



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
WASHINGTON 20593

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

COAST GUARD LORAN STATION
MARCUS ISLAND, JAPAN

for service as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 25 October 1984 to 24 October 1985 in providing a usable Loran signal 100 percent of the time during the sixty-day period preceding 13 July 1985. This significant accomplishment merited Commander, Pacific Area's Baseline Award, the first Northwest Pacific Loran station operating video generator power to qualify for this award. Additionally, Loran Station Marcus maintained a 99.997 percent usable signal for two ninety-day periods, 14 September 1984 through 23 December 1984, and 4 May 1985 through 1 August 1985. Marcus Island personnel were able to maintain this admirable record through the hard work and dedicated efforts of all hands. Following the Field Change which installed the DESIOT mode of transmitter operation in the Far East, the Marcus Island crew made several changes which greatly improved that mode of operation. Through efficient management and careful planning, Loran Station Marcus minimized the off-air time required to replace the top loading element in the transmitting antenna, and to accomplish numerous maintenance projects which could only be done during this period. They also completed several additional engineering overhauls and replacements without interruption to the Loran transmissions. The dedication, teamwork and professionalism displayed by the entire crew at Loran Station Marcus Island reflect credit upon themselves, their unit and the United States Coast Guard.

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

ALFRED P. MANNING
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Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District
By direction of the Commandant