

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

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**On 11/13/06 Mark Northrup** said:

Any of my old crew out there? I was CO back in 83/84.

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**On 08/24/06 LCDR Mark Hudson** said:

If anyone out there has, or know of someone who has old tech manuals and schematics for the AN/FPN-30 Timer, AN/FPN-T325 Transmitter, and the AN/FPN-1700 Amplifier, please let me know. It seems as this piece of history has been lost forever if we don't find a copy of it and get it into the right hands for preservation.

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**On 07/22/06 J CARPENTER** said:

For Pattie Golden try Comdt's office now a CWO

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**On 03/10/06 Herb Oertli** said:

Hi this is Herb Oertli again. Sue Englebert is now a Captain (select). I remember what a change that was when she came on board. When the Loran alarm went red in the middle of the night, the watchstander would immediately run into the Loran nursery to fix it. Usually you were in your skivvies, and the CO (Englebert) would run up to check things out. Talk about embarrassing. Man, the stories about LTJG Hoffman and all the 'fun' we had when he was there.

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**On 01/18/06 Paul Zerbe** said:

I was the ETC at Gesashi 86-87. Would like to hear from Dan King, ET1 Nickolson or any of the others. DC2 Ron Richert died in 89 I believe. And remember the party we had when Englebert left. Frank Choloski and his rendition of the 'witch is dead' was priceless. For those interest Sue Englebert is (the last time I checked 04) is CDR Englebert, CO of MSO St. Louis.

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**On 03/27/05 Sean Wiley** said:

I was stationed there 85, 86. Great first time out . Lots of fun.

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**On 01/14/05 Bob Miller** said:

was on station from end of March 67 to end of Mach 68. Had some good times, both at the station and south. To Tom Morrison - were you the 3rd class cook ? I was the 3 rd class TT., the one the liked SOS, me and a DC2 named Schneider.

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**On 03/15/04 Lou Nigro** said:

Hi, this is Lou Nigro, I was at Geseshi from Oct 70 to Oct 71 as HM3. It was a great time, good ship mates, great duty station. If any of you from that tour are out there, love to hear from you.

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**On 11/14/03 Russell Bowman** said:

SA coming from FFS to Gesashi ... completed my year ... mostly on the beach looking for fishing floats. Lt PJ Prince was in 'charge'

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**On 06/14/03 MIKE WILLIAMS** said:

Hi, this is Mike Williams served at Gesashi 75 & 76, Rank then SK2. Retired in 95 and have been working as Civilian ever since at the Elc in Curtis Bay, MD. Drop me a line and let me know how you have been.

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**On 01/18/03 MK2 Dane Mattson** said:

Anyone hear from Ed Witalec, I worked with him at Shoal Cove. I'd like to get a hold of him

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**On 01/25/02 Tom Morrison** said:

I spent what seems to be the best time of my life there in 67 - 68, only didn't realize it then, still tell sea stories about everything from the people I met to the USO shows that stopped by.

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**On 11/15/01 Jim Greer** said:

Served at Gesashi 87-88. My first tour in the CG and what a tour it was! To all that served with me I say 'hey'. I am still kicking around in the CG. Hope everyone is well.

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**On 05/27/01 Jim Demerin** said:

Served at Gesashi from 12/87 to 6/88. Promotion from MKC to CWO2 cut my tour short. Proceeded to CGC Spencer in Boston, halfway around the world. Can't seem to recall if I was on vacation or 'isolated' duty.

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**On 04/30/01 Edgar Wall DC1 Retired** said:

Anyone that knew Chester(BUD) Phillips. Passed away a few months ago and will be sorely missed.

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**On 04/11/01 Christopher Fetters** said:

Keffer, yep, I almost forgot that bagpipe music. Thanks for bringing back one of the highlights... If you find Witalec or Golden, let me know.

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**On 03/20/01 Frank J. Choloski** said:

I was SA striking for FN in Gesashi from June 86 - June 87. Plenty of good times at the Goat Meat Bar singing karaoke and drinking Orion beer. Great memories of Kadena, BC Street, Whisper Alley, and eating at the Genghis Khan. Trips to Nago and Naha was something I looked forward to. I miss all of the Gesashi village people. I was a survivor of the first female OIC, LTJG Englebert. Hey where are you Gary 'Doc' Mahoney?

