



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting
the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to

U. S. COAST GUARD LORAN C TRANSMITTING STATION

KURE ISLAND, HAWAII

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 1 April 1982 to 31 December 1982 while engaged in providing Loran-C navigational service in the Central Pacific Ocean. During this period, Loran Transmitting Station, Kure Island radiated a usable Loran-C signal 99.988 percent of the time. This outstanding operational record was achieved through a vigorous and attentive preventive maintenance program requiring extra man hours, and an exuberant "can do" attitude on the part of the crew. Comprehensive departmental training programs which greatly improved the level of technical knowledge and leadership abilities of the personnel were carried out. The high esprit de corps of the crew was most evident during an extreme potable water shortage in April 1982 to June 1982. Because of a lack of rainfall, which the Station uses for potable water, the level of water reserves became critical, eventually falling to less than four percent of capacity. Stringent and uncomfortable water conservation measures were exercised during this period and exhausting maintenance man hours were expended trying to produce water with an outdated, defective evaporator shipped to the unit in April. It was through their perseverance and resourcefulness that the water shortage was endured and resolved with no adverse effect on the unit's operational mission. Throughout the entire period, Station personnel, showing extreme personal care and pride, expended considerable effort to improve the material condition and habitability of their unit to the effect that the station was awarded an "Outstanding" rating--the highest possible--by the District Inspector in December 1982. The physical appearance of the Station was adjudged to be the best of any Loran Station in the Fourteenth District. The outstanding skill, diligence and devotion to duty displayed by the crew of Loran Transmitting Station, Kure Island are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

All personnel attached to and serving aboard U. S. Coast Guard Loran-C Station, Kure Island for at least one-half of the above designated period are hereby authorized to wear the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon.

For the Commandant,

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Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District