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U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands



(Photo by Bob Fore)

Col. David Pagano, CILHI commander, left, and Dr. John Byrd, senior anthropologist, discuss the possibility of an excavation to find the remains of nine Marines supposedly beheaded here by the Japanese during World War II.

CILHI comes to Kwajalein looking for lost Marines

Editor's Note: The story of the nine Marines beheaded on Kwajalein continues. On Friday, we'll give you a personal account of life as a P.O.W. on Kwajalein by a man who was held here for 47 days in 1943.

By Jim Bennett
Editor

The effort to find, recover and identify the remains of nine missing Marines, supposedly beheaded by the Japanese on Kwajalein during World War II, took a step forward last week with a visit by the commander and a senior anthropologist from the Central Identification Lab in Hawaii.

Col. David Pagano, CILHI commander, and Dr. John Byrd reviewed the island to "look at the landscape and determine the feasibility for an excavation."

If all goes well, CILHI could send out a team of eight to 10 specialists sometime in 2001.

But a lot must happen before CILHI can send a team, and even if a team

comes to Kwajalein, there are no guarantees in the daunting task of locating hidden remains buried for 58 years.

The story dates back to Aug. 17 1942, when a team of Marines, called Carlson's Raiders, attacked a Japanese outpost on Butaritari Island of Makin Atoll in the Gilbert Islands. More than 30 Marines were declared killed or missing in action after the battle.

After the war, stories surfaced of nine Marines beheaded on Kwajalein in October 1942. Japanese Vice Adm. Koso Abe was hanged for the war crime and Capt. Yoshio Obara, the commander of Kwajalein at the time, and Lt. Cmdr. Hisakichi Naiki, head of the Kwajalein military police, served several years in prison.

The bodies of the nine Marines were never recovered.

The island has undergone numer-

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Law and order

RMI court hands down convictions

By Jim Bennett
Editor

In an Ebeye court last week, Clemi Ajen and Juda Joel pleaded guilty to numerous charges related to trespassing on USAKA/KMR.

Ajen pleaded guilty to as many as six charges of trespassing, three burglary charges, two obstruction of justice charges and two grand larceny charges, according to John Young, public prosecutor for the RMI High Court. Ajen received one year in jail, probated, and an open restitution order.

Young said he's still trying to arrive at a restitution figure, and those on Kwajalein who might have had things taken, should report that to his office in Majuro or the USAKA/KMR Command Judge Advocate's Office. Reports should include the date and value of the loss, and refer to a police

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Shark sighting closes beach

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Emon Beach shut down Monday after a possible shark sighting.

According to the Kwajalein Police Department, lifeguards spotted what they thought was a shark between the jetty and ski dock around 11:30 a.m., and the beach was closed, police said.

A Kwajalein Police Department Marine Patrol boat was dispatched to the area but did not find anything.

Spear fishermen later reported

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It's my birthday and I'll lie if I want to, lie if I want to ...

So, another birthday has come and gone.

That's right, Dick Clark has passed the second century mark and offered Civil War commemorative plates at his birthday party — as in plates that Civil War soldiers actually used to dine on grits and muskrat. Unfortunately, one of the other immortals, Johnny Carson, competing for the grand prize of top-rated holiday special, busted in on the party and Dick had to fight him to the death before blowing out his candles. There can be only one immortal TV personality!

OK, Dennis Miller makes allusions to the Mona Lisa and Tower of London, while I use lame movie references like "Highlander" and "Beastmaster." At least I'm not on Monday (Tuesday) Night Football with Eric Dickerson.

Oh, I also celebrated a birthday this weekend, though I'm not at the venerable age of Mr. Clark. But, again, there's a bright spot: I never had to smell Ed McMahon's breath or pick up his bar tab.

Anyway, birthdays are traditionally a time of reflection, alcoholic excess and excessive lying about your age. For example, ask my girlfriend



her age next year and you're liable to hear poetic similes to a flower at full bloom. But I'm going to rat her out. She'll be 25. (How's that for scoring some points?)

Me? I've come a long way in 28 years — about 7,000 miles to be exact — and have had the luxury to learn many of life's lessons without having to actually suffer many of the pains that come with experience.

