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

Central Pacific LORAN-C Chain

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 1 January 1987 to 30 August 1988 by maintaining a remarkably high level of sustained performance. During this 595 day period, the Central Pacific LORAN-C Chain provided 99.99% LORAN signal availability to the Central Pacific maritime and aviation user community. During the period cited, the Chain earned six Commander Pacific Area 180-day Operational Performance Awards. Notable performances included 100% signal availability for a period of seven months by Kure Island, five months by Johnston Island, eight months by Upolu Point, and the Chain monitor at OMEGA Station Hawaii contributed less than five minutes of unusable time during over 14,280 hours of operation. The Chain's outstanding achievement was the result of each station contributing to the development and the carrying out of a standardized preventive maintenance and watchstander training program. Through these efforts equipment failures were clearly reduced, casualty recovery procedures were fine-tuned and logistic support was significantly improved. The professionalism and "can do" spirit of the engineering personnel in providing stable power was a significant factor in achieving this outstanding operational record. Each unit in the Chain received an Outstanding from the Maintenance and Logistic Command's compliance inspection program and the District's operational readiness inspections. The demonstrated initiative, professional skill, teamwork and devotion to duty exhibited by the Central Pacific Loran-C Chain personnel reflects credit upon themselves, their units, and the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

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