Wireless Institute of Australia

100 Year Commemoration of Remembrance Day (Armistice Day) 2018 – Plan

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Armistice 100 Year Commemoration 2018 – Plan Framework

The framework for the event and the WIA intent for the 2018 Armistice Commemoration was to be announced at the 2018 AGM. Several press releases to be circulated prior to the AGM announcement to flag the intent of the event and more detailed press releases after the AGM announcement.

This plan is inclusive of New Zealand and UK as well as Australian activities and activities that will be proposed worldwide.

VK100PEACE Callsign

The callsign VK100PEACE has been applied for, via the WIA Office to ACMA. This application will request a full licence from Saturday the 3rd November 2018 for nine (9) UTC days of Armistice related activity. This callsign will be used only on special days/occasions during the commemoration period. Expressions of interest to use this callsign are to be made in writing (on line) to Fred Swainston trainsafe@silvertrain.com.au commencing at 31st March 2018. This timing allows for ACMA to be advised of the locations of the stations and the responsible amateurs for licensing purposes. Fred Swainston the WIA Armistice event coordinator will advise applicants of the success or otherwise of their application for VK100PEACE.

Use of Callsign VK100PEACE

The process to access and use VK100PEACE will be as follows:

- Groups, clubs or individuals who wish to use this callsign will lodge an expression of interest to the WIA Armistice event coordinator for the use of the callsign. This application will be via email to trainsafe@silvertrain.com.au.
- Information for callsign use must include:
    - Date preferred
    - Location where the callsign will be used (station location)
    - Licensed Amateur with an advanced licence who will be responsible for operations for the duration of the event
    - All licence conditions will be observed
    - Note: Where possible events should include service personnel.

The WIA Armistice event coordinator will review applications and allocate VK100PEACE and advise the WIA Board of allocations.

The commencement of the event will be at 0000UTC on the Saturday the 3rd November. The president of the WIA will open the event using callsign VK100PEACE.

The VK100PEACE callsign will cease operation on 11th November 2018 at 11am UTC when all radio traffic is to fall silent. After a minute's silence the WIA President or their representative will close the event with a final message using the callsign VK100PEACE

The WIA may reserve VK100PEACE for significant periods during the commemoration event.

<u>VK100PEACE Station Requirements</u>

- HF with access to all bands
- VHF/UHF access
- Internet availability at the site the station is operating
- Any mode of operation will be allowed.
- As they are Advanced grade callsigns, applicants must have an Advanced licence. Intermediate and Foundation licensees will be able to use the callsigns, but such operators' licence conditions apply regarding bands, modes and power, unless an Advanced operator is present during the operation.

<u>State and Territory Callsigns</u>

To provide maximum participation and access to this event, State and Territory callsigns have been acquired.

That is VI1PEACE, VI2PEACE, VI3PEACE, etc. These callsigns would be made active only after the official opening time at 0000 UTC of Saturday the 3rd November.

The State and Territory callsigns will be available for clubs, groups and/or individuals to use on a roster basis for one 24-hour period from 0000 UTC until 2359 UTC.

For the individual State/Territory callsigns the following information must be provided to The WIA Armistice event coordinator email to trainsafe@silvertrain.com.au

- o Preferred Date
- o Location where the callsign will be used (Station Address)
- o Amateur who will be responsible for operations during the event and the contact person. As they are Advanced grade callsigns, applicants must have an Advanced licence. Intermediate and Foundation licensees will be able to use the callsigns, but such operators' licence conditions apply regarding bands, modes and power, unless an Advanced operator is present during the operation.
- o Availability of the Internet for immediate online logging

The access to these callsigns will be on a first come first served basis. The callsigns cannot be held for longer than 24 hours. The WIA Directors reserve the right to allow or rescind access to these callsigns should this be required.

State and Territory callsigns will cease to be available at the conclusion of the event.

<u>State and Territory Callsign Alternate</u>

To provide for a high participation rate and maximum participation and access to this event, State and Territory alternate callsigns have been acquired. These will be VI#LWF, Lest We

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Forget. Although this callsign suffix is in the standard licence block it will be issued as an advanced special event callsign.

That is VI1LWF, VI2LWF, VI3LWF, etc. These callsigns would be made active only after the official opening time at 0000 UTC of Saturday the 3rd November.

The State and Territory callsigns will be available for clubs, groups and/or individuals to use on a roster basis for one 24-hour period from 0000 UTC until 2359 UTC.

