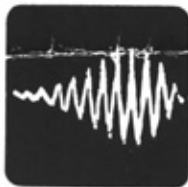




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# Change of Command

**USCG Loran Station  
Attu, Alaska**

May 5, 1989

## ATTU ISLAND HISTORY

Loran "C" Station Attu is part of the North Pacific (NORPAC) Loran "C" chain. Together with the Master Station at St. Paul Island, it forms the M-X leg of the chain. Narrow cape on Kodiak Island and Port Clarence, AK, are the other two secondary stations in 9990 chain.

The history of Loran operations on Attu goes back to 1943 when the first Loran "A" station was built on Theodore Point. It's mission then was to provide electronic navigational support for the American air raids on Japanese soil and the Kurile Islands from the Aleutians. The Loran "A" station was relocated to a permanent structure at Casco Cove in 1947. In November 1960, the Coast Guard moved out of it's Casco Cove quarters and took up it's present position in the former Navy weather station on Massacre Bay, as part of the door II program. This also included the installation of Loran "C" equipment and a 625 foot tower. In July 1979, Loran A service was officially discontinued.

At the end of the chain of the Aleutian Islands, Attu has always had the rightful distinction of being one of the most isolated installations in the United States. Both distance and inhospitable weather can combine to make life very difficult.

Attu was the scene of one of America's most bloody World War II battles. Today, only ruined buildings and fortifications remain as testament to the great battle that was fought on the island.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ARRIVAL OF OFFICAL PARTY\*

INVOCATION\*

LT D. W. SHAFER

PERSONNEL INSPECTION

REMARKS

RADM E. NELSON, JR  
COMMANDER, SEVENTEENTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT

REMARKS, ORDERS

LTJG D. S. BOBALEK

ORDERS, REMARKS

CWO D. D. HEYES

BENEDICTION\*

LT D. W. SHAFER

DEPARTURE OF OFFICAL PARTY\*

RECEPTION

\*GUESTS STANDING

LTJG Daniel S. BOBALEK was born in Wurzburg, West Germany, where his father was stationed as a U. S. Army dentist. He was raised in Colorado, and attended the Colorado School of Mines. He served two years enlisted service in the U. S. Army as a Utility Helicopter mechanic, being stationed with the 116th Assault Helicopter Company at Fort Lewis, WA. LTJG BOBALEK entered the U. S. Coast Guard Academy after attending the U. S. Military Academy Preparatory School in Fort Monmouth, NJ. He was commissioned in 1984, and assigned to USCGC STORIS in Kodiak. LTJG BOBALEK came to LORAN Station Attu after a tour aboard USCGC MACKINAW in Cheboygan, MI. The crew bids LTJG BOBALEK "fair winds and following seas" at his next assignment in the District Seventeen Operations Center in Juneau.

Chief Warrant Officer Douglas Dean Heyes enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in July 1977. He is married to the former Patricia Kathleen Nixon of Longmont, Colorado. They have four children: Jerusha (9), Christina (6), Alan (3), and Matthew (2 months). Chief Warrant Officer Heyes' assignments have included LORAN-C Station Malone, FL (original commissioning crew); Senior Technician, St. Mary's River LORAN-C Project, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; Advanced Electronics Training (AET) at Lake Superior State College, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and Electronics Material Officer, USCGC Glacier (WAGB-4). Chief Warrant Officer Heyes comes to LORAN Station Attu after serving as Project Engineer, Navigation Systems Branch, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters.