

ANNEX K

CALL SIGNS, SPECIAL CALL SIGNS AND COLLECTIVE CALL SIGNS

K100. OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTION

K110. PURPOSE

This annex promulgates policies, instructions, and guidance concerning call signs, special call signs, and collective call signs in NAVMARCORMARS. The term MARS, as used in this annex, refers to Navy-Marine Corps MARS only. When referring to other MARS, the service shall be identified.

K120. SUMMARY: CALLS ASSIGNED TO NAVMARCORMARS

MARS has been assigned the block of call signs with the NNNØ prefix. All MARS stations will be assigned a call sign from this block. Call signs are allocated by Chief, MARS, on a sequential basis beginning with NNNØAAA except as listed below. Assignments are made by Chief, MARS, area directors, specialty network coordinators and state directors.

NNNØASA - NNNØASZ Chief MARS, staff, area directors and assistants

NNNØASØ - NNNØAS9 Region directors

NNNØCAA - NNNØCZZ U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard Ships

NNNØDAA - NNNØDAZ Region One Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDBA - NNNØDBZ Region Two Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDCA - NNNØDCZ Region Three Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDDA - NNNØDDZ Region Four Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDEA - NNNØDEZ Region Five Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDFA - NNNØDFZ Region Six Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDGA - NNNØDGZ Region Seven Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDHA - NNNØDHR Region Eight Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDHS - Department of Homeland Security

NNNØDHT - NNNØDHZ Region Eight Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDIA - NNNØDIZ Region Nine Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDJA - NNNØDJZ Region Ten Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDKA - NNNØDKZ Region One Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDLA - NNNØDLZ Region Two Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDMA - NNNØDMZ Region Three Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDNA - NNNØDNZ Region Four Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDOA - NNNØDOL Region Five Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDOM - Director of Military Support (DOMS)

NNNØDON - NNNØDOZ Region Five Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDPA - NNNØDPZ Region Six Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDQA - NNNØDQZ Region Seven Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDRA - NNNØDRZ Region Eight Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDSA - NNNØDSZ Region Nine Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDTA - NNNØDTZ Region Ten Auxiliary Radio Teams

NNNØDUA - NNNØDZZ Collective call signs assigned to area directors to use at their discretion.

NNNØDUA - NNNØDUZ Northeast Area
NNNØDVA - NNNØDVZ Central Area
NNNØDWA - NNNØDWZ Southern Area
NNNØDXA - NNNØDXZ Pacific Area

NNNØDYA - NNNØDZZ Reserved

NNNØGAA - NNNØGEZ State directors

NNNØGFA - NNNØGJZ Senior Chief Navy-Marine Corps MARS Operators

NNNØGKA - NNNØGOZ Master Chief Navy-Marine Corps MARS Operators

NNNØMAA - NNNØMZZ U.S. Marine Corps Military Auspices Stations, except the following are reserved for Mars Data System (MDS) generic Selective Call (SELCAL) use:

NNNØMDA - NNNØMDZ
NNNØMRA - NNNØMRZ
NNNØMUA - NNNØMUZ
NNNØMVA - NNNØMVZ

NNNØNAA - NNNØNZZ U.S. Navy Military Auspices Stations; U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard Ships; licensed units in the Afloat and Overseas Operations Network

NNNØNCS is assigned to National Communications System

NNNØPPA - NNNØPPZ Specialty Network Coordinators

K130. DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

K131. ADDRESS DESIGNATORS

Call signs, address groups, plain language addresses (including abbreviated titles), and routing indicators (see Chapter 8).

K132. CALL SIGNS

Call signs, assigned to individuals, are used on MARS circuits as personal radio call signs. MARS officials and staff assistants are assigned administrative call signs for use when conducting matters pertaining to their administrative or specialty appointments.

K133. PLAIN LANGUAGE ADDRESS

An abbreviated title and associated geographical location of a station, MARS official, staff or a predetermined group within MARS.

Examples:

CHNAVMAARCORMARS WILLIAMSBURG VA
(Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, Williamsburg, VA)

ALNAVMA RCORMARSTA PACIFIC AREA
(All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Stations in Pacific Area)

ALNAVMA RCORMARSTA REGION ONE
(All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Stations in Region One)

K134. COLLECTIVE CALL SIGNS

Identify a predetermined group within MARS.

