



Post 111

3003 Hwy 701N, Conway, SC 29526

Membership is open to ALL American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary members from any Post who have an Amateur Radio License.

We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1300hrs.

The American Legion has formed a special entity to provide a forum for military veterans who today are engaged in a hobby that can also provide emergency communications "when all else fails." During the May 2011 Spring Meetings, the National Executive Committee authorized the establishment of The American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC).

The club has established an amateur radio station at National Headquarters with the call sign K9TAL (K9 The American Legion) in order to conduct special-event operations on The American Legion Birthday, Veterans Day, etc.; operate SKY-WARN during local severe weather; and provide members an opportunity to operate the station during visits to National Headquarters. A special QSL card is provided to all amateur radio stations that work K9TAL on the air.

In January 2005, the Legion signed an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to support emergency disaster preparedness. Subsequently, the Disaster Preparedness Booklet was made available to posts. Amateur-radio support was an integral entity.

Membership is free to members of The American Legion family.

For years, 3 members of Post 111, who were “Hams”, talked about starting a Post amateur radio station. They were David Goodman KA3JRM, Roger McGuigan WA3DGV and Bill Robertson. Bill died before we made any progress but he bequeathed his radio station equipment to Post 111 for the purpose of establishing a club. Dave and Roger swore to Bill that we would establish his dream. The two met a few times to begin the process of forming a TALARC at post 111. Articles of Organization and Club By-Laws were drawn up and presented to the Post 111 Executive Committee. The next phase was the recruitment of new members for the club.

On March 1, 2018, David Goodman President of the American Legion Amateur Radio Club Post 111, petitioned the Post 111 Executive Committee for approval to start this new subsidiary activity. On March 29th the Executive committee approved the Club and construction began. Over the next few months, the Club members started meeting and developed a plan to start the construction of our amateur radio station. Antenna design and build began almost immediately followed by station equipment installation. Our Trustee applied for a station license which was granted March 19, 2018 as KN4KRV. Later the club applied for a Vanity call sign, something which closely resembled The American Legion Amateur Radio Club National call and was granted on June 5, 2018 as **KA4TAL**.

The Club is a non-commercial association of persons – Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, who hold a valid amateur radio license, organized for the promotion of interest in amateur radio communication and experimentation and education, for the establishment of emergency communications in the event of disasters or other emergencies , for the advancement of the radio art and public welfare, for the representation of the radio amateur in legislative matters, and for the maintenance of cooperative interaction and a high standard of conduct.

The Clubs founding members are:

President— David M. Goodman—KA3JRM

Secretary—Roger McGuigan WA3DGV

Treasurer—Robert Chapman—WB4FTU

Trustee—Robert Daniels—W1WG

Rick Dux—WB4LZW

Larry Heinz—W2FTV