



# USCG Loran Station George

**Unit Information:** **Active Duty Personnel:** 5  
**Reserve Personnel:** 0

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**Established:** Loran Station George is situated on 200 acres of scrubland in the Western half of a vast, naturally arid region called the Columbia Basin in central Washington. Upon establishing the need for Loran services on the west coast of the United States and Canada, the Department of Transportation funded, and the U.S. Coast Guard began, preparation for installing the station. It is one in a chain of four stations located in Fallon and Searchlight, Nevada, and in Middletown, California. It is also one of four stations in the Canadian West Coast chain which include Williams Lake and Port Hardy Canada and in Shoal Cove, Alaska. Because of the additional power needed to reach its intended service area, the station was located a considerable distance from Puget Sound to avoid interfering with television and radio signals. In 1976 roof antennas and not cable brought in signals. Station construction began April 1976, four miles east of George, Washington, and was operationally completed April 1977.



**What we do:** Loran Station George operates in a remote area with a limited crew. However, it is the most powerful Loran station in the world. The station's responsibility covers the area of the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia, with a primary mission of providing continuous signal for long-range radio aids to navigation. The station is a Loran- C station, which is a long-range navigation system that enables ships at sea to have an accurate and reliable method of navigation around the clock, regardless of weather.

## **Accomplished Operations:**

Major Events:

COMREL: Coast Guard Day & Forth of July.

Once a year– one petty officer goes to career day at local High school and participate in local Veterans Day parade. Lots of tours of base. Unit participates in the Douglas Munro Memorial, Sep 27 in Cle Elum WA.