

**OLD Reunion Hall Table for:
LORSTA St. Paul**

On 01/07/08 dave heuer said:

i was stationed there as an mk' helping run the powerplant/generators for the loran equiptment, 81/82' i saw a post on here from carl lund..LORANIMAL' he was a great ET' as were the others et1 fort, charles safrit..one of my best friends there..bob fiegenblatt, and another good friend damage controlman 'terrible terry v jones!..all were true professional's and great guys..and 'doc' rick..plus many more! a lot of powerful memories there and wild and crazy stuff we did, and some tradgedies and not so good stuff also.id love to hear from anybody, if anybody knows whom i mentioned above ,i would very much appreciate any/all info.wish i would have found this site a long time ago..best to all..will come back soon and share some of those events i talked about..

On 12/20/07 Gary Eveler said:

Just found out about this site. I was stationed @ St Paul from 76 to 77 under Lt Thraull. Some of the other guys I can remember off the top of my head (remember it's been 31 years ago) are Jim Perry, still a good friend and still see a couple times a year. Chief Gaskill, Chief Shelton, Ski, Issie, Trice, Oakley. I need to look at the crew picture we took in front of the large Coast Guard emblem we painted on the generator building. Perry and I were the one's that dug up the Honda dirt bke 10 feet under the snow and rebuilt it. Anybody remember Margie? She was a local that worked at the base for a while. Give me a shout if any of you were there during this time. Gary

On 08/22/07 dux said:

just posted a few old pics of st. paul lorsta take a peek

On 07/03/07 Gilbert Burruel said:

It would be nice to hear from Glen Miller, Ritichie. These two guys would remember all those nights of movies, riding around the Island looking for something to do. Then there was Doc, Bernal HM3, who was our trapper and other stuff. Miss you all!!

On 06/15/07 George Cheney said:

Good Evening All, I made an error about the date of my arrival at St Paul Loran, by one year, I arrived in 1948 and left when we shut down the station , March 1950.

On 05/30/07 George Cheney said:

Good Evening All, I was on the Loran 'A' Station from Fall of 1947 to March of 1950 when we decomissioned the station. Lt Winnstine was the Skipper when I arrived and then Lt Muth took over. I was EN2 when I left. Is there any one out there that was on at that time. Dave Winship was the cook. Joe Mehoja was the fireman, a Black Foot Indian. The 'A' station was not much to crow about, Running water about 6 months, and use an out house during the winter. Great Fun...

On 04/15/07 Randy Merritt said:

I visitd there in 68 or 69 while Storis anchored. I knew a BMC Brizidene (sp) who was there. Any info on him?

On 01/26/07 Dennis Rothang said:

8/74 to 8/75. What a great year to think about when I walk down Memory Lane. Lost most of my pictures of SNP in a flood a fews years ago.

On 11/29/06 Berry Duxbury said:
like to get a patch from here served there in 1970 willing to pay

On 10/20/06 Gilbert Burruel said:
Where is the group from 1974, I know they all know how to use computers. They were so good at code and rat, that they would be naturals at the net. I have been working just like them, I know how to use the net and computers. So come guys get on the ball and do some communicating, I know it is different but it is communication. Let's hear from you all!!! Gilbert

On 08/03/06 Cole Hankins said:
updated to colehankins@hotmail.com

On 05/16/06 Pete Mellenberger said:
Any one out there who was on the rock 63 / 64 I would like to chat with you if there are any left.

On 05/06/06 Sherrill Miller said:
Greg Savaglia have you seen or heard from anyone. GBY Sherrill Miller

On 04/01/06 Berry Duxbury said:
anyone remember the 'trouble' with the natives in 70-71 and making and consumeing the home brew in chiefs quarters??

On 01/22/06 Anna nee' Lestenkof said:
Does any one know Ray 'Smitty' Smith, NY...was at St. Paul LORESTA around 1975???

