

ARMED FORCES DAY WEEK ANNIVERSARY
MILITARY/AMATEUR CROSSBAND COMMUNICATIONS TEST
(10-11 May 2003)

The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual military/amateur radio communications tests in celebration of the 53rd Anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD). Although the actual Armed Forces Day is celebrated on Saturday, May 17, 2003, the Armed Forces Day Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted one week earlier on May 10, 2003 (local). The reason is so the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will not conflict with the Dayton Hamvention (16-18 May 2003) which is on the same weekend as the actual Armed Forces Day.

The annual celebration features traditional military to amateur cross band communications SSB voice test and the Secretary of Defense message receiving test. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and short wave listeners an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and receive recognition from the Secretary of Defense and/or the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise.

QSL cards will be provided to those making contact with the military stations. Special commemorative certificates will be awarded to anyone who receives and copies the digital Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense.

MILITARY-TO-AMATEUR CROSS BAND SSB TEST CONTACTS.
Military-to-Amateur cross band operations will take place on the dates/times in ZULU (UTC), and frequencies listed below for each station. Voice contacts will include operations in single sideband voice (SSB). Some stations may not operate the entire period, depending on propagation and manning. Participating military stations will transmit on selected Military MARS frequencies and listen for amateur radio stations in the Amateur bands indicated below. The military station operator will announce the specific amateur band frequency being monitored. Duration of each voice contact should be limited to 1-2 minutes. The following stations will be transmitting on MARS frequencies listed below which are provided as 'Window/Dial Frequency' in kHz.

STATION: AAZ (10 May 1300Z - 11 May 0200Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4038.0 kHz	LSB	80M
6913.0 kHz	LSB	40M
7424.0 kHz	USB	40M
13741.5 kHz	USB	20M
13910.5 kHz	USB	20M
13993.0 kHz	USB	20M
24760.0 kHz	USB	12M
27788.5 kHz	USB	10M

Location: Fort Huachuca, AZ

Address:

CDR NETCOM/9th ASC

ATTN: NETCOM-OPE-MA (MARS) (31)

2133 Cushing Street
Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85616-7070
POC: Mr. William McNab DSN: 821-7324 or Com: (520) 533-7324

STATION: AEA (10 May 0700Z - 1600Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
6999.0	LSB	40M

Location: Edingen, Germany

Address:

43rd Signal Battalion

Attn: European MARS Gateway Station, AEM1USA/AEA

APO, AE 09014, USA

POC: SSG Freeman, DSN (314) 370-8332

or Com: +49-6221-57-8332.

STATION: AIR (10 May 1200Z - 2400Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4026.5 kHz	LSB	80M
6894.5 kHz	USB	40M
7316.5 kHz	LSB	40M
13985.0 kHz	USB	20M
13996.0 kHz	USB	20M

Location: Andrews AFB, DC

Address: 789 CS

Andrews AFB, DC

POC: Mr Van Evans

STATION: AIR-2: (10 May 1500Z - 11 May 0300Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4488.5 kHz	USB	80M
6994.5 kHz	USB	40M
13983.5 kHz	USB	20M
14387.5 kHz	USB	20M
27983.5 kHz	USB	10M

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Address: NELLIS AFB NV

POC: Mr. Ken Mulkey

STATION: AIR-3: (10 May 1800Z - 11 May 0600Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4023.5 kHz	USB	80M
7358.5 kHz	USB	40M
14528.5 kHz	USB	20M
20873.0 kHz	USB	15M

Location: Hilo, HI

Address:

HIANG, 291 CBCS

Hilo HI

POC: Maj Harvey Motomura

STATION: NAV (10 May 1200Z - 11 May 0400Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4010.0 kHz	LSB	80M
7348.0 kHz	LSB	40M
14478.5 kHz	USB	20M
20994.0 kHz	USB	15M

Address: HQ NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station NAV
Cheatham Annex Bldg 117

108 Sanda Ave

Williamsburg VA 23185-5830

POC: Bo Lindfors, DSN 953-4494, COM: (757)877-4494

STATION: NAV-4 (10 May 1200Z - 11 May 0400Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4011.5 kHz	LSB	80M
7376.5 kHz	LSB	40M
14467.0 kHz	USB	20M
21758.5 kHz	USB	15M

Address: NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station NAV-4

615 Preble Avenue

Camp Barry Bldg 153

Great Lakes, IL 60088-2850

POC: Dave Ouellette, DSN: 792-3787, COM: (847)688-3787

STATION: NBL (10 May 1200Z - 11 May 0400Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4041.5 kHz	LSB	80M
7371.5 kHz	LSB	40M
14391.5 kHz	USB	20M
20623.5 kHz	USB	15M

Address:

NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station NBL

PO Box 161 Naval Submarine Base

Groton, CT 06349-5161

POC: Gerard Scarano, DSN: 694-2061/3716

or COM: (860) 694-2061/3716

STATION: NMH (10 May 1200Z - 11 May 0400Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4016.5 kHz	LSB	80M
7366.5 kHz	LSB	40M
14470.0 kHz	USB	20M
20678.5 kHz	USB	15M

Address: USCG Radio Station NMH

USCG - TISCOM, MARS BLDG.

