

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Police officers raise the flag of the Republic of the Marshall Islands during the Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day observance on Ebeye. Coverage starts on Page 4.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

Superpowering is super expensive

Anyone who has read my commentaries can figure out that I'm very pro-military.

I fervently believe in a strong national defense and that the United States should always strive to have a military that can provide that defense.

In the last issue of the *Hourglass*, I wrote about how I remember the Carter administration. I remember how undermanned and under supplied the military was then. Air Force planes couldn't fly and Navy ships couldn't sail because there were no spare parts or money for required maintenance. The Army and Marines didn't have enough equipment, including even basic needs such as ammunition. Our military was a shadow of itself during the Carter years.

Ronald Reagan came along after Carter and rebuilt the military. That took a lot of money after years of neglect. Reagan's critics say he spent too much, but most Americans, including myself, thought it was warranted because we had a powerful foe in the Soviet Union.

But now, I have to say that when I heard and read about the defense spending in the newly proposed federal budget, it gave me great pause.

The proposed figure for defense is an eye-popping \$514 billion, and apparently from what I've heard and read, that doesn't include an estimated \$200

billion more for continuing operations in Iraq and Afghanistan through 2009.

I researched our military spending and what I discovered is very interesting. The latest information I found was from 2004 to 2006.

In 2004, according to an article by Peter Starck of Reuters, world defense spending was \$1.4 trillion (in U.S. dollars). The United States accounted for almost 50 percent (\$455 billion) of that total expenditure. In addition, according to the article, the U.S. provided nearly 28 percent of NATO's budget.

Since 2003, the United States has maintained more than 820 bases in at least 39 countries according to many reports I've read. Some say that number is even higher.

The bill to operate those bases isn't cheap, especially with the falling dollar and rising fuel prices. I'm sure the U.S. accounts for much more than 50 percent of world defense spending these days.

Consider just one fact. The U.S. has 11 aircraft carriers, nine of which are the *Nimitz* supercarrier class, each of which cost approximately \$4.5 billion to build and cost up to \$25 million a day to operate. I don't have any problem with that because of all the weapons we have in our arsenal, they are probably the most strategically important.

The Way I See It



Dan Adler,
Staff Writer

But I began wondering how much other nations spend on *their* defense.

The amounts I've listed are from 2005, but I would guess it hasn't changed all that much since then.

Here's a list of some of our allies and what they spent on defense (in U.S. dollars) in 2005:

- Japan (2003) 46.9 billion
- United Kingdom 38.4 billion
- France 29.5 billion
- Germany 24.9 billion
- South Korea 20.0 billion
- Italy 19.4 billion
- Spain 8.4 billion
- Canada 7.4 billion
- Netherlands 6.6 billion
- Turkey 5.8 billion
- Norway 3.8 billion
- Greece 3.5 billion
- Poland 3.5 billion
- Belgium 2.5 billion

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People of the Week

The staff of Kwajalein Hospital are always professional, caring, cheerful and ready to assist with any medical needs the community may have.

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U.S. ambassador gives views on Kwajalein transition, relations with Marshall Islands

By Marco Morales

U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Public Affairs Officer

The U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Clyde Bishop stopped over on Kwajalein last week in conjunction with his official visit to Ebeye in support of the Kwajalein Memorial Day celebration on Saturday. Bishop has been working closely with the Col. Stevenson Reed, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site commander on its Transformation Plan.

Q. Ambassador Bishop, how do you see our relationship [U.S. government] with the Republic of the Marshall Islands government?

A. As you probably know I've been the U.S. Ambassador to the RMI for a little over a year now. And I'd have to say that in characterizing our relationship with the RMI it has been extremely positive. I think there exists a mutual respect and a mutual interest in what is of benefit to both nations.

This is not surprising since the relationship between the U.S. and the Marshall Islands goes back numbers of years. And what I've seen in the year that I've been here is just a re-amplification, a reinforcement, and a recommitment to those. Part of your question probably also deals with the fact that there's a change in the administration.

Some have suggested, ironically, that my extended absence from the RMI was a reflection in terms of the outcome of the election. Nothing could be further from the truth.

As I indicated previously, I had personal commitments in the U.S. which required me to stay for an extended period of time. But I think the election was a classic example of democracy in action. The people spoke and their representatives are now empowered to move forward.

I anticipate nothing more than what we've experienced in the past — a very cooperative, mutually respectful and mutually beneficial relationship.

And I look forward to working with



U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Clyde Bishop, speaks at the Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day Saturday. (Photo by Nell Drumheller)

the administration and the cabinet.

I've already had an initial meeting with the president which was very cordial and respectful and I look forward to us working together to deal with some of the issues that are common to both countries.

Q. How do you feel about the USAKA/RTS Transformation?

A. I must commend Colonel Reed for his involvement with the embassy in the process. He took our concerns quite seriously and I see them reflected in the transformation program. I think what you can characterize in terms of the plan which is still evolving and ultimately needs the blessings of the key leadership of the United States government.

But what you see there is a conscious effort to mitigate the consequences of the inevitable reduction of a footprint here at Kwajalein. And that goes both in terms of Americans and in terms of Marshallese.

The colonel [Reed] and his staff have done an extraordinary job in trying to address the unfortunate economic and financial necessities; at the same time, trying to preserve

to degree possible the job opportunities for both Americans and the Marshallese.

Colonel Reed and I are very much aware that the final [Transformation] plan will have an impact on the Marshallese community. And, in the past, we have kept the administration abreast as the plan began to develop in a more formal fashion.