On 01/18/06 Paul Zerbe CWO3 ret, said:
St. Paul my first tour out the gate in the Guard. 76- 77. Somone had rearranged the letters in my name on the incoming board before I got there and after that I was cursed with the name Bonzo. 'Hey Jeff! Do you still use the Motto 'If it Don't Go Down Call Brown'? I was shocked to hear about Dave Oakley. We had some good times making the messes under windows that had to be cleaned when spring came. I can't remember who it was that woke up LT. Thrall one night by haveing conjugal visit with Natalia undernieth his window

On 12/26/05 Alex Hudspeth said:
I was at St. Paul from 12-88 to 12-89. what an, um, interesting place we had there. Too many nights crawling back from town after the 'liberty Cat' picked up the crew from the bar.

On 10/23/05 Bernie Eckert said:
Stationed on St. Paul from 2-68 to 2-69. Would love to hear from any fellow shipmates who were there at the same time. I was in shock for the first few weeks I was there, but got over it and actually found it to be a fun part of my life. Well maybe not fun, but interesting. Does anybody have a current email address of the station? By the way, while I was there I placed a zillion little pieces of paper everywhere I could think of that said Honest Abe was here. Did anyone find any?

On 09/02/05 Jeff Brown said:
Here is my new e-mail. Sorry to hear about Dave. He was a good shipmate.

On 08/04/05 Berry Duxbury said:
Happy Birthday coasties

On 07/19/05 David Smith said:

EM1 from Jan 68 to Jan 69. There was an investigation over the Xmas party held in '67. It seems the Santa (performed by the corpsman) was accused of rape. And when the CO went looking for the BMC he found him in bed with a local gal. All of the charges were dropped except the one of the crew shooting seagulls. So us new crew members paid the price as beer rationed to 2 cans a day and no visitors. It was a boring tour as the new CO and the chiefs were acting like it was boot camp. I stood OOD so on my night of duty I gave the vehicle to the ETs so they could go down town to the warehouse and buy 50 cases of beer each week. The adopted CG family was Tina and Agafan. I got restricted my last 2 weeks there as I stayed down town over night as the duty driver failed to pick me up. When the new ENC arrived we took him to town to meet the CG family and he broke down and cried as he was home sick. I ended up in a fight with him as he was writing up any engineer that was late for muster. God, I hated those leaders as they had no balls and never stuck up for the crew. I was glad to leave because of them. But I did make it and had a lot of fun with some of the good guys. When I flew out on Reeves Airlines the pilot came back and gave me a bottle to drink during the flight. Each week they flew into St. Paul I would give them fresh coffee and donuts from our great cook Jim Crawford and they would give him a bottle of spirits.

On 07/16/05 Bill Broome (6/79-7/80) said:

From the Coast Guard Historian's page at CGHQ. http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-cp/history/Chronology_Nov.html '8 November 1979-The crew of Coast Guard LORAN Station St. Paul Island, Alaska, rescued the crew of the Japanese factory fishing vessel Ryuyo Maru NR Two which had run aground near Tolstoi Point on St. Paul Island during a storm. The Coast Guardsmen used a makeshift breeches buoy to effect the rescue of all of the 81 crewmen aboard the fishing vessel. '

On 03/31/05 Rodney Maples said:

St. Paul June 67-68; have memories of it, but, can't say I enjoyed the tour. Ended first marriage - thank you. Left RM2, from reading news, my replacement had a worse time than I did. Now retired (USAF/USPS) living in Texas. St. Paul was truly remote in the 60's,

On 02/11/05 Fred Field said:

I was there 1970-1971 for about 7 months. I spent rest of year on Sitkinak. Anyone have e-mail for Rotman, Collins, or Durante from that year?

On 10/21/04 Kim Arbaugh said:

David C. Oakley Information technologist ROCKY HILL — David Charles Oakley died suddenly Oct. 8. He was 49. Born in Princeton, he was a longtime area resident. He worked in the information technology field for many years. In the late 1970s, he worked as a wine-buyer for Community Liquors in Princeton and met his wife, whom he married in 1982. He began his career in information technology at DeskTop Software. He developed software systems for Thomas Edison College before moving to Wang Laboratories. In the late 1980s, he and his wife founded Oakley Systems Inc. In 1994, he joined Merrill Lynch, where he became a vice president in IT systems. After graduating from Princeton High School in 1972, he joined the Coast Guard where he served as a radioman 2nd class in New York and Alaska. Following his honorable discharge in 1977, he returned to Princeton. He was a member of the American Radio Relay League and held extra class amateur radio license WJ2S. A history buff, he was also a car enthusiast and enjoyed swimming and sailing. He played numerous musical instruments, including tuba, trombone, guitar and piano. Son of the late Charles B. and Patricia Van Dorn Oakley (later Purtell), he is survived by his wife, Judith Fischer Oakley; son Benjamin; daughter Rachel; sister and brother-in-law Elaine and Woody Caine and nephew and niece Adam and Abigail Barnes, all of Nashville, Tenn.; brother and sister-in-law Robert and Suzanne Oakley of Maine; mother-in-law Rita Fischer of Rocky Hill; sisters-in-law Susan Fischer and Michele Gregory of New York; and brother and sister-in-law David Fischer and Francesca Fornara and niece and nephew Arianna and Daniel. The service and burial were Monday. Memorial contributions may be made to The

Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L St. NW, Washington, DC 20037 or to the American Heart Association, 2550 US Highway One, North Brunswick, NJ 08902. Arrangements were by Kimble Funeral Home, Princeton.

On 10/21/04 Kim Arbaugh said:

Death Notice for RM2 David Oakley St Paul in mid 1975-76 There is no easy way to write this email. My sister-in-law, Judy Oakley, found your email to my brother, David Oakley (rockyhilledad@yahoo.com), and we want to let you know: David died suddenly at 1:00 a.m. on Friday, October 8. He had a heart attack, three weeks before his 50th birthday. As David's older sister, I remember well his days in the Coast Guard and I know that your communication brought him joy and found remembrance. For that I thank you for taking the time to get in touch with him. I have attached a copy of his obit from the local paper. Is there a St. Paul LORAN web page, or chat room, or something, where you saw David's message? Would you be able to post the obit – or at least information on his death – for others he may have kept in touch with? Many thanks – and, again, thank you for responding to David's entry. Elaine Oakley Caine ***** Elaine Oakley Caine Graduate Education Manager

On 09/01/04 Sam Bachar said:

new E-mail Class of 78-79

On 07/06/04 Bob Gardner said:

I was ordered from HQ to SNP to report to the island in March of 1960. When I got to Juneau they told me that there was so much ice around the island that the contractor could not get his barges ashore. So I spent three months in Juneau on S&Q, learned to fly at the Juneau small boat harbor (which led to a post-retirement career in general aviation). We went from a collection of insulated huts heated by oil stove to an honest-to-goodness operating station by September 1960. I was the first CO and was relieved by Keaton in July of 61. I ran the ham station as KL7DNE...I understand that there are no hams currently on site (July 2004). Interesting to hear about marriages with girls from the village...my orders were to keep the crew and the villagers apart, but at that time the Fish and Wildlife Service ran the island like a private kingdom and the manager's word was law. Lots of challenges during that first year; it was so challenging that I asked for and got another station to take from nothing to operational: Gesashi, Okinawa. Glad to hear from any crew members of either station.

On 04/15/04 Jeff Brown CWO (ret) said:

New e-mail is jbrown@nhcs.k12.in.us. Hope to hear from the class of 76-77

On 04/07/04 ken darmer said:

LORSTA ST PAUL WITH DUNCAN WHITESIDE IN1989, WHERE ARE ALL OF YOU GUYS HS1 DARMER

On 03/11/04 David Billig CWO3 (ret) said:

I was ETC on St. Paul from 8/86 to 8/87. Spent time at R&D Center before returning to the LORAN life in AK as CO of LORSTA Attu 7/90 to 7/91. Did not complete the trifecta with LORSTA Port Clarence but did make a stop over there in '91. Would be interested in hearing from anyone from St. Paul during 86/87 timeframe.

On 01/05/04 Erik Stavang said:

I vacationed on St Paul from 08/1986 to 08/1987 as an ET3. I am interested in hearing from others who were there during this time.

On 01/03/04 SHERRILL MILLER said:

I AM TRYING TO FIND INFO ABOUT MYSELF MEMORY PROBLEMS I THINK I DID TWO TOURS THERE. WAS WITH MISSY

ON ONE BUT I COULD BE WRONG.

