

## Midcars Recognizes Veterans on Veterans Day 2009



Hams checking in to MidCars on November 11<sup>th</sup> heard a special call-up procedure being used throughout the day. Instead of the usual callup for mobile check-ins first, the Service Control Operators on the Veteran's Day edition of MidCars gave priority to all military Veterans who checked in. The SCOs and others made sure that Veterans were welcomed into the net with heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their years of service to our country. During the first 90 minutes from 8:30 until 10:00 EST, 89% or the 44 check-ins identified themselves as Veterans. A high rate of Veteran check-ins continued throughout the day. At least of 83 Military Veterans checked in during the MidCars Veterans Day nets.

Those listening on 7258 KHz got to know many of their fellow hams a little better that day. It was exciting to hear how many of our regular Midcars users made a career in the military serving 20 years and longer. One such person was Fred, W4FHC, the very first check in that morning. Just listen to Fred check into MidCars any day and you will quickly recognize his love for the Air Force. Fred served in the U.S. Air Force from 1966-1991. Blair, KJ4WJJ and Jim, NX4Q are also retired U.S. Air Force each having served over 20 years. Al, K4ACF was in the U.S. Marine Corps for over 20 years and saw action in Southeast Asia as did Jim, WB4SXR. Also checking in was Arnal, N8ACC who recently retired from the U.S. Navy after 29 years! Arnal has been working at the Pentagon for years and is now making a smooth transition into the civilian workforce. Jim, KF4ETX checked in from his mobile and added that he was also U. S. Navy Retired. Bob, W8LCZ was in the U.S. Navy for 4 years and then served an additional 22 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Some check-ins told us a little about their assignments while in the military. Long time MidCars member, Bill, WØFCE served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, Stuart, KG4LMW served in the U.S. Army 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne, Al, KB8YED, was a medic in the U.S. Army. Bill, WAØAFD was in the U.S. Navy serving aboard the U.S.S. Hummel. Tim, N9UEB, also served in the U.S. Navy however he was in the Submarine Service assigned to the U.S.S. Trigger. We all know that Will, N9RGE is active not only on MidCars but also the "68 Group" and others. What you may not have known was that after Wil completed 4 years of service in the U.S. Naval Reserves in 1955, he promptly joined the U.S. Air Force for another 27 years! Larry, WAØMJQ, one of our more senior members, checked in to say that he was U.S. Army Veteran having served from 1945-48. That's over 60 years ago! We even had a special events station from Stratford, CT check in. N1S, that's "November 1 Sikorsky", set up operations from inside a Sikorsky aircraft for the day. We were also pleased to have Bob, W9KTO check aboard as a Veteran who served in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Some of our own Service Control Operators also checked in during the call up for Veterans. These included Richard, KC9LIW – U.S. Navy; Jim, N9VO – U.S. Navy; Ed, WA8V – U.S. Army; Ray, AK8V – U.S. Navy; Gary, W9GAS – U.S. Navy, and Dan, WB8EEW, our Assistant Director was in Special Ops in the U.S. Air Force.

These are only a few of the notes from the 80+ veterans who checked into MidCars during our special Veterans Day edition of MidCars. If you checked in as a Veteran and your call does not appear on the list Veteran check-ins shown below please e-mail any additions or corrections to [K8HLJ@ARRL.NET](mailto:K8HLJ@ARRL.NET) and we'll update our figures. From the great response from everyone, it is clear that this event was such a success that we'll do it again next year. Some of those who took part reported hearing a definite feeling of pride in the voices of every Veteran who checked in as well as a tone of respect for all veterans. On this past Veterans Day, we feel that MidCars did indeed support the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. "Thank you" again to all of our Veterans and active duty military for your service to your country. We're proud of you!

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AA2XK	United States Army	N9RXM	United States Navy
AB8KO	United States Navy	N9UEB	United States Navy
AB8N	United States Army	N9VO	United States Navy
AG4EX	United States Air Force	N9YMA	United States Army
AK8V	United States Navy	ND8G	United States Army
K1LH	United States Army	NX4Q	United States Air Force
K2CDS	United States Navy	VE3IPJ	
K2SAU	United States Navy	W3BLD	United States Army
		W4FHC	United States Air Force
K3TEL		W4MBA	
K4ACF	United States Marine Corps	W5GGO	
K7AAB	United States Army	W8JRY	United States Army
K8BMN	United States Air Force	W8LCZ	United States Navy
K8MLM	United States Navy		United States Air Force
K9DVA	United States Army	W9FAS	United States Navy
K9HM	United States Army	W9GAS	United States Navy
KA3EJJ		W9GHO	United States Army
KB1KZL	United States Army	W9GQW	United States Air Force
KB2MOS		W9KTO	Royal Canadian Air Force
KB3KGA	United States Army	W9LR	
KB8FMW		W9MOE	United States Army
KB8YED	United States Army	W9REW	United States Navy
KB9TOM	United States Navy	WA8V	United States Army
KC8ZFL	United States Navy	WA9PIB	National Guard
KC9LDK	United States Navy	WA9QIB	United States Air Force
KC9LIW	United States Navy	WAØAFD	United States Navy
KC9NJI	United States Navy	WAØMJQ	United States Army
KC9PTD	United States Marine Corps	WB1CBI	
KCØVTT	United States Marine Corps	WB4RSX	
KDØARL	United States Air Force	WB4UDD	United States Army & United States Air Force
KDØDJZ	United States Army		
KDØLL	United States Navy	WB8EEW	United States Air Force
KE4N	United States Army	WB8SUD	United States Army
KF4BWG	United States Navy	WB8VOF	United States Navy
KF4ETX	United States Navy	WB9BVB	United States Air Force
KG4LMW	United States Army	WB9DFK	
KI4YIB	United States Army	WBØQNG	
KJ4WJJ	United States Air Force	WØCYF	United States Army
N2ZTL	United States Air Force	WØEDS	
N4EGR		WØFCE	United States Army
N8HLH	National Guard	WØPAL	United States Army
N8JPW	United States Coast Guard	WX4BB	United States Navy
N9ACC	United States Navy		
N9EDT	United States Army		
N9FDJ	United States Army		
N9JQ			
N9RGE	United States Naval Reserves & United States Air Force		

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