When it is in its final phase — which should be shortly, it is being addressed by the leadership in Washington — we intend to share the plan with the present administration so they know that, not only are we concerned, but recognize our responsibility to communicate with them in terms of the consequences, and to some extent, some of the resolutions that the plan reflects.

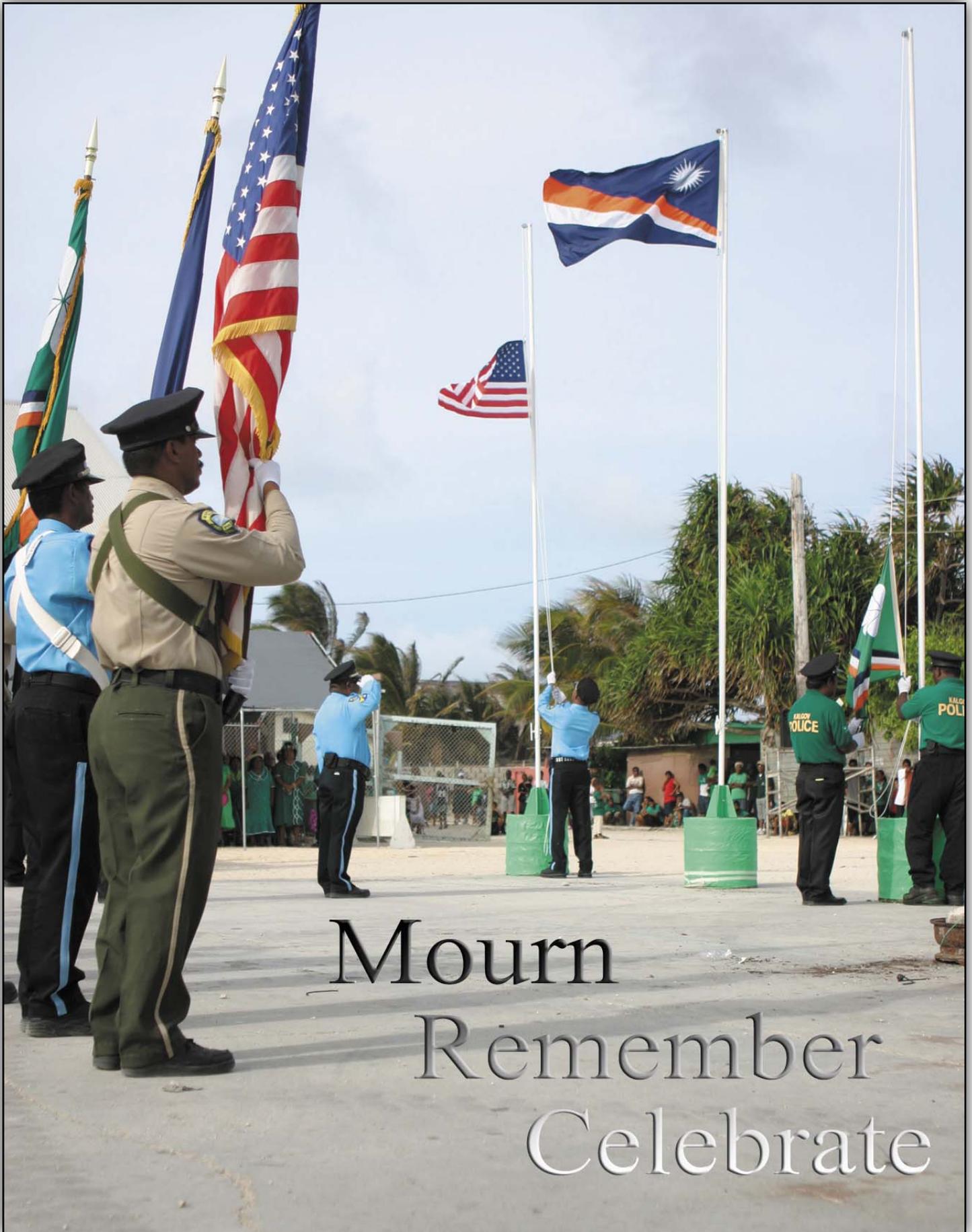
Q. The Marshall Islands celebrated its Annual Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day on Saturday; how do you feel about the ceremony conducted on Ebeye?

A. This was my second opportunity to participate in it. I think what is important is that we ought not forget what the ceremony represents. And as I mentioned in my remarks, what is I think most emblematic of the ceremony is the fact that when we reflect back, we're talking about a very unfortunately bloody period in the history of the United States. And in that particular case, in its conflict with Japan.

Yet today, we see the Japanese government and the U.S. government working collectively and jointly to address some of the concerns in the Marshall Islands.

So, when I look at the memorial service one cannot dismiss the fact that there were many lives lost. But what I take away from it is the fact that there is evidence that peace and tranquility and cooperativeness between two nations can evolve and the Marshall Islands is an example of a platform in which we've been able to do that with a country that many years ago was our mortal enemy.

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Mourn Remember Celebrate

Left to right, the flags of the United States, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Kwajalein Atoll Local Government are raised at the Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day ceremony held Saturday afternoon on Ebeye.



Chi Chi Kemem, foreground, takes a photo while marching in the Memorial Day parade.

