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## SPECIAL EVENT TO COMMEMORATE 400 YEARS BEYOND JAMESTOWN

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◇ America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated this month on Jamestown Island, Virginia. "Settled in 1607, Jamestown was the first permanent English settlement in the Americas. It is, in essence, our nation's birthplace. The traditions established at Jamestown — including representative government, the rule of law, free enterprise and cultural diversity — form the basis of American culture today," says the Virginia committee regarding Jamestown's importance.

### You Can Participate

May 11-13, 2007 will mark America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and celebration. Live too far away to drive to Virginia? No problem. Your chance to celebrate is as close as your ham shack.

The Dominion DX Group has entered into a partnership agreement with *Jamestown 2007*, the state committee planning the celebration. As an Official Statewide Partner, DDXG has been commissioned to operate the quadricentennial Special Event Station under the call K4J. But the sanctioning comes at a cost. The magnitude of the event and responsibility will place a lot of pressure on the club and its resources. Tight security at Jamestown over the anniversary weekend further restricts the club and the number of operators. "Still, we're looking to include as many ham operators as we can in this historic celebration — on both ends of the radio," said

club president Guy Carlsen, K4CNF.

Orchestras, symphonies and a 1600-plus voice choir are but a part of the weekend. Invited guests include Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, President Bush and other heads of state. Information on the anniversary weekend and other Jamestown signature events can be found at [www.americasanniversary.com](http://www.americasanniversary.com).

For its part, DDXG is inviting Amateur Radio operators across the nation and the globe to play a part in the once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Operating on 20 through 80 meters in multiple modes, the club will be offering QSL cards and personalized certificates during a May 11-13 Special Event operation. "This is a birthday celebration in which every American should participate," said Carlsen. Further details can be found in this month's Special Events column and on the club's Web site, [www.ddxg.net](http://www.ddxg.net).