

Chief Airforce MARS

AGA5C Messages

DE AGA5C NR 007
R 192045Z MAY 2015
FM AGA5C

TO ALL AF MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS TRANSITION UPDATE

1. AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE MESSAGE BY THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO SUSPEND NAVY-MARINE CORPS (NMC) MARS ACTIVITIES EFFECTIVE 30 SEP 2015 THERE HAS BE BOW WAVE OF INTEREST BY NMC MEMBERS TO TRANSFER TO AF AND ARMY MARS. SO OUR INITIAL EFFORT WILL HELP NMC MARS IN GOOD STANDING TRANSFER TO AF MARS. IF CONTACTED BY A NMC MEMBERS WHO IS UNDECIDED WRT TRANSFERRING TO AF MARS PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN OUR NETS TO HELP THEM DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE IN MARS.

2. TO REDUCE CONFUSION, HERE IS INFORMATION THAT NMC, AF AND ARMY MARS AGREED UPON TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF NMC MARS MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING TO AF MARS.

A. FULLY TRAINED/QUALIFIED NMC MEMBER TRANSFERRING TO AF MARS WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO START FROM SCRATCH BUT WILL BE PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIARIZE THEM WITH PROCEDURES USED ON AF AND JOINT NETS.

B. A NMC MARS RESIGNATION LETTER IS NOT REQUIRED; NMC HQ WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ALL TRANSFERS.

C. NMC MARS WHO WANT TO CONTINUE TO USE THEIR NMC CALL SIGNS UNTIL THE OFFICIAL SUSPEND DATE OF NMC MARS CAN COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THEIR TRANSFER REQUEST WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE/TIME OF 2359Z 30 SEPTEMBER 2015.

D. NMC MARS MEMBERS IN TRAINING AND ELECT TO TRANSFER TO AF MARS WILL CONTINUE TO TRAIN, ASSIGNED AN AF MARS T CALL SIGN AND WILL BE AWARDED THEIR AF MARS LICENSE/CALLSIGN WHEN TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ARE SATISFIED.

E. NMC MARS ENROLLED IN SHARES AND WANT TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SHARES AFTER TRANSFER TO AF MARS WILL COMPLETE A NEW SHARES FORM 1 AS AN UPDATE. THE COMPLETED FORM 1 WILL BE SENT TO AF MARS AND THEN TO DHS/SHARES.

F. NMC MARS MEMBERS OPERATING VHF REPEATERS, DIGPEATERS, ETC. MUST NOTIFY/ INFORM THIS OFFICE TO ENSURE SPECTRUM AUTHORIZATIONS ARE PROPERLY ASSIGNED/ TRANSFERRED.

G. NMC MARS MEMBERS OPERATING WINLINK RMS' WILL BE REQUIRED TO CHANGE TO A NEW AF MARS CALL SIGN AND AF MARS ASSIGNED FREQUENCY.

3. PLEASE ENCOURAGE CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE AF MARS MEMBERS TO USE THE CHAIN OF COMMAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. I WILL WORK HARD TO MAKE SURE I SHARE THE LATEST AND GREATEST WITH ALL OF YOU TO KEEP YOU CURRENT OF ANY UPDATES/CHANGES.

8. I APPRECIATE ALL OF THE CONGRATULATIONS I RECEIVED WRT RECEIVING MY AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE/CALLSIGN KD9DXM (KD9DXMACHINE).

AGAIN "73" TO ALL OF YOU.

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DE AGA5C NR 006
R 131245Z MAY 2015
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TO ALL AF MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS TRANSITION

1. BY NOW YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THAT THE UNITED STATES NAVY HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND NAVY-MARINE CORPS (NMC) MARS ACTIVITIES EFFECTIVE 30 SEP 2015 AND THE NAVAL COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AREA MASTER STATION ATLANTIC (NCTAMS LANT) WILL WORK TO TRANSITION THE NMC MARS PROGRAM TO BEST ALIGN IT WITH NATIONAL MISSION REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS THE RESULT OF A REVIEW BY FLEET CYBER COMMAND (FCC)/COMMANDER 10TH FLEET (C10F), NAVAL INFORMATION DOMINATION FORCES (NAVIDFOR), AND NAVAL COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AREA MASTER STATION ATLANTIC (NCTAMS LANT).

2. I KNOW THIS DECISION IS DISHEARTENING TO THE VOLUNTEER NMC MARS MEMBERS WHO HAVE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN SUPPORT OF THE MARS MISSION. NEVERTHELESS, I WANT TO STRESS THE FOLLOWING KEY POINTS.

3. FOR THOSE WONDERING ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS DECISION ON THE AF MARS PROGRAM, LET ME BE CLEAR: THE SUSPENSION OF THE NMC MARS PROGRAM IS A NAVY DECISION, MADE BY THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY AUTHORITY, AND AFFECTS ONLY NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS MEMBERS. IT DOES NOT DIRECTLY AFFECT EITHER THE ARMY OR AIR FORCE MARS PROGRAMS.

4. MY AIR FORCE CHAIN OF COMMAND IS AWARE OF THESE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND

I CAN REPORT WITH CONFIDENCE THAT THEY RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MARS MISSION AND THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AIR FORCE OPERATIONS MADE BY VOLUNTEER AF MARS MEMBERS. THEY ARE FULLY BEHIND THE PROGRAM AND YOUR INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE EFFORTS.

5. I EXPECT SOME NMC MARS MEMBERS WHO WISH TO REMAIN IN MARS TO SEEK MEMBERSHIP IN ARMY OR AF MARS. NMC MARS MEMBERS ARE DEDICATED TO THE MARS MISSION AND BRING SKILL SETS AND EXPERTISE THAT CAN BE A GREAT COMPLEMENT TO AF MARS. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NMC MARS AND AF MARS HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARY AT ALL LEVELS. AF MARS MEMBERS SHOULD WELCOME ANY NMC MARS MEMBER WISHING TO JOIN OUR MARS TEAM. I WILL DO MY UTMOST TO MAKE THE TRANSITION FOR THOSE NMC MEMBERS WISHING TO JOIN AF MARS AS SEAMLESS AS POSSIBLE.

6. WHILE IT IS TEMPTING TO SPECULATE ON THE MOTIVATIONS AND IMPLICATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT MANAGEMENT DECISIONS, ON-THE-AIR SPECULATION, COMMENTS, AND/OR DISCUSSION REGARDING THE NAVY'S DECISION IS INAPPROPRIATE, UNPROFESSIONAL, AND UNACCEPTABLE. DON'T DO IT.

7. THIS WILL NO DOUBT BE A SUBJECT OF INTEREST AT THE JOINT MARS MEETING AT THIS WEEKEND'S DAYTON HAMVENTION. I WILL BE THERE TO TALK ABOUT AF MARS PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, BUT MUST NECESSARILY LEAVE DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC TO OTHERS WHO CAN ADDRESS IT MORE AUTHORITATIVELY.

8. AS ALWAYS, I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF AF MARS. AND HAVING JUST PASSED MY FCC AMATEUR RADIO EXAM, I AM PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO WISH "73" TO ALL OF YOU.