(Photos by Nell Drumheller)

Annual Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day observance held on Ebeye

By Marco Morales
U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Public Affairs Officer

“Indeed there is a dire need for the government to carry out its mandated role to improve the daily life and well-being of the citizens here on Ebeye as soon as possible. The people must come first,” said H.E. Litokwa Tomeing, newly elected president of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, drawing a strong round of applause.

Addressing an audience of more than 1,000 people on sunny Ebeye, including several groups of school-age children, Tomeing was the keynote speaker for the 64th Annual Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day commemoration ceremony Saturday.

Also attending were Iroij Kotak Loeak, who did the welcome remarks, the Honorable Clyde Bishop, U.S. ambassador to the RMI, Col. Stevenson Reed, commander, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site, the Honorable Johnny D. Lemari, mayor of Ebeye, and other VIPs.

“I reaffirm my pledge that the government will do everything in its power to improve the welfare of all Marshallese,” Tomeing said, adding, “I ask the leadership and people of Kwajalein and the people of these

communities to persevere and allow some time for the government to explore and undertake needed measures to solve these crucial issues.”

In support of the opening ceremony and official raising of the RMI and the U.S. flags, members of the Kwajalein Junior and Senior High School marching band provided appropriate musical selections.

Bishop followed Tomeing after he presented his remarks. Bishop spoke of the significance of the occasion reminding those in attendance of the costly price – more than 8,000 Japanese, Marshallese, and Americans lost their lives -- in the fight over the Marshall Islands during World War II.

“By remembering the men who lost their lives here, and the greater conflict they took part in, we can see the cost when people and nations lose sight of their common humanity and let artificial distinctions make enemies of one another,” Bishop said. “And here in the Marshall Islands, I see hope that more tragic conflicts like the second World War can forever be avoided.

“Here we find two nations who fought one another in that bloody war – the United States and Japan – working together to help the people of a former

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President H.E. Litokwa Tomeing speaks of challenges faced by Marshall Islands

Hourglass reports

The following is the speech by Republic of the Marshall Islands President H.E. Litokwa Tomeing at the Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day Ceremony Saturday on Ebeye.

First of all, I thank God for his constant protection over the Marshall Islands and over each of us. My warm appreciation and thanks to the leadership of Kwajalein for the kind invitation to celebrate this auspicious occasion with the people of Kwajalein and the local communities of Kwajalein.

I am greatly pleased to also extend warm greetings and well wishes of the Marshallese people and government to each of you as we commemorate this important day.

We are gathered here not to remember the challenges and hardships of years past but more importantly we congregate here this day to celebrate the freedom of democracy of peace and goodwill and mutual respect.



H.E. Litokwa Tomeing, Republic of the Marshall Islands president, speaks at the Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day observance on Ebeye Saturday.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)



A young boy is part of the audience listening to the president's speech at the Memorial Day observance on Saturday.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

Today we pause to reflect on our great ancestors and our Noneip — the source of our strength which binds and protects us. Indeed, had it not been for our Noneip without a doubt, our society would have declined and ceased to exist.

I am pleased to say that this is my second trip of the month to Ebeye for it reflects the government's keen support of empathy for the plight of our citizens of this community. Many of our cabinet ministers are also here with us today. They are here to view and analyze the situation here on Ebeye and see how their ministries can improve the delivery of services to the Ebeye community. Indeed there is a dire need for the government to carry out its mandated role to improve the daily life and well-being of the citizens here on Ebeye as soon as possible. The people must come first.

I reaffirm my pledge that the government will do everything in its power to improve the welfare of all Marshallese.

I ask the leadership and people of Kwajalein and the people of these communities to persevere and al-

low some time for the government to explore and undertake needed measures to solve these crucial issues. I ask for your understanding and cooperation for these issues faced by this community and indeed the Marshall Islands will test our resolve and will take considerable time, effort and resources.

Today we know and understand that we have eight more years left on the agreement to use Kwajalein. It is this government's goal to work with the United States and the people of Kwajalein to finalize a new agreement. The government understands the United States' needs for its national security program and its objectives to uphold and maintain peace around the world. With this understanding the government reiterates the United States' wish to use Kwajalein for an additional 70 years beyond the year 2016.

I wish also to let the Marshallese people know that this government will continue to stand for the people of Kwajalein and their quest to secure better conditions for themselves and future generations. With the desire to help both the people of Kwajalein and the United States

this government is faced with two very difficult issues:

First, the government cannot give to the United States land that it has no ownership or rights over. And second, the government does not have the adequate means to fulfill its duties and obligations to the people of Kwajalein.

Although these are tough and grueling challenges, the government will stand by its promise to take the necessary steps to reach a resolution of some of these sig-

nificant issues.

I have informed Ambassador Bishop yesterday that this government will formally submit a proposal towards a resolution of these issues. The proposals will be submitted to the people of Kwajalein and the United States government for proper review and consideration.

Today I ask of the people of Kwajalein and government of the United States for mutual understanding and cooperation while

your government uses its resources and efforts to look for a common ground for agreement one that will be balanced and fair to the people of Kwajalein and the governments of the United States and the Marshall Islands.

As we continue forward working with and alongside each other I humbly ask that we join our hearts in prayer and beseech the almighty father to pour his compassion and blessings over us and this Republic. God bless you all. Thank you.

Marshallese version of president's speech



Ebeye children occupy themselves with games as dignitaries speak at the Memorial Day celebration. (Photo by Nell Drumheller)

Inaj kamolol likao in ej bok eddo in ienin, leto letak non adwoj maron bok kwonar ilo elikin relap in rainin. Ikonan lewoj ao iakwe komwoj ilo ailon in moktata. Iroj im Leiroj ro ilo ailon in im aolep ro jet ilo belakin Majol in. Chairman Kotak Loeak eo ear konono lok imaan jen council eo ad woj ilo ailon kein, kora eo ibben, Speaker eo adwoj ilo ailon

kein e bareinwot bed ibber ijin kab kora eo ibben, First Lady Emlain Kabua, elap ao kamolol iok, kile im kauteij e, einwot ke kobar einwot bed iped ilo ailikin railep in rainin, allap ro kajojo, rikaki rein jemed, rikwelok ro an Kwajalein non Nitijella eo,

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The Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School band under the direction of Dick Shields joins in the parade on Ebeye.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

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senator ro, im cabinet minister ro, bar einwot kora ro ibbeir, mayor im ro uwaan council eo an ailon in, Ambassador eo an America im ro mottad jen USAKA, Ambassador Bishop, kab bar Ambassador eo jen Taiwan, Ambassador Linghu, im ro raar itok ibben tok, ro ilo jukjuk in bed in ion Ebeye, im ro jet iloan ailon in, im komwoj aolep, kom ar kobatok ijin ilo eliken railep in rainin. Mokatata kamolol Anij kin wanake eo an non ailon kein, im non kijwoj kajojo. Elab ao monono im kamolol kin kur eo jen ri-til ro an Kwajalein, non koba tok non kemem e rainin eaurok non armij in Kwajalein, im jukjuk in bed ko kajojo iloan ailon in. Najj bok ien in non ao jake woj naan in iokwe non armij in Majol, im kein eo ami, non kom ilo ad kemem e rain in eaurok. Joj ej kwelok tok ijin, jab non kememij wawen ko rebin jekar jelmai im ioni elon year ko remootlok. Ak meneo auroklok in, ad ibben droon kio non ad manono im kamolol kin mour, im anemkwoj, aenemon, im iakwe, kab jela nae droon eo, adwoj non droon. Elab ao emloke dritto ro ad, im lemnak kin manit eo ad, eo ej ain kij, im kajberok kij, mool elane ar jab manit in ad, im ej korak, korak eo ej likwoj kijwoj iben droon, innem ejelok kajitok ke lal in

Arriving visitors and guests are greeted on Ebeye pier.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)





A place in the shade is a good spot to observe the festivities.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

ar enaj kar madenonlok wot im jako wot eto. Ij kamolol bwe trip eo kein karuo eo ao in non Ebeye iloan wot juon alon. Menin ej kalikar an kein eo ikirelel non an emakit, im kajien na mejilan jet ian aban ko an jukjuk in bed in adwoj ilo ailon in ej jelimaiki. Kom naaj reito reitak im lo elon Minister ro adwoj, rebed ijin rainin, raar lo tok kom non air lale ewi wawen an minister rain maron kamonnon lok service ko non armij rein rej jukjuk im amonak ion Ebeye in rainin, ejelok kajitok ke kein in ej akwoj in komone ijo konan ilo juon tare eo emokaj, non kabidodo lok mour non armij ro ion Ebeye in, einwot ke tomak eo adwoj in, ej armij ro mokta. Kin menin ij eliji kalimur in ao ke kien enaj kajebale wewin ko rekar, im kakamonnon lok mour nan aolep armij in Majol. Ij kajitok ibben ritil rein an Kwajalein im aolep jukjuk in bed ko an ilo ailon in, bwe jen jouj im kijenmij iben droon, im letok jidrik ien non an kein eo jerbali e aban kein ad. Jouj, jouj im melele ke aban ko ilo jukjuk in bed in im Majol in jimor, rej jelmai jet wewin ko, im raban, im reben, im enaj bok elap ien im elap money. Rainin jouj jella im melele ke matan wot ralitok year im naaj jemlok melim eo in kajerbal Kwajalein in ami. Kataber eo an kien ej non jerbali ibben America im armij in Kwajalein non kadedek lok juon kwon kaal. Kein in ad emelele kin aikuj eo elap an America kin National Security eo im eddo ko an non debij ainemon ipelak in lal in, kin

tamak in, kien in ej drieklok konan eo an America, non kajerbal Kwajalein in iumun bar jiljimjuonnoul io elikin ruo thousand janoul jiljino. Ikonan bar einwot karon armij in Majol ke kien in ej rejetak im jutak ibben armij in Kwajalein kin katabed ko aer non bukot juon jekjek eo, emonlok non eir, im ro elikier tokalik. Kin konan eo non jiban armij in kwajalein im America jimor. Kien in ej kio jelmae im lontak kin ruo wawen ko. Juon, kein ejab maron ajelok non America bwurej ko ejab mweier im ejelok an maron ie. Ruo, kein in ami emojno im elikjab pein non an kaleiki non armij in Kwajalein, mekarta ke ebwe an ben wawen in ak kien in ami emoj an kalimur ke enaj jerbali men kein. Emoj ao kananek Ambassador Bishop ilo ran eo inne ke komro ad kwelok, ke kien in ami ilo ailon kein enaj elke elmokot ko im kajeon mojal aban kein non kijwoj aolep. Elmokot kein renaj tok non armij in Kwajalein im ilok non kein eo an America, bwe joj aolep lemnak kake. Rainin ij kajitok melele im karijar non armej in Kwajalein im kien eo an America jimor. Ij kamaat ao maron kin jekjek eo emon non armij in Kwajalein, im bareinwot, enaj bar emon non kien eo an America, im bareinwot non kien eo an Majol. Ilo ad wonmanlok im jerbali ibben droon ij kajitok bwe joj aolep en jar im kajitok ibben Anij jemed woj ilon bwe en lutok leplep tiriamo, im kajeramon kij ilo Republic of the Marshall Islands. Anij en kajeramon kijwoj aolep.

