**Military Callsign List**

(forever under construction)

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Latest version incorporates observations by Ron Perron, MD

PLEASE READ IMPORTANT NOTES AT END

US Military Identifier Usage

A callword is a station identifier without numbers, such as Mudbug

Control. A callsign is one with numbers, such as Abnormal 10.

Some calls are static, that is they stay the same for long periods.

Others are tactical, changing with each day or even each mission.

The US Strategic Command (a joint nuclear "triad") continues the old

Air Force policy of changing the words daily, from a master list.

Aircraft tend to use words with 2-3 syllables. The ground station,

WAR46, has also adopted the use of such words. Selection is reputed

to be random, but some come back around more often than others.

There is no point listing these rotating calls here, as they would

be obsolete before they made the list.

Static callsigns/callwords of air tankers used to associate with

gasoline, gas stations, or fuel in general, though the association

became pretty vague. "FUELER" is currently a common tanker call in

the Pacific. Fighters tend to get quite a bit more macho.

Many transports use the callsign REACH (Air Mobility Command) plus

a mission number and optional letter. Other transports might use the

number 1 or 01 for the unit commander's aircraft, such as PACAF 01

(US Pacific Air Force), and of course the famous Presidential "AIR

FORCE ONE."

Similarly, 2 or 02 can denote the deputy commander.

Ron Perron notes that fighters with the callword plus numbers 81

or 91 are probably on cross country or out-of-area flights, though

other units use special callwords for these. (This is especially

common for US aircraft being ferried across the Atlantic.)

Many CPs, Air National Guard or CAP units, and the like, derive

callwords from geographical characteristics of their locations,

aka AK-SAR-BEN (Nebraska backwards, and a popular horse track),

FOG PATCH CONTROL (an AFB near Visalia, where it gets foggy in

winter), MUDBUG (near the Mississippi "big muddy" delta, where

mudbug crabs are found), and HIGH ROLLER (Nevada ANG, Reno).

A few callsigns/callwords are acronyms, such as ARIA (Advanced

Range Instrumentation Aircraft), JOINT STARS (Joint Surveillance

Target Attack Radar System), SPAR (Special Air Resources), and

SAM (Special Air Mission).

Some aircraft have "front end" calls (the flight crew) and "back

end" calls (the staff operating at the positions in the back).

These can and will be heard simultaneously.

Three-character alphanumeric calls such as "T-9-V" (which would

be given phonetically as "Tango Niner Victor") are "NATO

trigraphs," and also assigned tactically. Some units, especially

the US Navy, often abbreviate these.

More recently, the use of Automatic Link Establishment (ALE) has

led to many stations having both their static calls and special

"addresses" that show up on ALE decoders. The more modern ALE

standard allows these to get pretty long, though most are still

under 8 or so characters. Some include the agency name, but

most don't.

Good hunting!