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SUBJ: TRANSITION OF NAVY MARINE CORPS MARS (MILITARY AUXILIARY RADIO SYSTEM PROGRAM//

REF A: PHONECON/NCTAMS LANT/NAVIDFOR/FCC-C10F/STRATCOM/08 MAY 2015//
REF B: DODI 4650.2/MILITARY AUXILIARY RADIO SYSTEM (MARS)//
REF C: DODD 3025.18/DEFENSE SUPPORT OF CIVIL AUTHORITIES// RMKS/

1. IAW REF A, NAVAL COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AREA MASTER STATION ATLANTIC (NCTAMS LANT) INTENDS TO WORK WITH U.S. ARMY MARS AND U.S. AIR FORCE MARS IN TRANSITIONING THE NAVY MARINE CORPS MARS (NAVMARCORMARS) PROGRAM BY 30 SEP 2015. THE INTENT OF THE TRANSITION IS TO BEST ALIGN THE PROGRAM TO SUPPORT NATIONAL MISSION REQUIREMENTS.

2. EVALUATION OF THE NAVMARCORMARS PROGRAM BY FLEET CYBER COMMAND (FCC)/ COMMANDER 10TH FLEET (C10F), NAVAL INFORMATION DOMINATION FORCES (NAVIDFOR), AND NCTAMS LANT DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE NO U.S. NAVY SERVICE UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS.

3. NCTAMS LANT WILL WORK WITH OTHER U.S. NAVY, U.S. ARMY, U.S. AIR FORCE, U.S. STRATEGIC COMMAND, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY REPRESENTATIVES, AND NAVMARCORMARS VOLUNTEERS TO DEVELOP A TRANSITION PLAN FOR NAVMARCORMARS MEMBERS WHICH MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF REF B AND REF C.

4. CURRENT NAVMARCORMARS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND CLUBS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BEGIN SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS TO U.S. ARMY MARS OR U.S. AIR FORCE MARS PROGRAMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. U.S. ARMY MARS MEMBERSHIP CAN BE REQUESTED AT: [HTTP://WWW.USARMYMARS.ORG/RESOURCES/APPLICATIONS-AND-FORMS](http://www.usarmymars.org/resources/applications-and-forms) AND U.S. AIR FORCE MARS MEMBERSHIPS INFORMATION CAN BE REQUESTED VIA E-MAIL TO: 38CYRS.SCM.MARS@US.AF.MIL.

5. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED SEPCOR FOR MARS STATIONS UNDER MILITARY AUSPICES, AGENCY STATIONS, AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WHO ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE DHS SHARED RESOURCES (SHARES) HF RADIO PROGRAM.

6. AT A MINIMUM, FUTURE NOTICES WILL BE PROVIDED VIA CHIEF, NAVMARCORMARS MESSAGE. OTHER MEDIA WILL BE IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE TRANSITION COMMUNICATIONS PLAN.

7. THE U.S. NAVY GREATLY APPRECIATES THE THOUSANDS OF MARS VOLUNTEERS, PAST AND PRESENT, WHO HAVE BEEN INTEGRAL TO THE SUCCESS OF MARS. NCTAMS LANT WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF TRANSITION EFFORTS AND REQUESTS YOUR ASSISTANCE TO HELP START THIS NEW CHAPTER IN MARS OPERATIONS.

12. INTERNET RELEASE IS AUTHORIZED.//

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TO ALL AF MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: ABBREVIATED CALL SIGN USE

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY THE RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF ABBREVIATED CALL SIGNS BY AF MARS MEMBERS IS RESCINDED. THIS IS A COMMON SENSE MEASURE AND IS ALREADY DETAILED IN ACP 125F. ANY CONFLICTS WITH ABBREVIATED CALL SIGNS SHOULD BE RESOLVED BY THE NET CONTROL STATION TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY OF THE NET.

2. AF MARS POLICY WILL BE UPDATED IN THE FUTURE TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE.

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TO ALL MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL TRAINING MANGER
AND REGION 1 MARS DIRECTOR.

1. TOM CARRIGAN AFA1IR HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE AF MARS NATIONAL TRAINING MANAGER AFN1TM. TOM HAS BEEN A STRONG PROPONENT FOR THE AF MARS TRAINING PROGRAM. I VERY CONFIDENT THAT TOM WILL DO A GREAT JOB AS NEW AF MARS TRAINING MANAGER.
2. I WANT TO THANK ROGER HUGHES AFA9HR FOR ALL HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO AF MARS AND PUTTING THE AF MARS TRAINING PROGRAM ON A SOLID FOUNDATION AND THE TENACITY TO GET THE AF MARS TRAINING MANUAL RELEASED TO THE AF MARS MEMBERSHIP.
3. MARIAN JUSKUV AFA1MJ HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE NEW REGION 1 MARS DIRECTOR AFN1RD. MARIANS DEDICATION AND ENTHUSIASM ABOUT AF MARS IS CONTAGIOUS AND HE WILL DO A GREAT JOB AS THE NEW REGION 1 MARS DIRECTOR.
4. I WANT TO THANK BILL LANA AFA1NR FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AS THE REGION 1 MARS DIRECTOR AND THE OTHER AF MARS BILLET POSITIONS HE HELD.

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TO ALL MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: AF MARS WAY A HEAD

1. I WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE YOU ON SOME EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THE AIR FORCE MARS PROGRAM.
2. AS YOU KNOW, WORK HAS BEEN ONGOING TO REVISE AND UPDATE DOD INSTRUCTION 4650.02, WHICH ESTABLISHES

THE MISSION AND ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MARS. I EXPECT THE NEW DODI TO BE COMPLETED SOON AND THAT IT WILL SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHEN MARS SUPPORT TO THE MILITARY. MANY OF YOU HAVE TOLD ME THAT YOUR MARS MEMBERSHIP IS A REFLECTION OF YOUR DESIRE TO SERVE OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM, SO THIS IS INDEED WELCOME NEWS.

3. IMPORTANTLY, I EXPECT THE NEW DODI TO CONTAIN A CLASSIFIED ANNEX OUTLINING A NATIONAL LEVEL CONTINGENCY COMMUNICATIONS MISSION. ALTHOUGH THE ANNEX WILL BE CLASSIFIED, I AM AWARE OF ITS CONTENTS AND CAN ASSURE YOU THAT IT ENVISIONS A WELL-DEFINED ROLE FOR MARS AS AN OPERATIONAL PARTNER IN SUPPORT OF OUR NATION'S MOST IMPORTANT MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AND FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE LARGER DOD CONTINGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. THIS ROLE FOR MARS HAS BEEN BRIEFED UP THE AIR FORCE CHAIN OF COMMAND, WHICH UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY OUR AIR FORCE MARS VOLUNTEERS AND FULLY SUPPORTS THIS APPROACH.

4. TO SUPPORT THESE SPECIFIC MISSION REQUIREMENTS, ALL THREE BRANCHES OF MARS WILL OPERATE UNDER A UNIFORM POLICY, WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THE DOD. THIS IS NOT ONLY CONSISTENT WITH CONGRESSIONAL GUIDANCE, BUT PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TAKE THE CONCEPT OF INTEROPERABILITY TO THE NEXT LEVEL. IT WILL REQUIRE SOME CHANGES TO AIR FORCE MARS OPERATIONS, PROCEDURES, AND TRAINING, BUT AIR FORCE MARS HAS PROVEN TO BE FLEXIBLE AND ADAPTABLE IN THE PAST AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THESE CHANGES WILL PRESENT NO IMPEDIMENT TO OUR FUTURE SUCCESS.