For instance, my parents had the foresight of equipping me with a 1976 Oldsmobile Royale Delta 88 when I was in high school. Bigger than a BQ room, the Delta 88 was a thinly veiled tank without a turret. It was perfect for an awkward kid who passed his driving test with a score of 71. (Hey, you try parallel parking a Delta 88 and see how well you do.) When the Beast finally met its demise head on with a little toy Toyota truck, I ended up driving it 20 miles back home. The truck was eventually donated to an accordionist with a polka band.

I've also been fortunate to learn from the mistakes of others by simple observation or reading. The annual Darwin Awards, for example, is an excellent survival guide. Well, a sort of anti-survival guide.

As most of you may be aware, the Darwin Awards mysteriously appear on e-mail forwards detailing the der-

mise or near demise of people who did something so stupid that the human gene pool has benefitted from their departure. For instance, after reading about a former military officer of some sort who strapped a ballistic missile to his station wagon so he could go really fast, I never had much desire to exceed the speed limit. I understand that, later, police found only a hubcap and a couple of spark plugs — and a sign that read "Venus or Bust."

Still, I've made my share of mistakes over the years. Take the time in college when I majored in English and philosophy and graduated with a bachelor's degree from a small liberal arts college with no particular idea of what I wanted to do with my life. Wait, that's a bad example: I'm still paying for that mistake in the form of school loans every year.

Or take the time when I broke up with my college sweetheart, who turned around like five days later and was engaged to some other guy. Last I saw of her she had blown up to the size of a human puffer fish in fear of its life and was lamenting the fact that she had gotten married so young. On second thought, that was a probably a good decision. In fact, we can conclude that the guy with the rocket-powered station wagon had probably married his college sweetheart and figured he had nothing to lose. (Sorry, Jim and Gina.)

OK, some of you are probably thinking, "Hey, this guy really hasn't lived. How dare he pass judgments on the rest of us who have toiled and suffered all of our lives."

My answer: The Buddha said, "Life is suffering, especially for a guy with a Buddha belly and pate slicker than the Mona Lisa's smile." (Take that, Dennis Miller.) Translation: Eventually, I'll be bald and fat and suffer along with the rest of humanity.

But, for now, I'll live like a college student with a keg strapped to a ballistic missile.

Happy birthday to me, Kwajalein and Ed McMahon.

(Belated birthday presents may be brought by the *Hourglass* office between today and Sept. 9, 2001.

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Did You Know? Gone but not forgotten ...

That 78,000 U.S. servicemen from World War II are still unaccounted for, while 8,100 from the Korean War and 2,100 from the Vietnam War are listed as missing in action. The Central Identification Lab in Hawaii operates 10 teams worldwide, each working in the field more than 200 days a year, to bring these service members home.

Kwajalein Hospital assembling blood donor list

KW Hillis

Feature Writer

Kwajalein Hospital, the scene: A very sick baby arrives at the hospital. The on-duty physician, Dr. John Janikowski, quietly examines the baby, then sends cultures and blood samples to the lab. The results are quickly returned, indicating anemia and a severe infection.

Janikowski decides to administer blood to the infant. The lab is notified.

William Coughlin, medical laboratory technologist, pulls a unit of blood out of the minus 80-degree freezer. He then puts the blood into one of two cell washers to remove the glycerol solution that coats each red blood cell. The washing continues until all that is left is saline and red blood cells. Within 30 minutes, the blood is ready for transfusion.

"In general, transfusions are infrequent," Janikowski said. "And baby transfusions require such small quantities. The volume could approximate a quarter cup."

Throughout this scenario, the hospital lab and the availability of blood are integral to the diagnosis and treatment of the patient.



The Kwajalein Hospital Health Awareness committee has designated September as Kwajalein Laboratory Month, with a focus on obtaining a local blood donor list, said Kathy Campbell, committee chairperson.

Every month the lab handles between 600 to 700 patients on an outpatient basis, performing between 5,000 to 6,000 tests, said Beth Turnbaugh, Medical Laboratory Services manager. Along with routine testing, such as for pregnancy and strep throat, the lab tests for blood disorders and liver, kidney and cardiac functions, she said.

"[The lab] is essential to the hospital and the community ... [It] picks up a lot of diseases before they manifest themselves," Campbell said.

