

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

On 02/27/08 Mike Martin said:

Served from Oct.78 to June of 79. I could only imagine by now that most everyone has had some exposure to the computer world. I would love to hear from some of the fellows I served with. A few names to mention like, Ralph Wilson, Charlie Brown, BMC Midgit, Wild Man, CWO Rumle, Tony Adams. I have heard from a couple of guys, M. Lupi and Jack Clough. Well gotta go for now.

On 02/17/08 Matthew Barber said:

I was the ET1 on the 'Turnover Crew' Oct 93. I liked it there so much, I extended 6 months. Nice to hear from Oeli, Vernie P, and Oscar. I can't believe 'Fire Marshall Bill' is a Secret Service agent. He always liked guns (Ex Jarhead). All of the remaining dogs were adopted by crew members and taken back to the states. But not before kicking the Japanese's dogs asses one more time. Retired in Sep 2006 as ETCS, really miss the isolated duty stations.

On 02/11/08 John Weldy said:

I served at Marcus Is. from May of 70, arriving with SA Don Matter and FA Michael Peach, all from SoCal, almost straight from boot camp. I remember Rocky La Palme, and Bouchard, volleyball, the tank driving itself during a typhoon, my window on the lee side of the building broken by loose storm shutter, trading water for fresh tuna, theft of Lawrence's advance pay 2 days before his departure, NCIS investigating. Air America run by CIA (see the movie) it's true. I sometimes have nightmares that I 're-upped' and find myself there again, only the tide has risen and the island is only a few square feet and shrinking fast...

On 01/24/08 Rob Wilson said:

I served on Marcus from Aug. 1988 to Aug. 1989, right out of MK school, I had a great time and learned so much for life's lessons. I served with a great crew and on hell of a soft ball team. I have many great memories, one of my best was when Todd Kerr, Joe Coursey and myself caught a 10 foot reef shark, ended up using the cat dozer to get him in. It was great, wished I could go back to the ROCK.

On 01/24/08 Mike Kavanagh said:

Former ET3 Michael 'Red' Kavanagh here, class of April 89-April 90. Good to see some familiar names around here. Thanks for the memories. Chief Jones, since you were crazy (or dumb) enough to go twice, does this feeling of wanting to go back EVER go away?

On 09/19/07 Dale Smith said:

I changed my email address above... glad to know the old one didn't work anymore. It was great to hear from you Mike.

On 08/10/07 Mike Stoudt said:

Brian, I would be interested in that. I am in eastern PA. Does anyone know how I can get ahold of Dale Smith? his above email address is no good anymore.

On 07/31/07 Brian said:

Okay, time to get the ball rolling on a reunion! If anybody who has EVER served on Marcus Island is interested in a reunion sometime next spring/summer let me know. When you respond please indicate what State you reside in - the reunion needs to be somewhat centrally located.

On 07/18/07 Brian K Bielitz (82-83) said:

Mike, it was great to hear from you. Thanks for being on the plane that day - it was great seeing my relief arrive on the 'island'! I have heard from a few of the guys that were there while I was - all of East Coast Boys need to get together for a Marcus Reunion!

On 07/15/07 Mike Stoudt said:

Wow I just found this site. I remember many names here. I was stationed on that little rock sept 83 - Sept 84

On 07/04/07 C> DUNN< BMCM< RETD said:

I stopped by Marcus in 1961 via a CG 130, enroute to the states after a tour on Matsumae LORAN. Spent the day there. They were checking it out for a future LORN site. We had the free run of the island. Got some great pictures of the islands Jap defenses, I believe it would have been a pretty isolated station. C> DUNN< RETD 1980

On 06/30/07 steven shearer said:

Its funny to think you dont know how great a place is untill years later. i was there 80 to81 right out of boot camp. i have tryed to reproduce 'the marcus island special' complete with boot! i remember a plaque with all our names on it, i would love a photo of those names, time has wiped most away, most of the guys knew me as 'wormy'

On 06/26/07 Brian said:

I remember we had a 'Short Timer's Patch' that was handed down from one person to the next - it was part of your uniform and you wore it with pride - because you were the next one to leave. On your scheduled day to depart you sent your work boots and hat out to muster representing just how 'short' you were. I have a 14-1/2' glass fish net ball complete with netting at the top of my stairs at home - everytime I walk by it I remember where it came from and the time I had on the 'White Pearl of the Pacific'. Ah, the memories of the island!

On 06/23/07 ET3 Bob Stringer said:

Arrived on Marcus Nov. 70, thru Nov 71. At the time the count down calender was the ritual. Looking back , it was a good time to be there. We all waited for two months while the Tides Surfaced the Tank. Chipping rust was a routine there for a spell. Some memories are in tact , Great tasting Tuna for two barrells of water. Most faces have lost their names but I won't forget climbing the Tower just to change light bulbs. Two and a half hours going up, fighting the rusty safety rail. Forty-five minutes to get down. I recall a dropped instamatic from 1350ft.. Never found one peice of plastic from it..Then there was a Robert Story and I escorting a guy named Walker, Johnny, I think, to many a club on the main-land during the week off the Island at the half way. Made us miss the plane to get back on Marcus. We got an extra week out of it. Ha Ha. A few of the guys, Chris Matthews, Rocky La Palm, Ron Bouchard, Bob Banfield and Bill McCallum might remember. Good to find this site. Hope to hear from a Fish and anyone else I have forgotten. God bless all.

On 06/12/07 Geri MacLeod said:

My husband 'Sandy'MacLeod loved his time on Marcus76-77.He spoke many times of the comradery with the Japanese,the joy he had filming the sooty terns and the tremendous fishing.He spoke of the times he came face to face with a reef shark.Sandy loved the CG and his time on Marcus.He loved his time alone to do his art,play his beloved Martin guitar and fish.The only thing ,he often said would have made it perfect was to have his family there.Well,as of 3-31-07 the Lord called him home.He had had malignant melanoma(Cancer) for 6 years. Knowing Sandy he's way to busy praising the Lord now to want alone time!If anyone remembers him as a corpsman,chief orChief Warrant Officer please write back.

On 05/15/07 Ray Pagel said:

Updating my e-mail. Was there in 84-85.

On 05/01/07 Joe Leonard, CWO4, RET said:

MK1 1981-82. Only time in my life I looked forward to an airplane. Good fishing, hunting rats at the dump and softball games. Not that there was much else to do. Remember trading hustler mags to the JMSDF for whiskey and lobster. Still have underwater pics of the sharks inside the reef, seems stupid now but when your young and bored it seemed like the thing to do. I also remember getting vehicles from the dump and fixing them up to race and then hiding them before District Inspection. You could do alot with that little dozer. Still have a stereo, camera rig and a couple rifle scopes I ordered when there. Lots of good and bad times, USO Shows, fresh tuna and lobster and then the storms, weeks without log flights when all there was to eat was frozen chicken, beer was gone, cigarettes long gone and some very irritable people and dogs.

On 04/18/07 Kristin Ells said:

Corpsman 'Doc' Alexander 'Sandy' MacLeod, Marcus 76-77, passed away March 31, 2007, at his home in Concord, MA, from melanoma. He is interred at Bourne National Cemetary, Cape Cod.

On 04/05/07 Ed Byrne said:

I can't get Marcus off my mind and its been 27 years since i was stationed there ?

On 04/04/07 Phil Platter said:

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

On 03/28/07 Brian K Bielitz SK2 said:

Like Mike Jones, I have a photo of The Island hanging on the wall of my office...I often look at it and remember that year out there...it wasn't all that bad!

On 03/27/07 Mike Jones CWO2 RET said:

Just got a new job, had that big picture of the island the one the Japanese sold, framed right in front of my desk, everytime I start thinking this job is hard, or it just plain 'sucks' - I look up, see our island and realize - there are alot worse places in the world to be than sitting here writing mortgages.

On 03/19/07 Richard Wise said:

Capt. Snell, Do you remember the Japanese electrician, friend of mine named Fukai, who found some of the dynamite caps and started throwing them around like firecrackers? You called me in to translate your dressing down. As I recall you were not amused. He left the island right after though I kept in touch and spent an interesting few days with him at his home in Tokyo. Maurice, I remember you as well. Good to see you are still around.

On 02/13/07 Brian said:

I remember you Mike! We never did understand why you requested Marcus right out of boot camp. And ET3 Cabrero - did his year on Marcus and then requested a LORAN Station in Spain (and got it). I've heard from Doc Donovan and ETC Schue, and SN Lake. Ah, the stereo wars and beer! Remember it all too well! I think MK2 Stewart actually had the best stereo on the upper deck! So, how are you doing. I left the Guard in 1986, hung around in Boston for a couple of years and have been working for the state of Virginia since 1990 - currently living in my childhood city of Virginia Beach. Keep in touch Mike.

On 02/08/07 Mike Jimenez said:

Actually chose Marcus right out of boot camp. ET3 Cabrero was my next door neighbor upstairs. Remember all the stereo wars and snorkling, and of course the beer. I definitely remember Chris Cohan from boot camp (BRAVO 138) and Shark Alley.

On 01/30/07 Maurice Daneault said:

Was on Marcus as part of the commissioning crew in 63 as first RM2. Lived in tents for three months and then in nice brand new quarters for remainder. Original crew was supposed to be rotated 3 months early but we all saw the full year; and there was no R&R.

On 01/29/07 Dorion Rose said:

Just checking in again to update e-mail. Was there 81-82. Heard from ET2 Bob Finstead (Bob Loran) and ET1 Kyle Adams. The island was a magical place I'll never forget.

On 01/12/07 Jeff Hamilton said:

I was on the Island 74-75 Would like to hear from the guys that were there at that time.

