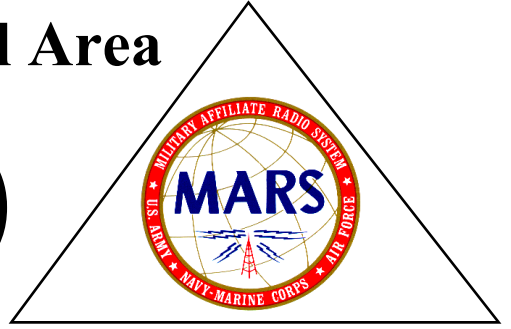


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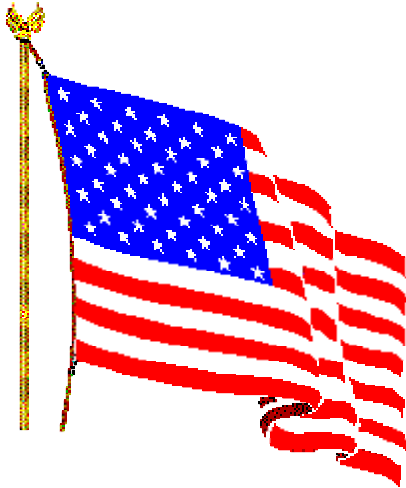
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## The Original Pledge of Allegiance

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands-one nation indivisible-with liberty and justice for all."

On September 8, 1892, the Boston based "The Youth's Companion" magazine published a few words for students to repeat on Columbus Day that year. Written by Francis Bellamy, the circulation manager and native of Rome, New York, and reprinted on thousands of leaflets, was sent out to public schools across the country. On October 12, 1892, the quadricentennial of Columbus' arrival, more than 12 million children recited the Pledge of Allegiance, thus beginning a required school-day ritual. At the first National Flag Conference in Washington, D.C., on June 14, 1923, a change was made. For clarity, the words "the Flag of the United States" replaced "my flag". In the following years various other changes were suggested but were never formally adopted. It was not until 1942 that Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance. One year later, in June 1943, the Supreme Court ruled that school children could not be forced to recite it. In fact, today only half of our

fifty states have laws that encourage the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in the classroom. The final alteration to the pledge occurred in 1954 when, by a joint order of Congress, the words "under God" were inserted. This change came about through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus. Many of us of the older generation can remember during our school days when the pledge of allegiance to the flag was a daily occurrence, or at least so on Fridays when we had to attend chapel. Reciting the pledge had a special meaning during the WW II years. It was early during the World War II years that we discontinued extending our arm toward the flag as had been done in the past. It was too much like a Nazi salute.

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PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF. *Leviticus 25:10*. This inscription from the Old Testament is found around the top of the Liberty Bell. The bell was ordered by the colony government, the Pennsylvania Assembly, in 1751, to be hung in the newly constructed State House (Independence Hall). The Assembly requested their London agent, Robert Charles, to purchase a bell of approximately "two thousand pounds weight." Charles commissioned the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London to cast the bell. When it was finished and ready for shipment to America, it weighed 2,080 pounds, with a circumference around the lip of the bell of 12 feet, and 7 feet, 6 inches around the crown. From the lip to the crown measures 3 feet. The length of the clapper is 3 feet, 2 inches. The wooden yoke weighs 200 pounds and is made of slippery elm. The bell arrived in Philadelphia on September 1, 1752, but was not hung until March 10, 1753. No one seems to know for sure when the bell cracked. It is thought to have been attributed to flaws in its casting, or its being too brittle. Along with our flag, the Liberty Bell became a symbol of our nation.



# Region Four Conference - 2007

## =AWARDS=

Tallahassee, Florida  
June 29-30, 2007

### MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2006

Lynn, NNN0VDG FL

### LETTERS OF COMMENDATION - 2006

Neil	NNN0TFH FL
Alice	NNN0H XK FL
Bill	NNN0EAA FL
Allen	NNN0BFC FL
Bill	NNN0TAK FL
Ronnie	NNN0JOP SC
Wally	NNN0LHR GA
Jim	NNN0SYH AL
Bill	NNN0TJC AL
Jackie	NNN0XPU KY
James	NNN0TDG GA
Robert	NNN0LSO KY
Bruce	NNN0KBN SC

### CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION - 2006

David	NNN0ABA FL
Tom	NNN0BJX FL
John	NNN0BME FL
Marion	NNN0IBM FL
Kenneth	NNN0HYV FL
David	NNN0ZTT FL
Tom	NNN0BIF MS
James	NNN0TDG GA
Byron	NNN0AIA AL
Jeffrey	NNN0JKF NC
Robert	NNN0JKI SC
Freddy	NNN0BNJ SC
Ben	NNN0JQC GA

Norman	NNN0TOA FL
George	NNN0OEE AL
Don	NNN0SDL GA
Bob	NNN0BTG KY
Allen	NNN0RYE MS
Lee	NNN0SYS NC
John	NNN0HNB SC
Charles	NNN0HYB TN
Gregorio	NNN0FPY PR
Oscar	NNN0ONX GA
Walter	NNN0FAI FL
Fred	NNN0ZZZ FL

# REGION FOUR CONFERENCE ATTENDEES

Tallahassee, Florida

June 29-30, 2007

## National & Area Staff

Bo	NNN0ZLS VA	NNN0ASAVA/ASU/AAA7NA/AGA1NNN
Dave	NNN0EPY MI	NNN0ASG ONE MI

## ALABAMA

Jim	NNN0SYH	NNN0GAA/AS4 TWO/ASG TWO
Cookie	NNN0ILA	
Chuck	NNN0YGY	

## FLORIDA

“Mike”	NNN0IBM	NNN0GAL/AS4 FOUR
Mike	NNN0ZZW	
Alice	NNN0H XK	NNN0GAL TWO
Neil	NNN0TFH	NNN0GAL TWO TWO/GAL SEVEN
Carl	NNN0YTB	
“Bud”	NNN0VDG	
Rudy	WA4PUP	N. FL ARRL Section Mgr.
Jannie	KE4FMC	
Allen	NNN0BFC	NNN0GAL THREE
Carolyn	NNN0PMS	NNN0GAL Thirteen
Bill	NNN0TAK	NNN0GAL EIGHT

## GEORGIA

Jack	NNN0XOP	NNN0AS4/ASZ
Curtis	NNN0PSX	NNN0GAM TWO
Lynn	NNN0LYN	NNN0GAM Thirteen
“Wally”	NNN0LHR	NNN0GAM/AS4 THREE/ASG THREE
Don	NNN0SDL	NNN0AS4 FOURTEEN
Ben	NNN0JQC	NNN0AS4 EIGHT/ASG EIGHT

## NORTH CAROLINA

Lee	NNN0SYS	NNN0GBL
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# Green “C” Statistics for 2006

STATE	ECOM	NETS	MEM	ADW	RPT	QAS	ADMIN	TOTAL
GAA	30.00	25.00	10.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	11.0	96.00
GAL	30.00	22.74	10.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	11.5	94.24
GAM	27.00	24.97	10.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	11.0	92.97
GAT	28.00	24.86	10.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	11.5	94.36
GBA	3.00	20.38	10.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	2.5	55.88
GBL	25.00	21.47	10.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	9.5	85.97
GBS	30.00	23.90	10.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	6.5	90.40
GBU	13.00	24.32	10.0	4.0	12.0	4.0	7.5	74.82
GCR	3.00	0.17	10.0	0.0	6.0	4.0	1.0	24.17

**For the second year in a row, congratulations are in order for the State of Alabama for winning the Green “C” 2006!** In comparing 2006 results with those of 2005, you see improvements in total scores in every state but one. We are now over half way through 2007 and there is still time for improvements if you are serious about winning the Green “C” Award for 2007. As you can see, ECOM can be good for 30 points. Since there have been improvements over all from 2005, let us press on, keeping the momentum, and work diligently toward the Green “C” Award for 2007! **Again, heartiest congratulations to the State of Alabama for winning the Green “C” Award 2006!**

