

# **CHANGE OF COMMAND**

**U.S. COAST GUARD  
LORAN-C STATION  
ATTU, ALASKA**



**27 June 2007**

The Change of Command Ceremony is a time-honored tradition that formally restates to the crew the continuity of the authority of command. 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 a transfer of the total responsibility and accountability from one individual to another.

## **ORDER OF CEREMONY**

Official Party Arrives\*

National Anthem\*

Invocation

LCDR Lee W. Hellwig

Inspection of Station Personnel

CWO4 Ronald G. Long

CWO2 Robert J. Coyle

Remarks

RADM Arthur E. (Gene) Brooks

Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

Remarks and Reading of Orders

CWO4 Ronald G. Long

Reading of Orders

CWO2 Robert J. Coyle

Relief of Command

Remarks

CWO2 Robert J. Coyle

Benediction

LCDR Lee W. Hellwig

Departure of Official Party\*

\*Guests Please Stand

## Chief Warrant Officer Ronald G. Long



A native of Lylte Creek, CA, Chief Warrant Officer Long joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1976, attending Basic Training at Alameda, CA.

After a short stay as an Assistant Company Commander, he was assigned to the Coast Guard Liaison Office at the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center Pacific (FASWTCP) for training as a Sonar Technician. His first assignment was onboard the USCGC CHASE (WHEC-718) in Boston, MA where he advanced from E-3 through E-6. His follow on assignments included short tours at the Coast Guard First District office of Electronics Engineering and at Governors

Island, NY, before returning to FASWTCP to teach 'A' and 'C' School as well as Underwater Physics and Weapons Tactics for ASW Officers. Later, he was assigned to Fleet Training Group San Diego, CA after which he had follow-on tours onboard CGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC-722) and CGC MUNRO (WHEC-724). He then served as Assistant Vessels Section Chief at Electronics Systems Support Unit Seattle. In 1994 he was commissioned as a Chief Warrant Officer and assigned to Commandant as the Technical and Physical Security Program Manager. Chief Warrant Officer Long then moved to the Engineering Logistics Center in Baltimore, MD, where he served as a Technical Support Specialist from 1998 through 2002. Chief Warrant Officer Long served as the Chief of Electronics Engineering Field Support at Electronic Systems Support Unit in Cleveland, Ohio from January 2002 through 2005. He assumed command of LorSta Port Clarence on June 22, 2005, and completed that tour on July 11, 2006. After returning to ESU Cleveland, the call came for an immediate need at LorSta Attu, where he assumed command on January 23, 2007. Chief Warrant Officer Long currently has orders to return to ESU Cleveland where he will retire with 31 years of service.

Chief Warrant Officer Long's awards include Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, the Coast Guard Unit Commendation Ribbon, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbons, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Arctic Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medals, Special Operations Ribbons, and Restricted Duty Ribbons among others.

Chief Warrant Officer Long is married to the former Jayne Marie Murra of Barstow, California. They have three adult children; Jessica age 26, Michelle age 24 and Brian age 22.

## Chief Warrant Officer Robert J. Coyle



A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Chief Warrant Officer Coyle enlisted in the Coast Guard in February 1990.

His first assignment was to USCGC Ironwood (WLB-297) based out of Kodiak, Alaska as a Seaman. He then attended ET "A" school at Petaluma, CA and graduated July 1991. After graduation he went to COMMSTA Kodiak and served there until August 1996. His next duty station was LORAN station Kodiak where he advanced to ET2. He transferred September 1998 to the

USCGC Acushnet (WMEC-167) based out of Ketchikan, Alaska. While stationed aboard the USCGC Acushnet (WMEC-167) he advanced to ET1. September 2000, He transferred back to COMMSTA Kodiak until October 2003 and his next assignment aboard the USCGC Alex Haley (WMEC-39) out of Kodiak, Alaska. Aboard the USCGC Alex Haley, he earned his Permanent Cutterman's Pin, was nominated Alaskan Coastguardsman of the year for 2004, Qualified as an Underway Officer of the Deck, and advanced to ETC. His next assignment was as Officer in Charge of LORSTA Kodiak from June 2006 till May 2007. He was advanced to Chief Warrant Officer 01 June of this year.

Chief Warrant Officer Coyle's awards include the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (3 citations), Commandant Letter of Commendation, five Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals.

Chief Warrant Officer Coyle is married to the former Julie Burge of Novato, California. They have two sons, Robert, 13, and Joseph, 10. His family currently resides in Kodiak.

## Coast Guard Loran Station Attu

In 1943, Attu 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 currently the only Coast Guard loran station that is part of a foreign chain.

Attu is the western most of the Aleutian Islands. It is one of the three remaining isolated, restricted duty Loran stations, all of which are in Alaska. Of the three stations, Attu is the most remote and most isolated loran station. Attu has no Native Population and relies strictly on Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak for logistics supplies provided every two weeks. These logistics flights, a focal point for the crew, are the station's only tie with the rest of the world for mail, food, supplies, and travel to and from the island. Attu, part of the Aleutian Island Wildlife Refuge, and the areas of fighting during the battle of Attu, earned a listing in the National Register of Historic Places in 1985.

### Military Personnel as of 27 June, 2007

**Commanding Officer**  
CWO4 Ronald G. Long

**Executive Petty Officer**  
ETC Jeffrey E. Ring

**Engineering Petty Officers**  
MKC Richard J. Boxleitner

#### Operations Department

ET1 Brian P. Godwin  
ET3 Steven B. Massey  
ET3 Gregory S. Harrington  
ET3 Louvin L. Lawrence

#### Administration Department

HS1 Robert M. Lesko  
FS1 Douglas A. Rice  
FS2 Solomon R. Flores  
SK2 Jason A. Sather  
HS2 Essick R. Timms

#### Engineering Department

MK1 Joshua E. Hickman  
EM1 Anthony P. Luciani  
DC1 Timothy J. Florezadams  
MK3 Eric N. Dehler  
MK3 Matthew A. Burnard  
SN Bradley M. Hall  
SN Kellan C. Lewis  
SA Jeremiah J. Farley  
FA Tysin O. Alley