

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

On 01/25/08 Ron Bruchwalski said:

I served at Hokkaido from Sep '80 to Oct '81. I was a SN at the time. Right out of bootcamp and I went to Japan! Oh the memories....all night poker, screaming down the hill by the fuel farm on the riding mower, and rolling the blue pickup coming back from a 'trash run'...those were the days. Sorry to hear about ShiShi. A good man who will be sorely missed.

On 09/10/07 Masa Kinoshita said:

My name is MASANORI KINOSHITA living in Japanese Urahorocho. Are people of the duty cheerful in Hokkaido LORAN C in old days? Is there a person remembering? My wife is MIKI, and daughters are MADOKA of 26 years old and MAI of 19 years old. I will go in N.Y on December 30. Please send e-mail for me that live near N.Y. I want meet you. Please give me your photograph.

On 07/04/07 BMCM C. DUNN, RETD, 1980 said:

I spent 1960/61 at Matsumae LORAN A. This station was located on the southren tip of Hokkaido, Japan. It was truly isolated. Nothing but a small fishing village. ETs Whiddon, Osgood, Wenger, SN, Kotsis, Bates, Bengal to name afew. Oh yes, I was a SNBM.

On 04/23/07 Bob Farringer said:

Oh for the days I spend on Hokkaido. I was there from 71 to 73. It was by far the best duty I spent in the Coast Guard. Thanks to Tim Handcock and Bruce Eckes for the great times

On 04/07/07 Paul said:

I was stationed at a unit that is now decommissioned. Can I get a photo of my old unit? Though our office maintains historical files on most units that were decommissioned or previously stationed here, we do not have stock prints available upon request or for sale. Coast Guard imagery is kept at Coast Guard headquarters. Prints are available for a fee by contacting: Commandant (G-CP-1) 2100 2nd St. S.W. Washington, D.C. 20593-0001 (202) 267-1019 FAX (202) 267-4645

On 03/29/07 Chuck Conner said:

Hi to all the Hokkaido Alumni. CWO there in 83-84. retired in 86. Had a great time, but don't miss the snow.

On 03/18/07 Phil French said:

New Email. I also have some pictures of the unit and friends f anyone is interested... circa 83

On 10/29/06 Paul said:

Crew Lists If you are looking for the names of the crew of a particular cutter or those of a Coast Guard station, you will need to send a request, in writing, to the following office in the Coast Guard's personnel command. Please indicate in the letter which cutter or station and the date (month and year) you are interested in: Records Branch, CGPC-adm-3 U.S. Coast Guard Personnel Command 4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1100 Arlington, VA 22203-1804

On 10/27/06 ,l,`r,`m,n,q,h @j,h,m,n,r,g,h,s,` said:

this is KINOSITA MASANORI. How are you everybody? It did that is various with everybody. LORSTA HOKKAIDO is gone from URAHORO and pass about 10. Did it do that is really various with everybody? All are dear wonderful recollection.

We are fine everybody. Even MIKIKO of the wife is fine. MADOKA of the daughter gets married 4 years ago and there are two children. It is doing the job in the material factory made of my with the husband of MADOKA. The MAI of another daughter is high school graduation next year. She likes the hiphop dance. It is possible even the piano and saxophone well. As for the person who remembers it about me, please contact.

On 08/16/06 Ken Maddox said:

I was the SK2 at the Lorsta 86-87. Sorry to hear about ShiShi. God bless him. I had forgotten about him running the pool table with a mop until I read one of the earlier posts. I have a lot of very fond memories of the station. Drinking Kirin's and Sapporo's down on the beach, walking the beach looking for glass balls, eating Ghengis Khan in Obihiro, planning a huge halloween party and having Jack Sato help us with a flyer which we posted in about every bar in Obihiro. The night of the party the only locals who showed up were our friends. That Monday morning we showed ShiShi the flyer and Jack had screwed up the translation. I think he put the date as two weeks after Halloween. Anyway, I would love to hear from any of the old crew. I'm still in but will be retiring next summer.

On 08/10/06 Wayne Fisher said:

I served at the station for 51 weeks in 78-79 . I remember 3 feet of snow on Xmas eve and another 3 foot on NY 's eve! We were shoveling until late march. I remember many of the guys Paul Downs mentioned. Many a night listening to Al Howerton's killer stereo , or was it Quad? DC2 Collins 'made 'a convertable that almost decapitated him. We all spent LOTS of time trying to get friendly with the local girls. Shi- Shi always responded to compliments by saying that he did not cook the food- the oven cooked.RIP. Danny Maxy- good ole southern boy- RIP. Would love to hear from Ernie Foster or any of the other folks.

On 07/31/06 Paul said:

http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/STATIONS/oran_index.html

On 07/28/06 Carl Griffin said:

What memories .. We all loved ShiShi miss him too . Was there 68 and 69 . I now live in Orlando ,Fl would love to hear from any of the old crew . Wonder what the place looks like now ?? How it survived all of us who were stationed there ..

On 06/05/06 Paul Downs said:

I was an ET1 at the station & remember a lot of people. ETC Ford, ET1 StClair, MK2 Danny Maxy (who later died on the CGC Blackthorn when it collided with a tanker & sank) ET2 Al Howerton, ET3 Al David, MKCS Watson, ET3 Edmunds, ET3 Tony Newcomb, an FN that we called "Wild Bill Walker", CWO Johnson, CWO DeHaan, LTjg Jacobs, SN "Flip", an ET2 that we called "Pie", FN Fisher, DC2 Collins, SS1 Deleon, SK2 "Ski", BM1 Midgett and many other great sailors. My 1-year stay in Tokachibuto in 1979 was a wonderful part of my Coast Guard career. I remember taking Judo in Urahoro with Jack Sato, SN Mike Genovese, and a Japanese guy named Tsuyoshi who worked on the dairy farm behind the LORSTA. Enjoyed patronizing the local pubs and drinking Saki, Kirin Beer, & Suntory whiskey while singing songs and dancing with the mama sans in the bars. Played rugby in Obihiro with a Japanese team called the "Walker Crowd". I regret to say that I lost track of some very wonderful Japanese people (Minami, Heroshi, and Tsuyoshi), but I'll always have the memories. If you were in Hokkaido with me I'd enjoy hearing from you - please email me at bantrybay@comcast.net. I retired from the Coast Guard in 1993 and I'm now living and working in Vancouver, WA.

On 04/14/06 Gerry Beneke said:

Chumley!! Where are you?? Living in Obi Hiro??

On 03/20/06 Gerry Beneke said:

I thought I had posted here, but i guess not, since I can't find it. I was MKC from 87 - 89 I remember a few folks, but lost some memory from a medical problem which percipitated my retirement. Warmest Greetings to all.

On 03/20/06 CWO2 Michael H. Lutz said:

All Hands from 91-92, I just wanted to pass the word that DC2 Mike Lutz will be retiring as of 01 July 2006. I did 6 in the Navy then 20 in the Coast Guard. It was a pleasure serving with each and everyone of you. Keep in touch and stop by and see me in Illinois someday. I'll keep the beer cold and ready for ya.

On 03/18/06 Scott Jones said:

Just wanted you all to know that Bob (the same as below) recently passed away. He was married to my cousin LaVada. - Scott On 12/08/99 Robert (Bob) kakun (rskakun@yahoo.com) said: I was the second Corpsman assigned to Hokkaido LORSTA March 64 to late July 64, transferred in from Gesashi LORSTA. I see that the dam and lake is gone, I was assisted by the Japanese during my short stay in establishing the earthen dam and pond just below the spillway.

On 12/13/05 Chumley Walrus said:

Doug Genter where are you?

On 09/02/05 Tim Hancock said:

Was stationed at Lorsta Hokaido in 72 & 73. A lost BM3. Great 13 months. Anybody know where Bruce Eckes is/

On 08/26/05 Daryle Sawyer said:

Stationed at Hokkaido in 87-88..Great duty. I was just out of boot camp. Great times their. getting away in the antenna field, finding glass balls on the beach. Shi Shi was awesome. He will always be remembered by us all. Remembr genter and crazy ackley....I will have to post some pics...Was their when we had to run the generators cont...due to power outage problems with local power company...Take care

On 07/27/05 Robert Herbert said:

stationed there for most of 1989. Most vivid memories, bonfires on the beach and behind the antenna field, taping the windows prior to a typhoon, spending 3 months in the timer room trying to be a loran watchstander, chumley's wife folding laundry, the beer mess, waking up hungover, overnights to obihiro, snow (I'm in the desert right now and its july)

On 01/03/05 Greg said:

'Excuse me, does your dog bite?' 'No my dog does not bite'. Grrrrrrrrrrrr, ahhhhhhhh, grrrrrrrr, ahhhhhhhhhh. 'I thought you said your dog does not bite'. 'That is not my dog'.

On 12/21/04 J.P. said:

Was at Hokkiado 69 / 70. What an experience! Too many nights riding in the back of a 4x4 to get to Urahoro to spend my penitence wages at the local establishments. I see Chuck Flannery on here. Do you remember how we nearly had a mutiny over missing of 50 missing sheets and the infamous break in to the beer mess? I too remember the Inu village and running the wheels off our motorcycles to see the sights. Darn glad I was young when I was there never could have survived it today.

On 12/04/04 ET3 GALLO said:

Was there in 1992 and had a great tour of duty. All the guys there were really good people and I wont forget them.I am sorry to hear about ShiShi.It seemed like you were there for ever but when it came time to leave you quickly realized how

little time you really had there.Good luck every one.Dean

On 11/10/04 doug genther said:

Greg Ackley: I see your D14 address is no longer valid - E-mail me at gents4@yahoo.com

On 10/06/04 Chuck Flannery said:

Was there in '69-'70, Very sorry to hear about Shishi even back then he made a mark I'm sure most will not forget - open galley at that time and his patience was tried many a morning. At the time the crew was mixed - those who were on isolated duty and earned the extra time off & pay and those who decided to burn the candle at both ends. Amongst other memories we made a trip to the Inu village a few hours North? of the station - past Sasebo as I recall. Totem poles, log cabins and you could readily believe in the migration across the Bearing Straights land bridge. What an experience, one I'm sure none of us will ever forget.

On 08/31/04 John Hamre said:

My photo log is: http://hokkaido_japan.blogspot.com

On 08/31/04 John Hamre said:

Hey Coasties of Lorsta Hokkaido! I was there from 84 through 85. Fond memories for sure. If any of you want to check out my photo site you may see someone you know that was there. It's all about my time in Hokkaido. Love to hear from you too. Post a pin on my guest map while you are there ok? http://hokkaido_japan.blogspot.com/ John Hamre

On 08/13/04 jimmy carnes said:

was sn in 81, shishi could run the pool table with a mop! it was a tough year for me, no lying, i apologize to all concerned on my old behavior, i wish you all the best, and i have plenty of fond memories from japan.

On 08/11/04 Richard Hyatt said:

Sad to hear about Shi Shi, anyone know how Jack Sato is doing? Best duty of my life, anyone know Hero?

On 06/14/04 Giles Loftin said:

Very sad to hear about Shishi, he was such a great help to me (and everyone else for that matter) during my tour in Hokkaido (82-83). It's funny where one can find their mentors. I found Shishi long before the term reached popularity, but he encompassed all that the word characterizes. I pray we are all as fortunate as Shishi when we cross over, because being remembered so fondly by so many is the ultimate memorial. I'm sure He's somewhere up there looking down on us and smiling. Stay Well! Giles

On 01/22/04 Charles Babb said:

It's me, Doc Babb. I was there in '77-'78. If you were there, let's get together and talk in an e-mail.

On 01/12/04 Greg Ackley said:

Looking for Dougie Genther, responded to your e-mail some time ago. Where the %#*& are you?

On 11/12/03 Phil french ETC retired said:

It seems Shishi lives forever to those he touched. I do remember him being there for all of my mates and doing the extras like helping me get a motorbike and all the difficult paperwork. Had a great time touring with it and seeing things I never would have without his help.

On 10/20/03 John Chlystun said:

I was stationed at Loran Station Hokkaido fresh out of boot camp in 1991. To this day I still have fond memories of the station and the crew. Everyone always looked out for me. This is the first time I have seen this website, and I want to thank everyone who helped me especially Mike Lutz, Cheif Duncan, Dave Volkman, and Dean Gallo. God Bless you Shishi.

On 10/02/03 Phil said:

<http://www.uscg.mil/d14/units/feact/history.htm>

On 09/30/03 Mike Kirby 565-2202) said:

Very sorry to hear about Shishi. Shishi was like a father to me during tour at the station. I hung a picture in my office the moment I got out of the Guard with Shishi and I hugging each other outside of Loran-C. That picture will be with me forever. The good times I spent at Loran-C were awesome and the memories will stay with me till the day I die. Masa Kinoshita and his family have visited me twice here in California. We have kept in touch since the day I left. No doubts about it.....Hokkaido Loran-C was the best duty station I had and the best experience in my life. God bless you Shishi.

On 09/29/03 CWO2 Michael H. Lutz) said:

To all LORSTA HOKKAIDO Shipmates of all years, I received some sad news from a retired CG Corpsman that lives in Urahoro. Our old friend and mentor Shishi crossed the bar recently. The following is pasted from the email I received from Dr. Dennis Mellick-Noro; 'It is with heavy heart and tears in my eyes that I have to inform you of the passing of Shishihara Hiromichi. known to all of us as Shishi. As many of you know Shishi served as the cook at LORAN "C" Station Hokkaido Japan. Among his duties as cook he was also friend, brother and father to all of us who had the pleasure of his company for the year tour in Japan. I'm sure all have fond memories of Shishi, although some of you that mess cooked in his Galley may remember different times, but could never hold a grudge. Shishi will be cremated, as is the custom here Saturday September 20th 2003. Please e-mail me any message you wish to send and they will be added to his book of memories of the station and people that touched his life'. Dr. Dennis Mellick-Noro Urahoro, Japan

redwinejpn@hotmail.com

On 06/28/03 Chris Lumpkin said:

I would like to send my hopes and prayers to Shi Shi. Doc, if you check this page, could you update his condition? I sent you a note a few months ago. I am sure that some remeber Kinoshita, who is a grandfather now. I was there 89/90. Went to Ackley's wedding which was an honor and a blast. Enjoyed my year there very much. Shrine festival was the most unique experience in my life. We turned the station into a haunted house for Halloween. Ahh, the memories.

On 02/19/03 Steve Brookfield said:

Looking for Dave Baeder was a electrician at Loran sta Hokkaido late 70s early 80s. his wifes name was Komikko. Thanks. Steve Brookfield

On 02/10/03 Stacy Dickey said:

Was stationed out in Hokkaido in 90 91. I was the Food Serive Officer and Shi Shi and I work together. Please pass to him my hopes and prayers for his recovery along with his familys. i want to also thank him again for all his kindness and knowledge he has pass down to me.

On 01/31/03 Doug Genther said:

Greg 'Chumley' Ackley: Hopefully you see this before another FOUR years goes by. Drop me an email at 4genths@xpinternet.net. Dennis Mellick Noro - hey man! So sorry to hear about Shishi - prayers are out...hope he is well.

On 01/16/03 Ed Valenti said:

I was stationed at LORSTA Hokkaido from 5/89 to 5/90. Had a great time.

On 12/26/02 Steve Mahan said:

I'm Steve Mahan - I was also a professional SNEW in 75 and 76. Many great memories of Hokkaido and friends there. My regards and condolences to Shi Shi. I ran into CO Ron Borison in Galveston when I was in college there in the early 80s. He was forgiving of the wide path I cut while under his command. Still think about Jerry Carr, Barry Woodworth, Jim Henry and others and wonder what ya'll are up to.

