

# "DRUMLINS RUMBLINS" - SEPTEMBER 2023

WE'RE meeting at the **WAYNE COUNTY SECOND FLOOR EOC ROOM**  
Wayne County Public Services Building 7227 Rte 31 Lyons NY 14489

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH MEETING START 7:30PM**

REMEMBER: The front door and the EMO entrance will be unlocked from 6:30-7:30pm.  
So arrive in this time period for an easy entry.



(#876??????? READ FURTHER!)



\*\*\*\*\*YOU HAVE A **LITTLE LEEWAY** TO GET IN UNTIL **7:55PM!**



Remember to bring cash for the 50/50 and Tris's home baked **scones** and or goodies!



Popcorn will be available for this meeting again! **You don't know what you are missing.**



**DON'T FORGET YOUR "DOGGY BAG" to take some home !!!!** My XYL is happy as can be when I come home after a meeting. She warms up her scone for 5-8 seconds in the microwave. Yummmmmmm!, it is like it is right out of the oven. (**KA1CNF**, YOU BETTER REMEMBER!!!!)



Here is a **sneak preview** of what you missed in August if you missed the picnic. Tris, KC2TNJ's XYL, out did herself for the treats! Just look at this scone!!! Now I will not guarantee our DARC meeting scones will be the same, but it sure shows what you are missing at our meetings. Her scones for us "old" people are sugar free too.

## **PRESIDENT'S KORNER**



Well, it is hard to believe the unofficial summer and climatic fall have started! But, I've seen a few of those leaves just changing in a few trees. And, the grandkids are back in school. Whew! Not me, thankfully. Hi hi. The XYL is not happy at all. She only got to swim five times before this hot hot week as school started. She is peeved! She'd like to swim but no invitations from the farm or Fairport as the grandkids need to get back into a school schedule.



Notice the XYL is giving me the big "evil" stare job! She knows I like the cooler weather. Hi hi. I got to swim three times. **Fall officially come this Saturday at 2:50AM!**



Back to club business.

**My apologies** to Sabrina and Jay, WD2STK and KC2TCM respectively, as I made a mistake in the FD2023 article in the newsletter. It seems the food for the event was all done by Sabrina and Jay and not Dad, KC2TNJ! Rich was kind to email me of my misinformation. TNX, Rich, and I am glad Sabrina and Jay gave Dad a break, a well deserved break my the way. (I am thankful for Rich as club VP as I have the gab but he keeps me straight with his super organization. I am too right brained. Yes, I do have a brain.)

The summer has been busy and even though the grandkids are back in school, this has been a busy September. Of course it was Palmyra Canal Town Days this weekend, so the editor part of me is behind in the September newsletter.



Doc, AB2F, this picture is just for you and DARC members who have seen our two oldest granddaughters, Willow and Maryn, their first day of school in Wheatland-Chili when they were a lot younger. This is their junior year and 7<sup>th</sup> grade year, respectively. There were quite a few preschool years these two young ladies were at our August picnics. And **speaking of picnics**:



OUR **DARC PICNIC** WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! According to Rich, KC2TNJ, we had a count of 22 DARC members and guests this year and you could not have asked for a better weather day from “mother nature.” The food



and the goodies?



Just look at the snack table alone! That was where Tris had her special picnic scones. Oh yes, I put a couple more in my rollator bag under the seat for future “inspection” (and devouring).



Thank heavens the picnic draws out some DARC members LIKE **Don, N2CMA**, sitting with AL, K2MPE and Doc, AB2F. Oh, I harassed Don a little about just coming out for the picnics. Hi hi. Don was my novice-tech class teacher in 1990. Don did admit he is a little lazy about getting out meetings. But it was good to see you, Don, regardless.