In addition to testing, the lab stores frozen blood for local use. Currently, there are 80 units that were drawn and tested by the American Red Cross in the states. They were flown in eight frozen units at a time, said Turnbaugh, whose specialty certification is transfusion medicine.

The amount of dry ice allowed on an ATI flight, 440 pounds, governs the amount of units shipped, according to USAKA/KMR transportation officer CW3 George Puskas.

Currently, no local blood donations are being used on Kwajalein. But if a mass emergency happens, local donors may be used, Turnbaugh said.

"Up to two years ago, we drew [blood] from the community," Turnbaugh said. "As technology and standards for testing change to ensure a safe blood supply, it's not possible for us to keep pace with the requirements for processing blood. Our need to transfuse is so infrequent, that it is not prudent for us to deplete the community of such a precious resource. However, we want to have a local list of suitable donors to call in



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Medical laboratory technician Julie Godfrey prepares to draw Dawn Clyde's blood during a recent physical exam. Kwajalein Hospital is putting together a local blood donor list for use in times of emergency.

the event of a dire emergency.

"With a list, we could routinely test the people on the list once or twice a year," said Turnbaugh, explaining that the samples would be tested off-island.

At October's Health Fair, the lab will be gathering a list of volunteer donors. There is a very detailed questionnaire to fill out, which includes current health and lifestyle questions, Turnbaugh said.

For example, a new tattoo will prevent someone from donating for a year.

"We don't want someone to donate if giving that unit of blood is going to be harmful to them ... or to others," said Turnbaugh, explaining that there are restrictions for those who want to be a donor.

"We are in an endemic area for hepatitis, [residents] cannot donate in the U.S. until a year after returning there," Turnbaugh said.

If a resident is interested in being on the donor list before October's fair, contact the hospital lab, 53667.

Blood Donor History Questionnaire*

1. In the past 12 months, have you had a tattoo, ear or skin piercing, acupuncture or come in contact with someone's blood?
2. In the past three days have you taken aspirin or anything that has aspirin in it?
3. Females: Are you pregnant or have you been in the past six weeks?
4. In the past four weeks have you taken any pills or medication?
5. Have you for any reason been deferred or refused as a blood donor or told not to donate blood?
6. Have you ever had chest pain, heart disease or respiratory problems?
6. Are you feeling well and healthy?

If "yes" to any question, there may be a waiting period.

*Sample of questions required by the American Association of Blood Banks.

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at



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- Pearl Cove* by Elizabeth Lowell
- Acornia's World* by Anne McCaffrey
- The Guest List* by Fern Michaels
- Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher
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Beach reopens after possible sighting ...

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spotting a 12-foot tiger shark near P-buoy, several hundred yards off the shore from the jetty.

Further investigation revealed that fishermen on the jetty reportedly dumped scraps in the water nearby Sunday evening, which might have attracted sharks.

The original shark sighting was not confirmed and no shark has been sighted within the swimming area, said Simone Smead, Community Activities manager.

As of press time, the beach had been reopened to swimmers and is safe for swimming, Smead said.

Teams face tough obstacles ...

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ous changes since 1942, including the massive bombardment and battle in 1944 and two Corps of Engineers projects that enlarged the island on both ends. Despite the topographical changes, the CILHI investigators think they have strong leads in finding the burial site.

During the trial, the admiral drew a map to the site, pointing out a jungle clearing at the south end of the island. Today, the location theoretically falls just south of the Photo Lab, near the Japanese bunker at the end of the runway.

Investigators will combine that bit of evidence with other tips, including theories advanced by this paper and its writers, and records from the National Archives. They'll be looking for reconnaissance photos from 1942-43, to see if a jungle clearing on the south end of the island exists and, if so, where exactly. They'll load pre-invasion photos into computers and use enhancement techniques to see if the burial sites are visible from the air.

Ironically, some of the post-war construction may have helped preserve the remains. Examining the layers of the land, Byrd said that fill dirt from the construction projects could have protected the graves, assuming the graves were intact to begin with.

Once a site is determined, CILHI must then submit all the permit requests associated with a dig on foreign soil.

"It's very workable here, logistically and cooperatively," Pagano said, citing both USAKA/KMR and the RMI for their support.

