

# **Region 9 Army MARS Training Topics for “phone bridge” use**

**\*\*\* ATTEND - PARTICIPATE – ASK QUESTIONS - WE ALL NEED TO GET INVOLVED \*\*\***

**TRAINING TOPIC** – ACP 126 Message

**SESSION INTENT** – Review a ACP-126 COMSPOT MESSAGE

**REFERENCES** – ***AM6 ANNEX I – MESSAGE FORMS AND REPORTS – December 2017***

**EXPECTED TIME TO DELIVER** – 45 Minutes

**CONTENT OUTLINE & KEY POINTS** –

1. View a sample COMSPOT as an example to produce a COMSPOT to be sent– *On-Line Meeting*
2. Using Station Manager CREATE A COMSPOT MESSAGE.
3. Additional Questions.

**EXAMPLE OR PRACTICAL EXERCISE** – *Stay tuned to Wed night training net for practice*

**THE WAY AHEAD** – Review a ACP-126 – AFTER ACTION Report

**(U) COMMUNICATIONS SPOT REPORT (COMSPOT)**

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(U) The COMSPOT sets are listed below, and are shown in order.

**Table 5 (U/FOUO) COMSPOT Schematic**

Set Identifier	Set Name and Information
	Security Warning (Mandatory) and Caveat
EXER	Exercise Links the message to a particular exercise. In MARS refer to exercises as MARS COMEX.
MSGID	Message ID (Mandatory) Identifies the USMTF format type of this message, the Plain Language Address (PLA) or the unique RI of the message originator, and optionally, the message drafter's serial number, without leading zeros.
COMEV	Communications Event (Mandatory) Contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Communications Event Identifier: Examples: ACTIVATION, DEACTIVATION, OUTAGE, RESTORATION, RECONFIG,</li> <li>• The event Day/Time</li> <li>• Optionally, the estimated event termination Day/Time (combined activation/deactivation)</li> <li>• The Communications Circuit (CCN) or Net Name</li> </ul>
LOCN	Location (Mandatory) Contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Geographic Place Name of the event</li> <li>• The two letter abbreviation representing the Country of the World</li> <li>• The UTM /MGRS Grid Zone</li> </ul>
RMKS	Remarks (Optional) May be added to the report. This Set may be used to report amplifying information, such as significant points of presence on the net or the number or call signs of MARS stations reporting into a net.

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#### I.1.4.1. (U/FOUO) COMSPOT SETS

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Table I-5 (U/FOUO) COMSPOT Schematic

Set Identifier	Set Name and Information	Example(s)
	Security Warning (Mandatory) and Caveat	UNCLAS UNCLAS FOUO
EXER	<b>Exercise</b> Links the message to a particular exercise. In MARS refer to exercises as MARS COMEX.	EXER/MARS COMEX// EXER/MARS COMEX/16-01//
MSGID	<b>Message ID (Mandatory)</b> Identifies the USMTF format type of this message, the Plain Language Address (PLA) or the unique RI of the message originator, and optionally, the message drafter's serial number, without leading zeros.	MSGID/COMSPOT/MARS STATION AAR8XY/12//
COMEV	<b>Communications Event (Mandatory)</b> Contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Communications Event Identifier: Examples: ACTIVATION, DEACTIVATION, OUTAGE, RESTORATION, RECONFIG,</li> <li>The event Day/Time</li> <li>Optionally, the estimated event termination Day/Time (combined activation/deactivation)</li> <li>The Communications Circuit (CCN) or Net Name</li> </ul>	COMEV/ACTIVATION/120001Z/- /CCN:A2A// COMEV/DEACTIVATION/122359Z/- /CCN:A2A// COMEV/ACTIVATION/120001Z/122359Z /CCN:A2A// COMEV/RECONFIG/122359Z/- /CCN:A2A//
LOCN	<b>Location (Mandatory)</b> Contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Geographic Place Name of the event</li> <li>The two letter abbreviation representing the Country of the World</li> <li>The UTM /MGRS Grid Zone</li> </ul>	LOCN/NEW JERSEY/US/18T//
RMKS	<b>Remarks (Optional)</b> May be added to the report. This Set may be used to report amplifying information, such significant points of presence on the net or the number or call signs of MARS stations reporting into a net.	RMKS/NJARNG JFHQ J6 SUBNETS CCN:A2J RMKS NJ GOV OFFICE CCN:A2Y RMKS NYARNG JFHQ J6// RMKS/NET RECONFIG TO M123//

**ACP-126 NET ACTIVATION – FOR TRAINING  
SAMPLE MESSAGE**

**Note: Or for any short term net**

**REF: AM6 ANNEX I MESSAGE FORMS AND REPORTS– Dec 2017**

AAR9WF DE AAR9BK NR 012 **CALLED-CALLING STATION**  
R 0130259Z JUL 2018 **PRI-DATE TIME GROUP**  
T AAA9RI/REGION 9 ADMIN OFFICER - **What does AAR9WF have to do to resend this message?**  
FM AAR9BK  
TO AAR9LD  
BT  
UNCLAS  
EXER/COMEX//  
MSGID/COMSPOT/MARS STATION AAR9BK/012//  
COMEV/ACTIVATION/040201Z/040301ZCCN:M9T//  
LOCN/REGION NINE/US/-//  
RMKS/AAR9BK - NCS, AAR9AS – ANCS, AAR9FI, AAR9YF/T, AAR9CT, AAR9PD,  
AAR9IR, AAR9FL, AAR9CB, AAR9FB, AAR9EV, AAR9WF, AAR9GZ, AAR9KE  
AAR9KD, AAR9DM, AAR9ZG, AAR9UC, AAR9EU, AAR9FV, AAR9YG, AAR9BS,  
RMKS/TOTAL MEMBERS IN NET 28//  
RMKS/TRAINING TOPIC COMSPOT  
BT

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## **SAMPLE MESSGE – ACTIVATION DEACTIVATION**

***Q: Who are these messages sent to?***

MSGID/COMSPOT/MARS STATION AAR9BK/012  
COMVE/ACTIVATION/040201/CCN:M9B  
LOCN/REGION 9 NET/PRI M123/ALT M456//  
BT

MSGID/COMSPOT/MARS STATION AAR9BK/012  
COMVE/DEACTIVATION/040601/CCN:M9B  
LOCN/REGION 9 NET/PRI M123/ALT M456//  
BT

## **SAMPLE MESSAGE – NET RECONFIG**

MSGID/COMSPOT/MARS STATION AAR9BK/012  
COMVE/RECONFIG/040701Z/CCN:M9B  
LOCN/NET RECONFIG OF REGION 9 NET TO/PRI M789/ALT 321//  
BT