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# Welcome to the new Reunion Hall format.

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# Table - 1940s

On 09/26/11 Ray Rebmann said: HI GUYS JOIN OUR NEW GROUP LORSTA IWO JIMA VETERANS AT http://community.coastguardchannel.com/group/uscg-lorsta-iwo-jima-veterans

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# Table - 1950s

**On** 03/10/10 **Robert Tiffany** said: I was at Lorsta Iwo Jima 1955-56 Survived typhoon 'Louise' and the infamous Marine mock invasion.

# Table - 1960s

On 01/06/11 Terry Adams said: Served on Iwo 69-70 as a fireman. Many great memories.

On 10/09/09 Nelson Warner said:

I served aboard as an ET from 1964-1965. I arrived shortly after the loran C tower fell. Shortly after Don Peace arrived. Don and I went through Boot camp and Loran school together. When not standing Loran A watches or clearing brush, we walked walking the beaches and climbed Mount Suribachi. All in all lit was a good year. Returning to civilization was a bit of a shock. I've seen Mat Wilkinson a couple of times and saw Don Peace in 2008. Nelson Warner

**On** 12/23/08 **Don Floyd** said: I served aboard during **1969-1970** and ... aserved on Iwo June of 1969 to June 1968. Was ET2.. Chief Morrison was Chief ET and Mr. Ray was the Co. Would love to hear from any one. I am the Fire Chief in Covington Georgia dontfloyd@yahoo.com is my email

On 11/20/08 Robert Wheatley said: I served aboard during 1968 and ... Robert C. Wheatley SK2 served on Iwo from 68-69

**On** 08/29/08 **Henry L. Spooner** said: I served aboard during **64-65** and ... I served on IWO, from 64-65 as SN-SNBM..

**On** 07/31/08 **Mathias Wilkinson** said: I served aboard during **1964-65** and ... I was an ET on Iwo June 64 to 65. Fascinating place and a good bunch of guys to serve with.

**On** 06/05/08 **Donald Janicki** said: I served aboard during **67-68** and ... Had the scooter I sold to Nino, only Ham radio operator for a long time, one of the barbers. please check out www.iwojimavets.org REUNION 2008 see the web site above.

### Table - 1970s

On 04/02/12 Eugene Syphers II said:

I served on Iwo from 3/70 to 3/71. I was a TT3 and spent the first three weeks on the Ioran C mid watch. That's what happens when your attached to the ETs division. I do remember Mr. Voden and Mr. Ray, the CO and XO respectively. I landed 25 years after my dad. I had the better end of the deal. When not working, I enjoyed exploring the Island. I would love to hear from any crew members.

#### **On** 09/28/11 **Larry Hooper** said:

Correction of date that I was stationed on Iwo Jima. It was 1977-1978 time frame. Hard to remember that far back at my advanced age. :-)

#### On 01/09/11 Fxchris Merli said:

Larry, I was an HM2 in 73-74 under Verne Bennett. He wouldn't allow any floating vessels because the crew may have tried to reach the island we could see from the chow hall, Sorry about your crew members. I was planning to meet the HM from Marcus but he committed

suicide. I don't miss Iwo but am glad to have seen served on the island. Got out after 13 years because it stopped being fun.

### **On** 12/21/10 **Larry Hooper** said:

Hello Capt Page. You were my CO on Iwo Jima back in 1979 when Randy and Norm went missing at sea. I was a SN at the time and they asked me to go with them on the sunfish sail boat but I told them I didn't want to go. Lucky for me I guess. Other then that bad experiance which I will never forget, I really enjoyed my stay on the island. It was one of the most memerable of my 24 years in the Coast Guard and I have many memerable times, belive me. I really miss the Coast Guard and regret retiring as a Senior Chief Corpsman after only 24 years. I enjoyed reading your comments above. Have a wonderful Coast Guard day.

### **On** 10/17/10 **John Caisse** said:

hello to all of the guys who served on iwo from sept 76-sept77, i'm john caisse, iwas an et3 and would like to hear from anyone that was there then. bob whessels, lee davenport, dave coye, dave quizney, i've tried to locate these guys, so if anyone knows how to reach them, please contact me. Iwo was a place that i'll never forget, great time, would love to go back

### On 06/23/10 Gary Sisco said:

I was an ET3 on Iwo '76-'77 and would like to hear from anyone who was there then. It was my favorite station and crew.

