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On 03/09/08 'Drifty' said:

Whether it was pushing a pink Lancia through the hills of Calabria, admiring bare breasts on the Ionian (even if that was only at The Robinson Club), enjoying pizza with a few toppings you're seldom offered in the US and for only a couple bucks, or hitting the small remote towns feeling celebrity-like, 84-86 would be tough to beat. Talked with Darryl McKnight(Still In, last I knew), Chris Koerner(business owner), Reg Abare(Post Master), Les Kaplan(retired), emailed Joe Cardinale(locomotives,if I recall correctly), Alvin(retired) and also frequent this site on occasion hoping more have found it. I'm sure many like me read but don't post often, Well post something! Thanks Zep, Alvin, and Maria for keeping us informed. Say hello to anyone you run into associated with the base for me!

On 02/12/08 Matthew Barber said:

Where is everyone? I was at the 'Master of the Med' twice, 80-82 and 83-85. I tried to get back for the final crew after turning over Marcus Island but was denied. Nice to see some familiar names: Maria, Perry Campbell, Coleman Ray (How's Angela?), Capt. Westling, Drifty, Jo Voda (Sorry to hear about Craig), 'Yorgie' Ruwisch, Young Zeppelin, and Jeff Robinson (still got that beard?). Sorry to hear about Milo, I worked with him again in late 90s at ESU Seattle. Sad to hear that the station is in ruins. A lot of history would be lost if it weren't for our memories. I retired in 2006 as ETCS and had 8 LORAN tours, Sellia was my favorite by far. Great food and great people. Brian, we need to get this going again.

On 06/19/07 Mike Yebernetsky said:

Sorry to see that ETCS John F. Milohnick III passed away on November 15, 2006. John was the ETCS at Sellia Marina and I remember YN2 Debbie Hamilton and I went to his house in 1984 to enjoy a 8 course Italian dinner which he did marvelously! I also saw that ETCS Thomas Bruce who worked on the ACTEUR staff in the early 80's also passed away January 21, 2006. See Memorial. Both great guys!

On 03/26/07 Phil Platter said:

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

On 12/11/06 Angela Self said:

Happy Holiday's from Kansas City, Missouri!! I was the Corpsman at Sellia from Apr93- Jan95, part of the final crew. Retired out of New Orleans in 01 and played for around until this fall and packed my stuff and moved to KC. Sellia was one of my favorite tours not just for the nude beaches, the crew and the families were the greatest ever. Thanks for all the wonderful memories you have given me to share through the years. Hugs and Kisses to you all! Maria, thanks for taking care of all of us over the years!! Blessings to you all!!

On 11/30/06 Jerry Murdock said:

As noted earlier, I was at Simeri-Crichi from Fall of '65 to Fall of '66. Hope to go back for a visit someday. I have recently moved to Onalaska, TX (Lake Livingston area) and wanted to make sure my new e-mail address is posted.

On 11/15/06 Zep said:

Just wanted to let everyone know that Milo passed away on the 14th of November, his wife called me today. Her address for any that would like to send a card is 3428 Sussex Drive Valdosta, GA 31605 Phone: 229-506-4064

On 11/05/06 Coleman Mark Ray said:

Hi all. Still living in Vicenza, Italy (Northern Italy) but doing a tour in Baghdad, Iraq with ManTech. Will be returning to Italy in April of 07. Drove by the station in February 06 and it is really run down. Zero Maintenance. Oh well.

On 10/23/06 Gary Westling said:

Maria, Jo, Brian- How are you doing? I just found this site by accident. Jo- I am so sorry to hear about Craig. Great to hear about you and the kids. Brian Benson, what are you doing? I was last down to Sellia Marina in about '91, saw Maria then, for a station inspection when I was Loran Chief at ACTEUR. Dana and I got divorced about that time, I remarried when I returned to the states. I see George Self often at scout meetings (but he just moved to Norfolk area). Kate, who was born in Naples Hospital graduated from VA Tech with an engineering degree, went to grad school, and is teaching math in California, and Married her College boy friend who is now an USAF pilot. Ben is 21 and working here in the area, my two younger are in elementary and middle school. I am a program manager for SAIC.

On 10/20/06 mike loy said:

hi everybody i be still alive here in milan lifes good still have to take trip down to calabria. max is now 17 and i am older too cinzia is fine hope to here from some of you sorry if i lost contact,peace for all

On 10/19/06 Gary Hughes said:

New E-Mail address: ghughes@tds.net

On 09/29/06 Milo said:

Maria they have a movie about the rescue swimmers of the Coast Guard it is called 'The Guardian'. It is a great movie. When it becomes available on DVD I will get you a copy of it. You will enjoy it . Say hello to Sal, my love to all

On 09/14/06 Maria Cananzi said:

Hi Roger, we are doing so so. Happy to hear from you. A special hello to Macaluso; Milo; Thompson;Campbell; Ferguson; Spoto; Gibson; and all of the others whose nameS I dont' remember. Yes the station is now totally gone, the tower still stands but no lights are on. Love to all of you.

On 08/11/06 Roger Rumbaugh said:

How do How do How do.....Hope all is good with everyone of the old salts of Sellia. Howdy to Maria and Sal. Sad to hear about the old station going down hill. Best wishes to all.

On 04/14/06 Milo said:

Hi Maria and Salvatore hope you have a wonderful Easter. Bon Pascua. La manchiamo. Tuti sono bene qui

On 03/31/06 Paul Lyver said:

Just reading through all the comments for the past couple of years, didn't realize that the station is gone. I was on google Earth looking for it and couldn't ID where it was. I was there as a BM3 in 76-77. Couldn't wait to get to a place that had CG boats! Stationed there with some great people. and some great time some off which I was sober for! Remember playing basketball against the locals several times . Always funny to see them breathing hard during a break in the action while our guys were smoking a cigarette and drinking a beer. Art Butler was the CO, Chief Savage, returned made CWO and left again. Only ran into a few of the crew over the years. No one in the last 15 yearw or so. Finished my career after 29 1/2 years coming off the CGC IDA LEWIS in 2003. Michele and I live on Cape Cod and have 3 kids in college.

On 02/16/06 Maria Cananzi said:

Hello to all of you out there, just like to inform you that I am back on transmission, unfortunately, due to big trouble my

old PC caused there is also the loss of all addresses I had for you guys. Now if you want me to get back in touch with you, I'm afraid you have to do it first. Thank you all in advance. Keep good and safe.

On12/24/05 Maria Cananzi said:

I would like to mention the names of all coasties I've met while stationed here in Sellia but the risk of forgetting some of the names is high, so in order that nobody gets offended by my lack of memory I will say Merry Christmas to the entire Coast Guard service members active and retired and their families. A very special hug goes to Captain John Macaluso stationed at H.Q. Love you all and Semper Paratus.

