

Canteen News

by Peggy Ann Oakes
Post Home Manager



Hello and welcome to your Legion Canteen News! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members for placing your trust in me to manage the day-to-day activities of your Post. I will do my best to insure our Post is both properly managed and maintained. My door is always open to any member of our Post, and your ideas and support are always welcome!

Lots of great things are happening at your Post in August and throughout the year. Your new Post 2nd Vice Commander Dave Paris and I are working closely together to plan and coordinate fundraisers, parties, dances and entertainment for you. Our hall is now available on Fridays for rental ... And you won't find a better bargain in town for that special party you're planning. I can provide catering or entertainment suggestions, decorating ideas or any other associated services that you might need for your event.

We're in the process of taking suggestions from members on monthly, weekly or even daily drink specials. If you have a favorite drink, make a suggestion to one of your friendly bartenders ... your favorite "Toddie" just might be the Legion "Drink Of The Day" special!

Again, thanks for the trust you have placed in me to manage YOUR Post. I assure you that the "Good Of The Legion" is my guiding management policy.

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Army MARS Program Still Going Strong



Fort Huachuca, AZ. - Mention the MARS Station to retired service members and they'll probably tell you about how they were able to talk with loved ones back in the United States while serving overseas through this system of phone patches, high-frequency radios and volunteer radio operators.

The U.S. Army Military Affiliated Radio System is still going strong with morale and welfare phone-patching and MARS messages. Today, it's also a critically important backup emergency-communications system.

The Army MARS system operates 24-7, and participates in the National Communications Systems Shared Resources High Frequency Radio Program, a system designed to bring together federal, state and private-industry HF resources so emergency messages can be passed when normal communications channels are destroyed or unavailable.

Government agencies involved in the program include the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security and the State Department. During Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the Fort Huachuca MARS Station relayed messages that could not be passed in the affected area because the communications infrastructure was destroyed. MARS is made up of 2,500 member stations in the continental United States. Only 270 are military stations; the rest are civilian-volunteer stations. MARS relies almost exclusively on volunteer operators who donate time and buy their own equipment to make the system work.

The U.S. Army Signal Corps founded MARS in November 1925 under the name "Army Amateur Radio System." It was shut down during World War II because of security concerns and later reemerged as Army MARS.

All Female C-141 Crew Makes History



Capt. Juliana Sangiorgio (wearing glasses), aircraft commander, thanks members of her crew after completing a flight from Germany. They are the first Air Force all female flight crew to fly an overseas mission. The women flew a C-141 MEDEVAC aircraft from McGuire to Rhein Main Air Base, West Germany, with a stop over at Lajes Field, Azores.



NOTICE: Want to help the Post??? Peggy Ann has agreed to make "Jello Shots" available throughout the month of August. Check throughout the month for the special of the week. The proceeds will be used to purchase meat for the Labor Day picnic.



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