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On 02/12/08 John Cyr said:

For anyone interested from the Lampedusa Crew of 1973-1974, my e-mail address has changed to: johncyr@verizon.net. Hope all are well and enjoying life to the fullest!

On 12/03/07 Ken Armstrong said:

New email if anyone wants to contact me: kenarmstrong@clearwire.net. I was CO 88-89. See the reunion website at <http://www.kenarmstrong.net/lampedusa>. (It will have its own domain name soon.)

On 08/06/07 Rodney Hotz said:

My name is Rodney W. Hotz. I doubt you remember me, but I served on Lampedusa 1974 - 1975 as an ET2, along with Woody, Cates, Lawler, Wise, Santee, Buddy Gray, Lacy Webb, Foster and others whose names have now faded from my memory. My gosh, I haven't thought of those names in years. I read a posting that referred to living in the hootches, moving into the new buildings, diving on the reefs. I ran across your postings on Fred's Place and couldn't help responding. Believe me, those names and those postings bring back a lot of memories. In fact, they stopped me dead in my tracks for more than a moment. I hope you and all are doing well. You've brightened up my day today, and it was pretty bright to begin with. If any of you care to answer and let me know how you are, I would most sincerely enjoy hearing from you.

On 03/26/07 Phil Platter said:

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

On 02/26/07 Ken Armstrong said:

Hey gang ... I was the skipper at Lampedusa '88-89. If you liked me, great. If you didn't, blame London. These days I'm a humble preacher in Grants Pass, Oregon.

On 02/25/07 Ken Fron said:

I was part of the commissioning crew. I arrived on Lampedusa as an ET2 June 1972 and left as an ET1 June 1973. There were some interesting times in between. There are a lot of shipmates that I'd like to say Hi to that are mentioned on this page: Robb Pierson, John Wright, Randy Griffing, Bob Wilson, Bob Brault, and Mr. Quinby. There are others not mentioned here from that first year that I wonder about and wish them well. After Lampedusa I spent some time at RADSTA Miami and at NAD Hawthorne Nevada to update the ATLSs that were stored there. I left the CG February 1974. After leaving the CG in 1974 I went back to school and to work. I worked in the machine tool business for 8-years with the highlight being involvement in the space shuttle project. Later I went on to be a software engineer at AT&T Bell Labs, which later became Lucent Technologies. I retired from Lucent in 2001 and have been teaching high school since then. Somewhere during that time I got married and had two children. To answer Robb Pierson's reunion question I'd go for one. Lampedusa would be the best spot but it might not be a convenient location. Hawthorne Nevada might be a possibility for this. Hawthorne has historical linkage to Lampedusa, the ATLS project, and the terrain in some spots even looks a little like Lampedusa's. Hawthorne even has a convention center (the El Capitan). Finally, I'd enjoy hearing from any Lampedusa shipmates. Just pop me an email.

On 01/27/07 Jeff Cable said:

Hey, Mike, Mike and Chris, I as on the rock 87-88. Got out in 90'. Live in Cincinnati. Married and 2 kids. Hello Marco.

On 11/05/06 Coleman Mark Ray said:

My My.. It has been a while. Ciao Marco, I am still living in Vicenza but doing a one year TDY to lovely Baghdad. Will be leaving the desert in April 07. Had some great times on the Rock. Mike Hammond are your retired yet?

On 11/03/06 John Hildebrandt said:

78/79 - Hi from SN Hildebrandt ...can't remember a lot ... painting, beer pong, skateboarding, mopeds, rabbit beach, bar roma, club nato, pretty girls - oh yes ... and LORSTA ops.

On 10/20/06 mike loy said:

hi everybody its me mike. i still go down to the rock just about every year. i live in milan for the last 11 years not so bad but every once in a while i miss the states. take care peace

On 10/14/06 Edward Nerlove said:

I have been trying to E-Mail Marco Bartolo but my mail keeps getting returned. Does anyone out there have Marco's correct E-Mail address?

On 09/19/06 Keith Phillips said:

I was on Lampedusa 81-82 had a great tour and crew. How about that lightning strike and off air 9 hours. I probably had a drink that day? Now retired in the desert of NW Arizona.

On 08/27/06 dennis regnerus said:

was on the island aug 75- sept 76. was called crunch, drop a line if you remember.

On 07/17/06 Cristofero Jarvis said:

EM2 CW 'Travis' Jarvis. Stationed on 'The Rock' in '89 with Chuck McGraham, Michael Loy, and a bunch of other malcontents. Bonjourno Marco -- hope you are doing well.

On 07/08/06 Tom Burger said:

I was on Lampedusa as an ET from 78-79. Don't really remember a lot details... Frank Klienberg's trips to Naples saw fit to that! The one thing I do remember were all the fights (I guess nothing else to do) and the stupid thing I did to the SK (Harry, do you recall what I wrote on the chalk board in the mess hall? I sincerely apologize). I'd love to hear from anyone there during that time. BTW, I also remember the live-in girl friends -- Boy those were so good nights!!!

On 01/25/06 Bobby Stapleton said:

On 30Dec05 I was promoted to Lieutenant with the NYPD. Now assigned to the 5th Precinct which covers the famous Little Italy, and Chinatown, here in Manhattan. Glad to be done working in the worst neighborhoods that Brooklyn offered. Hope all are well.

On 12/31/05 Harold Lee Forsythe said:

Hello, Happy New Year. Does anyone have Tower Climbing Pictures. 'Stores' 1978-79 (Two Summers)

On 12/16/05 Larry Ratcliffe said:

Hello to all, I have a new e-mail and handle for this site. It has been a while. Marco I am glad you are OK!

On 06/11/05 Robb Pierson said:

Any one up for setting up a reunion? I was on the construction/commissioning first crew.

On 03/20/05 Bill Cote said:

Hi everyone I was stationed on the rock from 84-85 would like to hear from any body stationed with me I also would like an update about Marco, Fraco Enzo and anyone I missed.

On 01/20/05 Marco Bartolo said:

Hi! Guys, here I am again after I read Ratcliffe note it was just fair to let you know that I am okay, I give my best wishes to all friends, God bless you all (I miss Lorsta Lampedusa) I had some very good years. The station is a cry, I went few days ago just outside the main gate and I didn't have the courage to go in, it is in a very terrible state.

On 01/18/05 Jason Brault said:

Hi Mr. Cyr! My father is Bob Brault, who served on Lampedusa from 73 to 74. I've emailed you at the address associated with your posting, but I'm unsure if that is still your email address. If it is not, would you please contact me? Thank you!

On 12/08/04 Tom Ruth said:

I served 83-84 as an ET2 at Lampedusa. It was a great experience! I will gladly reply to all. I wish all a Merry Christmas.

On 07/17/04 Bobby Stapleton said:

Was stationed there in 1987 until I was medevaced off, never to return. A great crew, always remembered Sandy Hackworth, who I relieved, Ed Seebode as well as many others. Now work as a Sergeant with the NYPD. Hope to hear from some

On 06/20/04 Bill Pasquina said:

Okay, guys, I won't bore you with comments about how easy you had it while guys like me served in tough spots -- Iwo Jima -- in the far east, but let me relate an experience that happened to me last month in Spain. Very stupidly, I was on a walking trip through the Pyrenees from the French Border to the sea at Santiago de Compostela. I got to the top of a mountain the first day wearing the only hat I had, a blue cap that said 'U.S.Coast Guard' on it. In deep woods, a tall dark wrinkled face guy with a Sicilian accent joined me and said, 'I have a hat like that'. I explained that it would be impossible because he was obviously Sicilian. He told me that he was Giuseppe, a doctor on the island of Lampedusa -- now living in Rome. Seemed like a great guy. He spoke highly of a chief on the island who gave him the hat. We shared some wine together and walked on. He kept going and I dropped out after 120 miles with a blown knee. As I did with many CG buddies, I got not address so I don't know how to contact him again. Too bad.

On 01/06/04 Michael loy said:

I served at Lorsta Lampedusa from Jan. 88 til Feb.89 where I met my wife. transferred to Sellia got married and moved on to campac after a few years. I got out in Aug. 95 and moved to Milano Italy. I go back to Lampedusa almost every summer and I can tell you a lot has changed.

On 12/02/03 Jan Freeman said:

I was stationed there '91-'92 I think it was. LT Catalano was the CO. I'm working for the CG AIRSTA in Port Angeles now as a GS. I'm originally from Oregon, but fell in love with this area. If you are ever in the area stop by and say HI! I'm also in the global.

On 04/25/03 Robb Pierson said:

Folks - Looking for a Lampedusa patch. Was on construction and commissioning crew. One was designed and then I

derosed!

On 04/23/03 John Cyr said:

Was the second corpsman on the rock 1973-1974. Would like to contact Dave Easley and Bob Brault if anyone knows their contact info. Would also enjoy hearing from anyone who was stationed with me. Can't believe it'd been so long...or that I'm now in my fifties with grown kids! I still have quite a few photos of the station being built, etc. would be glad to share with anyone interested.

On 03/25/03 John Wright said:

An updated email address. There as part of the comissioning crew, 1972- 1973. I will soon be uploading some pictures of the first crew. Check the photo section if interested.

On 12/28/02 Dave Conklin said:

Spent a memorable year in Lampedusa in 88-89? During that period there were some tough times, but we prevailed. Would enjoy hearing from others.

On 09/10/02 Lunar Morrison said:

If anyone knows the new location of Lacey Webb, MK-1, 1974-75 please contact me or ask him to give me a call at 205 553 1812 or on the e-mail system. Thanks

On 07/15/02 Todd Hall said:

Lampedusa seems so long ago. What a great time. The memories seem so vivid. Hope all is going well for my '84-'85 shipmates. Now a LCDR in Houston and nearing retirement after 26 years.

On 03/20/02 Don Opedal said:

I exchANGED E-Mail with Marco after reading Larry's comment on 12/15/01. Turns out the doctors on Lampedusa were wrong and everything is OK.

On 03/19/02 Eric McQuiston said:

SN McQuiston: AKA 'Q', 89-90. Hope all I served with and all who served are well. So sorry to hear about Marco, I wish Him well (If anyone has info please post it). I'd love to hear from anyone I served with, ELMO! are ya out there!?! How about Phil Nation? And Andy, last time I saw you was in Key West. Anyone interested, please feel free to get in touch! Ciao!

On 12/22/01 Will Quinby said:

Petty Officer 1/2 Class and US Army Corps of Engineers Project Engineer, 2/73-3-74. I remember Galliano and chess with Robb Pierson, bball with Ketchen and the crew, Wilson , Randy and Anna, John Wright, and a race that Tom Green and I ran from the station to Raymondo's pension. Retired as Philadelphia District Engineer in 1990. My son Baker is in a PSU out of St Pete (how I found this site), served at Point Judith, RI, and on the Valiant in Miami.

On 12/15/01 Larry Ratcliffe said:

For those of you who remember Marco Bartollo, I have some potetially bad news. He is believed to have a tumor in his head. We flew out with him when we left the island and he was going to a hospital in Milan. I have not heard from him since!

On 11/27/01 Larry Ratcliffe said:

I just got back on Saturday, from a ten day visit to the island! Had a great time visiting with Franco, his wife, Marco, and Giovanni. Did not go onto the station because all three told me it would make me sad! But other than that, just one more bit of news. If you want to hear, e-mail me @ Rratone1@cs.com!

On 08/24/01 Art Lawler said:

Served on Lampedusa from April 1974 to May 1975 as an Electrician's Mate under Jay Cates. Does any one know how to get a hold of the XO at that time Thomas E. Wise. Please let me know

On 08/16/01 Larry Ratcliffe said:

I was there and I am going back! On the rock 75 and 76!It was a great duty station! I will get back to all that e-mail me.

On 07/05/01 Tim Easterday said:

Changed e-mail address

On 06/12/01 Lowell Smith said:

I was a DC3 there in 82/83. Had great time. Would like to hear from others who were there at the same time. Any current word on Franco?

On 06/06/01 Larry Click said:

I was ET there from July 75 to July 76. I remember waterskiing all day on the bicentennial 4th of July. Trying to figure out what a 'pet rock' was when I got home, and that wind in the winter. Drop me a line if you were there with me. It was my best station, too. I went from there to 2 years at EECEN Wildwood, NJ.

On 06/06/01 WOODY WOODWARD said:

HI GANG I WAS ON THE ROCK WITH JAY CATES.IWAS JUST LOOKING AT PICTURES YESTERDAY ABOUT TAHT PLACE. JAY, DO YOU REMEMBER THE ACCIDENT IN THE BAISIN? PLEASE CONTACT ME. WOULD LIKE TO SEE HOW YOU ARE DOING.

On 03/07/01 Dave Hornung said:

I was a SN there from 82-83 with LTJG Harrell and LT Opedal. One of the best group of people I was ever station with. SK2 Tom Mueller, MKC Phillips, ET3 Anderson. Would like to go back and visit some day. Like to hear from former shipmates.

On 02/16/01 Dusty Lowell said:

wow big time flash back I was stationed on the 'Rock' from 91-92 what a great time at Cala Creta, Rabbit beach, every place to eat or drink I think we went there at least once!

On 01/29/01 Mike Hammond, CWO4 said:

Hey ya-ll- Thought I'd update my email address- moved back to the U.S. '99 and am now stationed at MSD Sturgeon Bay, WI- I was on the rock 86-87. Have Fun!

On 01/19/01 Jay Cates said:

Another memory flash----Our XO was Bill Wise. Helluva team, Tony & Bill.

On 01/18/01 Jay Cates said:

AND HARVEY THE INVISIBLE RABBIT

On 01/18/01 Jay Cates said:

Served on Lampedusa 7/74 to 7/75. Sure I remember Bob LaVallee. And Lacy Webb, Moon Morrison, Charlie Cole, 'Bigfoot' Rogerson (for a short while), Chief Mac (Maguire?), Bobby the cook before Regan, CO Tony Mink before Matt Dillon, partying at Franco's summer home, swimming in the settling basin, living in the hootches, moving into the new buildings, planting grass around the new building (did it ever grow?). And I'll never forget the winter winds.

On 11/24/00 Bob LaVallee said:

My time on the island was 2/74-2/75 as a DC2. I remember the trailers and moving into the new buildings. I also remember knocking the station off the air when doing a generator switch. I am still in contact with Rick Foster(ET2). I wonder if Space(Walters) ever went back to Thiland to open that house of ill repute.

On 11/02/00 Harold L Forsythe said:

I was stationed there 78-79, 18 months of fun in the sun. The crew from SN to Skipper behaved as Americans with a mission, but not to much pushing around of each other or the locals. I remember 3 sets of Bose 901's in our corridor. Tim Easterday had the 1st one and two more sets were purchased. Sure kept the wind a bay. Take care guys.

On 06/24/00 John Wright said:

Helped put that place on the air and stayed for 14 months 72-73. Dust, heat, no showers, 12 hour work nights and trying to sleep during the days. Lots of beera Messina. It was a very rough year for me. I'd have to say most likely the roughest of my life. Yes, there were also some good times. The first CO climbed the tower just before we went on-air. He never did it again, and I don't think anyone ever told him who jumped up on the guy wire and got the whole thing shaking like crazy. I only weighed 200 lbs and didn't realize just how much it was going to shake LOL LOL LOL. Email me if you remember me.

On 05/12/00 Robb Pierson said:

Ex - Lampedusa Plank owner looking for station patch. I designed one while we were there, but it never got produced. Anyone have a spare they would like to part with?