On12/21/05 jo voda said:

hi maria.. hope you are doing well.sorry i haven't sent the pictures yet..we have all been so busy. i hope you have a wonderful christmas. i think about you all the time. but, i hope you are ok and i really do hope you have a nice holiday. love,jo

On12/02/05 Gary Hughes said:

Maria I was saddened to read your note of 6-26-05 regarding the station. I was stationed there from 1965 to 1967. I was as ET1. I was there with Ferguson, Sousa, Morrison and the like. There were several CO's but the XO at the time was ack Harding. I may still come back one more time to visit. I have been back to Italy twice so far. I still love Italy and since I introduced my wife to the country she has also fallen in love with your nation.

On11/08/05 peter spoto said:

hi maria hope all is well .i have sent the photos,hope you like them .

On08/08/05 Maria Canazi said:

hi jo, glad to be in touch with the old crew. You can write on my e-mail,I do receive only cannot replay on it. Its almost unbelievable that you have a grand child already in school, time really goes fast. Best of luck to both your children and their family. I'll be waiting for those pictures. Its not worth fixing my PC its too old, I must think about getting a new one as soon as can afford to do that. Love to all of you. Maria

On08/04/05 jo voda said:

hi maria it was so good to hear back from you.. i hope you get your pc fixed soon and when you do i will send you pictures of everyone. it has been hot here in houston. everybody is doing ok. sometimes i wonder if craig jr. is ok after that fall ..hahaha.. but, he is ok.. we have been busy getting christina (marybeth's daughter) ready for school. she will be in the 1 st. grade this year. how time passes so fast. well, marilena and salvatore were our neighbors. but, they were always with us . he worked for the police. i have pictures of them ..so, when you get your pc fixed i will send them along with pictures of the kids.. lets stay in touch.. i will write more later. love, jo

On07/18/05 peter spoto said:

hi maria plan to send you the soft ware in a few days .check it out and tell me what you think .also sending sal some picture.if you need anything let me know .

On07/16/05 peter spoto said:

hi maria hope you and sal are doing fine .i found more pictures that are of the people in sellia .hope to get them printed soon .i found some soaft ware that mite work to teach the people english,it talks to you .i did not know what happen in london until the plane landed ,i was so out of it i almost didnt get throw coustoms[its all nuts].i will talk to you soon.

On07/16/05 Maria Cananzi said:

Its a surprise for me too to read Will Lange on (for me) the greatest corner of internet, it represent's the link between me and my most loved part of life. I cant' ever forget the time spent in USCG. The Giro d'Italia in CZ was just outside my office and we were all front line watching it frm beginning to end. BB; I have no idea if he is in CZ, Angelo moved with the family in Crotone since he works at the 'Tribunale di Crotone' , Franco is working at the 'Tribunale di Catanzaro', Tony had been called at the 'Tribunale di Vibo Valentia' but he refused, Tina was initially working part-time seasonal-time for the City Hall of Sellia and finally got hired full- time, I, as you probably know, am collocated within the 'Amministrazione Penitenziaria' in Catanzaro. What are you and Elizabeth doing in the heart of Texas? Whenever you'll see any of our old friends pls say hello for us. Keep in touch. Best of luck to all of you in the great USA.===== Peter remember what you said to me about Rome airport security? Look at what happened in London and you'll understand and appreciate. Awaiting your news about business. Love to all. Maria

On07/07/05 peter spoto said:

hi maria just got back ,it is along trip ,but i would do it agian to go back in time.i think the high light is the town of sellia and its people and what the picture did for them.talk to you later

On07/05/05 Will Lange said:

Wow! What a surprise to stumble into this great little corner of the internet. Great to see all the stories of how things have worked out for y'all. Congrats to Casey & Tracy on a terrific career! And Cary Otis sailing SF Bay? Nice... I just can't believe that baby's all grown up. (I WILL look you up on the next trip to SF.) And God Bless Doctressa Cananzi for keeping everyone up to date. Am I guessing right that BB is still in Catanzaro somewhere? And Angelo is in America? Yikes! Elizabeth & I were thinking of BB & Maria when we saw footage of the Giro D'Italia in CZ on CNN. Well it's been 10 years since I hung up my blues, but I wish I could see you all again. Although the CG didn't turn out to be my thing, you were a great group of folks. If I had to do it over again, we'd have had a lot more fun and a lot fewer regulations! Best regards from deep in the heart of Texas, Will

On07/02/05 Maria Cananzi said:

Hi Jo!!! You are so right, too long has gone and several things have happened. My deepest condolence to you and respect to Craig. At the same time happy to hear about Craig jr doing good at college, do you remember when he fell down the slide? Did he ok after that? And Marybeth, gosh I cannot figure her 30 and mother of child, I still think of her as little 5 years old girl. Unfortunately I do not remember Marilena and Salvatore, you would have to tell me more about them and perhaps I could find-out were they may be this days. Enjoy Texas like I would if I was there. Soon I will have my PC fixed and then I can write on my own e-mail system. In fact as soon as I do that I will post-it on fredsplace. Regards to your family and keep in touch, will you? Love Maria

On06/30/05 jo voda said:

hi maria !! it's been to long. alot of stuff has happened over the years. well, my husband craig passed away on jan. 4,2002 from a heart attack. my son craig jr. is in collage in dallas,tx and has a 4.0 grade average. my daughter marybeth is now 30 !!! can you believe it ?? well, she lives in houston(same as me) she is now a mom herself to a little girl named christina. she is a estimator for a construction company. it is sad to hear what has happened to the station. we go through pictures all the time and remember all the good times. how is everyhting going with you ?? do you or did you know marlana and salvatori ?? he was in the italian police ? they lived across the hall from us . i know for a long time craig tried to find them. any info would be helpful. i hope to hear back from you soon. love, jo voda

On06/29/05 Cananzi Maria said:

Dan Warrington, no, I do not remember you, I thought the first EM1 in my time there was Jeff Robinson followed by Larry

Jones, and the last one was Kurt Keaner. No, I cannot help you. Have no idea were the person you looking for may be, lost contact over 25 years ago. I must be really growing old for not remembering you, my first CO was Perry Campbell, the XO if spelling is correct was Readick, MKC Earl Count, ETC Coleman (Mark) Ray, HS1 Michael Hershberger, YN1 Bill Benedict. COCO was Gary Westling. Were you here with this group?

On06/26/05 Milo said:

Hi Maria, thanks for the Info. It saddens me to think that all the hard work we did to make it the Best Loran Station in Europe, was left to go by the way side. All the farmers who made thier liveyhood by farming on the station, and how they took care of the grounds. Brought us vegetables and fed our families. Our civilian counterparts who had much pride in thier Station also. Of the relationships we made with the local population, and how they welcomed us as a big family. This is all spoiled by letting the station go into ruins. Many memories and friendships were forged by the people of the area, Now it is all gone. I want to thank you for you loyalty to the station and the crewmembers who were there, you will always be a part of the Station. It is not forgotten. It is a shame the Italians could not have the same pride in the station that we did. Because it was not just a job, but a way of life. Remember our friends who are no longer with us. again thanks Maria. God bless

On06/26/05 Maria Cananzi said:

Little info for all of those who served on board USCG Loran C Station of Simeri Crichi/Sellia Marina. Since the station closed in December 1994, I had been called in by the Italian Coast Guard several times to help them with numerous problems they had. I saw it going down almost immediately and I starded feeling bad going there. After six months I said to the then CO that I was no longer available. I went back once to take Mark Ferguson for a tour and found it semi-destroyed. But since in the meantime they had installed a Radar station I (wrongly) thought they were going to pick it up close to what it used to be. Today, June 26th, very much against my willing, I went back there to try and give Peter Spoto (an FN-DC stationed here in 1959) a tour, but the place no longer exist, the only things still there are the buildings and the tower with only one light at the top obstacle signal. Everithing was dismantled and taken away. The Radar man told us (Peter and I) that very soon, probably before the next six months tha radar station will also be dismantled. The beach house in the meantime is used as storage for parts and weapons'. On the entire field area all you can see is sheeps and goats. My heart bleads to what my heyes have seen today. If I think at all the effort was put in by each and every crewmember and civilian employees to keep the transmitting section to a glorious 99.99% for most of the time, maintaining buildings and grounds always at the top of standards required, and seeing it today, I can only associated the feeling one has when a very dear person dies. So, as far as I am concerned the Loran-C Station is now dead. Keep your good memories for what it used to be. Love to all of out there and God bless America FOR EVER.

On06/22/05 Maria Cananzi said:

Peter Hoping you still there to read this. Today is wednesday and I went to the airport but only to find-out that the flying schedule has you on the list for tomorrow, so if you are reading this before you leave, be assured that I will be in Lametia at 2:10 to pick-you up, otherwise, if Ferguson does have your number, providing that he reads this, he can call you and info you. See you soon.

On06/20/05 peter spoto said:

hi maria i think i will ride the trains and bus .i understand it is a good way to go .the cost of the hotel is fine and i think i can find my way after 45 years .is there anything i can get you to get your computer running up to speed .let me know .i leave hear at 2 in the afternoon tuesday and get there 2 in the afternoon wednesday.

On06/20/05 Maria Cananzi said:

Peter, the followings are the different costs for different type of accomodation: room only Euro 28,00 half board Euro

35,00 and full board Euro 48,00. I have nothing else to say, unless there is something else you want. One thing you haven't told me is if are getting a rental car or if you need to be picked up at Lametia Terme airport.

On06/20/05 Maria Cananzi said:

Hi John Milohnick, thank for the pictures but unfortunately I could not login for my system does not support the one you've used. Thanks anyway. Love to all of you. Thanks also goes to Ernest A. Gibson for the wonderfull e-mail, very happy to hear from you, but untill I get either my PC fixed or a new one, I cannot send out, So please put up with me. The only thing I can say is that both Salvatore and I do miss all of you.

On06/17/05 peter spoto said:

hi maria i thank you for your help.yes i will be at the hotel garcea in sellia.i got what you asked for ,let me know if there is anything more you need.

On06/17/05 Maria Cananzi said:

Peter I have already made reservations for you at the Hotel Garcea in Sellia Marina, its well located on main road of town, its clean and reasonable and, you will be within walking distance from shops, beach side and, bus stop at the door if dont' have a car to move around. I work from 7 am to 3 pm, and unless I have business to take care of for my husband's shop I can take you around a little. Let me know if I can confirm or must cancell it.

On06/17/05 peter spoto said:

hi maria got your mesage,i will be there in the late after noon.i will call and let you know where i am staying. thank you

On06/16/05 Maria Cananzi said:

Yes, Peter Spoto, I could do with some good american Aspirin and some multivitamin. Thank you and I'll see you on the 23rd. Once you are in Italy you can get hold of me on my mobile phone: 3383024623 if you need to get in touch with me before you leave the States then, in front of it you must dial 0011 39. See you soon.

On06/04/05 Maria Cananzi said:

Hello Fred & Donna,(VerPlanck) sure I remember you. Its such a pleasure to read you. Remember when we were supposed to go in a parternership in shoe business? Did you ever did it on your own? What are you doing these days? I work for the Justice Department in the Penitentiary area, its a great job but never as happy as I was in USCG. It will always be the best firm i've worked for and with. And thanks to fredsplace for keeping all of us in touch. I have met coasties that were stationed over here in the early days when it was called Simeri Crichi, and some of them came over to visit. Now the Station is completely closed except a small area at the beach house where the Italian Navy installed a Radar plant 10 years ago originally to be taken over by the Russian (I have some stories about this) but no final agreement was reached with the European Community for the sharing of costs. The area of Sellia has made a complete change in its urban setting, a lot of improvements is made, more summer villages were bult, new roads and many other things, too bad nothing was done when you guys were here. Well, if think of coming over for a visit you know we're here. Love and greetings to your family and our friends.

On06/02/05 peter spoto said:

marie cananzi[cananzi@interfree.it] hi i got your mesage i will be there on the 23 at lamezia at 2:10 pm and i will find a ride to sellia.an reasonable place will work it is jusj me. is there there any i can bring you srom the states?.

On06/02/05 Maria Cananzi said:

This is for Peter Spoto: I never had a hotel, but I will be glad to make reservations for you in the most convenient place in

the area. This info is also for all other friends of mine that reads this very valid site, I have serious problems on my PC that prevents me from e-mailing and the only way of communication I have is through fredspage. So, if Ferguson, Bruce, Milohnick, Thompson, and all other good friends of mine read this, be aware that I do receive your e-mail but cannot replay. Mark Ferguson thank you much for the coins and for all other news you have privileged me with. Milo, congratulations for the birth of your grandchild, Ciccio Borelli passed away 3 years ago, the children are all married, and Maria (Ciccio's wife) still in Sersale. Greatings to Jo Voda and her children. I sure would like to have news from each of you, specially from the last crew. Incidentally, does anyone over there have news of wha has happened to CWO Charles Knight? Its about 3 years I have no news from him. Thanks to all of you for writing to me, I will reply on this page from now on until I fix the problem on my PC. Greating to all of you. And finally for Peter Spoto, let me know if you are arriving June 22nd or 25th.

On06/01/05 peter spoto said:

peter spoto[petepodo@bellsouth.net] tried to email maria cananzi but it was returned ,i was trying to find out if she still had the hotel i plan to be there on 6-22-05_7-07-05. am returning there after 45 years.