On 12/31/06 Dave Oelschlaeger said:

I was part of the disestablishment Crew '93 Any one got any pics of that time period? Be good to hear from ya all too! I was MK2

On 12/09/06 Lou Snell said:

Have to assume that the nitro in metal cans that I placed in a bunker, north west corner of Island did as I hoped. Never blew, salt water must have destroyed cans and leached out the stuff. Always worried that someone would find and mess with it. Passed the info to second CO. It was a rough year. There was at least one more tank apparently not discovered. I pushed one into a bunker/shelter on the SE corner of island.

On 11/25/06 Rick Glover said:

On the tank...the tank was found in 66 down by the balloon shack. A couple of guys noticed the the slabs that were laid down were not all flat but a few had curved tops, so the dug into one to find the tank in a bunker. That night we brought the CO (LT Brooks) down to climb down into the bunker and we decided to bring it out. By the way, there were quite a few other curved topped slabs there and probably more bunkers with equipment that was never dug out.

On 11/25/06 Rick Glover said:

There 66-67, miss it.

On 10/27/06 Matthew Chase said:

Did any of serve with Kim Chase, hes my father, I often heard stories of Marcus Island and have a plaque hangin in my dining room. My father passed away in May of 2005 due to cancer and i would love to fill in all the info and meet someone who served with him, I am trying to get the memories he never got a chance to tell me. Thank you very much!

On 10/11/06 Jan R. Wilcox said:

Served a tour of duty on Marcus Island between Jan. 1968 - Jan. 1969. Anybody that was out there between those dates please contact me. Am doing a short slideshow DVD documentary on my experiences that year., and am looking for photos and info from the men who served with me. Thanks and may God bless us all.

On 09/01/06 Chris Cohan, LT (ret) said:

Just found this site. Marcus Island was my first unit out of bootcamp. I was there Nov 81 - Feb 83, I stayed an extra three months in paradise waiting for RM-'A'. I enjoyed reading all the comments on this site. I remember: Jogging over 1500 miles, doing the 'Marcus marathon' (10 laps in 3:58); climbing Mt Fuji on my mid-tour break; swimming with sharks, spearing fish, catching lobsters; softball & V-ball games, etc. Lots of fond memories...

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 08/06/06 Danny Felder said:

Marcus Island Was there May 71 - 72, if not for Skipper the dog as a buddy it would have been nut city

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 06/15/06 Richard W. Wise said:

I was part of the commissioning crew, a lowly SA but I do remember Chief Mintz. He may recall a mess-cook cum photographer.

On 05/19/06 Brian said:

Marcus Island! What a place it was! I was there Oct 82-Oct 83 with Kris Zuhone and 'Chief' Schue among others. 'Doc' Donovan got there maybe half way through my tour. Many memories came back to me as I read all the entries on this site! What a year!! Laus! What a party - roasting a pig in the sand next to the salt water pool.....'plane day' was always a highlight of the week...I could go on and on, but you have all been there!

On 05/17/06 Gary Sisco said:

Wasn't stationed on Marcus but was at Kamiseya, the Loran-C Monitor Station, 75-76, and Iwo Jima 76-77, mostly 76. Got to visit Marcus once though while stationed on Iwo Jima while Iwo was off air for maintenance. Flew to Marcus on a CG C-130 and got to visit with my good buddy Harvey Dunham. Once I got a look at Marcus, I decided Iwo Jima wasn't such a small rock after all!

On 05/06/06 sherrill miller said:

just a note to update info.

On 04/28/06 Oscar said:

My first duty station from bootcamp. Had a blast. Will never forget that place.

On 04/27/06 R. Kyle Adams (ETCS ret) said:

Two timer 75-76 and 81-82 I see Dorion Rose checked in here. Don't miss the Island, but I do miss the people.

On 04/15/06 VERNIE JONES said:

Let me hear from you.

On 02/18/06 Kristin MacLeod Ells said:

My dad, Sandy MacLeod, served 76-77. Ret from Air Stn Cape Cod (finally as CWO4). Lives in Concord, MA now. Looks back on his time on Marcus with fondness. I remember talking to him over the 'Phone' system and needing to say cook stuff like 'over' and '10-4' - hey, I was 8, that was cool! He came back much skinnier, with lots of great photos and great things like dead scorpions and glass bouy balls. Little did I know we'd have a family experience in the tropics in 79 when we transferred to Gitmo - the best place to ever be a kid! I'm researching possible links between service at Marcus and subsequent illness - if anyone has any leads, please e-mail me. If you remember my dad (also sometimes referred to as 'doc' as he was the corpsman I believe), please let me know and I'll get your info to him.

