

Distributed SAREX (19-21 May 2006)

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The Mission Base was held at Junction City - Flint Hills Composite Squadron Headquarters

The weekend of May 19-21 brought approximately 30 CAP members to Junction City to set up a mission base for a Distributed SAREX for Kansas Wing. Mission base staff consisted of Major Dennis Pearson & Col Tim Hansen (Incident Commanders), 2Lt Linette Lahan (Admin), Major Jerrol Bahner (Safety), and any others.

With prior Air Force coordination and planning the Fort Riley Garrison 24th ID (M) deployed CAP to conduct Aerial Photos of several training sites; Col Hansen as the Mission Pilot, 1LT Sammy Williams as the Mission Observer and 1LT Mark Lahan as the Mission Scanner and photographer. During the Aerial Photos the crew taken over 71 photos of the required targets and also several others. The additional mission that was integrated with the current SAREX was a success and CAP will be able to be utilized on future Aerial Photos and Fire Watch at Fort Riley. Fort Riley will also support CAP on future events and activities such as Encampments, tours, etc.

A few of the (simulated) mission scenarios worked by the mission base staff, air crews, and grounds crews included: Downed aircraft without signalling devices, lost parachutist, lost boaters, aerial search for clandestine meth lab, missing nursing home resident, and aerial photos of public and private airfields for possible use by emergency management personnel.

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