5. WHILE OUR TRANSCON, MSN, AND PHONE PATCH NETS WILL BE CONSOLIDATED WITH OUR SISTER SERVICE MARS NETWORKS, THIS ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE WILL ENHANCE COMMONALITY AND INTEROPERABILITY WITHOUT AFFECTING OUR OPERATIONAL SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL GUARD, MILITARY AIRCRAFT, OR OTHER ONGOING ACTIVITIES WHERE WE PROVIDE CONTINGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO U.S. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS IN THE EVENT OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

6. THE NEW GUIDANCE WILL ALSO REAFFIRM OUR FOCUS ON DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES, IN PARTICULAR THOSE MODES THAT WILL ALLOW US TO INTEROPERATE WITH OUR MILITARY PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE USE OF ENCRYPTION. THIS IS A RELATIVELY NEW AND EXCITING DEVELOPMENT FOR AIR FORCE MARS, WHICH ALSO REFLECTS THE IMPORTANCE THE MILITARY PLACES ON THE SERVICES WE PROVIDE.

7. IN ORDER TO CAPTURE THE NECESSARY OPERATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL ADJUSTMENTS, I AM POSTPONING WORK ON REVISING THE MOI UNTIL AFTER THESE CHANGES ARE

IMPLEMENTED AND THE NEW DODI IS ISSUED.

8. I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER TESTIMONIAL TO THE CONTINGENCY COMMUNICATIONS VALUE WE PROVIDE THAN A NEW DODI THAT MORE TIGHTLY INTEGRATES MARS INTO THE OPERATIONAL TOOLKIT OF OUR NATION'S ARMED FORCES. THIS IS A DIRECT RESULT OF THE DEDICATION AND COMMUNICATIONS EXPERTISE YOU BRING TO THE TABLE AS AIR FORCE MARS MEMBERS. YOU POSSESS A UNIQUE SKILL SET THAT IS INCREASINGLY RECOGNIZED BY THE DOD.

9. WHILE MANY OF THE SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS HAVE YET TO BE FINALIZED, I EXPECT SOME CHANGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE END OF OCTOBER AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR, SO STAY TUNED.

10. ONCE AGAIN, I THANK YOU SINCERELY FOR ALL YOU DO IN SUPPORT OF OUR NATION AND ITS ARMED FORCES.

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DE AGA5C NR 013
R 112000 AUG 2014
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TO ALL MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT SOUTHWEST DIVISION DIRECTOR AFN9SW

1. ROGER HUGHES AFA9HR HAS BEEN APPOINTED SOUTHWEST DIVISION MARS DIRECTOR AFN9SW. I KNOW THAT ROGER WILL DO A GREAT JOB AS AFN9SW.

2. I WANT TO THANK DENNIS MCCORD AFA9FY FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOB HE DID AS THE DIRECTOR SOUTHWEST DIVISION.

3. MY THANKS TO ALL OF THE AF MARS MEMBERS WHO STEPPED UP AND VOLUNTEERED TO FILL THIS DEMANDING BILLET POSITION. THE PEDIGREE OF THE VOLUNTEERS WAS OUTSTANDING AND IS INDICATIVE OF THE MEMBERS WHO MAKE THE AIR FORCE MARS PROGRAM THE ONE TO EMULATE.

4. WITH ROGERS APPOINTMENT AS AFN9SW THERE WILL BE A NEED IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR A NEW AF MARS NATIONAL TRAINING MANAGER. INTERESTED AF MARS MEMBERS SHOULD PREPARE THEIR APPLICATIONS/RESUMES.

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TO ALL MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: AF MARS PARTICIPATION IN ARMY EXERCISE COMEX

1. THE ATTACHED EXERCISE AMO 7-14 JUN 18 OPORD WAS RELEASED BY ARMY MARS HQ TO THE CHIEFS OF AIR FORCE AND NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS FOR CIRCULATION TO THEIR MARS MEMBERS.
2. ALL AF MARS MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE TO THE FULLEST LEVEL COMMENSURATE TO THE THEIR CAPABILITIES.
3. THERE IS A SHARES COMPONENT TO THE EXERCISE AND AF MARS SHARES MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.
4. THE ATTACHED OPORD PROVIDES ALL REQUIRED EXERCISE GUIDANCE.
5. THERE MAY BE SOME PROCEDURAL CHALLENGES AS WE PARTICIPATE IN THE ARMY COMEX. PLEASE USE THESE CHALLENGES TO IMPROVE OUR PROCESS TO WORK ACROSS THE MARS SPECTRUM. DOCUMENT AND SHARE WITH YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND AREAS THAT NEED ATTENTION.

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Attachment: [ARMY MARS COMEX 14-2 OPORDER](#)

From: STAPCHUK, DAVID J CIV USAF AFSPC 38
Subject: QPRX Initail Contact Schedule (FOUO)
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 7:43 AM
Importance: High

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Please forward to all participating AF MARS members. Limit distribution as necessary.

See the attached initial contact schedule for establishing contact with Region EUCOM, AFRICOM, & CENTCOM

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Attachment: [ARMY MARS QPRX EXERCISE SCHEDULE](#)

6/4/2014

Please pass Frequency correction to QPRX Exerecise Order

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Attachment: [ARMY MARS QPRX EXERCISE ORDER](#)

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TO ALL USAF MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF AF MARS REGION 3 MARS DIRECTOR

1. ROD GALLAGHER AFA3RG HAS BEEN APPOINTED AFN3RD. ROD COMES WITH A GREAT AF MARS RADIO BACKGROUND AND WILL DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB. CONGRATULATIONS ROD.

2. I ALSO WANT TO THANK DAVE KINISON AFA3QB FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AS THE FORMER REGION 3 MARS DIRECTOR. DAVE DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND SET THE EXAMPLE FOR ROD TO FOLLOW.

3. THANKS FOR YOUR TIME, DEDICATION AND SUPPORT TO OUR COUNTRY AND THOSE WHO SERVE IT.

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TO ALL MARS MEMBERS
BT

SUBJECT: QPRX EXERCISE ORDER

1. PLEASE FORWARD THE ATTACHED QRPX EXERCISE ORDER MESSAGE FROM ARMY MARS. I ENCOURAGE ALL AF MARS MEMBER'S TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXERCISE MARKING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY. I TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT.

2. THIS IS THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND SO PLEASE REMEMBER ALL THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE OF OUR NATION.

3. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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Attachment: [ARMY MARS QPRX EXERCISE ORDER](#)

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TO ALL MARS MEMBERS
BT

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT NATIONAL DIRECTOR
TRANSCON HF OPERATION (AFN1DT)

1. JAMES (JIM) BULISZAK AFA1FF HAS BEEN SELECTED AS THE NEW NATIONAL DIRECTOR TRANSCON HF OPERATIONS. JIM COMES WITH A STRONG AF MARS BACKGROUND AND WILL DO A GREAT JOB AS AFN1DT.

2. I WANT TO THANK SHERM YACHER (AFA7ZJ) FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOB HE DID AS THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR TRANSCON HF OPERATION. SHERM'S DEDICATION AND SELFLESS DEVOTION TO THE AF MARS MISSION HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN OUR SUCCESS. THANKS FOR A JOB EXTREMELY WELL DONE.

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TO ALL MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL DIRECTOR TRANSCON HF
OPERATION AFNXDT

1. THE AF MARS PROGRAM NEEDS A REPLACEMENT FOR SHERMAN (SHERM) YACHER AS THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR TRANSCON HF OPERATIONS. SHERM HAS A LIFE CIRCUMSTANCE CHANGE THAT WILL PRECLUDE HIM FROM CONTINUING ON IN THIS DEMANDING POSITION. I WANT TO THANK SHERM FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE AF MARS MISSION. SHERM WILL CONTINUE AS THE KANSAS STATE MARS DIRECTOR AND DUTIES IN REGION 7.

