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(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

From left, Jim Talich, Eleanor Talich, Janet Robitaille and Frank Robitaille bow their heads in prayer during the Veterans Day ceremony Sunday at Island Memorial Chapel. For more photos, see pages 4-5.



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Veteran Mel Carr watches the Veterans Day ceremony unfold in the shadow of the chapel's stained glass window.

## Veterans Day ceremony draws big crowd

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

A solemn, tearful crowd gathered Sunday to honor the nation's veterans of previous wars while praying for those who fight in the new war against terrorism.

The Veterans Day ceremony, originally scheduled to take place at the Richardson

Theater, but moved that morning to Island Memorial Chapel due to threatening, steel-grey skies, opened with the Kwajalein Pipes and Drums Corps marching around the chapel building to stand next to the blue-shirted Jr./Sr. High School Band, which played various songs from all the services.

Following opening remarks by master of

ceremonies, Sgt. 1st Class Donell Jones, and the invocation by the Rev. John Dorr, Col. Curtis L. Wrenn, Jr., the USAKA commander, came to the podium.

The commander offered a few, brief words, recognizing the efforts of soldiers past, from the blood-soaked battlefields of World War

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## Survey process coming to a computer near you

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

Throw out that No. 2 pencil. Doing all those quality of life surveys just got faster, cheaper and more efficient.

USAKA has turned to an Australian software company that specializes in survey software to quicken the survey process, according to Lt. Col. Steve Morris, USAKA assis-

tant chief of staff, Operations.

"We've eliminated all kinds of things," Morris said.

Gone are page after page of questions that may not apply to the respondent. Gone is post office delivery. Gone are as much as 800 man-hours to produce, distribute and calculate the surveys.

Now, via mass distribution through e-mail, residents can give

the command their two cents in less than 90 seconds, Morris said.

"We're trying very hard not to overload the community with surveys," he said.

The process is simple: A survey arrives in the in-box. Open it — save it to the desktop, if security settings on the computer require — and follow the prompts. The survey will then tailor itself to each

respondent. For example, it will ask whether or not you have used dental services in the last six months. If not, it jumps ahead to the next category, saving the user time.

"It's a sweet deal," Morris said.

The survey also offers immediate feedback. After the user clicks the "submit" button, the program

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# Only on Kwajalein is the grass greener — on the roof

When I arrived here about two years ago (gasp!), I noted an interesting attitude. The Kwajer swagger, which comes from the belief that everything here is unique. At the time, as a neophyte to the island ways, I thought this attitude a little smug.

Now, of course, I realize we are righteously entitled to that attitude. We would be crazy otherwise.

Looking back over my two-plus years on Kwaj, I can say, with no reservations, that it only happens on Kwaj:

- Apparently, thanks to some agricultural quirk, grass actually grows better on some roofs than on the lawns.

- You can't beat the price: Grab three dive buddies after work, head to a vintage World War II wreck and get back in time for dinner. All for the price of \$2.53 per person.

- Rust is not just a condition, but a state



of mind.

- Acronyms and truncated words can make up entire sentences, if not a whole conversation. For example: "I'm headed to Hono on Con-Air for not properly filling out my TDY expense report for the APIC conference." Huh?

- The only restaurant on the island is named the Yuk. Talk about self-fulfilling prophecy.

- The arrival of incoming missile warheads met with a beach party and BBQ.

- Who needs to see a badge? With all of these TDY folks, I'm blinded by the sun flashing off their pale legs, at least the part that's not absorbed by their calf-high black socks they're wearing with their Birkenstocks. (OK, this one may not be completely unique to Kwaj, as any resident in Hono could testify.)

- Football starts at 5 a.m., so we'll be up by 4:30 for the pregame show. But come Tuesday, if there's even a hint of rain, we might wait a few minutes after 7:30 a.m.

"just to make sure" it doesn't rain.

- In a tangential note to the preceding, I've lived at a place that averages 100 inches of rain every year and still don't own an umbrella. Just can't seem to bring myself to spend that \$6.99.