On 12/10/02 Doc Noro said:

Hello my name is Dr. Dennis Mellick Noro I was stationed at LORSTA Hokkaido several times and retired there when we gave the station to the Japanese. Im writing you to let you know that Shishi is very ill suffering from liver cancer. I live only a few blocks from him in Urahoro Japan. He remembers all of you . I would like you to e mail me and let me and him remember your time at LORSTA Hokkaido. I will deliver your e-mails to him weekly Dr. Dennis Mellick-Noro 81 01557 63418 redwinejpn@hotmail.com

On 06/28/01 David Masinter said:

There as an ET3 From 6/75 to 6/76. Was told to get my bad duty station out of the way 1st to be assured a good one next. Hah! I had a ball. shared a car (Y...8) with an MK in the opposite duty section and travelled continually. stayed long enough to become a christian, baptized by a missionary from New Zealand. Small world, gettin smaller all the time. went from there to a monitor sta at Eglin AFB in Ft. Walton Beach,Fl. then at the Lorsta in George,Wa. rough life. Now living in Spokane,Wa. Any reunions? Hey Tim, Todd

On 02/03/01 Tom Kreuzkamp said:

I was there from Oct/80 - Jan/82 as a MK3/MK2. This was my best duty station in the eight years I was in the CG. Drop me a line if you were there during that period.

On 12/31/00 Mike Haucke said:

I had a great year there '67-'68. Does anyone know how to contact our CO, Frank T. Gallo, USCGR?

On 11/18/00 Gary Koehler said:

I was the ETC on the intial crew.Had a great time there. Was the organizer of the baseball team with Jack Sato. Left right after the Admiral showed up.

On 09/04/00 Doc Amster said:

Hokkaido was a great experience! Lots to do and people to meet. Was there in 87'88' and enjoyed it fully! To bad the satellites took over and we went GPS!

On 06/13/00 LCDR H. M. Nguyen said:

Check out FEACT homepage: <http://www.uscg.mil/d14/units/feact/Feact.htm>. You'll find info on current and former units, and may find a lost shipmate.

On 06/12/00 Charles Babb said:

I was at Lorsta Hokkaido in 77 and 78. I know the name of the bar owner and the coastie who lives there. I was corpsman. If anyone was there at the time, I would like to hear from them and swap sea stories.

On 02/28/00 Charles Upton, HMCM RET said:

Was stationed at Hokkaido 63 to 64. The station was less than a year old and if I am not mistaken, I was the third HM station there. I know that I was the first HM to spend a full tour there. LT. R. A. Applebaum, now a retired Rear Admiral, was the CO. It was a good duty station as far as LORSTA's go. Had a good crew. Played lot of base ball with the local people. Lots of good memories.

On 12/08/99 Robert (Bob) Skakun said:

I was the second Corpsman assigned to Hokkaido LORSTA March 64 to late July 64, transferred in from Gesashi LORSTA. I see that the dam and lake is gone, I was assisted by the Japanese during my short stay in establishing the earthen dam and pond just below the spillway.

On 09/04/99 Carl R. Sosna said:

I visited LORSTA Hokkaido on 11 AUG 99 for a short time. A lot of changes since I was there in 65-66. The station is operated by the JSDF(Air Force). There is a 14 person crew(13M,1F).The barracks building no longer exists. The crew lives off base and the signal power building has been greatly modified. The only section that is the same way it was when I last saw it in 1977 is the timer room. There are now 3 bedrooms(for watchstanders),an office,a meeting room,a kitchen/messhall,and an emergency generator room. The station is run by shore tie,so there are only two emergency diesel generators located in what was the garage at the far end of the building. I didn't have very much time to spend there as I was travelling with a Japanese friend. I did learn that there is an ex-Coastie living in Urahoro. If anyone is interested I have the CO's name and address.e-mail me and I'll pass it on. P.S. The dam and resivour are gone and the place is now overrun by deer and not cows.