On 12/17/03 Greg Savaglia said:

Stayed the whole year Sep 82 to 83. What a great time. My first tour as an ET. Had the first Female CO of the Unit Ltjg Missy Wall, Great person. Met my wife there as many did. Never forget running to the Xmtr Building and messing with the 42 Xmtrs. Also sleeping on the Fan unit after a hard night of partying

On 06/05/03 Dave (oak) Oakley said:

Class of 75-76 RM2: I remember we seem to have had the crappiest atmospherics on earth, with just a little bit of LORAN noise thrown in for good measure. Who else but Uncle Sam would put a kid in the middle of nowhere with a couple of radios and say 'Here, you want to talk to the outside world? Figure it out!' It did set the foundation, and as a Ham, I'm drawn to HF with something approaching glee. A truly amazing experience, and I'm proud to have served with a really great crew who made leaving my young bride stateside almost bearable. Almost bearable, but not quite. Here's hoping that everyone who served with me continues to prosper. Wishing all the best, (with a special thanks to Ski (76-77) for pointing me here). This is a great board that brings back some fond memories.

On 03/23/03 Ted Mac Lain said:

I was the first HM attached, 7/61-7/72. LTJG Frank Keaton was the 1st CO, LTJG Gary Mc Manus the second. LTJG Keaton and I sent out the Commissioning Diary to Hqt's and Dist. Offices changing the Unit from 'USCG Facility' to USCG LORSTA, St. Paul. I'M suprised it's still in operation. Does anyone have an E-Mail address for the Station.

On 11/29/02 CWOBrown(ret) said:

Hello all stations...hello all stations.....Ski: Drop me a line at semper_p@yahoo.com. Jeff Brown: Class of 76-77

On 11/23/02 Pete Mellenberger said:

Shipmates: Would like to E-MAIL with anyone on the rock from 1963/64. Its been hard to find old shipmates. Can anyone help? Pete

On 08/30/02 Mike Hudson said:

Mike Hudson ET3: I was there 9-74 thru 9-75 what a year! Amazing I can remember the month. Great times but too many years have passed to do it again.

On 01/05/02 Bob Smith said:

BOB SMITH EN-2 was on St Paul from 3-67-3-68 we had no communications with the outside world took 3 weeks to find out Bobby Kennedy had been killed.

On 09/29/01 David O'Neal said:

anyone know if St Paul Lorsta has a email address if so please send it to me thanks

On 09/07/01 DAIVD said:

I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT ST pAUL STA MAY BE TURNED OVER TO THE TOWN IS THERE ANY THING TO IT I WAS ON THE FRIST CREW TO MAN THAT STA ALSO MARRIED A GRIL FROM THERE STILL MARRIED

On 08/24/01 Mike DeNoto said:

I arrived there as the ET1 on 9/88 and left a year later. Remember crate dancing? That was a long year, but I made a lot of good friends. Bob, Carl, Alex, Matt and Mark keep in touch

On 07/17/01 Keith Ray said:

Arrived St. Paul in September 76 and rotated out September 77 for RM School. Lt. Thraull C.O. Cheif Gaskill was over the deckies along with Cheif Shelton. Hello to Ski, Brownie, Zerbe, Trice, Doc, how did you guys like the emblem in the entrance, I got to help in the beginning of it. Hope all from that year are well.

On 03/20/01 Duane Johnson said:

RM2 Duane Johnson served there on St. Paul from Oct. of 68 to June of 69. Was sent to St. Paul to replace a RM who tried to commit suicide. It was a fake attempt just to get out of there. I enjoyed the place and had great time beachcombing. Would like to contact Charlie Cheek and our cook, Jim Crawford Best food I had in the Guard. Still have a bunch of fish balls. Anyone out there during my time? Duane

On 02/05/01 berry duxbury(DUX) said:

remember when we rebuilt the powerwagon while the old man was gone after it got rolled.. loved running the fuel farm with my tractor also have some old homemovies of a couple of us idiots in the surf trying to get the refule hose in I was ther 70-71

On 10/19/00 MKC Tom Brown said:

Has anybody seen HONK? I did the island tour with the DL Band from 93-94. Tooly pop, Mac, Stephanie, and the rest of the gang. I still remember HONK running into Alan Woods and spilling paint all over his new uniform. Softball at 1100 pm, Doc being taken away by CGI and the contractors on a Saturday night. I had a good year, hunting, trapping, and playing music downtown. I talk with J Swidrak from time to time. Drop me line. See Ya, Tom.

