

On 03/03/08 Dale Garcia said:

Served aboard the KUK 68 - 69. Was an EM striker and left from Japan to go to A-school Governors Island, NY. Finished my last two years in Astoria Oregon. It's nice to see others writing notes and would like to hear from the crew of the KUKUI. Also, any reunions or other related activities. Lots of memories and old friends. (We were'nt so old then.) Best wishes to all. D.L. Garcia EM-2

On 01/10/08 Mike Holcombe said:

Happy New Year to you all!!! Kukui, 69-71

On 01/01/08 Joe said:

My dad, Joe 'Frank' Ashley is looking for anyone that served on the Loran station on Talampulan in the 60's & early 70's. I know he served on SEVERAL other Loran stations in the PI. He's love to hear from some of his old shipmates. He retired from the USCG in 1976 while aboard the Sweetgum. Thanks. Harris Ashley

On 10/22/07 dick said:

anyone remember going thru the slop tube when we at 180 degs west?

On 10/22/07 DICK said:

TO ALL SAILORS, wherever ye may be and to all mermaids, flying dragons, spirits of the deep, devil chasers and all other living creatures of the ages. "DOMAIN OF THE GOLDEN DRAGON" ruler of the 180th meridian. GREETINGS..know ye that on this 24th day of Nov 1962 in latitude 27 degs longitude 180 degs west, within the limits of my august dwelling on board CGC KUKUI WAK-186..Harken Ye..the said vessel, officers and crew have inspected and passed KELLEY, RICHARD D. and has been found sane and worthy of the mysteries of the Far East...Golden Dragon Ruler of the 180th meridian...signed B.R. Ryan CDR. USCG, XO

On 10/05/07 Jim Donahue said:

Hey KUKUI sailors, want to read an interesting Ship's Report from 1948? Go to: http://www.uscg.mil/history/WEBCUTTERS/Kukui_1948_Cruise_Report.html. Also, an article I wrote is found at: <http://www.jacksjoint.com/kukui.htm>

On 05/20/07 dick said:

HI i went aboard the kukui oct 62 Rm2/Rm1....anyone remember floyd sandkam Rm1? made a couple good trips...Guam area and Iwo Jima....volunteers were needed to work on the beach, so i left the radio room and was put in charge of a 200 ft barge...when we got back to sand island, i was sent to heavy equipment school with the marines at kanaohie(spelling)...retired from commsta 1977

On 02/17/07 John Kollek QM3 said:

I mentioned about sailing under Capt. Knoll and Capt. Stienmetz, well it was Capt. Knoll and Capt. Metzger.

On 02/06/07 Mike said:

Glad to see a few more Kuk's writing. I remember the painting of the CG insignia on the bow. Ah the good old days.

On 02/03/07 John Kollek said:

I would like to find anyone who sailed on the Kukui around 1960-61, under Capt. Knoll or Capt. Stienmetz

On 02/01/07 YN2 Bill Webber said:

Served on the KUKUI (2) from 67-69. Any crew members let me know your alive!!

On 01/28/07 Dick Levesque said:

Does any former crewmember of the KUKUI (2) have any photos they wish to share at www.coastguardpics.com? Credit will be given. Thanks

On 01/28/07 JOHN C HUFF said:

WAS ABOARD 63/65 made 2/3 trips to YAP, MARCUS IS. FRENCH FRIGATE SHOALS, NAMES JOHN C HUFF

On 01/05/07 LCDR Steve Matadobra said:

After reading all of your entries and several of the after action reports from KUKUI (2), I am humbled and envious of your exploits. I am currently CO of KUKUI (3) and cannot believe some of the trips you took. Being on a new KUKUI does have its advantages but likewise it does have some down falls. Our improvements seem to diminish our need to travel the entire Pacific region - no LORAN stations anymore out here (although we've been to Kwajalein, Pohnpei, Guam and many points in between). Again, I am very envious!!! I was fortunate enough to receive a copy of your last reunion book and enjoy it very much. I shared it with my wardroom and CPO mess. I continue to look with inspiration at the flag that KUKUI (2) flew. It is currently mounted and framed in our wardroom. I was also fortunate to meet George Larsen from KUKUI (1) who recently visited us in Honolulu. I look forward to reading your comments. If you are ever in Honolulu, look us up - we'll buy you a cup of joe!

On 12/09/06 Gary Gibson EM-2 said:

Was aboard for short time in 65. Met ship in Quam. When we got was a set of un-named orders for Em to base. Was junior so off I went. Larry Longbottom was EM-1

On 11/30/06 Michael Pierce said:

Hey Bill, it's nice hearing from you. Wow! You were on the Kukui when she was still in her youth. Did you help to build the Loran Stations? Like you, I was also assigned to the Kukui fresh out of boot camp. I reported to Sand Island not really knowing what was planned for me. I worked on the base for a week or two then received my orders to report to the Kukui. Little did I know what an adventure that would turn out to be. I don't know about the others, but I hated turning her over to the Philippine Navy. I was twenty years old also. I really hope that someone who can dedicate some time well schedule another Kukui reunion. Wouldn't it be really great if it could be arranged to be held at Base Sand Island. Oh well, dream on... I guess it could happen. Take care Bill. Hope to talk again some day.

On 11/27/06 Bill Young said:

I served aboard the Kukui from summer of 1952 to Nov 1953. I was an EN2 (black gang) on the memorable cruise to French Frigate Shoals, Manila, Hong Kong and other wonderful places. What a wonderful, eye-opening experience for a 20 year old. I came aboard at Sand Island (just across from the Aloha Tower) and left at Guam to get discharged in Alameda. I would dearly love to attend a reunion, to re-tell old lies, just let me know when and where.

