

For transmission the week of 9/20/2010

## **MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST MTSB-02**

### **CHECK IN**

WHEN CHECKING IN TO A NET, THE FIRST THING YOU NEED TO DO IS LISTEN ATTENTIVELY. ALTHOUGH IT MAY SEEM THAT NO ACTIVITY IS TAKING PLACE THERE MAY BE ACTIVITY YOU CANNOT HEAR. NET CONTROLS SHOULD MAKE A NET CALL AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 10 MINUTES. THERE IS NO NEED TO RUSH YOUR CHECK IN – PARTICIPATION CREDIT IS ALWAYS ROUNDED UP TO THE NEXT QUARTER HOUR SO LISTENING FOR A FEW MINUTES TO IDENTIFY THE NCS WILL GENERALLY NOT RESULT IN RECEIVING LESS PARTICIPATION CREDIT.

WHEN RESPONDING TO THE NET CALL AND AFTER DETERMINING THAT THE FREQUENCY IS CLEAR, SAY THE NCS CALL SIGN IN PHONETICS, THEN UNKEY AND LISTEN FOR A CLEAR FREQUENCY, THEN SAY “THIS IS” AND YOUR CALL SIGN IN PHONETICS, AND LIST ANY TRAFFIC OR SAY “NO TRAFFIC”, FOLLOWED BY “OVER”. USE THIS SAME PROCEDURE WHEN ENTERING A VOICE NET WHETHER THE NET IS CONDUCTED ON HF OR VHF.

EXAMPLE: “ALPHA FOXTROT ALPHA FIFE ZULU ZULU”, (UNKEY AND LISTEN), “THIS IS ALPHA FOXTROT ALPHA SEVEN ZULU YANKEE, NO TRAFFIC. OVER”

IF YOU HAVE LISTENED FOR SEVERAL MINUTES AND HAVE NOT HEARD THE NCS CALL SIGN, YOU STILL USE THE PROCEDURE AS IN THE EXAMPLE. FOR THE NCS CALL SIGN USE THE SCHEDULED NCS CALL SIGN FROM THE NET SCHEDULE ON THE WEB SITE.

DO NOT INCLUDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS “MOBILE” OR “PORTABLE”. THESE ARE NOT RECOGNIZED ON USAF MARS.

THIS ENDS THIS MARS TRAINING SHORT BURST

ARE THERE ANY REQUESTS FOR FILLS?, OVER