

**OLD Reunion Hall Table for:
LORSTA Oshima**

On 11/09/07 LCDR Don Midgette said:

My late Father, LCDR Harry W. Midgette was CO of Oshima back in 46-47 when Japan was still occupied. I only have a couple of 1/2 frame pictures and a Japanese Map of the Island. Beyond that, a few of the stories he told me before he crossed the bar back in 2000. Sounded like pretty good duty in post war Japan! He talked about the Hotel in town that the Army leased as an R&R center. Dad said he had a tough time getting electronic parts through the Navy in Tokyo but, booze ran like water. The Army Captain at the Hotel couldn't get booze for his bar but had a friend in the Signal Corps who could get electronic parts. Was this a marriage made in heaven or what? Dad said the inspection team saw all of the OD green boxes with tubes, sockets, capacitors, etc. ...even starting batteries for the generators were marked 'Signal Corps' Nothing was said! Inspection went great! Is there anyone left in this life who was there at that time?

On 04/10/05 Hugh Murphy said:

Good to see 'recent' notes from Jim Wilson and Gordon Hall. I was on Oshima from October 1956-1957. I remember Tex Jones very well, EN1 Luna, ET's Stone, Schram, Brenner. Comstock, EN2 Burke, CS3 Hammond, ET's Pouttu, Jackson, DeGrasse, RM's Yoder & Nelson, BMC's Lee and Warren Carr, EN2 Midgett, HMC's Jim Perry and Jim Groves, Taniguchi and many others. I remember reading about CS1 George Sefton (an excellent cook , BTW) who drowned at Oshima trying to save another crew member. The dogs at Oshima were special, too: Rex (German Shepherd), Sad Sack (retired ashore from CGC KUKUI, I think) and Biru (my favorite of the three). I retired in 1975 and split time between Wilmington, Delaware and Sarasota, Florida. I, too, have pictures that could be scanned when I get back to DE, if any one is interested, including a couple of Stars & Stripes articles about the station. If you email me please put LORSTA OSHIMA in the subject line so I don't erase it as SPAM.

On 02/05/05 Jim Wilson said:

Was CO after Hugh Murphy and before Ralph Eustis. I retired in Cleveland as Capt in 1980. I know Dick Luna, EN1, retired as LCDR, as did George Lee, BMC. Lost track of the others. Any one at the table other than Jones from that vintage?

On 11/05/04 gordon hall said:

Was on Oshima from '55 until '56 with EN2 Dwyer and Rm2 Manning. First CO after station rebuilt following fire. Still correspond with Hugh Murphy who followed me and Jim Wilson who lives across the street and followed Murphy. Many happy memories and sorry to learn it's been demolished. Any former personnel send me a line.

On 11/11/02 Harold Cogburn said:

New e-mail address.

On 10/21/02 snipe said:

Just to check in left oshima the end of Dec 1955 Now I hear it is all Demolished in 1966 It was a good duty station and I really did not want to leave . But after 18+ months in the pacific it was my turn to go back to the cold and dark atlantic and waether patrol again after that I left the active Hooligan Navy for the reserves Don Dwyer EN2

On 04/21/02 Leroy Snider said:

4/21/02 Leroy Snider (grantsnider@earthlink.net. Starting on Feb.11 I was on vacation first in Hawaii for 11 days and then My wife and I flew on to Japan and caught a ferry to Oshima where I visited the location where the USCG Loran Station existed until around the middle of 1980's. Nothing is left and the only things familiar were the lighthouse across the

harbor and the little town of Habu. We walked down to the town and I was pleasantly surprised to see that it looked just as I remembered it 50 years ago. We walked down the street and I showed my wife where I had taught some little girls how to play hopscotch many years ago. The town brought back many happy memories. We rode the bus back to Matamoci where we had arrived that morning on the ferry. We caught the afternoon ferry back to Tokyo and spent two nights before returning home. The only thing I saw in Tokyo that I remembered was the Emperor's Palace. The place had really grown. I had one memorable event while going to catch the ferry. I was lugging a heavy suitcase up a hill while hurrying. When I reached the top of the hill I had a severe pain in my chest and had a shortness of breath. When I caught my breath the pain left so I wasn't too alarmed although my wife who is an RN was a little uneasy and thought that we would be fortunate to leave Japan without visiting a hospital. We made it home and went to my doctor the next day and went straight to the hospital where I had open heart surgery with 6 bypasses. I have had a good recovery so far and feel pretty good although still a little weak. I think I have made my last trip to Japan.

