

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

On 12/03/07 steven D said:

As I remember it, in 63 64 we had a 16 foot outboard MB and we had the Navy out with heavy loads with and LCM-8 they operated. There was a typhoon think it was called susan and it ran a palm three arm through the wall. I believe that yap was getting on line with loran C and our skipper loved to play poker on the mess deck in thoes old Q huts we lived in. Also the coconut crabs. Returned from my isolated duty to PSU alamed, tried to get into Ron 1 and they were full up so like any good bosun mate got out and went into the USMC have cruised around these pages but dont see many costies from the 60's oh well semper fi (you have to go out/ but you dont have to come back

On 03/31/07 clayton said:

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

On 02/15/05 Jerry Simpkins said:

In my previous comment I said we had a small LCI for liberty runs to Merizo....that's wrong....think it was called an LCP....memory is the second thing to go....jump in here and help me out.....God bless and have a great day.

On 02/11/05 Jerry Simpkins said:

Served on the Cocos island LORAN station from May-51 to Aug-52...spent 15 months on Ulithi before this so had living on a small island in the pacific pretty well figured out when I arrived here...the typhoon of 49 destroyed this place so our electronics was in two trailers until we finished that concrete bldg...used an LCM to take the power wagon to Guam for supplies...had a small LCI for liberty runs to Merizo ...hung out in two bars in Merizo...one of them was Cedros...can't remember the other one...hired a man from Merizo to help in the mess hall...his name was Frank...then there was a native from Palau that just hung around...his name was Tanish...don't know where that goat came from...let me know how things went after 1952...God bless and have a great day.

On 01/06/02 Henry W. Michael HMC said:

I was at Cocos Island right after the hurricane of '54. The station weathered the storm well, the concrete loran/power building was intact, the quonset huts had wet decks, and there was 6 inches of fresh sand on the lawn, so no lawn to mow. We had a 16' outboard for bringing supplies from Merizo and a dodge powerwagon on the pier to get supplies from Agana. The CO had a 14' wood outboard with a 30 hp motor for water skiing. Some of the crew had an outrigger canoe made by some of the fishermen nearby, it was great for sailing in the lagoon and diving from, had to do a lot of bailing sometimes. An uneventful year, except for antenna fell down one night about 0200, only off air for about 40 min. Worked from 0700 to 1200 and rest of time was ours. Had a very good crew. Duty there, weather, etc much different than LORSTA Port Clarence or LORSTA Bonavista. Doc

On 04/05/00 Robert Corbett said:

I Was on Cocos in 60-61 as an EN1 I will never forget the old UD-9 Generators they did a good job. Culbertson was BMC (deceased) Taplin was CO Dobson was ET1 Mama Sloan was the CS1 I had FORGAM as a EN3 over all it was good duty to be Isolatd would like to hear from any prior Shipmates

On 08/16/99 Dennis Mead said:

I'm a civilian working in D14. My job is environmental remediation of former CG sites. I was on Cocos Island last year and saw the former loran station building that is still standing. Does anyone remember or have any pictures of the former

'dump site'? There are no tourist in the area of the former loran station, just the jungle! Any help would be appreciated!

On 11/10/97 bill bybee said:

I was EN3 and stationed here after leaving the CGC PLANETREE in 1951. The station was quonset huts and we had an LCM to go back & forth to the mainland. We also had some local people from the town that worked at our station. Learned how to catch octopus at night and low tide from them. Also had chickens and a goat on the island and would take the chickens to the cock fights on Guam. The locals that worked at our stationed trained them and won & lost money. LATER !!!!!!!!!!!

On 10/31/97 Armand Petri said:

I was at Cocos on TDY from Saipan during '55 to assist in a Timer problem. And again in '58 from CG Depot ET Shop to restore the antenna ground system after a Typhoon. There was a Japanese fishing boat beached there at the time. I have some photo's of the place taken from the Antenna and one photo of the station sign. It is kind of a night scene with the moon and a couple of palm trees and the CG Logo and USCG Cocos Island lettering. To get to Cocos Is. we took the outboard from Merizo town to the Island. There was a nice place in Merizo called Mary's and she made great hamburgers and had cold beer. I layed over at Guam last year while traveling Space A. I went to Merizo but didn't go out to the Island. Cocos is now a privately owned Island and a resort of some sort. The place is crawling with tourists.

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