- And that leads me to one of the more, shall we say, thrifty characteristics of the average Kwajer, especially those who may have been here in the heydays of the Reagan era, when, if the stories are to be believed, Café Pacific served steak and lobster every night, and every community activity was free of charge. (Heck, said one old-timer, they paid *us* to play golf.) Now, a \$20 raise in golf fees can incite a Boston Tea Party revolution in the lagoon.

- No matter how long you've been here, it's still devilishly fun to hear about how long some poor TDY person's commute is to work. Three hours every day, you say; why, I could walk the reef to Roi in three hours.

- Speaking of our friends on Roi, I hear that Webster's will add "roi rat" to its synonyms for argumentative in its 2002 edition. (I think that ripping sound we just heard was my invitation to the Roi Scuba Club party in December being destroyed.)

- Finally, where else but Kwaj would my friends still talk to me after reading this column. Right? Um, right guys?

## Want to voice an opinion?

Keep letters to the editor to less than 300 words, and keep your comments to the issues. Letters must be signed. We will edit for AP style and, if you exceed the word limit, space. Limit of one letter every 30 days to give others a chance to write.

Send your letter to:

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## Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma



## Fullerton courts knowledge for students all year long

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

Teaching doesn't end in June. Sometimes it's only beginning.

Ric Fullerton, a teacher with more than 25 years in the classroom, 13 of them at Kwajalein, continued his own education this past summer when he joined 60 teachers from across the nation to attend the Supreme Court Summer Institute at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

"Most summers the plan is to try to get some schooling ... in terms of staying abreast of what's going on in education and in my field," Fullerton said. Fullerton then translates those experiences into the classroom.

Checking the Internet for some information for his government class, Fullerton stumbled upon the institute. He said he was immediately enthralled by the outline of the program for personal and professional reasons.

"Not only would this be good in teaching my class, it thrilled my own personal interest," Fullerton said. "If I'm not enjoying myself, the kids can tell. They read off of you ... If you are motivated and excited about what you are doing, it's contagious."

The program involved touring the Supreme Court, visiting with people from government agencies and the media, learning how Supreme Court cases were selected and bringing the knowledge and new skills back to the classroom. The six-day workshop turned out to be more than promised.

"We would arrive by 7:30 a.m. ... the next thing we would know it was 8 p.m. at night," Fullerton said. "At the end of the day we would go to dinner and the discussion would continue."

"It was a smorgasbord of topics and people to meet and be able to talk to and interact with," he added. Attendees even talked to Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor after being introduced to her by former prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

During their discussion, O'Connor "asked me where I was from ... she said she was familiar with Kwaj," Fullerton said.

John Roberts, Deputy Solicitor General of the United States and former clerk for Associate Justice William Rehnquist, was just one of the many distinguished speakers during the seminar, Fullerton said. The attendees discussed current and recently decided cases and, among other topics, found out what the

process was for electing an associate justice.

"I enjoyed meeting the lawyers and the media [since] they have stories to tell about behind the scenes — they put human faces on the justices," Fullerton said.

Among the many interesting things he learned: There's actually a marshal of the Supreme Court, who is in charge of security. Dale Bosley, the ninth marshal since the position was created in 1867, acted as the tour guide for Fullerton's group through the inner-sanctums of the Supreme Court.

"I didn't even know his position existed ... He took us everywhere and security guys kept popping up ... he said he would show us something special that the general public was

a couple of teachers that really engaged me."

Fullerton said he is having fun bringing new ideas and teaching skills to the classroom, and has developed some basic tenets about teaching over the years.

"You can't teach anyone anything if you don't ... build some kind of relationship with them," Fullerton said. "[At the institute they] treated us as peers. It was not them coming to tell us, but to show us what was so exciting about what they do in terms of the Supreme Court."

During the intense six-day workshop and the rest of the summer, he thought about how he would incorporate the knowledge and new skills into his classes on Kwajalein.

"I have incorporated some of the information about the court itself and how the court functions," Fullerton said, adding that along with a huge folder of other materials, the institute provided a well-done video about the Supreme Court. "I will be using the information for years."

