

**USAF MARATHON  
September 21, 2019**

**A public announcement to call for  
volunteer amateur radio operators  
for the 2019 USAF Marathon**

Approximately 70 amateur radio operators are needed to support the USAF Marathon at Wright Patterson Air Force Base on Saturday, September 21, 2019 to provide the USAF Marathon Staff with emergency and logistic communications. This world class event has over 20,000 participants, volunteers, and spectators in attendance every year.

Amateur radio operators are indispensable in rapidly communicating information on runner's locations and status, heat index settings, severe weather notifications, as well as emergencies and logistic issues. Plus, APRS is utilized to track lead runners and "Tail End Charlie's", thus allowing race officials and emergency services to more accurately monitor the race progression.

According to Brandon Hough, the USAF Marathon Race Director, the senior base leaders rely on the communication skills of our amateur radios operators and use them as a vital resource.

Multiple races are held on this day including: 10K, Half Marathon, Full Marathon, and Wheelchair. The volunteer registration website for the USAF Marathon is now open. If you will be in the Dayton, Ohio area on Saturday, September 21, 2019 and would like to take part in this world class event, please go to the USAF Marathon website at <http://www.usafmarathon.com/volunteer> and click the volunteer now link, scroll down to the amateur radio section to register. Training will be provided prior to the event.

How to register on line:

1. Go to the website above.
2. Click on the Volunteer Now button.

3. Acknowledge that you're going to a new website.
4. On the new website, ignore the "password" entry box near the top of the page. Scroll down to the "Amateur Radio Operator" section and click the check box for the Amateur Radio Operator Position and only that position.
5. Scroll to the bottom, past all the other volunteer positions, and fill in your name and other required data.
6. Check the box below the waiver paragraph and then type in your name for a digital signature.
7. Click the "Sign Up to Volunteer" button.
8. You're done!
9. You should get an automated email response from Jeanette Monaghan acknowledging your registration.
10. Contact Phil Verret if you have any questions or concerns.

**Registration closes August 31, 2019.**

If you have any questions please email:

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