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"Dedicated to those Brave Americans
who served and gave their lives in
the Aleutians during World War II"

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DEDICATION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

Posting of The Colors	Honor Guard, USCG LORSTA, Attu, AK
The "NATIONAL ANTHEM"	
Invocation	Chaplain R. Drag, USAF, Shemeya, AK
Old Testament Reading	Father J. Kreta (USN, WW II)
New Testament Reading	Mr. Oly Johnson (USA, WW II)
Unveiling of The Memorial Stone	Capt B. S. Beach, USCG
In Memoriam	Chaplain J. Mc Closkey, USN
The Lord's Prayer	LTJG M. A. Kowalski, USCG
Presentation of Wreaths	V.F.W. & American Legion
Remarks	Col Alva Hayes, USA, Ft. Richardson, AK
Moment of Silence	
Hand Salute and Volley	
Taps	
Tolling of the Bells	LCDR Jay Hupp, USN, Adak, AK
Eternal Father	vs. 1 of #196
Benediction	Brother G. O'Malley (USCG, WW II)
Retire the Colors	Honor Guard, USCG LORSTA, Attu, AK

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"The Solemn Pride that must have been yours to have laid
so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

President A. Lincoln
to a bereaved mother

SELECTED READINGS

"In most combat theaters of World War II the combatants had to fight only each other. In the Aleutians, however, they also had to battle the weather, wilderness and boredom. This remote territory was probably the war's least known and least publicized combat zone. The United States fought WW II mainly in Europe, Africa and the islands of the South and Central Pacific. Yet it was in the Aleutians, in the North Pacific that American territory was invaded, for the first time since the War of 1812. Let us not then forget the brave men and women who served and died in this remote part of the world."

S. Cohen, "The Forgotten War"

"Early on the morning of June 3, 1942, an enemy fleet steamed toward Dutch Harbor. Japanese bombers took off from the two carriers. Dutch Harbor was thus bombed with the loss of 24 Americans. These were the first of many casualties in the Aleutians."

Tom Spittler

In an island cove off Kiska in 1943, the Destroyer "USS ALVIN READ" struck a Japanese land mine and sunk with the loss of 71 lives.

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"On May 20 the Japanese pushed out of Chickof Harbor in a last due or die attempt to break thru the American lines. Members of the Seventh Infantry Division momentarily broke, then held in bitter hand to hand fighting. Alvin Roth from California died in that brutal battle. His friend Jack Condifer still remembers that time and place, although he later went on to fight in Okinawa. To him time does not heal all wounds. The Japanese have never forgotten Attu and their brave soldiers who died there. Their monuments attest to this as well as their press who visits ever three to five years. Should Al Roth and the other 548 Americans who gave their lives there, not be so honored?"

Tom Spittler

The Battle of Attu was the second most costliest battle as per troops involved in the Pacific for United States Forces during the war . . .

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