



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 TEAM COMMENDATION to:

COAST GUARD LORAN STATION LAS CRUCES

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 1 January to 31 December 1995 while providing LORAN-C navigation service for the midcontinental United States to meet Federal Aviation Agency requirements and establish a precise time reference for power companies, telephone companies, and many others that use LORAN-C as a source of precise timing reference. During this period, LORAN Station Las Cruces personnel maintained an individual station signal availability of 99.997%, greatly exceeding the stringent Coast Guard advertised availability of 99.900%. By virtue of dedication to excellence and a commitment to quality, LORAN Station Las Cruces personnel researched, developed, and implemented changes to the station's water system, performing most of the work themselves, thus averting a very costly plumbing retrofit. LORAN Station Las Cruces was the recipient of the first LORAN station Thermographic Inspection. The enthusiastic participation of the crew was instrumental in ensuring the success of the project. Insights provided by the crew following the inspection were invaluable for preparing other LORAN stations for the inspection. LORAN Station Las Cruces personnel have great pride in their unit and professionally represent the Coast Guard in the local community. The crew enthusiastically participated in every community sponsored patriotic holiday ceremony by marching in the parades and other festivities. The devotion to duty and outstanding performance demonstrated by all LORAN Station Las Cruces personnel are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

ROBERT J. WENZEL
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Commanding Officer
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