2. AF MARS MEMBERS INTERESTED IN THIS POSITION PLEASE SEND YOUR RESUME OR LETTER OF INTEREST TO THE OFFICIAL AF MARS E-MAIL ADDRESS 38CYRS.SCM.mars@us.af.mil. ALL REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED NLT 27 MARCH 2014 TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION.

3. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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From: STAPCHUK, DAVID J CIV USAF AFSPC 38 CYRS/SCM
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 2:00 PM
Subject: AF COMEX MSG

All please share the attached with AF MARS members as appropriate. I realize that our participation in the Army COMEX will highlight some of the shortfalls in our ability to communicate at the Joint MARS level. Let's make sure that we use our success and shortfalls to improve the process. Participation is voluntary.

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[AGA5C NR 002 ARMY COMEX](#)

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TO ALL USAF MARS MEMBERS
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SUBJECT: AIR FORCE TIMES ARTICLE ON PHONE PATCH NET

1. THANKS TO AFNPP FOR THE EFFORT TO GET ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN AF TIMES. WELL DONE JOHN.
2. THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE AF MARS/DOD MISSION. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY TIMES I TELL PEOPLE ABOUT AF MARS AND THEIR RESPONSE IS "WE STILL HAVE A MARS MISSION". HOPEFULLY WE CAN REINVIORATE THE AF MARS IMAGE AND LET EVERYONE KNOW AF MARS IS ALIVE AND WELL AND NOT JUST 2 CANS AND A STRING.
3. IT'S YOUR DEDICATION AND VOLUNTEERISM THAT MAKE THE AF/DOD MARS PROGRAM A GREAT SUCCESS. MY THANKS GO OUT TO ALL OF YOU. I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BROADCAST YOUR SUCCESSES. THANKS AGAIN AND MY BEST TO ALL.

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SIGNED
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[AF Times Article](#)

Please distribute the attached message to all AF MARS members. Resumes for AF MARS positions at the National, Regional and State that are up for appointment IAW AF MARS MOI 05 Feb 2013 Rev A are now being accepted. Thanks to everyone who submits their resume for consideration for appointment to these vital AF MARS positions.

Note. I will be out of the office UTFN due to the current government shut down and furlough.

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TO ALL AF MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: RESUME REQUEST FOR AF MARS NATIONAL OFFICER, NATIONAL NETWORK, DIVISION, REGION AND STATE DIRECTOR POSITIONS THAT ARE UP FOR APPOINTMENT FOR THE PERIOD OF JAN 2014 TO DEC 2015.

1. APPLICANTS WISHING TO BE CONSIDERED FOR POSITIONS THAT ARE UP FOR APPOINTMENT IAW AF MARS MOI 5 FEB 2013 REV A, PARA 1.9 (B) EVEN YEAR APPOINTMENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR RESUMES TO THE CHIEF AF MARS NLT 18 OCT 2013.
2. RESUMES CAN BE SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO 38CYRS.SCM.MARS@US.AF.MIL OR MAIL TO CHIEF AF MARS, RM 1200, 203 WEST LOSEY ST, SCOTT AFB IL 62225.
3. ALL RESUMES WILL BE EVALUATED IAW AF MARS MOI 5 FEB 2013 REV PARA 1.9.2. SELECTIONS WILL BE MADE AND NOTIFICATIONS ANNOUNCED NLT 31 OCT 2013.
4. SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION DATES MAY BE ADJUSTED BY CHIEF AF MARS DUE TO CURRENT GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN AND FURLOUGH. SUBMISSION DATE OF 18 OCT 2013 IS NOT AFFECTED BY THESE ACTIONS.

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38 CYRS/SCM MARS
Subject: FW: Army MARS November 3-5 Nov Exercise Briefing
Date: Thu 9/26/2013 5:42 PM

All
Please see attached slides for the upcoming Army MARS exercise. Please distribute to membership as required. When the OPORD is issued I will send msg.

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Attached are additional slides regarding the 3-5 November exercise.

The plan is for the exercise operations order to be published the week of 7 October.

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MARS Final Exam Nov 2013

38 CYRS/SCM MARS

Subject: AF MARS E-mail account usage

Date: Thu, 26 Sep 2013 13:35:34 -0500

All

Please pass to all AF MARS Members. To conduct official AF MARS activities (applications, licenses, termination, frequency, e-mail changes, new letters, etc...) please ask the membership to use the 38 CYRS/SCM MARS e-mail address in the Cc box. Please limit correspondence to my personal inbox to those actions that apply to me directly.

It is a challenge to manage 3 official e-mail accounts and I am getting lots of duplicates which uses up valuable time. If it is sent to the 38 CYRS/SCM MARS account it will get addressed and answered. It is the "OFFICIAL MARS" account.

Thanks for your help.

V/R

Dave

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From: STAPCHUK, DAVID J CIV USAF AFSPC 38 CYRS/SCM

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2013 9:21 AM

All

Please be advised of information below wrt Earthquake in Pakistan. Please disseminate the information and provide support as required.

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-----Original Message-----

Subject: RE: Pakistan EQ follow-up from SKYPE

OCHA/FCSS has been in close contact with other parts of OCHA/UN working on information gathering. At this stage there has been no call for USAR assistance.

We do not anticipate a call for any specialised USAR assistance as the building structures in the area is basically mudwall/mudbrick houses. The access to the area is difficult. The region was hit by an earlier this year and we assume the local government and the Pakistan army will play a key role in the rescue work.

-----Original Message-----

Subject: RE: Pakistan EQ follow-up from SKYPE

OCHA Pakistan Flash Update #1 on Balochistan Earthquake Islamabad, 24 September 2013

Media reports indicate at least 45 people have been killed and 100 injured following a powerful earthquake that struck south-west Pakistan today. The epicentre of the 7.7 magnitude earthquake was 120 kilometres south-west of Khuzdar in Balochistan Province at a depth of 10 kilometres.

The US Geological Survey measured the earthquake at 7.8.

Tremors that began at 16:29 (PST) were felt for two minutes in several cities of Sindh and Balochistan. Reports indicate light tremors were also felt in northern India, Iran, UAE and Oman.

Provincial authorities in Balochistan declared an emergency in Awaran District, which is the most affected by the earthquake. At least 45 people were killed when their homes and the building of a school collapsed. Officials said the tremors demolished dozens of mud houses and it was feared that the death toll would increase.

District authorities, the police and military are conducting rescue and relief efforts in the affected area. The area is hilly and access to other affected areas is difficult due to infrastructure damage. In addition, there are security concerns in the district.

The United Nations and its humanitarian partners stand ready to support the Government's ongoing relief effort for the people affected by the earthquake and mobilize any international support, if requested.

-----Original Message-----

Subject: RE: Pakistan EQ follow-up from SKYPE

The UN Virtual O_SOCC site is active xx USAR and other teams from the UK, Austria, Korea, Turkey, Greece, are monitoring the Situation.

There is infrastructure damage.

MARS Chiefs: Pse alert MARS to start monitoring the IARU Disaster freqs and do some hunting.

-----Original Message-----

Subject: FW: Pakistan EQ follow-up from SKYPE

Preliminary (unconfirmed) reports are that 200,000 without power, communications providers impacted, but reports that Ufone and Ptcl are working. There are reports of the quake being felt broadly - and casualties in other areas of the province including Turbat, Gwadar, Mashkel and Dalbadin. A lot of damage has occurred in the Khuzdar district in the Arawan area via Earthquake Reporter - volunteers are working on our situation report and we're tweeting in English, Urdu and Hindi - pls RT @humanityroad

PRIORITIES SET AT AIR FORCE MARS

New Air Force MARS Chief David J. Stapchuk laid stress on digital operations and jointness with the other branches in his address to the Region 1 conference last weekend (Sept. 21, 2013).

Mr. Stapchuk, who assumed command August 23, said interoperability is "one of my top priorities" and noted he will be participating in joint meetings and teleconferences with the other MARS Chiefs "to share information and coordinate on activities as needed."

He also said that revisions are underway to DoDI 4650.02, which he hopes will strengthen the link between MARS and the DoD Components, "tighten the operational linkages" between all three Service MARS programs, and foster "stronger inter-MARS coordination."

The Chief identified six key focus areas for Air Force MARS: strengthening interoperability and "jointness"; improving digital capabilities; enhancing emergency training through more rigorous exercises; solidifying the relationship with the National Guard; accelerating recruitment efforts; and improving communications within the Air Force MARS organization.

The importance of digital capability "cannot be over-emphasized," he said.

Mr. Stapchuk highlighted the ability of AFMARS operators to be "flexible and adaptable" during emergency situations, citing superstorm Sandy as an example of the "high-quality competence and professionalism you bring to Air Force MARS."

The Chief noted that he has fully transitioned from his other duties and can now devote attention to MARS.

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HQ Army MARS Public Affairs Officer

DE AGA5C NR 003
R 231700Z SEP 2013
FM AGA5C

TO ALL AF MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL LEVEL COMEX

1. THE WARNING ORDER (WARNORD) PASTED BELOW WAS SENT BY ARMY MARS HQ TO THE CHIEFS OF AIR FORCE AND NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS FOR CIRCULATION TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBERS. IT PROVIDES INFORMATION ON A 48-HOUR NATIONAL LEVEL COMMUNICATIONS EXERCISE (COMEX) TO OCCUR IN EARLY NOV 2013.
2. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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FM UHWHCP/HQ ARMY MARS FORT HUACHUCA AZ

TO CHIEF NAVY MARINE CORPS MARS

CHIEF AIR FORCE MARS

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MSGID/ GENADMIN/UHWHC/AMO 19-13//

ARMY MARS IS TASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN A NATIONAL LEVEL COMEX. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS COMEX, MARS STATIONS SHOULD ASSUME A SIGNIFICANT DEGRADATION TO INTERNET, LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE, AND NATIONAL NEWS AND MEDIA NETWORKS THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA TO THE EXTENT THIS INFRASTRUCTURE IS CONSIDERED UNUSABLE.

THIS COMEX SHALL COVER A CONTINUOUS 48 HOUR PERIOD.

STARTEX 031800Z NOV 2013

ENDEX 051800Z NOV 2013

THE INTENT OF THIS EXERCISE IS TO SUCCESSFULLY DEMONSTRATE CONVENTIONAL TRAFFIC HANDLING ABILITIES. AT THE END STATE OF THIS EXERCISE HQ ARMY MARS WILL HAVE CAPTURED METRICS TO DOCUMENT THESE CAPABILITIES.

REQUEST NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MARS SERVICE CHIEF, AND AIR FORCE MARS SERVICE CHIEF COMMUNICATE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

REQUEST SERVICE CHIEF AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERESTED AF MARS AND N/MC MARS STATIONS TO COORDINATE WITH ARMY MARS STATE/REGION DIRECTORS AND STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMEX, AND ASSOCIATED TRAIN UP ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THIS COMEX.//

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SIGNED
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CHIEF, USAF MARS (AGA5C)

DE AGA5C NR 002
R 170000Z SEP 2013
FM AGA5C IL
TO ALL USAF MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJ: AIR FORCE MARS WINLINK 2000 RMS OPERATONS

1. RMS EXPRESS HAS THE CAPABILITY TO ALLOW A USER TO OPERATE IN BOTH AMATEUR AND MARS MODES. SOME USERS HAVE ASKED THAT THE RMS SYSOPS BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE THEIR RMSS IN THE SAME MANNER.

2. THIS IS NOT DESIRABLE FOR TWO MAIN REASONS:

A. AMATEURS ARE CURRENTLY PROHIBITED FROM OPERATING IN FACTOR 4 MODE ON ANY AMATEUR FREQUENCY WHILE MARS RMSS CAN OPERATE USING FACTOR 4. IN FACT, FACTOR 4 IS THE DESIRED MODE FOR OPERATION WITH HYBRID WL2K.

B. AMATEURS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PERFORMING UNATTENDED FORWARDING ON THE AMATEUR BANDS. MARS RMSS USE UNATTENDED OPERATION ROUTINELY WHEN OPERATING IN THE HYBRID WL2K MODE.

3. PROGRAMMING WL2K AND ESPECIALLY HYBRID WL2K IS COMPLEX. THE WL2K DEVELOPMENT TEAM DOES NOT DESIRE TO ATTEMPT TO PROGRAM TO THIS ADDITIONAL LEVEL OF COMPLEXITY. IT IS JUST TOO EASY TO GET IN SITUATIONS WHERE FCC RULES FOR AMATEUR RADIO WOULD BE VIOLATED.

4. ACCORDINGLY, ALL AF MARS ARE PROHIBITED FROM OPERATING THEIR RMSS IN AMATEUR AND MARS MODE SIMULTANEOUSLY.

5. ARMY AND NAVY-MARINE CORPS MARS HAVE ISSUED SIMILAR PROHIBITIONS FOR RMS WINLINK 2000 OPERATIONS.

SIGNED
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CHIEF, USAF MARS (AGA5C)

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DE AGA5C NR 001
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TO ALL USAF MARS MEMBERS

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SUBJ: GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION

1. AS THE NEW CHIEF OF AIR FORCE MARS, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORUTNITY TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AND TO LET YOU KNOW HOW EAGER I AM TO WORK WITH ALL OF YOU AS I BEGIN MY NEW ASSIGNMENT.
2. I CURRENTLY SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, 92 IOS DET 1 AT SCOTT AFB, IL, WHERE I OVERSEE CYBER OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE DETACHMENT'S COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC) MISSION. PREVIOUSLY I WAS AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST IN THE AIR FORCE'S LONG-HAUL TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICE, ALSO AT SCOTT AFB.
3. I AM EXCITED ABOUT MY NEW ROLE AS CHIEF, AIR FORCE MARS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO ADVANCING THE AIR FORCE MARS PROGRAM IN FULFILLMENT OF THE MARS MISSION TO PROVIDE CONTINGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO U.S. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.
4. AIR FORCE MARS HAS A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED HISTORY, ENABLED BY THE DEDICATION AND SUPPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER MEMBERS WHO ARE THE BACKBONE OF THIS ORGANIZATION. YOUR COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND TO OUR MILITARY IS MUCH APPRECIATED.
5. AS I FAMILIARIZE MYSELF WITH AIR FORCE MARS OPERATIONS DURING THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION, I WILL LOOK TO YOU - THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF AIR FORCE MARS - FOR INSPIRATION AND ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED.
6. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF THE MARS PROGRAM AND OUR NATION. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EACH OF YOU AS TOGETHER WE BUILD THE FUTURE OF AIR FORCE MARS.

SIGNED
DAVID J. STAPCHUK
CHIEF, USAF MARS (AGA5C)

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From: 38 CYRS/SCM MARS
To: AF MARS Membership
Subject: Chief of Air Force MARS
Date: Thu, 15 Aug 2013

With one week before the Air Force mandated personnel transition I'd like to announce that Mr. David Stapchuk will be assuming the duties of Chief, AF MARS on 23 Aug 13. I know that he is looking forward to leading AF MARS

as MARS moves into an era of interoperability with our sister services.

It's been an honor to serve as Chief AF MARS and while I'm moving on to new challenges, I'll look back on this position as one of the most rewarding of my Air Force career. Your dedication to the mission truly exemplifies service before self and I wish you all the best going forward.

v/r

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From: 38 CYRS/SCM MARS
To: AF MARS Membership
Subject: Chief of Air Force MARS
Date: 12 Aug 2013

The Air Force is concluding their latest round of personnel reductions/reassignments. I was identified as a casualty of this personnel action when I was initially notified on 20 Jun 13 by a civilian personnel team/hit squad. Although I haven't received the required 2 week notification from the local civilian personnel office I confirmed over the phone today that I am definitely moving to another organization on Scott AFB effective 23 Aug 13.

I do know the person replacing me in this position, he actually works across the hall in this building. The good news is that he's familiar with RF transmission systems and worked in the same division/branch with Ray Collins a number of years ago. There will be minimal impact to AF MARS operations during this transition which will become effective on 23 Aug 13.

On a personal note I'd like to say that I've never been more impressed by a group of people than those of you in AF MARS. I am not happy with leaving this position for the simple reason that I'll be losing contact with a lot of individuals who I have grown to thoroughly enjoy working with and shooting the breeze with.

Take Care,
Rick.

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TO ALL USAF MARS MEMBERS
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SUBJ: AIR FORCE MARS OPERATING INSTRUCTION REVISION

1. I HAVE JUST RELEASED A REVISED AIR FORCE MARS OPERATING INSTRUCTION (MOI). THIS VERSION IS DATED 15 JAN 2013 AND REVISES SOME CONTENTSCIOUS CHANGES MADE IN THE 01 JAN 2012 MOI, EMPHASIZES EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS (ECOM) POLICY AND UPDATES POLICY AND PROCEDURES REGARDING DD FORM 2350 MARS ID CARDS AND DRMO ISSUED EXCESS EQUIPMENT.

2. THIS REVISION IS NOT AS COMPREHENSIVE AS THE 01 JAN 12 MOI YET I WILL STILL ASSESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOI IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY ISSUES THAT MAY EMERGE AND TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATING POLICIES OR PROCEDURES ARE WARRANTED. IT IS MY HOPE THAT THIS DOCUMENT CAN REMAIN IN EFFECT WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES/UPDATES NOT REQUIRING A MAJOR REWRITE.

3. ON A RELATED NOTE, BOTH THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PLAN AND THE NATIONAL TRAINING PLAN ARE NEARING COMPLETION. I EXPECT EITHER OFFICIAL WORKING DRAFTS OR FINAL PRODUCTS BY THE END OF Q1 2013.

4. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE DIVISION AND REGION DIRECTORS WHO GATHERED YOUR CONCERNS AND ADVOCATED ON YOUR BEHALF DURING THE NUMEROUS TELECONFERENCES AND DURING THE REWRITE PROCESS, THE MOI REWRITE TEAM FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN REVIEWING AND UPDATING THIS DOCUMENT. A SPECIAL THANKS GOES TO AFN4AA, BRUCE JARRELL, WHO CONSOLIDATED AND DECONFLICTED THE VARIOUS CHAPTER INPUTS, KEPT THE PROCESS ON SCHEDULE AND PRODUCED THE MOI. WITHOUT BRUCE'S EXPERTISE THIS MOI WOULD STILL BE IN REVISION.

5. AS ALWAYS, I TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR MISSION AND YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF AIR FORCE MARS.

SIGNED
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FM AGA5C IL
TO ALL USAF MARS MEMBERS
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SUBJ: CORRECTED VERSION OF NEW AIR FORCE MARS OPERATING INSTRUCTION

1. I HAVE JUST RELEASED A CORRECTED COPY OF THE NEW AIR FORCE MARS OPERATING INSTRUCTION (MOI). THIS VERSION IS DATED 01 JAN 2012 AND CORRECTS SOME TYPOS AND MINOR GRAMMATICAL ERRORS.

2. CHANGE IS OFTEN DIFFICULT, AND I UNDERSTAND IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME FOR THE NEW POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN THE MOI TO BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED. NO DOUBT THERE WILL BE SOME HICCUPS ALONG THE WAY.

3. I INTEND TO PERIODICALLY ASSESS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOI IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY ISSUES THAT MAY EMERGE AND TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO OPERATING POLICIES OR PROCEDURES ARE WARRANTED.

4. AS ALWAYS, I APPRECIATE YOUR DEDICATION TO OUR MISSION AND YOUR SUPPORT OF AIR FORCE MARS.

SIGNED
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SUBJ: NEW AIR FORCE MARS OPERATING INSTRUCTION

1. AFTER A LONG EFFORT TO REVISE AND UPDATE THE 1 JAN 09 AIR FORCE MARS OPERATING INSTRUCTION (MOI), I HAVE APPROVED AND PROMULGATED A NEW MOI, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

2. THE NEW MOI, DATED 13 DEC 11, MAKES A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO USAF MARS OPERATING PROCEDURES THAT CONFORM THE DOCUMENT TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTION (DODI) 4650.02 AND ALIGN USAF MARS OPERATIONS MORE CLOSELY TO THE EXPANDED MARS MISSION AND THE FOCUS ON EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OUTLINED IN DODI 4650.02. THESE CHANGES INCLUDE:

- A. UPDDATING THE MARS MISSION AND TASK STATEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DODI 4650.02
- B. ADJUSTING THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF USAF MARS, CREATING 6 "DIVISIONS" TO REPLACE THE PREVIOUS "AREAS"
- C. INCORPORATING THE POSITIONS OF NATIONAL PLANNING COORDINATOR, NATIONAL MILITARY LIAISON, AND MISSION SUPPORT NET MANAGER INTO THE NATIONAL STAFF MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE
- D. STREAMLINING THE ORGANIZATION BY REDUCING THE OVERALL NUMBER OF BILLET POSITIONS AND ELIMINATING BUREAUCRATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AT THE REGION LEVEL
- E. ELIMINATING MICROMANAGEMENT OF THE PROCESSES BY WHICH INFORMATION IS EXCHANGED WITHIN THE AIR FORCE MARS PROGRAM, INCLUDING DE-CENTRALIZING THE

PROCESS FOR MEMBERS SEEKING INFORMATION FROM USAF MARS HQ
F. MODIFYING MINIMUM PARTICIPATION TIME REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TIME IS CREDITED, ALLOWING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TIME TO BE CREDITED TO THE MEMBER'S PRIMARY NET PARTICIPATION TIME
G. ENCOURAGING BROADER DIGITAL OPERATIONS BY ALLOWING TRAINEES TO PARTICIPATE ON DIGITAL NETS
H. COMBINING VOICE AND DIGITAL OPERATIONS INTO A UNITARY TRANSCON MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONAL STRUCTURE
I. ESTABLISHING OPERATING GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE MISSION SUPPORT NET
J. ALLOWING FOR MODIFIED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS TRANSFERRING FROM OTHER MARS SERVICES OR WHO PREVIOUSLY WERE USAF MARS MEMBERS
K. DIRECTING THAT MILITARY OR CIVIL AGENCY STATIONS CHECKING-IN TO USAF MARS NETS USING TACTICAL IDENTIFIERS NOT BE CHALLENGED, IN KEEPING WITH THE EXPANDED MARS MISSION TO PROVIDE CONTINGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO U.S. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
L. CLARIFYING THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING INAPPROPRIATE TRANSMISSIONS ON USAF MARS FREQUENCIES
M. EASING THE REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUITY CHECKS ON CERTAIN VOICE NETS
N. REVISING VHF NETWORK PROCEDURES TO ALLOW FOR INTERSTATE VHF OPERATIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES
O. ESTABLISHING REVISED GUIDELINES FOR SURPLUS EQUIPMENT ACCOUNTABILITY TO EASE THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON BOTH USAF MARS HQ AND INDIVIDUAL AUXILIARY MEMBERS
P. REQUIRING MEMBERS WISHING TO DEPLOY ON-SITE DURING ACTUAL INCIDENTS TO HAVE DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE IN THE FEMA INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

3. ALL AIR FORCE MARS STATIONS SHOULD FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE NEW MOI AND THE GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES CONTAINED THEREIN.

4. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND SPECIFICITY WHERE NECESSARY WILL BE PROVIDED BY SUBORDINATE DOCUMENTATION TO BE DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENERAL GUIDANCE ESTABLISHED IN THE MOI.

5. ANY QUESTIONS ON THE NEW MOI SHOULD BE ROUTED THROUGH YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND.

6. I EXTEND MY THANKS TO THE MOI RE-WRITE TEAM FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATED EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT.

SIGNED
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TO ALL USAF MARS MEMBERS
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SUBJ: AIR FORCE MARS USE OF AMATEUR RADIO DIGITAL MODES

1. WITH THE DECISION BY HQ, ARMY MARS TO CEASE USE OF WINLINK (WL2K) EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, I HAVE BEEN ASKED ABOUT AIR FORCE MARS POLICY IN THIS REGARD.

2. USAF MARS HQ RECOGNIZES THAT MANY MILITARY STATIONS AND FEDERAL AGENCIES ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH AND DO NOT USE AMATEUR RADIO DIGITAL MODES, INCLUDING WL2K, FOR COMMUNICATIONS. DODI 4560.02 ALSO REQUIRES MARS TO BE CAPABLE OF OPERATING IN "RADIO ONLY" MODES, WITHOUT LINKAGES TO LANDLINES OR THE INTERNET.

3. IT IS AIR FORCE MARS POLICY THAT MILITARY STANDARD (MIL-STD) PROTOCOLS BE USED BY MARS STATIONS COMMUNICATING WITH MILITARY OR FEDERAL AGENCY STATIONS THAT MUST MEET INFORMATION ASSURANCE STANDARDS AND DO NOT ALLOW FOR AMATEUR RADIO DIGITAL MODES. USAF MARS STATIONS MAY CONTINUE TO USE AMATEUR RADIO DIGITAL MODES AS NECESSARY FOR INTRAMARS COMMUNICATIONS.

4. THIS POLICY WILL EVOLVE AS REQUIREMENTS DICTATE. GIVEN THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS AND THE CURRENT LACK OF WIDESPREAD USAF MARS MIL-STD CAPABILITY AMONG INDIVIDUAL AUXILIARY STATIONS, ANY FUTURE TRANSITION AWAY FROM AMATEUR RADIO DIGITAL MODES TO MIL-STD MODES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN A DELIBERATE AND ORDERLY MANNER.

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SUBJ: TRANSMITTING OF STATE INFORMATION ON MARS VOICE NETS

1. There has been some confusion about whether stations should give their state location on USAF MARS nets and whether such practice is consistent with the MARS Tri-Service Voice Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) dated 22 Nov 2007.

2. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC) AND Operations Security (OPSEC) ARE always OF concern and must be uppermost in mind when communicating on MARS nets.

3. The transmitting of state location information by USAF MARS stations is, HOWEVER, consistent with the SOP and is authorized.

4. Section 3 of the SOP ALLOWS A NET CONTROL STATION (NCS) to call for check-ins by type or geographic area "as a tool to aid NCS in maintaining

net control and discipline." Calling for check-ins by state is permitted but is not mandatory, and is also explicitly allowed by Section 2 of the USAF MARS Voice Net Control Training Guide dated 21 Apr 2009, WHICH WAS authorized by USAF MARS HQ.

5. Late stations checking into USAF MARS TRANSCON, Area, or Regional nets may also give their state location. This MAY help the NCS to direct traffic as appropriate, especially if time is of the essence.

6. THE ABOVE CHECK-IN PROCEDURES SHALL BE USED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE NCS AND SHALL BE EXERCISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NEED TO MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE COMSEC AND OPSEC AT ALL TIMES.

7. STATIONS CHECKING INTO OTHER SERVICE MARS NETS SHALL ABIDE BY THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE NCS OF THAT NET.

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TO ALL USAF MARS MEMBERS
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USAF MARS OPERATIONAL DIRECTIVE 2011-1

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR MILITARY/FEDERAL STATIONS ON USAF MARS NETS

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTION (DODI) 4650.02, AIR FORCE MARS PROVIDES CONTINGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO U.S. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

2. A GREATER NUMBER OF MILITARY AND FEDERAL AGENCY STATIONS USING TACTICAL CALL SIGNS HAVE BEEN USING AIR FORCE MARS FREQUENCIES FOR PERIODIC COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUESTING MARS ASSISTANCE. THIS IS A POSITIVE INDICATION OF A GROWING TREND TOWARD GREATER INTEGRATION OF MARS INTO THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS FRAMEWORK AND AN EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN MARS' ABILITY TO PROVIDE RELIABLE COMMUNICATIONS LINKS IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY, CONSISTENT WITH DODI 4650.02.

3. MARS FREQUENCIES ARE GOVERNMENT/MILITARY FREQUENCIES AND THOSE ENTITIES ARE THE PRIMARY USERS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALL AIR FORCE MARS STATIONS MUST PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED BY A MILITARY OR FEDERAL AGENCY STATION ON AN AIR FORCE MARS FREQUENCY, EVEN IF THE IDENTITY OF THE REQUESTING STATION CANNOT BE AUTHENTICATED.

4. THIS OFFICE IS AWARE THAT SOME UNAUTHORIZED STATIONS HAVE IN THE PAST ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE ON MARS FREQUENCIES. WHILE SUCH ACTIONS CANNOT BE CONDONED, IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO DISTINGUISH LEGITIMATE FROM

ILLEGITIMATE USERS. THE INCREASING USE OF MARS FREQUENCIES BY APPROPRIATE MILITARY AND FEDERAL USERS INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD THAT UNFAMILIAR THOUGH LEGITIMATE TACTICAL CALL SIGNS WILL BE HEARD ON AIR FORCE MARS NETS. IN SUCH CASES, THOSE STATIONS MUST NOT BE CHALLENGED.

5. THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON MARS TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE UNKNOWN STATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE ON MARS FREQUENCIES, NOT THE OTHER WAY AROUND. CHALLENGING THE RIGHT OF A LEGITIMATE MILITARY OR GOVERNMENT USER TO TRANSMIT ON A MARS FREQUENCY MAY UNDERMINE THE EXPANDING LEVEL OF COOPERATION BETWEEN AIR FORCE MARS AND THE ENTITIES WE SUPPORT. THIS WOULD BE A SETBACK TO THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN DODI 4650.02.

6. ALL NET MANAGERS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT UNFAMILIAR THOUGH LEGITIMATE STATIONS MAY TRANSMIT ON AIR FORCE MARS FREQUENCIES AT ANY TIME AND SHOULD REPORT ANY SUCH ACTIVITY THAT APPEARS SUSPICIOUS OR IMPROPER TO THIS OFFICE THROUGH THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND.

