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**Subject:** **MARS and Phone Patches During Vietnam. Great Story**

As part of my official duties as the South West Area Public Information Officer, I'm forwarding this link. I think it's a great story and it's something of our MARS roots that some of our members might not know about.

[http://www.marinecorpsmars.com/theword/tw\\_tinley\\_article.htm](http://www.marinecorpsmars.com/theword/tw_tinley_article.htm)

Here is a little information on my MARS phone patch activity. While stationed at Lajas Field, Azors Portugal, from 1974 to 1976, I ran phone patches to the states for our men and women station there as a radio operator at the USAF MARS station call sign CUW20. From 1976 to 1979 and 1982 to 1987 while in the states, I ran phone patches for our troops stationed in various places overseas including Vietnam, Europe, South America and others. At the time, some of the locations I ran phone patches for were classified and a few of them probably still are today. During the six years I was stationed at Kadena Airbase, Okinawa Japan, 1979 to 1982 and 1987 to 1990, I ran phone patches back to the states via MARS from my home station because they had closed the base MARS station. While there, my MARS call signs were; USAF MARS AFA8EF (79-82) and Army MARS ABM2JD (87 to 90).

Thanks,

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