

# ZERO



---So, the wife sez, 'It's either me or that HAM RADIO...' By the way, I've got a room for rent ---

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Are you active in the Navy MARS program? If not, you should be. Things are beginning to move along real well, and we'd like to see much, much more participation among our USMC stations. Both as individual operators and through your military recreational outfits. MARS can be a good thing for all concerned, but you've got to be a member. From the viewpoint of some, it doesn't appear to offer much, but with a real earnest effort and push from a group as large as ours, Navy MARS can be the best thing that's come along since --

W4NTR holds the call, NOASM. We have several other stations listed as members, but what happens to the rest? If it's only a matter of information you need, try this; drop a line to -

CHIEF, NAVY MARS  
OP945N  
Room 5D564  
The Pentagon,  
Washington 25, D. C.

Just tell them who you are, and that you are interested in becoming a member. Right away they'll forward the necessary application forms, descriptive literature, and a welcome aboard. We're interested specifically in the Club stations, but we more than welcome the individual ops to come on in from their home stations... The more links we have in our group, the stronger the chain...

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Have you checked the expiration dates on your personal and recreation station licenses? Not sure, but I think the FCC sort of frowns on those who operate on expired tickets. (Wonder who that is knocking on my door?)

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Last month we recommended reading OPNAV Instruction 2070.2G. We also mentioned it could be good background for your own Base Order regarding Amateur/MARS operations. Always a good idea to have something in writing.

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W4NTR should be moving soon. Only a matter of a few yards, but we're about to move into a new 'front-office' at Battalion Headquarters. Even has two windows so we can see the pretty - uh - flowers and trees.

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No more here, try turning the page for something shocking.

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Shocking? Electricity. Yuk, yuk. . . . oh well.

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W4MJS - Jim writes and suggests a sort of WHO'S WHO item for ZB each month. Sounds real FB. Matter of fact, I've a couple of short items already on hand, so will insert one each month. Read on --

WHO? K9DGE, or, Fred Neuenfeldt. Now located at W6IAB, Camp Pendleton, land of sunshine and a few small clouds. Home QTH is Manitowoc, Wisconsin, about 35 miles from Green Bay. Fred's interest in AmRad started in 1955 while in Junior High School. Got the General Ticket at the age of 16. First step toward a license was via the SWL route and the High School AmRad Club. His personal gear, which he sez is collecting cob-webs for three years, includes an HQ100 receiver, Globe Scout and Heath VFO. Then he tells us all this luxurious equipment is about to be replaced by a nice SSB Transceiver. (Must be nice to be rich AND a Marine, too... Fred will be operating the home call, portable 6 in a couple of months from Glendale, California.

How's that for a thumbnail start? Scribble off a few choice words on your own mysterious past and ship it off to ZERO BEAT. Who knows, it may make you famous, unless you already have your picture on the Post Office Wall.... Thanks again to Jim for the idea, and hope to run an article on him real soon.

#### OPERATING TIPS:

How's your 'public image'??? Have you ever taken the time to monitor the bands and read the mail during a casual QSO involving one or more military recreational stations? Wonder how often you hear yourself and other military personnel referred to as, 'hired gunmen', or maybe 'professional goof-offs'. This, my friends, does happen. It's rare, but nevertheless, it does occur. Although those who pull these stunts apparently are not aware of it, there are a lot of other stations listening on the frequency, mostly of the JOHN Q. PUBLIC variety, and I'm sure they don't appreciate such remarks. I've pulled the switch on many a good QSO when such remarks have been made on the air, because I for one, want no part of any such shenanigans. I'm of the opinion that it's improper and in extremely poor taste. The only way to cure it is to police yourself and practice hard on your on-the-air manners. Good common sense, and plenty of old-fashioned courtesy should be the WORD. We've all had pretty good up-bringin', so let's do our best to show your better side in all operations on the ether. 'Nuff sed!!!

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Still looking for more Operator Index cards. If yours is not on file, send it along to us, c/o ZERO BEAT. In addition^ we're going to include an index, filed by station call signs, on each Marine Corps sponsored station. Information required will be call sign, type station, custodian's name, station location, and equipment and operating capabilities. Might even throw in the date the station first went on the air, if known.