Example:

NNNØALD (All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Area Directors)

NNNØALR (All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Region Directors)

K200. GENERAL INFORMATION

a. This annex provides a list of call signs and a plain language address directory for MARS officers, assistants, area, region and state directors and specific predetermined groups within MARS and instructions for their use. It also provides the format, with titles and suffix numbers, for the assistants to each director's staff. These titles (and corresponding suffix numbers) will be used throughout MARS where incumbents are assigned.

b. Call signs are used primarily for initiating and maintaining communications. Call signs assigned to MARS stations may serve as address designators.

c. The use of MARS call signs normally shall be restricted to MARS networks. When specifically authorized by competent authority, MARS call signs may be used while representing NAVMA RCORMARS on other U.S. Government agency networks (as an example, the federal government inter-agency SHARES network).

d. U.S. Military and U.S. Government agency call signs may be used on MARS networks during actual or exercise communication emergencies or when otherwise authorized by competent authority.

e. Use of MARS call signs in the amateur bands is not authorized.

f. Routine requests for additions, changes and deletions to MARS Collective Call Signs will be submitted via letter to Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, via area, region or state directors as appropriate. Messages are not acceptable for requesting modifications to collective call signs unless they are of an urgent nature. Requests for routine modifications shall be submitted 60 days in advance of the desired effective date.

K300. DESIGNATED CALL SIGNS FOR MARS OFFICES

K301. CHIEF, NAVMA RCORMARS, ASSISTANTS AND REGION DIRECTORS

NNNØASA: Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS

NNNØASB: Deputy Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS

NNNØASC: (Not issued)

NNNØASD: (Not issued)

NNNØASE: Director, Navy-Marine Corps MARS Pacific Area

NNNØASF: Director, Navy-Marine Corps MARS South Area

NNNØASG: Director, Navy-Marine Corps MARS Central Area

NNNØASH: (Not issued)

NNNØASI: Director, Navy-Marine Corps MARS Northeast Area

NNNØASJ: (Not issued)

NNNØASK: (Not issued)

NNNØASL: (Not issued)

NNNØASM: Headquarters Marine Corps Liaison Officer

NNNØASN: Assistant to the Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS for Training

NNNØASO: (Not issued)

NNNØASP: Assistant to the Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS for Public Affairs

NNNØASQ: Assistant to the Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS for Technical Library
Coordination and Equipment Modification

NNNØASR: (Not issued)

NNNØASS: (Not issued)

NNNØAST: Assistant to the Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS for
Telecommunications

NNNØASU: Assistant to the Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS for Digital
Communications Software

NNNØASV: Assistant to the Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS for Computers and
Programming

NNNØASW: (Not issued)

NNNØASX: (Not issued)

NNNØASY: (Not issued)

NNNØASZ: Assistant to the Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS for Emergency
Communications

K302. REGION DIRECTOR CALL SIGNS AND ASSIGNED STATES

NNNØAS1: REGION ONE (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT)

NNNØAS2: REGION TWO (NJ, NY)

NNNØAS3: REGION THREE (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV)
 NNNØAS4: REGION FOUR (AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN, VI)
 NNNØAS5: REGION FIVE (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI)
 NNNØAS6: REGION SIX (AR, LA, NM, OK, TX)
 NNNØAS7: REGION SEVEN (IA, KS, MO, NE)
 NNNØAS8: REGION EIGHT (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY)
 NNNØAS9: REGION NINE (CA, AZ, NV, HI, GU)
 NNNØASØ: REGION TEN (WA, OR, ID, AK)

K310. STATE DIRECTOR CALL SIGNS

State directors are assigned call signs from the block NNNØGAA through NNNØGEZ as follows:

NNNØGAA - Alabama (AL)	NNNØGBN - Ohio (OH)
NNNØGAB - Alaska (AK)	NNNØGBO - Oklahoma (OK)
NNNØGAC - Arizona (AZ)	NNNØGBP - Oregon (OR)
NNNØGAD - Arkansas (AR)	NNNØGBQ - Not issued
NNNØGAE - California (northern) (NCA)	NNNØGBR - Not issued
NNNØGAF - California (southern) (SCA)	NNNØGBS - South Carolina (SC)
NNNØGAG - Colorado/Wyoming (CO/WY)	NNNØGBT - South Dakota/ North Dakota (SD/ND)
NNNØGAH - Not issued	NNNØGBU - Tennessee (TN)
NNNØGAI - Not issued	NNNØGBV - Not issued
NNNØGAJ - Not issued	NNNØGBW - Texas (eastern) (ETX)
NNNØGAK - Not issued	NNNØGBX - Texas (western) (WTX)
NNNØGAL - Florida (FL)	NNNØGBY - Texas (southern) (STX)
NNNØGAM - Georgia (GA)	NNNØGBZ - Utah (UT)
NNNØGAN - Hawaii (HI)	NNNØGCA - Australia
NNNØGAO - Idaho/Montana (ID/MT)	NNNØGCB - Virginia (VA)
NNNØGAP - Illinois (IL)	NNNØGCC - Washington (WA)
NNNØGAQ - Indiana (IN)	NNNØGCD - West Virginia (WV)
NNNØGAR - Iowa (IA)	NNNØGCE - Wisconsin (WI)
NNNØGAS - Not issued	NNNØGCF - Not issued
NNNØGAT - Kentucky (KY)	NNNØGCG - Cuba (CU)
NNNØGAU - Louisiana (LA)	NNNØGCH - Not issued
NNNØGAV - Maine/New Hampshire/Vermont (NNE)	NNNØGCI - Philippines (RP)
NNNØGAW - Maryland/DC (MD/DC)	NNNØGCJ - Japan (JA)
NNNØGAX - Massachusetts/Rhode Island/ Connecticut (SNE)	NNNØGCK - Not issued
NNNØGAY - Michigan (MI)	NNNØGCL - Not issued
NNNØGAZ - Minnesota (MN)	NNNØGCM - Guam (GU)
NNNØGBA - Mississippi (MS)	NNNØGCN - Diego Garcia (DG)
NNNØGBB - Missouri (MO)	NNNØGCO - Okinawa (OA)
NNNØGBC - Not issued	NNNØGCP - Pennsylvania (PA)
NNNØGBD - Nebraska/Kansas (NE/KS)	NNNØGCQ - Not issued
NNNØGBE - Nevada (NV)	NNNØGCR - Puerto Rico (PR)
NNNØGBF - Not issued	NNNØGCS - Not issued
NNNØGBG - New Jersey/Delaware (NJ/DE)	NNNØGCT - Not issued
	NNNØGCU - Not issued

NNNØGBH - Not issued	NNNØGCV - Not issued
NNNØGBI - New Mexico (NM)	NNNØGCW - Not issued
NNNØGBJ - New York (northern) (NNY)	NNNØGCX - Not issued
NNNØGBK - New York (southern) (SNY)	NNNØGCY - Iceland
NNNØGBL - North Carolina (NC)	NNNØGCZ - Canal Zone (Panama) (CZ)
NNNØGBM - Not issued	

K320. ASSIGNMENT OF REGIONS TO AREAS

Regions are assigned to areas as follows:

- a. Northeast Area: Regions 1, 2, and 3
- b. Central Area: Regions 4 and 5
- c. South Area: Regions 6 and 7
- d. Pacific Area: Regions 8, 9 and 10

K330. SPECIALTY NETWORK COORDINATOR CALL SIGNS

The following administrative call signs are assigned to specialty network coordinators:

NNNØPPA: Antarctica Specialty Network Coordinator
NNNØPPB: International Digital Network Coordinator
NNNØPPC: National Digital Network Coordinator
NNNØPPE: Afloat and Overseas Operations Network Coordinator
NNNØPPG: Slow Scan Television (SSTV) Specialty Network Coordinator

K400. NAVMARCORMARS STAFF DESIGNATORS (CALLSIGN SUFFIX EXTENSIONS)

K410. GENERAL INFORMATION

Assistants to region directors, state directors and expanded staffs for certain assistants to Chief, MARS, and specialty network coordinators will be assigned administrative call signs for use when conducting official business pertaining to their respective appointments. These identifiers are labels and do not necessarily establish that any one position is senior in authority to a subsequent position. (The exception: the ONE position may act instead of the area, region or state director or specialty network coordinator). These call signs will be formed using the basic administrative call followed by a suffix number from the list in paragraph 223.

