

# Air Force MARS 76 Years Special Event Amateur Operator Instructions

## General Instructions:

- Timeframe: 5 Nov 2024 0001 Zulu to 11 Nov 2024 at 2359 Zulu
- Frequencies: Only Amateur Radio frequencies in the General and Technician band privileges may be used in the 80 – 6 meters. Use of 60 meters is not authorized. Multiple Wings may operate in the same band up or down of event frequencies and bands.
- Modes: Voice, CW and Digital Modes (commonly used such as FT8) will be used. Make sure to listen for the special event call sign listed in the chart below.
- Spotting: Please spot your contact's and use available spotting software to see where operators are. Suggested Spotting site: [www.dxsummit.fi](http://www.dxsummit.fi) DX-Spot Notification app: [DX Alerts App](#)
- Certificate: After November 30th the Amateurs will need to request a certificate here: <http://cert.elemcoshopfloor.com>

## Example Voice Exchange:

- AFMARS Station: CQ CQ THIS IS W1B AIR FORCE MARS 76<sup>th</sup> SPECIAL EVENT SECOND WING CQ CQ
- Amateur Station: W1AW
- AFMARS Station: W1AW THIS IS W1B YOU ARE "5 by 9" OVER
- Amateur Station: THIS IS W1AW YOU ARE "5 by 9" OVER
- AFMARS Station: QSL INFO ON QRZ THANKS FOR THE CONTACT OUT

## Digital Exchange:

- CW and Digital mode exchange format will contain the pertinent information.

## Event Call Signs:

| AFMARS Organization                         | FEMA Region                                    | Call Sign |
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| 1 <sup>st</sup> AFMARS Communications Wing  | Region 1 MA, NH, VT, CT, ME, RI                | W1A       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> AFMARS Communications Wing  | Region 2 NJ, NY                                | W1B       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> AFMARS Communications Wing  | Region 3 DE, MD, DC, PA, VA, WV                | W1C       |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> AFMARS Communications Wing  | Region 4 AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, PR-VI | W1D       |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> AFMARS Communications Wing  | Region 5 IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI                | W1E       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> AFMARS Communications Wing  | Region 6 AR, LA, NM, OK, TX                    | W1F       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> AFMARS Communications Wing  | Region 7 IA, KS, MO, NE                        | W1G       |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> AFMARS Communications Wing  | Region 8 CO, MT, ND, SD, WY, UT                | W1H       |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> AFMARS Communications Wing  | Region 9 AZ, CA, NV, HI                        | W1I       |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> AFMARS Communications Wing | Region 10 AK, OR, WA, ID                       | W1J       |
| Hancock Field Air National Guard            | Region 2 NY                                    | W1L       |
| Schriever Space Force Base                  | Region 8 CO                                    | W1K       |
| Pentagon MARS Station                       | Region 3 DC                                    | K4AF      |
| Travis AFB AFMARS Station                   | Region 9 CA                                    | KE6UEU    |