## Green “C” Statistics for 2005

STATE	ECOM	NETS	MEM	ADW	RPT	QAS	ADMIN	TOTAL
GAA	30.0	21.81	10	4	12	4	10.0	91.81
GAL	21.0	22.08	10	3	12	3	6.0	77.08
GAM	25.5	24.82	10	4	12	4	9.5	89.82
GAT	21.0	24.58	10	3	9	4	8.5	80.08
GBA	3.0	19.28	10	0	12	3	3.5	50.78
GBL	24.0	20.68	10	3	12	4	10.05	84.18
GBS	27.0	24.38	10	1	10	2	7.0	81.38
GBU	19.5	24.80	10	2	12	4	7.0	79.08
GCR	.0	1.95	10	0	7	0	3.0	21.95

## Green “C” Winners 1993 --- 2006

Alabama -----	1993
Alabama -----	1994
Georgia -----	1995
West Virginia -----	1996
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Georgia -----	2000
Virginia -----	2001
Kentucky -----	2002
Alabama -----	2003
Alabama -----	2004
Alabama -----	2005
Alabama -----	2006

As you can see in this box to your left, five states were winners of the Green “C” Award over the past fourteen years, 1993 - 2006. Georgia was a winner three times; West Virginia was also a winner three times, once two years in a row. Virginia carried the award back home one time and so did Kentucky. These four states accounted for eight of the fourteen years now recorded on the Green “C” plaque.

The remaining six years have been taken by Alabama, two years in a row, and for the past four years, Alabama has carried the Green “C” plaque home all four times!

At least for the past fourteen years, these past four years of wins by Alabama set a record, and one that is going to be hard to beat. For 2006, Kentucky is in 2nd place with Florida close behind. Time will tell if Alabama gets to keep the award another year.

## Member Of The Year

When he walked into the conference room on Saturday morning, he had no idea what lay ahead of him; he only knew he was attending his first-ever MARS conference, and, that he would be meeting face-to-face members whose voices he had been hearing for some time. This 6’ 4” native Texan, Bud, NNN0VDG, is somewhat of a paradox: He holds a 1st Degree Black Belt in Martial Arts of Tae Kwon Do; he has also written over 350 songs and is an accomplished guitar player. He’s a scuba diver, an assistant Scout Master and Merit Badge counselor. Bud is married and has a 15 year old daughter and a 13 year old son. After graduation from Richard King High School in Corpus Christi, TX, he enrolled in Del Mar College in Corpus Christi and studied refrigeration and air conditioning. After college he went to work at Walt Disney World where he has been for the past nineteen years. He is Manager of the Engineering Maintenance Division, Epcot Center, wherein the work for which this division is responsible encompasses that of a small city. Bud received his amateur license shortly after 9-11, and received the callsign KG4OUV. Prompted by 9-11, he wanted to become a Navy-Marine Corps MARS member and pursued this quest aggressively so he could contribute some useful service to his country. Upon acceptance as a Navy-Marine Corps MARS

member, he was given the callsign NNN0VDG. He has held positions as NNN0GAL FOUR, GAL SIX, and has been Net Manager for the 4C3B Net. He takes great pride in his children. His son is a Boy Scout; his 15 year old daughter is a Gymnastic National Champion, and he cherishes his home life with his family. Bud operates at his work site using a Yaesu FT 840, feeding a 288 foot Delta Loop antenna on top of his 60’ building. He works a lot of DX---not all of this is done at work, mind you! A man of many talents: plumber, welder, mechanical technician-refrigeration/air conditioning, chill water, electrical, scuba diver, song composer, accomplished musician, martial arts expert, Bud has distinguished himself in his work and as a Navy-Marine Corps MARS member. We salute you, Bud, as the **Member Of The Year!**

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# Region Four Conference Report