Having attended many summer programs over the years including two National Council for Economics programs — Economics for Leaders in 1994 and Economic Forces in American History in 1999 — Fullerton said this one was the best.

"It was the most worthwhile, challenging, informative, dynamic continuing education program that I have ever been involved with in my entire teaching career," he said.

"Education is supposed to be a lifelong endeavor," Fullerton said. "People think [teachers] only work 180 days a year, but summer offers us the opportunity to go to programs like this one ... and enhance our professional development. There are several people on staff that do the same thing."

In addition to programs for teachers, there are also opportunities for young people during the summer, according to Fullerton.

"There are summer programs out there for kids," he said. "Maybe if [students] know that [teachers] are going during our summers and partaking of programs, they will too."

Senior Sean Cummings, who has attended summer programs from both John Hopkins University and Carnegie Mellon Institute, agreed that there is a value to attending the programs.

"I think it is a good thing to do ... I go to programs I am specifically interested in," college-bound Cummings said. "I think colleges look on it with favor."



(Photo by KW Hillis)

**Teacher Ric Fullerton, left, joins his government class during a student-led discussion last week. Fullerton attended an exclusive, week-long seminar at the Supreme Court over the summer and is applying that learning in his classroom.**

not allowed to see — the highest court in the land," Fullerton said. "It was the gymnasium on the upper floor — the highest basketball court."

But the seminar did not consist of the attendees just listening to speakers or going on tours.

"They were engaging us on an equal level," Fullerton said. "They saw their job on the governmental level as being important and they saw our job as getting across to kids, for them to better understand how government works and that government is there for them — that the power really comes from the people."

Fullerton said he tries to engage his students in concepts and ideas, since that was what some of his high school and college teachers did, which started him on his career path.

"Being a teacher is the last thing I ever thought I'd do," Fullerton said. "I was not a good student in high school. However, I had

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# VETERAN

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USAKA soldiers and others stand to be recognized during the Veterans Day ceremony Sunday at Island Memorial Chapel.

From left, Tiffany Warga, Kara Netterville and Margaret Geslin hold wreaths to be laid for the Veterans Day ceremony.



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I and II to modern conflicts in Bosnia to today's war on terrorism.

Wrenn, his voice choked with emotion, said that while USAKA residents may face some hardships being far from home, soldiers willingly sign up to face much greater deprivations. He recalled time spent on the demilitarized zone in South Korea in 1997 with a battalion of 800 soldiers, most in their late teens and early 20s. Wrenn said those soldiers made do with few conveniences.

"When I think about those soldiers, you've got to love them because they ask so little of the nation and give so much," he said, his voice trailing away to a heavy silence.

The colonel then ended his speech with a quote from Daniel Webster: "God only grants liberty to those who love it and who are willing to defend it."

Lt. Col. Clarence Johnson, Reagan Test Site commander, then took the stage and spoke on behalf of all veterans, telling the crowd, "Freedom is America's heart. It is central to our

being.

"Freedom is never free," he added, alluding to the present conflict.

The range commander recognized every branch of service, but emphatically singled out those service members still missing in action.

"They are missing in action, but not from our hearts," he said.

The crowd, estimated at about 400 and pouring out of the chapel building, was treated to a variety of musical tunes by the high school band, as well as the Chapel Quintet and Chapel Trio. The Kwajalein Pipes and Drums preceded a 21-gun salute by the Veterans Rifle Squad with their rendition of "Amazing Grace." Robbie Hamill and Robert Westermann followed by playing "Taps." The service ended with the benediction by Fr. William Sullivan and "God Bless the USA" by the school band.

During the ceremony, Dianne Tarnstrom accepted a \$1,000 check from Dan Thibodeau, commander of American Legion Post #44, for the upcoming Christmas drop to the outer islands by the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club.

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# VETERANS DAY

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Marshall Islands



From left, Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., USAKA commander, Lt. Col. Clarence Johnson, Reagan Test Site commander, and Dan Thibodeau, American Legion Post #44 commander, are among the dignitaries who attended the Veterans Day ceremony.