Then, it's a matter of finding time to send an excavation team. CILHI currently operates 13 search teams around the world. Ten teams focus on Southeast Asia and two teams work in North and South Korea, but only one team hunts for World War II remains, making the priority and feasibility list vital to the operation. The nine Marines, however, rank high on the list, Pagano said.

And CILHI isn't the only agency interested in the case. Pagano said there's a lot of interest in the story of

the Marines. The Marine Raiders Association, other agencies and media have inquired about the case.

"Whenever you can bring home American service members with dignity and honor, it's got tremendous potential as a news story, and it should," Pagano said. "The country owes them a debt of gratitude."

If the bodies are found, investigators will still face the problems associated with identification. It won't be easy either, because records from World War II are not as complete as those from the subsequent conflicts. For example, dental records in WWII included charts on which cavities or other dental work was marked. Two soldiers who had perfect teeth would appear on the chart as identical.

As time advanced, personnel records began to include X-rays of teeth that give investigators clear pictures of jaw and teeth structures for identification. But even with the less-than-perfect records, investigators can use personal photographs of possible casualties. A smile in a photo can give investigators a clue as to how the teeth are structured.

"You have to be analytical and creative with World War II cases," Byrd said.

The Marine Raiders Association, which contributed to much of the earlier coverage of the story in this paper, also contributed personal photos to CILHI to help investigators.

"They're a partner in this," Pagano said.

"It's something we don't give up on, because of the importance to the families and the veterans," Pagano added. "You can't sell the veterans short, either. It means an awful lot to them. Essentially, you fight for your comrades. You fight for your country and home, too, but you're really fighting for the guys next to you and if one is left behind or doesn't come back, there's a void."

Meanwhile, Space and Missile Defense Command officials have ordered a plaque honoring the Marines, though no date has been set for completion or a dedication ceremony.

Courts handle local cases ...

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report if possible.

Meanwhile, Joel pleaded guilty to trespassing on USAKA/KMR six times. He received 30 days in jail, probated for a year.

Both men must visit the court once a month to meet with the judge, Young said.

In another case, five juveniles will face trial Oct. 4 for three alleged trailer burglaries on Kwajalein in June. If convicted, they could face jail time, probation, community service and restitution.

But Ajen, Joel and the juveniles represented only three in a number of cases — from murder to assaults to burglaries — handled by a circuit court that travels monthly to the island from Majuro.

"It's like when Abraham Lincoln traveled around Illinois with the circuit courts and they would go to a town, draw up sides and try a case," Young said. "That's how it is here."

Cases are handled with a judge, Dee Johnson; a prosecutor, Young; and a public defender, Kent Teintaake Beero.

So what's that mean for Americans on Kwajalein?

"We are subject to RMI law," said Kent Duncan, USAKA/KMR legal affairs officer. "The Compact [of Free Association] calls for coordination, cooperation and assistance."

Under the Status of Forces Agreement, the U.S. holds jurisdiction over U.S. personnel on Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and the small islands in the atoll on which U.S. citizens work.

For example, when Greenpeace protesters landed on Meck during the IFT-5 mission in July, both the U.S. and RMI had concurrent jurisdiction.

"Trespassing is illegal in both countries," Duncan said. "The U.S. decided to waive jurisdiction in that case."

The protesters were held in the Ebeye jail, transferred to Majuro within a week and tried. They were convicted of trespassing and sentenced to 30 days in jail and given a \$100 fine each, an average sentence for trespassing, Young said.

Likewise, if an RMI citizen breaks the law on Kwajalein, he or she can be

tried in an RMI court.

Jean and Michael Maurer of Kwajalein had \$300 stolen in a burglary recently. After the offender pleaded guilty, he was given a jail sentence, a small fine and ordered to pay \$50 a month for six months. Young delivers the payment to the Maurer's son, Mike Jr., since they PCSed in July.

"It seems to be working well," Mike said.

"The key is consistency," Duncan said. "That people know something is going to happen, that they're going to be held accountable, that really helps."

A case begins with an arrest and police report filed by Kwajalein police officers or, on Ebeye, Kwajalein Atoll Local Government police. There is no grand jury to issue an indictment, as in a U.S. district court in the United States, so a probable cause hearing is held. Next, if probable cause is established, bond is set, generally low, because Marshallese defendants often have little money and Ebeye has little room in its jail. Most bonds run around \$100, Young said.

