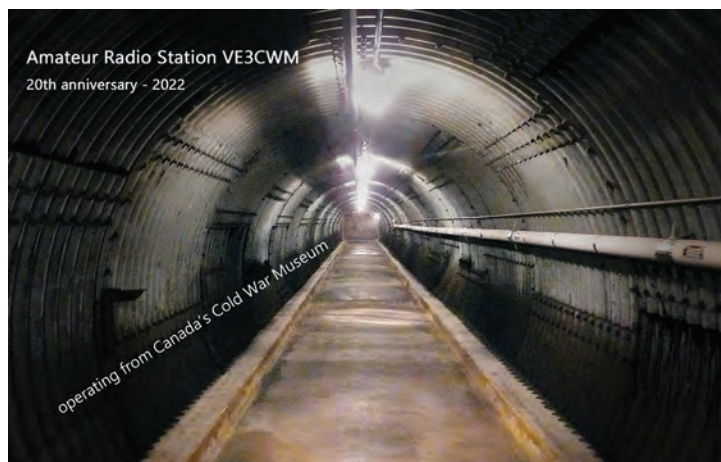


# Special Events



## Special Event VE3CWM20 in June for Amateur Radio Station VE3CWM to Commemorate 20 years of Underground Radio from the “Diefenbunker” Cold War Museum in Carp, Ontario

This year marks the 20th anniversary of VE3CWM, an Amateur Radio station that gives new meaning to the term “underground radio.” To celebrate the occasion, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada has approved the use of special call signs **VE3CWM20** for the month of June.

Since 2002, VE3CWM has operated out of the “Diefenbunker”, a massive fortified underground structure created during the Cold War to house key members of the Canadian government and military in the event of a nuclear attack on Canada.

Located in Carp, Ontario near Ottawa, the Diefenbunker (built by the government of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker) operated from 1961 until it was decommissioned by the Department of National Defence in 1994. Its formal name was the Central Emergency Government Headquarters. Upon its closure it was declared a National Historic Site.

The Cold War Museum opened in the Diefenbunker in 1997 and is a popular tourist attraction. Visitors enjoy stopping in at the two VE3CWM radio rooms on the first underground level to hear Amateur Radio operators make voice and Morse code contacts.

Through thousands of QSOs with Amateurs around the globe over the past 20 years, VE3CWM operators have raised awareness of Canada’s role in the Cold War and the unique historic nature of the Diefenbunker underground complex. The station is a living reminder of the importance of radio communications to Canada’s national life and national security.

The station is most active on days when the Cold War Museum is open to visitors – currently Wednesday through Sunday, but opening days may change as COVID-related restrictions ease up – and can be heard on the 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metre bands.

Be sure to listen for **VE3CWM20** during the month of June.



## Special Call Signs Available from May 15 to July 14, 2022 in Honour of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

In 2022, Canada is celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, marking her 70th anniversary on the Throne. She is Canada’s longest reigning Sovereign and the first to celebrate a platinum jubilee.

To mark this historic milestone, a series of initiatives are taking place throughout Canada to honour The Queen’s service and dedication to this country and celebrate Canadian achievements of the last seven decades.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada has approved the use of special call signs from **May 15 to July 14**. These dates correspond to the early summer busy operating season and will be available to all Canadian Amateurs who wish to use the special call signs on all occasions including Field Day, the June VHF Contest, the RAC Canada Day Contest and the IARU World Championship.

To use the special call sign, substitute the prefix normally assigned to your province or territory by the special prefix shown in the following table. For example, VE3 becomes VX3, VA7 becomes VG7, and YV2 becomes XK2, and so on.

| Province and Territory Prefixes | Special Event Prefixes | Province and Territory Prefixes | Special Event Prefixes |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| VE1 (NS)                        | VX1                    | VE7 (BC)                        | VX7                    |
| VA1 (NS)                        | VG1                    | VA7 (BC)                        | VG7                    |
| VE2 (QC)                        | VX2                    | VE8 (NT)                        | VX8                    |
| VA2 (QC)                        | VG2                    | VE9 (NB)                        | VX9                    |
| VE3 (ON)                        | VX3                    | VO1 (NF)                        | XJ1                    |
| VA3 (ON)                        | VG3                    | VO2 (LAB)                       | XJ2                    |
| VE4 (MB)                        | VX4                    | VY0 (NU)                        | XK0                    |
| VA4 (MB)                        | VG4                    | VY1 (YT)                        | XK1                    |
| VE5 (SK)                        | VX5                    | VY2 (PEI)                       | XK2                    |
| VA5 (SK)                        | VG5                    | CY0<br>Sable Is                 | N/A                    |
| VE6 (AB)                        | VX6                    | CY9<br>St-Paul Is               | N/A                    |
| VA6 (AB)                        | VG6                    |                                 |                        |

For more information on the Platinum Jubilee visit:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/campaigns/platinum-jubilee.html>