On05/11/05 Coleman Mark Ray said:

Three times at Simeri/Sellia, Still living in Vicenza Italy but am a bottom crawling, low life contractor now making much more money. New EMail.

On04/30/05 marybeth voda said:

wanted to say hi . we lived in sellia marina in the late 70's early 80's. my mom says she remembers alot of you who were stationed there at the same time we were (doc for example) wanted to try to catch up with everyone and see how you are.please feel free to drop me a line sometime. i do remember alot of you even though i was only a little kid at the time we were there. thanks

On02/08/05 John Milohnick said:

Hi Maria, I'm a grandfather, Her name is Laylah Nicole, 8 lbs 10 oz, 20.5 inches long Born 27 January 2005. Hows Cicho, and his wife in Sersale, How are you guys doing?

On01/22/05 Enzo Fontanella said:

I was a resident of Sellia Marina and knew many of the people stationed at LORSTA Sellia Marina. I'm now married and living in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. We visit my family in Sellia Marina about every other summer. It would be great to hear from some of my friends who were stationed at LORSTA.

On01/21/05 Mark Warrender said:

just found this web site. It brings old memories and names. I was stationed at simerichrichi as a ET3, 75 to 76 we had great times sailing, going to peatro grande(bad spelling) jumping off the rock, eating at Luce verdes, going down to the Lido and showing the locals how bumper cars are suppose to be driven. my logbook name was (zoo) in the timer room. I remember randy, kim, bill brewer, dale beverage, mike myers, Jim V, Andy, Brad, Slim, Woody, Doc who had to put down Lobo because of the guys shooting at us on the beach, and many others. I'm love to go back and see the place, God bless Joe and Scarp

On01/02/05 jo voda said:

we were stationed in sellia marina in the early 80's. my husband is craig voda. would like to catch up with anyone who was stationed there when we were. thanks

On01/01/05 peter spoto said:

hi i would like to see a reunion put together to go to sellia ,simericrichi.i think about going back after 45 years but would like to met with others that were there.i dont miss the place but just would like to see it .my son was there 20 years ago with the usaf .let me know what other think.

On01/01/05 marybeth voda said:

happy new year to all... i remember living in silla marina (when i was like 5) my dad was craig voda. we loved living there. my dad passed away 3 yrs. ago this jan. but, we live in houston now. would love to go back and visit one day. hope all is well with everyone.

On12/21/04 peter spoto said:

hi maria cananzi ,i have pictures of the people in sellia in 1959-1960.and would like to send them to the familys ,sad to see those that have gone .i enjoyed all these people and the kindness they show the uscg .

On12/20/04 Salvatore Ambrosino said:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all final crew of Lorsta Sellia Marina

On12/14/04 LT George Ruwisch said:

Happy Holidays to all....Milo, Al, Maria, Ken K, Matt B.. and all SM folks. Still in DC working on he Deepwater project. George V is a first year student at UVa (long way from that little hospital in Gerona Spain) and Wesley is in 10th grade. We will likely stay in Northern VA. Write Karen and I any time...take care all!!!

On12/09/04 Milo said:

Merry Christmas to all of the crew of 83 to 86, Happy to see that some of you have done well, Maria see you soon.

On12/07/04 Alvin Dalmida said:

Hello everyone. Great checking the thread on this site. It seems like a long journey since Sellia Marina, IT. I hope eveyone reading this note is in the best of health and happiness. I am now in Alexandria, VA and see now Lieutenants Bill Broome, George Ruwisch, & Luci Bookhammer from time to time. In fact, Bill pushed me towards my present rank of Lieutenant while we were at the Navigation Center. Jeff 'Drifty' has been living off his stocks and Ken Kier retired in NC. I have not been in contact with Zep, Maria, and a few others for quite some time.... Finally, I wish everyone a Happy Holiday in 2004. Much respect.

On12/05/04 Jerry Murdock said:

I just talked to Mark Ferguson & he chided me for not having put anything on the board here. I said I had, but the board says I didn't. I guess it all went into the bit bucket. At any rate, I was at old LORSTA Simeri-Crichi from early September '65 through early September '66. Had a lot of good times & a few bad times, met a lot of good people & wish I could have another tour now.

On11/26/04 Tim Allen said:

Hello all, Just wanted to drop a line and wish everyone the best out there and to let folks know that I am still alive and well and thank of the many good times and people from Sellia Marina. Still marry to Gerry and coming up on 27 years now. Emmylou is coming up on 18 and little Hannalore (who was born in Germany while everone took care of Emmylou during those roughmonths) is approaching 13. All are good and could not ask the loord for a better family. Currently I am working in Iraq as Project Manager for a very large build and have been here since Nov 04 off an on. A little dangerous and I have had more than enough mortars, shots, and bombs near me to make me question my sanity. Still hope to see it

out for another year or so, for I feel like I am and many other is making a difference. Seriously thinking of visiting Italy during this upcoming spring and if I do, hooking up with Maria and Sal and tour the old station will difinetly on the plans. Best to everyone and feel free to drop a line sometime.

On10/07/04 Maria Cananzi said:

Hi John, after what you had told me in your last e-mail I am now so glad to read from you. Sorry, but I no longer see Ralph and Marina for a series of economical problems they caused to Sal and I. Plus the fact on October 2nd I have lost my mother whom loved them like her own children and they didnt pay her any kind of respect. Hope that things will settle well for Johnny and Bobbie as well as Lauren and Dan. You, just make sure you take good care of yourself and Cathy. My phone number is: 0961-969722 (home) 335-5615038 (mobile). For now this is it, hope to talk to you soon. Love to all Maria

On09/29/04 John Milohnick said:

Hi Maria, Sorry I haven't written sooner, I was pronounced 100% in remission on 17 Aug 04, and have been trying to get strong, lost about 80 lbs thru the ordeal but I weigh a respectable 180 now, hair has come back in a little darker. Happy to hear that you and Sal are doing well. still live up the hill, and did you ever finish remodeling you house. Please say hello to Ralph and Marina for me. Might be coming in November to visit. whats your phone number and I will call you.Johnny is married to Bobbie from Mississippi, i don't like her;too immature. Lauren is married to Dan who is in the Air Force.stationed at Moody AFB.here in Georgia, valdosta,other than that gew

On08/31/04 Maria Cananzi said:

Would like to know if anyone does have news about John Milohnick. Lost contact about a year ago. We are doing OK. Due to several virus attacks of my system, have not been able to write. Hoping you are all doing well. Maria

On07/18/04 Casey Jones said:

Ciao! Stationed there from june 90 to sep 92 with wife Tracie, still married, two kids, still in (CWO), loved the time spent in Italy what a great time! We'll visit next year with our girls. Thanks to all I served with! Miss the Italian summer and Corpo Grosso

On02/28/04 Chad Lewis said:

Umm - it is amazing what you find while cruising the net at 5am! I was at Sellia from 90 - 91. Hello to Mike, BB, Maria, Dan, Terri, Mark and Tim (sorry if I missed anyone)! I was at Sellia in 2002 visiting some friends and stopped by the base. I got the grand tour and it was quite a trip down memory lane (I really had an itch to change out a few charts, but held back). Also, I may visit this summer '04. I am finishing my masters in international/intercultural relations and may be working out of Vienna for a while with my wife who is Austrian. I still have friends in Sellia and I am looking to spend a couple days down on the beach if I can! Of all the places I was ever stationed - I enjoyed the Sellia the most. It was a good station with good folks. Cheers!

