



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 the 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 Kuriles 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 tower. In July 1979, Loran A service was officially discontinued.

At the end of the chain of Aleutian Islands, Attu has always had the rightful distinction of being one of the the most isolated installations in the United States. Both distance and inhospitably 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.

Change of Command

USCG LORAN Station Attu

LTJG ^{2nd Lt} K. K. MOORE

will be relieved by

LTJG DANIEL S. BOBALEK

March 30, 1988

Attu, Alaska

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY*

NATIONAL ANTHEM*

INVOCATION*

LCDR J. NORDHAUS

PERSONNEL INSPECTION

REMARKS

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

REMARKS, ORDERS

LTJG K. K. MOORE

ORDERS, REMARKS

LTJG D. S. BOBALEK

BENEDICTION*

LCDR J. NORDHAUS

DEPARTURE OF OFFICAL PARTY*

RECEPTION

*GUESTS STANDING

LTJG K. K. MOORE, a native of Laramie, Wyoming, graduated from the U. S. Coast Guard Academy in 1983. Previous assignments include Deck Watch Officer aboard USCGC PLANETREE (WLB 307), and Seventeenth District Operations and Maintenance (OG-30) Funds Administrator. He also served as the District Commander's Aide during his tour at the Seventeenth District office. The crew bids LTJG MOORE "fair winds and following seas" at his next assignment, Executive Officer aboard USCGC BASSWOOD (WLB 388).

LTJG Daniel S. BOBALEK was born in Wurzburg, West Germany, where his father was stationed as a U. S. Army dentist. He spent his childhood 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, 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 comes to LORAN Station Attu after a tour aboard USCGC MACKINAW in Cheboygan, MI.