On 11/17/06 Michael Pierce said:

I am so happy to find out this Kukui site is here. I read a lot of the postings and recognize a few of the names. BMCS Jack Crowley was one of my bosses, actually, I was fresh out of boot-camp, so just about everybody was my boss. Jim Siburg is here along with a few other names that ring a bell. Jim and I have already had some communication, this is great. As for me, I served on The Workhorse Of The Pacific in 71 to Feb.29, 1972 when she was decommissioned as the CGC Kukui and recommissioned as the Mactan (TK-90), Philippine Navy. We sadly watched as our outgoing Commanding Officer, Capt. John Guthrie painted over the beautiful Coast Guard slash and insignia as she was prepared for transfer to the Philippine Navy. Looking back, it was a sad day. Duty on the Kukui was good duty. Recently, (see the date in Capt. Jim Donahue's reunion entry below), I was so very honored and blessed to attend the last of two Kukui reunions planned and organized by our fellow Kukui shipmate and Skipper, Capt. Jim Donahue. We had a most wonderful and excellent time. Capt. Donahue and his lovely wife Vivian worked very hard to give us old Kukui-Nuts a wonderful, nostalgic couple of evenings and a wonderful tour of Washington DC and Mount Vernon. I salute Capt. Donahue and Vivian for their hard work and love for a great ship. Had a great time sharing sea-stories with our Skipper, Capt. John Guthrie, CWO Fred Porter, LCdr. Roger Bing, our XO Lt. Harold Messenheimer, Lt. Bill Clark, Dave Hoornstra and Andy Seymore. We had a fantastic time. I am asking anybody who served on the Kukui to please send stories and/or express your interest in maybe another Kukui reunion in the future. Capt. Donahue did the first two, maybe someone else will take the helm for any future reunions. I will gladly help. If nothing else, please answer this note so your fellow shipmates can connect for some good-ol Kukui sea-stories. Thank you and God bless.

On 09/24/06 Dave Horton QMC(RET) said:

Made the '65 WestPac trip, great time onboard from 2-3-65 to 12-17-65 transferred to the Chautauqua

On 09/04/06 jan said:

My dad, Don Klein, served on the KUKUI from March 1946 until October 1947. Are any of his shipmates still around? I'd love to hear from you.

On 08/05/06 Jim Donahue said:

Hello KUKUI (WA-186) sailors. Contact CAPT Jim Donahue, USCG, Ret., for information regarding the 2nd reunion, November 3 - 5, 2006.

On 07/30/06 Loren Rice said:

OK. Any of you guys on the trip to Saipan in June of 1969. Your crew re-roofed our barracks

building. Good job too. A bunch of you rented motorcycles from 'Black Rose' up in San Roque. I was an OOD/Duty Tech. Only name I can recall was Bucky who was a DC3? All though were good people. Thanks. Loren Rice

On06/12/06 f.zimmerman said:

Hello my name is Tsgt F.Zimmerman (usaf).My Father served on the Kukui in the 60s ,He passed away in May of 1990 ater 24 yrs in the coast guard.He made it to the rank of CWO 4. I have several old patches from the Kukui the patches are a large whit circle with a green demon face with red Phillipiano writing if anyone is intersted in some please email me

On 06/02/06 Mike Holcombe said:

Hi Andy, nice talking to you. I will continue to look for other KUK'S.

On06/01/06 Andy Seymore said:

could you put me on the list for kukui served may 68 to may 71 I was seamen at that time would love to here from all that served with me

On02/25/06 Marge said:

I am looking for anyone who served in the coast guard from July 1946 thru August 1949 with my father Eustachico Lupone (Augie) Please write to me.

On02/03/06 Dick Stott said:

John Stites would like to here from you...new e mail dllstott@yahoo.com

On01/23/06 Jay Faris said:

My copy of the Kukui is on the way from usmilitaryart.com. I have two others of the ships I served on, and am very happy with them.

On01/16/06 Sam Brown said:

HMC Sam Brown Ret CWO served 1967 to1970 under Kevin Moser , now CNO Allegiance bbehavioral health Plainview,Texas

On12/29/05 Gary Hodge said:

I remember a guy coming to the Winnabago from the Kukui in 1959. It was Buck Weaver snbm, a wild and crazy guy as they all were in those days. Anybody know any thing about Buck?

On12/29/05 dick stott said:

host john stites: are you the same john stites that i served with at point arguello lifeboat station 1957/1958

On12/27/05 Paul Hutta said:

I served on the Kukui in 1954 as a DC2. We built the LORAN station on the island of Ebeye in the Marshall Islands. Any of my ship mates out there?

On12/26/05 Wayne McCamish said:

I served on the KUKUI from 69 to 71. I was a CS3 and drove truck during supply ops. Would like to hear from other crew members from this time.

On12/20/05 Lody Road said:

None

On12/07/05 Jay faris said:

I'm trying to talk usmilitary.com to do a rendering of the Kukui w-186. How about logging on and requesting one for your collection?

On03/15/05 Rudy Hermosa said:

I would like to attend a Kukui reunion anywhere.... I served in the Kook in 1965 to early 1971. I was a steward but became a DC and a member of the Kukui beach crew. I was the one who designed the Kukui jacket patch with the seahorse.

On03/08/05 Ronnie Arthur said:

Change my e-mail from oldsalt692@cs.com to oldsalt692@bellsouth.net. Thank

On02/17/05 Hokey said:

This is Mike Holcombe, served on the KOOK during 69. Live in San Diego. Ran into Rob Johnson. Still looking for John Mc Vie.

On11/08/04 Ted Fort said:

Belatedly, I too would like to thank Jim and Vivian for the great reunion they organized. There was only one shipmate of mine there from when I served, summer of 1953, but I met a younger man there, and when I told him where I lived in Lanikai at the time, he was sure he was my paper boy. It's a small world.