Al, KEMPE, and his XYL, Brenda, bring out family members each year and it is nice to see the “harmonics” of the family each year. Now, it is, also, to see members for the picnic that are members but also busier than fruitcakes, that do DARC members know they are members of our club too. How about Tom, KB2NCI, who is President of our SIARC neighbor, ARES or RACES big whig (Sorry, Tom, I get you confused with Steve, WB2VMR, of whom goes with what? Hi hi. Part of that right brain malfunctioning. Where is KC2TNJ when you did him? Hi hi.), and “chief bottle washer” of whatever I



have missed. Hi hi. Nice to see the XYL, Debbie the better half, could come as well. Nice to see the head cook relaxing ahead of time too.

**Better half!** Oh I better get my own better half, Jan, in here too. She like the food and the camaraderie but this is the real reason she comes to our picnic !!!



**Doc, AB2F**, of course. Hi hi. That is okay with me. We both love Doc. (88s from Jan, Doc, by the way.)



Doug, KD2LGE (just at the very right in the picture), of SIARC was kind to attend with his XYL, too. The food was “a plenty,” as they say. We do an awful lot with our SIARC friend thru the year, so I was happy to see some SIARC members attend with our invitation. I had a nice gab session with DARC member Eric, W2EEH, and he said he would bring hid XYL next year. I think we had quite a few more XYLS and other family members attending this August picnic.



As I always say, **you don't know what you are missing with our picnic!** So watch the DARC website calendar, KC2TNJ's flier and look in the “Drumlins Rumblys” in 2024 for next year's DARC picnic!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

(If I ever get all the DARC event pictures to Harold, W2HJC, he can put all on our website as they are picture from other members taken, also. I got a SD card, Harold. Time now just to get it all downloaded for you. Hi hi.)



\*\*\*\*\***SEPTEMBER NOTICE FOR**

**OCTOBER DARC ELECTIONS! \*\*\*\*\* ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF ORDER OF OUR DRUMLINS CHARTER OR WHATEVER THE “THING” IS CALLED. HI HI. “DODO DAVE” HERE IS ASKING FOR SOMEONE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO SEND ME THE LIST OF OFFICERS AND LENGTH OF THEIR TERMS TO EDUCATE ME.**

Yea, I'm no KC2TNJ, remember. You gotta work with whom you got. Sorry. Hi hi. I will state at this time, I will be on the ballot for President once again. Of course nominations are open for volunteers for all the club positions that are due to expire. Everyone has plenty of time for nominations, so don't be rushed. Hi hi. I'm pulling all your legs of course. The rules do say, elections have to be announced a month ahead and expired position(s) open to all nominations. All the legal stuff is done. Additional nominations are open at the October meeting on the ballot, too.



, done! (Email me BOD info!)



## CONGRATULATIONS TO SIARC's 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Yes! On Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, our SIARC friends celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their club at President Tom's, KB2NCI, QTH. We congratulate the SIARC membership on such an achievement! Tom was gracious to have his QTH's garage open for HF positions to operate for the day and XYL Debbie opened their QTH for a celebratory dinner and cake. SIARC had the main meal and drinks covered and members came with the added accoutrements for a nice picnic. The weather looked like rain which Tom had foreseen, so everything was undercover but the antennas.





All these “ops” should be familiar faces. Hi hi. How many of us DARC members are also SIARC members? No joke here! It is one of many reasons the clubs have helped each other out. That is what a friend does.



Here Jay having some help setting up his dipole antenna he got at Dayton. He brought along the FT818 Yaesu to connect it too, that was brought there. Looks familiar you say? Yep, he used it at FD2023, too. QRP is challenging and SSB QRP is even more of a challenge. But, it is fun. I have to give KC2TCM credit as I know well as I have been a QRPARCI member since 1993. (QRP Amateur Radio Club International.)



**HW-8, It works the world on a couple of watts!** QRP SSB is tops 10 watts. I believe the FT 818 is 5-7 watts. But, Jay, you get big thumbs up from this guy. Jay, check out the QRPARCI site. It may interest you. QRP CW by the way is 5 watts tops for you QRO ops. There is lots of stuff out there to improve one's QRP adventure.

Tom, also, had his Yaesu FT890 set up and his HF antenna as well before I arrived in his garage. Here is the crew trying to get contacts. Oh, the QSOs were not earth shattering by any means but don't we just have fun trying? You bet.



**Kudos** to Debbie and Tom for furnishing their QTH for SIARC's anniversary celebration. Debbie, QTH is your home. Hi hi. My XYL, I know, doesn't know the meaning either. (But give Tom credit if he has.)

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**RACES-ARES SEPTEMBER 2023**



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Our **SEPTEMBER PROGRAM** will be done by **George Bastedo**, Wayne County EMO Director.

All amateurs listed in Wayne County were mailed a letter and a return card from George regarding the **total solar eclipse** in 2024.

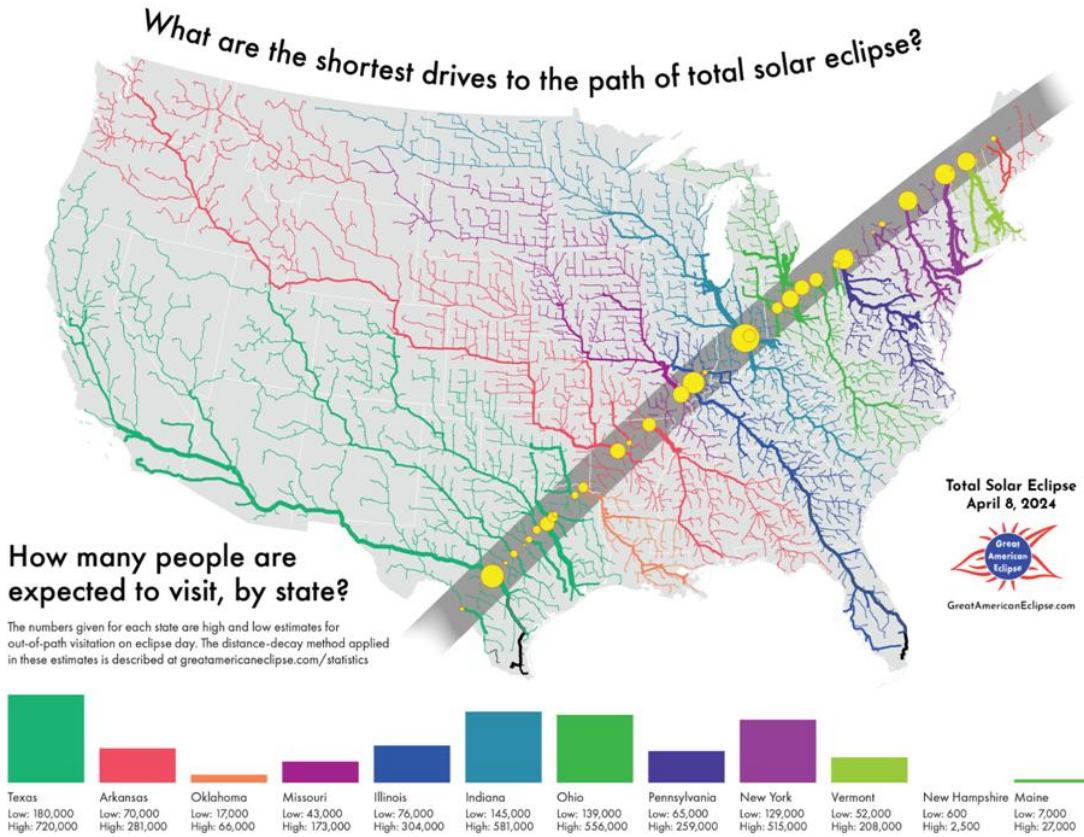
According to an email from George, that total is over 280 "hams." Yes! That is accurate! George is asking these Wayne County "hams" to help with eclipse's aftermath especially with vehicle traffic on all the highways and roads after the eclipse is over. You'd think we could have more "hams" interested in DARC with that many, right? It is not we haven't tried several years ago when we mailed out a response card when KD2DNO was President. That is a story for another time.

George was kind to get the "hams" listed from QRZ from the over 400 to the 280 plus. I know my brother N2MLD is still listed on QRZ. So I warned George there were many SKs and some I knew were no longer Wayne County-ers. We thank George for all the work. I am sure Abby was recruited by George for help in this endeavor, Abby, thank you, too.

