



2026



Mic & Key



Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club
923 Boston Ave, Nederland, TX

W5SSV

CLUB NET is on Wednesday at 8:00 pm on the Club Repeater 145.470, - offset, pl: 103.5

ARES Net Immediately Follows the Club Net on Determined Frequency

ARES Dist 9 WinLink Digital Check In on First Week of the Month

*****NEXT ARES MEETING: Tuesday, MAY 12, 2026 @ 6:00 pm*****

--- NEXT CLUB MEETING: Tuesday, MAY 12, 2026 @ 7:00 pm---

Mid/South County HAMS meet for Saturday Breakfast at La Fiesta on Nederland Ave near Hwy 366

Orange Area HAMS meet for breakfast on the 3rd Saturday at Denny's, 7112 IH-10 West in Orange



CHECK OUT THE JCARC WEBSITE PAGE:

Be sure and visit the Club's Website @ www.w5ssv.com.

CHECK OUT THE JCARC FACEBOOK PAGE:

Be sure and visit the Club's FaceBook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/990382200983839/>

CHECK OUT THE NEW JCARC YOUTUBE PAGE:

Be sure and visit the Club's YouTube Page at: [W5SSV - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW5SSV)

President	Chuck Vincent, KB5NBJ	kb5nbj@aol.com	409-540-0477
Vice President	Kirk Mahaney, N5WKM	n5wkm06@gmail.com	409-718-5047
Treasurer	Jeff Simmons, KI5NOH	ki5noh@yahoo.com	409-728-0968
Secretary	Steve Gomez, KE5O	ke5o@sbcglobal.net	409-201-4749



Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2026

Minutes:

General Meeting called to order by Kirk, N5WKM @ 7:03pm.
Self Introductions by all present.

A motion was made by Jeff_KI5NOH to accept minutes from March 2026.
The motion was seconded by Glen, N5DGR. The Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rocky, N5MTX to approve treasurer's report from 4/14/2026.
The motion was seconded by Julia, KF5CEM. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Storage room has been cleaned out and is setup for operation as a radio position with built in desk

NEW BUSINESS: Benny Rhodes W5TYZ passed away this morning

KIRK'S NEWS BITS: Latest Elecraft radios donated to W1AW.

FCC warned a ham for operating out of band on public safety frequencies

Claude AI is Ham speak capable.

This Thursday is ARRL Frequency Measurement Test at the little clubhouse..

Tailgate sale and VE testing this Saturday. QCWA lunch at the Schooner follows.

A Spring support your park event will take place later at Walter Umphrey park on Pleasure Island.

Lawrence KB5ZZB will provide his radio trailer.

STEVE'S SHOW & TELL: WWII BC-221 frequency meter discussion.

Program:

Glen N5DGR gave the winning score for the last EME contest for K5N.

Russ said the broadcast transmitters from KOGT are available.

Motion to Adjourn made by Glen, N5DGR and was seconded by Jeff, KI5NOH.

Meeting Adjourned @ 08:10pm by Kirk, N5WKM.

Members Present: 11 online 10

Visitors Present: 0

Signed: Steve Gomez

ARES MEETING DISCUSSION:

- Local ARES/RACES Winlink Training for April. Exercise with the RMS Post Office Mode
- Discussion of IPAWS Test on April 2, 2026.
- Two Public Service Events Next Month:
 1. May 3-4, The Final Tour du Rouge
 2. May 16, Don Allen Wildwood Sports Day
- South Texas ARES HF Net Report and Schedule, ARES District 9 had NCS duties on April 13th.