On 10/02/00 EM2 Gilbert Burruel said:

I got my orders by suprise, that was in 74. I was station at Government Is. Alameda, in public works, Electric shop. Arrived in March, saw the ice break that summer. I really thought the island was bigger, I was wrong, very short drive. The sealing was interesting, it was a good harvast, by the native standard. Had a good time beachcombing, and boondocking. Our HM3 liked to trap fox, I went out with him to setting up a few. The dump was another place to have fun looking for parts and junk. The old Army camp sites were still there and so was all their como wire. We really made a big deal of the supply plane arrivals, and Reves Alutian Air. I drove the tractor with the trailer, and sometimes the truck with the PKP tanks. The day after I arrive the chief, our chief engineer, recieved a message to be sent home on the next flight. So they sent us a replacement MK1, he was there for a month and left. I ended up the chief engineer. Being the senior snipe. It was a great tour of duty. I still tell whoever wants know about the history of the island, and the natives.

On 03/19/00 Jim Rankin said:

69 - 70 Was looking at the old picture of the tower emerging from the snow. Any one heard from Chris Keffer? Lost contact after he borrowed VW in yorktown. Great place to visit but you know the rest.....

On 01/15/00 Jeff Brown said:

New E-Mail Address

On 01/06/00 Bill (Wes) Weston ET1 said:

I just found Fredsplace and am trying my best to put names with faces. Was on St Paul from 10/63 to 10/64. There during the big earthquake, Kennedy assination and the year the Beatles hit the scene. Missed a lot.

On 01/05/00 John Austin said:

Was CO of St. Paul from Dec. 46 till end of June 47. Have fond (?) memories of the cook, SN Dominic and helper climbing to the top of those 10,000 gal. tanks in the tank house, breaking the ice and dipping water into a GI can and lugging it into the galley. We couldn't keep the water line between the tank house and the huts from freezing. relieved Fred Baines and was relieved by Fred Bookout. Ordered to Unalga for TAD and transportation back to Ketchikan. Three months later left the Unalga at Adak and flew back to Seattle. Retired in '74.

On 12/29/99 Scott Keffer (RET) said:

DC2 85-86. How are you Hank? Wrestled with any fisherman lately. He should have removed his hat in our Bar! Happy New Year!

On 12/27/99 Fred Sokolowski said:

Jeff I need a good email address

On 11/06/99 jeff brown said:

Hello all stations....Served at sunny St. Paul from 77-78(I think) Worked for MKC Ivy Gaskill. Dont remember much. Spent most of the time in a OLY haze. Shot a lot of seagulls at the dump and got to shoot one of the riendeer. Put up a lot of snow fence and played a few softball games with some 378 sailors. Stood crash crew at the airport for Reeves Alution Airways. Just me a tattered proximity suit and a portable PKP system. It was quite a year(I think)

On 09/01/99 Sam Bachar said:

new e-mail address mkcsam@netscape.net

On 04/01/99 CWO Hank O'Sullivan said:

I was EPO 85-86. Saw the best generator system installation a low bidder could provide (we ran for about a month using 55-gal. drums on wheels). Still kept the signal clean! Can still taste that flipper!!!

On 01/09/99 Tom Hetsler said:

Jan71-Jan72 Remember those Whiteouts??? Remember the sno-cat driving over the top of the building??? Was an interesting tour of duty. Saw comments from Tom Jahn-still smoke a pipe;Ha.

On 12/21/98 Warren Duthie said:

Revise E-Mail Address

On 10/14/98 Bob Bratcher said:

I was stationed here from Mar82-Mar83.Mr. Austin Callwood was the CO, Mr. London was the XO. This was my 1st duty station as a brand new Seaman. I had a great time, met some great people.

On 07/22/98 Jim Perrey said:

I was there with Ski and Duthie.75-76. How have you guys been? It was fun at times. Sure met alot of good people. I'd like to go back, but only for a short visit! Send me a line.

On 07/10/98 TIM MEE said:

I WAS THE UNIT STOREKEEPER FROM FEB 90 TO FEB 91.E-MAIL ME AND LETS TALK ABOUT THAT ICEBERG SMACKDAB IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BERING SEA.