On01/25/04 Michael Ioy said:

I was down there from April 89 til Aug 93 as a SN then ET3/ substitute cook. Had a great time and was sad to leave. I am now living in Milan Italy with my wife Cinzia, who I met while I was at Lorsta Lampedusa, and our son Massimo who was born while I was in Sellia.

On11/11/03 Gary Hughes said:

Guess I should post a note. Got my second call from Ferguson over the weekend I was not home at the time but the message was clear. Sign on! I was an ET 1 from 65 - 67. I visited the area Christmas time two years ago but did not stop at

the station. Too short of time. Intend to return again soon and take a good look at the old place.

On11/09/03 SS1 Woody Rose said:

Retired SSC. Best time of my life. 81/82 Any one know what Tony is doing? He was my Italian messcook for Joe(God bless his sole). Did his sister ever get married?

On10/29/03 Cary Otis said:

Hi Maria; Finally retired for good. I do a lot of sailing here on the Bay in SF. The 'souvenir' I brought back from Italy (aka Kelsey) is now almost 6 feet tall and is an accomplished ballerina in the local company. She, Louisa, Marina and I wish you the best. Cary

On10/21/03 ENS Donald Hunley said:

Hello everyone, I was stationed in Sellia from 92 to 95. I actually took the American flag down and hoisted the Italian one. It was the greatest time of my life and I married an Italian and couldn't be happier. Hope you all are well.

On07/13/03 LT George Ruwisch said:

Hello to the 83-85 crowd!! We are currently living in Woodbrige VA. I am stationed at the Deepwater Project Program Office in Rosslyn VA. Would love to hear from anyone from our SM era. Milo take care of yourself!!!

On06/26/03 Maria Cananzi said:

If there is anyone out-there that knows how to get in touch with Roger W. Rumbaugh (hope the spelling is correct) pls let him know that I have important news from the Italian Court about his bike-car accident of when he was stationed at LorSta Sellia Marina. He can write here or call on the phone at 0961 969722. I will be contacted again by the Court in a week from today. Thanks to the person that can get Roger in touch with me. Roger was an ET2 when he was here, have no idea what rank is now.

On06/26/03 Maria Cananzi said:

Hi John, I am so sorry to hear of your health problem. I will pray the LORD to look after you, and you stay calm and relaxed and everything will be ok. No bad feelings at all on this end. Just look after yourself. My love goes to you and your family.

On06/17/03 John Milohnick said:

Hi Maria, Just wanted to let you know that I was just diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia M5, Im in the hospital and doing well, If something happens I just wanted to part without any bad feelings, Give my love to everyone John

On04/17/03 eddie TEX maynard said:

HI Spoto I remember you well, As I recall you were a SN/DC stricker. I remember the stories of your exploits during your lay over in Barrselona Spain on your way over. I had forgotten Lt. Manning' and Lt Volkie' names. thanks for that tidbit. wish you well.

On04/16/03 peter spoto said:

i was at that station from 8/1959-8/1960 under Lt. manning then Lt. volkie.

On04/07/03 George Detweiler said:

Just found out about this site... reading all the emails brought back some fond memories... was CO from March 76 - March 78... remember Doc Jarvis, Toler, Legg, Cherry (married Rosalba? while there) McBee (married his girlfriend... name

slips my memory), Scott, Johnson, Woodward, Leonard, Langley, Patton (Rodney and I work at CG HQ), Tidwell, and of course, Pasquale and Shirley, Lillo and Rosa, Joe Napoli, Scarpino, and Franco... also remember King Omar at the rest of the 9 or so dogs that were there... have fond memories, lived in both Cropani Marina and Lido... brought back my son (now 25 years ol)... Cathy enjoyed teaching the dependent kids... good luck to all. Ciao!

On02/20/03 EDDIE J 'TEX' MAYNARD said:

Interesting reading I was an ET-2, ET-1 at CEMERI CHRICHI ITALY LORAN C STA FROM MAY 1959 TO MAY 1960. It was isolated duty then, yep no liberty. We lived on base 24/7. Mail runs were made into CATANZARO every evening and we took turns driving in, in pairs to go to The post office.. Our civilian crew was the original ones. Nick Condello, Seferino Scarapino, and Joe Napoli. Nick and Scarapino lived in the village of Sellia marina and Joe lived in Catanzaro. Nick was the oldest, at least 60 at that time. His parents moved to New York in the 20's when he was 5 or 6 years old. His dad moved back to Italy when Nick was 13 and made Nick return with him, although, Nick wished to stay in NY with relatives..Nick always held that against his Father. Nick was a great talker and excellent at getting out of work. Scarapino served in the Italian Mountaineering infantry unit during the war. His uniform was kaki with a bush hat turned up on the left side with a raven a feather cockade. He was very proud of his military service.. He was captured in No Africa and sent to Arizona, I believe. He had two daughters (6 and 8) and wanted the best for them. I have been a guest in his house. He was a fine gentleman. Joe Napoli-----good ole Joe. His accent was very heavy but he always had a smile and a laugh for us. Joe worked as the cooks helper and was a hard worker. Some times after supper was done Joe would play the guitar for us and sing soft ballads. I am saddened to hear of their passings. Enough nostalgia for today, more later

On01/29/03 Allan Fox said:

I was an SNBM stationed there from May of 1962 until May of 1963 when it was known as LORSTA Simeri Crichi. Made BM3 while rotating through MEDSEC in 63. Captain Pierson later Admiral gave me my first crow. I have posted an image of the station patch we designed and have a lot of pictures from that time period if anyone is interested...

On12/11/02 Milo said:

Well its that time again Merry Christmas and a Happy new year. Maria, I got my Masters degree and am teaching at Valdosta university in Georgia Drop a line if you got time

On11/28/02 'Drifty' said:

Happy Thanksgiving guys! Congrats to those I hear made officer, sounds like quite a few of you. Anybody know the email of Matt Barber, Bill n Jan, Tom n Patrice, Dave n Allie, Todd n Jackie, Kyle Miller, etc. I keep in touch with Reggie Abare, Alvin Dalmida and a few of our Italian friends. Good memories, even with the few dilemmas. Shirley burgers, Papa ZaRosa's foot stomped wine, the car wrecks (with thankfully no fatalities), the Robinson, the mighty dollar. Well hope to hear from more of you.