Callsign List - Military, some US Govt

Callsign Type User

AAC2 US Army Harbormaster, Ft. Eustis, VA

AADS LCU US Army Vessel Runnymeade, LCU-2001

AADT USAV ALDIE LCU-2004

AADU USAV BRANDY STATION LCU-2005

AADV USAV BRISTOE STATION LCU-2006

AADW USAV BROAD RUN LCU-2007

AADX USAV BUENA VISTA LCU-2008

AADY USAV SPRINGFIELD LCU-2009

AADZ USAV CEDAR RUN LCU-2010

AAEA LCU US Army Vessel Chickahominy LCU-2011

AAEB USAV CHICKASAW BAYOU LCU-2012

AAEC LSV-1 USAV GEN. FRANK S. BESSON-FT EUSTIS

AAED LSV-2 USAV-CW3 HAROLD C. CLINGER-FORD ISLAND HI

AAEE LSV-3 USAV Gen. Brehon B. Somervell-TACOMA WASH

AAEF LSV-4 USAV LT. GEN. WILLIAM BUNKER-FT EUSTIS VA

AAEG USAV KENESAW MTN LCU-2002

AAEH USAV MACON LCU-2003

AAEI USAV CHURUBUSCO LCU-2013

AAEJ USAV COAMO LCU-2014

AAFA LSV-6 USAV SPEC4 JAMES A. LOUX-FT EUSTIS VA

AAFB USAV MAJ GEN NATHANIEL GREEN LT-801

ABENAKI New Hampshire CAP

ABNORMAL 10 Western Test Range, Vandenberg AFB, CA

ABNORMAL 30 Western Test Range, Kwajalein Test Site

ABYSS C-130E 302nd AW, Peterson AFB, CO

ACCOUNTANT USAF Rescue

ACROBAT Old Secret Service code for Andrews AFB, MD

ADMM LCU USAV CONTRERES LCU-2015

ADMN LCU US Army Landing Craft, USAV Corinth

ADMO LCU USAV EL CANEY LCU-2017

ADMP LCU USAV FIVE FORKS LCU-2018

ADMQ LCU USAV FORT DONELSON LCU-2019

ADMR LCU USAV FORT MCHENRY LCU-2020

ADMS LCU USAV GREAT BRIDGE LCU-2021

ADMT LCU USAV HARPERS FERRY LCU-2022

ADMU LCU USAV HOBKIRK LCU-2023

ADMV LCU USAV HOMIGUEROS LCU-2024

ADMW LCU USAV MALVERN HILL LCU-2025

ADMX LCU USAV MATAMOROS LCU-2026

ADMY LCU USAV MECHANICSVILLE LCU-2027

ADMZ LCU USAV MISSIONARY RIDGE LCU-2028

ADNA LCU USAV MOLINO DEL REY LCU-2029

ADNB LCU USAV MONTERREY LCU-2030

ADNC LCU USAV NEW ORLEANS LCU-2031

ADND LCU USAV PALO ALTO LCU-2032

ADNE LCU USAV PAULUS HOOK LCU-2033

ADNF LCU USAV PERRYVILLE LCU-2034

ADNG LCU USAV Port Hudson LCU-2035

ADOBE KC-135?

ADSV LSV-5 USAV MAJ GEN CHARLES P GROSS-FORD ISLAND HI

ADTG USAV MAJ GEN HENRY KNOX LT-802

ADTH USAV MAJ GEN ANTHONY WAYNE LT-803

ADTI USAV BRIG GEN ZEBULON PIKE LT-804

ADTJ USAV MAJ GEN WINFIELD SCOTT LT-805

ADTK USAV COL SETH WARNER LT-806

ADTL USAV SGT MAJ JOHN CHAMPE LT-807

ADTM USAV MAJ GEN JACOB BROWN LT-808

AEGIS C-130H Dyess AFB

AERO CAP, DC

AFTON C-130 Wyoming ANG

AGAR var 412th TW, Edwards AFB, CA, missile test a/c

AIR FORCE 1 USAF acft carrying US Pres (usually 747)

AIR FORCE 2 USAF acft carrying US Vice President

AIR FORCE RESCUE Any ARRS a/c on SAR, plus tail ##

Aircat LCAC Generic for air-cushioned landing craft

AIREVAC Aircraft on a medical airlift mission

AKSARBEN USAF, Offutt AFB (Nebraska backwards

AME var Spanish Air Force (spoken phonetically)

ANDY Andrews AFB, MD

ANGEL AF-1 Secret Service code when airborne

ANGEL CAP, Montana

ANGRY OWL Hill AFB, UT range control

ANGRY WARRIOR Hill AFB, UT Eagle Range Control

APACHE AH-64 Generic: US Army helo

ARCHITECT Royal Air Force Strike Command, UK

ARCO KC-135 Tanker

ARIA Advanced Range Instrumentation Aircraft, EDW

ASCOT var Royal Air Force, UK (all UK transports)

ATLAS DEA/Collins flight following fac., Cedar Rapids, IA

AUGUR F-16 52nd FW, Spangdahlem AFB, Germany USAFE

AUSSIE RAAF

AWOKE RC-135 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, NE

AXE C-12

AXEMAN EA-6B US Navy, VAQ-209

BACKSPIN Hill AFB, UT range control for R-6404

BAMA F-16 187th FG, AL ANG at Dannelly Field

BANDSAW E-3B 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, OK

BANDSAW ABC E-3B 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, OK (US training)

BANDSAW GOLF E-3C 552nd ACW battle staff call

BANDSAW JULIET E-3B 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, OK

BARRACUDA US Customs, hardworking PANTHER

BEARMAT USMC 29 Palms, CA range control

BEAVER NAS North Island, CA FACSFAC

BEAVER FOX CAP, Oregon

BEAZ ???

BETA WC-130 403rd Wing, Keesler AFB, MS

BIGFOOT NORAD western US air defense SOCC, McChord A

BILLFISH US CUSTOMS MARINE SUPPORT BAHAMAS

BLACK BEAR Civil Air Patrol, command, California

BLACK HAWK CAP, Ohio

BLACK LIST 29 Palms AGCC, CA range control

BLACKFOOT CAP, North Dakota

BLACKSHEEP US CUSTOMS AIR BRANCH SAN ANGELO TX

BLOIE F-16 113th FW, DC ANG at Andrews AFB

BLUE ANGELS F/A-18 Navy Demo Team, NAS Pensacola, FL

BLUE BIRD CAP, Missouri

BLUE CHIP CAP, Tennessee

BLUE FIRE US Customs, Houston, TX

BLUE FLITE CAP, Virginia

BLUE GHOST NAS Key West, FL

BLUE KNIGHT Robins AFB, GA Lockheed Security Unit

BLUE STAR US Navy TSCC, Rosey Roads NAS, PR

BOEING Generic callword for company tests

BOOM KC-135 AF Reserve Tankers

BRANCH P-3C USN

BRANDYWINE Andrews AFB, MD SATCOM center

BRICKYARD Gnd Grissom ARB, IN

BROADWAY US CUSTOMS NEW YORK CITY SECTOR OPS

BRONCO OV-10D US State Dept anti-drug

BROOK C-130 153rd AG, WY ANG at Cheyenne

BROOM EC-130 193rd SOG, PA ANG at Harrisburg

BROWN BEAR Civil Air Patrol command, California

BUFF B-52 Barksdale AFB, LA

BULLFROG TANGO Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station, CA

CABIN CRUISER US Customs AB, Caribbean

CAMSLANT US Coast Guard Atlantic Master Station, VA

CAMSPAC US Coast Guard Pacific Master. Station., CA

CANFORCE var Canadian Forces

CAPS F-16 113th FW, DC ANG at Andrews AFB

CARMEN C-130 DE-ANG

CARPET US Secret Service motor pool, DC or field

CHALICE AWACS 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, OK

CHALICE ABC AWACS 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, OK

CHEROKEE White Sands Missile Range, NM

CHESTAID US Customs

CHINO C-130 928th AG, O'Hare Int'l, IL

CID ALE c/s for Rockwell/Collins, Cedar Rapids

CIRCUS BLANC GND FAF, Bangui, Africa

CIRCUS BONNE GND FAF, Bordeaux

CIRCUS CITRON GND FAF, Cayenne, F. Guyana

CIRCUS DIAMANT GND FAF, Dole/Taveaux

CIRCUS DORE GND FAF, Djibouti

CIRCUS EBENE GND FAF, Evereaux

CIRCUS FRAISE GND FAF, Ft. de France

CIRCUS LILAS GND FAF, Libreville, Gabon

CIRCUS NOIR GND FAF, Noumea, New Caledonia

CIRCUS OCRE GND FAF, Orleans

CIRCUS ORANGE GND FAF, Dakar, Senegal

CIRCUS SEVRON GND FAF, SKOPJE, MACEDONIA

CIRCUS TANGO GND FAF, Toulouse

CIRCUS TILLEUL GND FAF, NDJAMENA, CHAD

CIRCUS VERT GND FAF, CFAP HQ, Villacoublay

CIRCUS VILLA GND FAF, Villacoublay

CLAM BAKE US Customs, Boston, MA

COAST GUARD ## US Coast Guard airplane or helo

COAST GUARD ONE Cmdr. Of US Coast Guard

COAST GUARD RESCUE US Coast Guard aircraft involved in SAR

CONDOR US Army Rapid Deploy C troop, Ft. Polk

COPPER KC-135 161st ARG, AZ ANG at Phoenix

CORNHUSKER KC-135 190th ARG, KS ANG at Topeka

CORNSTATE CAP, Iowa

CORVETTE A-10A 103rd FG, CT ANG at Bradley ANGB

COTAM var French Air Force transports

CRESCENT CAP, SC

CREST LINE MCAS Camp Pendleton, CA North Range

CROWN White House Communications Agency

CROWN CITY US Customs, Coronado, CA

CRUD F-16 144th FW, CA ANG at Fresno ANGB

CRUMPET USAF/ANG MOBILE RADAR

CUBAN SCOUT NAS Moffett, CA

CUBE var Coronet callsign for missions to the UK

CUDA A-10 118th FS Flying Yankees, Bradley ANGB, CT.

CUDA A-10A 103rd FG, CT ANG at Bradley ANGB

CUERVO F-16 144th FW, CA ANG at Fresno ANGB

CUFMY EC-135 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, OK

CUTTY SARK Night watch tac call, comes around a lot

CUJO F-16

CYPRUS FLIGHTWATCH GND RAF STICS, Cyprus

CYRANO E-3F FAF

DACOTAH CAP, South Dakota

DAE var Danish Air Force (spoken phonetically)

DAGGER A-10A 104th FG, MA ANG at Barnes ANGB

DANNO A-10A MA ANG at Barnes ANGB

DEATH BLOW Night watch tac call, comes around a lot

DEER HUNTER Gnd NORAD Western Air Defense Sector, WA

DEMO var misc. military aircraft doing flight demo

DENALI AMC ALCC, Elmendorf AFB, AK

DESERT BASE US Customs Air Ops, Tucson, AZ

DESERT CONTROL NAS Fallon, NV range control

DETONE E-3B 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, OK

DHJ 59 Gnd German Navy HQ, Wilhelmshaven

DIAMOND CAP, Delaware

DIAMONDBACK Gnd US Navy, Oceana, VA

DLA 302 Gnd Defense Logistics Agency, Stockton CA

DLA 303 Gnd Defense Logistics Agency, Bremerton WA

DOMINO US Air Defense, FL

DOOM B-52 2nd Wing, Barksdale AFB, LA

DOORWAY CONTROL NAS South Weymouth, MA

DOWN RIGGER US Navy FACSFAC, Whidbey Island, WA

DRAGNET F-1 Mirage French Armee de l'Air France

DRAGO USAF Aerial Control Team

DUSTER F-15 48th FW, RAF Lakenheath, UK

EAGLE Civil Air Patrol, California

EAGLE NEST CAP, Texas

EMPIRE Civil Air Patrol, New York

EMPIRE US Customs, Inland Empire, Riverside, CA

ENERGY var Dept of Energy acft

ENJEP T-38 Euro-Nato Jet Pilot Training, Sheppard AFB

ENYP Ship Russian RTMKS Kapitan Butrimov

EOYW Ship Russian RTMS Arabat

EXECUTIVE 1 civil aircraft with US President on board

EXECUTIVE 1 F aircraft carrying the First Family

EXECUTIVE 2 civil aircraft with US Vice Pres on board

EXECUTIVE 2 F aircraft with VP's family

FAF var French Air Force (spoken phonetically)

FAF0400 C-135 French AF, Istres

FALCON P-3C Netherlands Royal Navy, Caribbean ops

FIDDLE Gnd US Navy TSCC, Jacksonville, FL

FIGHTING TIGER P-3C VP-8, NAS Brunswick ME

FILO E-3B 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, OK

FIR CAP, Washington

FIREBRAND CAP, Hawaii

FIRE SHIP Night watch tac call

FISHER gnd Tactical call used by Cape Radio, FL

FISH NET Night watch tac call

FLAG PLOT USCG HQ Ops Center, Washington DC

FLASH 84 B737 CINC SOUTHCOM, FL

Flight Check King Air FAA Facilities Check aircraft, Oklahoma City

FLINT var DEA aircraft

FLINT BASE DEA DALLAS TX

FLYNEST Nuclear/CBW Emergency Search Team

FMN var French Navy (spoken phonetically)

FOCUS 962nd AWACS, Alaska

FOG PATCH CONTR US Air Force CP, near Visalia, CA

FORCE var Canadian Forces

FOXTROT TANGO USN tracking net control

FOXTROT WHISKEY USN Pacific Air Defense Warning Net

FREEDOM CAP, Massachusetts

FREEDOM STAR NASA Booster Recovery Vessel

FRIED CHICKEN US Customs, New Orleans, LA

FRONTIER CONTL Vandenberg AFB, CA range surveillance

FURIOUS AMC South America ALCC

FUROR C-130 352nd SOG, RAF Mildenhall, UK

FURRY F-16 USAF, Germany

FYY var RAF Finningley based acft

GABBY F-15 48th FW, RAF Lakenheath, UK

GAF var German Air Force

GASSER,GASSR ? US Air Force tanker

GIANT KILLER NAS Oceana, VA FACSFAC Virginia Capes

GIBRALTAR FLTWTCH GND RAF STICS, Gibraltar

GLASS EYE USAF acft on NUDET visual observation miss

GLOBAL Postpended to GHFS base stations

GLUCOSE KC-10 4th Wing, Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC

GOLDEN HAWK USN Brunswick TSCC, ME

GOLDENROD CAP, Alabama

GROVE CONTROL Royal Navy, UK

GUARDIAN var CONUS ROCC, Langley AFB

GUDA C-130 352nd SOG, RAF Mildenhall, UK

GUN BARREL Night watch tac call

GUN RACK Night watch tac call

GUN SHOP Night watch tac call

Gulf test G-V Generic test call for Grumman Gulfstream

GUNSMOKE Nellis AFB, NV Flight Weapons School

HABITAT Gnd US Navy TSCC, Whidbey Island, WA

HAF var Hellenic (Greek) Air Force

HAMMER US Customs DAICC, possibly March ARB, CA

HAMPSHIRE Commander Naval Forces Caribbean

HAPPY HOUR US Customs, Gulfport, MS

HAPPY HUNTER Point Loma Range, CA

HARD ROCK Customs?

HAVEN GND RAF STICS, Ascension Is.

HEADCAP Civil Air Patrol HQ, number tells person

HERC C-130 Generic C-130 callsign

HERKEY C-130 Another generic C-130 call

HERSHEY Key West, FL Joint Air Recon Control Center

HIGH ROLLER Nevada ANG, Reno

HIGH VOLTAGE US ground control for UK a/c

HILDA 375th AW HQ TACC, AMC, Scott AFB, IL

HILDA EAST AOR for everything E of Mississippi to India

HILDA WEST AOR for everything W of Mississippi to India

HILL CAP var CAP, West Virginia

HIPPO Tonopah Test Range, NV

HOPPER LCAC37 Generic for air-cushioned landing hovercraft

HORNET Royal Navy, Portsmouth, UK

HORNET F/A-18 generic F/A-18 callsign

HORNET TOWER Hill AFB, UT range control for HAG R-6404

HOSER KC-135

HULA DANCER US Navy FACSFAC, Hawaii

HUNTER RAF Nimrod on Blue Star ASW/drug ops

HUNTER CP-140 RCAF

HUNTRESS NORAD Northeast ROCC, Griffins AFB, NY

IAF var Israeli Air Force (spoken phonetically)

ICE PACK TACC/Air Support Coord Section

ICH Italian Navy, La Maddalena

Idaho Aircraft on FBI surveillance (joint)