On08/24/04 BMC GARY MORGAN said:

Served on the old Kuk in 66,67,. My first duty station in the Coast Guard. I spent 20 yrs in the Coast Guard but my time on the Kukui was the best.

On04/30/04 CWO2 Michael H. Lutz said:

I am hoping to find the whereabouts of QM2 G.E. NANCE or any of his surviving family members. I believe he was aboard the Kukui in 1959 and made a patrol from Honolulu to Yokosuka. I have something of his I would like to see returned to him or his family. Thanks for any help.

On11/05/03 BMCS Jack Crowley Ret. said:

Just a note to thank Jim and Vivian for putting on one of the best reunions anyone could ask for. I know first hand what it takes to put something like this on and there are a lot of manhours, money and Headaches involved. IM glad that I had a chance to meet up with some of the finest sailors in the Coast Guard. I spent over 20 years at sea on board 8 different cutters in the Guard and the (almost) 4 years I sailed the 'KUK' was the best. IM looking forward to the next one, wherever that may be. GEE, wouldn't it be nice to have one in the

old home port of Honolulu? I applaud Jim and Vivian and if any one deserves a Bravo Zulu, they do. Thanks Jim and Vivian

On10/15/03 Grant Whitehouse, the SA said:

Hey guys.....Just attended the first 'official' reunion of the 2nd KUKUI (WAK-186) in the Washington DC area. A good time was had by all. The oldest former crewmember was 99, the youngest was born in 1953, the junior (when on board was an SA/SN, the one that made the highest rank was RDAM, another one that came the furthest was from Sitka, AK. We had an excellent weekend...sea stories abounded. Many thanks to Jim & Vivian Donahue who made this possible.

On 09/09/03 Gary Hodge said:

just got to thinking about Buck Weaver BM3 late fifties when he was aboard. Anybody know of him?

On09/09/03 Ralph J. Doney said:

Hi Guys--save a seat for me at the table..1952 -1954,ya'll know the gig, Loran stations ,and cargo/cargo. fond memory other than travel, Capt.Knapp turning that single screw around at Alameda, Ca. Had only fifteen ft. on either side,,complete U-turn..Most of all, No foul weather gear for trip way up North.How about GAUM Liberty, Capt. Knapp stated put a line around that sailor and hoist him aboard--That was me !!!!

On07/26/03 BMCS Jack Crowley Ret. said:

Hi All! Just a note to let you know that I changed my e-mail address from jjcc99@aol.com to jjccc99@mchsi.com Please make the change in your book.

On05/14/03 Shaun Q. McMahon said:

Hope to see you all at the reunion in October. I was stationed aboard from 1963-1965 - EN2.

On05/12/03 jayguerrero said:

Served aboard Kukui on TAD during 1955 & 1956 as a DC, helped build loran stations on Batanis and Miyako Jima. Also made runs to Midway, Wake, French Frigate Shoals, Iwo Jima, Ulithi, Palau and Hong Kong. Shipmates included Larry Lambrix Ernie Knight, Jerry Simmons and John Canapa. Hope to see some old Kukui mates at the reunion in October at Washington, DC!

On04/11/03 Jesse Moffett said:

Served on WAK-186 67 to 69

On04/05/03 Buddy Schofield said:

Karl H. Leonhardt died of cancer recently. He was living in Bluffs, IL. He was in boot camp in 1953 (C-19) and went to Soo Base for first duty. After DC school he went to the Kukui for one westpac tour. Not sure of his other assignments. I went to Cape May and Soo Base with him and kept in touch through the years. Thought some of you might remember him.

On01/30/03 Albert Norris said:

I made the 1970 westpac onboard the Kukui as a SA. Never chipped so much paint in my life. Great crew except for the crazy old doctor. I remember we collided with a trawler off Japan in heavy fog one early morning. What a wake-up call!

On01/21/03 LTJG Ted Fort said:

I was on the Kukui for four months starting about 6/53, after 1 1/2 years on the Iroquois WPG 43, a strict white ship. What a change, and what a fun cruise. I remember the pet monkey who had the run of the ship, trolling for fish all the way across the Pacific. Capt.Knapp's night orders said 'Back down full if there is a strike on the trolling line'. Whenever we did, everyone would wake up wondering whether we were about to have a collision. I could go on and on with great and humorous sea stories about that ship. I was there at the change in command in Hong Kong from Knapp to Brunner. I particularly remember that last leg from Manila to Hong Kong. Capt. Knapp ordered me to clear unlighted Pratas Reef by 50 miles. It was stormy the whole way, no sun, no moon, and no stars for navigation. Only loran sky waves which fade in and out. I'd take 20 readings, add them up, divide by 20 and tell the skipper that's where we are. Brunner, the skipper to be, was a nervous wreck looking over my shoulder every minute. When we thought we were 50 miles abeam of Pratas Reef, we received orders to proceed directly to the reef to rescue a ship that had run aground! When we arrived, there were two ships on the radar. A British destroyer beat us to the rescue. Then we had to be careful to clear Matsu Island by 10 miles or the Chinese might take a shot at us, all with no navigation aids except our radar. But we did it. A great ship and a great crew!

On01/18/03 Dave Newell said:

I hope all you guys have a blast at your first reunion. I hope things work out and we can have a joint reunion in the very near future. Dave Newell USCGC Courier Association WAGR 410.

On12/12/02 Trisha Willsey said:

This Air Force Brat is looking for some assistance from you 'Old Salts'. I lost Frank Zimmerman! He served aboard the Kuiki beginning in the early 60s. I know that he was in Hawaii for awhile. I have searched all sorts of CG websites and have made contact with some folks on this site, but no luck yet. I am determined to find him. If there is anyone from the Kuiki, or any other ship, that knows Frank or could give me a clue where he might be, I would be very grateful. We were brats together in NY before he joined the CG. Looking forward to hearing from you!!!!