Usually, defendants plead guilty.

"It's like that in the states, too, but where one in 10 cases in the states would go to trial, one in 20 might here," Young said.

A trial may be held, with the judge generally acting as the jury. A jury trial, though legal, is almost unheard of, Young added.

RMI judges rely heavily on community service, too, in handing down sentences. Under Marshallese culture, the public display of atonement is an effective punishment and deterrent. Also, Ebeye jail space and Marshallese economics figure into the judgement.

"You do what works," said Young, who hails from Texas. Young served as a JAG officer on Kwajalein from 1983-85, before retiring from the Army in 1992. He set up a private practice in Austin and visited Majuro during a dive vacation in February 1999. There, Young learned of the opening for a prosecutor, applied and got the job.

"Small towns in Texas do the same things [as RMI courts]. You do what will have an impact."

Gunships visit Kwaj, offer tour to residents ...

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The accuracy can be measured in meters."

This accuracy is provided by all-light-level television, infrared detection and a ground attack radar providing the targeting information to the computer.

The Spooky gunships can be deployed worldwide from their Florida base as part of the Special Operation Force response to military needs.

One such example was the October 1997 deployment of two Spooky gunships from Hurlburt Field in a 36-hour, non-stop flight to Taegu Air Base in South Korea as part of a show-of-force exercise.

The crew of 13 include two pilots, a flight engineer, navigator, fire controller, two sensor operators, four gunners, loadmaster and an electronics warfare officer responsible for defense of the aircraft.

Kom ruwainene

"*Kom ruwainene*" is the Marshallese way to say, "Welcome."

Recently arrived from Kansas City are **Greg** and **Melissa Vessar**. Greg teaches at Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School.

John and **Catharina Glover**, with daughter **Victoria**, 10, are back for their second tour from Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. Their first tour was 1987-89. John is general supply specialist at USAKA/KMR.

"Some things have changed, but many look the same," they say.

Recently arrived from Minneapolis are **C.J.** and **Rebecca Sorensen**.

They say, "We are excited about the beauty and the recreation that this island has to offer."

C.J. teaches English at Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School, and Rebecca teaches at Kwajalein Child Development Center.

Bert Godlewski is here from Gig Harbor, Wash., for his first tour, bringing with him his wife, **Jody Nielsen**, and children, **Spencer** and **Gillian**.

Bert is an equipment specialist with USAKA/KMR.

"Let's get to work," Bert said.

Classified Ads and Community Notices

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Andrea, 51296.

KAPS AIDE, Education Dept. Part time. Classroom assistant needed for preschool and school-age service programs. Responsibilities include assistance with snack preparation, food sanitation procedures, safety and supervision of children and active participation in a wide variety of recreational activities. Must possess a cheerful, energetic spirit and be able to work well with children. Criminal history background check required.

SECRETARY, Community Activities. Part time. Looking for well-qualified, self-motivated individual to be responsible for maintenance of administrative database, labor recording and supply requisitions. Experience in Microsoft Office 95, filing systems, basic organization, as well as good interpersonal, oral and written skills a must.

Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Aeromet-KMR weather station. Challenging, developmental position for someone who knows office routine and admin computer systems. Duties include mission documentation and data, handling mail and correspondence, purchase orders and financial documents, as well as supporting site manager and support for staff travel, benefits and leave. Call 51508 for an interview.

WANTED

MEN'S SOFTBALL cleats, size 12-13, new or used. Call 52670.

COMPUTER MONITOR in good condition. Call Lourdes at 52613.

LOST

PENTAX 90 WR zoom camera at Emon Beach Sept. 3. Call 52517. No questions asked.

BOYS' RED AND BLUE striped polo shirt at Emon Beach Sept. 3. Call 52435.

BLACK and SILVER camera, in August. Call Kaylee at 53680 after 6 p.m.

GIRLS' SANDALS, size 9, tan color with velcro straps, around Emon Beach on Sept. 3. Call 52674.

BOYS' BLUE bike with grey fenders and regular handlebars. Call 53003.

FOUND

GOLDEARRING. Call 56726 and leave a description and phone number.

FOR SALE

IBM COMPUTER CPU, model PR233MX, 32 MB of SDRAM; Western Digital 5.1 GB hard drive; Mitsumi 32-speed CD ROM drive; 33.6 voice/fax/data modem; Windows 98; Epson Stylus 640 color printer and tray scanner, \$800 or best offer. Call Ken, 59804.

LADIES' beginner golf club set, \$50; answering machine, \$10; Bissell carpet sweeper, \$5. Call 53470 evenings.

WOMEN'S RALEIGH three-speed bike, Kwaj-proof, with new spare aluminum front wheel, \$150; Skill 3/8" drill with case, \$30; slalom ski with case, \$25; tool box with two slide-out trays, \$5. Call 52790.

TWO CB RADIOS, GE brand, new. For more details, call Eric, 54364. Serious offers only.

AVENT breast pump, \$20; Fisher Price vibrating bouncy chair, \$20; Evenflo backpack with wheels, \$50; baby walker, \$20; Diaper Genie refills, \$2 each; one package Huggies Goodnites, 45-65 lbs., \$12. Call 53713.

TWO KWAJ-CONDITION bikes, \$10 each or \$15 for both. Call 54247.

BLENDER, excellent condition, \$30; bright pink snorkel fins, mask and snorkel, all brand new, \$55 for all or \$20 each. Call 54216 and leave a message.

DRAPERY RODS for 400 series housing, \$5; draperies, \$10; wooden utility cabinets, \$5; counter kitchen/dining room divider, \$15; reel-to-reel tape deck, \$20; plants, \$5-\$10; 10-lb. dumbbell weight, \$3; Kwaj-condition bikes, \$10-\$15. Call 42342.

MEN'S SCUBA gear, two sets, one set ScubaPro, the other Sherwood, includes shorty wetsuit and dive computer, \$400 each; women's set of golf clubs, includes Lynx irons and Kennex woods, new bag, \$100; Yamaha jetski 760 Waveblaster II, 90hp, includes aluminum trailer and accessories, \$2,750. Call 54784.

SEVEN-STRING IBANEZ guitar, 22 frets with hardshell case, excellent condition, \$550. Call Robert at 52398.

EX-NAVY POWER boat, 40', solid fiberglass hull, aluminum topside, 240hp 6-71 Detroit diesel, includes large boat lot and two boat houses, \$25,000. Two spare engines also available. Call 52428.

GIRLS' BIKE, needs front wheel, available at

Marshallese Shopping Day will be Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at Macy's, Macy's West and Gimbel's.

Macy's West, \$15.

KING-SIZE MATTRESS and box spring, Serta Perfect Sleeper, 4 years old, perfect condition, \$300. Call 53691 after 5 p.m.

BOYS' BIKE, Kwaj-condition, two 16" and one 20", \$10 each. Call 52793.

ROUND-TRIP INTER-ISLAND tickets on Aloha Air, good between any two Hawaiian islands, valid to June 19, 2001, \$75. Call 52492.

16' HYPALON INFLATABLE boat, 1998 Nissan 40hp (125 hours), 1998 Nissan 5hp, bimini top, three gas tanks, two anchors, VHF handheld radio, boat cover, life vests, stainless steel ladder, night running lights, spare carb kit and hypalon, \$4,500 or best offer, will sell items separately; new mesh dive bag, \$30. Call 52527.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PIANO ACCOMPANIST is needed for the Community Chorus. Thursday evening rehearsals run from late September to December, with a performance scheduled for Dec. 5. If you can assist with all or a portion of the accompanying, call Dick, 51684.

Kwajalein Dance Association

KDA's first monthly communitywide dance party for this school year will be Sunday, Sept. 24, 7-10 p.m., in the MP room.

Free admission

singles and couples, teens and adults



Introductory group lesson, 7-8 p.m.

Come check out the world of social dancing.

Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage.

For more information, call Donna, 53470, evenings.



Classified Ads and Community Notices

NEW TO KWAJ? Yokwe Yuk Women's Club is hosting a newcomer's coffee Friday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., at Qtrs. 105-A. Come meet new friends and get involved in island activities. Questions? Call Dianne, 55990.