Index 100 US Customs El Paso Intel Ctr (EPIC), TX

INDIA var Italian Air Force

INDY KC-135 434th ARW, Grissom ARB, IN

JAMBO B-52 2nd Wing, Barksdale AFB, LA

Jammer C-5 Dover AFB per Ron Perron

JAYHAWK CAP, Kansas

JAZZ F-15 159th FG, LA ANG at NAS New Orleans

JEFFERSON var CAP, Virginia

JEWEL BOX Night watch tac call

JOLLY helo SAR helos not on SAR mission

JOSHUA CONTROL 412th TW, Edwards AFB, CA (approach)

JPAT Jet Priority Air Transport, US Army

JSTARS 03 E-8C Same as WIZZARD, Army/USAF joint radar a/c

KEYSTONE CAP, Pennsylvania

KING CAP, Wyoming

KING USAF SAR aircraft not on mission

KITTY HAWK CAP, NC

KITTYHAWK Royal Squadron (Number 32), RAF

KIWI RESCUE Royal New Zealand Air Force on SAR

LEE OPS US Army Ops at Petersberg Apt, VA

LEOPARD CT-114 Canadian trainer

LETTERMAN Hickam AFB, HI weather forecasts

LIBERTY STAR NASA Booster Recovery Vessel

LIFTER C-141 generic C-141 callsign

LONE STAR US Customs, Houston, TX

LONE STAR TALCE US military Tactical Airlift Control Element

LONG FIRE MCAS Camp Pendleton, CA South Range

LONGHORN US Customs, Houston, TX

LONG KNIFE ???

LONG RIFLE MCAS Camp Pendleton, CA South Range

LOOKING GLASS var Old code for STRATCOMM airborne CP

LOS var RAF Lossiemouth based acft

MAGIC E-3D RAF NATO 8/23 AWACS, Waddington (UK)

MAGIC E-3D NATO AWACS deployed to CONUS

MAGIC F-16 144th FW, CA ANG at Fresno ANGB

MAINE KC-135 101st ARW, ME ANG at Bangor

MAJAN var Omani Air Force

MARINE 1 USMC helicopter with US President on board

MARINE 2 USMC helicopter with US Vice Pres on board

marlin DEA, Cedar Rapids, IA

MARLIN 395 El Paso Intel Ctr (EPIC)

MARS CT-33 RCAF

MAST OPS Army Ops at Kelly Heliport, Ft Sam Houston

MAZDA var Coronet callsign for missions to the UK

MEDEVAC var acft on medical mission

METAPHOR AMC CP, Ramstein AB

METMAN var RAF Meteorological Research Flight

MIAMI MONITOR National Hurricane Tracking Ctr, Miami, FL

MIDDLEGROUND CAP, Kentucky

MIG var Mock-aggressor training callword

MIME CONTROL ADIZ Southern CA

MOCKINGBIRD CAP, Mississippi

MOUNTAINEER CAP, West Virginia

MUDBUG Barksdale AFB, LA

MUH1 British Army 1 Signals Regiment Bramcote

MUH1B British Army Signals Munich Germany

MUH1C British Army Signals Greece

MUH3A Army/Navy comm station Vancouver Canada

MUH4 RAAF Darwin

MUH4B NavCommSta Darwin

MUH5A New Zealand Army Signals

MUH7 NavCommSta Canberra

MUH7C Australian Army Signals Regiment Enoggera Br

MUH8A British Army Signals Eskiopi Cyprus

MULL C-130 352nd SOG, RAF Mildenhall, UK

MUSHROOM US Customs, Tampa, FL

MUSTANG TACC/Direct Air Support Center

MUSTANG F-15 48th FW, RAF Lakenheath, UK

NALO var Naval Air Logistics Office

NASA 1-5 C-11 Johnson Space Center, TX

NASA 414-431 var Wallops Island

NASA 432 Fkkr27 Wallops Is, tail number N432NA

NASA 500-566 var Langley Research Center

NASA 600-636 var Lewis Research Center

NASA 700-750 var Ames Research Center, CA

NASA 8 Kng Ar Wallops Is, tail number N8NA

NASA 800-849 var Dryden Flight Center, CA

NASA 900-962 var Johnson Space Center, TX

NEST Nuclear Emergency Search Team FLYNEST

NIGHTHAWK Helo in Marine One party, or Pres not aboard

NIGHTHAWK CH-46E HMX-1, MCAF Quantico, VA (CH-53D)

