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Change of Command July 06, 1999



Coast Guard Loran C Station
-Attu Island-

Program

Official Party Arrives*

National Anthem*

Invocation*

LCDR Koczak

Chaplain Corps, USNR

Personnel Inspection

Remarks

RADM Barrett

Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

Remarks, Orders

LT Fowler

Remarks, Orders

CWO4 Mesa

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.

LORAN Station Attu Commanding Officers

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

60-61	LTJG E.G. WALTERS	79-80	LTJG W.T. DAVIS
61-62	LTJG D.R. MARKEY	80-81	LTJG J.K. KARONS
62-63	LTJG J.E. IRWIN	81-82	LTJG M.A. KOWALSKI
63-64	LTJG M.J. MOYNIHAN	82-83	LTJG R.J. WILSON
64-65	LTJG D.C. HILLARD	83-84	LTJG C.J. PAQUETTE
65-66	LTJG E.K. ROE	84-85	LTJG D.A. RAMBO
66-67		85-86	LTJG S.H. WHITE
67-68	LTJG R. BATES	86-87	LTJG M.L. FOSTER
68-69	LTJG M.C. HOPPE	87-88	LTJG K.K. MOORE
69-70	LTJG J. McNUTT	88-89	LTJG D.S. BOBALEK
70-71	LTJG W.W. LEVY	89-90	CWO2 D.D. HEYES
71-72	LTJG M. DUVAL	90-91	CWO2 D.J. BILLIG
72-73	LTJG R.D. CRANE	91-92	CWO2 M. JOYCE
73	LTJG MURPHY	92-93	CWO4 E.B. EBERWEIN
73-74	LTJG W.J. INMON	93-94	CWO4 E.N. BALDWIN
74-75	CWO2 L.W. ARRON	94-95	CWO4 K. ASHBY
75-76	LTJG A.M. ORR	95-96	CWO4 P.J. CALPIN
76-77	LTJG R.D. KACMARSKI	96-97	CWO2 M.G. TAFFE
77-78	LTJG J. SABO	97-98	CWO3 L.W. FREY
78-79	LTJG T.L. MAR	98-99	LT D.W. FOWLER

LT Dave Fowler

LT Dave Fowler was born in Altadena, CA on 4 August 1956. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1977.

LT Fowler has served as Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Loran Station Attu, AK since 7 July 1998 and his next assignment will be at NAVCEN, VA.

LT Fowler's prior assignment to the Advanced Computer and Electronics Technologies program at Albuquerque Technical Institute resulted in an Advanced 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 and minoring in Psychology.

LT Fowler's past assignments are Advanced Computer and Electronics Technologies, Albuquerque, NM, Shop Supervisor aboard WMEC-913 USCGC MOHAWK, Key West, FL; Central Pacific Coordinator of Chain Operations Assistant, Honolulu, HI; Department Head at Omega Station Hawaii, Kaneohe, HI and at LORMONSTA Malone, and Electronics Technician at LORSTA Iwo Jima and Marcus Island, Japan, and Fallon NV. 1981-1987 part of CG Reserve Unit Albuquerque, NM; 1982-1984 as a civilian he helped install the Saudi Arabian Loran C Chain. 1987 LT Fowler returned to active duty.

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

LT Fowler is married to the former Yvonne Ward of Waco, Texas. They have four children: Bonnie, Cindy, Leon, and Sally.

CWO4 Jesus Mesa

Chief Warrant Officer Jesus Mesa, a native of Bensenville, Illinois, enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard in 1972.

Chief Warrant Officer Mesa was selected for Advanced Electronics Training and studied at Milwaukee School of Engineering. He received two associates degrees: one for Electronics Communications Technology and the other for Computer Science Technology.

Chief Warrant Officer Mesa's past assignments include Sensor/Navigation Projects Officer at MLCLANT, Norfolk, VA; Loran Engineering Projects Officer at ACTEUR, London, England; Standard Workstation II Database Manager at TISCOM, Alexandria, VA; Executive Officer and Senior Technical Officer at LORSTA Iwo Jima, Japan; Chief Electronics Technician at LORSTA Carolina Beach, NC and aboard WHEC-724 MUNRO; Electronics Technician aboard WHEC-725 JARVIS, Instructor at AN/SRC-21 "C" School at TRACEN Governor's Island, NY; and Electronics Technician aboard WHEC-722 USCGC MORGENTHAU. He is a graduate of USCG Electronics "A" School and USN Cryptographic "C" School.

Chief Warrant Officer Mesa's awards include a Coast Guard Commendation medal, Commandant's Letter of Commendation (two awards), Unit Commendation, and Meritorious Team Commendations (four awards).

Chief Warrant Officer Mesa is married to the former Tammera Packard of Rockland, MA. They have a son Richard and a daughter Kasey.

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 observatory 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 the only Coast Guard LORAN station who is part of a foreign chain.

Attu is the western most island of the Aleutian Islands and is located in the Eastern Hemisphere. Attu is one of the 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.

