



Wake Atoll Commemorative DXpedition The Forgotten 98

A group of US amateur radio operators is planning to operate from Wake Atoll during the first two weeks of October 2013. The purpose of this "Commemorative DXpedition" is to honor the memory of 98 civilian contractors who lost their lives on 7-October-1943 during World War II. These contractors, who were working for Morrison-Knutsen Company at the time, are often referred to as the "Forgotten 98".

This operation, observing the 70th anniversary of their deaths, will be dedicated to keeping their memory alive and honoring their sacrifice.

The team of 12 amateur radio operators will broadcast from two stations located on Wake Atoll from 7-October-2013 through 18-October-2013 using the amateur radio callsign K9W.

There will also be a special event radio station set up in Boise, Idaho – former home base of the Morrison Knutsen Company. On 7-October-2013 the group on Wake Island will communicate with this special event station, pause to read the names and home states of the Forgotten 98, and have a moment of silence. It is hoped that several family members of the 98 will be present at that time – not only to celebrate the occasion, but also to offer DNA samples to help identify recently discovered remains on Wake.

Further information about this important event can be found on the Wake Atoll website at: <http://wake2013.org>

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