NIGHTSTAR E-8C JSTARS, Robins AFB

NIGHTWATCH NEACP/NAOC program identifier

NIGHTWATCH 01 E-4B Lead NAOC a/c of day, airborne CP for NCA

NITRO ? Tanker

NORTHERN LIGHTS NE Air Intercept Gnd Ctl

NORTHWIND CAP, Nevada

NORWEGIAN var Norwegian Air Force

NUTMEG CAP, Connecticut

OAK GROVE NORAD Southeast ROCC

OCEANSIDE 300 US Customs BLUE LIGHTNING Op center, Miami

OCTOPUS UK a/c on US ops

ODOUR F-16 159th FG, LA ANG at NAS New Orleans

OILER KC-135

OILGATE KC-135

OKIE SAM var NORAD link coordination, Tyndall AFB

OMAHA var Customs acft used in DEA/Customs activity

OPBAT DEA OPS

OPEC KC-10 Tanker

OPEN SKIES OC-135 NATO compliance a/c, 24th Recon, Offutt

ORCA Italian Navy

OUTRIDER Pacific Missile Range, Barking Sands, Hawaii

OVERLORD US Customs Op Ctr, Oklahoma City, OK

PACAF 01 Cmdr. Of Pacific Air Forces

PACKER P-3C NAS Brunswick, ME

PAN HANDLE US Customs Pensacola FL

PANTHER DEA/US Customs, Nassau, Bahamas

PANTHER 400 DEA, Georgetown, Bahamas

PARADISE US Customs, San Juan, PR

PAT US Army Priority Air Transport (Andrews AFB)

PATROL Usually a/c engaged in range guard

PHANTOM AMC European ALCC

PHANTOM OPS 388th FW, Hill AFB, UT range control

PICO CAP, Vermont

PIGGY F-16 52nd FW, Spangdahlem AFB, Germany USAFE

PIKES PEAK CAP, Colorado

PILGRIM OPS Army Reserve Ops at Moore AAF, Devens, MA

PINEAPPLE CAP, Puerto Rico

PINETREE CAP, Maine

PING PONG Customs Sector Office, Corpus Christi, TX

PLANT CAP, Maryland

PLEAD 13 NAS Point Mugu, CA weather

PLEAD ALPHA NAS Point Mugu, PMTC ops

PLEAD CONTROL NAS Point Mugu, PMTC/PMFC range safety

PORT CITY CNTRL 157th ARG, NH ANG at Pease ANGB CP

PUEBLO CAP, New Mexico

PUERTO RICO gnd USAF GHFS, Salinas, PR

QUASAR French military

QUEEN Eglin AFB, FL Rescue Ops

RACER F-16 181st FG, IN ANG at Hulman Field

RAINBOW US Customs, British Virgin Is.

RAMSEY C-141 60th AMW, Travis AFB, CA

RAWHIDE BASE VRC-40, NAS Norfolk, VA CP

RAYMOND Any ACC command post

RAYMOND 1 Langley AFB, VA HQ ACC

RAYMOND 3 Langley AFB

RAYMOND 7 27th FW, Cannon AFB, NM CP

RAYMOND 8 355th Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ ACC CP

RAYMOND 10 16th SOW, Hurlburt Field AFB, FL CP

RAYMOND 11 Eglin AFB, FL CP

RAYMOND 13 Langley AFB

RAYMOND 14 49th FW, Holloman AFB, NM CP

RAYMOND 15 Homestead AFB?

RAYMOND 16 1st FW, Langley AFB, VA CP

RAYMOND 17 347th Wing, Moody AFB, GA CP

RAYMOND 18 56th FW, Luke AFB, AZ CP

RAYMOND 19 Robbins AFB, GA

RAYMOND 20 Patrick AFB, FL ACC CP

RAYMOND 21 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, NE CP

RAYMOND 22 57th Test Wg, Nellis AFB, NV CP

RAYMOND 23 Hill AFB, UT tactical CP

RAYMOND 24 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, OK CP

RAYMOND 25 4th Wing, Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC CP

RAYMOND 26 20th FW, Shaw AFB, SC CP

RAYMOND 27 366th Wing, Mt Home AFB, ID CP

RAYMOND 31 Possibly 9th RW, Beale AFB, CA

RAYMOND 33 7th Wing, Dyess AFB, TX CP

RAYMOND 37 7th Wing, Dyess AFB, TX CP

RAYMOND 99 Roswell Industrial Air Center (Roving Sands)

RAZOR E-8C JSTARS, Robbins AFB

RAZOR P-3 US Navy, Rosy Roads, on drug interdiction

RAZOR BACK US Customs Air Center, PR

REACH C-141 AMC aircraft (acft #'s 20134-70027)

REACH C-5A AMC aircraft (acft #'s 0047-00467)

REACH C-5A AMC aircraft (acft #'s 50006-50007)

REACH C-5A AMC aircraft (acft #'s 70029-90042)

RED FOX CAP, Illinois

RED ROBIN CAP, Michigan

RED STAR CAP, Georgia

RELIEF var Used in 1998 Honduran hurricane aid

RESCUE aircraft engaged in SAR mission

RHODY CAP, Rhode Island

RIPPER B-52 ????? Used to be Navy F-14

RIVER CITY CUSTOMS AIR BRANCH, SAN ANTONIO TX

ROAD RUNNER CUSTOMS AIR BRANCH, ALBURQUERQUE NM

ROPER C-130H TX ANG

ROYAL CROWN White House Comm Agency switchboard

RUST F-16 52nd FW, Spangdahlem AFB, Germany USAFE

SAM Special Air Mission aircraft (VIP)

SAM 27000 VC-137 Old presidential/VP aircraft

SAM 28000 VC-25 President's 747 - (Pres not on board)

