



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20590

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

*U.S. COAST GUARD LORAN TRANSMITTING STATION  
MARCUS ISLAND*

*for service as set forth in the following*

*CITATION:*

*"For meritorious service from 14 July 1977 to 26 October 1977 while engaged in providing Loran navigational service in the Central Northwest Pacific Ocean. Throughout this period, personnel of Loran Station Marcus Island maintained a useable signal 99.96 percent of the time. This included the period when Typhoon Ivy struck the island, leaving extensive damage to the fuel system and machinery spaces. Loran Station Marcus Island personnel displayed remarkable ability while keeping the station operational and performing their mission continuously during this severe storm. After the storm had abated, the Island's runway was found to be covered with sand, rocks, coral and other debris. The operating authorities of the runway estimated that it would take two to three weeks to re-open it. Demonstrating exceptional initiative, Loran Station Marcus Island personnel worked around the clock clearing the runway which enabled a scheduled logistics flight to land two days after the storm. The outstanding skill, diligence and devotion to duty displayed by personnel of Loran Station Marcus Island reflect great credit upon themselves, their unit and the United States Coast Guard."*

*All personnel attached to and serving with Coast Guard Loran Transmitting Station, Marcus Island during the above designated period are hereby authorized to wear the Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "O. W. Siler".

*O. W. SILER  
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard*