

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

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**On 02/17/08 Matthew Barber** said:

Was station on Yap 78-79, straight out of bootcamp. Stood LORAN watches until I left for ET school, Jul 79. Remember ET3s Lee Putnam, Tom Geheb and George Smith. Nate Walker, weren't you a nonrate there at that time? Lt Zimmer, we sure did miss you when you left. I used to ride my motorcycle around inside the old bomb craters. Also snorkle off CG beach and hike to CG light. I retired in Sep 2006 as ETCS (8 LORAN tours). I sure do miss the isolated duty stations.

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**On 08/10/07 Andy Andersen** said:

ET2 stationed on Yap from 1975 to 1976. Came from LorSta Estartit and went to Neah Bay and then on to LorSta George (plank owner). I was prior service - USMC (1967 - 1970). A lot of good times - but I didn't really know it then.

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**On 07/29/07 Bob Parr** said:

Served on Yap from Dec. 1969 to Nov. 1970. Where are Lon G. Box, Ernie Childs, Guy Camagay (the best chef in the USCG), 'Radio' Reiter, 'Crafty Loran,' and cast of dozens today? I remember Shitbird and Smutt when they first arrived as pups. Typhoon Nancy, Seaman's, O'Keefe's, the whole shitaree. Good times.

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**On 07/13/07 Bill Albright** said:

On 7/13/07 ETCM Bill Albright ([ruffrocks\\_7606@msn.com](mailto:ruffrocks_7606@msn.com)) said: Got to Yap 1-10-64 as ETCS, Was there with 3 other CG people. Lt. John Earhman, RM@ John Hoffman, EN1 Al Miller (Made Chief on Yap and we used him for a hood ornament. that night on way to O'Keefs Oasis. Picked up ENC Bascom Williams in Feb. '64. Got the whole place finally going and was putting equip in Loran building when the contractor pulled the wrong guy wire too tight. the antenna kinked at 125 ft. level but didn't fall then. Would have taken out a bunch of the crew and a bunch of civilian tower workers from Hawaii. I was up in the comb antenna field with DC2 Grant when it happened. (We were surrounded by sprinters). CWO Hal Whitwer (photo guy from HQ put a 24 operating camera on the tower to see if he could catch it falling.- No such luck. Most of the installation crew was sent off to other stations on TDY. I wound up in Guam working special projects for Capt. Mike Bills. The tower fell down about 3 months later in the middle of the night in a powerful rain squall. No pictures. Came back with the rest of the crew and put all the things in the Xmtr building and got on the air in Jan of '65. My relief (Shaky Schuldt ) came in and was a great help. We worked together until I left in Sept '65. (I still talk to him about twice a month. I live in Simi Valley, Calif and Shaky lives up north in Cotati, Calif. I believe I have an official picture of the entire crew at the commissioning ceremony . Still have my hand in electronics as a quality inspector for EDO,Corp. in Thousand Oaks, Calif. In '64 Capt. Mike Bills son was about 17 and I finally saw him again when he was CO of Tan My Loran Station in Viet Nam - I wa son a callibration and maintenance run out of Bangkok with CWO Bo Branch. I got to all the sites in Southeast Asia Section. Was in Section Office from 4 Jan '70 till 9-1-71- when I retired and stayed on in Bangkok for a few years.

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**On 06/25/07 YN Strayhorn** said:

For all those who were stationed on USCG Lorsta Yap, WCI..... You can now view the Island of Yap from your home computer. Go to [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) then click on MAPS , and enter this latitude and longitude into the address board. 09 32.92' N,138 09.73' E Then click Search Maps. Then... click on Satellite, Then.... Zoom in to view the area. This point of reference will place you at the old barracks. You can see the barracks and part of the building where the loran equipment was housed., which in this image is partly covered by a cloud. Where the antenna was located, you can see it is now used for the South Pacific Olympics. You can Pan Out and view other areas of interest, Colonia , the new airport and there old airstrip where many of us landed and left Yap. For a more comprehensive view, I suggest you download "Google Earth"

which can be downloaded FREE from <http://earth.google.com/> (requires Broadband internet connection)

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**On 01/12/07 Terry Winn** said:

I was station on Yap from 12/70-12/71. Yes Chief Tano I do rember the bars that you mentioned. I still have my O'Keef members card. I rember all the names that Woody named. Great football game when the 'lifers' kicked our butts. Got to hand it to Chief Tano and Papa Gray men on that day. Great jungleball games too. By the way the two dogs names were Shitbird and Smutt. To date I have not been found beer even close to the beer and soda club prices. I've noticed that the days, weeks months and years sure go by a lot faster than that of 1970-1971.