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**On 02/03/01 Tom Kreuzkamp** said:

I was FA/FN in Gesashi from Aug78 - Mar79 then went to 'A' school. Gordy Yowell was there as an FN 'striking' for DC. Drop me a line if you were there during the same period.

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**On 01/25/01 Jerry McLaughlin** said:

Trying to find Amy Newsome(?) 90-91 time frame. Thanks

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**On 11/26/00 Bob Olsen** said:

I was there from Aug77-Aug78 as snet and left as Et3. Great times helped build the hut on the hill. I would love to hear from anyone that was there at the time. From Wis.

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**On 06/13/00 LCDR H. M. Nguyen** said:

Check out FEACT homepage: <http://www.uscg.mil/d14/units/feact/Feact.htm>. You'll find info on current and former units, and may find a lost shipmate.

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**On 06/03/00 Larry Bilski** said:

Was there 11/70 to 6/71 as ET1. Great station with good food and liberty. Stayed only 6 months then sent to IWO to finish tour. What a bummer!!!

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**On 04/29/00 Mark Moore** said:

There from 74 to 75 was a seaman at time 1st duty station after Sand Island

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**On 03/15/00 CWO Dan King (Ret)** said:

Served as STO/XO 1986/87. Returned to visit two years ago and got the grand tour by the new Japanese owners. Crew size is now 3! Anyone heard from Ltjg Sue Engelburt? Last seen at HQ.

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**On 02/11/00 Scott Keffer** said:

Still trying to find Ed Witalac (ET2) and Patricia Golden (HS2) from the 89'- 90' crew. Anyone with info, please let me know. Thanks

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**On 02/09/00 Terry Brice** said:

After 16 mos. on Miyako Jima ('69-'70), I didn't care to be stateside. I left Group Mayport, 3 days after requesting ANY assignment overseas. I was damn lucky to get Gesashi! I was there '71-'72. In response to Dave Martin's apology: Hey man, a lot of us were young, messed-up jerks (well, not me, I mean the other guys).

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**On 02/05/00 Dave Martin** said:

On GESASHI in 67 and owe all the people who were there then an apology. Sorry for being such a jerk. By the way my brother in law, Joe Rose MKCS was there in 68.

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**On 12/29/99 Scott Keffer (RET)** said:

Station at Gesashi July 89-July 90. Anyone know where Ed Witalic or Patty Golden are? Would love to find them. Chris Feters, remember when you overslept on watch and Ed and I put the bagpipe music in the tape player. The XO was not happy.

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**On 12/07/99 Robert Skakun** said:

I was a member of the commissioning crew under Command of Robert Gardner, LCDR USCG. It seems I arrived in September 1963 and departed in March or April of 1964. I was an HM2 transferred from the CGC SUNDEW to LORSTA GESASHI via LORSTA NIIGATA then subsequently transferred to LORSTA TOKACHIBUTO, HOKKAIDO. I will never forget the BOOMING of the Salute Cannon sounding every 30 minutes for several weeks after the assassination of JFK. Likewise I will never forget the over all experience, after all this was just 15 years after WWII.

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**On 11/09/99 Edgar Wall** said:

I was the DC3 on Gesashi from 1965-66 Was a long yr.

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**On 09/27/99 Steve Holland** said:

I was at LORSTA Geshai from Mar. 1968 to April 1969. Left as ET2.

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**On 06/22/99 Terry Criser** said:

Was at Gesashi in 74-75. Does anyone know if it is still there, or what it is now??

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**On 12/17/98 JON von KESSEL, CWO4, RET** said:

Made a few trips to Gesashi while CO of Kami Seya Monitor (1975-1978) and while on district (eee) staff (1971-1972 and 1978-1984). Great place for staying away from the Habu snakes.

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**On 09/17/98 Mike Adams** said:

Hi Ya'll Was stationed on gesashi in 75 and 76. Great times, goodfriends, have lost track of most. Would love to hear from oldbuds during that time... Any one remember ace-o the cook? Mike Adams

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**On 07/28/98 RMCS Ret Jim Huffman** said:

Must have been one of the entries that was QSP'd into cyberspace. That be OK Fred happens all the da time at my house. Was on Ike Shima (no speak Gesashi) as RM1 July 58 to July 59. Lt Richard Rounsville was CO, Warren Bouser EN1, Don Karwedski ETC (used to be RM), Glen Glen ET2, Don McAllister ET2, an SN without 12 years in the guard called the Admiral, Quanset hut living at its best, super noontime vollyball games, all sports day with the locals, Matsumone Sake and of course the midnight trips down Habu Trail to Sadako's House....them were the daze...

