

Across the waters

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My grandmother was from Hawaii and married my grandfather who had come from Samoa on a football scholarship. My father was born in 1940 and remembers the lights out martial law after the Japanese raid during WWII.

In the early 1950's my grandmother, now divorced, remarried a marine and was stationed at Camp Pendleton. They bought a house in Carlsbad and often talked about the wild peacocks scaring them as they peeked through living room windows.

My dad was bussed to Oceanside High School until Carlsbad High School opened and was part of the first graduating class from CHS. As a young man he was a local lifeguard and worked at the Boys and Girls Club.

My family has lived here ever since and I can remember when Carlsbad was mostly farmlands, we would race three wheelers all over the hilltops.