

CHANGE OF COMMAND

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



25 June 2009

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Official Party Arrives*

National Anthem*

Invocation

LT Carl Stamper

Inspection of Station Personnel

CWO4 Peter E. Bower

CWO4 James S. Beeson

Remarks

CDR Joseph Chop

Operations Division, NAVCEN

Remarks

RADM Arthur E. (Gene) Brooks

Commander, Seventeenth Coast Guard District

Remarks and Reading of Orders

CWO4 Peter E. Bower

Reading of Orders

CWO4 James S. Beeson

Relief of Command

Remarks

CWO4 James S. Beeson

Benediction

LT Carl Stamper

Departure of Official Party*

*Guests Please Stand

Chief Warrant Officer Peter E. Bower

CWO Bower was born in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1957 and enlisted in the Coast Guard in August of 1980.

After completing Boot Camp at Alameda, CA his first assignment was to the USCGC Walnut (WLM 252) home ported in Long Beach, CA. He attended ET "A" school at Governor's Island, NY and graduated in 1982. Upon graduation he transferred to LORSTA Upolu Point, Hawaii from 1982 to 1984. He was then requested to fill the Chain Operations Control Officer (COCO) assistant job for LORAN Chain 4990 in Honolulu, HI. After attending ETC-7 school in 1989 he served aboard USCGC MELLON (WHEC 717) home ported in Seattle, WA. From 1994 to 1997 he was an instructor at LORAN "C" school at TRACEN Petaluma, CA. In 1997 Chief Warrant Officer Bower was assigned to USCGC Jarvis (WHEC 725) home ported in Honolulu, HI. Following a successful tour aboard the JARVIS, he was assigned as the Officer in Charge at LORSTA Middletown, CA in 1999. In 2001 He transferred to the CGC BOUTWELL (WHEC 719) home ported in Alameda, CA. He then served four years at Navigation Center Detachment Petaluma, CA. Chief Warrant Officer Bower currently has orders TRACEN Petaluma, CA.

Chief Warrant Officer Bower's awards include two Coast Guard Achievement Medals, two Commandant Letter of Commendation, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, six Coast Guard Good Conduct Medals, and the Coast Guard Permanent Cutterman's Pin.

Chief Warrant Officer Bower is married to the former Aloma Napua Nahinu of Hawaii. They have two sons, Ryan 22, and Patrick, 21. His family currently resides in California.

Chief Warrant Officer James S. Beeson

CWO4 Beeson enlisted in the Coast Guard and attended Basic Training at U.S. Coast Guard Training Center Cape May, NJ in 1982. His first assignment was Coast Guard Cutter Jarvis (WHEC-725), homeported in Honolulu, HI. In 1984 he attended Electronics Technician "A" School in Governor's Island, NY, followed by a tour at LORAN Monitor Station Yakota, Japan. In 1985 CWO Beeson transferred to LORAN Station George in George, WA and served as LORAN Watchstander and Duty Technician. CWO Beeson was stationed aboard USCGC Conifer (WLB-301) as an independent duty technician from 1989 through 1992. In 1992, he transferred to USCG Base Fort Macon in Atlantic Beach, NC. Beginning in 1996, CWO Beeson served aboard CGC Alert (WMEC-630) as the Electronics Technician in Charge. In 1997, he advanced to Chief Petty Officer and in 1998 was transferred to USCG Navigation Center (NAVCEN) in Alexandria, VA where he served as the Differential Global Positioning Systems (DGPS) Control Station Manager. Selected as a Chief Warrant Officer in 2000, he remained at NAVCEN as the DGPS Control Station Supervisor. In 2002, CWO Beeson was accepted into the Direct Commission Engineer (DCE) program as a Lieutenant, and was also accepted into the Coast Guard Advanced Computer, Engineering and Technology (ACET) program. From 2002 through 2004, CWO Beeson attended Old Dominion University. CWO Beeson spent the 2004 until 2008 as the Logistics Planning Section Chief for the Electronic Systems Branch at Maintenance and Logistics Command - Atlantic in Norfolk, VA. In 2008, CWO Beeson returned to the Chief Warrant Officer Corps.

CWO Beeson's personal awards include the CG Commendation, CG Achievement Medal(2), Commandant Letter of Commendation, CG Presidential Unit Citation, D.O.T. Secretary's Outstanding Unit Award, CG Unit Commendation, CG Meritorious Unit Commendation(3), CG Meritorious Team Ribbon(3), CG "E" Ribbon(3), CG Bicentennial Unit Commendation, CG Good Conduct(5), National Defense Service Medal(2), Humanitarian Service Medal(3), CG Sea Service(2), Rifle Marksmanship.

CWO Beeson holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology from Old Dominion University, an Associate of Applied Science in Technology degree through Excelsior College, and is currently pursuing a Master's in Engineering Management Degree through Old Dominion University.

Chief Warrant Officer Beeson was born and raised in Sanford, Lee County, NC. He is married to the former Kari Henselen of Puyallup, WA and has four Children - Zachary, Katie, Kyle, and Jacob.

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 25 June, 2009

Commanding Officer

CWO4 Peter E. Bower

Executive Petty Officer

ETC Brad M. Schlaupitz

Engineering Petty Officer

MKC Stephen Strecker

Operations Department

ET1 Vince Ornelas
ET2 Steven Hoagland
ET3 Charles Dosh
ET3 Nicholas Tremblay
FN Michael Manning
SN Mitchell Villani

Administration Department

HS1 Mark Grieco
FS1 Juan Rojas
HS1 William Mueller
FS2 Peter Orton
SK2 Giovanni Beltran

Engineering Department

EM1 Frank Duffy
DC1 Kevin Kalen
MK3 Ryan Graham
FNMK Daniel Aloisio
FN Zachary Strosnider
FN Daniel Gravely

Mascots

Kiska and Tennessee