On12/02/02 Jerry Beightol said:

Change my jerry302@comcast.net: butcho@netzero.net to: butcho@netzero.net Also my website is no longer up.Gonna try and make reunion.Dont travel too well these days.But that would be a good reason to give it the old Coasty try....

On11/18/02 Jim Donahue said:

Hello KUKUI (WAK-186) Sailors, Mark your calendars for our first ever USCGC KUKUI (WAK-186) Reunion. When:Columbus Day weekend. Saturday, October 11, 2003. Where:USCG TISCOM Alexandria, VA (old Station Alexandria). Who:All former USCGC KUKUI (WAK-186)

crewmembers and spouses that sign up. (Doesn't matter if you just served TAD aboard her. Once a KUKUI sailor, always a KUKUI sailor (-) Cost: To be determined. Catered dinner, beer, wine, soda. Goal is to break even, costwise. Meal: Served by TISCOM food service contractor. Menu to be selected and consist of salad; three entrees (meat; chicken; fish); dessert; soda; coffee; beer and wine to be provided separately. Lodging: Local hotel nearby Springfield, VA. Room block to be reserved. Format: Friday/Saturday --- travel day; check into hotel. Saturday: 1800 – arrive at TISCOM Alexandria. Check in. 1800 – 1930 – social. 1930 – 2030 – eat (drink & be merry). 2030 – til – stories, slides, etc. Sunday: 1000 – 1200 - organized brunch at Fort Myer All-Hands Club. Pay-as-you- go. 1400 – 1800 – chartered fishing trip for those that may be interested – QMC John MacEwan, USCG, Ret. charter fishing boat. Cost about \$500/per. Monday: Columbus Day (holiday). Other activities as determined. Travel day. Invitations will be sent later plus order form for: --- KUKUI Yearbook & Directory. --- KUKUI Beer Mug. --- KUKUI ball cap. --- KUKUI shirt. --- reservation for attending reunion. Require payment in full when placing the order. GUARANTEED TO BE A BLAST! Contact: CAPT Jim Donahue, USCG, Ret. jameshdonahue@earthlink.net. Ph: (703)522-2170. More info to follow!

On11/11/02 Jim Donahue said:

Calling all USCGC KUKUI (WAK-186) sailors!! I served aboard the KUKUI from December 1969 - July 1971 as the Ops Boss/Navigator/Civil Engineering Officer. Please read my article in the October issue of 'Evening Colors' (Retiree Newsletter) or at the Web site:

<http://www.jacksjoint.com/kukui.htm> I am compiling a 'KUKUI DIRECTORY'. I have 94 names so far. Many of you who are on this KUKUI Reunion page have old e-mail addresses which bounce when I tried to send you messages. Please contact me at jameshdonahue@earthlink.net with your current e-mail address. I will organize the first major KUKUI reunion of its kind --- that I know of --- perhaps on Veteran's Day weekend in November 2003. I'm thinking of holding it in the mess hall at STA Alexandria, VA (now called ISC Alexandria). I will take care of all the arrangements, including reserving a block of rooms at a nearby hotel at a reasonable cost. We will plan to meet on a Saturday evening for dinner, seastories, liquid refreshments (including San Miguel beer), then again on Sunday for breakfast. Maybe even charter a fishing boat from QMC John MacEwan, USCG, Ret., a former KUKUI sailor. Please let me know if you are interested in attending the reunion. Details to follow soon. I will also author the KUKUI DIRECTORY consisting of your names, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, etc. Plus, if you include two of your (short) seastories and any photos that you can lend me for scanning purposes, I will include them. I promise I will return them to you. You can mail me any materials to: Jim Donahue Capt., USCG, Ret. 3080 N. Oakland St. Arlington, VA 22207 Tel:(703) 522-2170 Looking forward to hearing from you. Also, let me know the whereabouts of other former KUKUI shipmates so that I can also contact them. Thanks!

On11/02/02 Bob Burge said:

I was on old Workhorse Charlie from 12/52 to 12/54. Liberty in Japan, Hong Kong, Samoa, Manila and many other places not so good. Built the Ioran station at Anguar and Kwajalein and supplied many others. Skipper was Capt Christopher C. Knapp the first year and relieved by Cdr. Loren E. Brunner. Best duty of my career. Bob Burge, QMCM, Ret.

On 08/27/02 AJ Schmidt said:

On the newest CGC KUKUI (WLB-203) for a glorious 4 years from 05/98-05/02. Great time with some great shipmates sailing the Pacific from the Hawaiian chain to Samoa to Guam and all little islands in between.

On 07/14/02 Lynn Hine said:

This is an e-mail change. I started my CG career by being stationed on the old Kukui for my first unit out boot camp as a fresh SA. I had the pleasure of finishing up my 30+ year career by sailing on the new Kukui as a CWO4 (BOSN) and deploying NOAA weather buoys. I can honestly say that BOTH Kukui's had and now have excellent crews aboard. And this is to Dave Harmon..... you, Jack Crowley, and 'Little Tom' Smotherman were all very highly regarded as Boatswain's Mates and all of you were a major deciding factor in my own decision to try to follow in ya'lls footsteps!

On 01/29/02 Bob May said:

I almost fell over when I came upon this site. I made the 61-62 WestPac cruises as a snipe. I was also thought to be crazy when I requested the Kuk right out of Boot Camp, (one of the better decisions I've made in my life.) I left The KuK as an EN3, went to the 3rd on 40s out of Base Manhattan, made EN2 and trans. to the Cape Straight out of Rockaway LBS in NY. I love to hear from those that I came of age with.

On 10/09/01 Jim Siburg said:

After the Dec-Com of the Berring Strait was stationed on the Kukui until her Dec-Com in 72. Experience,teamwork,and safety what a great learning platform.