On 01/24/06 FSC Edward Cavazos said:

Would anyone be able to send me a copy or the original certificate 'White Pearl of the Pacific'. There is limited space in housing and my certificate suffered damage due to a storm surge caused by Hurricane Wilma here in Key West. I will send it back ASAP. Thanks

On 01/19/06 CWO4 Bill Romska USCGR R said:

Yes Paul I remember the 'defense of Romska's room on new years. I think I was the only sober person on the island having just come off watch. Marcus was my first real duty station and frankly I would not trade the experience for all the tea in China. I look back fondly to all the memories, Skipper dog, wonderful snorkeling, lots and lots of free time...toss in a Typhoon and a possible tsunami and all in all it was a great year.

On 01/07/06 Charles Dunn, BMCM, ret said:

I stopped by Marcus on my way home after a year on Matsumae LORSTA onboard a CG 130. They were scouting it out for a possible LORAN site. No one there but a couple of natives. Made a tour of the island and got some great pics. This was in 1961. And I thought I had had it bad in Matsumae.

On 12/06/05 Mike Lupi said:

Alot of great memories, the softball games, the new years eve party driving the golf cart into the ocean, the birds dumping on you, the milk runs with mail and supplies, the nice walks around the beach, bringing a live mortar shell in the barracks and getting screamed at to get that ' #%^#@ing' thing out of here. OH what a great time.

On 11/13/05 Joel Gustafson ETC (ret) said:

Got orders to paradise the day before my wedding! Arrived on Marcus in time for Christmas 78 and spent 12 wonderfull months in paradise. Still remember when BMC Midgett got upset with the 'pretty' brass junk I polished and displayed in my room. Guess he didn't like old ordanace in the barracks!! Sharks in the pool, landing pools, and visiting dignitaries in the pool....lots of great memories. Anyone from the Dec 78 - Dec 79 era that wants to swap memories give a shout.

On 05/11/05 J.W. Buck said:

Had a great time while there for the turn over to Japanese government. Had a good bunch of shipmates and enjoyed my time out there with them. Had two really good MK2's (D.J. and OLE) and one of the wildest EM's there could be. Would like to go back really miss the place and the guys. Brings back a lot of memories.

On 02/09/05 MIKE MARTIN said:

; ARRIVED MARCUS OCT. 79 . I STILL REMEMBER MOST OF THE GUYS . RALPH WILSON ;LUKE ' CHARLIE BROWN JACK CLOUGH' BMC MIDGGET AND MANY MORE. I WILL NEVER FORGET THAT PLACE. ALSO MY JAPANESE FRIENDS.

On 09/15/04 Alan B. McArthur said:

I was going through my old Coast Guard gear the other day and I found an old Marcus Island Zippo lighter. I thought I would look up and see if there was a mssg board. I was there in 84-85 with Dale Smith, P.J Nance, Sherrill Miller along with approx 25 other people. Memories are still fresh although I retired back in the mid 90s.

On 09/01/04 Nick Elder said:

Just found this site, I was on Marcus from the end of July 1964 to Aug 1965. I was an ET, made ET 1 while there. What a great group of guys. It is impossible to tell anyone about the tour there, they just don't get it. In retrospect, I gained a lot, there and as one of the other inmates of Marcus stated, I would not trade the experience for anything. If any of you know of the whereabouts of Arthur Turner, RM2, Dan Trower, RM2, Jose Ongay, ET2, Bill Leahy, the CO during my stay or Mr Hayes, the XO, I would like to get in touch with them.

On 07/24/04 Mike Stevens said:

FA at the time, 80-81, great time but Pony's shop by the AF base was better.

On 07/13/04 Doug Erb said:

Just found this site and it brought back some good memories. I was a Seaman on Marcus Island from Sept'67 to Aug'68. Was one of the guys who built the club amongst the scaviola bushes in the middle of the island. I remember snorkeling with our mascot dog Skipper. Would give him fish that I speared and he would bring it back to the beach and roll on top of it. Also remember every weekend going to the shack on the beach with our allotment of beer, diving for lobsters and cooking them up on a bonfire. We also raised chickens there, collected scores of glass balls, and fished in shark alley. Remember packing your FIGMO box and waiting to see if your replacement was on the weekly plane? That's what we all waited for.

On 07/03/04 Tim Ruth said:

I was also stationed on the white pearl from 83-84 with Mike Kopito as my CO....had a blast...got my hed shaved by an ET and all that kinda stuff.....I wonder if they still do the Marcus Island situps like they did back then???

On 06/25/04 Paul F Matos said:

ET3 Matos 11/69-11/70 probably still holds island record for most midwatches and most times being thrown in the pool for one tour. My time on the island will always be remembered with a smile. Highlights included the 'Defense of Romska's Room' on New Years Eve(we were all thrown into the pool),the C-130 emergency landing,and the island 4th of July celebration. Best of luck to all former islanders especially great friends Bill Romska, Ron Walton and John Tapley(still remember his corn fritters).

On 04/07/04 Jack Clough EM1 ret said:

I was on Marcus '78-79 EM2 won't forget it.. Helped with digging out the Bunker ran the loader for awhile to clear the entrance . also set up the wall lighting. Hope all that used it enjoyed the getaway. Coasties to day will never know what Isolated Duty is .

