



Ham Radio (AA2AR).

My introduction to radio was in late 1968 when I carried a PRC25 radio on my back in Vietnam as a combat Infantry man. Later as civilian in 1988 my son was offered a father/son class on ham radio. My son did not pursue it, but I went on to get my license. My current call is AA2AR and my current station has a Icom 7300 for HF and a Yaseu ft 7800 for UHF and VHF. I still have my Kenwood TS520 and a Icom 718 which I hope to use for POTA in the future. Medical issues have kept me somewhat radio inactive lately, but our local QCWA monthly lunch meets keeps me interested and I hope to increase that activity soon.

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The AN/PRC-25 was used by US troops in the Vietnam war and until 1980. Operators would carry two to three spare batteries as the batteries only lasted about three hours. These batteries were not rechargeable and were tossed when dead. The radio was known as the Prick 25 and is very similar to its successor PRC-77. The radio was a light weight Synthesized VHF, solid state, (with the exception of a final one tube power amplifier (2 Watts power output) back-pack unit. The radio provided 920 channels in 2 VHF frequency bands 30-52.95 MHz, and 53-75.95 MHz wide band FM. Channel spacing was 50 KHz. The PRC-25 required 12.5-15 Volts DC @800 ma and 3 Volts DC for tube heater voltage. Both the PRC-25 and PRC-77 operated on vehicle or battery power. Antennas were either 3 or 10 foot long. Frequency selection was by front panel knobs, while frequency display was a digital mechanical read-out. Both models were built to withstand the rigors of war.