On 08/09/01 BM2 HARMON said:

CROWLEY,GARRISH,RODMAN,PUTMAN,WHITEHOUSE,HINE,WHITMORE,PARK,WHITE,COULTER. SOUNDS LIKE A FAMILY REUNION. WAS BM2 ON THE KUK 67-69. ME AND CROWLEY WERE THE ONLY TWO BM'S IN THE COAST GUARD AT THE TIME, AND SOME TIMES I HAD MY DOUBTS ABOUT HIM.I'M IN NASHVILLE, TN. SHOEING HORSES AND LOVING EVERY MINUTE OF IT. OH YES QMCM KNIGHTON I THINK YOU ARE THE CHIEF KNIGHTON THAT GUIDED ME INTO THE CG. RCC G65 CAPE MAY NJ.

On 07/14/01 Mack Rodman said:

Everyone thought I was out of my mind when I arrived unassigned to the 14th and requested the KUKUI. I have never regretted a day of the time spent aboard her. Met some of the finest people on her that it has been my pleasure to work with. I came aboard as EN3 in early 69 and got off as EN2 in 70.

On 05/18/01 BOB FOX said:

I was a shipmate during the great Turkey Day massacre, November 1966. Sailed two enjoyable Westpac's to fun and exotic places. Worked my butt off but had a lots of fun. Anyone knows the whereabouts of Mac Nations, I lost track of him in 67. Any of the old crew would like to contact me please do so on foxes2u@verizon.net. Good sailing

On 03/11/01 Bob Burge said:

I was on the Kukui from Dec 52 to Dec 54. Went aboard as SA, left as QM3. Saw the message from Dale Huff, I was there during his tour. Burge, B.P. QMCM (Ret)

On 02/12/01 Marty Healy said:

Made cruise in '62' as RM2 under RM1 Bob Sandkam. Came in from Yakutat out of New Bedford Ma. and finished up 4.5 yrs at CGRad Sta. NMO in Wahiwa Ha. Who could ever forget the date line crossing, the Philipinus hotel or the great suits in Hong Kong. Great memories. Luck to all.

On 12/06/00 ronnie arthur said:

change e-mail address from rbaga@webtv.net too oldsalt692@bellsouth.net

On 11/22/00 Jack Crowley said:

I just had the pleasure of drifting through this page and I couldn't believe all the old salts that I remembered. I went aboard as a BM2 and made First before I departed. I spent so much time on board, I should have made admiral or at least Master Chief. I reported on board in 68 and stayed until the Big DE-COM.in 72. That was a heart breaker. When we were in JP and we got the word about the DE-COM. A friend of mine was in the district office (Mike Wilkens) He got me a set of orders to the Cape Corwin so that I could stay in the district, that didn't last long, before I knew it I was back on board training the Philippine Navy.I spent almost 18 years in the 14th,(Basswood,Bearing Strait, Kukui, Corwin, Jarvis, Munro, XPO of America Samoa and I almost forgot CLUB 14). Retired in 88 after giving the Guard 30 Years now live in Mobile AL.

On 10/29/00 Jim Schlosser said:

1951,Enginman,1951 on LORAN support trip to Guam, Cocos, Sangley,Barneo,The Palawans, Kwadak & mid Pacific,under 'Coconut Willy'. then 1 yr on USCGLTS,Iwo Jima.

On 10/27/00 James Knight said:

It seems impossible that it was over half a century ago, but when you see the names of those who were there with you the memories come flashing back. I went aboard in Honolulu in 1949 as an EM2 and left from the Philipines in August of '51 as an EMC. The first trip we towed two 180's still in their wartime grey to Seattle then a shipyard period in Alameda. Left San Francisco for St. Helens, Oregon for a load of lumber then back to Hawaii. Did a short WestPac via French Frigate and Wake Isand to rebuild Cocos Island LorSta (Guam) thathad been destroyed by a typhoon then back to Hono after stops at Palau, Butaritari, Majuro and Kwajalein. The next trip was to the Philipines after the usual stops at FFS, Wake and Guam. Spent several weeks at Talampulan building new quonsat huts and installing new generators interspersed with trips to Sangley Point and Cavity City. Had an interesting XO who kept in shape by climbing the king post shrouds hand over had. Good ship, good crew, great two years.

On 08/04/00 MICHAEL SABELLA said:

SERVED DEC 98-MAY 99, THOU A SHORT STINT ITS WAS ENJOYABLE AND THE BEST CLASS OF SHIP IN THE FLEET.

On 07/04/00 Tom Renkin, CWO2,RET said:

looking for a SS that was on board Kukui by the name of Jack Waterman (65-68) please contact me if you know of his whereabouts.

On 06/14/00 Leon Simmons, CWO3, RET said:

I was on Kukui 67-69 as a DC1. Does anyone remember Cdr Sites hitting the pier at Sangley Point? Anyone know what happened to DC2 John Geddy? Best damn ship in the CG.

On 05/30/00 Ross Norton said:

From Ross Norton SN Hay Jerry Beightol The Kukui was my first unit out of boot camp, also I was a DECK APE on her the 61,62 WestPac trips, I was on bow watch when we sailed in to San Francisco, it was very embarrassing when the Harbor Pilot boarded and the Navy Tugs took us into to our berth. Remember the time mid West Pac when six strawberry marang pies came fling through the air from the port side refer, that was me. We were pitching pretty well when I leaned the bakers sheet with six pies on it against the open hatch to the engine room while trying to open the walk-in refer. Needless to say the tray slipped and the pies flew all over the top of the engine and steam lines it took me a week to clean the marang off of the steam lines.

On 02/24/00 David Hoornstra said:

Served as electrician (to 3rd class) on Kuk from 6-70 to decommission in 72. Wrote, designed, photo'd the Cruise book called The Seventh Day. Designed the Kukui Engineers patch and painted "Proud Mary" on the front of the Nordberg flat-head six. Have fond memories and hundreds of photos, many of which were processed in the ship's x-ray darkroom. Interested in reunions, cruises, photo swaps, etc. Now a graphic designer.

On 02/20/00 Jay Faris said:

Jay Faris RM2 I was tad on the kukui in 1970 and made a couple of trips to French Frigate Shoals to put the station back on line after big storms. I got scuba instructions while on board that served me well during the rest of my hitch on the Planetree and a couple of Southpacs. The kukui was not my most enjoyable duty station, but she was an adventure none the less.

On 02/17/00 Ronnie Arthur EMCSRET. said:

I served on the KUKUI as EM1 from 10/65 to 10/67. I came on line at Fred's Place two months ago a great link. I see a few shipmate that I served with. I ret. in 7/79.

On 02/10/00 Walter W. White ENCS(RET) said:

Would like to hear from Kukui CB's who served 68-70. Everyone worked hard and played hard. Anyone know what ever happened to Sam Bond SKC?

On 02/08/00 David Duren BMCM (RET) said:

First unit out of boot camp. I love it today as much as I hated it then. 1965-1967 Truly the workhorse of the Pacific. This is hound dog , would love to hear from

Renda,DeWitt,Sears,Dye,Casey,Wilson,Blanton,and all my other shipmates.Great memories of all.

On 01/15/00 QMCM Charles Knighton said:

I was aboard the CGC Kukui from 11-50 to 5-52 as a Qm2,made 10 month cruise repairing and building loran stations. I think we went to all the loran station in the Pacific at the time. Had a great but hard cruise. Would lke to hear from old shipmates.

On 01/07/00 MKC David L. Speyer said:

From the Winnebago, I arrived on board the Kukui in 1965, making two west pacs and leaving in 1967. On the Kukui, I was a now extinct BT. During my 20 years in the USCG; the Kukui and the Sedge out of Homer, Ak were the finest afloat.

On 12/21/99 BMC J.B. GARRISH (RET) said:

I WAS ON KUKUI JUNE 67 TIL DEC 69 ARE THERE ANY MORE OF US KUK OLD SALTS OUT THERE? HOPE SO.

On 12/08/99 Robert (Bob) Skakun said:

I was stationed on the KUKUI (WAK-186) from November 59 to November 60. Transferred to Base Sand Island then went to Groton for Corpsman School. The work was like no other. But the spirit of the ship was great. I do recall Captains T.F. Knoll and F.C. Munchmeyer. I am happy to see the KUKUI re-born.

On 11/08/99 Virgil Hervey said:

I'm looking for a guy named Richard Gouger. He was an ET on the Kukui around 1966 - 1967 when she stopped in Miyako Jima for a couple weeks to install a new tower. We were in boot camp and ET school together. Last time I saw him, he came down to the timer room on my watch and knocked us out of synk, before shipping out! Anybody know of his wherabouts?

On 08/28/99 Shaun McMahon said:

I was an EN-2 on the Kukui from 1993-1995 stationed in Sand Island Hawaii. Though my memories have us out more than in. Would like to hear from other shipmates. I was also stationed on the Firebush in Staten Island from1961-1963

On 08/19/99 George Woodman said:

Had old shipmate Jim Lee stop by my place we both served on Kukui in early 1950 . Talked with John Stites via e mail Is there any other old Kukui sailors out there ???

On 07/07/99 Roy W. Pettit, YNCS, ret. said:

I was on the old KUKUI (WAK-186) as YN2 from 9-49 to 3-50. I was sent to the BASSWOOD as a relief for a YN who broke his arm during an 'all hands evolution'. I would like to hear from any old shipmates from that era. To the crew of the new KUKUI I wish you SMOOTH SAILING and FOLLOWING SEAS. Good Luck.

On 05/30/99 darrell newcomb said:

Gene Newcomb also known as oogie. I Served 1954 to 1956 an youre right, it is one of nicest riding ship,s.

On 04/30/99 Jerry Beightol said:

The Kukui was my first unit out of boot camp,I was a snipe on her the 61,62,63 WestPac trips,I punched the ports on the old Nordberg Diesel and made water that tasted like dirty socks,but my memories are mostly good ones, like the initiation when we crossed the 180th parallel,and when the truck broke loose in the hold during a storm and we had to pin it against the bulkhead with the D8 Cat...and who could forget coming into San Francisco Harbor under Full Sail...and you all know what I mean....the old Girl was retired and sold to the Phillipines, a fittin place for her, she spent most of her time there anyway....how bout any you guys still out there drop me a line and drop by my website I have pictures of Coasty Stuff and all three Kukui's <http://www.indianapolisin.org/lighthouses> the Kuk's in the Bouy Tender page....

On 04/15/99 GORDON MARSHALL said:

I was aboard the Kuk 12/64 to 12/66. (C.D. BUDD C.O.) Reported aboard as FNEN right out of Groton. Boy what shock. Guess it was worst for 'boots' to meet the real 'working' Guard. Left as EN3 and left my address behind the clock on the Engine Room Log Desk. 'You didn't write!' Transferred to PSU Alameda and was there for 4 mos. and then the the Gresham for her 'Nam' excursion. Know 'Lil John' well. I intro'd him to his wife of 20+ yrs. Sorry to see there aren't any later up dates on this page. Semper Par

On 04/15/99 Don English said:

I was aboard the Kukui from Jan. '66 thru Jan '68. I here that there is a 'new' Kukuinow. Does anyone know where the original one is???

