



DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD

USCG LORAN-C STATION
CAROLINA BEACH, NC

Change of Command

FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST 1992

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

ORDER OF CEREMONY

OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

The Reverend Eckie Lancaster
Pine Valley Methodist Church
Wilmington, NC

INSPECTION OF STATION PERSONNEL

REMARKS

Commander Fifth Coast Guard District Representative

REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS

Chief Warrant Officer Charles A. Safrit

READING OF ORDERS

Chief Petty Officer Billy J. Woolwine

RELIEF AND CHANGE OF COMAND

Chief Petty Officer Billy J. Woolwine Relieves
Chief Warrant Officer Charles A. Safrit

REMARKS

Chief Petty Officer Billy J. Woolwine

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Eckie Lancaster
Pine Valley Methodist Church

RETIRE THE COLORS

OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS

The Principals . . .

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER CHARLES A. SAFRIT UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Charles A. Safrit was born and raised in Rimertown, NC and enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in June 1980 after graduating with honors from Mt. Pleasant High School in Mt. Pleasant, NC.

Upon completion of basic training at TRACEN Cape May, NJ, CWO Safrit received the Honor Graduate and Navy League Outstanding Recruit awards. He then reported for Electronics Training at Governors Island, NY and upon completion reported to USCG Loran-C Station St. Paul Island, AK in April 1981. He was transferred to USCG Loran-C Station Carolina Beach, NC in April 1982, where he received the Commandant Letter of Commendation for service during Hurricane Diana in September 1984. In October 1986, he was assigned to USCG Electronics Shop Cape Hatteras, NC, where he served as Executive Petty Officer and received a second Commandant Letter of Commendation. CWO Safrit took over as Officer in Charge of USCG Loran-C Station Carolina Beach in October 1989. He was commissioned Chief Warrant Officer in June 1992 and has received orders to Advanced Electronics Training in Wilmington, NC.

CWO Safrit is married to the former Robin Herrin of Mt. Pleasant, NC.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER BILLY J. WOOLWINE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Billy Joe Woolwine Jr. was born and raised in Ronceverte, WV and joined the Coast Guard in July 1974.

Upon completion of basic training at TRACEN Cape May, NJ, he attended Electronics "A" School at Governors Island, NY. He was then assigned to USCG Base Ketchikan, AK. He has also served at USCG Group Lower Mississippi River Memphis, TN. He was assigned to the commissioning crew of the USCGC Harriet Lane, Portsmouth, VA. His last assignment was USCG OMEGA Station Lamoure, ND where he served as the Executive Petty Officer and received the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

ETC Woolwine is accompanied by his wife, Bridget, and three daughters Carrie, Angela, and Cassandra.

THE CEREMONY

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and men of the command the continuity of the authority of command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command. The ceremony represents more than just the relief of one commanding officer by another, it is the transfer of total responsibility, authority, and accountability for the unit and the accomplishment of its assigned mission.

ABOUT THE LORAN STATION . . .

Originally established and operated by the U.S. Air Force, all jurisdiction, custody and control of the 212 acre site was transferred by the Department of the Air Force to the Treasury Department on 16 June, 1957. The Coast Guard operated the station as the Master for the East Coast Loran-C Chain until September 1979. Operation as a dual-rated Secondary station for the Northeast U.S. and Southeast U.S. Chains began on October 1, 1979. This reconfiguration expanded LORAN-C coverage into the Gulf of Mexico and improved coverage for the Northeastern and Central Atlantic coast of the United States.

The LORAN transmitting antenna is a Top-loaded Inverted Pyramid (TIP) supported by four 625 foot guyed towers. This antenna configuration is unique in the Coast Guard and was constructed in 1967. The Loran Operations Building, housing the timing and transmitting equipment, was completed in September 1987 and fulltime operations from this building commenced on 27 October 1987 following installation and testing of the new Loran Equipment. The Administration and Generator building was formerly the transmitter building and reconstruction was completed in May 1988. The barracks had been transferred to the local Coast Guard Reserve Unit and the Old Operations Building, dating from Air Force days, will be used for storage and other Administrative functions.

On 30 November 1988, the station complement changed from 1 Officer and 10 Enlisted to 4 Enlisted personnel. This change has been made possible by the installation of advanced LORAN Equipment.

The Officer in Charge has the responsibility of station administration, finances and general maintenance of station grounds, buildings, and equipment. He must insure that the mission of the station is accomplished by keeping the LORAN-C signal on air and in tolerance for the users.

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