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**On 01/10/07 Rocco Calarco** said:

Trying to locate Don Philips, or any others that were stationed with me on YAP from 4/69 - 4/70. It sure was fun duty.

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**On 11/29/06 T. Brice** said:

This a long shot- I was monitoring radio traffic from Miyako back in '69 or '70 and heard about someone, on Yap, with a medical condition who had to be placed in water to alleviate symptoms.. Anyone know if he came out of it OK?

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**On 11/28/06 Allen J Neal** said:

Angaur Lorsta, anyone stioned on Angaur should look at the Angaur Lorsta site and there are a lot of picture of the 2 bases on the Epson Photo web site. Go to the visit albums and type in: [TJ\\_M@prodigy.net](mailto:TJ_M@prodigy.net) to see some old photos and one I took last year on Angaur. Really has changed. A J Neal

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**On 10/30/06 Eric Luongo** said:

HS1 '85-86 -See a lot of familiar names here. Was looking at a sat photo of Yap and was wondering what all the new shapes on the grounds were, now I see by past posting by Terry Stranathan it is a sports complex...neat. Glad 2 see the old place is getting some good use.

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**On 10/04/06 Phil Chavez** said:

While I lived in Yap from '92 to 2003, I was the Vice Principal of Yap High School. I was a teacher and Vice Principal to many Coast Guard Children. There are a lot of them. Hope some of you make contact with them. Many have grown to become outstanding individuals. Great place for a child to grow.....Phil

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**On 10/03/06 Phil Chavez** said:

I was station on yap '86 & '87 with Stranathan, Van Wilfinger, Alec and a lot other. I lived in Yap from '92 to 2003. Like Terry S. said, it has changed alot. Saw lots of CG Yapese wives over the years there. I miss living there. Got to do some great fishing. Did a boating safety and sports fishing seminar for Yap and Palau through the University of Hawaii. Did some writing for the Hawaii Fishing news as a result. We had fun stationed there, eh boys? Take care...Phil Chavez

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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 07/21/06 Alec Kyle** said:

Hey John, how are you doing? I have my story board displayed at home and receive many an inquiry about it. Also, you are correct about Nate, he was a good cook and a great guy.

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**On 06/29/06 John Isbell** said:

You know your old when you make an entry here for LORAN STA YAP. Stopped by the island a few times while on the Basswood... and came here to close the unit down in '87, I was an FN during those times. Spent only 3 months to help close down the unit... but it was probably the most memorable 3 months of my career. I recognize only a few names... and it is true what Steve Snell says... Nate Walker was probably one of THE best damn cooks in the Guard. Not only do the pictures I have bring me back... but I have one of the rare LORAN STA YAP story boards handed out for the closing. Sure wish I had some beetle-nut right now.

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**On 06/20/06 Ray Philipp** said:

I was stationed on Yap, 78-79 at the Seabee camp, cat4011.

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**On 05/29/06 Dave Snider** said:

hi! Nov. 75 Til Nov. 76. I was a MK 398v12 cats. Lots of very good memories. O'Keefe's oooo ya, CG beach parties, diving, beetle nut[red lipped lases:} ], the flowers every where, Toad races[god they were big], my pet Gekio alarm clock, and the volleyball games. The CO while I was there Was LTC Hooper he was supposed to have been sent to straighten the station up., but he was a good CO, do your job and your own time was your 's. ppl i remember ... Ron Armstrong, Mike Dawe, Chief Sabotka, Lurch, Charlie Brown, Jerry Swendel, Just a few and A native that worked on base named Art. and the two base dogs Shit and Bird.. thanks for the memories guys>>> Kafell

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**On 05/04/06 Mike Kilborn** said:

I think that Landfills are good but also stinky things

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**On 03/21/06 Paul Braman** said:

I was stationed on Yap from Oct 76 to Dec 77. It was the highlight of my military career. From there went to Caribou, Maine, left the service and served as a missionary for the LDS Church in South America. Joined the Utah Army National Guard in August of 1981, retired as a Captain in September of 1997. I have a 22 year old son stationed at Fort Bliss, TX.

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**On 03/20/06 Dan Rowland** said:

I was on Yap 64 to April 65 during opening the new bldgs and the commissioning ceremony Capt Billing was CO Guam

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**On 01/13/06 Bob Garrett** said:

Hey all. Bob Garrett, CO 1981-1982. Glad to see active names, Dan Sathre, Terry Stranathan, Steve Snell....Choice moment when Steve (probably on restriction) stripped the fuel tank from the old International 3 ton, then took out the spark plugs to blow out the cylinders. Some fireball. Sorry to hear about Serphen - Great trip to Ngulu via Phillipines.