**George's** letter gave some information about this total eclipse but his **program will go into more detail and what he is asking of us "hams."** We'll do the program timing as we did John O'Toole's program before the Ginna exercise. We'll have George go first and we'll conduct our business part after. It would be appreciated we get our goodies and drink ahead before George starts. It will be a long day for George.

**Please make a good effort to attend.**





**DON'T COME TO THE MEETING AT A SNAIL'S PACE!**

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**EMAIL GINNA RESULTS:** (STATE GRADED DRILL WAS AUGUST 1 TUESDAY)

Good afternoon everyone,

On behalf of Wayne County Emergency Management, I would like to thank you all for participating in the Ginna NYS State evaluated drill this year. The drill was successful, demonstrating our ability to protect the public whether it be a nuclear power plant accident or any other major incident that might affect the county.

We would not be successful without your help and support. Thanks again for being involved. If you have any suggestions on how to make things better, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Best regards,

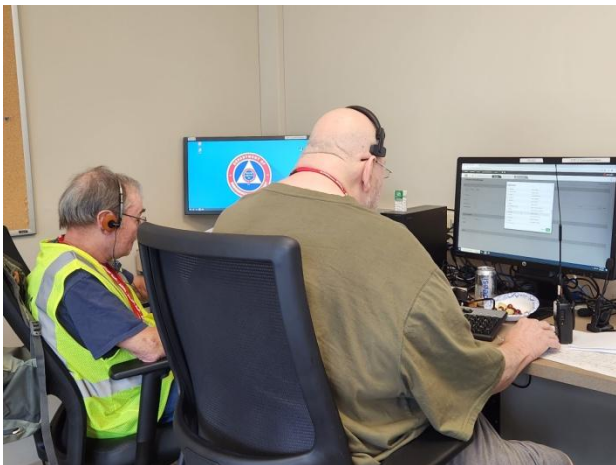
George Bastedo, CEM

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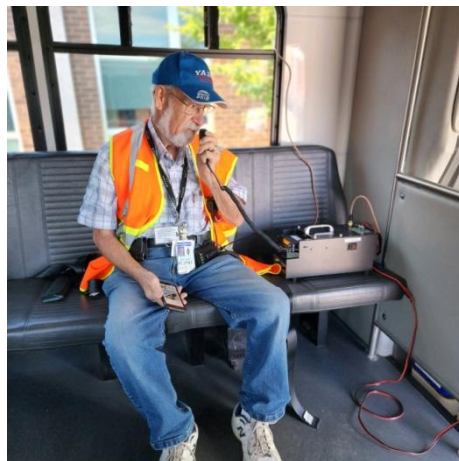
Thanks, George, for the email. I would like to thank **KC2TNJ**, Rich; **N2MKT**, Jeff; **KD2DNO**, Bill and **KB2FSB**, Lloyd, for their help with this year's State graded Ginna drill. The new 2m suction cup antennas with their better signal gain were a great success. Once again we thank N2MKT, Jeff, for his innovations to get a better signal transmitted in the fringe areas. All of the exercise was done on site which naturally was a lot easier for the van screws with KC2TNJ and N2MKT. KD2DNO and KB2FSB worked the RACES 1 Dose position while I worked the HF Army MARS position for a digital message to the NYS RACES in Albany. I monitored the goings on with the shack 2m FT8800. All involved we kept personal comms with each other on the 446.0 simplex frequency if needed.

It has been determined the RACES 1 Dose position need a better more compatible headset/mic setup for the Yaseu rigs. In addition a better helper op listening headset needs to be purchased, too. We are looking into a good Heil setup for both needs.

2024, there will be a FEMA graded exercise as well as a State graded exercise before the feds' grading. With George's program on the eclipse this 2024 and the two Ginna exercises, RACES is needed and your time and expertise is welcomed!



