



Officer in Charge

United States Coast Guard Lorain C Station Havre

Requests the honor of your presence at the

Change of Command Ceremony

At which

Electronics Technician Chief Rebecca L. Ruch, U.S. Coast Guard

Will relieve

Electronics Technician Chief Craig C. Brinkmeyer, U.S. Coast Guard

At eleven o'clock

Friday morning, the 20th of June

Two thousand and eight

To be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 497

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Uniform: Tropical Blue Long

Civilian: Informal



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UNITED STATES

COAST GUARD

LORANC STATION

HAVRE

HAVRE, MONTANA, JUNE 20, 2008

LORAN-C Station Havre History

In the early 1960's, Congress authorized the operation of a network of navigation stations known as LORAN-C (Long Range Navigation). The system was designed to replace an aging and less accurate aid to navigation system. LORAN-C is capable of providing accurate position fixing within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. LORAN-C systems are used by civilian and military vessels and aircraft.

The Coast Guard LORAN station at Havre, Montana was built in 1991 by Coleman Construction Company of Spokane, Washington. The Station began transmitting its prescribed signal on January 29, 1991. When the station started operation, it covered gaps in the Loran C coverage in the mid-continent and was used to free up crowded air traffic lanes by allowing air craft to fly direct routes.

The station transmits signal at 100KHz, at a radiated output power of 400 kilowatts. Station Havre rate (8290). The coverage area for this chain stretches most of the north central United States and parts of southern Canada.

The Ceremony

The change of command Ceremony is a time-honored tradition, which formally restates to the officers and crew the continuity of the authority of command. The occasion ensures that all hands know of the shift in authority, and that a duly authorized officer is placed in charge.

Deeply rooted in U.S. Coast Guard history, this formal ritual is unique among the armed forces and publicly underscores the distinctive nature of command in the U.S. Coast Guard. It signifies the total transfer of responsibility, authority and accountability for the command.

It marks the end of a segment of the command's history, but most importantly, it signals a new beginning, a new opportunity for even greater achievements in the future.

*LORAN Station Havre
Personnel – June 2008*

Electronics Technician First Class

Billie R. Bunting

Executive Petty Officer

Machinery Technician First Class

Jonathan D. Turnage

Engineering Petty Officer

Electronics Technician Second Class

Logan C. Rosenlund

Operations Petty Officer

Storekeeper Second Class

Justin German

Supply Petty Officer

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Order of the Ceremony

Arrival of Official Party *

Chief Petty Officer Rebecca L. Ruch
Prospective Officer in Charge
Coast Guard LORAN Station Havre

Chief Petty Officer Craig C. Brinkmeyer
Officer in Charge
Coast Guard LORAN Station Havre

Lieutenant Dennis D. Good
Chain Operations Control Officer, NAVCEN West

Captain William T. Devereaux
Thirteenth District Prevention

Invocation
Chaplain Chapman

Remarks by
Captain William T. Devereaux
District 13 Prevention

Remarks and Reading Orders
ETC Craig C. Brinkmeyer, USCG
Officer in Charge

Reading of Orders and Remarks
ETC Rebecca L. Ruch, USCG
Prospective Officer in Charge

Retirement

Benediction *

Chaplain Chapman

Departure of Official Party

Electronics Technician Chief
Craig C. Brinkmeyer
United States Coast Guard

ETC Brinkmeyer grew up in Copperas Cove, Texas and is a Graduate of Wurzburg American High School, Germany.

ETC Brinkmeyer enlisted in the US Navy in August 1982 and served with the navy until August 1988. Chief Brinkmeyer enlisted in the Coast Guard in July of 1989. His past assignments include tours at: ISC Kodiak, ET A School Petaluma CA, CG Lorsta Lampedusa, CG Group San Juan, CG Comsta Kodiak, CG ESD Milwaukee, CGC Acaçia, CG Lorsta Jupiter Inlet, CG Lorsta Baudette, ELC Electronics System Branch.

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Electronics Technician Chief

Rebecca L. Ruch

United States Coast Guard

ETC Ruch is originally from Atwater, CA and is a graduate of Atwater High School.

She enlisted in the US Coast Guard in August 1991. Her previous assignments include tours at: Station Atlantic City, NJ, ET 'A' School in Petaluma, CA, EECEN Wildwood, NJ, ELC Baltimore, MD, Loran Station St. Paul, AK, Loran Station Seneca, NY, and USCGC Willow in Newport, RI.

ETC Ruch and her husband Darren Hanson were married in December 1987. They have one son, Calvin, 19 years old.

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