

Veteran Silent Key Recognition

Moved: Director Norris
Seconded: Director Stratton

Whereas,

The rendition of service to the public and served agencies is a core tenet and a founding principle of Amateur Radio;

Whereas,

Amateur Radio is recognized and respected for its service;

Whereas,

Many Members have, in addition to service as Amateur Radio Operators, also rendered service to the Nation in their professional lives;

Whereas,

The ARRL currently honors deceased Members by publishing a list of them as “Silent Keys;”

Whereas,

Recognizing a Silent Key for the rendition of military service would serve to honor their service and to convey to the public that the depth of the service of Amateur Radio Operators is broader than just that of volunteer service;

Whereas,

Such recognition can be accomplished by the addition of an appropriate symbol following their published name as a Silent Key in the publication in which they are identified;

Whereas,

The responsibility for identifying a Silent Key as having previously held such a status can be included with the requirements for the information required to be included with the report to the ARRL of a Silent Key:

It is accordingly resolved that:

1. Within a reasonable time, but no later than January 1, 2023, the ARRL will modify its requirements for the reporting and the publication of the identity of a Silent Key;
2. The requirements will permit, but not require, a party reporting the Silent Key, to identify the Silent Key as having held the following professional service:

An honorably discharged member of the U.S. Armed Forces, as such term is defined in 38 C.F.R. 3.1(a) and successor regulations, and all National Guards;
3. The materials provided to a party reporting the identity of a Silent Key will advise that the ARRL has no obligation to verify the accuracy of the reported information and may, at its sole discretion with no liability, choose to not publish the Silent Key’s reported professional service.

Cost: Employee time to prepare a revision of the reporting forms for the identity of a Silent Key and determination of the means of designation of the Silent Key's status, all estimated not to exceed \$3,000 in employee time.