RACES 1

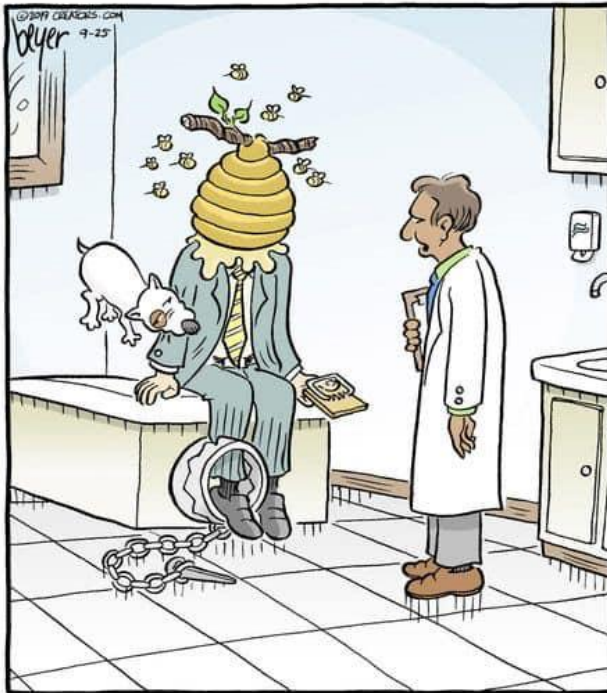


Dose van



2m antenna





*"Your insurance just called. They don't cover  
'having a bad day.'"*

Hope your day is better. This poor guy, holy crow.

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**WARECS NETS: UNTIL NOTED BY EMAIL AND IN THE NEWSLETTER, ALL NETS WILL BE ON THE WA2AAZ REPEATER ON 146.745.** (With fall and the leaves dropping, hopefully, the nets from my QTH will allow "mother nature" will be allowed. TNX for your patience. 73, Dave KB2KBY

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### **KB2NCI and the SIARC "HEALTH and WELFARE NET"**

Tom, KB2NCI, is still doing the "health and welfare" nets on weekday nights at 8:00pm on the 146.820 repeater.





**STILL GOING STRONG!!!. Kudos, Tom!** Get acquainted with some of our SIARC friends and the surrounding counties. As of **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**, it was net # 876. **Thank you, Tom, for being so patient and sacrificing your time.**

Tom's SIARC health and welfare net is open to all hams that can hit the 146.820 repeater (tone 110.9), either mobile or from your QTH. Just listen to Tom's or the NCS's instructions always given first as the net starts like we all know as hams and used to a SOP. So listen for the SOP at the beginning of the net. Only the third Wednesday of the month, the SIARC meeting night, is there no net. (I try to check in once or twice a week.)

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## The Radio Amateur's Code

### The Radio Amateur is

**CONSIDERATE**...He/[She] never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

**LOYAL**...He/[She] offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the IARU Radio Society in his/[her] country, through which Amateur Radio in his/[her] country is represented nationally and internationally.

**PROGRESSIVE**...He/[She] keeps his/[her] station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. His/[Her] operating practice is above reproach.

**FRIENDLY**...He/[She] operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to beginners; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

**BALANCED**...Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

**PATRIOTIC**...His/[Her] station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

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The first McDonald's drive-through was built in 1975 in Sierra Vista, Arizona, near a military installation called Fort Huachuca to serve military members who were not allowed to exit their vehicles off-post while wearing combat uniform.

Wished I could have worn my fatigues off post in 1964-68! **I did wear fatigues off post once.** That was my last work day at NSA before my discharge on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1968, 55 years ago. My Iris McConnell, who you know from my program presentations, accepted my invitation off post in Laurel MD for a pizza out at lunch. Iris was very gracious and I was a proud soldier, almost civilian, she agreed. I have reminded her in my letters of that day each year and one of the reasons she has been and still is part of my life. **Iris will be 93 this September 28<sup>th</sup>!!!!** If you could send some **"good signals"** her way for her birthday, it would be appreciated. On Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 3:10PM, I got a text from Iris: *"Good morning Dave and Jan....It's Monday morning and I am watching the new "View" in my night clothes....Just letting you guys know that I am okay and not feeling too sad...."* She has good days and poor days, she told me when I visited this past Memorial Day weekend Saturday. That is okay, I said. Hey, you're 92. Please, send "good signals" to this beautiful lady September 28<sup>th</sup>!