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**On 04/04/98 Ralph May** said:

Was at Geasahi from late 76 to 77 Had great time with doc's car was FN at time running beer mass and I build the steps to the beach are they steal thier?

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**On 04/04/98 Nelson Godbey** said:

I was stationed at Gesashi in 1979 as SK2, the year we buried Commodore Nate the dog in front of the station overlooking the ocean and weathered 5 typhoons. Gordy Yowell, my room was to the left of yours. We really loved our stereo equipment.

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**On 02/28/98 Jeff Coulson** said:

I was stationed at LAS Naha and LORSTA Gesashi in 1969 & 1970. I got there an EN3 and left an EN2. This was one of the most memorable stays I've ever had anywhere at anytime. I loved it. I can remember almost everyone but not everyone's name unfortunately. I would love to here from anyone that was stationed there also.

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**On 01/01/98 ET1 Sam Chisholm** said:

I Was Stationed here Jan 1974 to Jan 1975. Anyone run across Don Boston, Pete Palmer or Doc Grabbler?

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**On 12/08/97 Brian Henson** said:

I spent over a year at Gesashi in '67-'68 ( I was extended for a couple of months). I have great memories of snorkle diving on the reef, and trying to avoid sea snakes. Who remembers the Habu? We would go south to service the shore aids, and find nests of them in the battery boxes. I would like to hear from any one who was there at that time. If anyone remembers a Seaman named John Thompson who was there at the same time, and extended 6 months, he was a good friend, and I would love to get in touch with him.

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**On 08/10/97 Herb Oertli** said:

Hi, I'm LTJG Herb Oertli and I was at Gesashi during 1985-86. [10/27/97 Note of Apology](#). During the recent renivation ALL entries between 02/10/97 and 10/27/97 were lost. Considerable effort was given to recover the lost entries. Again, I apologize. - Fred.

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**On 07/30/97 C. L.** said:

I was at Gesashi 7/65 to 11/65 then transferred to help Orote Point Loran on Guam. Quite an experience with all the WWII un-exploded ordinance at the west end of the Japanese runway.

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**On 06/28/97 ETCS James L. Chandler** said:

I was stationed at Lorsta Gesashi as an ET1 from 83-84

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**On 05/26/97 Kurt Trostel** said:

Ah Gesashi. If you have to go to a Loran station not many can beat Gesashi. I don't have any Loran stations to compare it with, but Gesashi sure was a nice place to be. I was there from 1-87 to 1-88. Drop me a line if you were there

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**On 04/14/97 Bob Gardner** said:

I was the first CO back in 63-64. No typhoons during that period and the USMC had to bring us potable water in 400-gallon tanks. Any old timers out there?

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**On 04/02/97 Ann Campbell** said:

I was stationed at the Lorsta from May 90 to May 91. Anyone there at that time, Send me an E-mail. Had a great time and was sorry to see it go.

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**On 03/11/97 Terry Dowdy** said:

Stationed at Gesashi as SN and BM3 from Feb 69 to June of 70. Played a lot of basketball and drank a lot of milkshakes and beer. Not to the trips to Henoko and Koza and Naminui. I have fond memories of the place. Some of the station members were ET1 Ed Scott, SS2 Carmichael, SS2 Jack Watts, Irick, Perrizo, Mike Moreau, ET3 Bouchard, ET3 Richardson to name a few.

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**On 02/24/97 Howard Lazar** said:

Served as ET2 at Gesashi 1966-1967

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**On 01/28/97 Feters, Christopher** said:

The answer to the cook before Daugherty was SS1 Craig Phelps. Best cook in the Guard!

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**On 01/28/97 Feters, Christopher** said:

I was stationed at Lorsta Gesashi... One of the best years of my life. Anyone else spend time on Okinawa?

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**On 01/12/97 Gordy Yowell** said:

I was stationed at Gesashi from 78 July till Jan80 would like to hear from anyone that was there during that time period.

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**On 01/09/97 Jay Gordon** said:

RM3 1973-74

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**On 01/03/97 Ed Scott** said:

Served here from 1968/69 as ET1.....

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**On 12/06/96 Greg Commons** said:

Anyone who was there late 90, early 91 remember the name of the cook before SS1 Daugherty?

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**On 12/04/96 Greg Commons** said:

I was stationed at Gesashi Feb 91 - Feb 92

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