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All CFARS/MARS

JOINT CFARS/MARS DIGITAL INTEROPERABILITY DIRECTIVE

References: A. MARS CAMO 6-19
B. CFARS Genlist 6-10
C. DIMTPS 5-3 e-mail May 12 2010

BACKGROUND:

1. The CFARS and Army MARS networks have been conducting interoperability trials at various times during the past two years. These trials were conducted using various digital modes that included MT63 and Pactor. The success of these joint trials provided the impetus for CFARS management to request authority to open up the operations to include all MARS/CFARS without restrictions. The recent release to the Amateur community of the "WINMOR" application has provided a cost effective communications capability that provides ARQ operations similar to Pactor. This capability has been in use with the MARS network for some time and has proven effective for the transfer of e-mail traffic throughout the world. The CFARS network now boasts 4 RMS stations with this capability.
2. Effective immediately all MARS and CFARS RMS sites are authorized to provide mutual support on all MARS and CFARS RMS designated frequencies. Non digital communications (SSB) will continue to be coordinated by the Regional Directors on a case by case basis.

3. This directive is subject to change at any time as directed by DND, due to requirements of the military for frequency allocations and security. It also requires renewal annually.

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