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## ARRL Files Comments Against "Seriously Flawed" Shortwave Rules Petition

ARRL, as part of its mission to protect Amateur Radio, has filed [comments against a proposal](#) that would introduce high-power digital communications to the shortwave spectrum that in many instances is immediately adjacent to the Amateur HF bands.

The "Shortwave Modernization Coalition" (SMC), which represents certain high-frequency stock trading interests, filed [the petition](#) with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). **(Previous coverage can be found on [ARRL News](#).)** ARRL responded on behalf of its members and the 760,000 licensees of the Amateur Radio Service in the US.

The ARRL Laboratory performed a detailed technical analysis over several months to determine if the proposed rules would affect operations on the bands allocated to Radio Amateurs that are inter-mixed with the Part 90 bands in the spectrum in question.

ARRL's analysis determined that, if the proposed rules are adopted, the new operations inevitably will cause significant harmful interference to many users of adjacent and nearby spectrum, including Amateur Radio licensees. Ed Hare, W1RFI, a 37-year veteran of the ARRL Lab and internationally recognized expert on radio frequency interference, was the principal investigator on the study. Hare concluded the petition should not be granted. "This petition seeks to put 50 kHz wide, 20,000-watt signals immediately next to seven different amateur bands with weaker protections against interference than required in



other services," said Hare.

In its formal opposition, ARRL stated, "That destructive interference would result if operations commenced using anything close to the proposed maximum levels."

ARRL's filed comments highlight flawed analysis and incomplete data submitted by the petitioners. It noted the petitioners "...significantly understate the harmful interference that is not just likely, but certain, if the rules proposed by SMC are adopted as proposed. It is noteworthy that SMC's proposed rules would provide less protection than the much-lower power amateur radio transmitters are required to provide Part 90 receivers." ARRL's opposition also noted that there was no reported tests conducted with Amateur or other affected stations, but referenced a spectrum capture in the Comments filed with the Dayton Group that showed actual interference into the Amateur 20-meter band from one of the High Frequency Trading experimental stations.

Part 90 HF rules currently authorize a maximum signal bandwidth equal to a voice communications channel, at up to 1000 W peak envelope power (PEP). The petition seeks multiplication of signal width, greater transmitted power, and weaker rules that protect users of adjacent spectrum. ARRL's comments expose the likely fallout:

"Incredibly, notwithstanding the significant increase in potential interference that would result from using digital schemes with 50 kHz bandwidths and 20,000 watts of power, SMC also proposes to substantially lessen the protections required to protect adjacent and neighboring licensees. SMC proposes [out-of-band emissions] limits that offer less protection than the existing Part 90 limits and would actually permit no attenuation (0 dB) at the edge of adjacent allocations, many of which are bands allocated to and heavily used in the Amateur Radio Service. Consistent with lessening protections while increasing the potential for harmful interference, SMC also proposes a lower limit for spurious emissions. SMC would reduce the existing protection of -73 dB for the applicable 1000-watt power limit to just -50 dB protection for their proposed 20,000-watt limit. Due to the much wider 50 kHz proposed bandwidth, the resulting interference would penetrate deep into the adjacent Amateur bands."

The proposal has been assigned FCC Docket No. RM-11953. While the period for commenting on the petition has now closed, replies to comments in the record may now be submitted.

Hundreds of licensed Radio Amateurs filed comments in the Docket, expressing overwhelming opposition to the proposal. Those interested may read ARRL's full comments and the results of the technical analysis, which are included in the filing. "If granted as written, this would be devastating to Amateur operation for many tens of kHz into our bands," said Hare.

ARRL will continue to advocate for its members and the Amateur Radio Service in this proceeding.

Read ARRL's Opposition and the ARRL Lab's technical analysis [here](#).