SAM 29000 VC-25 President's other 747 - (Pres not on board)

SAMP U-2R STRATCOM high altitude air sampling recon

SAUDI var Saudi Air Force

SAVE UH-1 ARRS locally based helos not on SAR

SCAT NAS Fallon, NV

SEMINOLE var FL ANG

SENTRY E-3B 552nd ACW, Tinker AFB, OK

SENTRY E-3B May be generic for E-3

SERVICE CENTER US Customs DIACC, Oklahoma City, OK

SHARK Rare use by USCG anti-smuggling

SHIFTY F-15 48th FW, RAF Lakenheath, UK

SHOCKER KC-135 McConnell AFB, KS

SHOCKER CONTROL USAF ops, Iowa

SHOGUN F-15C 18th FW, Kadena AB, Okinawa, Japan

SHOGUN F-16C 35th FW, Misawa AB, Japan

SHRIMP BOAT CUSTOMS SECTOR OFFICE, NEW ORLEANS

SIDE CAR Canadian NORAD Region (CANR) SOCC, Ontario

SIERRA US Customs aircraft

SIERRA PETE var NORAD Southwest US SOCC, March ARB

SILVER BOW Tonopah Test Range Control, NV

SILVER STORM Groom Lake, NV approach control

SINATRA From CNTRA-Chief, Naval Air Training

SKINNER CT-33 RCAF Halifax, NS Schooner

SKYHAWK TA-4J Meridian

SKYKING general call to all STRATCOM SIOP forces

SLINGSHOT C3I EAST. RICHMOND HEIGHTS FL

SLINGSHOT Miami ATC for USCG

SLINGSHOT ALPHA BACKUP TO SLINGSHOT

SMASHER US SOUTHAF flight monitoring, Key West

SMOKE SIGNAL NAWS China Lake, CA

SNOWBIRD Canadian Demo Team

SOONER Civil Air Patrol, Oklahoma

SOURDOUGH CAP, Alaska

SPAR Special Air Resources, non-SAM VIP flights

SPARROW 01 P-3C Dutch Royal Navy on Caribbean JTF ops

SPOOKY AC-130U Spectre gunship, 16SOW

SPORT CONTROL 412th TW, Edwards AFB, CA (R-2515 control)

SPRUCE GOOSE CUSTOMS SECTOR OFFICE, LOS ANGELES CA

SPRY RC-135 55th Wing, Offutt AFB, NE

STARBURST USN ASW/USW SOAR range, off SoCal

STARFISH CAP, Minnesota

STARGATE E-8C JSTARS surveillance aircraft

STEALTH F-117A generic call

STONEWALL USN CINCPAC

STORM CLOUD CUSTOMS VESSEL MAINT CENTER, MIAMI FL

STRIKE HAWK FAIRCHILD AFB WASH

SUITCASE Ft Huachuca, AZ

SUNDANCE DEA Support Facilities, S. America

SUNDANCE 150 DEA, poss Barranquilla

SUNDANCE 300 DEA, Colombia

SUNDANCE 500 DEA, Ecuador

SUNDANCE 600 DEA, Ecuador

SUNDANCE 700 DEA, Lima, Peru

SUNDANCE 715 DEA, Peru

SUNDANCE 720 DEA, Peru

SUNDANCE 750 DEA, Peru

SUNDANCE 780 DEA, Peru

SUNDANCE 855 DEA, Bolivia

SUNDANCE 875 DEA, Bolivia

SUNDANCE 900 DEA, Venezuela

SUNFLOWER KS Army NG

SUNSHINE Customs Sector Office, Miami

SWORDFISH USCG helos on JIATF/Customs/DEA missions

SWORDFISH cp-140 Canadian Forces, 415 Maritime Patrol, NS

TALON T-38 generic T-38 callsign

TANGO 14 Ft Hood, TX Air Defense Coordination Sect

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TAR OPS MS ANG Ops at Gulfport Muni Apt

TEAL WC-130 53rd WRS, "Hurricane Hunters “Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS

TESTLINE NAS North Island, CA NARF

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THINKER 1 CHARLIE Cape Canaveral AS restricted area ctrl