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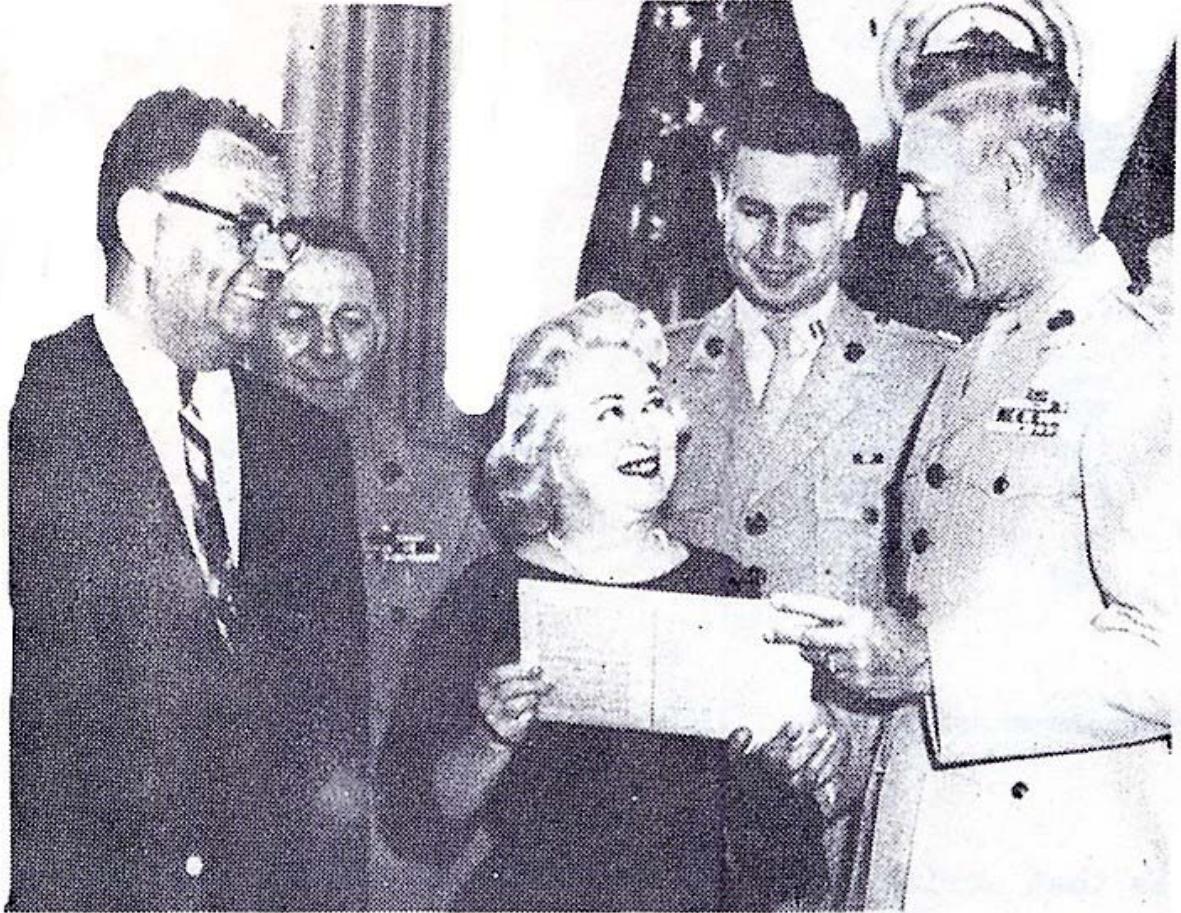
Wonder how many stations have taken the time and consideration to post conspicuous HIGH VOLTAGE signs around the shack? You should also have First Aid instructions posted in a convenient place. Never know when some visitor might walk in and find you in a 'frozen' prone position. Have the instructions in writing and maybe you'll be revived to talk about it on the air later on. . . .

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W4NTR - Jim is currently assembling (?) a Heath HW-10 for a little Six Meter transceiver operation. He doesn't mind assembling the rig, but he wants to know who's gonna do the maintenance when that there itty-bitty capacitor way down under there goes haywire? Lot's of luck, Jim

# MAE

# W3CUL



Our 'Honorary Marine', Mae Burke, W3CUL, last month received recognition for a job WELL DONE. With all of Mac's activities in the Amateur Radio Traffic business, it's a little difficult to say in a few words just how valuable she has been to Marine Corps personnel and their dependents.

Briefly, over a period of seven years, Mae has handled something like 350,000 pieces of traffic on the amateur bands. Of this, an estimated 315,000 were for marines. Believe me, that's a lot of traffic...

Mae and the OM, Al W3VR, have an installation valued at about \$6,000.00. And with the above totals, it appears to have been set up primarily to handle USMC messages. This, in itself, is an item worthy of several bouquets.

We've only had the pleasure of running traffic sessions with Mae since 1962, but it only took a few minutes on our first contact to realize that here's a gal that really knows the radio business. And it's always most enjoyable to hear her voice, efficiently getting that message to its destination in a hurry. Even with schedules running ten hours daily, and more, Mae always has time for a friendly chat with the group on freq.

On 20 May 1964, Mae and Al were in the limelight at 4th Marine Corps District Headquarters in Philadelphia. Colonel W. H. Junghans, Jr., District Director, acting in behalf of the Commandant, presented a Letter of Appreciation from the Commandant, for Mae's activities in the public service, and for all her assistance to our Marine Corps personnel.

We're sure we speak for all Marines^ everywhere, Mae, when we say congratulations again, and many thanks from all of us. We're looking forward to our continued radio association in the years ahead.

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TRAFFIC TOTALS - One correction to last month's listings, and May Reports from only 12 stations, but here goes.

CORRECTION

APRIL

<u>STATION</u>	<u>QTC</u>	<u>PP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KH6AJF	<u>493</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>924</u>
Totals:	8433	3844	12277

<u>STATION</u>	<u>QTC</u>	<u>PP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>QTC</u>	<u>PP</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MAY							
W6IAB	3437	723	4160	W4PFC	286	28	314
KR6GF	585	396	981	KR6MH	0	294	294
KH6AJF	647	197	844	W6FCS	5	283	288
KR6MD	333	371	704	W4NTR	113	89	202
KH6BGS	436	191	627	K4MCL	114	36	150
KR6MD	44	332	376	WABHU/K4UZL	<u>0</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>54</u>
1964:	35636	9588	45224	Totals:	6039	3204	9243

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Any traffic totals that arrive late will be published in the July issue of ZB. Keep up the good work.

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With that, we come to the end of another issue. (Whew!) Hope there will be no problem with next months ZERO BEAT, but BOS0, (Editor(?)), is sneaking off on leave around 13 JUL. Heading back to the sunshine state of Florida for a few days to meet some of the gang on the Gold Coast. Address all material for ZB to BOS0 at W4NTR and the mail man will stack it in the corner till I return. See you on the bands.

73

BOSO K4PYV  
GUS WA4FCS  
JIM K6KPI/WA4ROZ

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