## DOD Won't Stop Looking Until All POW/MIAs Are Home

Sept. 15, 2023 | By [C. Todd Lopez](#) , DOD News |

Nearly 81,000 American service members remain missing after having served in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and other conflicts involving the U.S.

During an event at the Pentagon to commemorate **National POW/MIA Recognition Day**, Deputy Defense Secretary Kathleen Hicks today reassured the families of service members who never returned home that the Defense Department would never stop looking for them.

"We know that enduring the grief and uncertainty throughout the years is difficult," Hicks said. "Please know that your missing family members are not forgotten. The [Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency](#) works tirelessly to find answers for you, year in and year out. And, each year, we gather on this National POW/MIA Recognition Day to assure you that we remember them and that we will not give up on our mission to account for them."



[Spotlight: National POW/MIA Recognition Day](#)

According to DPAA, in fiscal year 2023, the agency recovered the remains of 127 service members: 88 from World War II, 35 from Korea, and four from Vietnam.

Among those accounted for this year, Hicks said, is Army Air Corps 2nd Lt. Fred L. Brewer — a member of the Tuskegee Airmen. Hicks' cousin was in attendance at the event.

"More than seven decades ago, Brewer departed Ramitelli Air Base in Italy to support bombers to their targets in Germany," Hicks said. "On the way, his bomber group encountered heavy clouds. Lt. Brewer attempted a steep rise above them, but his engine stalled causing his plane to crash."

Until last month, Hicks said, Brewer had been one of 26 Tuskegee Airmen whose whereabouts were unknown. Now that he has been recovered, she said, a rosette will be placed next to his name at the Florence American Cemetery in Italy to indicate that he has been accounted for.

The DPAA can't do its work alone, Hicks said. Today, DPAA cooperates with 45 nations to locate missing service members around the world. In April 2021, one of those partners, South Korea, uncovered remains from a battle fought in 1951.

"The remains were carefully exhumed and sent to a lab for testing," she said. "The following October, the ministry turned over those remains to DPAA. After DPAA sent the remains to its own lab for analysis, it was able to identify U.S. Army Sgt. Stanley Turba. Soon, his daughter, Sandra, will welcome him home — more than 72 years after he went missing in the Korean War."

Right now, more than 1,200 service members are still missing from the Vietnam War, and Hicks said Vietnam has also been a good partner in helping recover remains.

"During the height of COVID-19, when restrictions prevented our DPAA team from traveling to Vietnam, [Vietnamese] teams — trained by DPAA — traveled to multiple sites looking for the remains of American personnel," Hicks said.

In March 2021, she said, a team from Vietnam visited the crash site of a U.S. F-4 aircraft, and they recovered the remains of Air Force Col. Ernest DeSoto and Air Force Capt. Frederick Hall.

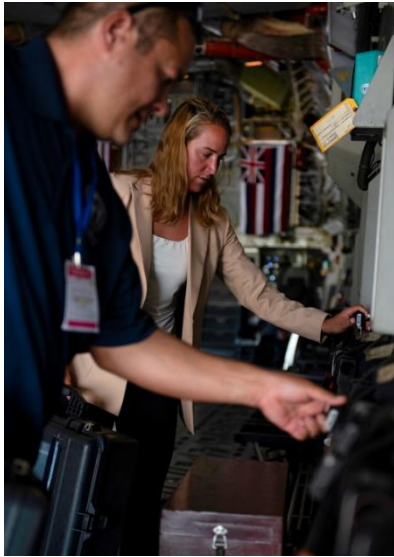
"Col. DeSoto was given a dignified burial in June, and Capt. Hall will finally be laid to rest next month, on October 10," she said. "These are several of the many stories of those recovered and returned to their families — stories of sacrifice, hope and resolve. For you families of the missing, please know your strength motivates us each day as we do this work and follow through on our solemn and unwavering commitment to achieve the fullest accounting possible of our missing personnel."

Retired Air Force Col. Michael Brazelton, a pilot and four-time Silver Star recipient, was held as a prisoner of war in Vietnam for nearly seven years. He was captured after being shot down on August 7, 1966, and was finally released on March 4, 1973.

