



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

USCG LORAN-C STATION  
CAROLINA BEACH, NC

***CHANGE OF COMMAND***

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1999

# ARRIVAL OF OFFICIAL PARTY

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

### INVOCATION\*

TC2 Bill Putmam

### INTRODUCTION

MSTC Marlow  
USCG MSO Wilmington, NC

### REMARKS

LCDR Sheldon Blue  
Chief Division East Operations  
Navigation System Center Alexandria, VA

### REMARKS

Petty Officer James T. Ligon

### READING OF ORDERS

Chief Petty Officer John G. Sauls

### RELIEF AND CHANGE OF COMMAND

Chief Petty Officer John G. Sauls  
Relieves  
Petty Officer James T. Ligon

### REMARKS

Chief Petty Officer John G. Sauls

### BENEDICTION\*

TC2 Bill Putman

### Departure of Official Party

\*Audience Standing

**PETTY OFFICER JAMES T. LIGON  
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James T. Ligon was born and raised in Greenville, SC and joined the Coast Guard in January 1980. After basic training at TRACEN Cape May, NJ, he was stationed aboard USCG Cutter *CONIFER*, Atlantic Beach, NC. ET1 Ligon advanced to 3rd Class Boatswains Mate and was transferred to smallboat station Sandy Hook, NJ in 1983 where he received his first Coast Guard Achievement Medal. In 1985 he crossed over to the electronics field and graduated from Electronics Technician Class "A" school, Governor's Island NY. ET1 Ligon was then assigned to Air Station Elizabeth City, NC. His first LORAN experience was at Lorsta Hokkiado Japan in 1989. In 1990 ET1 Ligon was assigned to Lorsta Carolina Beach NC. In 1994, he crossed the street for a tour on board USCGC *DILIGENCE*, homeported in downtown Wilmington, NC where he received his second Coast Guard Achievement Medal. In 1994, he again returned to serve at Lorsta Carolina Beach as the Executive Petty Officer and presently as the interim Officer-In-Charge.

ET1 Ligon with his wife Mary Beth, daughter Kate, and son Alex consider the Wilmington area as home and hope to retire in the area.

**CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JOHN G. SAULS  
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John G. Sauls was born in Great Falls, MT and raised in Lake City, FL. In 1982 he joined the Coast Guard and attended basic training at TRACEN Cape May, NJ.

After completing basic training, ETC Sauls was assigned to the USCGC *Dependable* (WMEC-626) in Panama City, FL. In February 1984 he reported to Governors Island, NY for Electronics Technician School. Upon completion he served at LORMONSTA Spruce Cape, in Kodiak Island, AK. Loran Station Malone, FL was his next assignment. After completion of an associates degree and employment by the U.S. Postal Service, he returned to the Coast Guard in 1989 and served aboard the USCGC *SENECA* (WMEC-906) in Boston, MA. He then returned to Panama City as Supervisor of Electronics Support Detachment. After a short tour at Electronics Detachment Buffalo, he gladly accepted orders to Loran Station Carolina Beach.

ETC Sauls is accompanied by his wife Cynthia.



### THE CEREMONY....

The change of command is a time honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and crew the continuity 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 accomplishments of its assigned mission.

### LORAN STATION CAROLINA BEACH COMMANDING OFFICERS

APRIL 1957 - PRESENT

CWO E. J. ECHOLS

LT W.R. FEARN

LT B.H. EDWARDS

LCDR G.R. CAMPBELL

LCDR G.R. BURJOICE

LT R.W. WILLIAMS

LTJG K.S. SHEPARD JR.

LTJG A.A. SARRA

LTJG S.H. FRANCIS

CWO4 I. J. GAINES

CWO4 K.D. ROSE

CWO4 P.S. HUGHES

ETC C.F. REIMER

ECT C.A. SAFRIT

ETCS B.J. WOOLINE

ETC J.W. COCKRELL