

ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CROSSBAND MILITARY/AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TEST (12 MAY 2012)

The Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are co-sponsoring the annual military/amateur radio communications tests in celebration of the 63rd Anniversary of Armed Forces Day (AFD). Although the actual Armed Forces Day is celebrated on Saturday, May 19, 2012, the AFD Military/Amateur Crossband Communications Test will be conducted 12 May 2012 to prevent conflict with the Dayton Hamvention (18-20 May 2012), which is the same weekend as the actual Armed Forces Day.

The annual celebration features traditional military to amateur cross band communications SSB voice tests and copying the Secretary of Defense message via digital modes. These tests give Amateur Radio operators and Short Wave Listeners (SWL) an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills, and to 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 stations 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 & CW 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. Some stations may use CW to provide the opportunity to check in by Morse Code

Army Stations

STATION: AAZ	(12 May 1400Z - 13 May 0300Z)		
Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band	
4036.0 kHz	USB	80M	
6910.0 kHz	USB	40M	
14.402.0 kHz	USB	20M	
13.996.0 kHz	USB	20M	
18.211.0 kHz	USB	17M	
7577.0 kHz	CW	40M	
13.507.0 kHz	CW	20M	
7639.5 kHz	RTTY	40M	
13512.5 kHz	MT-63	20M	

Location: Fort Huachuca, AZ

Address:

Commander NETCOM/9th ASC

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

2133 Cushing Street

Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85616-7070

POC: Mr. Dewayne Smith

DSN: 821-7324

Commercial: (520) 533-7324

STATION: AAC (12 May 1300Z - 13 May 0100Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
3347.0 kHz	USB	80M
7360.0 kHz	USB	40M
13.910.5 kHz	USB	20M
27.788.5 kHz	USB	10M

Location: Lexington, KY

Address:

HQ 3RD BDE, 95TH DIV (IT) MARS STATION

Barrow Army Reserve Training Center

1051 Russell Cave Pike

Lexington, KY 40505

POC: Barry Jackson, AAR4BZ

Commercial: (859) 227-0137

STATION: ABH (12 May 1600Z - 13 May 2300Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
3347.0 kHz	USB	80M
4438.5 kHz	USB	80M
4789.5 kHz	USB	80M
7357.0 kHz	USB	40M
7718.5 kHz	USB	40M
8037.0 kHz	USB	40M
14402.0 kHz	USB	20M
14438.5 kHz	USB	20M
14487.0 kHz	USB	20M
17443.0 kHz	USB	17M
17592.5 kHz	USB	17M
20976.0 kHz	USB	15M
20558.5 kHz	USB	15M

Location: Schofield Barracks, HI

Commander, 396th Signal Company

30th Signal Battalion, 96857

POC: WO1 William Pemberton

Commercial: (808) 655-3387

STATION: WAR (12 May 1200Z - 2400Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4018.0 kHz	USB/CW	80M
7311.0 kHz	USB/CW	40M
14438.5 kHz	USB/CW	20M
27991.0 kHz	USB/CW	10M

Location: Pentagon, Washington, DC

Address:

Pentagon MARS Station

ATTN: AFDCBT

PO Box 2322

Arlington VA 22202

POC Mr. Gary Sessums

Station telephone:

Commercial: (703) 693-8423 DSN 223-8423

STATION: WUG-2B (12 May 1300Z - 13 May 0200Z)

Frequency	Emission	Amateur Band
4030.0 kHz	USB	80M
7.421.0 kHz	USB	40M
6.823.0 kHz	USB/CW	40M
14.486.0 kHz	USB	20M
14.663.5 kHz	USB/CW	20M
20.973.5 kHz	USB/CW	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

Commercial: (901) 544-4109

Air Force Stations

STATION: AIR (12 May 1200Z - 2400Z)

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Emission</u>	<u>Amateur Band</u>
4517.1 kHz	USB	80M
6996.1 kHz	USB	40M
13985.1 kHz	USB	20M
20737.6 kHz	USB	15M

Location:

Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Washington

Address:

89 Communications Squadron

Joint Base Andrews, Maryland 20762

POC: Mr. Bob Miskin

Station Telephone:

Commercial: 301-981-3109 DSN: 858-3109

STATION: AIR-2 (12 MAY 1200Z TO 2400Z)

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Emission</u>	<u>Amateur Band</u>
4590.1 KHZ	USB	80M
7540.1 KHZ	USB	40M
13993.1 KHZ	USB	20M

Location: Hancock Field Air National Guard Base

Address:

174 Fighter Wing

6001 East Molloy Road

Syracuse, New York 13211

POC: Mr. Mike Carl

Station Telephone:

Commercial: (315) 233-2213 DSN: 243-2213

STATION: AGA4AR (12 MAY 1200Z TO 2400Z)

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Emission</u>	<u>Amateur Band</u>
3299.0 KHZ	USB	80M
7457.0 KHZ	USB	40M
13498.0 KHZ	USB	20M

Location: Arnold Air Force Base

Address:

100 Kindel Drive

A101B / MARS

Arnold AFB, Tennessee 37389

POC: Mr. Michael Glennon

Station Telephone:

Commercial: (915) 454-5944 DSN: 340-5944

Navy/Marine Corps Stations

STATION: NBL (12 MAY 1200Z - 13 MAY 0400Z)

NAVMARCORMARS RADIO STATION, GROTON, CT

FREQUENCY	EMISSION	AMATEUR BAND
4041.5 KHZ	LSB	80M
7371.5 KHZ	LSB	40M
14391.5 KHZ	USB	20M
20623.5 KHZ	USB	15M

POC AND ADDRESS: ROBERT VETH, DIRECTOR REGION ONE

4 LANTERN LANE, CHELMSFORD MA 01824-1316

COMMERCIAL: (978) 256-5264

STATION: NNN0ASF (12 MAY 1200Z - 13 MAY 0400Z)

NAVMARCORMARS RADIO STATION, NNN0ASF

FREQUENCY	EMISSION	AMATEUR BAND
4014.0 KHZ	LSB	80M
7394.5 KHZ	LSB	40M 1200-2359Z, 0200-0400Z
7394.5 KHZ	LSB PSK31	40M 0000-0200Z
13974.0 KHZ	USB	20M 1200-1800Z, 2000-0400Z
13974.0 KHZ	USB PSK31	20M 1800-2000Z
20997.0 KHZ	USB	15M

POC AND ADDRESS: NAVMARCORMARS RADIO STATION NNN0ASF

KEN KEEHNER, PO BOX 224, BENNINGTON KS 67422

COMMERCIAL: (785) 488-2241 COMMERCIAL: (978) 256-5264

STATION: NNN0CQQ (12 MAY 1500Z - 13 MAY 0400Z)

EX-USS MIDWAY MUSEUM SHIP MARS STATION

FREQUENCY	EMISSION	AMATEUR BAND
4003.0 KHZ	LSB	80M
7351.5 KHZ	LSB	40M
14463.5 KHZ	USB	20M
20936.0 KHZ	USB	15M

POC AND ADDRESS: JOSE GARZA, NNN0XBQ

9789 PASEO MONTRIL, SAN DIEGO CA 92129-3910

COMMERCIAL: (858) 484-0469 CELL: 858-254-0175

STATION: NUW (12 MAY 1500Z - 13 MAY 0400Z)

NAVMARCORMARS RADIO STATION, NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA

FREQUENCY	EMISSION	AMATEUR BAND
4044.0 KHZ	LSB	80M
7381.5 KHZ	LSB	40M
13528.5 KHZ	USB	20M
20952.5 KHZ	USB	15M

POC AND ADDRESS: NAVMARCORMARS RADIO STATION

MR. DIGGER O'DELL, 260 W. PIONEER FSC BLDG.

NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND, WA 98277

COMMERCIAL: (360) 675-2823 DSN: 820-8038

STATION: NWKJ (12 MAY 1200Z - 13 MAY 0400Z)

FREQUENCY	EMISSION	AMATEUR BAND
4010.0 KHZ	LSB	80M
7348.0 KHZ	LSB	40M
14467.0 KHZ	USB	20M
21758.5 KHZ	USB	15M

ADDRESS: EX-USS YORKTOWN (CV-10)
PATRIOTS POINT MARITIME MUSEUM, SC
C/O FRED HAMBRECHT/NNN0GBS
129 INDIAN TRACE COURT
GILBERT, SC 29054
COMMERCIAL: (803) 657-3602

STATION: NWVC (12 MAY 1200Z - 13 MAY 0400Z)

FREQUENCY	EMISSION	AMATEUR BAND
4041.5 KHZ	LSB	80M
7389.0 KHZ	LSB	40M
13826.0 KHZ	USB	20M
20678.5 KHZ	USB	15M

ADDRESS: USS LST 325
840 LST DRIVE
EVANSVILLE, IN 47713
POC: PERRY BALLINGER, NNN0VNO
COMMERCIAL: 330-932-8612/330-705-8449

PART II. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MESSAGE TEST VIA DIGITAL MODES.

The Secretary of Defense message will be transmitted via digital modes including RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK-31, MFSK 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. Sound cards modes will use standard factory settings (Note: Not all stations may necessarily operate on all the frequencies listed, depending on propagation and available equipment.)