THUNDERBIRD CAP, Arizona

THUNDERBIRD F-16 AF Demo Team, Nellis AFB, NV

TOAD var USN trainers

TOMAHAWK DRUG INTERDICTION OPS

TOMCAT F-14 generic F-14 callsign

TONIGHT AMC Pacific ALCC

TOPGUN var Navy Fighter Weapons School now at Fallon

TOPHAND Atlantic Submarine Cmd, NAS Norfolk, VA

TOPSOIL NORAD Ops Center, McChord AFB, WA

TRANSPORT 1 Secretary of Transportation's a/c

TRANSPORT 2 Deputy Secy. of Transportation's a/c

TRIDENT OPS FELKER AAF, FT EUSTIS VA

TRIGGER NAS Lemoore, CA

TROOPER MD STATE POLICE MEDEVAC HELOS

TROPIC 100 DEA, Miami Division

TROPIC 1XX MIAMI DIVISION PERSONNEL

TROPIC 201 Customs vessel working PANTHER on 5277

TROPIC 2XX MIAMI MARITIME VESSELS

TROPIC AIR DEA Air Ops, Opalocka, FL

TROUBLESHOOTER NAS Jacksonville, FL

TRUMP F-15 MASS ANG OTIS

TULSA F-16 138th FG, OK ANG at Tulsa

TURBO KC-135 22nd ARW, McConnell AFB, KS

UANP ship Russian TH Ladoga-17

UAOO Ship Russian TH Svirx

UAPQ Ship Russian TH VBALT-207

UBEO Ship Russian TH STK-1023

UERS ship Russian TH Vasilij Kalashnikov

UEYW Ship Russian TH AVK Polikarpov

UNCLE MIKE CAP, Utah

URIL Ship Russian RTMKS Fedor Korobkov

VEGAS F-16 Nellis AFB

WAFER P-3C NAS Brunswick, ME

WALDORF gnd Ground Entry Point (GEP) to US DSN

WAMO Wash. Aerial Measurements Ofc., Andrews AFB

WAR 46 US Alternate National CP, NCA/JCS, PA

WARLOCK Hill AFB, UT range control

WATERBUG VAR AIRCRAFT TEST SQDN, NAS Patuxent River

WATERGATE 121st FS DC ANG, Andrews (Maintenance)

WAVE RIDER P-3 US Navy Antisubmarine Warfare

WESTERN WESTERN REGION CAP

WESTERN SKY US Navy Pacific Antisubmarine warfare

WGY 912 FEMA Special Facility, Mt. Weather, VA

WHAMO helo NEST Nuclear Emergency Search Team

WHITE LAKE CUSTOMS AIR BRANCH, EL PASO TX

WHITE PEAK NEW YORK CAP

WIGWAM CAP, Nebraska

WILDWOOD ARKANSAS CAP

WINTER WONDERLAND CUSTOMS SECTOR OFFICE, CHICAGO IL

WISE C-130E 711th SOS, Duke Field FL

WITCH DOCTOR USN EW REWS range, off San Diego

WIZZARD E-8C JSTARS back end staff

WOLF CLUB 178th FG, OH ANG at Springfield

WOLVERINE QF-4 NAS Point Mugu, CA Target QF-4's

WOODEN BAKER Hurlburt Field AFB, FL

WORKHORSE US Army HHT, Ft. Polk

WRANGLER CONTROL Francis E. Warren AFB, alternate CP, WY

YANKEE A-10A Flying Yankees, Bradley ANGB, CT.

YELLOWBLOOD Marine Force Pacific HQ FLT

YOKE C-130 928th AG, O'Hare Int'l, IL

YOSEMITE CAP, California

ZIP ZAG CAP, New Jersey

IMPORTANT NOTES

This list has been drastically shortened, to get rid of some old

misinformation that people have been propagating over the Internet.

(You know who you are.)

Every copy of this list since its 1998 inception has carried the

disclaimer that it came from someone else's work that was similarly

copied to the point where it became more or less public domain, that

it was old to begin with, and that it was impossible to maintain in

anything resembling complete accuracy. It was always made very clear

that no such list, and certainly not this one, could ever be

considered as anything even close to a current snapshot of US

military call usage, as such a snapshot is old before it hits the net.

Therefore, it was to be used more as a history to be consulted when in

doubt.

Further still, many people maintaining these lists insert bogus

information (euphemistically called "coded data") to catch copyright

violations. This data invariably finds its way onto the net, and is

repeated by well-intentioned users who haven't the slightest idea of its origin, let alone any plans to illegally profit from it. It is amazing to watch how quickly this kind of planted disinformation becomes part of the radio hobby's general canon of "knowledge."

This is the one place that tells you all this. It was always said that

common sense was necessary, that all US calls should be taken with a

BIG grain of salt, and that some of the information on this list or any

similar one was JUST PLAIN WRONG.

Unfortunately, people insisted on re-using this list without the lengthy disclaimers, leading to some VERY old information being circulated as the latest usage. For example, the callword GULL, which might or might not ever have been used by 53WRS "Hurricane Hunters" appears faithfully on every utility web site, despite the strong possibility that it came from one listener's garbling of TEAL, the callword still used today.

Similarly, most utility lists continue to show "Miami Monitor" on HF,

despite the fact (which was originally published in my old RCMA column)

that the National Hurricane Center (itself now the TPC) never even

bothered to uncrate the HF radios when it moved, and now has only

amateur presence there (W4EHW - Early Hurricane Warning).

Therefore, a massive editing job has been done, pretty much with a

meat-axe, and a lot of things are simply no longer available here.

Of course, they are still on the hundreds of supposedly authoritative

clones of the last version of this list, which I assume will circulate

over the Internet as the latest hot poop forever.

Having gotten rid of most of the old stuff, we can now start making

more old stuff. Calls will be added, but not removed, and we'll see

if people use their brains this time.

If not, the whole list goes away, saving me time and nasty letters, but

costing you a free service.

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