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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 services as set forth in the following:

CITATION:

"For meritorious service from 25 October 1985 to 24 October 1986 in maintaining a remarkably high level of performance. LORAN Station Marcus Island maintained a 99.991 per cent usable signal for two ninety day periods, 6 September through 4 December 1985 and 11 December 1985 through 10 March 1986, earning FESEC Outstanding Performance Awards for both periods. This achievement was the result of a vigorous preventative maintenance program and effective departmental training. During this period, the crew of LORSTA Marcus Island provided vigilant supervision over several major contracts including: (1) replacement of the 1350 foot LORAN transmitting tower; (2) major repairs to the fresh water storage system; and (3) repairs to the transmitter building roof. The unit accommodated an average of 30 Japanese contractor personnel each day over a 90 day period and at all times exemplified "American Good Will". They reconfigured crew living areas and served both American and Japanese meals on a two shift basis. Relations between contractor and Coast Guard personnel were extremely cordial and helped to ensure that high quality contract work was completed on time. Furthermore, the unit demonstrated outstanding initiative in using combat offload techniques to remove double and triple load pallets of tower materials from Air Force C-130 aircraft. The professionalism displayed during these offloading operations was recognized by the 345th Tactical Airlift Squadron. During this same period, LORSTA personnel also completed a major overhaul of NR 1 main diesel engine and repairs to station buildings caused by damage from Typhoons LOLA, VERA, and WAYNE. The team work, professionalism and dedication to duty exhibited by the crew of Marcus Island reflect great credit upon themselves, their unit and the U. S. Coast Guard.

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

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