On 02/05/00 Tim Easterday said:

Haven't seen anyone from Aug77 to Sep78. When I was there I heard enough stories about Dillan though. Anyone know Chief Charlie Rogerson. Worked with him in the Bahamas in the early 80's at the AUTEK project. He was shocked to find out how much I knew about him at the rock. Heard he kind of lost it down there. Our fearless leaders were Bobby, Billy, Blain and Bubbles. Old MK1 Trehan made CWO and retired back in Boston. Seen Buck once in Yorktown. Can't forget the CO letting us have live in girlfriends during the summer. DC2 got Cochetta, the mid-wife's daughter pregnant and was flown out immediately. CWO Knowles had a mutiny on his hands when he was acting. ET1 knocked out the skipper at quarters. CWO jumped Ripper the seaman and got his own butt kicked. Hope everyone has as good a memories as I have of the rock. One bad one was old Dawg was shot by a local for chasing his sheep off the cliffs.

On 11/23/99 DENNIS REGNERUS said:

I WAS ON LAMPEDUSA 75-76. I REMEMBER DILLON,BALES SPINICCI,ENZO, GRECO, DOC, CLICK, AND IF YOU WERE THERE AT THAT TIME, WHO COULD FORGET THE RATMAN. IF YOU REMBER CRUNCH, DROP ME A LINE.

On 10/13/99 moon morrison said:

I have a new e-mail address. Had a great summer building houses and doing some mechanic work.

On 09/13/99 Tom Bales said:

I was on the Island from 75 to july 76, I was the storekepperunder Mat Dillon. I remember Franco, Enzo and Tomasinos

restaurant. We actually had a mutiny under Mr. Dillon, does anyone recall the details.

On 07/19/99 Sam Spinicci said:

I was there Feb75-feb76. Marshall Dillon was CO (MR.Princeton Univ) and CWO Walsh was STO/XO.From this thread I remember LaceyWebb too and Buddy Gray. Ernie Regan was our cook, and in addition to franco, enzo, and giavonni, there was a Jocomo in the office.I don't miss the wind and the ATLAS though or the sheep herders in the antenna field

On 04/27/99 moon morrison said:

I was at Lampedusa 74-75 as an MK-3. Looking for Lacey Webb, Julian Cates. What a great tour, the place still brings vivid images to my mind.

On 02/13/99 Tim Donovan said:

Greetings,I was the EM1 on 'The Rock' from Feb90-Feb91, I am now the Senior Chief EM on the USCGC Gallatin homeported in Charleston S.C. If you Know me please write. Thanks

On 02/08/99 marco bartolo said:

I there! if you were in Lampedusa you should know me.I would like to keep in touch with the friends which I used to work with.Take careMarco Bartolo

On 12/02/98 Pat Dunshee said:

Anyone know the whereabouts of Randy Norton. I believe he was stationed on the island in the early 80's. We were in ET'A' school together.

On 10/09/98 Hamilton said:

It is wild to think that I helped build the permanent station at Lampedusa and we had trouble getting mail and telephone service in the early days. Now I have discovered that Lampedusa has a web site, managed by someone in Milan. What a great place in the 70

On 09/27/98 Randy Griffing said:

To all who read this I bring you greetings from Franco. My wife and I got to spend some time with him last month (Aug) when we went back to the Island for a 2 week visit. He and I walked around the old station site (where the trailers used to be) . I told him about this web site and about how many people have mentioned his name here. I also saw Enzo in Agrigento(that's where he works now). Both of them looked just the same as they did the last time you saw them. We looked for Giovanni but did not run into him but understand he is also doing well. I had forgotten how hot that island could get in August. The station is manned but is not transmitting as the tower in Turkey fell down and the Turks don't plan to put it back, however there is a chance that the Russians may put one up in that area, As a plank holder I never got to see the buildings completed, so Franco arranged for us to get a tour of everything. The only structure that I recognized was what we called the evaporator shed. It is still standing close to where the generators and the PINKYS used to stand. If any one wants a picture of Franco,let me know and I will attach one to an E-mail.

On 08/18/98 Capt David Mogan said:

I was CO from July 84 to July 85. Having close to 30 years of service and nearing retirement, I look back upon my tour in Lampedusa as my best assignment. I had a great crew that worked hard and played hard and it was a privilege and pleasure to serve with them.

