

**OLD Reunion Hall Table for:
LORSTA Johnston Island**

On 09/14/07 QC said:

My Dad, Quentin Campbell (Red Bluff, CA), was there from 64-65. Employed by Holmes & Narver; poured alot of concrete and was there during the build up of JI. I remember him telling me how good the food was, and all the beer they drank. I only remember two names: Charles S. Arakaki (Honolulu?) and Gary Sawyer (?) (Redding, CA). Just keeping the names & memories alive as a tribute to the old man.

On 03/31/07 Phil Platter said:

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

On 03/23/07 Phil Sorensen said:

have a slide show of JI on YouTube.. Just enter: thetis270 in search box .. was there from 1960 to '61

On 02/20/07 Fernando Leos said:

Sorry, I did mention my thyriod problem. But I still say something is wrong.

On 02/20/07 Fernando Leos said:

My bad, my first name is 'Fernando' and yes it does make me wonder as how many for members stationed on J.I. have had medical problems. I did say anything about the 'thyroid' but I had all my thyroid removed in 1985 via nuclear medical. I have to take a synthyriod pill the rest of my life. Thanks

On 02/12/07 sean moley said:

I had part of my throid removed 3 years ago. I was told it was not normal. in particular to males. makes you wonder huh Fernand?

On 02/12/07 Fernand Leos said:

I was stationed on J.I. from Nov 71 to Nov 72 with the USAF. I did not know about the junk (AO, plutonium, etc) that was on J.I. I have recently gotten Type 2 diabetes and in 1985 had my thryoid removed. Am looking for picture of 'leakers' and also anybody there between 71 - 72. Thanks

On 02/09/07 Bryan Marx said:

Hey Guys, haven't seen any of the guys I knew from there here, I was on Johnston 75-76. I've been doing a lot of reading, studying about the old island recently. It began with a documentary on pbs about the U.S. and bio weapons testing. I have found several sites about Johnston and message boards there and I think you guys should be aware that (as we all know) the place was covered in poison. Yes we knew about the plutonium, and the A.O., but seems they did bio testing there as well. If you read you will find that a lot of people out there are getting sick. I suggest you goggle 'lorsta Johnston Agent Orange. If you have lumps in your lymph nodes, they might have got you.

On 11/01/06 Sean Moley said:

I miss putting a can of beer in the cannon and hearing it hit the shack during colors. And of course the Army dudes getting pissed

On 10/27/06 Sean Moley said:

It took a lot of searching to find this site. I was stationed there as a 'boot' from 89-90. I really miss the place and the people. Those damn geckos tripping the transmitter! The bull horn over my bunk was a nice touch. Burn your own steak. Lose your hat at the tiki and the endless supply of women!! Those were the days

On 10/06/06 Greg Wells said:

I was there June 1970 to June 1971 as cook CS3 with Bob Maddock as my CS1. Bob's favorite saying was 'I'd go over the hill if there was a hill to go over'

On 09/09/06 Pete ONeal said:

Stationed on JI as XPO with Gary Schenck and Roger Shell during 84 & 85. Spent most of the time with the birds -- anyone still around from those days?

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.

On 05/09/06 Robert Streeter said:

New Johnston Island Memories Website: <http://www.johnstonmemories.com>

On 04/28/06 David Mackey said:

I was there 83-84 with Jim Hansen, Marty Delgado, Gary Moore, Jim Zwicker, Mark Smith, Devin Swisher, CO Gary Schenk. Became more nostalgic now that I know it is all gone. Have a lot of fond memories from there.

On 03/23/06 David Morrow said:

I was an RM on J.I. from Nov 75 to Oct 76. Saw some recent pictures of the island, everything is gone. Too bad, that place represents some very intense memories and friendships. Would have liked to visit again.

On 02/07/06 R Vick said:

I was at J.I. Nov71-Nov72 and have thought often about the place since. I was ET3 and became a ET2 while there. Great memories, if there had been women there, I would still be there..Understand that it went up for auction in January06...

On 01/07/06 dana patton said:

i was in ji in 85, 86, im looking for info, on the colonerals secretary at tht tm. if any knows hw too reach her or remembers her name let me kno. also any other 55 bravos from tht tm email me.

On 12/11/05 J E Jones said:

i was at johnston 1980-81 was a great place sometimes wish i could return

On 07/20/05 Don Shuey said:

Feb 68 to Feb 69 I was an ET3. Had some really great times and great fishing and snorkeling. Wish I could go back

On 04/03/05 Bruce Weatherly said:

Was an EN-2 at JI April 70-71, I always wanted to come back and visit in my later years, great fishing and diving, I loved it, we had a great crew, got to see two rocket launches during my tour. The nerve gas came about two months before I left.

On 03/29/05 Charles N. Hill said:

I was at Sand Island, JA, from very late November or early December, 1962 to November 19, 1963, as ET3 and ET2, took over some of Jay Goff's communications duties when we lost both him and his RM2 billet. I printed some aerial shots of Sand Island while there and still have one---very nice---scanned at 300 DPI, with appropriate annotations. Picture dates to 1962 bomb test evacuations, I believe. Free to good homes as an e-mail attachment (700KB-4 minutes download). I see Goff's name here, and Charlie Francis' name. Don't know why after 42 years, but the memories of that place are still as bright as the Pacific Sun: RM Jay Goff, ET's Charlie Francis, Terry Winner, Charlie Branch (thanks for the bag trick), Charlie Johnson, Linwood C. Stowe. Frank (Pancho) Dougherty, Waltenbaugh, SN's Joseph Jesus Diaz, Rob Roy Cuthbert, Ron McConahey, Hildebrand, Cook Charlie Duncan, EN Ron Hinton, CO's Paul Welling, William H. Hayes, Jr.---the names still register, and the faces appear, as well. After Lorsta Johnston, I put in 18 months at Radio New York on Fire Island (where they well-remembered Frank Dougherty), then bailed out in the summer of '65.

On 01/04/05 Marty Delgado said:

Looking for those 'Wild and Crazy Guys' that were stationed there from May83 - May84. I was very pissed that the detailer sent me there, however it was the best time I had in the guard. I tried getting stationed back there, but no luck. Miss those times seeing them army boys PT'ing in the morning and us driving in front of them drinking beer. Has anyone heard from Surfer Dude 'Dave Mackey' or Hugh Bartlett (army SGT) that ran the TV/radio station? CWO4 Dale Moore will be retiring this year in ESU Miami,Fl.

On 12/24/04 Ron Bradley said:

Hi Gang, Once again I am changing my email address.

On 10/09/04 Jay Goff RMCS said:

5/62 to 5/63 on Johnston Island. I can remember ET's Branch, Grimes, Laycock, Stone, and Francis. CO's Welling and Hayes. TAD to Navy LPH's Iwo Jima and Princeton during this period because of bomb testing. Been retired from CG since 1980.

On 10/05/04 Jim Hansen said:

83 - 84 as an ET3. Sure miss skiing behind those Boston Whalers and Saturday night steak and bingo.

On 09/20/04 Mark Smith said:

Looking for Devin Swisher, stationed at J.I. from Oct 83 to Oct 84

On 06/27/04 Gene Smith said:

Nov '68- Nov '69. First loran station, what a memory. Great crew! Some fun times!

On 04/30/04 Kerry Walsh said:

Easy there LT! I heard you touched base with Stan the Man. We should figure out a way to get a live reunion together.

On 02/23/04 John Larned said:

Kerry Walsh is a d*!*he bag - how can he possibly be the host of this thing???? Kerry buddy - drop me a line- who else is checking in from '74-'75 era? all the best!

On 02/05/04 Richard Cantrall said:

Doc, I'm looking for Elvis the ET2 from the Cleveland area. Remember Presley?

On 02/05/04 Richard Cantrall said:

Was there June 61/June 62 with Doc Pearson. Wonderful time and good fishing. Caught a lot of morays and sharks.

On 11/11/03 Dan King said:

Spend a year on 'the rock' from 1979-1980. Sad to hear the island is closing up for good as of Jan 04. Sure would love to get in one more dive there!

On 09/26/02 Stan Albrechtsen said:

FYI... KH3 could become rarer still: The Daily DX reports that future DXpeditions to Johnston Island, KH3, may be much more difficult. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved a US Army plan to permanently close a chemical weapons disposal facility on Johnston. Four million pounds of weaponry have been disposed there since the facility opened in 1990, and the task of destroying the stockpile was completed two years ago. With the closure of the Army facility, the atoll will continue as a wildlife refuge, and administration will be turned over to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Johnston became a wildlife refuge in 1926. The unincorporated US territory is 825 miles southwest of Hawaii. The closure will mean less personnel present and fewer flights to and from Johnston Island.

On 07/21/01 MKCM Ron Bradley said:

Hi Gang, I have changed servers again to the one listed. Sure would like to hear from ENC Russel Kincade who was my boss in 1967.

On 02/26/01 Bob Hendrickson said:

First duty station out of boot camp. Since I was the only non-ET and they had lost the SK2 - I got the job. Didn't know squat about ERPAL! Wound-up asking a lot of questions of the SK2 at Upolu Pt LORSTA - ended up getting married to her. For those of you who followed the soap opera we divorced about a year later (oh well, make your mistakes young). Would love to hear from some of the old gang - Deke, Jimmy, Ed Mazzio, Tony, Bill Gardner, CAPT Video, CWO Ray/Stillman. What ever happened to Sigmund? Hopefully the locals down at the Waikiki Club didn't get ahold of him! Would love to go back to JI for a dive or two - and maybe for a 60-cent Tanqueray and tonic at the club! Hard to believe that was almost 20 years ago. I'm a LCDR -select now, spent most of my time in OPCENS and at sea. Just came off command afloat in Panama City, FL. Drop a line and tell me how many millions of dollars you're all making in your civilian tech jobs!

On 12/07/00 John Denscombe said:

I was an ET3 on Sand Island from July 68 through July 69. Looking back, after 30 years, it was just a blip on the radar screen. What makes it so memorable was having the opportunity to serve with such a great bunch of 'coasties' and the Hawaiians from the Riggers Loft.

On 11/17/00 Doc Pearson said:

I was the HM2 on Johnston from October 61 thru Oct 62. Participated in all sorts of fun and games aboard the Iwo Jima during our evacs during JTF8. Remember Bo and Jeff, our celibate hounds who dove for rocks and ate mice on the mess deck? Remember the night Strickland was running the movies and the Chaplain was there, and the film was all over the projection room? Remember the Roadrunner cartoons that never made it back to Pearl Hrbr? Hey guys, weren't those the days? And remember the Christmas party in '61 when the CO and XO were at Major Cady's place and all those jugs came out from hiding? Drop us a line.

On 07/28/00 Charles Francis said:

I was ET3 on Johnston Island 04/62 to 03/63 during last atmospheric testing. Fascinating duty. All that secrecy we could

not write home about. When I got off the island, it was all in Life and Time magazine! CO was Paul Welling. I remember the Hawaiian construction crews that would come over on the weekends and fish, then cook a luau. We provide the beer, some pans and oil, they provide everything else. I remember CWO2 KJ6BV, and got my novice license: KN1WIT/KJ6. Open canteen - never had a problem. I have a good story about the '50 miles in 24 hours' fitness program that was all the rage (Sorry Mr. Welling). I got to go up the tower twice. Read 107 books. I would be glad to communicate.

On 06/11/00 David Franklin said:

Was on JI Aug. 73- Aug. 74 had some good times,lots of diving with Walsh & Taylor.

On 03/30/00 John Crowding said:

Stationed there Sep 90 to Nov 91. Great bunch of people. I also worked part time over at the main club. Remember Charlie and all those fish.

On 12/28/99 Kerry said:

Haven't been called Waldoon in awhile! By the way, when did you learn to spell!

On 12/27/99 Stan Albrechtsen ex ET1 said:

Hey Waldoon, I mean Kerry, have the name corrected in the opening list of units... it's JOHNSTON not johnson!

On 12/26/99 TJ Brennan said:

I was the last CO of JI. It was the best station of my career. I miss the weather and the people. Wonderful island... wonderful experience!

On 05/08/99 Martin Montour said:

Stationed on Johnston Atoll back in 85-86. What a great place to look back on

On 03/31/99 Devin Swisher said:

Stationed at Johnston Atoll for most of 1984 seeking fellow crew from those daze...

On 03/22/99 MKCM Ron Bradley said:

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On 03/09/99 Kerry Walsh said:

The year I spent on Johnston, 73/74, was one of the best.Last night I was sitting at home in Portland, Oregon, and the phone rang. John Larned, as in LTjg, was passing through town. Somehow he remembered that I lived in Portland and looked me up. I had breakfast with him this morning and we tripped down memory lane looking through a bunch of my pictures and the crummy black and white picture in the cardboard frame, the one that so many cool people signed and the one that brings back a lot of good memories.If you pass this way please drop me a line and say hello.

On 02/28/99 Melvyn L. Mazza said:

Stationed at this wonderful assignment 73-74 and with few exceptions had the time of my life. My first remote assignment after being married only three years but I had a lot of help to survive. Would like to hear about its status and talk to anyone that was there when I was.

On 02/01/99 Stan Albrechtsen said:

I was on Johnston 74-75. What a great 'isolated' duty station!Great diving, fishing, bird watching, haming & partying

!!!Too many hours of watch standing... but a great bunch of guys.Hello to all you ex-JIers out there...

On 01/29/99 Phil Sorensen said:

came aboard in april '60- first assignment aftergroton. turned off the transmitters for the last time in early '61 when the A station was relocated to Sand Island with the new C station. William Morris III, LTjg was the CO. left in april '61 as ET2.

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

Made many trips to Johnston Island while on district (eee) staff (1971-1972 and 1978-1984). Also, was on French Frigate Shoals 1970-1971 when we were the dual Loran-A master station and Loran-C monitor Station. Had a friend who was part of the old station on the main island (1959-1960) when the construction of the Loran-C station was going on at Sand Island. Lots of good times there. Like to hear from former crew members there who knew me.

On 12/11/98 John Schaal said:

Was on J.I. from 11/66 - 11/67. I was an FN. Will never forget painting the fuel tanks or the fire in one of the generators.Would like to retire there now!

On 04/13/98 Bob Jackson said:

Spent the wonderful time on the Island '62-'63 when they were still atmospheric testing .I was EM1 and John Fry was ENC ' he was advanced to WO and left me holding the bag for Engineering until a new ENC could be sent out. Paul Welling was CO.

On 03/20/98 Ed Brown said:

I was 1st class Corpsman on Johnston (home of the birds) from 63 to 64. Bill Hayes was CO, and then Thurman. Lost track of all old shipmates there

On 01/28/98 Bill Taylor said:

Was there 9/73 to 9/74. It was a long year but good duty and good friends

On 12/31/97 TTC Jim Donaldson said:

It is a lot better looking back on it.

On 09/07/97 Coleman Mark Ray CWO4 (ELEC) Retired 1991 said:

Was the CO here from 81 to 82. Great fishing, sailing, and good people. If you had to go isolated JI was the place to do it.

On 09/01/97 Capt John Miner (Ret) said:

I was CO 1971-1972 during gas transfer fm Okinawa

On 06/27/97 Kenny Floyd said:

I was station on Johnson Island from January 1978 to August 1978. I was an ET2.

On 05/05/97 Duane Fowler said:

I was stationed on Johnston as an ET3 from July 1978 to July 1979.

On 01/29/97 MKCM Ronald Bradley said:

I went to the island in Dec 1966 as a new EN2 and left in Dec 1967 as a new EN1. That was fast rates during the Viet Nam buildup. My year on the island was the best year of my life.

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