K420. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- a. Other permanent assistants, as necessary, may be assigned with suffix numbers TWO ZERO through TWO NINE with the concurrence of Chief, MARS.
- b. Directors may authorize assignment of temporary area, region or state assistants, as necessary, using the suffix numbers THREE ZERO through THREE NINE during emergencies. Directors will inform Chief, MARS by priority message of such assignments and circumstances under which they were made.

Concurrently, this information should be promulgated area-, region- or state-wide (as appropriate) to expedite recognition and traffic routing associated with such assignments.

K500. HEADQUARTERS RADIO STATION CALL SIGNS

K510. NAVMARCORMARS HEADQUARTERS STATION

NAV: Headquarters, Navy-Marine Corps MARS Radio Station
Cheatham Annex Bldg 117
108 Sanda Ave
Williamsburg VA 23185-5830

K520. AREA HEADQUARTERS STATIONS

NAV ONE: NAVMARCORMARS NORTHEAST GROTON CT
Headquarters Radio Station (NAV ONE)
P. O. Box 161 Naval Submarine Base
Groton, Connecticut 06349-5161

NAV THREE: NAVMARCORMARS SOUTH CORPUS CHRISTI TX
Headquarters Radio Station (NAV THREE)
9035 Ocean Drive Suite 3A
Corpus Christi TX 78419-5234

NAV FOUR: NAVMARCORMARS CENTRAL GREAT LAKES IL
Headquarters Radio Station (NAV FOUR)
615 Preble Ave
Great Lakes IL 60088-5705

NAV FIVE: NAVMARCORMARS PACIFIC SAN DIEGO CA
Headquarters Radio Station (NAV FIVE)
937 North Harbor Drive
San Diego CA 92132-5100

K600. COLLECTIVE CALL SIGNS

K610. AUTHORIZED USERS OF COLLECTIVE CALL SIGNS

The use of Collective Call Signs is limited to those who are administratively senior to, or equivalent to, the group(s) addressed, i.e. Chief, MARS (or Chief, MARS staff) to address "All MARS directors"; or state director, VA (or staff) or higher authority, to address "All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Radio Stations, Virginia".

K620. AUTHORIZED COLLECTIVE CALL SIGNS

The following Collective Call Signs are authorized:

NNNØAFL: All members and staff of the Afloat and Overseas Operations
Specialty Network

NNNØALA: All Assistants to Navy-Marine Corps MARS Directors

NNNØALB: All Special Assistants to Chief NAVMARCORMARS and all
NAVMARCORMARS Specialty Network Coordinators

NNNØALC: All Navy-Marine Corps MARS State directors
NNNØALD: All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Area Directors
NNNØALE: All Stations this Navy-Marine Corps MARS Emergency Net
NNNØALL: All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Radio Stations
NNNØALL AIR FORCE: All Air Force MARS Stations
NNNØALL ARMY: All Army MARS Stations
NNNØALL IDN: All staff and message switches in the IDN
NNNØALL NDN: All staff and message switches in the NDN
NNNØALL ICE: All staff and stations in the Antarctica Specialty Network
NNNØALL SSTV: All staff and stations in the SSTV Specialty Network
NNNØALM: All U.S. Marine Corps Military Unit Radio Stations
NNNØALN: All U.S. Navy Military Unit MARS Radio Stations
NNNØALR: All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Region Directors
NNNØALS: All Stations this Net
NNNØALX: All U.S. Marine Corps Military Auxiliary MARS Radio Stations
NNNØALY: All U.S. Navy Military Auxiliary MARS Radio Stations
NNNØMDS: All members (SYSOPS) in the MARS Data System (MDS) and all MDS
staff members

K621. COLLECTIVE CALL SIGN LIMITATIONS AND MODIFIERS

a. The size of a predetermined group identified by a collective call sign may be limited by the use of a region, state or specialty network designator.

b. Examples:

NNNØALL NORTHEAST All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Radio Stations Northeast
Area
NNNØALL CENTRAL All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Radio Stations Central Area
NNNØALL SOUTH All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Radio Stations South Area
NNNØALL PACIFIC All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Radio Stations Pacific Area
NNNØALL REGION ONE All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Radio Stations Region One
NNNØALC REGION THREE All Navy-Marine Corps MARS State Directors Region
Three

NNNØALL FLORIDA All Navy-Marine Corps MARS Radio Stations in Florida

NNNØALM OKINAWA All U.S. Marine Corps Military Unit MARS Radio Stations
on Okinawa

c. The use of a number suffix with Collective Call Signs is not authorized. Area, Region and State assistants to Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS and specialty network assistants will be addressed individually.

K700. RADIO STATION LOCATION IDENTIFIERS

a. When using station call signs as address designators in a record message, the station location will be included as part of the address by inserting the state or country abbreviation, as shown in Chapter 6, following the call sign(s).

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R 251235Z AUG 94
FM NNNØGAQ IN
TO NNNØASG IL
INFO NNNØASA MD/DC
NNNØPPE ONE IA
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b. Individual member call signs and locations of region director or state director staff assistants may not be well known. Message routing and delivery may be expedited by appending the personal call sign to the administrative call sign, separated by a slant sign and followed by the state abbreviation.

Example:

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NNNØASE FIFTEEN/NNNØOIY NCA
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c. MARS areas and states are not necessarily synonymous. For example, Texas is divided into South Texas (STX), East Texas (ETX) and New Mexico/West Texas (NM/WTX) areas. California is divided into SCA and NCA for Southern and Northern California, respectively. Conversely some states are combined. For example, South and North Dakota comprise the SD/ND area. Stations in combined areas should use the combined area abbreviation regardless of the state in which they live.

K800. PLAIN LANGUAGE ADDRESS DESIGNATOR (PLAD)

a. PLAD's generally are not used in everyday MARS operations, but they are the established way of identifying addressees in a standard military message. It is, therefore, essential that MARS members have some guidance and training in their use in order to be able to support the basic mission of the MARS program.

b. The PLAD's listed below are the only designators authorized for use in message addressing by Navy-Marine Corps MARS. Deviations from the PLAD in spelling, spacing or formatting cannot be tolerated by automated equipment in the Naval Telecommunications System. Therefore, changes or deviations are not authorized. The use of PLAD's as addresses in messages is limited to Chief MARS, directors, state directors, and their assistants. PLAD's and call signs in message headings shall not be mixed.

c. Activity PLAD's are listed below in conjunction with their official mailing address. The entire PLAD, including city and state, must appear on one line, in capital letters, as shown:

CHNAVMARCORMARS WILLIAMSBURG VA
Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS
HQ Navy-Marine Corps MARS
Williamsburg VA 23185-5830

DIRNAVMARCORMARS NORTHEAST GROTON CT
Director, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, Northeast Area
P. O. Box 161, Naval Submarine Base
Groton, CT 06349-5161

DIRNAVMARCORMARS SOUTH CORPUS CHRISTI TX
Director, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, South Area
9035 Ocean Drive Suite 3A
Corpus Christi, TX 78419-5234

DIRNAVMARCORMARS CENTRAL GREAT LAKES IL
Director, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, Central Area
615 Preble Ave
Great Lakes, IL 60088-5705

DIRNAVMARCORMARS PACIFIC SAN DIEGO CA
Director, Navy-Marine Corps MARS, Pacific Area
937 North Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92132-5100

ALNAVMARCORMARSTADIR
All NAVMARCORMARS State Directors

ALNAVMARCORMARSREGDIR
All NAVMARCORMARS Region Directors

ALNAVMARCORMARSARDIR
All NAVMARCORMARS Area Directors

ALNAVMARCORMARS
All NAVMARCORMARS Radio Stations

d. The size of a predetermined group identified by a collective PLAD may be limited by the addition of a geographical region or area.

Examples:

ALNAVMARCORMARS PACIFIC

ALNAVMARCORMARS REGION THREE

ALNAVMARCORMARS NORTH CAROLINA

ALNAVMARCORMARSTADIR REGION FIVE