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>>> KP5/NP3VI: DESECHEO 2026 <<<

In collaboration with the Vieques Island Amateur Radio Club (NP3VI) and the Manyana DX Foundation, KP5/NP3VI is expected to be "a landmark DXpedition" to Desecheo Island, currently ranked as the 14th most wanted DXCC Entity worldwide.

Located approximately 13 miles off the west coast of Puerto Rico, Desecheo Island has not been activated since 2009. This operation represents the first Puerto Rican-led DXpedition to KP5 in 48 years, following the historic KP4AM/D activation in 1978.

Plans are to deploy two self-sustained RDUs (Remote Deployable Units) provided by the Manyana DX Foundation. The deployment window is 12-14 January, weather permitting. Once deployed, the DXpedition is expected to operate 24 hours a day for approximately 30 consecutive days, until the scheduled recovery date. The stations will utilize state-of-the-art remote operating infrastructure from Remote Ham Radio (RHR). KP5/NP3VI will be QRV on 160-6 metres CW, SSB, and FT8 (always MSHV, never F/H). Club Log's Live Stream feature will be enabled. QSL via M00X0.

The equipment is currently undergoing extensive stress-testing at the KP4AA contest station in Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico. This QTH is located on a hill overlooking the Caribbean Sea and sits just under 30 miles from Desecheo. Signal characteristics should closely resemble what the DX community can expect from KP5. The station is operating using the KP4ES callsign, and DXers worldwide are encouraged to look for KP4ES on the bands and help the remote operators gain experience managing large pileups and long operating schedules.

The station will remain on the air until 29 December, at which time the team will disassemble the equipment, perform a thorough cleaning and prepare it to comply with the strict biosecurity protocols required prior to transportation to Desecheo Island. Remote operator training will continue using KP4ES from the Palmas RHR station in Puerto Rico.

More information and updates can be found on <https://desecheo2026.com/kp5/> and <https://www.facebook.com/people/Desecheo-2026-Dxpedition/61585525894897/>

- 9A - To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) will be active as 9A44FF and 9A44FF/p between 1 January and 31 December. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF> for information about the Anniversary Award.
- DL - To commemorate the centenary of the first Kurzwellentagung - the landmark convention for German shortwave enthusiasts held in Jena on 16-17 January 1926 - the special callsign DF100KWTJ will be active between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via the bureau.
- DL - The DARC Team SES will operate five special callsigns at various

times throughout 2026: DA100LH, DL100LH and DK100LH for the 100th anniversary of Lufthansa Airlines; DA100TV and DL100TV to celebrate 100 years of television in Germany.

- G - Using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd from the mid-1950s to the 1970s, the GB8KW multi-operator station will be active again over the "KW Weekend" (3-4 January) from the Cray Valley radio club's HQ in Eltham, England. Other special callsigns are expected to be activated by collectors and restorers across the UK during the month, notably GB2KW from Scotland.
- HH - Members of the Radio Club d'Haiti will be active as 4V1L on 1-31 January. The special callsign memorializes Marie-Jeanne Lamartiniere, who fought alongside her husband during the Haitian Revolution. QSL via N200; QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log.
- HK - Christoph, DF3TJ is active from Colombia as HK4/DF3TJ until sometime in January. "There will also be activations of HK0/DF3TJ from San Andres (NA-033) and Providencia (NA-049) on short term notice", he says. All QSLs via ON5JC.
- J3 - Rikk, WE9G will be active as J38WG from Grenada (NA-024) on 1-16 January. This will be a S02R (Single Operator 2 Radios) activity on 160-6 metres, mostly FT8 with some CW and SSB. "I might also do some POTA", he says. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via WE9G.
- PJ7 - Giovanni IZ2DPX as PJ7/IZ2DPX, and Flavio IW2NEF as PJ7/IW2NEF will be active from Sint Maarten (NA-105) on 13-21 January. They will operate SSB and FT8/FT4 on various bands. Additionally, side trips to St. Martin are also being planned, with limited operations as FS/IZ2DPX and FS/IW2NEF from a mobile setup. QSL PJ7/IZ2DPX and FS/IZ2DPX via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via home call. QSL PJ7/IW2NEF and FS/IW2NEF via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, IK2DUW (direct, or via bureau to HE9ERA). [TNX IZ2DPX]
- W - The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for K3Y to be aired from the ten US call areas (K3Y/0 through K3Y/9), plus /KH6, /KL7 and /KP4. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on <https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php>.
- XF4 - Following his brief October visit to Socorro Island, Revillagigedo, Mark (XE1B) returns to activate XF4B for a Christmas holiday operation. Accompanied by Guillermo (XE1IMO), he was scheduled to arrive on 23 December, with the activation running through the end of the year. The team is deploying two radios, one linear amplifier, and four antennas, allowing for simultaneous SSB and FT8 operations on 80-6 metres. All FT8 contacts (excluding 60m) will use Superfox mode with call validation to prevent pirate stations. QSL via Club Log's OQRS only; QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW as OQRS requests are processed. Efforts are ongoing to prepare for a more extensive activation planned for 2026.
- ZL - The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the ZM prefix during the 2026 year; in addition, individual operators and NZART branches can apply to use special ZL100 callsigns for a period of 1 to 3 months - e.g. Ian ZL1MVL and the Whangarei Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AM) will be