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**On 12/05/05 Mark Greenfield** said:

Just updating my email address.

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**On 09/30/05 dennis parker** said:

i am a plankowner loran sta yap.

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**On 04/26/05 Lee Putnam** said:

For those of you who were either station on Yap or who have visited the island over the years I received some news today about Captain Serphen Single. While fishing last night, Serphen apparently suffered a heart attack and has died. The story is that he had hooked into a big one and was fighting hard when he collapsed. He was a good friend to me and I am sure that he was good friend to all of you who knew him. I will miss his friendly warm nature and his ever-present

smile.

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**On 01/15/05 Greg Glass** said:

FN MARSEC/YAP 6/76-7/77 Anybody know what happened to Eric Ferrence ? Been looking for Mark Greenfield and finally think I found him. I long for the tropics. Its 10 below in Wisconsin right now.

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**On 12/02/04 Dan Sathre** said:

Was there in 81/82 as the DC1. Terry Stranathan was there, as was Chino Nelson, Don Witt, Dave Goss, Bob Pekari, Bob Hyman. Hey AJ Pope where are you man, Kanette is a Senior and will be graduating in June. Bobby Ray are you still around. Was a great year. I was there in 72 with the M&R team from Guam, and happy to go back.

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**On 10/19/04 Albert Wood (Woody)** said:

Just dropped by to look for new names from the past. BMC Tano, I think I was there while you were. That should have been during the time Mr. Shattie (CO) was there. Did you know Pappa Gray (MK1), Larry Finkbeiner (SN-Storekeeper stricker), Jerry Bade (Mk1) replaced Pappa Gray, Hunter (DC1), Tom Oneal (MK3), Eric Lindholm, (FN), Skalio (FN), Tom Coker, Randy ?(SN) (Had a twin brother on Anguar), some of the ETs ( Greigs, Terry(loved to wrestle no matter who or how large), Booths, Peagram, Tooke, Deaver, Meyers, Doc Gary. ( Sorry if I trashed the spellings on the names guys the pic is gettin hard to read). Mike Holland, I should also know you since you were there in 71. Your name sure sounds familiar. See if you knew any of the guys I named above. Thanks to Mr. Stanathan for the update on Yap after the typhoon glad I wasn't there during the bad one. Heck the one that brushed by while I was there was only like 60-70 mph on the island if memory serves. Thanks for the memories you have shared guys!

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**On 09/01/04 Van Wilfinger** said:

It's great to log on to Fred's and see familiar names from the past. I served on Yap from 86-87 as an FN and went on to become a DC after logging time doing SAR and traveling with SRD Alameda. I am now a deputy building official in southern California and often think about my time on the island. What a beautiful place and I regret that I often took the opportunity for granted while I was there. I did have the pleasure of working and living with some great people. I'm surprised that Mr. Stranathan hasn't retired to the place! I hope that I have the chance to return someday. I have an incredible picture of some of the last personnel in native garb and it really takes me back to the sights and smells. Maybe a reunion is in order. If you remember me, say hello.

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**On 07/24/04 Terry Stranathan** said:

I just got back from WA'AB (7/21/04). The major damage was roofs that were blown off. Trees uprooted, leaves, coconuts and Buw blown away. All is nice & green now. Roofs mostly covered with blue FEMA tarps. RAI View was torn down & a 4 star resort, Traders Ridge Resort, is in it's place (\$215/night). PADI divers have underwater tours and is a big attraction. Station is a school run by YAP Fisheries. It look great & well maintained, lawns mowed, etc. The area by the xmitter bldg is now a Sports complex, baseball field, track, bleachers, all very nice. They were host to the Micronesia Olympics, due again in '06. They will be putting in an Olympic size pool for it. Alec is correct on all counts, the XO, who became the CO, was the last man off, I gave the keys to the Gov on the way to the airport. Is anyone still around that was there, PRE 1980 ? Please e-mail me.

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**On 07/06/04 Alec Kyle** said:

The tower was taken down by contractors back in '87 just after the station was decommissioned. I have pictures. I was the last MK there. The first dive shop opened in '87 and was owned by Pacific Island Gas Service (P.I.G.S.). The Blue Lagoon was the last big hang out and the Rai View took second place. After the station was decommissioned, life at the station was pretty nice aside from all of the packing we had to do. The station was handed over to the locals once the last man

left, which I think was XO & SS1.

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**On 05/21/04 Jay Ellis** said:

I've recently been reading about the tremendous damage caused by Typhoon Sudal on April 9. Looks like it created a lot of problems, and the majority of people on the islands lost their housing. I'd be interested to find out how much damage the station buildings may have suffered. Does anyone know if the tower is still standing, or was it dismantled after decommissioning? I made a lot of friends on Yap, and have fond memories of the Rai View and other places. Interesting to read about the new dive resorts in Yap also. Nothing like that 20 years ago.

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**On 03/25/04 kevin cox** said:

When Mike Holland left, I got his bike. Oct. 71-72 seems more like 5 years than 32. My God what a beautiful place. I'm thinking of going back for a visit. Any suggestions/advice?

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**On 02/06/04 L Tano** said:

I was there in 70\71 BMC had ball at CB camp o;keefs blue loogon seamens does anyone remerber some of the worked at the station tony alford jesse push push joseph cris

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**On 01/02/04 Darrell Mintmier** said:

Have changed my email address. Anybody have a decent picture of the station. Maybe something I could download. Thanks

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**On 11/28/03 Marty Monheit** said:

I was a ET -3 & was stationed on Yap in 66 & 67. Wow, what a time, anyone remember the Seamens Club, Ponapei Rose, Blue Lagoon Bar, Salanoa, John Paam, Chief Shakey, Gus, Yep, had quite a time on Yap.

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**On 08/13/03 Ron** said:

I was on Yap for little over a year while Stewart Morgan was CO. Anyone remeber him or where he is. Was the YN and we had small band that played on base and in town. Great to see so many others whom expierenced the Good Life on Yap. Beettlenut and Stone Money...what a combo.Does anyone remember a native that worked on the base name Sagamo?

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**On 07/31/03 Alec Kyle** said:

I served on Yap from '86 to '87 and was the last MK3 stationed on Yap and got to see the transmitting tower fall to the ground in a very spectacular fashion on my last day there. I'll never forget my time on Yap and will remember with great enthusiasm all of the great people I got to serve with and locals that I met. The SCUBA diving was awesome there. No regrets.

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**On 08/02/02 Albert Wood (Woody)** said:

Ahoy Yap vets. I was stationed on Yap in 71-72. Was there for 9 months then transfered to Anguar Palau for the remainder of my tour. I was FNEN at the time. I agree that the year in the islands was the greatest experience I ever had. Met my best friend on Yap, Larry Finkbeiner. Saw him and his Yapese Wife JO in 2000. I have been trying to to get back to yap and Anguar ever since I left. I hear the stations are still standing but totally abandoned and grown up. I plan to visit with a new Yapeese couple that I met in Seattle in 2000 when they move back to YAP in 2002. Great to see your stories and hope to see someone I knew in the listings one day.. Smooth Sailing to All..

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**On 06/20/02 Carl Lindberg** said:

Hey, just thought I'd update my address. I voluntered for a 3 month tour on Yap while at Yokota Monitor station. Yap was

fantastic! If anyone one knows of (87') SS2 Nate Jones, please let me know. Thanks much, Carl

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**On 05/22/02 Jim Welsh** said:

Hey, I'm looking for Steve Johnson, who served on Yap in 1966-67. I believe he was from California. We went through Alameda together (Co. Golf 47) and then went to Honolulu, then flew to Guam after sea duty outa Sand Island. Johnny went to Yap and I got Lorsta Anguar Palau. Then we rotated back stateside together and spent some time TAD on Guam. If anyone remembers this guy -- and he was a great guy -- please e-mail and let me know. Jim Welsh Bay St. Louis, MS [Bluewaterpi@aol.com](mailto:Bluewaterpi@aol.com) 228-466-4541

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**On 11/17/01 ROY A NICHOLSON** said:

WAS ON YAP FROM OCT 74 THRU APR 76 AS RM2. HAD SOME GOOD TIMES AND SOME BAD....ANYBODY OUT THERE WHO WAS ON YAP AT THIS TIME? WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU.....HAVE LOTS OF STORIES ABOUT THE PLACE.

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**On 08/24/01 Pat Holmes** said:

8/24/01 Pat Holmes, BMCS ret. Went to yap from Guam with a DCCand aDC2 to put up day marks so the KUKUI could get in the harbor to bring supplies to build the station. I went from Guam to ANGUAR LorSta Danny Moses was there. Much later in my career I was OinC of the Cutter OBION out of St, Louis. My MKC was Gary Haley who was also stationed on Yap. I went back for the commisioning and again when the antenna fell. But my first visit was the best The Island was untouched. I spent almost three years in the Islands, and it seems like yesterday.

