



EAA Chapter 595 Program

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As Jerry Gifford promised, Navy Corpus landed a TC-12B at HRL, pulled up to Sun Valley Aviation and pulled the mixtures on the Beechcraft King Air at exactly 10:30 a.m., as scheduled. Out stepped 2 Marine Corps officers; Captain Harvey (the commander/instructor) and 1st Lieutenant King.



Chairs were quickly set up and a table and bottled water was provided for the 2 pilots as they began their program; beginning with a sectional chart of their practice areas, when and where they fly to and from as well as the purpose of the mission at hand. Many questions were asked and dutifully answered to the enthusiastic audience of about 25 attendees.



Captain Harvey described her job as instructor, helicopter pilot, what it's like to be a Marine Corps pilot and the rewards and accomplishments of her career. 1st Lieutenant King told of his acceptance into the flight training program from being an enlisted aircraft mechanic, to flying a military version of the venerable Cessna 172, to flying helicopters, the various trainers and eventually the TC-12B King Air and his next training station will be to learn to fly the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft.

The very interesting program continued for about 50 minutes, when Captain Harvey pulled her I-phone out, tapped on it a few times and said that they had to leave, as the weather was closing in at Navy Corpus and the ILS was out of order. The lowest ceiling allowed for a non-precision approach is 400 ft. agl, so the presentation ended, photos were taken and goodbyes were said. The 2 Marines went inside to check weather and file an IFR flight plan, while the membership stowed the table & chairs. The TC-12B fired right up, taxied out, took off and flew to Corpus in about ½ hour (with a headwind). A really great program was given, thanks to Jerry Gifford. Thanks, Jerry

