

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

LORAN-C STATION CAROLINA BEACH



**CHANGE OF COMMAND
JULY 19, 2007**



ORDER OF CEREMONY

OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

**LCDR Stephen B. Hall
CHC, USN, Retired**

REMARKS

**Master Chief Petty Officer
Michael V. Coughlin, USCG**

REMARKS

Commander Brian L. Dunn, USCG

REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS

Chief Petty Officer Stacy Todd Rourk, USCG

READING OF ORDERS

**Chief Petty Officer Michael C. Smith relieves
Chief Petty Officer Stacy Todd Rourk**

REMARKS

Chief Petty Officer Michael C. Smith, USCG

OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS

CHIEF STACY TODD ROURK UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

Stacy Todd Rourk was born in Ocala, FL and raised in Miami, FL. He has served in the Coast Guard since 1987. After completing basic training at TRACEN Cape May, NJ, ETC Rourk was assigned to the USCGC Midgett (WHEC-726) in Alameda, CA. In July 1988 he reported to Governor's Island, NY for Electronics Technician School. Upon completion of A school, he served onboard the USCGC Escape (WMEC-6) located in Charleston, SC. In 1991 he reported to the Electronics Shop located at USCG Station Oak Island, which is located just across the river. Once his tour was up, he left for Portsmouth, VA where he was the independent duty ET aboard the USCGC Cowslip (WLB-277). His next assignment would take him where he is today. He reported aboard as Operations Petty Officer of LORAN Station Carolina Beach in 1995. In 1998 he left for a year of isolated duty at LORAN Station St Paul in Alaska. He then returned as Executive Petty Officer at LORSTA Carolina Beach until 2003; when he fleeted-up to Officer In Charge of LORAN Station Carolina Beach.

Chief Rourk's personal awards include the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Meritorious Team Commendation Award (three awards), the Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon (three awards), the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal (six awards), the National Defense Service Medal (two awards), the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon (two awards) and the Restricted Duty Ribbon.

He is accompanied by his wife Melissa Lamb Rourk of North Carolina and 3 children: Kelby (age 14), Brianna (age 13) and Noah (age 6).

CHIEF MICHAEL C. SMITH

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Chief Petty Officer Michael C. Smith attended basic training at Cape May, NJ in 1991. His first duty station was to U.S. Coast Guard Group Monterey, CA. as a Deck Seaman Apprentice where he achieved qualifications as a small boat crewman and boarding team member. He received orders to USCGC Point Heyer (WPB 82348) in late 1993 and reported aboard in January 1994 where he advanced to Seaman and qualified as Quartermaster of the Watch, small boat coxswain, Inport Engineer of the Watch and Inport Officer of the Day. From there he was assigned to Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma, CA where he attended Electronics Technician Class "A" School from September 1994 to February 1995.

Following graduation as a Third Class ET, he reported aboard USCGC CONFIDENCE (WMEC 619) in Port Canaveral, FL. In his three years on CONFIDENCE he qualified as QMOW, Gangway Petty Officer of the Watch, Helicopter Tie Down and Fire Fighting Team, Duty ET and Flight Follower. His next set of orders took him back to TRACEN Petaluma, CA. This assignment was to the Tech Support Shop where he maintained the electronics for Telecommunications Specialist School and all communications gear on the training center and advanced to ET2.

Three years later he rotated into an instructor position for ET "A" School. As an instructor in Unit 7/Comm 02 of ET School, he taught students how to work on the GSB-900 High Frequency Transceiver. He trained and graduated over 400 students and advanced to ET1 during his 3 years as an instructor. In June 2004 he was transferred back to USCGC CONFIDENCE as the leading ET. He was responsible for all shipboard electronics and test equipment, a Combat Systems Watchstander and Inport OOD. He was advanced to Chief Petty Officer in September 2006. Chief Petty Officer Smith received orders to Loran Station Carolina Beach, NC in the spring of 2007 to relieve as Officer in Charge.

Chief Smith's personal awards include the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (two awards), two Commandant's Letters of Commendation, the Global War on Terror Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal (three awards), the Meritorious Team Commendation Award (four awards), the Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon (two awards), the Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal (five awards), the National Defense Service Medal (two awards), and the Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon (three awards).

A native of Walnut Creek, CA, Chief Smith is married to the former Angela Adena Shelton of Florida. They have one child, Samson (age 7).

CDR BRIAN L. DUNN

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Commander Brian Dunn reported to the Fifth Coast Guard District Waterways Management Branch from the Department of Homeland Security. While detailed to the Department, he served in the Office of the Secretary Office on the Operations Integration Staff (I-Staff) and in the Office of Infrastructure Protection. His primary responsibilities on the I-Staff involved evaluating the potential of establishing integrated operations centers to synthesize operations and intelligence information to better carry out DHS operations throughout the country. During the response to Hurricane Katrina, CDR Dunn served as the Operations Officer for the Principal Federal Official Cell in the Joint Field Office in Baton Rouge. CDR Dunn completed his tour at the Department as the Readiness and Support Branch Chief in the Contingency Planning and Support Division in the Office of Infrastructure Protection.

CDR Dunn has served nine years in Coast Guard cutters, gaining expertise in Aids to Navigation and Waterways Management, Search and Rescue Operations, Environmental Response, and Maritime Law Enforcement. During five of those years, he served as the Commanding Officer responsible for all shipboard operations, personnel and financial management, and shipboard maintenance. Additional Coast Guard experience includes government housing management, major systems acquisition, training program management, and anti-terrorism/force protection programs.

CDR Dunn's educational experience includes a Bachelor of Science Degree with a major in Management from the United States Coast Guard Academy, a Business Management Certificate from the University of Washington, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Troy State University. He recently completed a Master of Arts Degree in Security Studies from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School.

CDR Dunn's wife, Kathy, is a kindergarten teacher, a job that has provided her with the patience to deal with him and their children, Brian, Jr. (18) and Kaitlyn (15). They live in Yorktown, Virginia and are very active in the local community.

THE CEREMONY

The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officer and men 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 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 the June 16th, 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 1st, 1979. The reconfiguration expanded LORAN-C coverage into the Gulf of Mexico and improved coverage for the Northeastern and Central Atlantic coast of the U.S.

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 U.S. Coast Guard and was constructed in 1967. The LORAN Operations building (which houses the timing and transmitting equipment) was completed in September 1987 and fulltime operations from this building commenced on October 27th, 1987 following installation and testing of the new LORAN equipment. The Administration and Generator building (formerly the Transmitter building) underwent reconstruction and was completed in May 1988. The Barracks had been transferred to the local Coast Guard Reserve Unit. The old Operations building (dating back to Air Force days) is being used by ESDD Southport personnel and is also used for storage.

On November 30th, 1988, the station compliment changed from 1 Officer and 10 Enlisted to just 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.

LORAN STATION CREW

Executive Petty Officer
Engineering Petty Officer
Operations Petty Officer
Assistant Engineering Petty Officer

ET1 Brett T. Edgerly
MK1 Thomas L. Davis
ET2 Jeremy J. Granson
MK3 Mark D. Sands