

## **Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA**

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WHO: All amateur radio operators

WHAT: Packet Bulletin Net - PKTNET@USA

WHEN: Sunday, March 15, 2026 - 0000 UTC

Saturday, March 21, 2026 - 2359 UTC

HOW: This net will accept check-ins via BBS Bulletins only. Send a check-in via any participating BBS, with active forwarding, any time during the week.

This month, net control has asked participants to use the packet HTML Check-in form, available at:

[https://vden.org/pktnet/check\\_in.html](https://vden.org/pktnet/check_in.html)

The net will continue with taking check-ins via Packet, Winlink, APRS & VarAC, each mode will count as one check-in each, and check-in format is shown below. In the comment section, please specify the Hub station and band used (or note if a non-TPRFN station was used).

### **SB PKTNET@USA**

**Subject: Your Name, Your Call, Your Town, Your State**

**Message: (Form contents from the above link with comments)**

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#### PKTNET INSTRUCTIONS:

This net is designed to help maintain and sharpen your digital skills across multiple platforms. We encourage all operators to take advantage of this training/net opportunity.

#### NET SCHEDULE:

STARTS: Sunday, March 15th @ 00:00 UTC

ENDS: Saturday, March 21st @ 23:59 UTC

NOTE: Running one week earlier than usual for the holidays.

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!!! NO EARLY CHECK-INS PLEASE !!!

Check-ins must be sent within the window above.

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CHECK-IN REQUIREMENTS:

FORM: Please use the "Net Check-in" Packet HTML form:

[https://vden.org/pktnet/check\\_in.html](https://vden.org/pktnet/check_in.html)

HUB STATIONS: If possible, please utilize a TPRFN Hub station.

List: <https://www.tprfn.net/tprfn-hub-station-profiles>

LOGGING: In the comment section, please specify the Hub station and band used (or note if a non-TPRFN station was used).

MAPPING: All check-ins will be mapped at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1ZrtB3pv8QW9LrRhBKRmOHE-MHykuoWs&usp=sharing>

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INSTRUCTIONS BY MODE (Credit received for each mode used)

PACKET:

Address Bulletin to: [PKTNET@USA](mailto:PKTNET@USA)

Subject: Name, Call, Town, State

Message: Paste HTML form data

WINLINK:

Address Your Message to: [TPRFN@WINLINK.ORG](mailto:TPRFN@WINLINK.ORG)

Subject: Name, Call, Town, State

Message: Paste HTML form data

VarAC:

Address VMail Email to: [TPRFN@WINLINK.ORG](mailto:TPRFN@WINLINK.ORG)

Subject: //WL2K Name, Call, Town, State

(Note: You MUST include //WL2K at the start of the subject)  
Message: Paste HTML form data

APRS:

Send Message To: N3MEL-6  
Message Text: Name, Town, State

These instructions are also posted here:  
<https://www.tprfn.net/pktnet-info/march-pktnet-instructions>

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RESOURCES & RECRUITMENT:

LOCAL FORMS: Download the full suite to your PC:  
<https://vden.org/pktnet/>

BECOME A HUB: Interested in supporting the network?  
<https://www.tprfn.net/contact-us>

Thank you for your continued support of the network.

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All check-in will be mapped on the tprfn.net website at:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1ZrtB3pv8QW9LrRhBKRmOHE-MHykuoWs&usp=sharing>

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Don't feel obligated to enter a detailed message if it's difficult; the important part is the Subject line!

The VDEN website (<http://vden.org>) includes information about the Central Virginia BBSes, how to send personal mail and bulletins, and methods for connecting over RF (Packet / Vara via Terminal / Winlink / Outpost).

Bulletins created on the N4VEM BBS will be forwarded over Vara FM to the KN4LQN BBS, which will then forward over Vara HF to the N3MEL BBS and the wider regional packet network.

Reach out if you have any questions!

73,

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