

## WHAT IS ARMAD ?

**ARMAD** is an annual Amateur Radio Special Event project that stands for Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day. We work with National Military Appreciation Month during the month of May. We also work with other groups as requested during the year. Amateur Radio Operators from around the world team up during this joint effort to allow the people from our communities to gather at public locations such as shopping centers, parks, VA hospitals, and sporting events to express verbal positive support "LIVE" over two way radio for members of the Military, Veterans, Reserves, National Guard, Retired, Coalition Forces, and military support groups. Many of us have friends, relatives, and neighbors that are active duty, and past members of the armed forces. ARMAD gives us the chance to support one another, and to express our thanks and appreciation to those that sacrifice and serve in the Armed Forces.

\*\* **Read our story at the Defense Department site:** \*

[www.defenselink.mil/news/Feb2005/n02162005\\_2005021611.html](http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Feb2005/n02162005_2005021611.html),

The News-Sentinel 2/15/2006 Article -

<http://www.fortwayne.com/mld/newssentinel/living/community/13878253.htm?template=contentModules/printstory.jsp>

**PLEASE SIGN OUR GUEST BOOK.** Leave a message for the Troops. Click on link at top of page. Thank You!

**VISIT:** [www.monroearmad.com/files](http://www.monroearmad.com/files) to view the CBS/WANE-TV news coverage of ARMAD. Click on armad1.wmv, and armad2.wmv.

[Emery's Stardust Radio Interview 1-8-06](#)

**\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\***

**COMING MAY 7, 2006 ..SPECIAL 1 HOUR "TALKING WITH HEROES" SHOW FEATURING ARMAD. SPECIAL GUEST INCLUDE KB9IBW AND WB4APR / ROBERT BRUNINGA the developer of ARPRS, and W4WMM / US ARMY RETIRED. Tune in to STARDUST RADIO. VISIT [www.talkingwithheroes.com](http://www.talkingwithheroes.com). AND [www.stardustradio.com](http://www.stardustradio.com)**

**PICTURED : Ron Kaufman - N9KNJ**

ARMAD..T-SHIRTS...\$5 PLUS S&H. FOR ORDER INFORMATION CLICK ON "CONTACT US" LINK.

A Worldwide event to express thanks to those that serve.

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Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day

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NEED HELP GETTING INVOLVED -click on "armad-net" AND "armad forum" above.



SENDING A POSITIVE MESSAGE A OVER THE RADIO:





## TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE, AND SUPPORT THE MILITARY

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ARMAD helps teach our youth about the sacrifices present and past generations have made to keep us free, and America strong. It is important that we remind future generations of what price veterans paid for our Country.

Amateur Radio is a great hobby, and a strong tool to use for public service. Using Amateur Radio helps to develop communication skills, knowledge of geography, and allows one to meet new friends worldwide. It allows us to provide emergency communication in times of disasters.

**Pictured above:KB9JDT / Emery McClendon II**

LETS HAM IT UP FOR THE TROOPS!

### Ham It Up For The Troops !

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KC9DPC-Lori with Fan's talking to Ft. Carson, Co. Memorial Stadium, Ft. Wayne, In. AMATEUR'S IN SACRAMENTO, CA. SETTING UP. KB9JDT AND WIZARD'S PLAYER TALKING TO IRAQ, WPAFB, Ohio, and Tribute To The Troops 3/25/06.





Speaking with The Deputy Secretary of the Veterans Administration, Chewelah Park, Washington, and National Support Our Troops Day.

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## Lee Greenwood and A Local Official speaking with Marines

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### **America Supports You: Radio Clubs to 'Ham it Up' for Troops**

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16, 2005 -- Ham radio operators and amateur radio clubs plan to "Ham It Up for the Troops" on May 28 during the second annual Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day to thank active duty, veterans and retired military people for their service and sacrifices to the nation, according to ARMAD's founder and former Air Force sergeant Emery McClendon.

"ARMAD is a day when all amateur radio operators and amateur radio clubs worldwide are invited to gather at public locations to allow our citizens to express words of thanks and appreciation to our military members and coalition forces in a live format," said McClendon, who founded and established ARMAD in Fort Wayne, Ind., almost a year ago.

"The original purpose of ARMAD was to encourage amateurs worldwide to use our hobby to express thanks as a public service for those that serve in the military, including active duty, veterans and retirees," said the former aircraft refueler. "We also wanted to allow their families to support one another with words of encouragement by contacting other ARMAD locations."

Ham radio operators set up in public locations such as shopping centers, parks, Veterans Affairs hospitals and sporting events to express verbal positive support "live" over the radio for active duty military people, members of the reserve components, veterans, family members and military support groups, McClendon said.

ARMAD is associated with National Military Appreciation Month and is being held during the weekend of Memorial Day, a day of remembrance for those who have died in the nation's service.

"It was felt that to honor those that serve during this special day would be fitting as this day was already special to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for this country," McClendon noted. "On this day, many people gather at events to pay tribute to those that have died for our freedom."