using ZL100MVL and ZL100AM, respectively, until 31 March.

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AMERICA250 WAS AWARD ---> Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the ARRL is launching the America250 WAS Award, a year-long WAS (Worked All States) operating event.

To earn this award, participants must confirm two-way contacts with all 50 US states via LoTW between 1 January and 31 December 2026. There will be three specialty endorsements:

- * Earn WAS by contacting W1AW/portable stations in all 50 states.

Activations of W1AW/# stations will take place from all 50 states. Each W1AW/# station will operate for seven days for two separate weeks in the Year. The schedule for January is as follows:

7-13 January	W1AW/0	Nebraska
7-13 January	W1AW/2	New York
14-20 January	W1AW/5	Louisiana
14-20 January	W1AW/4	South Carolina
14-20 January	W1AW/8	West Virginia
21-27 January	W1AW/9	Illinois
28 January-3 February	W1AW/1	Maine

- * Earn WAS by contacting ARRL Affiliated Club stations in all 50 states

- * Earn WAS Triple Play by contacting all 50 states on all three modes (CW, Phone & Digital).

Only QSOs uploaded to LoTW will be considered valid for the event and related awards.

There are no planned physical QSL cards for any of the W1AW/# America250 WAS stations.

Applications for the America250 WAS Award must be submitted via LoTW after achieving a minimum of 50 state QSO confirmations for contacts made during 2026.

See <https://www.arrl.org/america250-was> for more information, including the State Activations Schedule for W1AW/# stations.

CQ DX MARATHON ---> The CQ DX Marathon is a year-long DX hunt, with participants competing to see who can work the greatest number of countries ("entities") and CQ zones during the calendar year. The 2026 edition will start at 00.00 UTC on 1 January and will end at 23.59 UTC on 31 December. See <https://dxmarathon.com/> for complete details.

INDEXA NEWSLETTER ---> The Winter 2025 issue (#147) of the International DX Association's Newsletter is now available for download on the INDEXA website (<https://indexa.org/newsletters.html>). Highlights include "Message from the President" by Otis Vicens (NP4G), "E44OM DXpedition Trip Report" by Michal Horecky (OM2DX), "An Impromptu Humanitarian Aid Project at the 9U1RU Burundi

DXpedition" by Hal Turley (W8HC), "PJ2 Youth Expedition 2025" by Max Freedman (N4ML).

MARCONI CLUB'S QSO PARTY DAY ---> The 8th edition will be held on 3 January from 7 to 21 UTC, on 80, 40 and 20 metres CW. Complete rules can be found on <https://www.marconiclub.it/>. ARI Loano Marconi Club gathers around 1000 enthusiasts from all over the world, and is a member of the International CW Council (<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/>), which "promotes and aids in the retention and growth of International Morse Code as a mode of communication between amateur radio operators". [TNX IK1QBT]

VP0SG: SOUTH GEORGIA 2027 ---> The current operating team for the DXpedition to South Georgia includes Rune LA7THA (Team Leader), Erwann LB1QI (Co-Leader), Gjermund LB5GI (Co-Leader), Steve W0ZB (Co-Leader and Team Doctor), Fred F4HEC, Nobby G0VJG, Paul G4PUM, Giampaolo IU2EFB, Svein LA3BO, Philipp OE7PGI, Vlad OK2WX, Alex UR8UQ and Alex UR5UY.

The expedition plans to operate from South Georgia in March 2027, subject to obtaining the necessary landing permits. The formal permit process will open in 2026. While logistics support has been secured, collaboration with the Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands continues and is progressing well. Bookmark <https://www.ardxpeditons.com/dxpeditons/vp0sq> for updates.