Flexibility key to good fitness lifestyle

By Dr. George R. Colfer
Contributing writer

Flexibility is recognized as a trait of successful athletes and skilled performers as well as being important for daily living.

Flexibility is defined as the range of motion available at a joint or group of joints. Further, flexibility is the capacity of the joint to move through a normal range of motion.

The different types of flexibility for general purposes are passive and dynamic flexibility. There is also static and ballistic stretch, which are ways in which flexibility can be obtained.

Passive flexibility involves a full range of movement without regard to speed. Static stretch, which occurs when a muscle is held at a greater than resting length for a period of time, is essential to improving passive flexibility.

Dynamic flexibility involves a full range of movement with speed and in resistance or opposition of a joint to a particular joint motion. A dancer using a high, flowing kick and a wrestler trying to resist or get free from a hold uses dynamic flexibility.

Passive flexibility and static stretch are the keys to improving dynamic flexibility because they provide the potential or capacity to move. Dynamic flexibility, however, must be practiced specifically for best utilization.

Ballistic stretch is not recommended as the best way to obtain flexibility. It is defined as the bouncing or jerking of a muscle held at greater than resting length. The injury potential is much greater and the developmental potential

is less than with static stretch.

Flexibility benefits are built into many activities, such as basketball and handball, but are absent in activities such as long-distance running and bicycling. Here a program of flexibility exercises will counter the effects of an activity that decreases certain areas of flexibility.

Flexibility training procedures vary also. While static stretch is commonly accepted as the safer and more efficient way to develop flexibility, how long one should hold the static stretch position is commonly disagreed upon. Variations range from five to 60 seconds in the static hold position. The point of agreement is that some discomfort, but not pain, must be experienced.

There are a number of factors that discourage flexibility. The No. 1 cause is a sedentary lifestyle, followed by obesity. Age is another factor that will affect us all to some degree, but continued activity along with flexibility exercises will delay the aging factor.

A loss of flexibility accompanies obesity and weight gain, causing some individuals to suffer a loss of functional movement. When excess fat tissue overlaps or surrounds a joint region, it is not possible to move that joint through its full range of motion. Body structure — including the size and shape of bones, muscles ligaments and tendons -- all affect one's flexibility potential.

The female tends to be more flexible than the male; athletes more than non-athletes and physically active persons are more flexible than those who are sedentary.

Flexibility training can be performed on a daily basis and, in



Flexibility is essential in avoiding muscle strains and joint injuries in a variety of sports and daily living.

(Stock photo)

fact, can be done several times per day if needed.

Some experts advocate up to three performances per day for maximum flexibility and believe the interval approach is better than repeating the performance several times in one session.

People tend to take flexibility for granted. Many do not realize its necessity until they are impaired or suffer discomfort.

Several muscular ailments can be related to a lack of flexibility.

(Editor's note: George R. Colfer holds a Ph.D. and is the retired department chair for kinesiology and health, University of Texas at San Antonio. He has published several books on fitness. He is a volunteer contributing writer for the Fort Huachuca Scout newspaper.)

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Bishop was confirmed as U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Sept. 28, 2006, and assumed his duties Dec. 5, 2006. Bishop is a career diplomat and Minister Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service of the United States. Before his assignment to the RMI, he served as the Consul General at the U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo, in the Dominican Republic. He also served as Principal Officer in Naples, Italy. His previous Foreign Service postings include Hong Kong, Bombay, Rio de Janeiro, and Korea. He began his career as a Consular/Economic officer in Palermo, Italy. Ambassador Bishop served as Diplomat in Residence

at City College New York. After his promotion into the Senior Foreign Service, he participated in the Foreign Service Institute Senior Seminar. Ambassador Bishop earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology from Delaware State in 1964.

He further earned a master of arts degree in sociology from Delaware University in 1972 and was awarded a doctorate degree from the University of Delaware in Public Policy Analysis in 1976. He is fluent in Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. He is a recipient of two Meritorious Honor Awards and a Superior Honor Award.

Kwajalein Hospital reports outbreak of viral pinkeye, gives prevention tips

By Dr. Eric Lindborg
Chief Medical Officer, Kwajalein Hospital

In the last two weeks there has been an outbreak of conjunctivitis or pink eye at Kwajalein. Symptoms include eye irritation, redness, tearing or discharge, and lid swelling. Lab studies at Kwajalein Hospital indicate that the cause is a virus rather than bacteria. Viral pink eye is highly contagious and usually passed by contact of the eye with contaminated fingers, handkerchiefs, etc.

