

Thank you for agreeing to serve as an activator/operator for the **W1AW/2 NY Portable** station, part of the **2023 Volunteers on the Air** program through the ARRL. Please review the information below to ensure your activation is a success and that all operators from all over the world (including yourself) receive credit for your hard work.

Before Your Activation – Getting Ready

Operating time is scheduled in two-hour blocks at <https://w1aw.nnyarri.org>. Create an account to claim day/band/mode/time slots and to view when others will be on air. Be sure that your home or “elsewhere portable” station is comfortably set up and you are mentally prepared to operate. **You are not required to travel to CT to operate as W1AW/2 NY – these activations are designed to be portable/home operations in each of the 50 states.**

Only one operator per band/mode combination should be on air at a time. However, activations by different operators on *different modes* of the same band are permissible. Help in scheduling or setting up your activation should be sent to the NY Coordination Team at vota@nnyarri.org.

During Your Activation – “CQ W1AW/2 Portable NY”

You are considered a W1AW portable station, not mobile. Include **/2** and **NY** when calling CQ. There may be another state and/or call area on the air with the W1AW callsign the same week. Be prepared for a potentially large pile-up when people realize that W1AW is on the air! You are encouraged to self-spot on as many DX clusters and services as possible.

There is no pre-set exchange, but to ensure the most contacts, brevity may be necessary. Remember that each operator must follow the rules and restrictions for their license class. While the object of this event is contacts with W1AW/xx, briefly detail the event as time allows. There is **NO VOTA activity allowed** on the 12m, 17m, 30m, 60m, 630m, and 2200m bands.

QSL Information

NO QSL Cards are available for any of the W1AW/xx VOTA operating event stations during the event. All W1AW/xx contacts will be confirmed via LoTW only. Stations who contact W1AW at ARRL HQ can either upload such contacts to LoTW and/or can send QSL Cards (with SASE) to W1AW, ARRL HQ, 225 Main St, Newington CT 06111 – for any contacts only made directly with the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station.

After Your Activation – Logging Contacts

Electronic logging by activators is required, as well as the ability to export logged contacts to an ADIF file. You do not need to upload W1AW/2 NY logs or QSOs to any service yourself or combine days. However, logs for Week 1 must be submitted by **February 7th**, and logs for Week 2 must be submitted by **June 6th**. Submit your logs online at w1aw.nnyarri.org – simply sign in to your account to access the submission link. Email w1aw-logs@nnyarri.org with any questions on logging/submitting your W1AW/2 NY contacts. Thank you for supporting this operating event!