On10/05/02 Dan Boden said:

Wow...see a number of names that I recognize. I was stationed there from '89 to '91. Hello Maria, BB, Terri, and everyone else!

On07/18/02 Terri Hart said:

Was COCO assistant '88 to '91. Hello Maria, Brian, Mary, Billy Erickson, Chief Talley, Lady (base mascot whom I am sure must be on 'the other side' by now) Cary Otis, Bob & Akemi and many more.

On 06/20/02 Maria CANANZI said:

This is for Jim Thompson and all others who were in touch with me until four months ago: I have not been keeping

contact in said period of time for the following reasons: 1)the end of Feb I've lost my oldest brother whom leaved in northern Italy and so I was up-there for a while before and after the funeral; 2) on Mar 30th I've got a phone call from Australia saing that my brother Tony was undergoing a craniotomy surgery within two weeks from that date with no certainty that he would make-it thorough, so got on a plane and went down there to see him and stayed over a month, thank God he made it through even though there are lots of consequences; 3) coming back home I've found my PC full of virus including the terrible KLETZ, it took this long to have it back clean and safe, stupidly enough I dint' think to printout all of the E-mail addresses and now I have none, so please, give me a hand in recuperating if not all of them at least a good portion. Please give my love to Agata and Alex and write soon.

On 05/01/02 Andy Carleton said:

Ooops, forgot to mention for those of you who weren't with me: I was an ET3 at Simeri Crichi from Dec '74 to Dec '75. Woody was my boss for part of that tour. Part of my duties were as COCO's (Lt. Bill Jones) assistant. When my girlfriend, Debbie, came to visit we were invited to the Butler's home for dinner. That was an experience! I forgotten about the Volvo/cement truck incident. LOL. Italy was beautiful! We loved the street sales. And the food! Ciao!

On 04/30/02 Andy Carleton said:

Ok, so I'm bummed out. :) Brad Scalf (I remember the name but I can't put a face to it, but that's okay I have faces with no names, too!) didn't mention me in his list that included COCO Jones, Scolaro, Bandhauer, Slim & Linda, Bill Brewer and Dale (???). Rob Brannon, we were in Turkey together? Paul Lyver, I've still got the JBL 100's that you brought back for me.(And they still sound great!) Let me tell you that was a hell of a snowstorm driving back from Tewksbury to Vermont that night. I'm living in Utah now and have for the last 22 years. Karl Zander I exchanged letters for a couple of years, he was living in Sicily last I knew. Married Angela and tried to take her back to Montana, but those Whitefish winters were too hard on a warm-blooded Med girl! If anybody remembers the non-stop parties at my apartment while my girlfriend Debbie was there... we've been happily married for almost 26 years now. 3 beautiful daughters. I have an album full of pictures. Steve Silva and I hooked up 10 years ago when he was living in Fremont,California... no clue as to his location now. He married a girl from Jim Vance's hometown and they had a son. For the guy that was looking for Jim Vance, 'James' was his middle name and If I think about it long enough I'll remember his first name...

On 04/04/02 Jim Thompson said:

Hi to everyone. Maria I haven't heard from you in a while. Hope that everyone is doing well. I'm now on DILIGENCE as the EO in Wilmington, NC. Would like to hear from anyone caring to write. We were in Italy in 2000, didn't make it up to the station though, would like to see it again.

On 02/20/02 Rob Brannon said:

When and why did they change the name? I was there in 72 and 73. Got married in Naples in June of 73, they only gave me 10 days leave, and it took 7 days to get everything arranged. Sorry to hear Scarpio is gone, he seemed ancient when I was there, but was probably only in his 50's. Anybody know if Luce Verde is still in operation? The wife and I sold them our stove when we left, so they would have two to cook on. I remember drinking them out of wine one time. I also remember getting a tan the summer of 73 that lasted for a couple of years!

On 01/06/02 brad Scalf said:

Hey Paul and Woody, the last i remember paul you wanted a small boat stion on the NE coast?? I was on duty the night of your acident woody, you and shelly where a mess. what did happen to Randy Cherry and his girl friend?? Do you remember Butlers tragic accident when the cement truck backed up into his volvo doing 40 klm. Remeber our security system Louie,omar,moose,toots,pig, lobo and questa? It is a shame about Scarp and Joe, but they lived in one of the best places in the world. Remember Scarps stories about being a pow from ww2, california must of been hard on him. Maria: is

Tony and Josephine still around, they had a bar on the lido, Pasquell near bortacello. the street sales on thursdays. Rick Scallaro,Bill Jones,Jim Bandauner Kim leblond, Slim(linda) Bill Adams, dale brewer (??) and there run in with the caribarnairy. minds going blank, lving in Az and getting old peace

On 12/10/01 John Milohnick said:

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On 09/15/01 Maria Cananzi said:

I would like to express my deepest condolences to each and all American citizen's for the big tragedy that hit them. Too far for me to give material help, all I can do is PRAY THE LORD to give them rest and you the strength to carry on and make victory for the GREAT UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

On 08/13/01 Paul Lyver said:

Woody, Iwas the BM3 who couldn't wait to det out of there for a small boart station. Ran into Jimmy Bandhauer in the late 80s when he was at Port Angeles. Think he is still in down in FL last I heard. Johnson was in the galley at Yorktown in the 1st 80's. Can't remember running into anyone else. I'm still active as CO on IDA LEWIS, still having fun working buoys and staying away from white boats large and small.

On 08/11/01 Mike Morrison said:

I was stationed at LORSTA SELLIA,MARINA from 1965 to 1967 set up the commissary store, was the frist man with dependents paved the way for the rest. Joe Napoli and Scarpino and I were very close,I am deeply sadden by thier passing.I was stationed with some good guys Hi you all. Mike Morrison SS1 Ret.

On 06/06/01 WOODY WOODWARD said:

THIS IS WOODY WOODWARD FROM THE STATION IN 1975-76. ANYONE KNOW ABOUT RANDY CHERRY,BRAD JARVIS,LARRY JOHNSON,JIM BANDHOUR,CHARLIE DAWKINS AND ANYONE ELSE FROM THAT CREW. I HAD THE AUTO ACCIDENT AND HAD TO HAVE BUTLER DISGRACED. THEN WE HAD TO DEAL WITH GEORGE DETWEILER. AKA GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE. GET BACK TO ME IF YOU KNOW ME.

