

ALL,
Concur with Chief, Army MARS comments!

I also believe the Navy-Marine Corps MARS program will survive. However, if it is the Navy's decision not to support N-MC MARS, then AF MARS extends the same offer, any N-MC MARS member desiring to continue serving his/her country through the MARS program, is welcome to join us, Air Force or Army MARS!

Tnx

73,

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Subject: Response to N-MC MARS members concerned about possible end of N-MC MARS

TO: Eric Simmons, KB6YNO, and all N-MC MARS Members,

(Please forward to all who would like to know the following:)

Greetings from Chief, Army MARS.

I believe N-MC MARS may survive. I'm doing all I can at the DoD level to help, but it will ultimately be what the Navy wants to support/not support that is important.

I was asked at the Dayton HamVention on Friday if N-MC PMBOs (RMS's) and Members would be able to continue to support America as MARS members if the Navy decides to close down N-MC MARS. My answer to him, you Eric, and all N-MC MARS members is "there will always be a place for you in Army MARS."

Army MARS is charged as DoD lead to provide Civil Support comms in CONUS. Our WinLink system will continue to grow in importance and robustness, and all N-MC RMS's are needed. We'll need to be frequency agile, as the Navy owns the N-MC MARS Frequencies, and may choose to use them for other Navy/Marine Corps missions. In any case, I'll request the DoD to request the Navy release those MARS frequencies to Army MARS so we do not develop Frequency holes in CONUS.

Again, I believe the DoD is working hard to convince the Navy that MARS has a support mission in CONUS, and that N-MC MARS could be a large provider of that support.

You have my commitment as Chief, Army MARS that all active N-MC MARS members who desire to be of continued value to America as a MARS force provider will be welcomed to Army MARS with all rights and privileges due them for time served in N-MC MARS.

73,

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All,

In case you haven't read the latest Chief NMC MARS bulletin, it is here:

<http://www.navymars.org/national/cmb/CMB-2009-05-16-01.TXT>