ARES & RACES INFO 2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

May 03-04	Tour du Rouge
May 09-10	US Islands on the Air – One Day Getaway
May 16	Don Allen Sports Day, Wildwood
June 05	Cops and Kids Picnic, Claiborne Park West 10A-2P
June 27-28	ARRL Field Day
August 08-09	National Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend
August 14-16	International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend
September 07	Port Neches Labor Day 5K Run
October 03	Big Pumpkin 5K Run – Port Arthur
October 16-18	BSA Jamboree on the Air
October 16-18	Fall Support Your Parks On The Air
October 24	Sabine Lighthouse Hayride
November 14	Sabine Lighthouse Run – Holly Beach
November 26	Turkey Trot 10K Run - Beaumont
December 04-05	SkyWarn Recognition Day 6:00pm-6:00pm (12-6 00:00-24:00UTC)
December 08	HAM Christmas Party

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR JEFFERSON COUNTY ARES WEBSITE AT:

www.jctxares.org

ARES Digital Nets on or about 1st of the Month

District 9 ARES send Winlink email to Kirk Mahaney, N5WKM

WinLink Weekly Net on Wednesdays until conclusion of Jefferson Co ARES Voice Net to tactical call sign: JCTXARES

Give info of what Winlink mode you are using and call sign of node used.

TX ARES Winlink Net to TXARES-HF & AA5AF by Radio RF Only on Mondays until 7:30pm

Info requested: Name, Call Sign, Grid-square and RMS gateway used.



**Quarter Century Wireless Association
Chapter 51 Monthly Meeting**

Saturday, May 16, 2026 @ 12 Noon

The Schooner Restaurant

1507 South Hwy 69

Nederland, Tx 77627

You do **not have to be licensed for 25 years to attend the meeting.**

From The Beaumont Club

The Beaumont Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting on Monday, May 25th, at North End Baptist at 5115 Eastex Freeway at Odom Road. Social Time starts at 6:30pm and meeting at 7:00 pm. Our Club Net is on Thursday evening at 7:30 pm on 146.700 neg offset with pl tone of 107.2. Also the 146.760 and 444.700 repeaters are on line and there to be used. Please come join us. Check out our website at: www.qsl.net/w5rin.

From The Orange County Club

The Orange Amateur Radio Club will have their next meeting on Friday, May 1st at the Red Cross Chapter House in Orange at 3901 IH10 East at MLK, Orange, Tx. ARES Meeting Starts at 6:00 pm and the Club Meeting Starts at 7:00 pm. PLEASE JOIN US!!! Our club net is Mon-Thur at 6:30pm on 147.180 positive offset with a pl tone of 103.5. Remember our HAM Radio Breakfast Meeting at Denny's, 7112 IH10 West in Orange on the THIRD Saturday of the month at 8:30am. Hope to see you there!!! Check out our webpage at: www.qsl.net/w5nd.

From The Lakes Area Club

The Lakes Area Club will have their next meeting on Thursday, May 28th at the Bell Field, Jasper Airport in Jasper at 7:00pm. PLEASE JOIN US!!!! Our Club Net is on Tuesday Evenings at 8:00pm on 147.000 neg offset and pl tone of 118.8. EchoLink is available for use. Please check our webpage at: www.w5jas.org..... For the latest info.

From The Tyler County Amateur Radio Association

The Tyler County Amateur Radio Association meets the first Thursday, May 7th at 7:00pm at the VFW Hall located at 301 Veterans Way. Veterans way is the road beside Whataburger, turn east there and you will see the building on the left. It is the little log cabin. PLEASE JOIN US!!!! Please check our webpage at: www.wd5tyl.org..... For the latest info. Our ARES net every Mondays on our repeater at 07:00pm. The frequency will be 147.220+ (pl=100.0) Please check in with us.

From Southwest Louisiana Amateur Repeater Club

The Southwest Louisiana Amateur Radio Club meets the fourth Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00pm, at the New Life Worship Center at 668 N Perkins Ferry Rd, Moss Bluff, LA 70611 at 7:00pm, VE Testing at 6:00pm. PLEASE JOIN US!!!! Our Club Net is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday Evenings at 7:00pm on 146.730 neg offset and pl tone of 173.8. EchoLink is available for use. Our SWLA Digital Link is on DMR 311995 P25 - 31337 Fusion - US SWLA337 and Dstar XLX337 Please check our webpage at https://swlarc.com/..... For the latest info.

From The QCWA

We meet the third Saturday each month at noon at the Schooner, 1507 S. Hwy 69 Nederland, Tx. Meetings are very informal and usually involve a "show and tell" about some kind of old radio equipment the members have in their collections. You don't have to be licensed 25 years to attend the local meetings, as is required for National QCWA membership.

..... INFO FROM AREA HAMS:

From Ricky Adams, KE5PYX:

I am interested in starting a 2 meter "Traders Net". Please contact me about your interest and when and where you would like to see it. Email: raradams6@hotmail.com

From: Will Parr, K0AXX:

I wanted to get the word out to our local hams that I have created a secure message board. My hope is we can utilize this to help each other in sharing ideas, working through glitches, and better promote amateur radio in SE TX.

Here is the web address : <https://k0axx.boardhost.com/index.php>it can be accessed direct or through my website, www.K0axx.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLER CO ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7pm TCARA Mtg 7pm Hardin ARES 7:30pm BARC Net	6:00PM OARES 7:00PM OARC Mtg	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
TOUR Du ROUGE	TOUR Du ROUGE 6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLER CO ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7pm Hardin ARES 7:30pm BARC Net		US ISLANDS ON THE AIR
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
US ISLANDS ON THE AIR	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLER CO ARES Net	6pm JC ARES MTG 7pm JCARC Mtg 6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7pm Hardin ARES 7:30pm BARC Net		12N QCWA MTG WILDWOOD SPORTS DAY
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLER CO ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7pm Hardin ARES 7:30pm BARC Net 7pm LAARC MTG		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TLRCOARES Net 7:30 BARC Mtg	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net 7pm SWLARC MTG		6:30pm OARC Net 7pm Hardin ARES 7:30pm BARC Net 7pm LAARC MTG	6:00PM OARES 7:00PM OARC Mtg	
31	JUNE 1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLER CO ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7pm TCARA Mtg 7pm Hardin ARES 7:30pm BARC Net		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLER CO ARES Net	6pm JC ARES MTG 7pm JCARC Mtg 6:30pm OARC Net 8pm LAARC Net	6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7pm Hardin ARES 7:30pm BARC Net		12N QCWA MTG
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	6:30pm ORG ARES Net 7pm TYLER CO ARES Net		6:30pm OARC Net 8pm JCARC&ARES Net	6:30pm OARC Net 7pm Hardin ARES 7:30pm BARC Net		

FREQUENCIES & NETS

52.525 6 Meter FM National Calling Frequency
 53.150/52.150 Groves Repeater (pl 100.0)
 144.390 APRS
 145.010 BMT Packet Digi **NEW** KI5NOH-10 VARA Digi
 145.010 W5SSV-10/N5MTX-11/WB5YDA-10 RMS Packet
 145.050 KC5YSM-10 RMS Packet
 145.070 WinLink P2P
 145.130- Lake Charles (KC5JMJ, pl 173.8)
 145.190- Kirbyville (W5JAS, pl 118.8)
 145.210- S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 103.5)* **DOWN**
 145.230- Hardin County. (KE5RTI, pl 103.5)*@ **UP & RUNNING**
 145.250-Tyler Co (KF5YDG, pl 123.0)
 145.330- Anahuac (KK5XQ, pl 123.0)
 145.350- S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 103.5)*
 145.390- Buna (W5JAS, pl 118.8)
 145.450- Beaumont (N5YX) **Wires-X/C4FM DIG ONLY**
 145.470- J.C.A.R.C. (W5SSV, pl 103.5*)@
 145.560 Simplex-Jeff Co & Jasper ARES Secondary
 146.450 Mid County Simplex
 146.520 National Simplex
 146.550 National SkyWarn Simplex
 146.560 Simplex Tyler Co ARES Prim
 146.580 Simplex Jeff Co& Jasper ARES Prim & Special Event
 146.620- Jefferson Co D-Star Repeater W5SSV **DOWN**
 146.640- Beaumont Repeater (KW5C, 103.5 pl) #@&
 146.700- B.A.R.C. (W5RIN pl, 107.2 pl) #
 146.730- S.W.L.A.R.C. (W5BII, pl 173.8)#
 146.760- B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, pl 107.2) **C4FM**
 146.860- Port Arthur (KD5QDO) pl 103.5
 146.980- H.A.M.S. (Devers, N5FJX, pl 103.5)*
 147.000- Jasper (W5JAS, pl 118.8)*#
 147.060+ Orange ARC (AA5P, pl 67.0) *@
 147.105+ Lake Charles (KC5JMJ pl 103.5) @#
 147.160+ Beaumont (N5YX, pl 100.0) **Coming Soon**
 147.180+ Orange A.R.C. (W5ND, pl 103.5)* **C4FM**
 147.200+ Port Arthur (KC5YSM) (pl 118.8)*#@
 147.220+ Tyler Co ARA (pl 100.0)*# +@
 147.300+ Mobil Oil (W5XOM) (pl 203.5/103.5)*@
 147.300+ Hampshire (W5XOM) - pl 103.5)*@
 147.340+ Beaumont (WR5AAA - pl 131.8)*@
 147.360+ Sulphur ARC (W5SUL) D-STAR
 147.380+Silsbee (KE5PYX - pl 131.8)*@
 147.420 Simplex-Orange ARES Primary
 147.440 Simplex-Orange ARES Secondary
 147.570 Simplex-Hardin Co ARES Secondary
 223.900 Beaumont (K1LFK) (pl 114.8.0) **NEW**
 224.200-Vidor (KD5UNK) (no CTCSS)
 224.920 Devers (KA5QDG) (pl 123.0) **DOWN**
 440.725+ Jefferson Co D-Star Repeater
 441.525+ Beaumont Repeater (KW5C, 100.0 pl) #@!
 442.400+ Silsbee (KB5OVJ) **DMR Repeater**
 442.575 Devers (KA5QDG, pl 103.5)
 444.625 Sulphur (AF5XP, pl 146.2) **C4FM**
 444.700 B.A.R.C. (W5RIN, pl 107.2)
 444.800 Nederland PD (KC5YSM, pl 118.8)@^ **C4FM**
 444.900 Mobil Oil (W5XOM, pl 103.5) **DOWN**
 444.925 Port Arthur (KG5HFL pl 103.5)* @
 446.000 National Simplex UHF

@ Denotes Emergency Power * Denotes transmitted PL tone.

Denotes echo link. + Denotes IRLP node ^ Denotes AllStar Node ! is WIN system & is South Coast Reflector

NETS:

Hardin Co ARES Thurs Night 7:00 pm 147.380/147.060
 BARC Net Thurs Night 7:30pm 146.700
 BARC C4FM NET 1st Sun 8:00pm 146.760 C4FM
 JCARC Net Wed Night 8:00pm 145.470 (ARES follows)
 LAARC (Jasper) Tues Night 8:00pm 147.000
 Org ARC Net Mon-Thurs 6:30pm 147.180
 LAARC ELMER Net SAT 7:00pm 147.000
 TCARA (Tyler CO) Mon Night 7:00pm 147.220
 SWLARC Mon,Wed,Fri 8:00pm 146.730
 2M SSB Roundtable USB Nightly Vertical 8:30pm 144.270
 2M CW Net Wed Night 7:30pm 144.160
 10M CW Net Fri Night 7:45pm 28.970
 2M CW Net Wed Night 7:30pm 144.160
 10M LAARC Ph Net Wed 7:30pm 28.325 USB
 Post Office Net Sunday 7:00am 3.905

Texas Traffic Net Daily 8:30am 7.285
 Texas Traffic Net Daily 6:30pm 3.873
 Texas ARES HF Net Monday 7:30pm 3.873/7.285
 Gulf Coast SSB Net Daily 7:30pm (00:30UTC) 3.925
 Gulf Coast Radio Net Sunday 8:00am 3.910
 Delta SSB Net M-Sat 7:30am 3.905
 Ctn Gulf Cst Hurricane Net Daily 8:00pm 3.935
 Southwest Traffic Net Daily 9:30pm 3.935
 7290 Traffic Net M-Sat 10am-12N, 1-2pm 7.290
 Ham Radio Traders Net Sunday 10:00am 7.245
 Ham Radio Traders Net Sunday 7:30pm 3.922
 Louisiana Traffic Net 6:30pm 3.910
 Louisiana ARES HF Net Sunday 7:30pm 3.878
 Texas RACES HF Net 2nd Sat 4pm 7.255
 Texas RACES HF Net 4th Sun 8pm 3.975
 Texas RACES HF Net Last Fri 8pm 5.330.5 USB

Notes From a Couple of Repeater Owners

From David Swift, KG5HFL (444.925 Pt Arthur) So my repeater is no longer digital. Its back to analog and connected to All Star. It's going to be full time connected to a machine in Rosenberg, TX. Anyone can use the node I just ask that you disconnect from anything you connect.

