



DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD

USCG LORAN-C STATION
CAROLINA BEACH, NC

Change of Command

TUESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 1989
ELEVEN O'CLOCK

ORDER OF CEREMONY

OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

The Reverend Greg Noland
Evangelistic Baptist Church
Wilmington, NC

INSPECTION OF STATION PERSONNEL

REMARKS

Captain Paul J. Pluta
Commanding Officer Marine Safety Office
Wilmington, NC

REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS

Senior Chief Petty Officer Charles F. Reimer

READING OF ORDERS

Chief Petty Officer Charles A. Safrit

RELIEF AND CHANGE OF COMMAND

Chief Petty Officer Charles A. Safrit Relieves
Senior Chief Petty Officer Charles F. Reimer

REMARKS

Chief Petty Officer Charles A. Safrit

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Greg Noland
Evangelistic Baptist Church

RETIRE THE COLORS

OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS

The Principals...

SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER CHARLES F. REIMER UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Charles F. Reimer was born and raised in Trenton, NJ. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1967, and completed two years at Mercer County Community College in Trenton. He enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in July 1969.

Following completion of Electronics Training in Governors Island, NY he served at USCG LORAN-A/C Station Johnston Island, Electronics Shop Manasquan, NJ, USCG LORAN Monitor Station Shetland Island, UK, USCG Base Milwaukee, WI, and USCGC TANEY in Portsmouth, VA. While aboard TANEY he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer. He was then assigned to the Electronics Engineering Office, NINTH Coast Guard District followed by a tour as Officer-in-Charge Electronics Shop Cleveland, OH. He was next assigned to the LORAN Branch, Coast Guard Atlantic Area in New York City, followed by assignment to USCG LORAN-C Station Attu Island, AK. In November, 1986 he was assigned to USCG LORAN-C Station Carolina Beach, NC, where he served as Executive Petty Officer until November 30, 1988 when he took over as the Officer-in-Charge. On June 1, 1989 he was promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer and has received orders to USCG Group Lower Mississippi River, Memphis, TN. Senior Chief Reimer has been awarded the Coast Guard Achievement Medal and the Coast Guard Unit Commendation.

ETCS Reimer is married to the former Terry Lee France of Chagrin Falls, OH. They will be residing in the Memphis area with their thirteen felines and two canines.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER CHARLES A. SAFRIT UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Charles A. Safrit was born and raised in Rimertown, NC and enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in June 1980 after graduating with honors from Mt. Pleasant High School in Mt. Pleasant, NC.

Upon completion of basic training at TRACEN Cape May, NJ, ETC Safrit received the Honor Graduate and Navy League Outstanding Recruit awards. He then reported for Electronics Training at Governors Island, NY, and upon completion reported to USCG LORAN-C Station St. Paul Island, AK in April 1981. He was transferred to LORAN-C Station Carolina Beach, NC in April 1982, where he advanced to First Class Petty Officer and received the Commandant Letter of Commendation for service during Hurricane Diana in September 1984. In October 1986, he was assigned to Electronics Shop Cape Hatteras, NC, where he served as Executive Petty Officer until advancement to Chief Petty Officer in September 1989.

ETC Safrit is married to the former Robin Herrin of Mt. Pleasant, NC. They currently reside in Wilmington.

THE CEREMONY...

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and men of the command the continuity of the authority of command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command. The ceremony represents more than just the relief of one commanding officer by another, it is the transfer of total responsibility, authority, and accountability for the unit and the accomplishment of its assigned mission.

ABOUT THE LORAN STATION...

Originally established and operated by the U.S. Air Force, all jurisdiction, custody and control of the 212 acre site was transferred by the Department of the Air Force to the Treasury Department on 16 June, 1957. The Coast Guard operated the station as the Master for the East Coast Loran-C Chain until September 1979. Operation as a dual-rated Secondary station for the Northeast U.S. and Southeast U.S. Chains began on October 1, 1979. This reconfiguration expanded LORAN-C coverage into the Gulf of Mexico and improved coverage for the Northeastern and Central Atlantic coast of the United States.

The LORAN transmitting antenna is a Top-loaded Inverted Pyramid (TIP) supported by four 625 foot guyed towers. This antenna configuration is unique in the Coast Guard and was constructed in 1967. The Loran Operations Building, housing the timing and transmitting equipment, was completed in September 1987 and fulltime operations from this building commenced on 27 October 1987 following installation and testing of the new Loran Equipment. The Administration and Generator building was formerly the transmitter building and reconstruction was completed in May 1988. The barracks had been transferred to the local Coast Guard Reserve Unit and the Old Operation Building, dating from Air Force days, will be used for storage and other Administrative functions.

On 30 November 1988, the station complement changed from 1 Officer and 10 Enlisted to 4 Enlisted personnel. This change has been made possible by the installation of advanced LORAN Equipment.

The Officer in Charge has the responsibility of station administration, finances, and general maintenance of station grounds, buildings, and equipment. He must insure that the mission of the station is accomplished by keeping the LORAN-C signal on air and in tolerance for the users.

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