

Mars History

The Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) is an organization of FCC licensed Amateur radio operators who work with military stations for the furthering of professional communications and electronics. MARS furnishes a means of training members in the use of military communications procedures. It is a means of developing a potential reserve of trained radio communication personnel as auxiliary communicators for Military and Civil emergency communications. MARS operators through their military communication procedures, provides the Department of Defense a pool of operators for local, national and international communication alternatives. While many in the military view MARS as a telegram service for Johnny over in Germany, MARS uses these Marsgrams primarily for practice to hone their skills as radio operators and of course to keep Johnny's family in contact with him.

Mission

Provide Department of Defense sponsored emergency communications on a Local, National and International basis as an adjunct to normal communications.

Provide auxiliary communications for military, civil and/or disaster officials during periods of emergency.

Assist in effecting normal communications under emergency communications.