On 03/01/04 Bill McCallum said:

I was on Marcus Island 1970-1971. I'd like to hear from anybody that was out there during that time. I do keep in contact with Captain Fish, as we both live on Cape Cod. I was a transmitter ET.

On 02/28/04 John McGroery said:

Sad to report that the following 2 Shipmates crossed the bar recently. ENC Charles Lowery on 22 Oct 2003 in Stockton CA

and HSCM Joseph White on 19 Sep 2003 in Montville CT. They were on the White Pearl in 1964/65 and Doc White saved my arm after a major injury was incurred by me in June 1965. Great shipmates who will be remembered and missed.

On 01/24/04 Chris Godbout said:
87-88, hi guys

On 01/03/04 SHERRILL MILLER said:
I AM TRYING TO FIND OUT INFO ABOUT MYSELF . MK2 THINK I WAS THERE AROUND 85 PLEASE HELP.

On 08/11/03 Ray Pagel said:
I served on the island from 84-85. Every once in a while my daughters will ask to see the video tape from several crazy nights on that island. I served with a great group of guys during that time. I will never forget the jetty and the body surfing in 20 foot waves.

On 04/26/03 Dorion Rose said:
Stationed on Marcus Island 81 / 82

On 02/11/03 Oscar said:
Was an SA at Club Marcus from 11/1991 - 11/1992. Best fishing in the world. Ofcourse can't forget the world famus USO tour from the 'Florida Sunshine Girls'.

On 12/31/02 Tom LeMond said:
I served on that goofy island from about 1/72 to 2/73.I was one of the first crews to get caught in the LORAN TRACK/ came in from Thailand. Boy did I pay for my sins!!! If anyone is in contact with Davenport; he owes me fifty bucks. Or how about little Al Stokes? Wrote a story about him. It even got published.

On 08/23/02 Nathan M. Coleman said:
Can I go back? Haven't found a more unique place to spend a year. 92-93 turn over crew. Would like to hear from others stationed on island at that time.

On 06/13/02 David Oelschlaeger said:
Been there, done that, got a tan, closed the place and went home! I was part of the disestablishment crew 93. Had a blast too. Don't miss the ants! Do miss the peaceful evenings.

On 06/11/02 Mike Kopito said:
I was the CO at Minami Tora Shima 83-84 and what an experience it was. The crew was great and they were what made the experience so memorable. Glad to see some familiar names at the table here (Hartline was an ET, now he's probably a LT or LCDR, Chuck Schue was an ETC and is now a retired 04, Joe was the cook, Mike Jones was there too. Dana Donovan was the 'Doc', Dale Smith 'Smitty' was a brand new SA willing to try anything. Kris Zuhone was the bull MK1...what a team! Went through Typhoon Dinah despite the JMA telling us the Typhoon would NOT hit Marcus Island. Hit us square on! The tank was still there but it would have taken a small army to move it. Snitter, Willy Bear, Chief and Apache...many friends I carry through life's picture book close to my heart. Though we had many issues to deal with, I'll always cherish the time and the experience on Marcus. You all have brought back some fond memories. Thanks guys!

On 05/23/02 BARRY LAUFER said:
I WAS ON MARCUS 1964-1965 WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO WAS THERE THEN. IF YOU REMEMBER WE

WERE ORDERED TO HAVE FUN IN THE SUN. DOES ANYONE REMEMBER WHEN THE CHIEF HAD TO BE AIR EVAC'ED?

On 04/24/02 Jeff Boardman said:

My first duty station out of bootcamp was Marcus Island. I was on the 'Rock' from February 1978 until January 1979. I'm sure as with most of us who did our time on the White Pearl, I spent a fair amount of time counting the days until the day would finally come to leave it all behind, but now as I look back on that year of my life, I wouldn't trade it the experience for anything.

On 03/11/02 CWO4 John McCASLIN said:

I served at Marcus Island Lorsta Apr 69 to Apr 70. I was the only RM assigned and supervised the radio room that was manned by SNETs. I stood the day watch and the SNETs stood evening watches.. While there I was promoted to RMC and went in to FESEC to have my physical and got sent aboard the WINNEBAGO TAD for approximately 30 days.. She was on R&R in YOKOSUKA having just completed the first half of a double Victor patrol...After the WINNEBAGO got underway and returned to station it developed shaft problems and got towed to MIDWAY ISLAND by the Navy ship the SULLIVANS that had just completed a tour in VIETNAM and was returning to US..The CO on WINNEBAGO CDR BISHOP released me and I returned to MARCUS ISLAND via HAWAII and JAPAN..Being the only CG RM on MARCUS did have its advantage however as I was able communicate via CW with 2 other RMs at KAMA SEYA and GESASHI who were former ship mates. LTJG PARSONS was CO at this time..As far as that tank is concerned someone must have done some major surgery to make it run and look as good as its picture I saw in the NAVY Times..