FALL HOURS have resumed at Emon Beach. Lifeguards are on duty the following hours only: Sundays and Mondays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Continue to use the buddy system at Coral Sands and Camp Hamilton. Questions? Call Emilee, 52847.

DUE TO SCHEDULING problems, the Monday Night Mixed Bowling League is moving to Sunday evening. The league will now start Sunday, Sept. 18, 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in bowling, contact Elena or Harry, 53397, or sign up at the Bowling Center.

JOIN KWAJALEIN Scuba Club in Project Aware, an islandwide cleanup, Sunday, Sept. 17. Groups or individuals report to the tankhouse from 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bags and trucks with drivers will be provided. Prizes awarded for the most trash collected above and below water. Free hot dogs and sodas to all participants. Call Steve, 52517.

NEXT JUNIOR golf clinic will be tomorrow, 5-6 p.m., at Kwajalein golf course. All junior golfers, boys and girls 6-17 years old, are welcome. For more information, call Rudy Gil, 52412.

GOURMET NIGHT at Gilligan's is Sept. 17. Sea-food cakes, sweet potato vichyssoise, garden salad, grilled tenderloin of beef, molasses grilled cornish hens, chocolate pudding cake and fresh brewed coffee will be offered. For reservations, call Jewels, 58909.

DO YOU like the water? Do you enjoy being outdoors? Learn to be a lifeguard. Pools and Beaches is conducting a lifeguard class Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m., at Millican Family Pool. You must be a least 15 years old and be able to swim across the deep end of the pool. Adults are welcome. Call Emilee, 52047.

DURING THE MONTHLY supply barge operation Thursday, Sept. 14, all personnel are asked to remain outside the barricaded one-block area around the supply warehouse complex. This area is bounded by Marine Road, Poinsettia Street, and 6th and 8th streets. This request is in the interest of everyone's safety. Questions? Call Shipping and Receiving, 52180.

ORTHODONTIST WILL be on island Sept. 19-20.

ILLEGINNI HAZARD AREA
EOD Unloading Operation

Explosive Ordnance Disposal personnel will be conducting explosive operations on Illeginni Island from 8 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13, to 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15. They will be destroying hazardous World War II munitions. A safety exclusion area with a radius of 4,000 feet surface to air is restricted to authorized personnel only throughout the operation. Questions? Call EOD, 51433, or USAKA/KMR Safety Office, 41361.

To make an appointment, call the dental clinic at 52165, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

COLLEGE INFORMATION Night for parents and students is at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, in the MP room at the high school.

KENT DUNCAN, USAKA/KMR legal officer, will be on Roi-Namur tomorrow, 8-11 a.m., for legal assistance. For an appointment, call the legal office at 51431.

KWAJALEIN CHILD Development Center Open House is Thursday at the Starfish Room at 6 p.m.; at the Dolphin Room at 6:20 p.m.; and Sting Ray Room at 6:40 p.m.

KWAJALEIN CHILD Development Center Parent Advisory meeting is Saturday, Sept. 16, at 9 a.m. in the CDC office. All parents are welcome. If interested and unable to attend,

call the office at 52158.

HOME CAREGIVERS interested in a training workshop, fill out the survey in the Community Education flyer or call 52158.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA Club meets tomorrow at 7 p.m. in CAC Room 6. Following the meeting, Bob Hatcher will show a video of his recent dive trip to Bikini Atoll. The community is welcome. The Dive Supervisory Council meets at 6:15 p.m. prior to the club meeting. Questions? Call Ivy at 54814.

DUST OFF those boots and head over to Gilligan's for country music night Sunday, Sept. 17, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. with your favorite DJ Cowboy.

YOUTH BASKETBALL officials' and scorekeepers' meeting is tonight in CRC Room 1. Scorekeepers meet at 5 p.m.; officials meet at 6 p.m. No experience is necessary. Training will be provided. Questions? Call Amber at 54331.

CAN YOU show someone how to draw or sketch? Oil or water paint? Take or develop photos? Weave or sew? Do any art or craft? Then the Kwajalein Art Guild and community need you to lead classes and short workshops. Call Karen at 51391 for more information.

AMERICAN LEGION Women's Auxiliary monthly meeting is tonight at 6:30 p.m. at Rachel's house, 428-B. Women interested in joining are welcome to attend. Questions? Call Lorraine at 54612.