On 05/03/98 Jack Oliver said:

I was the CO of St. Paul from Jul 90 - Jul 91.

On 01/07/98 Carl R. Lund said:

Stationed here 80-81-82 (SNET, ET3, ET2) and again 91-92 (ET1). What a great place to visit. Many good times never to be forgotten.

On 12/09/97 jerry goff said:

i was at St Paul in 63 and 64. would like to here from anyone there at that time.

On 10/20/97 Sam Bromley said:

I was on St Paul April 1966 to April 1967. Made EN1 while there. Sometime during this period, a CG aircraft from Kodiak crashed while attempting to land during log flight killing one of its air crewmen. Wonder what ever happened to Coast Guard Nellie, Tina and Agafon Krukof and some of the other Aleuets that frequented the station.

On 09/26/97 Bill DeGeorge said:

There 75/76 whew ! Rough tour ! Arrived via C-130 with monitor van which had to be towed by bulldozer over top of snow (all buildings covered). Went to work and two months later finally got chain back in tol and settled down. Much effort and hard times by entire crew to get it there and keep it there. Fondest memory was playing Santa for kids in town on Christmas Eve. They believed !

On 09/21/97 BRIAN BENSEN said:

Sam.. tolypop is still up there and doing well. He has it made. don't think he plans on retireing anytime soon. I just got off the rock 1 Feb of this year!

On 07/08/97 Dennis Dowling said:

Was at the HF/DF station, 9/45 to 4/46. There was also a Loran Station on the Island and there was a Weather Station in the village. Had a sister station at Scotch Cap, on top of the cliff above the Light Station which was hit by the Tidal Wave.

On 06/26/97 James Paton said:

I was part of the original crew

On 06/22/97 Tom Jahn said:

Circa 1970. Been there, Done that. Who else had a 90 double transmitter failure the day they took over as EMO? What a way to start a tour.

On 06/11/97 Alex Hudspeth said:

Hey there! I was an ET3 from December of 1988 to December of 1989. Worked under ET1 Denoto, ETC Bob Roberts, and CWO Matthew E. James. If there's anyone else out there that 'visited' this little paradise from that time, drop me a note.

On 06/02/97 Warren Duthie said:

Revision of my E-Mail address

On 05/06/97 Sam Bachar, MKC said:

is tolypop still running around or has he retired ??? 1978-79-80

On 04/24/97 John Hartness said:

Hi...I guess I'm way out in left field! I was on St. Paul Nov'45 - Apr'46 staying in the hotel with three other CG AerM's. We were assigned to work with the US Weather Bureau whose station was located at the top of the hill in town. Enjoyed my stay. Still have intentions of returning for a visit. If any one writes..I'll try to write back. Aloha!!

On 04/15/97 Bob Gardner said:

I was the first CO, 1960-61. Lots of fun experiences working through the differences between what the supply center thought we might need and real life. Any old timers still around?

On 03/16/97 Ken Mitchell said:

I was epo Apr 84 to 85. Worked with Terry and Toni in the generator room, rebuilt timer room.

On 03/12/97 Roger Davis said:

68-69 ET3

On 03/05/97 Jack Oliver said:

I was the CO at St. Paul from July 90 - July 91. I hope Terry and his family are doing O.K.

On 02/03/97 Ray said:

I was there in '61 - '62. It snowed up to the rooftops.

On 01/25/97 Gary May BMC said:

Stationed 3/78-1/79 CO's Mike Hay and J.H.M.Jone's Jr.

On 01/18/97 Richard C. London said:

Hi mates; Anyone here that was at LORSTA Mar'82-Mar83? CWO London,XO

On 01/18/97 Tony George J. DeAntonio said:

1963-1964

On 01/04/97 cole said:

ET3 85-86

On 12/31/96 Warren Duthie said:

Class of 76 ETC

On 12/26/96 JAMES TAUBE said:

everyone,s favorite cwo FEB 73 TO MAR 74

On 12/03/96 Greg Commons said:

I was at Lorsta ST Paul from Sep 83 to Sep 84 I think.

On 11/19/96 Fred Sokolowski said:

Lorsta St. Paul 1976-77

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