

The following is an analogy between the military (U.S. Army (active) and the Washington State National Guard); and a proposed relationship between the ARES and the NTS.

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Military...Regular Army and National Guard

During peace time, the active army trains for war.

During peace time, the National Guard trains for deployment.

During war, the Army is called to perform a mission by the President.

The Army may need additional personnel to perform the mission, so all or part of the National Guard is called up to Regular Duty.

During times of national crisis, National Guard personnel report to their commanding officer for possible deployment.

When called up to Regular Duty, Guardsman may report of Army officers.

National Guard personnel will be called up with different skills (infantry, cooks, clerks, etc.)

National Guard personnel will be asked to perform a mission by a Army officer. Example: a WANG Military Police detachment is assigned guard duty in Germany.

When National Guard personnel are called up, they will not be participating in normal training (weekend drills, summer camp).

When the Regular Army's Mission is complete, the National Guard personnel will be the first to return to normal (civilian) ready status.

Amateur Radio...ARES and NTS

During normal times the ARES trains for Emergencies

During normal times the NTS trains via exchanging Traffic on NTS regularly scheduled nets and TCC schedules.

During an Emergency, the ARES is asked to perform a mission by Served Agencies and the public

The ARES may not have enough skilled operators and/or equipment to perform the mission, so NTS Operators and/or equipment is called into service.

During Emergencies, NTS operators should report to their local Section Traffic Manager for possible deployment, as needed by the ARES Section Emergency Coordinator.

When deployed, NTS operators may be assigned duties by ARES personnel.

NTS personnel with different skill sets and training will be used (examples: CW operators, VHF voice operators, Digital Gateway Administrators)

A Section Emergency Coordinator may ask a NTS Operator to set up and operate a "Outgoing Traffic" link on HF (CW) from the local "emergency affected" area (Spokane) to the regional FEMA office in Denver. A VHF operator will be assigned duty in the Station, on both ends of the circuit. The HF/VHF Station near Spokane will be at the home of W7XYZ, a local "super station" (and OES).

The NTS Operator assigned the task described above will not participate in the normal daily traffic nets of the NTS.

When the traffic between Spokane and Denver FEMA is able to be handled by means other than amateur radio, the NTS Operator and the Station will be dismissed.