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**On 01/01/01 JON von KESSEL CWO4** said:

Made many trips to Yap over the years. First trip was in 1972 to do a DI inspection, long before the TV station, when the SeaBee Detachment was building roads and the like. Many trips made while on D14 (eee) staff (1979-1984). Great place with a lot of interesting things to see. Andrew Roboman, the head chief, got with all of the other chiefs and they voted to present me with a piece of stone money which I still have displayed in a prominent place. Few have ever been permitted to have or take stone money out of Yap.

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**On 11/21/00 Jay Silberman** said:

My name is Jay Silberman; I'm an environmental protection specialist in D14 (CEU Honolulu). Part of my job is investigating and cleaning up former USCG sites. I was recently told that electronic components (transformers/capacitors) potentially-containing PCBs had been dumped in the scrap metal and/or sanitary landfills. If you know of this, or of someone who does, please e- mail me at [JSilberman@d14.uscg.mil](mailto:JSilberman@d14.uscg.mil), or call me at (808) 541-2077. The landfills are located upgradient from a drinking water supply, so it's vital that we learn all we can about this. Please be as specific as you can (ie, location, duration, # components dumped, etc). And please note that this dumping was legal at the time, so we are not looking to hoist anyone's petard. All info will be kept confidential (if that's what you want). Thanks. Jay

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**On 11/11/00 ETC Gary Robinson** said:

I see alot of names I remember from LORSTA Yap, it was a very memorible experience. Especially going there as a boot SNET, never seen anything like that before and probably wont ever again. Some very special times and memories. I remember Jay Ellis, Jerry Walker, DC1 Sloane, HS1 Glen Jones, MKC Lutz, BMC Mintmier, Steve Snell, will never forget Danny Moses, how about these names: Jeff Hall, Dennis Greer, Jerry Sexton, Jim Dotten, Bob Clark, Don Witt, ET3 Wizinger, Lt Garrett and Bob Pecary just to name a few, if anybody remembers me or any of these guys let me know, I'm getting ready to retire next summer and am on the Polar Star presently; I was stationed on Yap from Jan 82 to Jan 83.

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**On 09/14/00 Carl Lindberg** said:

Volunteered while at FESEC for a 3 month tour on Yap in 87 that included the closing. What a great tour! Still one of the

best. Beautiful tropical weather, very friendly island girls, and miles of jungle and unspoiled beaches to explore. Great crew to work with! Anybody know the whereabouts of SS2 Nate Jones? One of the best cooks in the Guard! Drop me a line if you know me.

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**On 09/09/00 Mel** said:

My tour was 1964 and 65, got there after the antenna was put up again. My people memories are best of Al Miller, Snake Albright 'I relieved him', Reinhart 'the cook', Chief DuPoi 'probably spelled wrong, native honcho'. Had a ball on my cycle exploring and snorkling at the beachhouse. Hope to get back to see if any trace of that culture remains. It was under attack by a here unnamed preacher transfered from Ulithi. I hope that the locals were not seperated from their way of life by him or by progress. I WILL return. Shakey ETCM Ret

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**On 08/21/00 Tom Sweet** said:

Was in Yap jan 72 thru june 72. Great times Climbed the Tower Twice while it was down. OKeefs of course. The beach, did a lot of snockleing there. Great duty but I swapped and went to Saipan and that to was great.Hi to any one that remembers me .Drop me a line

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**On 08/17/00 T. Ren Decatur** said:

I was stationed on LORSTA YAP as RM2 from Aug 64 - Oct. 65. Couldn't detach after 12 mos. due to Nam (which I volunteered for, but got turned down due to too many CG volunteers at that time---little did we know then, eh???) , so I got stuck there until my relief could arrive in Oct. Did I mind? Sh-t. Did the women wear tops? Gawd, what an experience for a virgin, eh? I was wet behind the ears as a relatively new RM2, but by the time I left, both the girls and the 'Doc' knew me quite well. Would love to hear from some of those stationed under Ltjg Powers during 64-65. 73's.

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**On 07/25/00 Jay Ellis** said:

In his 11/99 entry, Keith Nelson asked about HM/HS1 Glenn Jones (the CG made the switch from HM to HS at that time). I ran into Glenn at Alameda in the early 90s, and he was transferred to Texas shortly after that, but I don't recall exactly where. If anyone talks to him, please remind him to return the cassette tape he borrowed from me in Alameda. I recall DC1 Sloane spending many afternoons clearing the jungle over the leach field. He spared the papaya tree he found growing there, and it produced the best fruit you've tasted. Had to, with all that fertilizer right there.