On 02/26/01 Bruce Brady said:

Hi, I was stationed in London from 1973 to 1978. Made three trips to Simeri Crichi. My last trip was as part of the inspection team. Stay in a hotel off-base. The first evening there I got ran over by a scooter, an interesting experience. Apparently, the kid who hit me had stolen the scooter, so he took off pretty fast. I survived. Enjoyed a Halloween party at the base...the guys and some of the wives had done a great job of creating a haunted house for the kids. Many locals were there and could not quite make sense of this 'holiday' of ours, but joined in the fun and spirit. I also remember the dogs falling or lying in the middle of the morning 'quarters.' Wish i had a picture of that. Remember carrying a an British motor car windshield down there as part of my baggage-but not fooling the Italian customs at all-one of our guys need the new windshield in order to ship the car back to the states...never did hear if he finally got it or not. good trips, interesting and fun...my warm regards to all who served there...but son is an FS2 and i wish he would have had the opportunity to serve at one of the loran stations in europe...but, that is now part of the old guard!!!!

On 12/01/00 Maria Cananzi said:

For those of who served at the Loran Station Simeri Crichi/Sellia Marina and, knew Scarpino, he passed away yesterday, Nov 30th. Along with Joe Napoli he was another piece of Station history that went. Pray the Lord for him.

On 11/18/00 Mark Page said:

Ciao tutti! (that means HI, Cheif Allen:) I was stationed in Sellia as the DC2 in 90-92. Hello Maria, Cheif Thompson, B. B. et.al., Im retired and divorced and living back in Ky. I'll never forget those HOT days in Italy.. nor, that time I saw what that lady was doin to that guy on the beach! O M G! Anyway.. I miss the La Routa spaghetti.. and the wine, and Georgio and Marinella (our landlords). Maria, if you can, tell them I said howdy and I love them! I also miss Franco and Angello (believe that or not) but he DID make some good lasagna! Aint heard from Tony.. I suppose he's still here in the states somewhere! and BB? Send me some cafe' Dude! I'll send you some p-nut butter or whatever! ;) anyone? anyone?? Beuller?

On 10/29/00 Mark A. Ferguson said:

On Sept 11,2000 I, my wife Sherry and Maria Cananzi were given a tour of the station with cameras. The AN/FPN-39 Transmitters were still in place, but silent, without power. The generators are still producing power to light the tower lights and the radar equipment located off shore from the old,orange and white, the beach house location I remembered from 1968. A newer beach house is west of the previous one. All of the other buildings are still in place,not white but painted yellow. The Italian crew was very receptive to our tour of the station.

On 09/03/00 Duane Gates said:

Hi, I was the SK2 from 1978 through 1980. Good times, loved Europe. Good to see all these people I was stationed with. Who is your husband Maria?

On 07/17/00 Mary Mathews said:

There in 88-89, Sellia Marina was a great place for me. I think of the people and the memories often.

On 03/30/00 TC1 Kim Arbaugh said:

Looking for an James (Jim) Vance. He would have been at Sellia Marina in mid 70's. He was Best Man at my wedding at Kodiak in 1977. He was at Lorsta Narrow Cape and I at Commsta Kodiak Please foward any info.

On 03/27/00 Frank Sousa said:

Hi Everyone.... I was stationed there from 1966 to 1968. Good to hear from some of you. Brings back lots of memories. My wife Caryl and I went back last summer. We spent a week with Beppe Mazzocca at his house. For John Bruce, Iride is living in Florence. She's married. Beppe's brother Umberto died of cancer a few years ago. The place has turned into quite a tourist place for northern Italians. Thanks Mark Ferguson for letting me know about this site, I've looked all over the net for news about the old place. I'm curious to know what they're using for timers and transmitters now. They CAN'T still be using the old stuff. I too have quite a few photos from back then. Also some digital photos of Beppe and his family... He has a son and daughter from his first marriage, and now a 3 year old daughter by his second and a son. I don't remember exactly how old he is but a wonderful kid.

On 03/10/00 Maria Cananzi, Civilian said:

Please note that effective today, I have a new E-mail address, whoever had noted the old one to get in touch with me, please do that on this new one. You all take care.

On 03/06/00 Nick D'Angelo said:

I'm trying to find Brad Norris,he was stationed here with me 1965 1966 any help would be appreciated. He was from the Carolina's

On 03/05/00 Maria Cananzi said:

If anyone out there knows the whereabouts of Charles W Knight, retired Warrant Officer, Senior Technical Officee, I would

appreciate if he gets in touch, I've lost contact well over a year, and don't have a phone number to track him down. Thank you much.

On 03/02/00 Tim Allen said:

Just a quick hello to all those that served in Sellia. Trying to get in contact with any of my former Station mates to see how everyone is doing. Served as the Senior Engineer from Dec 90 to June 92. There with my wife Gerry and our first daughter Emmy. Wife had second daughter while over stationed there after being Medivaced to Germany. Many great people I want to know how much we appreciated their help and support during those tense days. Drop me a line some time. I would love to hear from everyone.

On 02/20/00 Nick D'Angelo said:

To Mark Ferguson Your called really surprised me and made me and my Wife Rosetta Napoli D'Angelo happy at the same time. Joe Napoli who was my Father in law (like a Father) Passed Away April 28th 1997 He was the last of a Legend from the Base. I'm glad you showed me the way to Fred's Place. I'm looking for people stationed on the Taney from 1963- aug 1965. See you all later. Nick D'Angelo

On 02/05/00 Maria Cananzi said:

to J.M. Bruce, I sure would appreciate if I could get some of those photo's you have of the Sellia Marina (former Simeri Crichi) Loran Station, and of the local area as well, my husband would like, along all the video material that he has, to make a LORSTA Sellia Marina story album. I was stationed there from 02 Feb 79 to closing down date, which for me was 31 Mar 95. If you think you can make us have some of those photos, please contact me on my E-mail for me to provide you my private address so that you can send them. Thank you.

On 02/05/00 Maria Cananzi said:

Hello to all good friends that once were stationed in Sellia. You can get my E-mail address at Fred's place. Maria Cananzi, former translator, LN, at LorSta Sellia Marina.

On 02/01/00 J.M. Bruce said:

I was there from June '66 - June '68, and took LOTS of pictures. Got your picture if you were there, and now I would like to get those pictures sent to you. Already have sent some to the people I can locate. Would like to locate Frank Sousa, Gary Hughes, Keshneff, James Gander, Martin Dobrin, and a bunch of others. Also got pictures of Joe Napoli, Scarpino (and his family), Johnny DiMarko, that crazy cook Morrison, Chief Horner and his wife and kids, Chief Batt, Bergstrom, Alvord, etc, etc. Also every conceivable picture of the base, lots of the local country, and all kinds of other stuff. Anyone remember a cute girl named Irise from up in Catanzaro? The list goes on and on. Write to me.

On 09/06/99 randy martin said:

just looking for old ship mates from 85-86 to say hi and to see how they are doing and where they are now.

On 06/29/99 ET1 Ken Millson said:

Hello all, I am trying to complete my USCG Loran Station Zippo collection. If anyone has one they are willing to sell I will pay a reasonable price for the lighter as well as shipping costs. Thank you for your time.