On 02/22/02 Bob Sturgis said:

You bet I remember the tank and also Dan Ryan....I was his XO/Elc for half my tour....Apr 72-Apr 73....The tank was still in restoration when I left.....ENC from FESEC did and was doing most of the work.....Pat Glesner, do you happen to have an email address for Dan??....Thanks and best wishes to all.....

On 02/21/02 Pat Glesner said:

In 1971 an article appeared in the Navy Times about Marcus Island LORSTA. According to this article, the Japanese had occupied the island during World War II. When they abandoned it they left behind a tank. Twenty-five years later the crew of Marcus Island LORSTA restored it. My division officer on the Woodrush then, Ens. D. D. Ryan III, had orders to Marcus. He cut out that piece and had it tacked to his stateroom wall before his departure. Does anyone remember that tank (or Ryan)?

On 01/25/02 Pierce J Nance said:

Did I do Marcus or Did marcus do me?, 85 to 86 as MK1. Down AC, salt water system, refuels, pump stations falling in on watchstanders, stuck dozer on the beach, softball, 500 mile club, low fresh water, gen set casreps, playboy bunny paint job in the pool, the parties and bonfires, climbing the tower, moving the CO's bedroom to the tank farm, AM ham radio calls, painting the tanks, 99.99% air time, glass balls, low fly bies, mooning the C130's, the mascots, Japanies friends, mid tour break, wedding party, the crazyness ever crew member goes through at least once, and the crew that stuck with them when they did. Marcus Island, the place where you found out what you were made of! Great Times, All!! The 'JETTI' MK1.

On 07/08/01 Paul Nyren said:

Was stationed on the island Jan 67-Dec 67 Bob Ford and I petitioned to leave early since the were reducing the radio crew. It actually worked and we left just before Xmas 67. Would love to hear from any of the crew from that time.....

On 05/18/01 RON BROWN said:

WAS THERE MAY'86-MAY'87. LOVED IT ALL. WE HAD SUCH A GREAT CREW OUT THERE AND THE MORALE WAS GREAT!!! I WAS JUST A 'BOOT' ET3 AND IT WAS AN ADVENTURE KEEPING THE OLD GIRLS RUNNING ON AIR AND INTOL!!! I THINK WE CALLED THEM GRETCHEN AND CYNTHIA. WAS THERE WHEN WILLIE BEAR DIED AND WE HAD TO PUT SNITTER(SP) DOWN. THAT WAS A SAD DAY. IT WAS KIND OF DIFFERENT SPENDING X-MAS PLAYING SOFTBALL AT 80+ DEGREES, BUT I WASN'T COMPLAINING A BIT. IF ANYBODY IS STILL IN THE GUARD(OR NOT) GIVE ME A SHOUT AND KEEP IN TOUCH!!

On 05/09/01 Lou Snell said:

I was the construction officer and first CO.I built those !!! tents. Does anyone know if the 2 gal of nitro I placed in old bunker @ north end ever went bang?

On 03/20/01 Bob Banfield said:

I was here in 71 & 72 with LCDR Fish and CWO Midgette. CS3 Banfield, 'Mickey'. The white pearl wasn't such a bad place to serve. My youngest son is off to his first station; LORSTA Shoal Cove, of all things. If you were there contact me.

On 11/17/00 Mike Jones said:

Did two tours on that pimple on the broad buttocks of the Pacific May84-85 as an ET1 and then again as ETC Feb thru May 90. Never have been able to slide into base since. Still have lots of Fish Pictures and will never forget the Typhoon of 85.

On 09/27/00 Mike Tournade said:

Just checking in to see who's dropping msg. traffic. 85-86' Alumni to the 'Moon over Marcus'

On 07/14/00 Alex. Legault, LCDR, RET said:

Spent four months at Marcus in 1977, supposedly to build up morale. Got his with typhoon IVY shortly before I left. Hi Rick and Fritz. Worst storm I've ever seen and still owe much to my crew, especially MKC Glendenning for getting through it.

On 07/10/00 Doandl Matter said:

I was on the rock from 9/70 to 9/71. CO's were Ltjg Parsons and Ltjg Fish respectively. XO's were CWO2 Midgette and CWO2 Key (who I've contacted). Also emailed Cdr Lindley (DC2 then). If you are in that time frame, email me. I'm getting a crew list together to forward to the Fesec/Feact website. Thanks to everyone who was there, you were a great crew.

On 07/07/00 Michael Anderson said:

My heart goes out to anyone who did a tour. I arrived about fifteenth in the commission- ing crew 63-64. Lived in tents and took salt water baths, we helped build the station. One of the Marcus Island Engineers. I currently live in Cypress, Texas, made up for 'no women' have 5 daughters. ET's hogged the ham radio, licensed after Marcus now as call sign N5MV. Manager for Motion Ind. Looking for lost shipmates.

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 06/11/00 Matt Wombacher said:

Matt Wombacher, then SN was stationed on Marcus from 92-93, just before it closed. Was the best place I was assigned while I was in the service. I am currently in the Secret Service assigned in DC. Anyone ever hears from Terry Maurer tell

him to look me up.

On 05/09/00 Chuck Schue said:

LCDR Charles Schue (then ETC). Served from about 1983-1984. Retiring July 21st, 2000. Looking for lost souls I served with during that time.

On 03/17/00 Jim Koshar said:

Provided the opportunity & privilege by the CG to serve as CO 4/89-3/90. You could always tell when someone's time was up on the island, and they were due to leave by the glassy eyeballs and short tempers! I suppose some kind of angels were looking out for all of us in making sure that we made it home safely to our families and friends. I retired in June '99. My best wishes to all who put up with me during that time period. Take care.

On 01/03/00 John Lindley CDR (RET) said:

Statoned there 71-72. Had a great time. We restored an old Japanese tank. I wonder if continued to run? Ran the DC shop there. Built the pool house while I was there. Loved the log flights. Let me here from anyone that was there then.

On 07/18/99 Mark Bessett, MKC(ret) said:

Oopps, the last one was supposed to be at the Iwo Jima table, don't know what happened there.

On 07/18/99 Mark Bessett, MKC (ret) said:

I was there Jun-Dec 93, was initiated and made MKC there, Anybody remember Christmas 93 when the majority of the crew sat around the pool and quaffed suds most of the day? As the 'boot' chief I got reamed for that by the C.O., what a great day!!

On 04/03/99 ET2 Bill King said:

I was on the 'ROCK' in 85& 86.I've loved getting mail ever since.Loved the experience and all the great people I met.Yes, even ETC Lowe who wrote me up for my hair touching my ears.I forgive you, Chief!I have recently contacted ET3 Ben Goldberg, SA Ray DesMarais,MK1 Mike Tournade, and BMC Manny Vega.Looking forward to hearing from anyone during that time

On 02/01/99 W.C. said:

Hello to all you Marcus Islanders: I was there for the Commissioning during 1963-64 era. Some very rough times before the buildings were completed. Worked Marcus as a Ham for the first time last year and got the Card..Would like to hear from you other Islanders.

On 01/31/99 JON von KESSEL, CWO4 (ELC), RET said:

I made many trips to Kure while assigned to CCGD14 (eee), 1971-1972, 1979-1984. The first time was when Greg Jett (CWO4) and I went there to 'push a button' to put the chain into Universal Time on Jan. 1, 1972, while there we also did an inspection. Good station. Have fond memories of a BMCS Sata who was assigned there at the time. Also made many trips during my 'beam bender' design of the VHF link between Midway and Kure which lead to remote operation of the station eventually. Also installed the DESLOT modification in the transmitters with ETC 'Gus' MacFeeley (later COCO) and ETC Bixby.

On 11/29/98 Fred Dombek said:

Spent a year there in the mid 60's.

On 08/12/98 Dana Donovan said:

Enjoyed my tour on the White Pearl (HS1; March 83- March 84). Would like to hear from all who served on the island. I am working on a web page for us and need input, stories, photos (have scanner), etc. Email me!

On 06/26/98 HMC Albert S, Hodge Jr, Ret. said:

Relieved Doc Steach who was in the hospital in Japan. Ran the Ham Radio Station. Ran in to the 2nd CO Ralph Anderson in New Orleans. Hope that the next crew was able to keep up the golf course. Had a 3way contact on Ham radio with a ship off of the Island and a pilot who bombed the Island during the War.

On 04/02/98 LCDR Paul J. Tikkanen, USCG (Ret) said:

I was CO of Marcus Island from Oct '86 - Oct '87. It was the most unique experience I ever had. It was a great tour because of two things: The best crew any CO could ask for, and our Japanese Friends in the JMSDF & the JMA. They made it fun and bearable. The weather was great too. I'll never forget that year. I hope to hear from you guys. I've run into a few of my old crew members after our time on Marcus & it was great to see them. I must say though, the grouper can kill ya if you're not careful!

On 02/23/98 Paul MacDonald said:

I'm glad you were there to break my fall Bob. It took seven years for all of the coral to work out of my knee after I blew out my sneaker rounding third. Twenty years later April 76'through April 77' doesn't seem so bad.

On 02/23/98 Donald Bay said:

I was here in 65, ETC. Left her for 2nd CGD

On 02/01/98 Mark Bessett, MKC, ret said:

Was there from Dec 76 to Dec 77 as Fa/Fn, made MK3 shortly after I left. Had many memorable events while I was there, typhoons, water shortages, and evaporator that had more patches welded on it that had steel in it, couple of major overhauls and of course the party bunker and nites at the JQ, or what I can remember of them.

On 12/01/97 Larry Jasmann said:

Hi, I was CO at Marcus during 1974 and 1975. Some of the most interesting times of my life. We mostly kept the old tube timers and transmitters up an running. Lots of good skin diving and glass ball hunting. Hi Jim... good to hear from you again...

On 11/14/97 joe said:

stationed on marcus island on 1980/-84,,loved the baseball games,fishing. Is lady or willybear still alive on the island????????????

On 11/12/97 Dick Soucy said:

Ah yes, the White Pearl of the Pacific! Minami-Tori Shima. What a wonderful year THAT was! Aug 90 to Aug 91. We replaced the Inductrols with Solid State PS then later on, just after I left, they replaced all the generators. I used to do laps around the island on a bicycle, 10 to 15 per day! Great way to stay in shape! BTW, there is an underscore between my first and last name in the Email address: richard_soucy@...

On 11/11/97 Kris zuHone said:

I spent my suntan tour on Minami Tora-Shima from oct 82 to oct 83 as MK1. Enjoyed the softball and spear fishing. Anybody out here when I was on the island? remember finding the underground power station and rail system from

WWII? And how about those Luaus's we had. I have a lot of great photo's of the place including airforce flyovers at low altitude.

On 09/12/97 John McGroary USCG RET said:

73's Still hoping to hear from any shipmates from Marcus class of 65. Lt. Leahy (later RADM) and Lt. King were Co's. Radio watch went from 24 hrs to 16 hrs. Myself and Marv Stanley were RM2's. Had 6 Army satellite trackers, 6 weather bureau crew and about 34 of Charlie Golf's finest. Still have color 8 by 10 of the 1350 ft tower if anyone wants.

On 06/18/97 Bob Hood said:

I celebrated the Bicentennial on Minami Tori Shima alias White Pearl of the Pacific. Arrived May 76 and stay till I stopped having fun in May 77. Enjoyed the weather and the softball games with the Japanese. I still have an occasional twinge in my right knee from colliding with Paul in the outfield. The crew is what made my stay enjoyable.

On 05/16/97 Bob Sturgis said:

I was at Marcus from April 1972 until April 1973. We had a great crew! If there are any of you who were out there during that time frame, please let me hear from you.

On 03/31/97 Mike Tournade said:

Cont. -The Pit Monster- is alive and well! I'm using someone else's e-mail but you can get me at this address.

On 03/31/97 Mike Tournade said:

I had the wonderful opportunity to spend 13 months on the island (9/85 - 10/86). Manny, hope your rash got better (haha). I'm doing great, still in the reserves trying to make E8. One last word;

On 03/14/97 Manny Vega said:

I have a picture of the crew on Marcus island when I was there from Feb 85-Feb86, taken before Christmas when LT Love was CO. Email me and I will scan it and attach it as a file and send it to you.

On 03/02/97 John McGroary said:

Marcus Island Class of 1965 (2nd crew)..Theme song that year was "Stop the world and let me off." I miss the gooney birds and the 10 cent beer (San Miguel). Still have an 8X10 color pic of the 1350 foot Loran C Tower. (Always thought it was going to fall). Anyone who remembers me or wants to chat about the Rock NRV6, drop me an email. 73's

On 01/28/97 Dale Smith said:

I was stationed at Marcus from May 1984 to May 1985. My favorite duty station while in the Coast Guard! Even went back to visit after leaving.

On 01/25/97 LTJG John Hartline said:

I graduated from Marcus in Mar 1984. I was an ET3 and made ET2 during my tour. For any old old timers, Chopper passed away during my tour.

On 01/08/97 MKC R. Ritz said:

Just want to say hi to Rick Glendenning. Did my time on the island from 15 June, 1977 to 14 June, 1978. Does anyone remember the party bunker? How about body surfing in the 15' waves from Typhoon Ivy? Here's a Marcus Island Special toast to all!!!

On 01/07/97 Jerry Walker said:

Aboard the "White Pearl of the Pacific" SEP '76 to SEP'77 as an ET1. Minami tora-shima was an experience!! Several large typhoons during the year. Had severe H2O problems when underground tanks deteriorated from salt-water contamination and leaked profusely. Looking forward to seeing the "graduation list!!"

On 12/12/96 Wayne Canfield said:

I was on Minami Tori Shima from October 1974 to October 1975. Saw pictures of the tower coming down.

On 12/08/96 Russell F. (Rick) Glendenning said:

MKC Russell F. (Rick) Glendenning EO Feb 1977-Feb 1978

On 12/07/96 Manny Vega said:

This was one memorable tour! I will never forget the 100's of miles I logged running around in circles, waiting for the plane and my mail. Yes, I would do it again-it went by fast (86-86)

On 12/01/96 Mark Patton said:

Stationed on Marcus from Nov 89 - Nov 90 as a SS1/SSC. Never want to go back but would never trade the experience!

On 11/27/96 Jim West said:

I was on Minami Tori Shima from August 1974 to August 1975 (53 weeks). I hope we don't have to fly on an old Viet Nam Vet MAC C-130 to meet again! Anyone from that era seated now?

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