On 08/13/98 Walter Graves said:

I was ELC with Kay Hartzell 78/79. One of my most enjoyable assignments. Remember the damage to the Italian male ego having a female CO. Scenes of Cala Creata still imbedded in my mind. Also steaming fresh ricota cheese at the local alimentari. Imbibing some sambuca con musca and then trying to ride motorini's and Steinhouse corner. Dick, or anyone else who knows of him, please send me an e-mail. Being part of the first USO show to Lampedusa and buying fresh fruit and vegetables off of the donkey carts. I've been back once and intend on returning. Looking forward to dinner at Tomasino's and visiting with Pino the fireman and Franco. Chao.

On 07/22/98 Todd Hall said:

Served from '84-'85 as the HS. A lot of great memories. Now an LT at the National Strike Force Coord. Ctr. LT Mogan (CO) is now a CAPT and doing great. Don't really know about too many others. If you have a minute, drop me an e-mail...would love to hear from you.

On 05/31/98 randy griffing said:

HEY ROBBIE AND BOB, just to let you know that Anna and our son went to ths Rock 2 years ago and said that it had really changed since we were there,more touristy.None of the the 3 civilian workers are there any more, they were all transferred to Agrigento.Captain Ketchen lives outside of Boston and just retired in the last year. I retired 4 years ago. Let me hear from you

On 02/18/98 Guy L. Snyder said:

Ciao fellow Lampedusa survivors. What a great year (91-92) despite our neighbor to the south threatening us. So many fond memories of a wonderful island with generous loving people.

On 10/16/97 RRPierson said:

Anyone interested in a reunion for all hands?

On 10/03/97 David Riffle said:

Greetings! I wasn't stationed on the 'rock', but I was the OIC of USCG Radio Station Naples and visited the station during it's construction. I remember when the first CO was attempting to hire local

On 08/31/97 Coleman M. Ray said:

I was on the rock twice. 86-87 With Mike Hammond and retired there in 90-91. Now living in Northern Italy working for the Government again.

On 08/20/97 Tim Clepper said:

I was stationed there 84'-85', looking for old shipmates

On 08/13/97 Tim Easterday said:

I was stationed on the rock from Aug 77 to Sep 78 Any one remember Franco or how about Rosa!

On 08/08/97 Robb R. Pierson said:

Bobby - I was on the construction crew with you! And at NAD Hawthorne if I remember right! EN1 right? Me and John Wright (ETC) live in the same town. There are days when I really miss the rock!

On 08/06/97 Robert Wilson said:

Served on board on commissioning crew. 1972 - 1973. Looking for any plank owners.

On 08/06/97 Mike Hammond said:

I was on the rock from May 86-Jun87 as MK1. Had a great time! I stay in touch with Doug Chapman (Chappy), Bonnie McMillan, and Charlie Cole who was there when the station was built early 70s.

On 07/29/97 David G. Brock said:

Served as the EPO from '83 - '84.

On 06/16/97 Don Opedal said:

I was CO from 1982-1983. It was an interesting year, with lots of interesting experiences.

On 06/16/97 Paul J. Carney said:

I was SK3/2, I was stationed there 75/76. I releived SK2 Tom Bales. The CO was Milton (Matt) Dillon, the XO was Steve Clemmons; Joe Britt was the ETC, and the gang. I spent some good times at Franco's summer house.

On 06/16/97 PAUL J. CARNEY said:

I WAS STATIONED THERE AS AN SK3/2. I RELIEVED SK2 TOM BALES, THE CO WAS MILTON (MATT) DILLON, THE XO WAS STEVE CLEMMONS, THE ETC WAS JOE BRITT, THE MKC WAS ART WILTSE, THE EMC WAS EM1 MACMICHEL'S & THAN THEIR WAS LEO THE COOK (SS1). I WENT TO SOME GOOD PARTIES AT FRANCO'S SUMMER HOUSE.

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