



The Salvation Army

Emergency Disaster Services

Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network



15 March 2018

SATERN Newsletter Delivery May Be Temporarily Interrupted After This Week

National Headquarters (03/14/2018) – The Southern Territory of The Salvation Army is migrating all email services (email, calendar and contacts) from one email client program to a new one beginning Thursday, 15 March 2018.

Overall, this will be a great improvement in service for The Salvation Army as an organization. Unfortunately, the migration of all of the data in the old program (emails, contacts and calendar entries) does not include the migration of group email lists including the ones used to deliver this newsletter. The Editor has been informed that it may be necessary to rebuild each of the email groups by hand. As this includes some 40 or more groups with a combined total of over 1,000 entries, this may take some time to accomplish. Until that happens, delivery of the weekly SATERN Newsletter to each member’s mailbox may not be possible.

But don’t despair!! The weekly SATERN Newsletter will still be posted on SATERN.org – usually by Friday afternoon each week.

Color The Bands Green For Saint Patrick’s Day!



ARRL HQ (03/12/2018) - Radio amateurs around the world will celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day on the air during the St. Patrick Award Activity. The St Patrick Award Activity will get under way at 1200 UTC on March 16 and continue until 1200 UTC on March 18. (St Patrick’s Day is March 17.)

Radio amateurs or SWLs are invited to take part.

Awards will be in four categories: SPD Station Award (for registered stations); Fixed Station Award; Mobile Station Award, and Short Wave Listener Award.

Interested parties can register to be an official participating station by visiting the event’s Facebook page.

WW9E Call Sign Assigned To Salvation Army National Headquarters



National Headquarters (03/13/2018) – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has assigned the Amateur Radio call sign WW9E as the official call sign for The Salvation Army National Headquarters in Alexandria, VA.

WW9E was the call sign for SATERN Founder Major Patrick E. McPherson for many years. Maj. McPherson became a Silent Key (SK) or, in Salvation Army terms, was Promoted to Glory, on Saturday, 14 May 2016. With the permission of his widow, Maj. Carmella McPherson (KB9YSQ), and the administrative assistance of Maj. William Heaver (K8EDS), The Salvation Army applied for and was granted Maj. Pat’s call sign as a lasting memorial to his contributions to both The Salvation Army and Amateur Radio as the Founder of the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network (SATERN). Trustee for the call sign is Mr. William R. Davidson (W9SWW).

Although WW9E is the official call sign for National Headquarters, it is also likely that it will be available to be used for certain very select special events. The National SATERN Committee is discussing how that process will work.

Maj. McPherson created SATERN in 1988. Thirty years later it had grown from just 4 people to nearly 4,500 registered members from all over the world. His call sign, WW9E, was well known not only within SATERN but throughout much of Amateur Radio in the United States and internationally. Maj. McPherson was also well known in the government and non-profit emergency management and emergency communications communities including FEMA, the DHS Office of Emergency Communications, the ARRL, the IARU and National VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster).

Although originally intended to be presented at the 2016 Dayton Hamvention, Maj. McPherson was posthumously presented the prestigious Certificate in Recognition of Exceptional Service by The Salvation Army for his work with SATERN shortly after his passing. The award is presented by the National Commander of The Salvation Army to individuals who “are considered to be outstanding and distinguished by an unusual or significant achievement in or for The Salvation Army. They must be a person of high moral character and integrity who has demonstrated a compassionate response to human need.”

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The Salvation Army Serves During San Antonio Armed Standoff



San Antonio, TX (03/09/2018) – The Salvation Army San Antonio Area Command Emergency Disaster Services team has spent three days providing food, drinks and support to law enforcement agencies working the scene of a police standoff.

The Salvation Army deployed its mobile feeding unit to the scene in Northwest San Antonio on Wednesday afternoon where they began providing snacks, water, coffee and energy drinks to officers from agencies including the Bexar County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, Texas Rangers and SWAT team members.

Officers and emergency management officials put in long hours at the scene and frequently expressed their appreciation for The Salvation Army's presence citing the relief efforts as just what they needed to give them a boost to carry on their duties.

The Salvation Army went on to provide dinner as well as breakfast and lunch through Friday. The 26-hour standoff ended late Wednesday; however, The Salvation Army is expected to remain on site serving meals to investigators at least through lunch on Friday. Other agencies served by The Salvation Army include the FBI and ATF. San Antonio-based grocery chain H-E-B generously donated food, kitchen supplies and other items to The Salvation Army in support of the relief efforts.

As of Friday morning (09 March) The Salvation Army has served 264 hot meals, 316 bottles of water, 120 bottles of Gatorade, 84 energy drinks and more than 900 snacks.

New California South Division Announced Division will be one of the largest in the nation

Western THQ, Long Beach, CA (03/13/2018) - A new **California South Division** will merge the Western Territory's Southern California and Sierra del Mar divisions on 01 July as part of the territory-wide "Project 180" effort, designed to reduce costs, increase income and develop ministry.

California South Division



The new division will be headquartered in Los Angeles—though its location is still in the planning stages—with a smaller county coordination office to remain in San Diego. The California South Division will initially operate out of Western Territorial Headquarters in Long Beach.

“The Salvation Army has a firm and long-standing commitment to being good financial stewards of its donated resources,” said Territorial Commander Commissioner Kenneth G. Hodder. “These changes will help the Army save money that can be directed to our core mission of preaching the Gospel and caring for God’s people in need.”

The new division will be one of the largest division in the United States with 22 million people across seven metropolitan areas from San Diego all the way north through San Luis Obispo. It will have 51 Corps and more than 5,400 soldiers.

“The tremendous savings gained by servicing this geographic area from a central location will allow us to better support Corps,” said Chief Secretary Colonel Douglas Riley, who chairs a committee established to handle the merge. “We’re confident that we will not lose any forward progress and that this will only make a stronger and more united division.”

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