

## **RSARS 50th ANNIVERSARY YEAR AWARD CERTIFICATE**

### **GB50RSARS – G4RS – G3CIO**

The stations will operate from 20th June 2011 to 22nd June 2012, a whole year so you have plenty of time, any problems then email the Awards Manager [g0swy@talktalk.net](mailto:g0swy@talktalk.net)

Stations within Zones 14, 15 & 16 should claim as follows:

The basic (bronze) certificate 50 members and the three Special stations

The silver certificate 75 members and 3 special stations and 2 members outside of the above zones

The Gold certificate 100 members and 3 special stations and 4 members outside of the above zones

### **REST OF THE WORLD**

The basic certificate 20 members and any two of the 3 special stations

The silver certificate 30 members and 3 special stations

The Gold certificate 40 members and the 3 special stations

### **RSARS MAIN ORG's are:-**

for CW 3.565, 7.027, 14.054, 14.040, 21.056 28.065

for SSB 3.743, 7.170, 14.143 14.180 14.270, 21.170, 28.450

for RTTY/PSK 3.585 7.035 10.136, 14.085, 21.085, 28.085

Full details of the above Awards are shown on [www.rsars.org.uk](http://www.rsars.org.uk)

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Alternatively **NON-RSARS Stations** may claim the Award Certificate as follows:

**FOR NON-RSARS STATIONS** points are awarded for working or hearing each of the Special Calls as follows:-

GB50RSARS – once on any band/mode 50 Points

G4RS – once on any band/mode 10 Points

GI4RS – once on any band/mode 10 Points

GM4RS – once on any band/mode 10 Points

GW4RS – once on any band/mode 10 Points

G3CIO – once on any band/mode 10 Points

GD3CIO – once on any band/mode 10 points

G13CIO – once on any band/mode 10 Points

GM3CIO – once on any band/mode 10 Points

GW3CIO – once on any band/mode 10 Points

AND ALSO

Any other RSARS member – once on any band/mode

5 points

In order to claim a Certificate, the claimant will need to submit log book proof of having worked (or, in the case of SWLs, having heard) GB50RSARS and sufficient of the other Special Calls or RSARS Members to amass a grand total of at least **100 POINTS**.

In all cases the cost of the Award Certificate is £2 for UK and Europe claimants and US\$2 for claimants from Overseas. Cheques should be made payable to RSARS. Proof of QSOs is via a log sheet or computer log sheet , which needs to be sent to Mike GØSWY 4, BLUEBELL ROAD, BASSETT, SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE, SO16 3LQ. UNITED KINGDOM.



**RSARS 50th ANNIVERSARY**

*Certificate of Achievement*



Presented to



**In recognition of operating achievements  
in 2011/2012  
the Society's 50th year**

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**RICHARD WINTERS, G3NVK  
VICE-PRESIDENT**



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AWARDS MANAGER**

## ROYAL SIGNALS AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In May 1952 the 1<sup>st</sup> Army Wireless Reserve Squadron, Cadre, Royal Signals was formed and Major Dennis Haylock (G3ADZ) was appointed Officer Commanding with a mandate to recruit personnel mainly from radio amateurs.

In 1954, the first proposal for the formation of an “Army Amateur Radio Society”, a society having both amateur status and, as with the United States’ MARS (“Military Affiliate Radio System”), official recognition as an emergency military network was put forward by Brigadier Eric Cole (G2EC), then CSO Southern Command. This proposal was very favourably received but because of G2EC’s posting overseas he was unable to supervise and monitor the Society’s organisation, and the proposal was not proceeded with. By 1955 an Army Wireless Reserve Amateur Radio Society had been formed, a biannual news sheet *BROADCAST* issued to members, and unit exercises and camps were arranged to ensure that GB3AWR operated in various “rare” counties.

In 1956 G2EC became Honorary Vice-President of AWRARS which had extended its membership to a number of Army personnel who were not members of the Squadron. Also in 1956 the Unit became 2 Press Communication Signals Squadron and went to Suez where MD5ADZ, MD5DNQ and MD5AMO were briefly activated.

By 1959 the Squadron had been renamed 404 Signal Squadron AER, and the question of affiliation between Army amateur radio clubs, many of which existed in the TA and AER, was being actively pursued.

In 1960 G2EC, when Director of Telecommunications, asked Major-General Whistler, the Signals Officer in Chief, to carry out a survey within the Corps, the results of which indicated that there was sufficient support to justify the formation of a Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society.

On 23 June 1961 at Blandford, where 404 Signal Squadron AER was at camp, a meeting was held of War Office, Command and Unit representatives under the chairmanship of G2EC, and RSARS was formally established. By August 1961, the Rules and the first edition of “MERCURY” were sent to all Army Command HQ and Royal Signals units worldwide. HQ RSARS was established at Catterick Garrison, and the Catterick Club (G3CIO), which had been in existence since 1947, became the HQ station.

At the 1966 AGM it was agreed to extend Society membership to all serving soldiers and the Society Rules redrafted at the 1968 AGM incorporated all approved changes, and this new revision included all personnel serving with or employed by a R. Signals unit - regular or T. & A.V.R., members of the CCF/ACF and University O.T.C. were also included.

The call sign G4RS was issued to the Society in 1967. Other UK call signs operated for the Society are:- GØRCS, GØSIG, G3CIO, G3SIG, G3VXX, G4CCF and there are Overseas calls.

The Headquarters Station, G4RS is currently located at Blandford, Dorset having spent many years at Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire.