Note from JJS
Greetings, AmRRON! As I am writing this section the US is carrying out military strikes against Syrian targets. The Russian Ambassador, speaking for President Putin, is saying that there will be consequences. We don’t know specifically what that means but regardless, this is a reality check that should be snapping us out of our normalcy biases that are so easy to slip in to.

Earlier today (13 April) we raised the AmCON to Level 3. Be sure to check https://amrron.com/net-resourcestools/amcon-amrron-communications-condition-level/ for any further updates related to the AmRRON Communications Readiness Condition of network.

If you have not done so already, take the time to inventory, repair, and ops check your communications equipment. Also, be sure to update all your communications software. There is a new updated (Version 2) County STATREP (Status Report) form for your FLMSG Custom Forms folder (in NBEMS) available for download at https://amrron.com/amrron-forms/. All AmRRON forms are located there.

Finally, be sure to protect your radios and all associated electronics which are not necessary for daily use by placing them in faraday protection.

We have regularly-scheduled practice nets coming up this week. I can’t emphasize strongly enough the importance of training. Take advantage of it. You never know how many training days you might have left ahead of you.

I look forward to seeing you on the air! Stay safe!

If you are new to preparedness (or even if you’re not) I strongly recommend the article for newbies at https://survivalblog.com/newbies/ and especially the ‘list of lists’.

Upcoming Training
PRE-REX TRAINING EXERCISE REMINDER! 21 April, 2018  Is a NCS training drill prior to T-REX. You can participate within your region by sending AmRRON custom StatReps. This will be a one day exercise.

Important Upcoming Dates
Liberty State  Visit Liberty State Facebook Page for the latest events

God and Country 2018 June 30 to July 1st. This event will be scaled back this year but we were told G&C 2018 is a ‘GO’. Updates as we get them!

**AmRRON Surveys**

We appreciate all the great feedback we are getting from the AmRRON Surveys! We just posted a new one asking about HF antennas. You can visit the new survey and view the results from the previous surveys at [AmRRON.com](http://AmRRON.com)!

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**Ever wondered why** are we called HAM operators?

One of our Amrron operators dug this up. Traditionally, HAM is the informal name for amateur radio operators. The origin of the acronym HAM goes all the way back to 1908, when HAM was the radio station call name (call sign) of the first amateur radio stations from the Harvard Radio Club. Radio amateurs who used the HAM call sign were Albert S. Hyman, Bob Almy, and Poogie Murray. They called their station HYMAN-ALMY-MURRAY, or HAM.

**Learn Morse Code** – Learning Morse code is an important tool! It can be transmitted effectively using minimal power (QRP) for far distances. If all else fails, Morse Code could make the difference of life or death. Here are a few examples where Morse Code was used in real world situations:

1) Admiral Denton: while living the resistance fight in a Vietnam POW camp, he used Morse Code to send a message! Read his book [When Hell Was in Session](http).

2) [Titanic Text Messages - A Streaming Log of Distress Transmissions](http). This is a lengthy video. However, there is lessons to be gleaned from it. A few examples are, the importance of giving correct coordinates, brevity and the issue of jamming during an emergency.

3) [Colombian army sent a hidden message to hostages... using a pop song](http)

Be sure to check out the [Morse Code resources available on AmRRON.com](http)! Including the monthly CW training net.

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**One Time Pad Exercise**

[OTP EXERCISE] Hint: You will be using the Tree Series

“Meet me under the Palm tree”

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47359 70689 78609 81994
69882 45072 16264 80902
33794 52819 29803 20479
90584 72038 70450 14645
81803 75110 60101 13788
06371 76762 88700 42274
33435
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Were you able to decrypt the message? Any guesses who this quote is from? Let us know by emailing [editor@amrron.com](mailto:editor@amrron.com) using subject title, “Man of the Year”.

We had 17 responses from the last newsletter OTP exercise! Congrats to (code name) Coopers Hawk your entry was randomly selected to receive a Join or Die t-shirt from the Redoubt Gear Store! We will be in contact on how to claim your t-shirt!
Newest AmRRON Corps Members
Welcome! Echo Golf-02 (MO), Tango Delta-07 (WI), Delta Mike-04 (ID), Grumpy-55 (TX), Juliet Hotel-13 (CA), Delta-59 (VA), Charlie Tango-22(CA) & Delta Papa-05 (VA)!
CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT JOINING AmRRON Corps!

NEW BOOK TO BE RELEASED APRIL 16, 2018
A Great State - The Divide by Shelby Gallagher is now available for Kindle pre-buy! This is book 1 in her new series, Pre-price buy of $5.95. Read more at Shelby Gallagher Facebook page and Glenn Tate gives some interesting insights at his 299 Days Facebook page.

The Suidlanders
The Suidlanders are an emergency plan initiative officially founded in 2006 to prepare a Protestant Christian South African Minority for a coming violent revolution. Radio Free Redoubt has interviewed them twice. Please take time to hear their story Suidlanders Episode 17-16 and current update Suidlanders Episode 18-12

Texas AmRRON
Is calling all Texas Stations join up on the air waves every Monday. Read here on what Texas has been up to.

Earthquake Updates
www.emsc-csem.org
10 April 2018  Largest last 7 days earthquake in the ring of fire was a 6.2 in Chile
10 April 2018  Largest last 7 days earthquake along US west coast was a 3.2 in San Bernardino California
10 April 2018  Largest last 7 days earthquake in the central US was a 5.0 in Oklahoma

AmRRON Gear Updates
Amrron Dark Laps - ADL-1

National News and Concerns
• 5G Network Stop the Crime update Is this really a weapon of war?
• Venezuela inflation soars to 82,000 percent over the last 3 months
Training from other organizations

Communications Academy 2018
April 14-15, 2018 For all things emergency communications related.

Dayton Ohio Hamvention
May 18, 19 and 20, 2018 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center.

Prescott AZ Hamfest
June 1-2, 2018

Sea-Pac
June 1 to 3rd in Seaside Oregon

Ham-Com 2018
June 8-10th in Plano TX

Western Pennsylvania Section Convention
June 2 and 3rd in Prospect PA

37th annual ARRL-TAPR Digital Communications Conference (DCC)
September 14 – 16 at the Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Please check out Combat Studies Group for Internet Security classes in particular
https://combatstudiesgroup.blogspot.nl/p/calendar.html

Comments, questions or suggestions for the newsletter, let us know! editor@amrron.com

73, and God Bless!

John Jacob Schmidt

What will the UN do if America does not comply with Agenda 21?
They buy American infrastructure of course.

Ontario Canada talks about how great Hydro One is as their Utility Company.

North West Property Alliance is taking on the fight - will you?