PREGNANT? For caring and confidential advice, call 1-800-395-HELP.

CHURCH OF CHRIST meets Sundays, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in CRC Room 1. Bible classes are Thursdays, 7 to 8 p.m., in CRC Room 6.

If you don't have your paper by 5:45 p.m., call 52114, and one will be delivered to you.

2nd annual Roi-Namur

Chili cook-off **Arts and crafts fair** **Carnival games**

will be Sunday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Enniburr Children's Christmas Fund and the Outrigger Club. All proceeds given to Enniburr Children's Christmas Fund. Entry forms are at the Outrigger Club, Roi Terminal Building and Gilligan's. Deadline for entries is Thursday, Sept. 14. For more information, call Aileen, 56364 or 56394.

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Fantasia 2000 (New Release, G)

Sixty years after Walt Disney's ground-breaking marriage of animation and classical music premiered, the studio has released a new version, blending visual animation and works from such composers as Gershwin, Beethoven and Stravinsky. (Voices of Steve Martin, Bette Midler, James Earl Jones, Angela Lansbury, Penn Jillette) (90 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Timecode (New Release, R)

Plot takes a backseat to technique in this film, which used four synchronized digital video cameras in four separate locations. The story, outlined in advance, was improvised and enacted in a single continuous take, with the unedited images from all four locations presented on the screen at once. The story: A casting session is beset with murder, infidelity and an earthquake. (Holly Hunter) (97 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Center Stage (New Release, PG-13)

In this emotional drama, a team of young dancers are competing for places in a prestigious dance troupe. They must deal with the ups and downs of trying to find their place in the world, as they fight for their dream. (Peter Gallagher) (114 minutes)
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Summer Stock (Classic, 1950)

A New England farm becomes the setting of a summer theater production. All sorts of romances ensue. (Judy Garland, Gene Kelly, Gloria DeHaven, Eddie Bracken, Phil Silvers) (109 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Center Stage (New Release, PG-13)

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Timecode (New Release, R)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Fantasia 2000 (New Release, G)

Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Monday

Fantasia 2000 (New Release, G)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Timecode (New Release, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.



(Photo by Bob Fore)

Capt. Terry Sears, navigator for one of the Spooky gunships, answers questions from residents, left to right, Rudy Gil, Rudy Gil Jr. and John Koehler, during an open house of the aircraft last week.

It's really getting Spooky around here

Story by Bob Fore
Feature Writer

Three aircraft from the U.S. Air Force 4th Special Operations Squadron, based at Hurlburt Field, Fla., held a well attended open house for island residents Thursday.

Two of the aircraft were configured in the AC-130U gunship version, used for close air support of ground forces. These aircraft are equipped with a modified 105mm howitzer firing up to 10 rounds per minute; a 40mm Bo-

fors cannon, firing WWII surplus ammunition at a rate of 100 rounds per minute; and a 25mm Gatling gun, firing 1,800 rounds per minute.

"In Vietnam, the first Spooky gunship's weapons were targeted with the aircraft commander aiming the entire aircraft to hit the targets," said Capt. Keith Hoard, aircraft commander of one of the gunships. "Now we have trainable mounts which can be moved hydraulically by computer.

(See GUNSHIPS, page 5)

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with widely scattered showers.
Winds: Northeast at 7 to 12 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny with widely scattered showers.
Winds: Northeast at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts in and near showers.
Temperature: Tonight's low 78°
Tomorrow's high 87°
September rain total: 2.88"
Annual rain total: 60.22"
Annual deviation: -3.71"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.
Forecasts available online: www.kmr-wx.com



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday September 12	0640/1852	1751/0508	0333, 5.4' 1353, 4.9'	0952, 0.9' 2149, 1.0'
Wednesday September 13	0640/1851	1834/0557	0401, 5.7' 1619, 5.2'	1017, 0.6' 2218, 0.7'
Thursday September 14	0640/1850	1917/0645 Full Moon	0429, 5.8' 1646, 5.5'	1042, 0.5' 2247, 0.5'
Friday September 15	0640/1850	1959/0733	0457, 5.9' 1713, 5.6'	1108, 0.4' 2317, 0.5'