On 08/30/01 Bill Senn said:

8/30/01...Leroy Snider sure does bring back great memories of O'Shima back in '52 & '53. All the things that he mentions and a few that we can't! There was more than 'noodle soup' going on in Habu. The great chow and the supply/liberty runs to Yokosuka still stand out. Like all of us, I'm sorry to see that picturesque setting gone.

On 07/27/01 Leroy Snider said:

07/27/01 Leroy Snider(grantsnider@aol.com) I was at O'Shima in 1953 and enjoyed every minute that I was there. Salvatori Bardero was CO then. We had a baseball team, played a lot of tennis and basketball and enjoyed going down to Habu to Fugetsu for Osoba noodle soup. I remember Mitsuko and Tomiko. We had a good buch of guys, Herbert Yates, Bill Senn, Bob Schellhaus and Stanley Miller. It was excellent duty and was sorry to hear that there is not a trace left of the station. Would like to hear from anyone who shares my good memories.

On 02/15/01 Kenneth said:

I was stationed on O'Shima from early '56 until '57 under LTJG Murphy and later LTJG Wilson. I was an EN/3 at the time. I also met a lot of good friends. I have several pictures that I can scan if anyone is interested.

On 01/15/01 Irving C. Perrizo said:

Nov.1960 to Nov.1961 What a time we had. Met a lot of good friends. I look back on those time frequently. Would enjoy hearing from anyone in that time period.

On 11/18/00 CWO, Bill Hatcher said:

I was a BM1 at O,Shima in 1955 for a short while after some wild liberties in Tokyo. Again in 1962 I was BMC at O,Shima where I met and married the former Miiko Sendo of Tokyo after capturing her on a tourist visit to the island. After 3 sons and 38 years of marriage she,s still my wife. O,Shima has a lasting place in my heart. The last time we were at O,Shima was around 1983. The station has been long closed, the remains completely demolished and not a trace of the station remains. All evidence of the 'gaigins' (foreigner) occupancy is gone.

On 07/04/00 Harold Cogburn said:

New e-mail and hope final

On 11/01/99 donald j dwyer said:

served on oshima loran sta. 3-55 to 12-55 en3 to en2 this was during the building of the cinder block buildings and the move from quonset huts to new buildings

On 03/03/99 Sid Manning said:

Is this the place with the active volcano...Miharayama ?? If so I served as radioman for 6 months back in 1955 thru Christmas into 1956. Prior to this station I was at the Loran station in Okinawa for 6 months. I came to the 14th CG district from the primary radio station at Wahiawa on Oahu.

On 01/17/99 Harold Cogburn said:

New e-mail address.

On 06/18/98 Harold Cogburn said:

Served as HM1 on Oshima under LT John R. Mitchell 1960-61. Love to hear from any shipmates.

On 05/27/98 Ray Pullen said:

HI BILL. REMEMBER WHEN YOU CAME OVER TO FESEC, IN DRESS BLUES AND YOU HAD FORGOTTEN YOUR HAT AND WAS WEARING ONE BLACK SHOE AND ONE BROWN SHOE? I was at FESEC in 2/64 to 8/64. I had made chief down at Ike Shima at Okinawa, spent a month at Oshima, then after getting to FESEC, made WO1. Ned Fontaine, Dick Eberhardt and Fay Thompson were there. Capt Speaker was CO. Great times!!! I retired in 77 as CWO4(ELC) after 23 yrs.

On 03/05/98 Mike Stenger said:

There for a few months spring of 1960. N.B.H. Benjamin was CO. I was an ET2 then.

On 12/16/96 Paul 'Mac' McCurry, (ETCM, Ret.) said:

Was there with CWO Liming during const. of Monitor Sta for the new Far East Loran-C chain, 1963. Hi Bill.

On 12/05/96 William Liming said:

1963-64 as first Warrant Officer for activation of Loran C monitor station, also acting Officer in Charge.

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