



THE COMMANDANT OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON 20593

4 February 1991

The Commandant of the Coast Guard takes pleasure in presenting the COAST GUARD MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION to:

COAST GUARD LORAN-C STATION KURE ISLAND

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from 30 May 1989 to 20 November 1990, in achieving an unprecedented eighth consecutive 180-day Operational Performance Award, marking four continuous years of 99.99 percent LORAN-C signal availability to the maritime and aviation communities. LORAN Station Kure Island is the only LORAN Station in the Pacific Area to ever achieve this high level of longevity performance. The unit also provided extensive support to the U. S. Naval Seabee Construction Battalion unit during "Operation Smooth Landing," resulting in successful runway repairs, extensive pier renovations, and the construction of a new athletic training facility and flammable storage locker. During off duty hours, station personnel assisted the National Marine Fisheries Service and State of Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources personnel with endangered wildlife species management programs on Kure. Their efforts resulted in continued success of the Hawaiian Monk Seal Recovery Project and other wildlife management programs. Other environmental initiatives led to a massive beach clean-up campaign to remove debris accumulated over several years. The devotion to duty and outstanding performance of Coast Guard LORAN Station Kure's personnel reflect great credit upon themselves, their unit, and the United States Coast Guard."

The Operational Distinguishing Device is authorized.

For the Commandant,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. C. Donnell".

W. C. DONNELL

Rear Admiral, U. S. Coast Guard  
Commander, Fourteenth Coast Guard District