7323 Telegraph Rd.

Alexandria, VA 22315

POC: Richard Cramer, COM:(703) 313-5709 ALT: (703) 425-2515

STATION: NPL (10 May 1200Z - 11 May 0400Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4003.0 kHz	LSB	80M

7351.5 kHz LSB 40M
14463.5 kHz USB 20M
20936.0 kHz USB 15M
Address: NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station
937 North Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92132-5100
POC: ITC(SW) Craig Williams, DSN: 522-1490, COM: (619) 532-1490

STATION: NNN0KID (10 May 1200Z - 11 May 0400Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4014.0 kHz	LSB	80M
7394.5 kHz	LSB	40M
13974.0 kHz	USB	20M
20997.0 kHz	USB	15M

Address: NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station NNN0KID
C/O Mr. Benson Owens
1642 Cortez Ave
Prairieville LA 70769
POC: Benny Owens, COM: (225)622-3267

STATION: NUW (10 May 1200Z - 11 May 0400Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4044.0 kHz	LSB	80M
7381.5 kHz	LSB	40M
13528.5 kHz	USB	20M
20952.5 kHz	USB	15M

Address: NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station NUW
260 W. Pioneer FSC Bldg
NAS Whidbey Island, WA 98277
POC: Digger O'Dell, DSN: 820-8038, or COM: (360) 675-2823

STATION: WAR (10 May 1200Z - 2330Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4020.0 kHz	LSB	80M
6910.0 kHz	LSB	40M
7363.0 kHz	LSB	40M
13512.5 kHz	USB	20M
14928.5 kHz	USB	20M
20518.5 kHz	USB	15M

Location: Ft Detrick, MD
Address:
Commander, 1110th Signal Battalion
1671 Nelson Street
ATTN: MARS Station Bldg 1678
Ft Detrick, MD 21702
POC: Mr. Barry F. Thaysen, DSN: 343-3654
or Com: (301) 619-3654

STATION: WUG-231 (10 May 1300Z - 11 May 0300Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4032.0 kHz	LSB	80M

6826.0 kHz LSB 40M
14486.0 kHz USB 20M
14663.5 kHz USB 20M
20973.5 kHz USB 15M

Location: Memphis, TN

Address:

USACE Memphis District Office
ATTN: Jim Pogue
Public Affairs Office Room B-202
167 N. Main St.
Memphis, TN 38103-1894
POC" Mr. Jim Pogue, Com: 901)544-4109

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MESSAGE TEST VIA DIGITAL MODES. The Secretary of Defense message will be transmitted via digital modes including RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, CLOVER and MT63 from the stations listed below, including frequencies, mode, and date/time in Zulu (UTC). All frequencies are listed for center of intelligence. Offset as appropriate for your TNC. (Note: Not all stations may necessarily operate on all the frequencies listed, depending on propagation and available equipment.)

STATION: AAZ (HQ Army MARS and Western Area Gateway, Fort Huachuca, AZ)

Frequency	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
6988.0 kHz	RTTY	11 May/0230Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0310Z
	CLOVER	11 May/0340Z
24761.5 kHz	RTTY	11 May/0230Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0310Z
	CLOVER	11 May/0340Z

STATION: NAV (HQ NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station, Washington, DC)

Frequency	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
7346.5 kHz	RTTY	10 May/2340Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0010Z
	MT63	11 May/0040Z
14480.0 kHz	RTTY	10 May/2340Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0010Z
	MT63	11 May/0040Z

STATION: NAV-4 (NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station, Great Lakes, IL)

Frequency	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
7375.0 kHz	RTTY	11 May/0240Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0310Z
	MT63	11 May/0340Z
14468.5 kHz	RTTY	11 May/0240Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0310Z
	MT63	11 May/0340Z

STATION: NBL (NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station, Groton, CT)

Frequency	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
7370.0 kHz	RTTY	10 May /2340Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0010Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0040Z
14393.0 kHz	RTTY	10 May/2340Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0010Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0040Z

STATION: NMH (USCG Radio Station, Alexandria VA)

Frequency	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
7365.0 kHz	RTTY	10 May/2340Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0010Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0040Z
14471.5 kHz	RTTY	10 May/2340Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0010Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0040Z

STATION: NPL (NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station, San Diego, CA)

Frequency	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
7350.0 kHz	RTTY	11 May/0240Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0310Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0340Z
14465.0 kHz	RTTY	11 May/0240Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0310Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0340Z

STATION: NUW (NAVMARCORMARS Radio Station, NAS Whidbey Island, WA)

Frequency	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
7380.0 kHz	RTTY	11 May/0240Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0310Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0340Z
13530.0 kHz	RTTY	11 May/0240Z
	PACTOR FEC	11 May/0310Z
	AMTOR FEC	11 May/0340Z

STATION: WAR (ARMY MARS Eastern Area Gateway Station, Fort Detrick, MD)

Frequency	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
6988.0 kHz	PACTOR	10 May/2340Z
	RTTY (Note #1)	11 May/0010Z
	CLOVER	11 May/0040Z
14440.0 kHz	AMTOR FEC	10 MAY/2340Z
	PACTOR	11 MAY/0010Z
	CLOVER	11 MAY/0040Z

Note #1: 170 Hz shift at 45 Baud.

SUBMISSION OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TEST MESSAGE ENTRIES. Transcripts of the RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, CLOVER and MT63 receiving test should be submitted "as received". No attempt should be made to correct possible transmission errors. Provide time, frequency and call sign of the military station copied, including name, call sign, and address (including ZIP code) of

individual submitting the entry. Ensure this information is placed on the paper containing the test message. Each year a large number of acceptable entries are received with insufficient information, or necessary information was not attached to the transcriptions and was separated, thereby precluding issuance of a certificate. Entries must be sent to the appropriate military address as follows:

a. Stations copying Secretary of Defense message transmitted from AAZ or WAR send entries to:

Armed Forces Day Celebration
CDR. NETCOM/9th ASC
Armed Forces Day Celebration
ATTN: AFSC-OPE-MA (MARS) (31)
Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-5000

b. Stations copying Secretary of Defense message transmitted from NAV, NAV-4, NBL, NMH, NPL or NUW send entries to:

Armed Forces Day Celebration
Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS
Cheatham Annex Bldg 117
108 Sanda Ave
Williamsburg VA 23185-5830