Jamie Zucker, foreground, and the rest of the Veterans Rifle Team take aim during the 21-gun salute.



From left, pipers Greg Horner, Sean Cummings and Robert Westermann prepare to march outside of Island Memorial Chapel.

## 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 Dixon, 53705.

**TRAFFIC AGENT**, Aviation Services. Part time. Seeking candidate to work 20 hours per week, including two hours on Sunday, at the Atoll Terminal and Commercial Airline Services. Looking for someone to fill an important customer service position. Good attitude a must.

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

**WANTED**

**TWO COPIES** of 1997 Kwaj Jr./Sr. high school yearbook. Used is OK. Will pay. Call 54142 and leave a message.

**BLUEGRASS** or country/western musicians for jam sessions. Call Russ, 53535, after 5 p.m.

**TENNIS LESSONS** for adult beginner. Call 53535.

**DOG-SITTER** for a few days at Thanksgiving. Need a loving family. Call Erica, 52527.

**FOUND**

**TINKERBELL** wand in new housing Oct. 31. Call 55150 or 54817.

**LADIES' high-heel shoes** on Lagoon Road Oct. 31. Call 52589.

**MEN'S CASIO watch**, black, near east end of runway. Call 53663.

**FOR SALE**

**OFFSHORE rescue/survival kit** with ACR 406 Mhz Satellite2 EPIRB, Paines Wessex SOLAS-grade parachute flares, lifesmokes, handheld flares, light and strobe in Pelican box, \$950; Garmin 12-channel handheld GPS with video, \$120; 27" Sony TV, available Dec. 1, \$300; entertainment cabinet, available Dec. 1, \$75. Call Mike, 52694.

**DOUBLE JOGGING stroller**; 32" Sony color TV with console, \$400; dishwasher, \$200; extra-large stereo speakers, \$100. Call 52276.

**GAS TANK** for boat, six-gallon, \$15; water ski rope, \$10; skateboard, \$10; coffeemaker/clock, \$10; Water Pik, \$5; dartboard, \$15; six concrete blocks, \$1 each; 7" rotary sander, \$10; large fish-landing net, \$10; JBL speargun shaft, \$20. Call 52651.

**HYPERLITE Belmont 140 wakeboard** with 30/60 extra-large bindings and Hyperlite rope and handle, excellent condition, \$500. Call 54168.

**CD PLAYER** with six-CD cartridges, \$100; stereo sound mixer, \$100; large plants; yellow hibiscus, bougainvilleas, dumb cane, desert rose. Call 54833.

1993 BAYLINER 2352 Trophy Walkaround cuddy cabin, Mercruiser 5.7L Alpha One,



Yamaha 9.9 hp four-stroke kicker, EZ Loader trailer, includes boathouse with attached shed and boat cover, excellent condition, low hours, many extras, located at boat lot No. 83, \$50,000. Call John, 51546, after 5 p.m.

**VITEC ELECTRIC** foot massager, \$50; unique round collapsible metal clothes drying rack, \$15; glass canning jars, various sizes, \$7 for all; new Lord and Taylor foot care set, \$10; Pfaltzgraff hanging votive lantern, \$5; L.L. Bean ivory cotton afghan, great for BQ recliners, \$20. Call 54879, before 9 p.m.

**BUSH STEREO cabinet** with glass door, \$80; Samsung microwave, available in December, \$50; ladies golf clubs and pull cart, \$40; golf pull cart, \$10. Prices negotiable. Call 53329.

**CRAFTSMAN 16" scroll saw** with extra blades. Call 54551, after 6 p.m.

**YAMAHA KEYBOARD**, \$90; two twin quilts, pink and light green, \$35; two white dust ruffles and pillow shams, \$20; white curtains with valance, \$20; handheld Sega with seven games, great for travel, \$80. Call 52527.

