

U.S. Department  
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# Change of Command July 7, 1998

Coast Guard Loran C Station  
- Attu Island -



Program

Official Party Arrives\*

National Anthem\*

Invocation\*

LT D. Johansen  
Chaplain Corps, USNR

Personnel Inspection

Remarks

CAPT Rigalbuto  
CCGD17, Chief of Staff

Remarks, Orders

CWO3 Frey

Remarks, Orders

CWO2 Fowler

Benediction\*

LT D. Johansen  
Chaplain Corps, USNR

Official Party Departs\*

Reception

\* Audience standing

## The Ceremony

The Change of Command Ceremony is a time honored tradition which formally restates to the crew the continuity of command authority. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command. The Change of Command is nearly unique in the world today. It is the transfer of total responsibility from one individual to another.

## CWO3 Louis Frey

CWO3 Lou Frey was born in Techumseh, MI on 12 November 1954. He enlisted in the US Air Force from 1973 - 1979 and the US Coast Guard (CG) in 1980. CWO3 Frey received his commission in 1987 at Yorktown, VA and has four children, Nika 22, Nathan 19, Heidi 13, and Ashley 10.

CWO3 Frey has served as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Loran Station Attu, AK since 9 July 1997 and his next assignment will be at MLCPAC (t).

CWO3 Frey's past assignments are: Supervisor of Electronics Shop Minor at GP Port Angeles, WA; Independent Duty aboard CGC Firebush, Kodiak, AK; Navy Electronics Program Manager at CG Headquarters, Washington, DC; Atlantic area COMMSTA Project Manager at MLCLANT Governors Island, NY; Operations Officer aboard CGC Sundew Duluth, MN; Executive Officer at ESU Honolulu, HI; and Differential Global Positioning System Project Manager at MLCPAC Alameda, CA.

CWO3 Frey's awards include the CG Commendation Medal, CG Achievement Medal (2 awards), DOT Outstanding Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award, CG E Ribbon, CG Meritorious Unit Commendation, CG Meritorious Team Commendation, AF Good Conduct Medal, CG Good Conduct Medal (2 awards), National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), Humanitarian Service Medal, CG Bicentennial Unit Commendation, CG Special Operations Service, CG Sea Service (2 awards), CG Restricted Duty, Pistol Ribbon, and Rifle Ribbon.

## CWO2 Dave Fowler

CWO2 Dave Fowler was born in Altadena, CA on 4 August 1956. He enlisted in the US Coast Guard in 1977. CWO2 Fowler received his commission in 1997 and is married to the former Yvonne Ward of Waco, Texas. They have four children, Bonnie 18, Cindy 12, Leon 10, and Sally 7.

CWO2 Fowler's prior assignment to the Advanced Communication & Electronics Training program at the Albuquerque Technical Institute resulted in an Associate of Science degree in Electronics Engineering Technologies. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of New Mexico majoring in Political Science with a minor in Psychology.

CWO2 Fowler's past assignments are: Shop Supervisor aboard CGC Mohawk, Key West, FL; Central Pacific Coordinator of Chain Operations Assistant at Honolulu, HI; Department Head at Omega Station Hawaii, Kaneohe, HI & at Loran Monitor Station Malone, FL; Electronics Tech. at Loran Stations Iwo Jima & Marcus Island, Japan, and Fallon, NV. 1981-1987 part of CG Reserve Unit Albuquerque, NM. 1982-84 as a civilian he helped install the Saudi Arabian Loran C Chain. 1987 CWO2 Fowler returned to active duty.

CWO2 Fowler's awards include the CG Achievement Medal, CG Good Conduct Medal (3 awards), CG Sea Service, CG Restricted Duty (2 Awards), and the 1994 Ellen Lautenburg Award.



## CG Loran Station Attu

In 1943, Loran operations were established with the first Loran-A station at Theodore Point. In 1947, Loran-A operations were relocated to Casco Cove. In 1960, the station was again relocated to the former Navy weather observation building. This is our present site, overlooking Massacre Bay. Loran-C operations were also started that year. In July of 1979, Loran-A operations were discontinued on Attu.

Loran station Attu serves as the X-ray secondary transmitting station for the North Pacific loran chain. In 1991, Attu became a dual-rated station for the Russian American loran chain. Attu is currently the only Coast Guard loran station who is part of a foreign loran chain.

Attu is the western most island of the Aleutian Islands and is located in the Eastern Hemisphere. Attu is one of three remaining isolated loran stations, all of which are in Alaska. Of the stations, Attu is truly the most isolated due to the non-existence of a Native Population and the reliance upon the Coast Guard Air Station at Kodiak for logistics flights once every two weeks. These flights, a focal point for the crew, are the station's only tie with the rest of the world for mail, food, supplies, and traveling to or from the island. Attu, part of the Aleutian Island Wildlife Refuge, and the areas of fighting during the Battle of Attu, are listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1985.

## LORAN STATION ATTU COMMANDING OFFICERS

'48-'60 NO RECORDS. LORAN-A STATION LOCATED AT CASCO COVE.

60-61 LTJG E.G. WALTERS  
61-62 LTJG D.R. MARKEY  
62-63 LTJG J.E. IRWIN  
63-64 LTJG M.J. MOYNIHAN  
64-65 LTJG D.C. HILLARD  
65-66 LTJG E.K. ROE  
66-67  
67-68 LTJG R. BATES  
68-69 LTJG M.C. HOPPE  
69-70 LTJG J. McNUTT  
70-71 LTJG W.W. LEVY  
71-72 LTJG M. DUVALL  
72-73 LTJG R.D. CRANE  
-73- LTJG MURPHY  
73-74 LTJG W.J. INMON  
74-75 CWO2 L.W. ARRON  
75-76 LTJG A.M. ORR  
76-77 LTJG R.D. KACMARSKI  
77-78 LTJG J. SABO  
78-79 LTJG T.L. MAR  
79-80 LTJG W.T. DAVIS (SECURED LORAN-A)  
80-81 LTJG J.K. KARONS  
81-82 LTJG M.A. KOWALSKI  
82-83 LTJG R.J. WILSON  
83-84 LTJG C.J. PAQUETTE  
84-85 LTJG D.A. RAMBO  
85-86 LTJG S.H. WHITE  
86-87 LTJG M.L. FOSTER  
87-88 LTJG K.K. MOORE  
88-89 LTJG D.S. BOBALEK  
89-90 CWO2 D.D. HEYES  
90-91 CWO2 D.J. BILLIG  
91-92 CWO2 M. JOYCE  
92-93 CWO4 E.B. EBERWEIN  
93-94 CWO4 E.N. BALDWIN  
94-95 CWO4 K. ASHBY  
95-96 CWO4 P.J. CALPIN  
96-97 CWO2 M.G. TAFFE  
97-98 CWO3 L.W. FREY