On 06/11/99 dave fox said:

anyone out there still remember hokkaido in 66-67

On 05/02/99 Craig McInturff (Mac) said:

Hello all, I was there from Sept 1973 to Sept 1974. I was one of the 'professional' SNEWs, remember the fond memories of Obihero, (of course that is spelled wrong) and the fish balls in Urohoro. Hope Shi Shi and Jack Sato are in good health. Does anyone remember the name of the bar and the young moma san who ran it that the whole base always went to. BTW, is the CG still operating Hokkaido Lorsta

On 03/26/99 PHIL FRENCH said:

ET3 IN 83.. FORGET MOST NAMES BUT HAVE GREAT PICTURES OF MOST OF YOU GUYS THAT YEAR... HAD A GREAT TIME HOPE YOU READ THIS AND DROP A LINE..ROBERT, TOM, TOM, JILES , THAT RED HEAD HARLEY GUY, THE PUNK MAN, ALL YOU GUYS...HOPE YOUR WELL

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

Made several trips to Hokkaido while assigned to D14 (eee) staff (1978-1984). Also was CO at Kami Seya Monitor/Radio Station (1975-1978), which was control station of Hokkaido before the Yokota Monitor went into operation. Very fond memories of Hokkaido and the environs.

On 11/13/98 tim nixon said:

once agan they've changed my e-mail, I'm now at timnixon@comcast.net if anyone wants the station patch image or needs to email me.

On 11/01/98 Greg Ackley said:

Was Stationed at Hokkaido between 3/87 to 9/89. Best tour of duty yet. Anyone there at the same time drop me a line. Does anyone remeber, Curt Andrews SK2, Doug Genther ET2, Wayne Garcia SK2,

On 09/06/98 Art Whittum said:

Hello to any first or second crew members left. Some bittersweet memories and learning experiences from Tokachi-buto. Sid Sanderlin has passed over the bar. Wonder if the cows still graze on the front lawn? Anyhow, waist-deep snow and the Gendai Bar are just fuzzy memories now. Regards to all.

On 08/10/98 Carl Sosna LCDR Ret said:

I was aboard as an ETC from 7/65 to 7/66. Enjoyed the tour as much as you can being away from home for a year. Was assigned to FESEC in 75-77 and got to get back to Hokkaido for short stays. A lot of crazy things happened on that station. I still keep in touch with some of the locals I met there. If anyone remembers me, give a holler.

On 12/22/97 Tim Clepper said:

I was there in '78 -'79. I wonder how old Shi Shi and Jack Sato is doing? Drop me a line.

On 12/17/97 Tim Nixon said:

I have a scanned color image of the station patch (circa 1976) available. Please send a note requesting it in BMP,GIF or JPEG.

On 11/15/97 Michael H. Lutz said:

I was the DC2 there from June 91-92. Looking for any and all crew members from that time. Especially MKC Dick Duncan, SN John Chlystun, SN Barry Eppley, and SN Jason Boyd. I am the DC1 at GRU Buffalo now, and can be reached at po_m_lutz/grubuffalo@internet.uscg.mil or at the above address. Does anyone know the exact date that the station was turned over to the Japanese Forces? I wonder if Shishi's mood has improved any now that we are all gone !! ??

On 11/10/97 Tim Hancock said:

I was stationed at Hokkaido in 72-73. If anyone know the location of Bruce Eckes please let me know. I can be reached at (406)587-9673 in Bozeman, MT I have talked with and visited Jack Sato and Shishi since those days and I have Jack's address in Jpan. He visited me in 1995. He is fine and doing well although semi-retired. Any old shipmates from Hokkaido about that time feel free to call me.

On 11/05/97 Tim Nixon said:

I was there from Dec '75 to Dec '76 as an ET3 in the xmitter bldg. I am looking for everyone who was there when I was especially Dave Roberts (DC3) , Brian Pruitt (SN-BM), or Bruce Ensor (SN)e-mail me at the above address and also to tnixon@PCA.ml.com to make sure you get a reply.

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