I wholeheartedly support the removal of the antiquated 300 Baud Symbol rate limitation on HF. As a veteran High Speed CW operator for 65 years, I’ve never experienced any interference from a Pactor 1,2,3 or 4 enabled station in the CW bands even though Canada, Mexico and most European countries permit Pactor 4 operation. There’s no question that the use of Pactor 4 mode in emergencies would greatly increase the ability of hospitals to communicate rapidly and precisely with units in the field. The ability to send photos via radio from remote locations would be of great benefit and Pactor 4 would cut the transmission time in half versus Pactor 3 mode. The detractors of Pactor 4 should be reminded that the mode only uses a bandwidth of 2400 Hz. Same as good old Pactor 3.

The Winlink system stations are good neighbors. I can’t say the same about the many inconsiderate CW operators during contest times.

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