Tallahassee, Florida, June 29-30 2007

The 2007 Region Four MARS Conference got underway Friday evening, 29 June, with a visit to the Florida Emergency Operations Center (EOC). There followed a most interesting presentation of the functions of EOC. In a building designed to withstand 200 mph winds, with uninterrupted emergency power back-up, an array of state-of-the-art telecommunication facilities, the FL EOC was born out of the numerous tragedies that have struck this state over the years. It is now capable of providing advance warning of and tracking storms. When tragic incidents are over, FL EOC steps in to assist in the rehabilitation process. Throughout this presentation there was an emphasis on **Get A Plan!** We should be prepared, as much as we can be, for emergencies. People from FL EOC went to Mississippi after Katrina and gave assistance to the MS EOC during this tragic aftermath. The long and the short of it is Florida has put together a well-organized, integrated, effective EOC that is most impressive. Our thanks to John, NNN0BME FL for making it possible for us to see and hear the story of the FL EOC.

On Saturday morning, 30 June, our 2007 Region Four Conference met in the Betty Easley Conference Center near the FL EOC. Our Region Four Director, Jack, NNN0AS4, led us off to a good start with his welcome, and we had a chance to introduce ourselves. As always, some of us have met together a number of times and it is so good to be together again. And, it is a great joy to meet members whose voice we easily recognize but have not seen face to face until this conference. Then our Chief, Bo, began by reminding us of our mission, which is to provide the Department of the Navy and Department of Defense with emergency

communications and help restore normal communications during times of disaster. In addition, we handle morale and welfare traffic. In this day and age, what with satellite phones and e-mail, there isn't all that much traffic to handle. However, **there is some morale and welfare traffic being handled.** Bo reminded us that our new Central Area Chief, Chief Anderson, will report aboard Great Lakes on 01 October. He has his amateur radio license and is eagerly looking forward to this new assignment.

We were told Region Four is larger than all the other regions. The closest to Region Four is the Northeast Area; they have 14 less members than we do.

Last year Navy-Marine Corps MARS had just under 1,700 members with a reported participation of 300,000 hours, and the handling of over 73,000 messages.

ALE is on track. We were reminded that if we have a computer, a radio and a sound card, you can operate ALE. A report was made on WinLink 2000, and that all three MARS Chiefs are supporting it. A question was raised about whether or not some consideration was being given to develop a WinLink 2000 capability without the necessity of having a TNC. The answer was no.

Another question was where could one obtain a copy of WinLink 2000. The definitive answer was that the MARS version will be put on the national web site. Some discussion of WinLink 2000 followed. The next item Bo covered was Inter-operability. It appears things are moving toward more cooperation among the three MARS services, including a common operating procedure recommendation. -6-

Standard EEI procedures were discussed next. The AAN3EEI is working well for all three services. NNN0AST has developed an EEI software program now on the national web site that uses key words for the sub-paragraphs. Though not now official, in due course it will become so when so ordered by NNN0ASA. About Disaster Support ID Cards: They will be issued first to those supporting TSA. Don't forget, you have to have completed the S100, 200, 700 and 800 courses before you can be issued the Disaster Support ID Card.

We were encouraged to forsake using abbreviations that are difficult to understand. It wastes time and serves no useful purpose. NNN0SDL GA, using 3 laptops, demonstrated a Linux server with the operating system running in memory (no hard drive), and two Windows clients attaching to the server.

It was a great pleasure to have Dave, NNN0ASG ONE, with us during this conference, and to hear his report. There followed reports from staff members and from State Directors. As always there was the give and take of discussions. We will lose frequencies 7.3 - 7.4. It was reported that some members were checking into an MDS just to read traffic. This ties up time for tfc reps to get in and take traffic, and is discouraged!

There is much more to report, but not enough time or space here to report it. I will be glad to send you audio tapes of the conference. The quality is quite good. If you want them, let me know.

Our sincere thanks to NNN0GAL and the Florida members for being such good hosts of this conference! Ben.