

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

On 03/08/08 Peter Lauridsen said:

Walked the grounds last week. Still undeveloped. Land is currently held by an Alaskan native tribe. I was CO from 6/62 to 6/64. Retired out of HQ in 1988.

On 01/13/08 emma doyle said:

my husband edward w doyle and I were stationed on kauai 68-70 Lt.JG davis was in charge and chief lavenski was there aat the time thiele came over while we were still there, Jones was at one of the lighthouses, Doyle passed away in 2001, we loved it there and we did go back for visits, just wanted to say hi to you all

On 11/14/07 Terry Neal said:

I served on Kauai Lorsta. in 1976-77. Part of the time at the Lorsta and part of time on the search and rescue team in Lihue (40' patrol boat CG40493)

On 03/31/07 Phil Platter said:

Were you ever stationed at LORSTA Carolina Beach? Checkout 'Reunion News' for 6/2/07 reunion

On 08/16/05 'Steve Craig' said:

Just got back (again) from Kauai. Wife loves it, I hated it then as a young man, love it now. The old station is vacant with a couple of conex trailers on it- heard the Embassy Suites bought it, not sure. Koloa is a neat town, not so much back then. CO was Bruce Blandford, according to the CG global, he's working as a civilian at Valdez AK. Danny was right about Chief Schlinke, great guy. I talked to him 15 years ago and he was in Nixon, TX. Has moved or ? since then. His son-in-law was (YN) Eric Borge-guess he retired from the CG a couple of years ago. The BM1 Smith mentioned was probably Stephen Taylor. As I was the YN, I still remember all those names: Perenick, Snedly, Barnes, Lopez, Medsker, Kelsall, Waterman, Fifield, Simpson, Tarrango, Bush. Cook was a Filipino-can't remember his name but what a great cook. I'm scheduled to get off active duty 1 Oct 05- just retired from the Postal Service.

On 05/02/05 Danny Smith said:

I left a message on my other station boards so I didn't want to neglect Kauai. Lots of memories from my stay (73-74). I was a SNET fresh out of school. CO was LTJG Blanford. If my memory is correct the XO was Chief Schlinke who Steve Craig mentioned. He was a great guy and thinking back I had a lot of respect for him. We played softball on a local league, body surfed on Poipu beach and explored every inch of the island we could. I went out in the 40' boat once on a SAR (my one & only), because the radios weren't working and they needed an ET. Couldn't work on the radio because I started bouncing off the compartment ceiling once we left the harbor. The rest of the trip I was just an SN. Threw up my breakfast much to the delight of the BM1. The station dogs were Sherman & Penny. Besides working on the LORAN equipment & standing watches, I remember doing harbor checks for missing vessels once in awhile, working on the radio transmitter at one of the light houses once a month while checking out the tourists. I had 57' Chevy which used more oil than gas that we used to cruise the island in. Went back in 85' the station buildings were still there but I don't know who was occupying them. Poipu however, was washed out to sea and nothing but boulders. Bummer.

On 05/08/03 Steve Craig said:

Just got back from Kauai. Sort of unsettling to just see an empty lot. Roads are still there and the bbq area that was built in 1974 is still there. It was built right after I left, I learned about it from now Sr. Chief Nelson Roll who is on active

duty(recalled) at MSO Puget Sound. He was a SN at the time. The place is still beautiful-we stayed next door at the Embassy Suites and went there at dusk to watch the sun go down. Hotels all over the place.

On 04/12/03 Steve Craig said:

Was stationed there as a YN2 from 74-75. Went into reserves after that, went to dark side later, presently LCDR at MSO Portland; just got off active duty from 9/11. Good memories, had great xo, Charles Schlinke who was the typical 'old CG'. Going back next week for first time in 28 years.

On 04/12/03 Steve Craig said:

Stationed there in 1974

On 02/19/01 ART SCHLANGEN said:

JUST A NOTE. I WAS OVER ON KAUAI IN DECEMBER OF 2000. MY UNCLE PASSED AWAY BMC MCTINYRE. WE SPREAD HIS ASHES ON THE POINT AT THE LORAN STATION. IT WAS NOT HARD TO FIND, ALL THOUGHT IT REALLY BUILD UP NOW. YOU GUYS REMEMBER THE SHIP WRECK BEACH AS YOU LOOK OUT OUR BARRACKS. WELL THAT IS NOW THE HYATT. ANYWAY LOOKS LIKE THE STATION GROUNDS WILL REMAIN THERE FOR A WHILE THE LIGHT HOUSE IS STILL THERE AND ALL THE TOWER BASES ARE THERE. MAN ALL THE MEMORIES SURE DID COME FLYING BACK. FOR THOSE THAT READ THIS MESSAGE MY UNCLE WAS DWITT MCTINYRE (MAC) WAS ON THE WEST COAST ALOT HE WAS OVER THEIR VISITING INLAWS WHEN GOD CALLED HIM TO GUARD HIS COAST. HE NOW HAS SMOOTH SEAS AND FAIR WINDS.

On 12/26/00 Joseph Schmidbauer said:

Served at Makahuena Point LORSTA in '74 and '75. Remember the long night watches in the Electronics Building..... but what a view out of the back door of the barracks! I am sorry to hear that all the buildings are gone. It will always live in my memory.

On 11/01/00 Bob Olsen said:

Just an update to my e-mail

On 07/24/00 Art Schlangen said:

I was there when we close it down 1979.. Went to small boat station afwards what a life.. Any one still around from then?

On 04/16/00 Bob Popcke said:

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On 05/07/99 BM2 BURKS said:

Great duty-I was only there for a short time until I wrote a letter to the ComCG14 and complained about my situation. I did learn at that time that an SN really should not write letters directly to Admirals-----it was pointed out to me that there was something called the chain of command, and was so entered in my service record, so my punishment was lighthouse duty at the Kileaua LTSTA on Kauai. For 2 years to the lighthouse. Greatest duty of my life. I LOVE THE COAST GUARD. Stayed in for 17 years no cigar---but a great experience.

On 05/06/99 John Burks said:

Just a note. I was on Kauai 1969-71. And remember it as some of the great years. Lt. Hudson and Chief Thiele sent me to the Kilauea LightHouse over a letter I wrote, but that's another story.....

On 02/09/99 Al Hudson , Lt, (ret) said:

CO from 70-72. Got rid of that damn bartender and got a 40 footer. Had a good crew and some good times there. MCPOCG Allen Thiele was the XO for my first year. Boy, did I learn a lot from him. VK, I knew you were at FF my first year on Kauai, don't remember seeing you on Kauai but do remember working with you at VTS Houston. Group Kauai was fine duty.

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

Made several district (eee) visits there 1971-1972. Also was on paired master station, French Frigate Shoals for 17-1/2 months 1970-1971. Great station and good location. Lots of good memories.

On 11/13/98 John Carlile said:

Served 66-68 as Skipper. My youngest son was born at Lihue. What a wonderful place.

On 04/21/98 Bob Olsen said:

Bob Olsen Visited the site last year - all the buildings are gone Served as ET2 ET1 in 67 and 68. One of my best tours.

On 01/26/97 Tom Huffman said:

I was stationed there 1971-1973 what a great place to be. Will never forget it. Looking for any of the crew.

On 11/27/96 Bruce Floyd said:

Bruce Floyd, ET2, served 1964-65

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