hold in high regard. You will be missed in your leadership role and I only pray that I can be just half the example of a servant leader you have been. Thank you so much for all that you have done and what we hope to see you do in the future.

I would like to also thank Colonel Warnie M+14 for stepping up and filling the Executive Officer position, I know you initially accepted the nomination with much reluctance but there are very few individuals that have come in and made such a significant impact on your unit as you have and we are lucky to have you as our new XO.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for electing me as the Unit Leader for the Squadron. I am so very humbled that so many of you thought of me to be able to fill this roll and I will work diligently to be the best Unit Leader I can be, for the squadron. I have so many ideas and things I cannot wait to talk to you about, and I would love for us to make 2022 our best year yet!!

We have so many members that are wearing so many hats I would like to find a way to spread around the responsibilities of this work so not to burn out our or over burden a small group of people. I will be staying as late as possible for each meeting and would love to hear from each of you about your ideas on what we can do to

1. Grow the Unit
2. Broaden our outreach whether with youth or just the community.
3. Improve fundraising

Or any other subject you want to chat about. You can always reach me on my cell at 972-890-3976.

2022 could be another panic year with this new variant that is been discussed right now, but I know that we will find a way to improve, adapter and overcome!!

See you all soon!! Semper Fidelis, **Col Melvin L Hall III, Unit Leader**

ADJUTANT - HAPPY NEW YEAR! Another year begins! Welcome 2022!

It's a new year! And to help bring in the new year, there is fresh pavement on the runway and ramp!

As announced at last month's Coyote Squadron meeting, the 2022 Coyote Leadership is now in place.

Elected Officers:

- Squadron Leader, Melvin Hall III. (Shifts from XO position.)
- Executive Officer, Warnie Meisetschleager, Jr. (New to the staff)

- Maintenance Officer, Thomas Cozart (re-elected for another term)
- Adjutant, Alan Pavik (re-elected for another term)
- Development Officer, (the position is empty, not filled at this time.)

Returning Elected Officers, not up for re-election in 2021:

- Operations Officer, Dan Summerall
- Finance Officer, Candis Wells
- Safety Officer, Tom Peters
- Education Officer, Haskell Dighton

Don't forget our January meeting, Saturday January 8th!

I had not seen the official CAF Wing Staff Conference announcement email until recently. Please see the web link shown below. Any Colonel is welcome and encouraged to attend

<https://commemorativeairforce.org/pages/caconference2022> **Col Alan Pavik, Adjutant**

OPERATIONS OFFICER – Little to nothing to report this month. The Tex Hill Wing is hosting a formation clinic 14-17 January in San Antonio. I have put this off for so long but I've decided to go ahead and attend this session. Also attending will be Col DeArmond. We will be taking the T-34 as the event is open to both T-6's and T-34's.

The field is back open again so Col Meisetschleager and I will attempt to fly the PT-19 before our next meeting. This will be the first time the aircraft has flown since early November since the field has been closed. We both want to get "current" in the aircraft. Col Meisetschleager will be undergoing surgery this month and will be medically "down" for quite some time as he recovers from hip surgery. We hope that the ramp in front of our hangar is poured in the next week or so. It would be nice to get our aircraft back in their appropriate places.

Col Dan Summerall, Operations Officer

MAINTENANCE OFFICER – As nothing has flown very much in the last month, there is very little to discuss this month. The T-34 Garmin GNS-430 Nav/Com unit was returned from rework and was reinstalled by Force Aviation at Dallas Executive. Although we've not flown it yet it does have a more recent navigation database and a new touch panel and screen that will make it much easier to use. We will begin our winter annuals in the next couple of months.

Col Thomas Cozart, Maintenance Officer

SAFETY OFFICER - Less than a year ago, Texas experienced one of the worst winter storms on record. Some areas of the state experienced days without running water or electricity. As would be expected, people used a multitude of ways to stay warm. This included, moving propane cookers and heaters into the house, hooking up portable generators, using vehicle heaters etc.. Unfortunately, this led to a number of accidental deaths from carbon monoxide poisoning and fires. Any propane or gas burning outdoor equipment should never be brought indoors. They produce high levels of carbon monoxide that cannot be easily vented and they produce high heat levels that could start a fire. In fact, a portable generator produces more carbon monoxide, in one hour, than 40 automobiles. Even portable heaters are dangerous, if used inside. Remember, those are for use in an outdoor or well vented area. So, what should you do to prepare for another event of this nature?

