

W2USA
FORT LEWIS AMATEUR RADIO ACTIVITY
FORT LEWIS, WASHINGTON 98433

Dear new club member,

On behalf of all the members of W2USA, I would like to extend a hearty welcome to the Fort Lewis Amateur Radio Activity. This club was activated at Fort Lewis in March 1988. The call sign originated at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

The club call has had some interesting dealings. It was associated as the official ham call for the 1940 and 1964 New York's World Fair, the Washington State Centennial Celebration in 1989, and the Seattle Goodwill Games in 1990.

As a member of this club, there are some benefits that you can take advantage of. The camaraderie of the membership, the usage of the publication library and equipment, technical expertise, and general good times are only a few of the benefits.

The club is moving forward with new ideas and concepts. As a military club, our funds are limited. This makes getting new equipment a real challenge. We need to insure that the equipment we have on hand stays accounted for and operational. This club needs to be ready to assist the community in the event of a disaster at any given time. If you are not sure on how to operate a piece of equipment, don't be bashful to ask someone. It is better to ask than lose the equipment because it blew up! We all were rookies at one time or another.

Currently, the club hosts the VE (Volunteer Examiner) testing. The test nights are the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. If you are interested in upgrading or know of someone who wants their license, this is the time to come. We also have a two meter BBS (LEWIS). It is on 145.05 MHz. Enjoy the system.

This is **YOUR** club. How well it is perceived, depends on the membership. If you have an idea to make it better, then voice your opinion. We are trying to get the club off the ground. You can make the difference.

Enjoy the club and amateur radio. It can be a very rewarding experience. Again, welcome!
Happy DX!

Sincerely,

George Ftikas, N7TQZ
W2USA President