**INDOOR and OUTDOOR plants**; double conventional curtain rod, 66"-120", \$10 each; blinds for old housing, \$5 each; 55-gallon aquarium with oak stand and complete accessories, \$300 or best offer; redwood lumber for fencing. See at Qtrs. 461-A or call 54558, after 4 p.m.

**COFFEE GRINDER**, never used, still in box, \$15; new photo albums, \$5 each. Call 51114.

**GAMEBOY**, color, with case, \$50; two cowboy print twin comforters with matching shams, \$15 each; red valance, \$5; bur-

gundy valance, \$5; white Battenburg lace shower curtain, \$10; white Battenburg lace valance, \$5; metal tool box, \$5. Call 54643.

**BLINDSIDE STINGRAY** wakeboard with improved cutting design to improve jumping with Hyperlite 3060 bindings and carrying bag, \$600; Rockcod Special Darwa Sealine 910 fishing reel with 200 lb. test line, \$175; ScubaPro men's large shortie wetsuit and booties, size 10, \$35; 12' x 15' tan carpet, \$85; Fusion rollerblades, size 12, \$20. Call 52295, before 8 p.m.

**P-II 400 COMPUTER**, 12 gig hard drive, 128 MB SDRAM, Canopus Riva TNT 16 MB graphics, Sound Blasters Live, Motorola 56K modem, two USB ports, 15" monitor, 52 x CD ROM, Windows 98, MS Office 2000, \$650. Call 54374.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**EXPLORE** the Marshall Islands. Mark Stege, general manager of the Marshall Islands Visitors' Authority, in Majuro, is exhibiting travel opportunities tomorrow, 6:30 p.m., in the REB.

**DART TOURNAMENT** at Gilligan's tomorrow, 7:15 p.m. \$5 entrance fee.

**HELP THE Yokwe Yuk Women's Club** decorate the "Giving Tree" at the Craft Faire Monday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in CRC gym. Proceeds go to the Outer Island Christmas Drop.

**TEN-TEN Store** is closed tomorrow for annual inventory. Normal hours will resume Friday. To accommodate the community's needs, Surfway will be open tomorrow, 3-6 p.m.

**ANOTHER 60 MINUTES** with RSE Site Manager John Wallace is tonight, 7 p.m., in the MP room, and tomorrow on Roi, 7 p.m., in Tradewinds Theater.

**Classified Ads and Community Notices**

**KSC**  
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**UNDERWATER**  
**Turkey Hunt**  
**Sunday, 1 p.m. at Emon Beach**  
**To register, call Peter, 53539W or 52374H.**  
**WHY NOT SPAM?**

KWAJ HOSPITAL needs canes, crutches or other loaned equipment returned as soon as possible. If you do not want to return it, it will be billed to you. Donations are welcome.

KIIO EMOJ an maat ak ejjelok kein jokonkon ilo Hospital in ioon Kwajalein. Ne kwoj kile ke kwe eo iian ro im rar kojerbale men kein ba kake, ak ewor juon en kwojela ke ewor kein jokonkon ibben ilo torrein im ejjab kojerbale. Jouj im koroltok ak boktok nan Hospital ilo ien eo emokajtata. Ak elane arnej ro im ewor men in ba kake im rejjab konan koroltok, ekwe Office eo an Medical Services enaj bill I kom. Komol kin am naj koroltok kein jokonkon kein (in) eo im enaj jelet ejmour eo an ri-naninmej ro jet. Kom Emol jen Staff eo an Hospital.

GRACE SHERWOOD Library conference room is not available during remodeling of library through mid-December.

ORTHODONTIST is on island Nov. 27-28. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday.

JOIN USAKA SEEOP for American Indian Heritage Month luncheon Friday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the Yuk Club. Guest speaker is Dr. John Leeper and Ms. Westermann's third-grade class will perform. RSVP to 54339 by noon tomorrow.

MOPS meets tomorrow, 8:45-11 a.m., in the REB. Trina Tiffany will speak on finding

a good baby-sitter and other child care topics. The craft is A to Z Christmas Books. Bring old holiday cards that can be cut.