From Donald Williams, KW5C (146.640 & 441.525 Beaumont) My Repeater 441.525. +. 100 tone is on the air and it will be interlinked to the east coast hub over a 1,000 repeaters all over the coast. All are welcome to make contacts also the same with my 146.640. It's interlinked to the South Coast.

DoD/MARS ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY CROSSBAND TEST (09 May 2026)

Notes from Bob (KG5SQJ) – I changed the font colors and bolded some of the text on the original DoD/MARS webpage document below. If you are experienced with this event and/or if you find errors in this document where I added CDT dates and times, please let me know what I need to correct ASAP. Thanks in advance, Bob (KG5SQJ).

Blue text represents text I have added for clarity and/or the equivalent CDT dates/times).

Bold red text is the Military Frequencies

Green text is related to Ham Frequencies.

As near as I could determine, the only frequencies **occasionally** available for Ham transmission that the military will be transmitting on are the 60M Band USB Channels that are available to Hams **only on a secondary basis**. If I'm not mistaken, that means Hams will not be allowed to transmit on those 60M Band frequencies while this Crossband Test is going on. Listen on those frequencies for the Military Operator to announce what Ham frequency they are listening on in order determine what frequency you should transmit on to talk to them.

The **Department of Defense** will host this year's Armed Forces Day (AFD) Crossband Test, scheduled for **May 9, 2026**. This annual event is open to all licensed amateur radio operators and will not impact any public or private communications. For more than 50 years, military and amateur stations have taken part in this event, which is an interoperability exercise between hobbyist and government radio stations.

The AFD Crossband Test is a unique opportunity to test two-way communications between military communicators and radio stations in the **Amateur Radio Service (ARS)**, as authorized in 47 CFR 97.111. These tests provide opportunities and challenges for radio operators to demonstrate individual technical skills in a tightly controlled exercise scenario that does not impact any public or private communications.

Military stations **will transmit on selected military frequencies and will announce the specific ARS Amateur Radio Service (Ham) frequencies monitored** (i.e., the **Ham frequencies** you will need to transmit on to call them). **All times are ZULU (Z)**, (equivalent CDT dates/times are in **bold Blue text**) and **all frequencies are Upper Side Band (USB)** unless otherwise noted.

KG5SQJ Added Text – Amateur Radio Operators should operate in "Split" Mode using their Receive VFO to listen on the **Military Frequency** and their Transmit VFO to transmit on the **Ham frequency** that is **announced** by the **Military Frequency Operator** (hence the term "**Cross Band Test**"). You probably already know how to run Split. In case you don't, but would like to learn about it, here's a link to a short 4-Minute video describing how to apply Split Mode using an ICOM IC-7300. Ignore the "slightly off-frequency" trick he describes to break pileups. And yes, his instructions are specific to the IC-7300. However, most relatively modern HF Transceivers will have a "Split" button and use very similar steps to those he demonstrates.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C19DuR4ywxo&t=242s>

The frequencies used for the test will not impact any public or private communications and will not stray outside the confines of the exercise.

The following stations **will be making two-way radiotelephone contacts with stations in the ARS Amateur Radio Service (Ham Bands)** between the time periods listed on the frequencies listed in Kilohertz below (unless otherwise noted, the date for the listed times is May 9, 2026).

AAC / BARROW ARMY RESERVE CENTER, KY (USB + RTTY)

09May 1100Z – 10May 1100Z 09May 6:00AM – 10May 6:00AM CDT **4,011.0** kHz USB **5,346.5** kHz USB **6,968.5** kHz USB **13,963.5** kHz USB **17,457.5** kHz USB

AAM3D / DISA CYBERSPACE OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE, FT MEADE, MD

0800Z – 2000Z 3:00AM-3:00PM CDT **5,112.0** kHz USB **7,431.5** kHz USB **14,484.0** kHz USB **18,639.0** kHz USB **20,920.0** kHz USB

AAM3D1 / DISA HEADQUARTERS, FT MEADE, MD

0800Z – 2000Z 3:00AM-3:00PM CDT 5,760.0 kHz USB 7,718.5 kHz USB 14,512.5 kHz USB
18,211.0 kHz USB

AAM3D4 / DISA FIELD COMMAND CENTCOM, MACDILL AFB, FL

0800Z – 2000Z 3:00AM-3:00PM CDT 5,763.0 kHz USB 7,498.5 kHz USB 14,463.5 kHz USB
18,254.0 kHz USB

AAZ / FT HUACHUCA, AZ

1500Z - 2359Z 10:00AM-06:59PM CDT 7,645.0 kHz USB 14,438.5 kHz USB

ADB / CAMP FOSTER, OKINAWA

1500Z - 2259Z 10:00AM-5:59PM CDT 14,487.0 kHz USB 20,994.0 kHz USB

AGA0WJ/ NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND OAK HARBOR, WA

1600Z - 2200Z 11:00AM-5:00PM CDT 5,112.0 kHz USB 7,431.5 kHz USB 13,528.5 kHz USB 18,272.5 kHz USB

AGA5SC / SCOTT AFB, IL

1500Z - 2300Z 10:00AM-6:00PM CDT 5,186.0 kHz USB 7,938.0 kHz USB 14,832.0 kHz USB 27,736.0 kHz USB

AGA9TR / TRAVIS AFB, CA

1600Z - 2359Z 11:00AM-6:59PM CDT 7,915.0 kHz USB 14,760.0 kHz USB 20,763.0 kHz USB 27,877.0 kHz USB

NBGC/ USS HORNET AMATEUR RADIO CLUB ABLEMEDA, CA (USB + CW)

1400Z – 2359Z 9:00AM-6:59PM CDT 6,912.5 kHz USB 14,375.0 kHz USB 21,886.0 kHz USB 27,860.0 kHz USB

NEMW / BATTLESHIP ALABAMA BB-60 MUSEUM SHIP, AL (USB + CW)

0000Z – 2359Z 7:00PM-6:59PM CDT 4,043.5 kHz USB 7,882.5 kHz USB 14,441.5 kHz USB
18,211.0 kHz USB 20,997.0 kHz USB

NEPM / USS IOWA BB 61 LOS ANGELES, CA (USB + RTTY)

1400Z - 2400Z 9:00AM-7:00PM CDT 6,989.0 kHz USB 14,375.0 kHz USB 18,060.0 kHz USB 21,856.0 kHz USB
26,850.0 kHz USB

NIIW / USS MIDWAY CV-41 SAN DIEGO, CA (USB + CW + RTTY)

09May 0000Z – 10May 0400Z 08May 7:00PM - 10May 11:00PM CDT 4,010.0 kHz USB 5,078.5 kHz USB 7,390.5 kHz
USB 14,476.0 kHz USB 18,060.0 kHz USB 20,973.5 kHz USB

NITG / SUBMARINE DRUM SS-228 MUSEUM SHIP, AL (USB + CW)

0000Z – 2359Z 7:00PM-6:59PM CDT 4,445.0 kHz USB 7,772.5 kHz USB 13,905.5 kHz USB
18,254.0 kHz USB 20,973.5 kHz USB

NSS / US NAVAL ACADEMY ANNAPOLIS, MD (USB + CW)

09May 1300Z – 10May 0200Z 09May 8:00AM - 09May 9:00PM CDT 4,038.5 kHz USB 5,214.0 kHz USB 7,533.5 kHz
USB 13,993.0 kHz USB

WAR / PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC (USB + CW + RTTY)

1200Z - 2400Z 7:00AM-7:00PM CDT 4,018.0 kHz USB 5,357.0 kHz USB 7,305.0 kHz USB 14,383.5 kHz USB 20,997.0
kHz USB

An AFD (**Armed Forces Day**) message will be transmitted utilizing the Military Standard (MIL-STD) Serial PSK waveform (M110) followed by MIL-STD Wide Shift FSK (850 Hz RTTY) as described in MIL-STD 188-110A/B. Technical information regarding these waveforms is provided at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pYDj7kQbm-QAyY4RPtx0dOXXKohjaEjg9?usp=sharing>

The AFD Defense Message will also be sent at 1400Z **9:00 AM CDT** and 2000Z **3:00 PM CDT** on the frequencies designated below.

AAC: MIL-STD-110/RTTY **13,963.5** kHz USB

AAZ: MIL-STD-110 **14,438.5** kHz USB

AAM3D MIL-STD-110 **14,484.0** kHz USB

AAM3D1 MIL-STD-110 **14,512.5** kHz USB

AA33D4 MIL-STD-110 **14,463.5** kHz USB

ADB: MIL-STD-110 **20,994.0** kHz USB

NEPM: CW **14,375.0** kHz USB

NIIW: MIL-STD-110/RTTY/CW **14,476.0** kHz USB

WAR: MIL-STD-110/RTTY/CW **14,383.5** kHz USB

For those who wish to document their contacts with a QSL card, go to <https://www.usarmymars.org/events-and-announcements> and complete the request form.

SILENT KEYS



Benjamin Harry Rhoads, Jr., W5TYZ

Benny Rhoads, W5TYZ, 84, of Orange, TX, passed away peacefully on April 14, 2026.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange. Officiating will be Pastor Harland Strother.

Visitation will begin prior to the service at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 19, 2026, at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.

Benny was born on January 6, 1942, in Mercer, Pennsylvania, to Benjamin and Edith Rhoads. In 1954, he moved with his family to Orange, Texas, where they took ownership of the Dairy Queen on Park Avenue. He graduated from Stark High School in 1959 and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from 1960 to 1966. During his service, he worked as a small arms instructor and was stationed in Korea from 1963 to 1964.

Following his military service, Benny worked at DuPont before opening and operating a Dairy Queen in Buna from 1974 to 1979. He later returned to DuPont's Sabine River Works, where he dedicated over 30 years of service before retiring.

Benny was a man of many talents and interests, always eager to learn and try something new. He was a skilled beekeeper and volunteered in that role at Shangri La when it first opened. A licensed Ham radio operator since his time in the Air Force, he was active in the Orange Amateur Radio Club. His passion for model trains led to his involvement with the Orange Model Railroad Club, and his lifelong love of classic cars and Triumph motorcycles meant he almost always had a project underway.

A proud member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Benny held a deep appreciation for American history and heritage. He also found great joy in the outdoors – hunting, woodworking, gardening, and especially spending time at his family's camp along the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania.

An avid reader with a sharp mind, Benny was often described as a “walking encyclopedia,” always ready to share knowledge, stories, and a good laugh. His lively spirit and playful sense of humor brought joy to those around him. He was deeply involved with the VFW holding a lifelong membership, and serving as Quartermaster, 1,2, 3-year Trustee, and on the house committee.

Above all, Benny cherished his family. Affectionately known as “Pa,” he held a special place in the hearts of his grandchildren, who treasured their time with him.

His presence will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Edith Rhoads; wife, Jan Ricks Rhoads; son, Benjamin Harry Rhoads III; sister, Claire Smith; and sister-in-law, Susan Rhoads.

He is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Lillie Rhoads; daughters, Courtney Rhoads Alcott and husband Sean, Kimberly Gauthier and husband Charles; sons, Jeff Bilbo and wife Joy, John Bilbo and wife Andrea; beloved dog and devoted companion, Chester; grandchildren, Katelyn Alcott, Luke Alcott, Ava Alcott, Justin Bilbo, Kyle Bilbo, Chelsea Bilbo, Emily Gauthier, Madeleine Gauthier, Jacob Bilbo and wife Leilah, and Bradley Bilbo and wife Bethany; great grandchild, Charlotte Bilbo; brother, Bartley William Rhoads; numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to VFW Post 2775 in Orange at 5303 N 16th St, Orange, TX 77630.

Cremation will be held under the direction of Claybar Funeral Home in Orange.