On 03/12/99 Frank Mullen said:

A friend of mine at work just found out that I was in the Coast Guard. He said, 'When I was a kid in Dorchester(MA)I found thisCoast Guard Zippo lighter. Has some kind of crest on it. Youthink you'd know what it was from?' I told him to bring it inand I'd look at it. It was from CGC Kukui, 'Workhorse of the Pacific.' Has a seahorse over a world map of the Pacific basin.That lighter's been sitting in his dresser for 30 years. We wereable to look up a picture in acopy of Jane's from the late 60's.My friend seemed pleased to finally have a story behind his lighter. I'm certainly pleased to have discovered a connection with the ship and her crew.

On 12/06/98 Dick Brown said:

Served from late '57 through the middle of the 1959 cruise, as a young officer in the black gang when we weren't working some construction project ashore. Some folks called me 'Charlie'. Would enjoy hearing from any 'old' shipmates. As of 12/98, I see no familiar names from my period of service. If my memory is poor, let me know, and I apologize.

On 11/23/98 John Skinner said:

Thought I had lost all you guys. Hey Sam, let's do that reunion sooner than later. Served on the 'Kuk' from April 66 to April 68. Was known as 'Little John' (EN-3)

On 10/31/98 Ed Park said:

New E-mail address: ejpark@flash.net

On 10/29/98 Frank Dobratz, BMC, Ret. said:

I was on the Kukui in the middle 50's. At that time we used to be gone for a year at a time building new loran stations. At the time I was on her Capt. Leckey was her skipper.

On 09/17/98 earl bibee said:

I was on the kukui in 1961 to 1962 , is ther any old salt,s from that time.

On 08/24/98 Ed Park said:

I served aboard Kukui, as an ET1, from Mar 68 until Oct 69. I met the ship in Sangley Pt., finished that WESTPAC, then 6 weeks in port, then a four month WESTPAC, back to Honolulu for four months and another 6 month WestPac. My first CO was Capt. Kevin Moser, (aka Captain Midnight) the best shiphandler I have ever seen. A really great tour.

On 08/21/98 CAPT James G. Norman said:

CGC KUKUI 1954-57. Elmo Project (Miyako Jima, Batan, Catanduanes, Palau),

On 08/14/98 Robert A Atkinson said:

Robert A Atkinson ChRELE W3 RET. I served on the Kukui 1950. My first ocean trip when I joined the USCG on the Kukui. from Calif. to Hawaii in Jan 1949, I was assignet to the Kukui as an EMET1 in 1950 I retired as CHRELE W3 Jan.1, 1965. Now live at 1231 16th St. Parkersburg, W.Va. 26101 Love to here from any shipmates. Robert A Atkinson

On 07/31/98 Dan Lance said:

Hi: I was the YN for the 61 and 62 trips to the WESTPAC. CAPT Munchmeyer was the CO and CDR Hodgman was the EXEC. Anyone from those trips, I would sure like to hear from you. Some of the best damn sailors I ever knew. I got smart after the first trip and learned how to operate heavy equipment. No more concrete pouring...

On 07/31/98 Kip McCue said:

served on Kukui Nov.63-Nov.64

On 07/15/98 Jim Drummond (Bulldog) said:

I was on the KUKUI from 10/70 thru 6/71 I was the YNC. I relieve Ken Coulter who was stationed with me as an instructor in YN School in Groton CT. I retired in 1980 as a YNCS, from the CG ACADEMY. I think the KUKUI was the best sea duty I had of the four Cutters I was stationed on. I would like to hear from some old shipmates.

On 06/07/98 Dale H. Huff, QM1 said:

I was on the Kukui from 5/14/54 to 6/30/54 as QM1 - left to go to RCC, 14th District. Anybody on before that?

On 01/05/98 Bob Fox said:

March 1, 1972 was a good day to rid the CG of the Wackiest ship I had ever seen. I am also reluctant to say that I had ever been associated you bunch of cut throats. But,if any of you guys would like to contact me, its OK. Good luck to officers and men of the new KUKUI, V/R Bob Fox 1966-67. FOXRA.JFK@NAVAIR.NAVY.MIL or call301-757-2641.

On 01/04/98 Jim Meehan said:

I am searching for a DC3/DC2 W. E. Johnson. He was a plank owner on the Morgenthau 1969/70 and then went to the Kukui. His old chief DCC Al Hebert told me he was aboard your good ship in 1970/71 time-frame. Any information you can pass along to me: his first name, home town, made a career in CG, etc. We are planning another Morgenthau Plank Owner reunion and Al Hebert would like to re-establish old ties. Thanks.

On 12/21/97 phil putnam said:

this entry for my brother,mike putnam who was on the oldKUKUI in late 60's . Was based out of honolulu. Mike wouldlike to hear from old shipmates he sailed with. He can bereached thru my e-mail address. He lives in Fort Worth ,Texasnow.Can be reached at 817/577/0337.

On 11/24/97 Sam Whitmore said:

Served aboard the Kukui from 1966 to 1968. Enjoyed two Westpacs and had great memories. I went to the commissioning of the new Kukui with Ric Moore an Old shipmate and renewed a 30 year friendship. I hope to begin a reunion of Kukui sailors after I retire. Anyone interested, it would be a great event!

On 11/02/97 Bill Tryder said:

Served on Kukui 69-70, then Base Honolulu. YN3 and Truck Driver 3rd Class on WESTPAC 70. Fond memories and good friends. Would love to hear from KUK Sailors.

On 10/24/97 ed lawrence said:

I' putting together a mailing list for invitations to the commissioning of the CGC KUKUI. If you would like to receive an invitaion and program please send e-mail with your address.

On 10/18/97 LT BOB MOYNIHAN, USCG (Ret.) said:

Greetings KUKUI sailors. Served 1965-1966 as YN3/YN2. Great unit and great memories ofr far away places. Best regards to all who have served and will serve as the name goes on.