SIGNED
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SUBJ: MARS PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL GUARD 2011 DOMOPS EXHIBITION

1. This last week, Air Force MARS participated in the National Guard Bureau's (NGB) annual Domestic Operations (DOMOPs) Conference and Exhibition. DOMOPs provides an opportunity for the domestic operations community involved in emergency preparedness and disaster response to gather and discuss contemporary issues relating to National Guard operations and support of homeland security requirements. The 2011 event took place at the Gaylord Hotel at National Harbor outside Washington, DC.

2. MARS was asked to participate in the exhibition to showcase its contingency radio communications capabilities. MARS members staffed a booth with poster boards and handouts highlighting the MARS mission and capabilities. In addition, MARS capabilities were demonstrated to attendees through real-time VHF and HF communications links with WAR at the Pentagon, the 174th Fighter Wing of the NY Air National Guard at Hancock Field in Syracuse, NY, and other locations.

3. The invitation for MARS to participate was extended by BG David Harris, US Army Director, Domestic Operations and Force Development, National Guard Bureau in response to an Air Force MARS outreach initiative to GEN Craig McKinley, Director of the National Guard Bureau.

4. Although Air Force MARS initiated the outreach to the National Guard and received the invitation to participate, the exhibit booth and informational handouts provided to attendees were deliberately designed to represent all of MARS, not just Air Force MARS.

5. Several Air Force MARS members responsible for the Air Force MARS outreach initiative to the National Guard Bureau participated in the exhibit, along with members of the 174th Fighter Wing (174th Communications Flight) from Hancock Field, NY. In his letter of invite, BG Harris noted the valuable work of the combined MARS team assisting the 174th FW, the NY National Guard, and NY State authorities. Therefore, the work of the MARS team supporting the 174th FW was specifically highlighted as part of the MARS exhibit.

6. All of MARS' voice and digital capabilities to provide contingency radio communications support to U.S. Government operations were highlighted. WinLink was emphasized as one of the three core capabilities of the Joint MARS service: point-to-point voice communications, telephone-over-radio phone patch communications, and E-mail-over-radio WinLink communications.

7. This was the first time the National Guard has extended an invitation to MARS to participate in this event, which drew more than 1,600 attendees involved in domestic emergency preparedness and disaster response operations. In particular, MARS was able to showcase its contingency radio communications capabilities to a wide variety of National Guard units both within and outside CONUS stretching from Hawaii to the Virgin Islands. In doing so, we were able to increase awareness of MARS' ability to support the Guard in its operations, consistent with the expanded MARS mission outlined in DoD Instruction 4650.02. For this reason alone, MARS participation in the exhibition was clearly a success.

8. In his letter of invitation to the 2011 DOMOPs exhibition BG Harris stated, "I look forward to the MARS program and the NGB relationship development in future training exercises and contingency operations."

9. I am optimistic that this relationship will indeed continue to develop and thank all of those who helped make our participation in this event a success.

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TO ALL USAF MARS MEMBERS
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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF USAF MARS MISSION SUPPORT NET

1. SINCE 1978 USAF MARS HAS CONDUCTED A TRANSCON SPACE SUPPORT NET (TSSN) TO PROVIDE A CONTINGENCY HF COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN THE USAF AND SATELLITE LAUNCH SITES AND REMOTE TRACKING STATIONS, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS

SUPPORT TO SPACE SHUTTLE LAUNCH AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS.

2. WITH THE IMPENDING CONCLUSION OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE PROGRAM, THE OPERATIONAL UTILITY OF THE SPACE SUPPORT NET WILL DECLINE.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY DESIRE TO MORE CLOSELY ALIGN USAF MARS CAPABILITIES WITH THE EXPANDED MARS MISSION REFLECTED IN DOD INSTRUCTION (DODI) 4650.02, I HEREBY ESTABLISH, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, A USAF MARS "MISSION SUPPORT NET" (MSN) IN LIEU OF THE EXISTING TRANSCON SPACE SUPPORT NET. THE MISSION SUPPORT NET SHALL OPERATE AS A SPECIAL PURPOSE NET ON THE SAME FREQUENCIES CURRENTLY USED BY THE SPACE SUPPORT NET. AN ADDITIONAL 4 MHZ FREQUENCY SHALL ALSO BE DESIGNATED FOR MSN USE.

4. THE MISSION SUPPORT NET SHALL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT U.S. GOVERNMENT SPACE ACTIVITIES BUT SHALL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO OTHER U.S. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, INCLUDING CONTEMPORARY MILITARY OPERATIONS, CONSISTENT WITH THE MISSIONS AND GUIDANCE OUTLINED IN DODI 4650.02. SUCH OPERATIONS MAY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, PROVIDING CONTINGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT IN BOTH VOICE AND DIGITAL MODES TO AIR FORCE HOMELAND SECURITY AND HOMELAND DEFENSE ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS CONUS AND OCONUS DISASTER RELIEF MISSIONS.

5. FURTHER DETAILS ON THE NEW MISSION SUPPORT NET SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE UPDATE TO THE MARS OPERATING INSTRUCTION (MOI) CURRENTLY IN REVISION.

6. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SPACE SUPPORT NET WHO FOR MANY YEARS HAVE PROVIDED A RELIABLE CONTINGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITY IN SUPPORT OF U.S. NATIONAL OBJECTIVES IN SPACE. YOUR SUPERB EFFORTS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MISSION SUPPORT NET.

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TO ALL USAF MARS MEMBERS
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SUBJ GREETINGS FROM THE NEW USAF MARS CHIEF

1. GREETINGS TO ALL U.S. AIR FORCE MARS MEMBERS FROM THE USAF MARS HQ AT SCOTT AFB, IL. I AM PLEASED AND EXCITED TO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED THE NEW USAF MARS CHIEF. I HAVE NOT

YET HAD AN OPPORUTNITY TO ENGAGE FULLY IN MY NEW ASSIGNMENT, BUT I WANTED TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AND OFFER SOME INITIAL THOUGHTS AS I ASSUME THIS NEW RESPONSIBILITY.

2. I AM A CIVILIAN COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM MANAGER AT THE AIR FORCE NETWORKS AND INTEGRATION CENTER (AFNIC). AS WITH MY PREDECESSORS, MARS IS A COLLATERAL DUTY FOR ME. HOWEVER I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE AIR FORCE MARS TEAM IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION TO PROVIDE RELIABLE CONTINGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND U.S. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS.

3. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO LEAD THIS ORGANIZATION. AIR FORCE MARS HAS A PROVEN TRACK RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR DEDICATION AND UNSELFISH WILLINGNESS TO SERVE THOSE WHO SERVE US. YOU CAN BE RIGHTLY PROUD OF YOUR SERVICE TO THE NATION.

4. WITH YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, AIR FORCE MARS IS WELLPOSITIONED TO MEET FUTURE CHALLENGES. THESE INCLUDE MORE CLOSELY ALIGNING OUR CAPABILITIES WITH THE EXPANDED MARS MISSION REFLECTED IN DOD INSTRUCTION 4650.02, COMPLETING THE UPDATE TO THE NEW USAF MARS OPERATING INSTRUCTION, ENHANCING INTEROPERABILITY, AND EXPANDING THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF AIR FORCE MARS IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL OBJECTIVES.

5. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR EFFORTS. I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE MARS PROGRAM AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR AIR FORCE MARS.

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