YOKWE YUK Women's Club needs sewing supplies for the Outer Island Christmas Drop. Donate at Qtrs. 126-C or call 52115 for pickup.

GOLFERS: There are no tee times available Sunday. Tee times will resume Monday at 1 p.m. Questions? Call Bob, 53768.

KWAJALEIN Scuba Club meeting is tonight, 6 p.m., in CRC Room 1. Don't forget your gear for the swap meet.

HOBBY SHOP users: It's fall cleaning time. Identify any personal projects and materials to the coordinator by the end of this month so they will not be disposed of. Questions? Call Julie, 51700.

KAG'S Fall Holiday Faire is Monday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., in CRC gym. Questions? Call Dana, 54216.

STUDENT MUSIC recital is Friday, 7 p.m., in the MP room.

MILLICAN Family Pool is closed at 2 p.m. Sunday for a swim meet. The pool is open 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Questions? Call Kristin, 52848.

RACQUETBALL tournament is Monday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Registration deadline is Friday at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Number of players will determine format. Questions? Call Ian, 53331.

SCHOOL ADVISORY Council is tonight, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music room. The public is invited.

VET TECH will only be available for emergencies Nov. 17-28. There will be additional hours Thursday, Nov. 15, 5-7 p.m., for vaccinations. Make an appointment at 52017, if possible. Walk-ins welcome. The Honolulu veterinarian's next visit is Dec. 13.

KWAJALEIN RUNNING Club is looking for volunteers to help organize this year's New Year's Eve Midnight Run and celebration. If you can help, call 51815H or 50957W.

MASONIC FELLOWSHIP meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., in the Yokwe Yuk Club Kabua Room.

PROTESTANT congregation of Island Memorial Chapel is accepting donations to purchase a gift bag containing supplies and also usable as a diaper bag for each of the 1,100 babies on Ebeye for Christmas. Donations payable to Island Memorial Chapel, P.O. Box 1711, Local.

BUY A Christmas wreath and help the Scouts. Cub Scout Pack 135 is taking orders for fresh-cut wreaths every Monday in November on Macy's porch. Wreaths will be delivered to your door in early December.

CUB SCOUT PACK 135 November pack meeting is Saturday, 6 p.m., in the REB. Questions? Call your den leader or Steve, 52517.

ROI-NAMUR BACHELOR ADVISORY COUNCIL meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 28, 1 p.m., in C Building. Council members from each BQ building are solicited. Unaccompanied personnel wishing to have input into this meeting should contact their representatives. All Roi-Namur residents are invited to attend. For additional information, call Community Services, 53400. Roi-Namur representatives are as follows: Ajax, vacant; Sprint, Tim Gernold; Apache, Robert Kersch; Nike, Dino Lakjohn; Spartan, Rick Everette; A Building, Gwen Cardoos; B Building, Trina Royne; Trailers, Joseph Woods.

CONSUMER ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet in the USAKA command conference room in Building 901 tomorrow, 1:30 p.m. If you have concerns or questions directed toward merchandising or food services on Kwajalein, refer them to your appropriate council representative for discussion at this time:

- CW2 Wiley Blanton...USAKA.....52139
- SSG Elizabeth Flores.USAKA/PO....53461
- Peggy McGinnis...CIS.....54754
- Yvonne Duarte..Continental.....51013
- Ray Denham...Surfway.....53607
- Ty Reckling...Sodexho USA.....53932
- Estelle Rapisardi...RSE.....55150
- Linda Gentile.....MIT.....54624
- Paul Divinski.....RSE.....53308
- Annette Alley.....Aeromet.....51508

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**Atlantis: The Lost Empire (2001, G)**

A nerdy linguist is enlisted to help find the famous lost city in this Disney animated film that features the usual all-star cast of voices. (Michael J. Fox, Leonard Nimoy, James Garner, Cree Summer, David Ogden Stiers) (93 minutes)  
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Grosse Pointe Blank (1997, R)**

A professional hitman combines business with pleasure when he visits his 10-year high school reunion ... but the girl he dumped (and all his friends) want to know how and why he disappeared. (John Cusack, Minnie Driver) (107 minutes)  
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**The Fast and the Furious (2001, PG-13)**