This year, amateur radio operators will participate from several states -- Florida, California, Washington, Ohio, Michigan, Louisiana, Colorado, Texas, North and South Carolina and others. Operators in several foreign countries also are slated to participate, including Australia, Greece, Kuwait and England, and members of the Iraq Amateur Radio Club are expected to join in as well, according to McClendon.

"We expect many others, including ships and military hospitals, as we approach the event date," he said. "Last year, we had more than 25 different groups in the U.S. and about 15 foreign countries participating in ARMAD," McClendon noted. "We expect participation to triple for the 2005 event. We've had great response just by word of mouth. With publicity, we will grow, and reach many more troops and communities."

McClendon served four years on active duty in the Air Force, including 15 months at Clark Air Base in the Philippines, and two years in the active Indiana Air National Guard.

McClendon said he received several heartwarming comments during last year's ARMAD, which was held at Fort Wayne Memorial Stadium. Noting that local government officials read proclamations of support for the military during a small ceremony, McClendon said, "After hearing these local



*Emery McClendon founded Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day in 2004 in Fort Wayne, Ind. He said he expects participation to triple for the 2005 event on May 28. (Click photo for screen-resolution image); [high-resolution image](#) available.*

officials speak over the radio, some of our military members remarked that they were pleased and felt privileged that a government official would take time away from families for such a cause.

"There were also many heartwarming comments from young children expressing thanks to our men and women for what they do to keep America free," he noted. "Many kind words were exchanged from all over the world to American and coalition troops. One man from Kuwait joined us on the air to say thanks to America for freeing his country from Saddam Hussein. His statements moved the crowd in the stadium."

McClendon emphasized that ARMAD is not affiliated with the Military Affiliate Radio System in any way, except that many MARS operators are amateur radio operators. But MARS plays an active role in ARMAD.

"ARMAD is for those that serve our great country," McClendon said. "We want to spread the word to as many military members and communities as possible so that we can help boost the morale of those that serve in this positive manner."

### *May is National Military Appreciation Month*

Welcome to the Monroe ARMAD website! You're most likely here to learn more about ARMAD, and how and where the event will be held locally, and this website should be the tool to do so. Should you have any questions feel free to contact us using the contact info link to the left. We hope to see you at Veterans Park in beautiful Monroe Michigan, as we HAM IT UP FOR THE TROOPS!

#### **ARMAD Founder:**

Emery McClendon KB9IBW is an Extra Class Operator from Fort Wayne Indiana. He's a former Air Force sergeant who served 4 years in the Air Force, as well as 2 years in the Indiana Air National Guard.

**AMATEUR RADIO MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY:** an annual event to show support to those that serve in the military.

ARMAD is an opportunity for Amateur Radio Clubs and Amateur Operators world wide to contact our Military and associated organizations to allow the public to express appreciation to those that sacrifice and serve to keep us free. It also allows each community to express support to each other, and to support and encourage the family members of those that serve "LIVE" over the Amateur Radio frequencies.

We encourage Military Amateur Radio Operators, Amateur Radio Clubs, and all who enjoy the hobby to join in and express words of encouragement and thanks to those in uniform, and to those who work to support them. Including but not limited to Veterans, Active duty, The National Guard, Retired, Reserves; and Coalition Forces. Also all support groups and Aux organizations.

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We send the positive message of support to our men and women that serve, and allow support groups to uplift and help each other with words of encouragement.

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JOIN US ON MAY 27, 2006 AT VETERANS PARK IN MONROE MICHIGAN, FOR ARMAD AS WE SALUTE THOSE THAT SERVE AND HAM IT UP FOR THE TROOPS!

### ***May is National Military Appreciation Month***

ARMAD 2006 will be held locally at Veterans Park in beautiful Monroe! Veterans Park is on N. Custer Rd along the River Raisin, near the intersection of N. Custer and Telegraph.

#### ***Directions:***

From the North: Take 24 (Telegraph) South to N. Custer (just after the plaza with Goodwill and before the river) and turn right onto N. Custer. This will be a short road connecting Telegraph to N. Custer, turn right at the stop sign, Veterans Park is on the left after you turn, just before the Fire Department. If you reach Munson Park and the Airport you've gone to far!

From the South: Take 24 North to N. Custer (just after the plaza with Farmer Jack, and after the river) and turn right onto N. Custer. This will be a short road connecting Telegraph to N. Custer, turn right at the light, Veterans Park is on the left after you turn, just before the Fire Department. If you reach Munson Park and the Airport you've gone to far!

### ***May is National Military Appreciation Month Country Singer Tracy Byrd with Founder Emery McClendon:***



***Singer Lee Greenwood with Founder Emery McClendon:***



Public Participants:





Special thanks go out to:

- City of Monroe especially the City Managers office and Ryan Solomon For the use of the park
- Nick - AF8CS For participating and helping coordinate the event
- Rita - WB8FBG For participating and helping coordinate the event
- Monroe County Radio Communications Association (MCRCA) For participation in the event
- River Raisin Repeater Association (RRRA) For use of repeaters during the event
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