



DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD

USCG LORAN-C STATION
CAROLINA BEACH, NC

CHANGE OF COMMAND

MONDAY, 17 JUNE 1996

ORDER OF CEREMONY

OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

The Reverend Ron Bryan
Southside Baptist Church
Wilmington, NC

REMARKS

Lieutenant Commander Arnold J. Van Ruitenbeek
Navigation Systems Center, Alexandria Va

REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS

Senior Chief Petty Officer Billy J. Woolwine

READING OF ORDERS

Chief Petty Officer Jason W. Cockrell

RELIEF AND CHANGE OF COMMAND

Chief Petty Officer Jason W. Cockrell
Relieves

Senior Chief Petty Officer Billy J. Woolwine

REMARKS

Chief Petty Officer Jason W. Cockrell

RETIREMENT CEREMONY

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Ron Bryan
Southside Baptist Church

OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS

The Principals...

SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER BILLY J. WOOLWINE JR. UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Billy Joe Woolwine Jr. was born and raised in Ronceverte, WV and joined the Coast Guard in July 1974.

Upon completion of basic training at TRACEN Cape May, NJ, he attended Electronics "A" School at Governors Island, NY. He was assigned to USCG Base Ketchikan, AK in 1976. He was transferred to USCG Group Lower Mississippi River Memphis, TN. and then assigned to the commissioning crew of USCGC Harriet Lane, Portsmouth VA in Jan 1983. He transferred to the USCG OMEGA Station in Lamoure, ND in January 1988 where he served as the Executive Petty Officer and received the Coast Guard Achievement Medal. ETCS Woolwine has been the Officer in Charge of LORSTA Carolina Beach since August 1992.

ETCS Woolwine with his wife, Bridget, daughters Angela, and Casey and son Ethan will be retiring in the Appomattox Va. area. His daughter Carrie with the support of her husband Bryan will be attending a local college.

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JASON W. COCKRELL UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Jason W. Cockrell was born in Carroll, Ia. and raised in Chadron NE. In March 1985 he joined the Coast Guard and attended basic training at TRACEN Cape May, NJ.

After completing basic training, ETC Cockrell was assigned to the USCGC Storis (WMEC 38) in Kodiak AK. In December 1986 he reported to Governors Island, NY. for Electronics "A" School. Upon completion he returned to Kodiak, AK for duty at LORMONSTA Spruce Cape. He transferred to LORSTA Middletown, CA. in December 1989. While there, he served as a duty technician until January 1992 when he assumed the duties of COCO Assistant for the U.S. West Coast, and Canadian West Coast Chains. In August 1992 he transferred to the USCGC Diligence (WMEC 616) in Wilmington NC. He departed the Diligence in March 1994 for Central Community College in Hastings NE. to participate in the Advanced Computer and Electronic Training Program. He was an Honor Graduate in May 1996, receiving an Associate Degree in Electronics Technology with certificates in Electronic Communication, Computers, and Automation.

ETC Cockrell is accompanied by his wife Lisa, son Jeremy, two daughters Megan, and Jennifer.

THE CEREMONY....

The change of command ceremony is a time honored tradition which formally restates to the officer and crew of the command the continuity of the authority of the 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 it's assigned mission.

LORAN STATION CAROLINA BEACH COMMANDING OFFICERS

CWO E. J. ECHOLS	APR 1957 TO JUL 1958
LT W. R. FEARN	JUL 1958 TO JUL 1961
LT B. H. EDWARDS	JUL 1961 TO JUN 1963
LCDR G. R. CAMPBELL	JUN 1963 TO MAY 1966
LCDR R. L. BURJOICE	MAY 1966 TO AUG 1968
LT R. W. WILLIAMS	AUG 1968 TO JUL 1971
LTJG K. S. SHEPARD JR.	JUL 1971 TO JUL 1973
LTJG A. A. SARRA	JUL 1973 TO JUL 1975
LTJG S. H. FRANCIS	JUL 1975 TO AUG 1977
CWO4 I. L. GAINES	AUG 1977 TO NOV 1980
CWO4 K. D. ROSE	NOV 1980 TO JUN 1984
CWO4 P. S. HUGHES	JUN 1984 TO NOV 1988
ETC C. F. REIMER	NOV 1988 TO OCT 1989
ETC C. A. SAFRIT	OCT 1989 TO AUG 1992
ETCS B. J. WOOLWINE	AUG 1992 TO JUN 1996
ETC J. W. COCKRELL	JUN 1996

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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 to the Treasury Department of June 16, 1957. The Coast Guard operated the station as the Master of the East Coast Loran-A 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 operations from this building commenced of 27 October 1987. The Administration and Generator building was formerly the old transmitter building and reconstruction was completed in May 1988. The barracks has been transferred to the local Marine Safety Office. The old Operations Building, dating from the Air Force days, houses the Military Affiliated Radio Station (MARS), operated by volunteers from the Coast Guard Auxiliary, and 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 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.