On 05/09/99 Al Dalmida said:

It is sure great seeing all those names Brian, Milo, Ray, George, E&K Gibson/Pickens, Perry Campbell.

On 03/27/99 Joe Jester said:

To Perry Campbell: PO3 Bill Powell's wife Maria gave birth in the CPO Quarters. After giving birth, she went to the Mess Deck for a brew.

On 01/31/99 Mark A. Ferguson said:

I was on station with my wife (Sherry) as ET from June 1966 to June 1968. She was the second spouse to station. I really enjoyed the tour and plan a return trip to Italy to look up Italian freinds we made then. I could use help in location them..I have a list of several shipmates from the station I would like to share from our tour and other times on the station That I have kept in contact with through the years.

On 01/28/99 John Lynch said:

Hi all- I'm really glad I found you all with the help of B.Bensen.I was stationed at Simeri Crichi from 1966-67. I was the corpsman under LTJG Bland. I was sorry to hear about Joe N. and Scarp. Would like to hear from anyone who remembers the bloody softball games!

On 12/10/98 JOHN MILOHNICK said:

HOWDY PERRY, BILL DEGEORGE, JIM THOMSON, GEORGE RUISH, I SPENT TWO TOURS AT SELLIA, AND THEY WERE BOTH GREAT TIMES, WITH A GREAT CREW. THE FIRST WAS 83-86 THE SECOND 93 TO TURNOVER. I LIVE HERE IN THE SEATTLE AREA, MY PHONE NUMBER IS 253-661-6163 IF YOUR IN THE AREA STOP BY, WE'LL TOAST OLD TIMES

On 10/12/98 Jim Thompson said:

Italy was a fantastic place. The best tour I ever had. Maria is still around, call me for her number, turns out she is my godmother. My wife is from Sicily, she worked for Guardo. I would like to hear from anyone who would care to write me. I was senior engineer from 92 until we closed the station in Dec 94. Now I'm a CWO on STEADFAST.

On 09/24/98 Robert Atkinson chrele w3 ret.. said:

1958 Officers W.O and ETS were ordered to Wildwood N.J. and form a force to build, Commission and operate a Loran C group in Italy. Libia and Turkey with a monitor Station at Rhodes Gr. I was assigned as XO of the unit in Libia. CO was LT Martin I got sick and was replaced. Later in 1959 I reported to and became the XO of the unit in turkey. Lt. Sanders was CO. In early 1960 I was moved to the master station in Italy. At that time the station was named Simeri Crichi It was issolated duty .In August 1960 I was rotated and assigned to Eastern Inspectors N.Y. I was informed of the station's name change by CDR Campbel for this I thank him, I would be pleased to here from any one. The people there were great. I like others left many good friend behind.

On 12/17/97 Bill Erickson said:

Sellia (87-89)...what an outstanding place to be stationed, (for me anyway!!!). I'm at PACAREA Ops now but think of Sellia Marina often...it was a great experiance, with great people

On 12/01/97 Ralph J. Loser (CWO2 RET) said:

Only RM2 79-81. Great tour. Great time at Robinson Club!

On 10/20/97 bscalf said:

Was in Sellia from 75-76, under a real jerk by the name of butler, 1n 75 Scarp had cancer surgery, Joe N. was still there. There was also a cook named joe, chuico, use to go to Luce Verdes all the time as well as the Shouliet for pizza, there was a amercian living near Bortacella, by the name of Pasqual, he was from New Jersey

On 10/16/97 brad scalf said:

When did they move the station????, are you still master of the med?? I was stationed there in 1975, only it was called Simeri Cricchi, had an apartment next to hotel 106

On 09/26/97 Bill DeGeorge said:

Late 62 - 63 when it was still called Simeri Cricchi. Went from 100% isolated with no liberty to restricted duty liberty after Commandant and Staff visited (Adm Roland).

On 09/18/97 BRIAN BENSON said:

Hi all.. I was stationed at Sellia twice: March 1980-June 82 and again from May 87-May92. I worked for Perry Campbell and Mark Ray (Hi guys!! Good to see you are at Freds place).

On 09/10/97 Coleman Mark Ray CWO4(ELEC) Retired 1991 said:

Perry, Scarp is still alive but not well. Maria disappeared, I haven't heard from here since we closed the station. Greg Johnson and I were the only two guests. Station has gone down the tubes

On 09/09/97 Perry Campbell said:

Hi--was COCO, then CO/COCO 77-80, had some really good times. Am sorry to hear about Joe--he was a good friend. Anyone know what happened to Scarp? or Maria? Yeah, C.M.(Marky) Ray--I remember that wild ride down to Reggio--only time I ever flew on four wheels. Anybody know if they're still using 39 xmtrs?? Who was it had the baby in the CPO Lounge while I was in Estartit? Kid's probably in college by now. Anyway, best regards to all the Simeri Cricchi bunch (that's what they called Sellia until we changed the name). Y'all take care!!

On 09/02/97 Gary Wehrmann said:

I was stationed there from April 1968 - December 1969. Had a great time and made some outstanding friends. I have located around 15 shipmates from this same time period. We hope to have a reunion

On 09/01/97 LTJG George Ruwisch said:

My wife Karen and I were stationed at Sellia from 83-85. I was an ET3 at the time. Really miss Wagon-Wheel spaghetti (La Ruota). I invite any old shipmates (I guess it's ok to use that word with Lor LTJG George Ruwisch, USCGC Venturous (WMEC-625)

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

I was on the station three times. 68-69 ET3 With Junior Fetters and Wapelhorst 77-79 ETC With Perry Campbell and the overland ECD survey team and did my last tour CWO3 in 82-84. Now living in Northern Italy working for the Government again.

On 08/19/97 Bill Fuller, SSCM, Retired(87) said:

Was there TAD for 95 days as SS1, real sorry to hear about Joe. I enjoyed my stay. The Italians are real nice people. Great Vino!

On 08/13/97 Ernest Gibson said:

I'm sorry to report that Joe Napoli passed away during April of this year. I just got the news from SKC Bill Zeppelin (Sellia M. 84-86) when he returned from a visit to his wife's home near Sellia.

On 06/20/97 Ernest Gibson said:

Joe Napoli retired in 1986, when I was stationed at Sellia. I was lucky to get a second European tour at ACTEUR, 92-94.

When I visited Sellia during April 1994 Joe was doing ok.

On 06/06/97 Tim Allen said:

Senior Engineer 90-92. Of all the many fine stations and units that I have been at, Sellia was the best with the best people overall.

On 05/02/97 JEFFERY R ROBINSON , EMC RETIRED said:

Had a great time at Sellia late 70's . Anyone know if Joe Napoli is still alive? Loved that Robinson club!!!

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