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**On 07/03/00 Bill Hatcher** said:

CWO(BOSN) Bill Hatcher. Greetings to all you Coasties who served on Yap Loran. I was on the MALLOW for 4 years 1967-71 and visited you at least 4 times. Some hard liberties in Colonia and good times working the local bouys. I served a year on Ulithi 1958 but dont see that station on the list here. My son flew Continental many times to Yap and once had the honor of crash landing there on the airstrip. No deaths, minor injuries. Best to you all

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**On 04/19/00 George S. Solomon** said:

I was the MK1 on Yap from February,1976 to February,1977. Some of the best times I spent in the Coast Guard were spent on Yap. And that was usually at Okeef's, Coast Guard Beach or just setting around and seeing how much beer I could drink. I also remember the great soft ball games and the AA group.

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**On 04/04/00 George Collison** said:

Hey y'all, I was a mk3, on CGC Basswood, '80 to '81. Need help, with research, for a book, 'Basswood on the Rocks', anyone with possible helpful INFO, please e-mail me. I have been told it has happened more than once.

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**On 03/29/00 Jim Koshar, LT, (Ret.)** said:

Served as HS1 Oct 83-84. Relieved Glenn Jones. LT Will Agen (a clear thinker!) was CO. The only thing I did right was act quickly for a newly arrived SN who came down with appendicitis on Will's Change-of- Command, and he needed to be MEDEVAC'd to NRMCMC Guam. He had his appendices removed just in the nick of time on the operating room table. While I was there the SEABESS proved to be good people, the Peace Corps workers were generally screwed up (sad), and we were all treated much too well by the Yapese. All of you honorable Coasies who got married - I salute you. We had a goofy 36 year-old married cook (SS1 - later advanced to SSC!) that got a 14 year old Yapese girl pregnant. Nice move. Good leadership though provided by MKC Lutz and DC1 Keith Nelson who thought of others first.

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**On 03/03/00 Bill Reynolds** said:

I was on Yap for about 3 months doing road repair with a few guys from Guam. Chief Devaul, George Asiveto Tex Dotson. would like to hear from anybody of that time. Had some good times at that booney store.

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**On 03/01/00 Carl Johnson CWO (ret)** said:

Spent 5 months on Yap right after the station was commissioned. Came from Lorsta Cocos, the Group had just implemented a policy that you could transfer to another Lorsta after 6 months if there was an opening. The Sea-Bees showed up to rebuild the road (?) to the station (35 of them). Everyone doubled up in the rooms to make room for them. All were hard workers but played harder. First and only time in career I was restricted to a unit and because of their antics. Was there when we ran out of water. Quite a sight seeing all those naked sailors outside taking a shower in the first cloud burst!!

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**On 02/16/00 D. WEAVER** said:

I WAS STATIONED ON YAP IN 80 AND 81 MY FIRST UNIT , WHAT A WAY TO START, TO GO FROM DRESS BLUES TO SHORTS AND NO SHIRT MOST OF THE TIME, GREAT PLACE TO KICK BACK AND SEE THE SIGHTS.

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**On 12/13/99 GM1 Hauge (ex ET3)** said:

Was at LORSTA Yap from 85-87 as an ET. Married Christina Marmar and moved to Yorktown VA where I switched rates to GM. Stationed on the Jarvis, D-14 Armory, Rush and currently at WAT Key West.

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**On 11/11/99 Keith Nelson** said:

I was on Yap, from Mar83-Mar84, Lt Ellis was CO, CWO Walker, was XO and MKC Lutz was EO, I believe I relieved DC1 Sloane at the time, I reported. Had a Great time, Will never forget the weekend cattle runs to villages with blue Isuzu flatbed. Does anyone know what ever happened to HS1 Glen Jones. Ran into MKCLutz in Honolulu, in 1990.

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**On 10/02/99 Bob Barrette** said:

Was the HS from March 77 to April 78, stayed an extra two weeks or so on leave before catching my flight out! Loved every minute of my time there. Would love to hear from old crewmembers and swap sea stories, or real stories ( some of the things we did there could never have been done anywhere else or at any other time in our lifes ) Anyway hello to all former Yap crewmembers.

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**On 06/29/99 ET1 Ken Millson** said:

Hello all, I am trying to complete my collection of USCG Loran Station Zippo lighters. If anyone has one they are willing to sell please let me know. I will pay a reasonable price for the lighter as well as the shipping costs. Thank you all for your time.

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**On 06/06/99 Norman George** said:

I was stationed on CGLORSTA Yap from May 66-May 67...it was a rough time in my life...I was 18 and still growing

up...made some good friends, and probably as many enemies, but learned a lot about life. Have often wondered what happened to those I knew there...any of you out there???

