



United States Air Force
Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS)
Annual Special Event
Amateur Radio Operator Instructions

General Instructions:

- Timeframe: 0001 UTC 8 Nov 2025 to 2359 UTC 11 Nov 2025
- Frequencies: Amateur Radio General and Technician portions of 80-10m (excluding 60m)
- Modes: Voice, CW, Digital (FT8, etc.)
- Spotting: Amateurs are encouraged to use notifications (such as <https://dxalerts.com/>) and popular spotting sites (such as www.dxsummit.fi)
- Certificate: After 15 Dec 2025 visit: <http://cert.elemcoshopfloor.com>

Example Exchange:

- AFMARS: CQ CQ THIS IS W1A AIR FORCE MARS SPECIAL EVENT CQ CQ
- Amateur: NOCAL
- AFMARS: NOCAL THIS IS W1A YOU ARE "5 by 9" OVER
- Amateur: THIS IS NOCAL YOU ARE "5 by 9" OVER
- AFMARS: QSL INFO ON QRZ THANKS FOR THE CONTACT OUT

Digital Exchange:

- Digital / CW modes will exchange call signs and signal reports.

Special Event Call Signs:

Call Sign	Event Station	Area of Operations
W1A	Bonus	Central United States - AFMARS HQ
W1E	Standard	Eastern United States - Wings 1, 2, 3 & 4
W1C	Standard	Central United States - Wings 5, 6 & 7
W1W	Standard	Western United States - Wings 8, 9 & 10