



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-C STATION MARCUS ISLAND
JAPAN

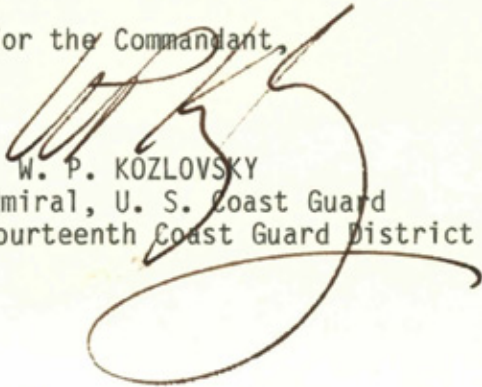
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 1 November 1986 to 15 October 1987 in maintaining a remarkably high level of performance. Loran-C Station Marcus Island maintained a 99.996 percent usable Loran signal from 13 August 1986 to 10 November 1986, and from 20 December 1986 to 28 April 1987. Demonstrating outstanding preventive maintenance and training, the Station also maintained a 99.994 percent usable signal from 29 April 1987 to 3 August 1987, earning the Far East Section Outstanding Performance Award as well as a 180-day award from the Pacific Area. Loran-C Station Marcus Island also achieved an overall grade of "outstanding" in the March 1987 District Inspection in the areas of electronics, engineering, and operations. The crew made significant contributions to the design of a new multipurpose building, which will be constructed by the Japanese Government in 1988. Loran-C Station Marcus Island was the first to install a new SLOPER antenna system which greatly improved communication capabilities. The Engineering Department installed a complete generator from Loran-C Station Yap and modified the jetty pump system for easy removal during typhoons. When Marcus Island was hit by Typhoon Holly in September 1987, the crew removed several tons of coral from the runway by using hand tools, and operations were able to resume without delay. The dedication and teamwork displayed by personnel assigned to Loran-C Station Marcus Island reflects credit upon themselves, their unit, and the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,


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