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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL TEXAS WING MEMBERS

FROM: Texas Wing/CC (Letter # 6)

SUBJECT: Texas State Fire Watch Mission

1. I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation to all of our members who have contributed to the Texas State Fire Watch Missions. Over the last couple of years, key wing members have been meeting with the Texas Department of Emergency Management in planning our roles and resources to support Disaster Relief efforts. Due to the lack of rain and the extreme dry conditions, the state requested our assistance on December 31, 2005 for Fire Watch missions. We have provided almost daily support to this mission.
2. We have flown over 500 sorties, 1,500 flying hours and reported over 250 fires. Initially, we were flying 13 sorties per day. The weather has provided us all a little relief. In the past week or so, we've reduced the number of sorties from 13 to 3 sorties per day. We do not know how much longer the state will require our assistance.
3. Special Thanks goes to all the incident commanders and aircrews for all of their efforts in ensuring that we could provide this incredible level of service. Feedback throughout the state agencies has been glowing. They are impressed both with our ability to provide the reconnaissance flights as well as our ability to sustain the effort. Additionally, several of our members have been working behind the scenes. One group of individuals ensured we provided personnel to represent our wing within the Texas State Operations Center (SOC). Some individuals traveled as far away as Houston to ensure we met the states requirements within the SOC. I would also like to provide special thanks to all the members, from the wing staff down to the squadrons, who have been working behind the scenes to maintain our aircraft fleet. This was certainly one of the challenges we had to meet in order to sustain our daily flying schedule. All of this would not be possible without the Great Team Work in our wing.
4. On behalf of our National Commander, Major General Pineda and our Southwest Region Commander, Colonel Tom Todd, we deeply appreciate the hard work everyone has contributed to the Outstanding Success of this mission. We are truly performing missions for America and our Great State of Texas.

  
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Commander

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