Army Stations

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

Frequency	EMISSION	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
6986.5 kHz	USB	RTTY	13 May/0110Z
		PACTOR FEC	13 May/0130Z
		MT63	13 May/0220Z
		PSK-31	13 May/0250Z
		RTTY	13 May/0110Z
14402.0 kHz	USB	PACTOR FEC	13 May/0130Z
		MT63	13 May/0220Z
		PSK-31	13 May/0250Z

STATION: WAR (Pentagon MARS Station, Washington, DC)

Frequency	EMISSION	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
6986.5 kHz	USB	Olivia MT63	12 May/1700Z and 2300Z 12 May/1715Z and 2315Z
14438.5 kHz	USB	PACTOR FEC RTTY	12 MAY/1730Z 12 MAY/1745Z
4018.0 kHz	USB	PACTOR FEC RTTY	12 MAY/2330Z 12 May/2345Z

STATION: AAC

Frequency	EMISSION	Mode	Broadcast Date/Time
4036.0 kHz	USB	MT63	12 May/0030Z
7357.0 kHz	USB	RTTY	13 May/0100Z

Air Force Stations

STATION: AIR-2 (Hancock Field Air National Guard Base)

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Mode</u>	<u>Broadcast Date/Time</u>
7831.1 kHz	RTTY MT63 MFSK	12 May/1930Z 12 May/2030Z 12 May/2100Z
14877.1 kHz	RTTY MT63 MFSK	12 May/2130Z 12 May/2230Z 12 May/2300Z

Navy/Marine Corps Stations

STATION: NBL (NAVMARCORMARS RADIO STATION, GROTON CT)

FREQUENCY	MODE	BROADCAST DATE/TIME
7370.0 KHZ	RTTY AMTOR FEC MT63	12 MAY/2340Z 13 MAY/0010Z 13 MAY/0040Z
14393.0 KHZ	RTTY AMTOR FEC MT63	12 MAY/2340Z 13 MAY/0010Z 13 MAY/0040Z

STATION: NNN0ASF (NAVMARCORMARS RADIO STATION, BENNINGTON KS)

FREQUENCY	MODE	BROADCAST DATE/TIME
7393.0 KHZ	RTTY AMTOR FEC MT63	12 MAY/2340Z 13 MAY/0010Z 13 MAY/0040Z
13975.5 KHZ	RTTY AMTOR FEC MT63	12 MAY/2340Z 13 MAY/0010Z 13 MAY/0040Z

STATION: NNN0CQQ (EX-USS MIDWAY MUSEUM SHIP, SAN DIEGO CA)

FREQUENCY	MODE	BROADCAST DATE/TIME
7350.0 KHZ	RTTY AMTOR FEC MT63	13 MAY/0240Z 13 MAY/0310Z 13 MAY/0340Z
14465.0 KHZ	RTTY AMTOR FEC MT63	13 MAY/0240Z 13 MAY/0310Z 13 MAY/0340Z

STATION: NUW NAVMARCORMARS RADIO STATION, NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND WA)

FREQUENCY	MODE	BROADCAST DATE/TIME
7380.0 KHZ	RTTY	13 MAY/0240Z
	AMTOR FEC	13 MAY/0310Z
	MT63	13 MAY/0340Z
13530.0 KHZ	RTTY	13 MAY/0240Z
	AMTOR FEC	13 MAY/0310Z
	MT63	13 MAY/0340Z

STATION: NWKJ (EX-USS YORKTOWN, PATRIOTS POINT MARITIME MUSEUM SC)

FREQUENCY	MODE	BROADCAST DATE/TIME
7346.5 KHZ	RTTY	13 MAY/0240Z
	AMTOR FEC	13 MAY/0310Z
	MT63	13 MAY/0340Z
14468.5 KHZ	RTTY	13 MAY/0240Z
	AMTOR FEC	13 MAY/0310Z
	MT63	13 MAY/0340Z

SUBMISSION OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TEST MESSAGE ENTRIES.

Transcripts of the RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK-31, MFSK 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, WAR, or AAV** send entries to:

Armed Forces Day Celebration
Commander NETCOM/9th ASC
Armed Forces Day Celebration
Attn: NETC-OPE-MA (MARS) (31)
Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-5000

b. Stations copying Secretary of Defense message transmitted from **NAJ, NAV, NBL, NNN0ASF, NNN0CQQ, or NUW** send entries to:

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

c. Stations copying Secretary of Defense message transmitted from **AIR-2** send entries to:

Armed Forces Day Celebration
AFCA / Chief, AF MARS
203W Losey St
Scott AFB, IL 62225