For the individual State/Territory callsigns the following information must be provided to WIA Office on line registration system:

- o Preferred Date
- o Location where the callsign will be used (Station Address)
- o Amateur who will be responsible for operations during the event and the contact person. As they are Advanced grade callsigns, applicants must have an Advanced licence. Intermediate and Foundation licensees will be able to use the callsigns, but such operators' licence conditions apply regarding bands, modes and power, unless an Advanced operator is present during the operation.
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State and Territory callsigns will cease to be available at the conclusion of the event

Opening of the Event

The callsign VK100PEACE will be made active on the 3rd November 2018 at 0000 UTC by the WIA with an announcement.

The use of the VK100PEACE callsign during this period will be for 30 minutes only, to present the opening message followed by a call back from Amateurs. No QSL acknowledgements will be provided for this part of the event; however, an online log will be maintained so that call back stations will be acknowledged.

Operations and Activities

Operation on all amateur bands and modes is encouraged. LCD requirements for all stations are mandatory.

Participation of Other Countries

Contact has been made with overseas Amateur Radio Societies and as plans for their events develop will be included into this plan

Armistice Commemoration Certificate.

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A certificate of participation will be provided to each Australian station participating as an operator in this event.

Co-ordination

The WIA Armistice event coordinator is VK3DAC/VK4FE Fred Swainston trainsafe@silvertrain.com.au

Station organisers should seek to put as many returned service persons on air as possible and liaise with local RSL's or seek out permission to operate from a commemorative site.

QSL

All contacts made using VK100PEACE or any other event related callsigns will be acknowledged in the WIA on line log and the WIA will be provided provide an outwards E-QSL. A downloadable QSL card and log confirmation will be available at www.silvertrain.com.au Please request contact station not to send QSL cards via the bureau.

Direct QSL will be available via the Inwards QSL Bureau Manager where the participant provides to the WIA a stamped or paid self-addressed envelope or via the stations local bureau. The QSL address for direct QSL will be the WIA Office.

The VK100PEACE QSL card will have an appropriate design symbolic of the event. The State/Territory based QSL cards will be subsets of the VK100PEACE card. The design of these cards will be provided to the Department of Veteran Affairs Minister or their agent for approval prior to the event.

Logging

Logging will be electronic and in .ADIF file format. Paper logs will not be accepted. There are many free logging software programs available. Those involved in contests in your group will be aware of these programs. Examples of programs that are suitable are the "VKCL Station Log" or "Logger 32". The logs to be forward to a central coordination point where they will be published on the WIA web site. Please see the required fields for the station log at the end of this plan.

Important note:

All logs to be forwarded electronically in .adi format to the trainsafe@silvertrain.com.au. A sample of the logging fields is shown in appendix 2.

Awards

There will be no awards provided for this event.

Rosters

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An online roster for the State and Territory callsigns will be made available on the WIA website.

Regards

Fred Swainston VK3DAC/VK4FE
WIA Armistice Event Co-ordinator

Appendix 1

Calling Frequencies for 2018 Armistice Commemoration

Band	Digital	CW	SSB
160m	1805kHz	1825kHz	1850kHz
80m	3.590MHz	3.520MHz	3.630MHz
40m	7.050 MHz	7.010 MHz	7.190 MHz
30m	10.145 MHz	10.110 MHz	10.120 MHz
20m	14.093 MHz	14.010 MHz	14.250 MHz
17m	18.095 MHz	18.096 MHz	18.085 MHz
15m	21.093 MHz	21.105 MHz	21.250 MHz
12m	24.925 MHz	24.895 MHz	24.935 MHz
10m	28.055 MHz	28.025 MHz	28.450 MHz
6m	50.225 MHz	50.500 MHz	51.150 MHz
2m	145.000 MHz	144.050 MHz	144.150 MHz

Repeaters, ECHO Link and all digital modes accepted

Other bands and modes by arrangement.

For digital activity it is suggested that activity using FT8 on the standard FT8 frequencies. Applicants wishing to use the digital modes will be allocated VI#LWF.

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Appendix 2

Example of the Minimum Log Details Required
Operator _____

CALL	QSO_DATE	TIME_ON	BAND	MODE	RST_SENT	RST_RCVD	STATION_CALLSIGN

Please note the STATION_CALLSIGN is the event callsign i.e. VI#PEACE or VI#LWF
-- state identifier