To start with, stock up on food supplies that don't need to be cooked. A seven-day supply of food and water is recommended. Don't forget supplies for pets as well. Second, make sure you have warm clothes. Since you may not be able to use laundry facilities, several days' worth are suggested. Stock up on batteries for flashlights, radios, or communication devices. If you plan to use a portable generator, make sure it is serviced and ready. Decide where you are going to put it. It should be at least 15 feet from the nearest door or window. Point the exhaust away from the house and downwind. Make sure extension cords are the proper size, for the load, and do not have any frayed spots. Stock up on fuel for the generator and store it in a safe place.

Finally, have an emergency contact list. You should contact friends and family daily, both to check on them and to let them know you are ok. My granddad once told me, "If you are prepared for a kick in the butt, you won't be surprised when it happens." While an event, similar to last years, may not happen again for years, it never hurts to be prepared.

Colonel Tom Peters, Safety Officer.

SOUPER CHEFS - Hope everyone is doing well, is safe, and healthy and ready for a new year. with all the time off, the Holidays and Retirement, this meeting snuck up on me and I am less prepared than usual. But, for our January meal Col. Revee is going to prepare her gumbo, and I will contribute with various items to complete the meal. Happy New Year to all. **Col Charlie Horton**

We want to express our condolences to Col April Robinson for the recent loss of her mother. April is a treasured friend - a unique special connection between headquarters and Coyotes. She has seen many personal challenges while remaining a unit friend and fellow Christian. We ask that He carry her in His arms during these difficult days.

Colonel Norman Clark



I was born in Palestine Texas, where I spent most of my childhood, but have lived in several cities around Texas and lived all my life in this great state. My father (US Army 50-52) was a truck driver, worked at Arkansas Best Freight (ABF-Retired ~1995), and my mother was an accountant for several companies, including several apartment real-estate companies. I have 3 brothers, two older, one younger, all live in Texas, and I am closest to my younger brother (USMC 90-94).

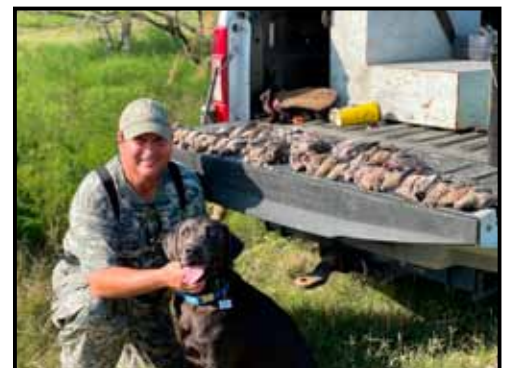
Upon graduating from Irving High School in 1987, I attended DeVry University while working full time on a freight dock (Red Arrow Freight Lines, Jones Truck Lines, Nations Way), loading/unloading trucks. I learned to drive and operate several types of equipment and received my commercial drivers' license while working at Jones Truck Lines. My time "behind the wheel" was limited but took the opportunity to learn as much as I could, especially since it was being offered by the company.

I received my Bachelor of Science Degree in Electronics Engineering Technology (BS-EET), in 1991. Upon graduating, opportunities in my field were limited, without relocation, and used my current job in transportation as a filler until something opened in my field of study. Ultimately, I stayed in transportation and have been in the industry for almost 35 years. I currently work at JB Hunt Transport Inc., where I am a transportation manager for our Final Mile Services division and have been there for 24 years.

I am married to a wonderful wife Jefferie, (25 years, Feb 2022) and share, and love, her 3 children and 5 grandchildren, as if they were my own. We moved to Richland Chambers Lake in 2015, where we have met and developed great friendships with people on the lake and those who live in Corsicana and the surrounding area.

I am a private pilot, instrument rated, I have an amateur radio operators license (AE5CB) - Extra Class, and I also hold an Electrical License for appliance installation. All of these hold many stories to be told yet there is just not enough room to include all my experiences with each. We'll save this for future discussions in the hangar.

I have an interest in aircraft, enjoy spending time with our military veterans, and volunteering within the community... so becoming a Colonel in the CAF was a natural choice. I joined the Coyote Squadron in 2019 and I am very proud to be a part of this organization. We have great people, host awesome events, and work very hard to keep our history alive.





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JANUARY 8, 2022
0930 STAFF MEETING
1030 GENERAL MEETING

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