On 10/15/97 EDWARD LAWRENCE said:

THE SCHEDULE OF PORT VISITS FOR THE USCGC KUKUI (WLB 203) CAN BE FOUND ON THE KUKUI HOME PAGE AT WWW.PIXI.NET/~D14PAO/UNITS/KUKUI/KUKUI.HTML

On 10/02/97 Little Tom Smotherman said:

I served on the Kukui 69-70 as a BM-2 Would like to hear from any old shipmates who served on her then.

On 08/31/97 Eleanor said:

I am looking for shipmates of George Woodman. He was stationed at Coos Bay, OR in the early 50s. He is not online. I am his sister

On 08/26/97 CWO3(BOSN) LYNN P. HINE said:

I was a SA onboard the KUKUI from 69-70 prior to going to VIET NAM on the CGC BERING STRAIT. I was known as (PEEWEE).

On 08/12/97 CWO4 Braxton Holland said:

Hello from DC1 Braxton Holland 1966-67.

On 08/08/97 RM2 Larry J. Gispert said:

And on the seventh day the LORD rested but the crew of the Kukui worked cargo.....

On 07/27/97 ACK ADAMS said:

Have found a picture of the KUKUI OLYMPIAD Trophy. It was presented by the 14th District Coast Guard GunClub to the highest ranking sailor of all events. Held about 1955-57 time frame. Anybody remember?

On 06/08/97 John Stites said:

This is my new e-mail address.

On 06/07/97 Donald (Little Boy)Austin said:

Hello to all my shipmates from little boy ,Donald Austin

On 06/05/97 Richard A. Moore said:

Sam Whitmore, a KUKUI shipmate from 30 years ago, and I met in Chicago and drove to Marinette, WI for the launching of the new KUKUI. Captain Al Gracewski USCG and his staff were very gracious hosts and we had a great time. The new KUKUI is an impressive ship and much different than her namesake. Best of luck to those who will serve on her.

On 06/02/97 Bill Graham, ret. 1989 said:

She was my first Coast Guard Unit out of -A- school. I served with her as a radioman from 1970-72 before she was decommissioned. Many exciting islands we visited on our 6 month westpac. Thanks for the experience, and thank you Capt Guthrie.

On 05/26/97 YNCM KEN COULTER, RET said:

Served 69-70 as YN1, great riding ship, hard hats hung on pegs in 1st clas qtrs never came off

On 05/23/97 CWO Al Primm A.Primm/PROMarinette02@internet.uscg.mil said:

Greetings All, I am stationed at the Project Resident Office (PRO) in Marinette On 3 May we launched the latest USCGC KUKUI (WLB-203). I was responsible for putting together a little history presentation and a handout for the launch. I still have a couple of hundred of these at the office. I would like to make them available to all who are interested and were unable to attend the launch, or just collect these things. I have a few INVITATIONS left also. Just send

me a SASE and I will mail it out to you. Also available are USCGC WILLOW (WLB-202), IDA LEWIS (WLM-551), KATHERINE WALKER (WLM-552), and ABBIE BURGESS (WLM-553). After about August 15th, MARCUS HANNA (WLM-554) will be in the water too. For other information on upcoming ship launches you can contact me at my work EMail, or my home aprimm@online.dct.com . The envelope needs to hold a 5X7 without folding.

On 04/02/97 Al Snelling said:

Tom Smotherman relays a hello to Kukui sailors. He was aboard late sixties as a BM and is yet, not set up with net. Will be happy to relay info. Tom is alive and well in Alaska

On 04/01/97 Art Miller said:

Hello Kukui Sailors - Workhorse of the Sea. I was aboard KUKUI for 4 months - 97 days of which was away from Honolulu. (2/71 - 6/71). Stops included FFS, Midway, Kure, Wake (talk about GREAT mail service) Marcus, Iwo Jima, Phillipines, Tiawan, Johnston (did I forget any?) CDR Guthrie was the CO (he retired in Honolulu) My next unit was O'CCGD14(di). Good luck to the NEW Kukui and the sailors who will become her crew.

On 02/25/97 Richard A. Moore said:

I was on the Kukui in 1966 and 1967. I hope the new KUK will bear up to her namesake.

On 02/25/97 Joseph Sekula said:

Hi! I am stationed at PRO Marinette. We are constructing the new WLM and WLB's. I am looking for people that were stationed or have information on the Kukui. We will be launching the new USCGC Kukui around May of this. You can also see the ships at <http://www.cybrzn.com/~jsekula/>

On 02/15/97 shubbuck said:

Best riding ship of the Pacific! Or was I nuts?

On 02/14/97 Doug Phillips said:

I was on KUKUI June of 71 until Decommissioning on March 1, 1972 as the SLJO, I organized the going away party after closing out the ship's store, I still have some sea stories, mostly not true.

On 02/09/97 Randy Meyer said:

My good friend, David Crosson, was aboard the Kukui in 1971 and 1972. He misses those times, as many of us do. He is not on E-mail, but I would be more than happy to relay any info from former Kukui sailors. Mahalo.

On 01/27/97 Bryan Genez said:

ENS/JG fresh out of OCS '69-'71

On 01/24/97 Grant Whitehouse said:

Was a SA-SN on the Kukui 69-70. Any others from that time frame around? Glad to see the that there will be a "new" Kukui and it will be in Honolulu.

On 01/19/97 John Stites said:

Am I the only KUKUI sailor left? Served aboard from 1954-56 and still have a few sea stories that are mostly true.

On 01/16/97 Paul Morgan said:

The new CGC Kukui will be coming to Honolulu, Hawaii later in '97. It is a brand new "Juniper" class, '225 buoy tender. I will be one of the crewmembers. Anyone from the original Kukui out there? Anyone know if they're going to be on the new Kukui?