Home care

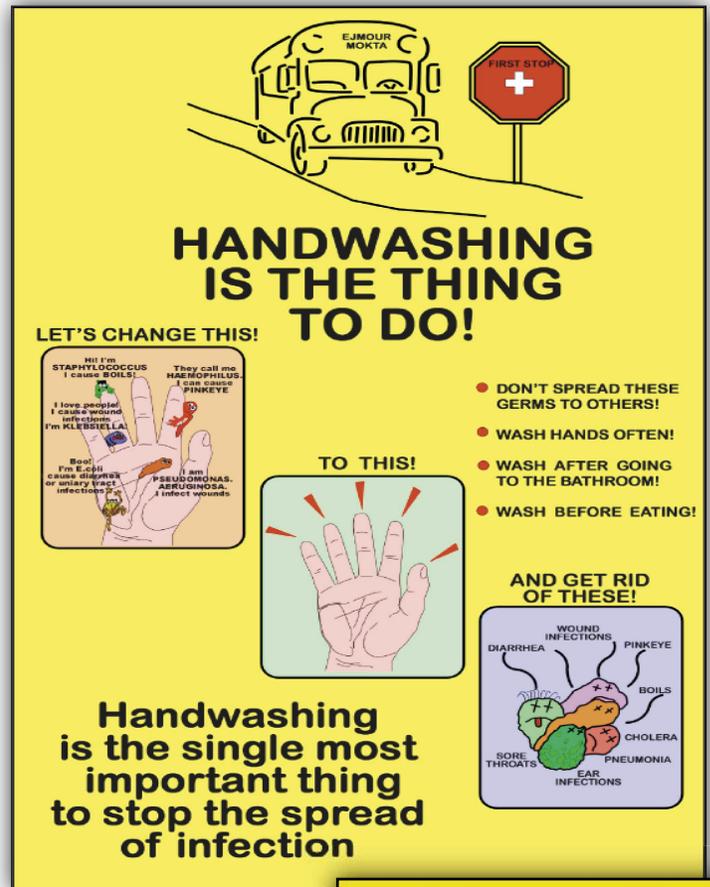
- Carefully wash your hands every time after you touch around the eye.
- Keep your own towels, washcloths, and pillows separate from others or use paper towels or paper tissue.
- Do not touch the infected eye with your fingers. Use tissues or a clean cloth to wipe.
- Do not wear eye makeup and do not share eye makeup.
- Do not wear contact lenses until the infection is gone.
- Put a clean cloth soaked in warm or cold water (whichever feels most comfortable) for a few minutes, three or four times per day. This may ease irritation and helps break crust that may form on the eyelashes.
- Use over-the-counter artificial tears (methyl cellulose) to help with itching and irritation. Do not share eyedrops.

Medical treatment

Although many patients have been given antibiotic drops and ointments there is no clear evidence that these prescription medications are needed for uncomplicated pink eye. For marked irritation and swelling some anti-inflammatory medicines may help.

Prevention

- Pinkeye can spread in areas where people live, work and play closely together. There is possible transmission of infection for as long as the eyes are weeping or have discharge. If you are around someone with pink-eye, wash your hands thoroughly and often.
- School children should stay out of school until tearing and discharge have stopped.
- Consider staying away from work until tearing and discharge have stopped. If you do go to work pay constant attention to hand washing.
- If you have been in public places and obliged to touch hand rails, doorknobs, hand identification devices, etc. be sure to wash your hands before touching your face or eyes.
- If you share computer keyboards with others wash hands before touching your face after use.
- Do not share bedding, towels, and other personal



items that may come in contact with eye secretions. Wash and change wash cloths pillow cases every day.

- Contaminated surfaces should be cleaned with a 1:10 bleach solution (e.g. two ounces or ¼ cup of household bleach in a quart of water).

Outlook

Viral pinkeye is usually a benign and self-limiting—though occasionally very bothersome—infection.

It gets better over time with or without treatment. Symptoms usually clear within 10-14 days but some mild irritation may last for several weeks. Medical treatment should be sought if there is major pain and swelling or if vision is affected.



Admiral calls *USS Nimitz* incident 'benign'

By Fred W. Baker III
American Forces Press Service

The chief of naval operation downplayed the low flight of a Russian Tu-95 over the aircraft carrier *USS Nimitz* in the western Pacific Ocean.

The Tu-95 flew over the *Nimitz* at about 2,000 feet while another bomber flew nearby Saturday, but both were escorted by U.S. aircraft and the event did not even warrant a call to "general quarters" or for crews to man battle stations, Navy Adm. Gary Roughead said.

"I did not consider it to be provocative," he told reporters at a Pentagon news conference. "We knew they were coming. We saw them coming. We detected them at the appropriate time. We launched our alert aircraft, who escorted the Russian aircraft. From my perspective, everything worked exactly as we are trained to do and as we expect our people and our commanders to perform."

Roughead, who trained to fight the Soviet navy as a young officer, said he sees the event as a signal that the Russian navy is trying to emerge as a global entity.

"My sense is that they are stretching their wings, so to speak," Roughead said.

When the Russian aircraft turned toward the *Nimitz*,



U.S. Army soldiers and Marines watch as an F/A-18E Super Hornet aircraft lands on the flight deck of the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier *USS Nimitz* (CVN 68) on Jan. 25. The *Nimitz* is under way in the Pacific Ocean.

(DoD photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph Pol Sebastian Gocong, U.S. Navy)

four F/A-18 fighter jets intercepted and escorted them until they left the *Nimitz's* operating area.

Roughead said he has not asked for an explanation of the event from the Russian government, adding that no protective airspace is designated around craft operating in international waters.

"It was a very benign flight that came through, and we just latched on to them and followed them in," the admiral said. "I

know I'm not playing this up very much, but that's the way I see it. They came out to look. We joined up (and) flew with them until they went home."

In total, four Russian Tu-95 bombers were involved, a Navy spokesman said. Two remained about 500 miles east of the U.S. ships, and another orbited about 50 miles away as the one Tu-95 did two low passes over the *Nimitz* carrier group, he said.