### **On** 05/22/10 **Tom Alread** said:

I was on the rock from Nov75-Nov76.I only put in four but this was my first official station and in my memory the best.Still remember Mahar In those pink baseball shorts he wsed to wear.Hey Ratlif,ssaw your name on here.Drop me a line sometime.

### On 02/21/10 Edward Page said:

The Iwo Jima shipmates ring a bell with me. Quite an memorable year on the rock! Came across some old correspondence today referring to the loss of two shipmates, Norm Rockitter and Randy Saul which shook us all up. Somehow, even though the C.O. is always responsible for things that go bad, I still had a career in the CG and retired with 30 years as Captain. I fondly remember CWO Dan Perillo, the stereotypical New Yorker and MKC Dan Gatchell, our EO...both awesome men. Of course Shorty and Shaybones were memorable...they unceremoniously sat right in front of the troops at every inspection and special event. I also recall being stuck in Tokyo with Cliff as a Typhoon rolled through that delayed our arrival to the island...we we forced to extend our party in Tokyo! Tough break...NOT! I retired in Alaska and I only have a few CG items I cherish and display...a small wood box with Iwo Jima black sand and a bolt in it retrieved when they shut the station down and dismantled the tower. The other is a colorful plaque the Japanese gave me. Nobody, including me, knows what the plaque says. While I had a diverse and fun career, Iwo Jima was by far my most unique assignment!

**On** 12/24/08 **Dan Goodman** said: I served aboard during **1978** and ... I served my year on Paradise Island (Detailer's description in Boot Camp) 7/78 to 7/79. Hey Cliff, I rember you, Shay Bones, Shorty, Tochi Hara & the two mates that disapeared the day after I arrived.

**On** 12/12/08 **Mark Poulson** said: I served aboard during **1979-1980** and ... Looking for old shipmates from LORSTA Iwo...ET3 Wayne Hankins, MKC Maynardo Caeg, SS1 Mannie LaQuesta, SN Chris Flury and others.

On 05/08/08 Richard Jones said: I served aboard during 1969-1970 and ... I was stationed on Iwo Jima directly from Boot camp as a firemen.

On 03/30/08 Douglas Ratliff said: I served aboard during **1975** and ... I spent 12 months as an SA/SN from Dec 1975 to Dec 1976. Would like to hear from anyone else who may have been there way back when!

### Table - 1980s

On 07/26/12Blake York said:Dc2 on Iwo 82/83. Still love to tell Iwo stories to anyone who will listen

**On** 06/13/11 **James Demerin** said: as MKC, i served from Oct 1982 to Oct 1983.

**On** 03/01/09 **Solomon Huebner** said: I served aboard during **1988-1989** and ... Hello, sir. How the heck are you Mr. Mesa. You were there when I first arrived at my first station. I have treasured the memory of my time there. I remember you when I arrived. You made us so welcomed. Thank you, sir.

**On** 01/31/09 **Jesus Mesa** said: I served aboard during **1987-1988** and ... As a CWO2, I remember terrific Japanese friends, golf tournaments, volleyball @ the Sta., softball on the Japanese side, collecting glass floats ... and black sand on the beaches.

**On** 12/10/08 **Jon Allen** said: I served aboard during **1984-1985** and ... Served as CO during 84-85; Was great experience with JMSDF & JASDF, Rev Wachi, and the 40th Anniversary of Iwo Jima

On 10/09/08 Rick Audy said: I served aboard during 80-81 and ... MK1 80-81 On 06/04/08 Patrick Aquia said: I served aboard during **1986** and ... I need some phtos of the dogs for the museum. I would love for them to be in the display. please contact me if you have some phtos or served with me .Thanks

**On** 06/04/08 **Patrick Aquia** said: I served aboard during **1986** and ... ss3 Patrick Aquia here. I needs some help.I'm looking for so photos of the dogs that were at the station as mascots.I'm at the Baltimore Maritime Museum and they have an exzibit about USCG dogs .

# Table - 1990s

**On** 06/11/08 **Matthew Rinehart** said: I served aboard during **91-92** and ... Looking for former Cave Masters. Byrd, you out there?

Table - 2000s

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