Brazelton said that while the parents of those who have gone missing from the United States' wars have mostly passed on, most have other family members who still feel the pain of their loss.

"Their brothers and sisters are my age, in their 70s and 80s," he said. "Their children are in their 50s and 60s. But, still, at the very least, they want to know what happened to their loved ones. I cannot think of a more noble mission to determine what happened to our missing compatriots than to bring the remains home, if possible, or to provide information on when, where, and how unrecoverable friends met their fate."

**AUGUST 9, 2023- VIETNAM MIA RECOVERY:**







NEVER FORGET AS AMERICANS EITHER

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Also, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1945, my Army Security Agency was created with the end of WW2 and the beginning of the Cold War. So, happy birthday ASA! Unfortunately, on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1976, the ASA was officially disbanded as a separate unit and was declared part of Military Intelligence (MI).



The United States Army Security Agency (ASA) was, from 1945 through 1976, the United States Army's **electronic intelligence branch**. Its motto was "Vigilant Always." The Agency was the successor to a number of Army signals intelligence operations dating back to World War I. As well as intelligence gathering, it also had responsibility for the security of Army communications and for electronic countermeasures operations. In 1976, the USASA was merged with the US Army Military Intelligence component in a process which formed the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command (INSCOM).

Composed primarily of soldiers with the very highest scores on Army intelligence tests, the ASA was tasked with monitoring and interpreting military communications of the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China, and their allies and client states around the world. ASA was directly subordinate to the National Security Agency and all field stations had NSA tech reps on site.

All gathered information had time-sensitive value depending on its importance and classification. Information was passed through intelligence channels within hours of intercept for the lowest-priority items, but in as little as 10 minutes for the most highly critical information.

ASA personnel were stationed at locations around the globe, wherever the United States had a military presence – publicly acknowledged or otherwise. In some cases such as Eritrea, it was the primary military presence. Although not officially serving under the ASA name, the cover designation being Radio Research, ASA personnel were among the earliest U.S. military advisors in Vietnam. The first ASA combat fatality in Vietnam took place in 1961. This was Specialist James T. Davis for whom Davis Station in Saigon was named. President Lyndon Johnson later termed Davis “the first American to fall in the defense of our freedom in Vietnam”. All ASA personnel processed in Vietnam passed through Davis Station. ASA personnel were attached to Army infantry and armored cavalry units throughout the Vietnam War. Some select teams were also attached to MAC/SOG and Special Force units.

ASA military occupational specialties (MOS's) included linguists (“Monterey Marys”), morse code intercept operators (“Ditty Boppers” or sometimes “Hogs” for their 05H designation), non-Morse (teletype and voice) intercept operators, communications security specialists, direction-finding equipment operators (“Duffy’s” for their 05D designation), cryptographers (crippies), communications traffic analysts, and electronic maintenance technicians; and a 42 man Special Operations Detachment to conduct clandestine combat operations among others. ASA had its own separate training facilities, MP corps, communication centers and chain of command.

These occupations, which required top secret clearance, were essential to U.S. Cold War efforts. ASA units operated in shifts, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. ASA troops were not allowed to discuss their operations with outsiders – in fact, they could not talk among themselves about their duties unless they were in a secure location. Even today, decades after they served, some of the missions still cannot be discussed. Owing to the sensitivity of the information with which they worked, ASA soldiers were subject to travel restrictions during and long after their time in service. (KB2KBY had a 5 years restriction outside the US for travel, even visiting Canada, without NSA’s permission.) The activities of the U.S. Army Security Agency have only recently been partially declassified ( for me 1975, 1995 and 2005).

In the National Security Agency Headquarters at Ft. Meade, MD resides a marble memorial wall listing over 150 names of members of the Army Security Agency or its comparable Navy or Air Force organizations who lost their lives during the cold war performing duties for the NSA. Freedom does not come “free.”

After that last article, it is time for some fun stuff:





See you next month! Remember articles, pictures and anything of interest to members, please, email me your stuff.