An undercover cop infiltrates a street-racing team headed by a thug named Dominic Toretto. But illegal racing isn't the only thing the cops suspect Dominic of; they believe he's the leader of a gang that hijacks trucks. The case gets complicated when the cop falls for the bad guy's beautiful sister. (Vin Diesel, Michelle Rodriguez) (105 minutes)  
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

**Sunday**

**The Fast and the Furious (2001, PG-13)**

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Grosse Pointe Blank (1997, R)**

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday**

**Atlantis: The Lost Empire (2001, G)**

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**The Fast and the Furious (2001, PG-13)**

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

For the latest updates, call the  
Movie Hotline, 52700

**Survey saves man-hours, offers quick results ...**

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sends a confirmation that the result was entered into the database.

Morris said the survey upgrade is in direct response to customer comments that the questionnaires have become too cumbersome. The program, called Survey 2000, has been dubbed "Query Me Quick" and it lives up to its billing, Morris said. In a comparison test, the same survey that took someone as long as five minutes to fill out took the computer user 90 seconds or less.

"The name implies what we're trying to do with it," he said.

To further reduce the time it takes to fill out the survey, USAKA has divided the quality of life survey into four sections, which will be sent out over four months in every six-month period. The first survey, due out this month, covers medical, dental, postal and education issues.

The surveys will be sent to all work e-mail boxes. But residents can contact USAKA, though telephone or e-mail, so that family members can use private e-mail accounts to do the survey as well. (Contact USAKA Operations at 54224 or 54225, or e-mail at [steve.morris@usaka.smdc.army.mil](mailto:steve.morris@usaka.smdc.army.mil) or [gwyne.copeland@usaka.smdc.army.mil](mailto:gwyne.copeland@usaka.smdc.army.mil))

And for those who may be thinking they would like to vote more than once, don't bother. The program will only accept a response from the same e-mail address once, according to Morris.

"We think it's going to be a big improvement for everybody," he said, adding that the com-

mand is hoping to raise the participation rate by making the surveys more user-friendly. Based on the same type of formula that allows pundits to predict elections based on a small sampling of the electorate, Morris said the USAKA surveys are already operating above the 95 percent "confidence level" to give the survey validity.

Survey demographics also have been in line with the community makeup, he said. The first quality of life survey, which only went to the workforce, found that roughly 55 percent of respondents were unaccompanied while 45 were accompanied. But during the last quality of life survey in September that also attempted to capture information from

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Lt. Col. Steve Morris  
USAKA assistant chief of staff, Operations

family members, 60 percent of the respondents identified themselves as accompanied or as a family member, while 40 percent said they were here unaccompanied.

"That was more of an indication of the community as a whole," Morris noted.

But, are the surveys working? Since implemented, Morris has charted those areas identified by customers as most important but with the lowest satisfactions scores — the Yokwe Yuk Club, media, food outlets and Provisioning and Retail.

Have you noticed, Morris said, that management at Sodexho USA has changed, the command is still working on the cable TV question and Paul Divinski is trying to part the Red Sea to better outfit the retail stores.

"This came about from what the customers are telling us," Morris said.

**WEATHER**  
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**Sun • Moon • Tides**



**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** East-northeast to east at 6 to 12 knots.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly to mostly sunny.  
**Winds:** Northeast to east-northeast at 10 to 15 knots.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 80°  
Tomorrow's high 87°  
**November rain total:** 8.25"  
**Annual rain total:** 62.43"  
**Annual deviation:** -25.52"  
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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Wednesday November 14	0641/1825	0524/1737	0318, 5.3' 1539, 5.9'	0923, 0.4' 2154, 0.3'
Thursday November 15	0642/1825	0620/1826	0355, 5.3' 1612, 6.1'	0955, 0.3' 2230, 0.2'
Friday November 16	0642/1825	0716/1917	0429, 5.2' 1644, 6.1'	1026, 0.3' 2306, 0.3'