

## **Welcome New Member!**

**The Board of Directors would like to welcome you to OMISS. We hope you are enjoying yourself and as you get familiar with the operations of our nets. We would like to take this opportunity to share with you some important aspects of net etiquette. OMISS nets operate in the spirit of The Radio Amateur's Code by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA (1928):**

### **The Radio Amateur is**

**Considerate...** He/She never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

**Loyal...** He/She offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, the radio society in his/her country, through which amateur radio in his/her country is represented nationally and internationally.

**Progressive...** He/She keeps his/her station up to date. It is well-built and efficient. His/Her operating practice is above reproach.

**Friendly...** He/She operates slowly and patiently when requested; offers friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kind assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the marks of the amateur spirit.

**Balanced...** Radio is a hobby, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

**Patriotic...** His/Her station and skills are always ready for service to country and community.

**While this Code sums up OMISS expectations quite well, we would also like to remind you to be kind and patient with our net control stations. These members have volunteered their time to train and run nets in the spirit of ham radio and OMISS. They have a set of guidelines established by the Board of Directors, which is available to view on our website at [www.omiss.net](http://www.omiss.net). These guidelines give the net control discretion as to how they would like to run their net. Also, we ask that all our members use appropriate language on AIM and on the air, and be respectful and courteous at all times. We are glad you decided to joined us and look forward to working you on the bands! If you have any questions regarding the nets, please contact the appropriate Net Coordinators or the All Band Coordinator listed on the website.**

**Sincerely,  
OMISS BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
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