

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

LORAN-C STATION CAROLINA BEACH



DISESTABLISHMENT CEREMONY 21 MAY 2010



ORDER OF CEREMONY

OFFICIAL PARTY ARRIVES

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INVOCATION

LCDR Mark Tanis
Chaplain Corps, USN
Elizabeth City, NC

REMARKS

CDR Randall Navarro
USCG Navigation Center

REMARKS

CDR Brian Dunn
Fifth Coast Guard District

REMARKS AND READING OF ORDERS

Chief Michael C. Smith
Officer in Charge

BENEDICTION

LCDR Mark Tanis
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OFFICIAL PARTY DEPARTS

CDR BRIAN L. DUNN

FIFTH COAST GUARD DISTRICT

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 on the Operations Integration Staff and in the Office of Infrastructure Protection. CDR Dunn has served as commanding officer of the Coast Guard Cutter MARIPOSA and Coast Guard Cutter MORRO BAY. Commander Dunn also served as Chief of the National AtoN School located in Yorktown, VA.

CDR RANDALL NAVARRO

USCG NAVIGATION CENTER

Commander Randall Navarro has served a distinguished career of nearly 18 years active duty service in the Coast Guard. He has served in various positions to include Group San Diego, Coast Guard Pacific Area Command Center, Command & Control Engineering Center, ESU Boston and most recently CG Liaison to DHS Science and Technology. He holds a BS degree in Electronic Engineering Technology and M.S. in Information Technology Management.

LORSTA CO'S AND OIC'S

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
CWO I. L. GAINES	AUG 1977 TO NOV 1980
CWO K. D. ROSE	NOV 1980 TO JUN 1984
CWO 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 TO FEB 1999
ETI J. T. LIGON	FEB 1999 TO APR 1999
ETCS J. G. SAULS	APR 1999 TO MAY 2003
ETC S. T. ROURK	MAY 2003 TO JUL 2007
ETC M. C. SMITH	JUL 2007 TO JUN 2010

THE CEREMONY

The disestablishment ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally recognizes a unit being removed from active service. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company of the command and their guests. The ceremony represents more than just the closure of the unit; it marks its place in history as an end of an era, recognizes the accomplishments of the crew and finalizes the completion of the unit's assigned mission.

ABOUT THE LORAN STATION

Originally established and operated by the U.S. Air Force, all jurisdiction, custody and control of the 211 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.

LORAN STATION CREW

Officer In Charge
Executive Petty Officer
Engineering Petty Officer
Operations Petty Officer

ETC Michael C. Smith
ET1 Adolfo M. Lugo
MK1 Amel E. Davis
ET2 Michael D. Leveille