WORLD WIDE AWARD 2026 ---> The 3rd World Wide Award chase will take place on 1-31 January. The WWA combines CW, SSB and digital modes activity from stations around the world with real-time award tracking for the chasers. The 2025 event involved some 150,000 chasers who made 3.7 million QSOs. See <https://hamaward.cloud/wwa> for complete information. Announced participants include stations from

Argentina	LR1WWA
Austria	4U1A
Azores	CR2WWA
Balearic Islands	EG6WWA
Belgium	OP0WWA
Bosnia-Herzegovina	E7W
Canada	VB2WWA, VC1WWA, VE9WWA
Cape Verde	D4W
Ceuta & Melilla	EG9WWA
China	BA3RA, BA7CK, BG0DXC, BH9CA, BI4SSB, BY1RX, BY2WL, BY5HB, BY6SX, BY8MA
Corsica	TK4TH
Czech Republic	OL6WWA
East Malaysia	9M8WWA
England	GB2WWA, GB5WWA
European Russia	RW1F
France	TM1WWA, TM18WWA, TM29WWA, TM7WWA, TM9WWA
Germany	DA0WWA, DL0WWA
Greece	SX0W
Guernsey	GB1WWA
India	AT2WWA, AT3WWA, AT4WWA, AT5WWA, AT6WWA, AT7WWA
Indonesia	8A1A
Iraq	YI1RN
Isle of Man	GB0WWA

Italy	II0WWA, II1WWA, II2WWA, II3WWA, II4WWA, II5WWA, II6WWA, II7WWA, II8WWA, II9WWA, IR1WWA
Jersey	GB9WWA
Kazakhstan	UP7WWA
Mauritius	3B8WWA
Netherlands	PA26WWA, PC26WWA, PD26WWA, PE26WWA, PF26WWA
North Macedonia	Z30WWA
Northern Ireland	GB8WWA
Oman	A43WWA
Philippines	DU0WWA
Poland	3Z6I, SN0WWA, SN1WWA, SN2WWA, SN3WWA, SN4WWA, SN6WWA, SO3WWA
Portugal	CQ7WWA, CR5WWA, CR6WWA
Puerto Rico	W4I
Romania	YO0WWA
Sardinia	IR0WWA
Scotland	GB4WWA
Slovenia	S53WWA
Spain	EG1WWA, EG2WWA, EG3WWA, EG4WWA, EG5WWA, EG7WWA
Sweden	SB9WWA, SC9WWA, SD9WWA
Switzerland	HB9WWA
Thailand	E2WWA
Ukraine	EM0WWA
USA	N0W, N1W, N4W, N5W, N6W, N8W, N9W
Venezuela	4M5A, 4M5DX
Wales	GB6WWA
West Malaysia	9M2WWA

+ SILENT KEY + Bert Van Den Berg, PA3GIO suddenly passed away on December 5. From 1993 to 2007, he was a familiar presence on the DX scene, having operated from a large number of countries and IOTA groups. He was the recipient of the IOTA Merit Award (2002) for outstanding service to the IOTA Community, as well as of the SouthWest Ohio DX Association's DXpeditioner of the Year Award (2005). His family will keep his website alive as a record of his time on the air, ensuring that his memory lives on: <https://www.pa3gio.nl>.

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***** QSL ROUTES *****
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3V8LL	IT9TQH	ED7PT	EA7TB	ON4USA	ON4GDV
4U1UN	HB9BOU	EG130LUM	EA1RCI	OR81NUTS	ON5UB
4X25A	4X6ZM	EG6CSS	EA6ZX	PD2026HNY	PD5S
4X25M	4X6ZM	FM4TI	EA5GL	PZ5OZ	OZ0J
4X25S	4X6ZM	HB525SH	HB9FU	TJ1GD	SP3EOL
4X25X	4X6ZM	HI6M	EB7DX	TM4DEE	F4GBW
4X8NER	4Z5MU	HK4/DF3TJ	ON5JC	TR8CR	F6AJA

4Z8NER	4Z5MU	HS0ZET	DF6RK	UN/OH7O	M0OXO
5Q4XT	DL4XT	HS0ZJF	ON4AFU	UN8PT	EA7FTR
5R8IC	F6ICX	HS0ZME	SM6NT	VC9A	VE9CF
5Z4VJ	M0URX	HS0ZMY	EA5GL	VP2MAA	IK2DUW
9A68AA	9A2AA	LZ2025ZONE	LZ2VP	Z81D	OM3JW
9J2BO	EA5GL	LZ306WW	LZ1KCP	ZS4JAN	EA5GL
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