Asked about the incident

at a Senate Budget Committee hearing this morning, Navy Adm. Michael G. Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the incident raises questions about Russia's intentions in returning to "a Cold War mindset," and that the Russian aircrew did "nothing different and nothing unprofessional."

"It is free and international airspace," he said, "and we're looking at what message was intended by this overflight."

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battleground. Close cooperation like this between nations who were bitter enemies 65 years ago proves that differences can be resolved and people working together can improve the lives of others," Bishop said. "As a diplomat, I have dedicated myself to this prospect. I believe the conflicts can be resolved or better yet, averted, if we just take the time to find our common ground and work together.

"As such, I am glad to be here in

the Marshall Islands today," Bishop said. "Where those who once were enemies can work as friends and where people seek to help each other. Furthermore, as an ambassador, I am pleased to be able to help my government as we fulfill our obligations to help the Marshall Islands as we have promised in the Compact.

"The United States is fully committed to the Compact and the goal it envisions of a strong and prosperous Marshall Islands," Bishop said.

"This commitment is spelled out in the provisions and obligations of the Compact and we shall not swerve from our responsibilities and obligations.

"So, as you go from this place today, I urge you all to remember the cost of losing sight of our common mix. I urge you to remember what can be accomplished by cooperation and in willingness to help each other. Remember our obligations to one another and hold fast to them."

Sweetheart Relay draws eighteen teams

By Bob Sholar
Kwajalein Running Club

Kwajalein Running Club's 31st annual running of the Sweetheart Relay 4 by 1 mile foot race was held Monday, in unseasonably warm weather.

Eighteen four-runner teams competed in the handicap event. This compared to just ten teams in 2007.

Each runner was assigned a handicap in seconds based on an age/gender-based schedule published by the Scientific Journal "Runner's World" in the late 1970s.

The participants varied in age from five, all the way up to a few social security eligible runners.

Each team's starting time was delayed based on the team total handicap. A team of Kwaj Junior-

Senior High School boys had to wait 13 minutes and 28 seconds before trying to catch the highest handicap "Four Fives" team made up of . . . four five-year-olds. The other sixteen teams were started at computed intervals in between.

The natural Kwajalein roads loop course used is the quad formed by Lagoon Road, Ocean Road, 6th Street and 9th Street. It is actually 30 yards longer than one mile.

