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**On 07/16/07 Mike Martin** said:

Hi -- I was stationed in Shetland from Jan 71 to Aug 72; it changed my life. Went back in 77, but haven't been back since; still hope to. would be great to hear from any of you.

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**On 05/09/07 Mac McLean** said:

Shipmates, Great to read your postings. Received an email from Jim Coutts a few days back and the site of the station on the runway has been turned into a salmon farm. Perhaps that is better than the last photos I saw of the ruined station. I am still vertical, now perfecting my position as a professional grandfather with eight, ranging from 12 years to six months. Men, it was a privilege and honor to have served with you. Fair winds, following seas, and do not let Bourassa smoke in bed. Ever. send me an email if you want to catch up.

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**On 04/28/07 John D Lamb** said:

I received an email from Laureen (Balfour) Main in which she said that the old station was torn down this month (April 2007). It saddens me to think that a special part of we Shetland Vets lives has totally disappeared.

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**On 03/26/07 Phil Platter** said:

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

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**On 03/21/07 Andy Young** said:

I was stationed in Shetland from 12/70 to 5/73. I see a few folks here that I remember. Mark Heigh, Vern Mace, Tom Edmunds and Mr. ( Mac) McLean 1st XO as I recall. Had alot of great times and alot of memories. I left a red Corvair buried down at the end of the runway before coming home. Great site, I've been checking it for about a year and thought it was time to add my two cents.

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**On 01/26/07 Tom J Edmunds** said:

I was in Shetland from Dec 1970 to Dec 1971, I would love to hear from anyone who was stationed same time as me.

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**On 08/10/06 Philip (Judge) Miller** said:

I came to Lorsta Shetland after isolated loran duty in Turkey in '79. It still hold some of my favorite CG memories.

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**On 05/07/06 moquin** said:

I tried to upload these pictures of the Loran Station from July 2005 and gave up. If you would like to see the station I have made them available here: <http://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/moquin@sbcglobal.net/album?.dir=/d2aascd> - Copying and pasting the link should take you directly to them. The facility actually sits behind the Scatsa Airport and is not being used. Warning.....they are kind of sad to look at. Recognize anyone?

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**On 03/07/06 C. H. Mac McLean** said:

James Daniel Coutts was sighted in North Texas 2-6 March, 2006. He attempted to disguise his appearance by wearing his Guizer Jarl beard untrimmed, but my MacEwan detector found him out. Jim and I had a great time catching up. It's been about 35 years since our last get together. Great seeing him and remembering. He left me with the words to the departure tune for one CO: These are my mountains, And this is my drain, And here is my highway across the lane, Here stands my Trumpton out in the rain, Alongside my snow plough and hydraulic crane. Sung to the Scots Tune, These are

my mountains.

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**On03/05/06 Bill Broome** said:

Just a note to report that ETCS Tom Bruce (~79-81) passed away in January. There is an obit on the Memorial Page.

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**On02/07/06 Alan Shumaker** said:

ET3 '77-'78 Just got the link to this site. Have tried to contact many of my ex-mates in LORMONSTA Kami Seya, Japan, PSSTA Houston, and LORMONSTA Shetland Islands, very cool. I did get together with Pete Larsen and Greg Melvin a few years ago....like we had just stumbled out of the pub, picked up right where we had left off. Would love to hear from any and all. Cheers!

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**On12/02/05 Paul Sherman** said:

Hi all Just having a flashback day. Looking for anyone else who stayed in the 'snake ranch' aka Midhouse in Wethersta (between Voe and Brae. Regards

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**On07/29/05 Teresa Gage** said:

I was there for 2 tours '80-'81 and have photoes. I might just be able to dig them up.

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**On07/13/05 tim nixon** said:

Found a neat site for shetland.. goto <http://www.originart.shetland.co.uk/frame.html> if you go to the map, the scatsta area you can click on the airport and see that our old base is part of the 'Scatsta Airport'... Tim Nixon

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**On01/21/05 Tom Simmons** said:

Thanks to all who have contacted me thus far: I will be sending out a 'blanket' e-mail, updating you on status and asking for info. Instead of a book, LORMONSTA Shetland will have its own 'living' website.

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**On01/16/05 Tom Simmons** said:

...and of course anyone who contributes (and I would love to include our 'Shaitland' friends) would receive an acknowledgement as a contributor to the book....

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**On01/16/05 Tom Simmons** said:

...and further to the subject of a memoire/history of the unit, of course I'd be looking for photos of all t ypes. Anyone interested in helping me in this effort? Best - Tom Simmons SK1 9/72-5/75

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**On01/16/05 Tom Simmons** said:

Gentlemen: hopefully, someone will join me at some point in time (sooner rather than later)...I am seriously considering writing a LORMONSTA Shetland Is. history....

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**On01/16/05 Tom Simmons** said:

Hey! Anyone left on this board? No postings since '03....

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**On12/01/03 Tim Nixon** said:

new email address

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**On08/27/03 Terry Schoenthal** said:

I was stationed with Roger, Tim Nixon, Rusty Carmichel and others from 74-75. Anybody remember the mail-order hang

glider incidents. It is a miracle none of us died!

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**On 08/09/03 Vern Mace** said:

Anybody have any contact information for Dick McMahan, CO with the very last crew?? I'm trying to reach him, so any help would be much appreciated. Thanks!!

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**On 08/05/03 Vern Mace** said:

Hey, anybody out there?? Things sure have gotten quiet on this board. I have some great snaps of Shetland from my visit last summer. Let me know if you are interested. Even with all the changes since being stationed there 30 years ago, Shetland is still the same magical place as I remembered it. I'm trying to return again next year for a longer stay.

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**On 07/14/03 Tom Chenoweth** said:

Changed my 'E' mail address again,,damn these computer crashes.....if I knew a good ET, maybe I could keep this thing runnin. Hope y'all are doin well. I'm Back in South East Virginia, give me a holler if ya get by this way. Oh yea I'm still in. Denny where you at?

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**On 01/01/03 gig Makinson** said:

I was at Colerfirth Hill in 1974-1975 And had some good times at your spot with C.P.O.(i think) Rusty Carmichel THE CHEF at that time, I helped out at your Thanksgivig bash and was given a Comendation by Comander GUDO the D.C.U.S.C.G.Europe at that time. I would like to contact Rusty if that is posable COULD YOU HELP

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**On 12/05/02 Bill Lussier** said:

Hi all. sorry I missed the reunion. Greg do you still check this site? drop me a line. I was in Shetland 76/77. Lived at the 'Snake Ranch' in Brae. Went to see that crazy town Doc who always prescribed whiskey. did wonders for my disposition. I still fondly review my pictures from there and can still remember the times. My car is buried near the old weather tower. Danforth wanted a way to get there and Lt. Card decided it was an eyesore. remember the 'burning of the Jag?'. I have pictures. take care

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**On 08/19/02 Alan Balfour** said:

Thank's to Vern we have found this site! Hi from all of us in Shetland. Vern visited us this summer. Please let me know if anyone intends a visit back to Shetland in the future. Yours, Alan Balfour ( Berties Son)

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**On 01/14/02 Jack Lerch** said:

Hi everyone from an old timer,I was on the commissioning crew in the fall of 68. I have a lot of fond memories from there. I would also enjoy a Tennnants Lager right now,(a can with the babes on it).

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**On 12/05/01 Leonard Piercy** said:

Hi ya'll I was stationed in Shetland in 83 for the close down, I was the last non-rate assigned.Got a pile of photos and was sad to leave a good station. I drew a uk flag on the wall in my room, I shared with Tony Curtis (not the actor) HA HA remember all workers Jimmy, Bertie, glad to hear they are still around. I still got the lighter and some new patchs. Good to hear from any one who was there.Wish I could get a good Tennines Logger from the Hotel.

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**On 11/21/01 Paul Sherman** said:

I was there from 9/76 to 9/77 as an ET2. Hi Phil, good to see you on here. I've been trying to track down Bill Lussier for a couple of years, if you're in contact let him know From reading, I saw some reunion stuff has happenned. I'd like to hear about any coming up. PS - my jag parts never arrived, anyone seen 'em (car made it back, though)

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**On 04/27/01 Phil Maxson** said:

Hi Everyone, just joined this site, happened discover Bill Lussier on a different website and he told me about this one. I was there 76/77 and like most everyone else has mentioned, it was a great station and great duty.

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**On 11/30/00 Duane Fowler** said:

Just got back from Scatsta 20 years later and although its still recognizeable, it's a different place. Only one glass window left intact (my old room, in fact), wiring ripped out and one roll up door torn off. Still cold and wet. The airstation is bigger and now the main base for all helecoper ops to the oil rigs. Lerwick has doubled in size, as has Brae, but the Brae Hotel is still a dive. I saw Jimmy Coutts and he's looking good. If anyone is interested in photos, I'll be scanning several.

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**On 11/26/00 Bob Olsen** said:

Was there from around Nov 78 to Nov 79. Great memories...to Tom Chenoweth.. yea I remember all those guys and a few more. Rented a house with John Moser....a few drams fell there. Remember Hazel ? Would love to hear from anybody that was there at the time. Brolly good !!

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**On 03/24/00 Vern Mace** said:

What is the status of the Shetland Reunion this summer?? It appears that Roger isn't driving this anymore. My bags have been packed for a while, so I would be interested in knowing if the Reunion is still on. Thanks!

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**On 10/17/99 Tom Chenoweth** said:

Changed my address, anyone else goin back to the Shetlands in JULY 2000 ??Luv to hear from ya.

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**On 09/12/99 Greg (Hooner) Melvin** said:

Hey Roger!! How about an update on the Shetland Y2K Reunion??

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**On 08/05/99 BMC Tom Chenoweth** said:

Hey Ol' ship mates of the 78-79 Shetland crew. I was that screamin seaman on watch or at the gas pump. Hope the years have treated you all well. Im still married to the Scottish Lass I met there, Colleen, we have 2 kids 18&7 Lee and SARA. Was there with LT Scott, MR O, Duane of course Birty and Jimmy Coutts, good to see those names in here. Remember Denny, John(now ETC Moser), Joe Branden, T, the YN1s beard.. the arrival of the lorie once a month, the 'Discos', and of course the Oly beers, I'm still hung over after 20 some years(sober over 14yrs). Hope you all are well and the memories recall the good times, not the horizontal rain,,,, haha IM STILL IN

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**On 10/18/98 roger cunningham** said:

Well mates, for those who are interested in the Y2K shetland reunion,check out the website at:

<http://www.cybersocialworker.com/shetland.htm>It's an on-going project - complete with memory book with photos from the 74-75 time frame. Please submit photos,etc. to me and I'llkeep updating it.

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**On 10/01/98 Greg Melvin** said:

penned in ink. We'd love to have company. The first round's on me!

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**On 10/01/98 Greg Melvin** said:

Hi Gang. Going back! Yep, myself and two of my shipmates from the '77-78 era just had a 20th reunion at my place in NC. After two or ten McKewan's Lagers we decided next 4th of July would be the time we'd make it back to Shetland. While not set in stone, these plans are at least

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**On 08/11/98 Tom Simmons** said:  
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**On 08/11/98 Tom Simmons** said:  
Move over, Gents, I'm crashin' your party! Got to do something to get this site moving! Was SK1 at Shetland from September, 1972 through May, 1975 (yep, pretty much two full tours) and I can honestly say that my time there was, in many ways, the most meaningful and eventful of my life (those of you who know me can ask for more details on that whenever you like). Check out the Bulletin Board I've just posted this week (8/10) - I'm trying to organize a

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**On 07/08/98 Teresa Gage** said:  
Looking for SN Sue Reed / Ames shipmate. Shetland '79-'81 ET3

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**On 05/07/98 Roger Cunningham** said:  
Mark - yes...I used to do the public relations tours and there was always somebody who would ask to see the missile silos and wouldn't accept that we had none. One bloke was certain we were hiding them at the bottom of the voe! Also they always got a kick out of the giant coffee maker! They couldn't believe that 16 men could drink that much in one WEEK - let alone in one shift! Was that civilian woman still working in the galley when you were there? I can't remember her name but she was a real sweetheart...she and her husband offered to provide board for my girlfriend who was scheduled (but never showed) for a visit, because I wasn't finished renovating the house Bertie and Agnes let me live it.

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**On 04/29/98 mark hanafee** said:  
Leaving the station was a hard thing to do.....especially knowing it was closing down! I too read the article in the Shetland Times about the drug use...it is a shame. I went back twice to visit, I was seeing a girl whose Dad ran the waterfront at Sullom Voe. When you guys were there did the locals think the station was some sort of missile system?

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**On 01/30/98 Roger Cunningham** said:  
Tim - thanks for the patches. They look great! Mark - was the station still open in '92? What was it that was such a big let-down? The Shetland Times and Shetland News (both available on-line) have stories of crime, etc. that tells me there have been a lot of social changes (I suppose with the coming of the pipeline). Is that what you are referring to?

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**On 01/23/98 mark hanafee** said:  
I was stationed here as the one of the last non-rates, I was there from Apr 1980 until May of 81.....God I loved that place! Bertie Balfour and Jimmy every day for lunch had hard cider. Been back once in 92.....big let down!

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**On 12/17/97 roger cunningham** said:  
I have just learned from Tom Southard that Cowboy Bob passed away about 4 years ago, of cancer. I'm sure this is devastating news to all who served under him.

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**On 12/17/97 Tim Nixon** said:  
I have a scanned color image of the station patch (circa 1975) available. Please send a note requesting it in BMP, GIF or JPEG.

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**On 12/05/97 Greg Melvin** said:

Yes indeed Roger, Full Bird Commander. I typed it a few times myself. He mentioned you often. I recall him saying that his very first crew was his favorite, problems and all.

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**On 12/04/97 Roger Cunningham** said:

Thanks for the update, Greg. Did he go from Lt. to Cdr. in 3 yrs!? Maybe we're not talking the same guy. This was Robert A. Danforth (I should remember his social security number - I typed enough times :) Anyway - I guess if anybody could move up that quick it probably would be our

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**On 11/05/97 Tim Nixon** said:

I have not one, but 2 station patches from shetland and a few pictures (b&w). if anyone wants I can send a scanned image of Bertie receiving a plaque from Lt. Danforth dedicating the new dayroom

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**On 10/25/97 Greg** said:

Roger; Danforth was a full bird Commander when he left, early 78 I believe. I assume we're talking about the same fellow. XXXXXXXDOES ANYONE HAVE ANY IDEAS ON HOW TO BOOST ACTIVITES HERE

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**On 10/19/97 Greg Melvin** said:

I am looking for ET Bill Lussier or ET Alan Shumaker stationed here in 76-77, can anyone help?

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**On 10/05/97 Larry Oliszewski** said:

A great place, wonderful people. XO 1976-77 or so.

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**On 09/30/97 Roger Cunningham** said:

Yes, I remember Jim Coutts. I'm not in touch with him but Berties Boys, James and Alan have e-mail: [shetlander@msn.com](mailto:shetlander@msn.com) They are probably in touch with Jim. Anybody know what ever happened to Lt. Danforth? He was a good man and I've always been curious how he did with his career.

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**On 09/01/97 Greg (Hooner) Melvin** said:

Stationed in Shetland from Oct 76-78, looking for old buddies. Bertie Balfour was my closest neighbor and a most excellent friend. Anyone remember Jim Coutts the diesel mech?

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**On 08/20/97 Roger Cunningham** said:

Carmichael (that dirty old man) should remember the kidnapping well. As I recall, he took a bullet to the gut and bled all over my stairs (or was that chicken blood...?) :)

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**On 07/20/97 Mark Heigh** said:

The best place I was stationed, I'd like to thank the fellow who put me onto it. Wouldn't trade those two years(71-73) for anything.

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**On 07/18/97 Ed Scott** said:

Was CO at Shetland for a short wonderful year in 1979, before moving on to Keflavik, Iceland. I had heard that IRA kidnapping story from a friend of mine who was the cook there at the time, I think.

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**On 06/30/97 Tim Nixon** said:

I was there from Sep '74 to Sept '75 and was part of the famous (infamous) Mike Newman IRA kidnapping affair...anyone

remember that one?

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**On 05/21/97 John D Lamb** said:

Best duty in the world...bar none. I was in Shetland 1969-70. Remember the Balfours? Greatest people on earth.

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**On 05/10/97 Vern Mace** said:

Some of the best days of my life were spent here from 1/71 to 2/72.

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**On 05/05/97 Duane Fowler** said:

I was stationed on Shetland as an ET2 from October 1979 until ReLAD on October 17, 1980. That was also the day that the tower blew down at LORSTA Jan Mayen.

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