

ALL,

I would like to thank everyone for their dedicated support of the AF MARS program!

1. Regional Restructuring:

After discussions with FEMA and TSA personnel, it was decided to move forward and develop a plan to migrate the AF MARS Regional Structure, in alignment with, the 10 FEMA Regions. We are only now in the preliminary planning stages. A signed migration plan, with time table, will be issued from HQ when ready for implementation.

The only migration or change authorized at this time, is to move Region 8 administratively under Region

6. This is because of the limited membership in Region 8, the pending retirement of Cal Higa, AFF8C and no Region 8 affiliates have stepped forward to accept the responsibilities of the position.

To dispel any rumors, this is not an Army MARS initiative and has nothing to do with Army or Navy-Marine Corps MARS! This an AF MARS initiative based on recommendations received at HQ last year and tabled until the subject was broached at the Dayton Chiefs forum. It was then decided the time to go forward with implementation was upon us.

2. Equipment Program

I have yet to receive authorization from DLA to issue equipment from DRMO, until that authorization is received, issuance of equipment from DRMO is on hold. I recommend to all affiliates, if you have equipment no longer needed/wanted make an effort to keep it within the system by transferring to another affiliate.

The assigned equipment of a deceased, terminated or resigned affiliate member may be transferred to any MARS member who wants it, or turned in to the nearest DRMO, however, ensure the paperwork is completed IAW the MOI.

RMD/SMDs; Prior to reassignment/transfer/destruction or cannibalization of any Government issued equipment, contact HQ for a copy of the Affiliate member's inventory. Destruction and/or cannibalization requires HQ approval in advance! There has been "poor record keeping" in the past with the Tri-Service MARS Equipment Programs, therefore, it is very important you complete the appropriate paperwork and ensure HQ is informed of any/all equipment transactions.

Again thanks to everyone for their support!

Tnx

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