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**On 06/05/99 Mike Holland** said:

I was stationed on Yap from May 1971 to May 1972; first field assignment out of ET & Loran School, arrived as an SNET; a real eye-opener for a first unit. I remember everybody buying reel to reel tape recorders, Liberty runs to O'Keefe's Oasis, buying a Honda boonie-stomper motorcycle, hanging with some Peace Corps teachers who were pretty cool (not hanging with some who weren't cool) swapping movies and TV show 16mm reels with the Seabees to double our watching opportunities (I was the MPO), climbing the 1000 foot tower with a buddy when the transmitters were down for tower maintenance, getting booked for missing a curfew (imposed during the crackdown when the original CO was relieved of his command and replaced by a disciplinarian, to restore order), how important mail was, about a million frogs (toads?) coming out every night to feast upon the 20 million flies, the gecko who lived in my room, and sounded like he was laughing at me every night, the love/hate relationship with the local Yapese population, and some of the most bizarre shipmates I've ever had.

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**On 06/03/99 Doug Kroll** said:

I was the Commanding Officer from Nov. 72 to Nov. 73

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**On 05/13/99 AJ Pope** said:

Stationed in 86-87 til we closed it. Married a Yapese girl named Millie Goolyan. If anybody knows us, send an E-mail to say 'HI'.

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**On 04/05/99 skip tyler** said:

was stationed on yap from march 65 to july 65 then off to saipan until march of 66 and home. It powers was the co,station was about a year old when i got there,radio tower fell over,we ran out of fresh water,hauled it from the sea. like to hear from any one out there.

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**On 01/14/99 Nate Walker** said:

Yea, I'm guilty as charged. I had a great time at Yap. Steve you are correct. Captain Zimmer was a fantastic CO. When and where is the pig roast?

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**On 11/12/98 Steve Snell** said:

Hello Art, Tom, Nate, Doug (Mac),and Lt Zimmer! I didn't know Nate almost wrecked a truck, but I know I did! Seems a fork lift fork fell of in transit, and an ET and I went off looking for it in a Power Wagon. Well you know how those roads are, you just drive on the side with the least potholes. We just left the station and were adjadecent to the main fuel oil pipeline right before the turn to the right, to go to town. I guess I got off to the left a little to far...next thing I know we went from 35-40 MPH to zero in nothing flat! It was like slow motion watching that ET slam in to the windshield. I my self got a gut full of steering wheel, thought something ruptured. Man was I dazed! I opened the door and promptly fell out. The ET called the station on the Comco. By this time we had kinda pulled our guts back in (like the frogs did) and surveyed the damage to the vehicle. Evidently the front left axle caught the end of the guard rail. I still contend it was covered with vegetation and could not have been seen.... that cigarette I dropped had nothing to do with it! I know this has been long winded, so heres the bottom line: Lt Zimmer was the CO at the time, me being a boot and all was terrified of the ramifications of wrecking a GV. The LT. didn't hammer me, all I had to do was repair the Power Wagon with parts from the bone yard. Thanks Mr. Zimmer!

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**On 11/03/98 Eric Sloane** said:

82 to 83 I cleared out the leach field from years of neglect I came to Yap to find a lot of things not done . Tried to leave with all done . That i could, Lived through deslot and the rain.

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**On 10/10/98 Bob Zimmer** said:

Nate, remember when you almost wrecked the truck learning to drive. Greetings from your old C.O. LT. Zimmer. Hope life is trating you well and lets have a pig roast.

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**On 09/06/98 Tom Geheb** said:

dang its been a long time i know alot of yall Party atOkeefs

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**On 09/06/98 Tom Geheb** said:

hi all i'm new to freds place. served on Yap in 76 and again in 78/79 loved it

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**On 08/26/98 Art Dunn** said:

Party at Okeefe's Friday nite - Be there !

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**On 08/03/98 Mark Greenfield** said:

SA/SN MARSEC/YAP 6/76-7/77. AT 'A' SCHOOL 9/77-3/78. AIRSTA MIAMI 4/78-8/80. Pacific Bell Systems Technician 9/80-Present

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**On 07/08/98 Doug Kroll** said:

LTJG Doug Kroll, CO, 1972-1973. Have great memories of my first command. I ran into ETC John Montgomery a number of years ago in Washington, D.C. During my tour we had Operation Camel where CGC BASSWOOD brought us water from Guam and we hauled it from the harbor to dump on the tennis court cachment system.

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**On 07/06/98 Bob Nejedlo** said:

I was on yap in 69/70. Had great meals by Chip! I was a good year! If Proffit the radioman tunes in, give me an e-mail. I think of the crew often. Sure would be nice to get together again. I'd love to go there on vacation some day.

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**On 03/23/98 Steve Snell** said:

Mogethin, gag Churua (Churwa,Churwo) langig Steven Snell. Guchuw gow u waab ko 1981. Faanra gadow manang dow mu e-mail nigege, [stevenm@panama.gulf.net](mailto:stevenm@panama.gulf.net) Kefel bangyal ngodow, ngoded. Hello, my name is Steve snell, the above is a msg to any other Yapese Coastie wives. As for me, yes I'm still in the CG. Served @ the Cat house 12/77-9/78, liked it so much, went back for another tour in 1981. The old saying... you can never go back, rang true... first 3 months, was on restriction for half it! All in all, had the best times of my life, dirtbike riding, snorkling, jamming out to some killer sound systems, and partying! It was a great time to be young. Those tours taught a young Georgia boy a few things about human relations. Nate Walker, if your who I think you are, hello .

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**On 01/21/98 D. Mac McCoach** said:

James Chandler, If you visit again my better half says hello, she remembers you, you did wear glasses back then didn't you? Anyway her name is Rose, Rita's sister. Been married seems like forever now. Was stationed at LORSTA from Jul 80 through Jul 81. Worked the Cat house. Loved the place and still get back every once in awhile. Still keep tabs on a few old Yap Mates. Most are retired now. Mac

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**On 10/03/97 John McGrory USCG RET** said:

73's Shipmates.I was your neighbor on Marcus Island (White Pearl) in 1965. Been trying to locate RM2 Thurston DeCatur

who worked the circuits with me from NRV7 YAP. If anyone knows him, give me a holler. Wouldn't trade LORAN experience for anything.

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**On 09/10/97 Dave Cutler** said:

I'm looking for Gideon Cook stationed on Yap 1966-67, or someone who may have known him.

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**On 07/25/97 Nathan Walker** said:

Hoy Kafel. Hello fellow mates. I hope my spelling is correct for the greeting. I was stationed at LORSTA Yap in 1978.

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**On 06/29/97 James Chandler** said:

I was stationed in Yap 76-77. I spent a lot of my liberty time riding a 125cc Yamaha that I had shipped to the Island from Guam.

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**On 06/22/97 Jay Ellis** said:

Lt Jay Ellis, CO 5/82-6/83. I see a few of my shipmates' names at the table. Good memories. What a great place to spend a year, especially Danny Moses' breakfast SOS! Anyone for a log run to the old airport in the mud?

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**On 06/09/97 Richard Lutz** said:

Corrected e-mail address!

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**On 06/07/97 Richard Lutz** said:

I served on YAP as engineer from JUN 76-JUN 77. Second tour was as Chief Engineer from AUG 82 to APR 84. I have been traveling back to YAP over the past 20 years. Very few changes, outside of Colonia. Last visit JUL 96.

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**On 05/31/97 Eric Sloane** said:

april 82 to may 83 a lot of fun got the jeep out of the ditch and a lot moreEric E Sloane

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**On 04/07/97 HS1 Shawn Wertman** said:

Not another engine watch! I was stationed from '79 to '80. FN Wertman

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**On 02/26/97 Darrell Mintmier** said:

I was last BM (XPO) to serve aboard LORSTA Yap. Left Feb. 83. What a great tour and cultural experience. I well remember beetlenut, grass skirts, topless women, log runs and plenty of beer. Too bad the land of stone money had to go.

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**On 02/20/97 Tommy Moore** said:

Hello Tommy Moore here. stayed on YAP from June 74- June 75 Anyone there during that time give me a call

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**On 01/18/97 Joe Matthews** said:

I was the doc in 85. Great station! Been trying to get back out there on ships the closest I've come was Ponape.

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**On 01/07/97 Jerry Walker** said:

CWO2 Jerry Walker / Aug '82 - Sep '83. Ah, yes!! The land of stone money & story boards. Have each as a remembrance. Was STO and first XO...last XPO departed FEB '83 Installed DeSLoT system with D14 an FESEC help. Great experience/job to learn "patience." Beettlenut, anyone??

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**On 12/15/96 Mack Campbell** said:

Stationed with M/R road repair crew from CG base Honolulu. 1965-1966 Hope to see it again someday

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**On 12/02/96 David Aitken** said:

I just saw the comments from Mark from his tour in 1980. It is good to see nothing changed. I was there in 1966 and his description sounded just like what I remember. Did they ever get the fresh water shortage problem fixed? Has it been shut down by now?

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**On 12/01/96 Mark Locklear** said:

I arrived on Yap in AUG 1980 and spent a year there. This was my first unit after boot camp. The first things I saw when I stepped off the plane were the grass roofed canopy that served as the air terminal, topless native women in grass skirts, and Japanese Zero fighter planes left over from World War II. It turned out to be a great year!

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