THE FABULOUS FTIES					TEAM 7
Start Delay:	0:08:02				1st Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
BEN MAXWELL	0:00:02	0:14:29	0:06:27	0:06:25	
LINN EZELL	0:04:26	0:24:17	0:09:48	0:05:22	
STEPHANIE LOS	0:02:26	0:30:57	0:06:40	0:04:14	
BEN BARTYZEL	0:01:36	0:37:49	0:06:52	0:05:16	
Team Total	0:08:30		0:29:47	0:21:17	
JAYNE'S SORE FOOT					TEAM 10
Start Delay:	0:07:30				2nd Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
ROBERTA JONES	0:04:08	0:15:19	0:07:49	0:03:41	
KATHY ANN FLUNK	0:03:21	0:24:08	0:08:48	0:05:28	
JEFFREY FLUHRER	0:01:10	0:30:25	0:06:17	0:05:07	
DOUG HEPLER	0:00:23	0:37:58	0:07:31	0:07:08	
Team Total	0:09:02		0:30:26	0:21:24	
NO HANDICAP NECESSARY					TEAM 18
Start Delay:	0:13:28				3rd Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
JAREM EREKSON (14)	0:00:40	0:19:48	0:08:20	0:05:40	
JAKE JAHNIKE (13)	0:00:52	0:26:15	0:06:27	0:05:35	
GRAHAM KIRCHNER (13)	0:00:52	0:32:59	0:06:44	0:05:52	
DANE BISHOP (14)	0:00:40	0:38:50	0:05:51	0:05:11	
Team Total	0:03:04		0:25:22	0:22:18	
TEAM BIG EASY (A.K.A. ELIAS)					TEAM 13
Start Delay:	0:10:39				4th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
JACK CAREY	0:02:48	0:18:31	0:07:52	0:05:04	
RACHEL VAN HILL	0:01:32	0:26:39	0:08:08	0:06:36	
KRYSTAL PETERSON	0:01:30	0:33:16	0:06:37	0:05:07	
BRENT PETERSON	0:00:03	0:39:27	0:06:11	0:06:08	
Team Total	0:05:53		0:28:48	0:22:55	
RUNNING RAGGED					TEAM 16
Start Delay:	0:12:23				5th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
ALEX MCGILN	0:01:44	0:19:36	0:07:13	0:05:29	
CHRISTI DAVIS	0:01:28	0:27:19	0:07:43	0:06:15	
CHAD MCGILN	0:00:23	0:33:55	0:06:36	0:06:13	
TOM CARDILLO	0:00:34	0:39:39	0:05:44	0:05:10	
Team Total	0:04:09		0:27:18	0:23:07	
KICK YOUR ASPHALT					TEAM 14
Start Delay:	0:11:52				6th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
RICH EREKSON	0:00:42	0:18:57	0:07:05	0:06:23	
JENNIFER DUPLY	0:01:52	0:26:28	0:07:31	0:05:39	
JANE EREKSON	0:01:52	0:34:07	0:07:39	0:05:47	
BRAD OBROCTO	0:00:14	0:40:12	0:06:05	0:05:51	
Team Total	0:04:40		0:28:20	0:23:40	
KEITH IS NOT MY SWEETHEART					TEAM 15
Start Delay:	0:11:58				7th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
RON SYLVESTER	0:00:38	0:18:30	0:06:32	0:05:54	
KEITH BROWN	0:01:30	0:26:31	0:08:01	0:06:31	
CHRISTINA SYLVESTER	0:02:06	0:34:29	0:07:58	0:05:52	
MIKE TURNER	0:00:20	0:41:15	0:06:48	0:06:28	
Team Total	0:04:34		0:29:17	0:24:43	
STEVIES					TEAM 17
Start Delay:	0:12:42				8th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
TYLER STEPCHW (14)	0:00:40	0:19:15	0:06:33	0:05:53	
LEIMAMO WASE (15)	0:02:02	0:26:42	0:07:27	0:05:25	
AARON MATHESON (14)	0:00:40	0:34:05	0:07:23	0:06:43	
KYLE CASSIDAY (15)	0:00:28	0:41:29	0:07:24	0:06:56	
Team Total	0:03:50		0:28:47	0:24:57	
BETTER LATE THAN NEVER					TEAM 5
Start Delay:	0:07:05				9th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
BEN JAHNIKE (8)	0:03:05	0:17:30	0:10:25	0:07:20	
ANNE JAHNIKE	0:02:39	0:26:27	0:08:57	0:06:18	
TOM FERRIS	0:02:48	0:35:40	0:09:13	0:06:25	
JON JAHNIKE	0:00:55	0:41:43	0:08:03	0:05:08	
Team Total	0:09:27		0:34:38	0:25:11	
SAUERKRAUT & RICE					TEAM 9
Start Delay:	0:08:42				10th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
FRAN LAFFERTY	0:01:52	0:18:14	0:09:32	0:07:40	
KIM SCHLESS	0:04:08	0:28:12	0:09:58	0:06:50	
JOHANN SCHLESS	0:01:20	0:34:58	0:08:46	0:05:26	
JOHN LAFFERTY	0:00:30	0:41:44	0:06:48	0:06:18	
Team Total	0:07:50		0:33:02	0:25:12	
THE TEAM WITH NO NAME					TEAM 8
Start Delay:	0:08:22				11th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
LEIGHTYN COSSEY (11)	0:02:29	0:17:17	0:08:55	0:06:26	
JOHN SHOLAR (12)	0:01:22	0:25:02	0:07:45	0:06:23	
ALEXIS MARTIN (11)	0:02:29	0:34:58	0:09:56	0:07:27	
KEITH BRADY (11)	0:01:50	0:43:13	0:08:15	0:06:25	
Team Total	0:08:10		0:34:51	0:26:41	
THE HOMEWORK HATERS					TEAM 4
Start Delay:	0:06:04				12th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
DUNCAN MCMASTER (9)	0:02:43	0:15:32	0:09:28	0:06:45	
ALEX BURNLEY (9)	0:02:43	0:24:57	0:09:25	0:06:42	
SAM JAHNIKE (9)	0:02:43	0:34:59	0:10:02	0:07:19	
DAVID SHOLAR (10)	0:02:19	0:43:29	0:08:30	0:06:11	
Team Total	0:10:28		0:37:25	0:26:57	
OLDIES BUT GOODIES					TEAM 6
Start Delay:	0:07:39				13th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
THADDEUS CASSIDAY	0:01:48	0:16:56	0:09:17	0:07:29	
GLORIA CASSIDAY	0:03:36	0:25:57	0:09:01	0:05:25	
KEVIN GRANT	0:00:50	0:35:42	0:09:45	0:08:55	
NANCY GRANT	0:02:39	0:43:54	0:08:12	0:05:33	
Team Total	0:08:53		0:38:15	0:27:22	
THREE GRILS AND A GUY					TEAM 12
Start Delay:	0:09:57				14th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
REBECCA THOMPSON (15)	0:02:02	0:19:01	0:09:04	0:07:02	
CHRISTINA THOMPSON (15)	0:02:02	0:28:00	0:08:59	0:06:57	
BLAKE LARSON (15)	0:00:22	0:35:22	0:07:22	0:07:00	
LOREN THOMAS (14)	0:02:09	0:44:46	0:09:24	0:07:15	
Team Total	0:06:35		0:34:49	0:28:14	
43 YEARS OF GOOD LOVIN'					TEAM 11
Start Delay:	0:09:18				15th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
JEFF DELONG	0:01:15	0:17:18	0:08:00	0:06:45	
JENNIFER COSSEY	0:02:06	0:28:17	0:10:59	0:08:53	
CHERYL DELONG	0:03:07	0:38:07	0:10:50	0:07:43	
JIM COSSEY	0:00:46	0:46:59	0:07:52	0:07:06	
Team Total	0:07:14		0:37:41	0:30:27	
THE LIGHTNING CHEETAHS					TEAM 2
Start Delay:	0:03:48				16th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
NATALIE YOHO (7)	0:03:28	0:15:49	0:12:01	0:08:33	
COLLETTE WALKER (8)	0:03:05	0:26:13	0:10:24	0:07:19	
MEREDITH THOMAS (9)	0:02:43	0:38:04	0:11:51	0:09:08	
NOBLE MCMASTER (7)	0:03:28	0:48:40	0:10:36	0:07:08	
Team Total	0:12:44		0:44:52	0:32:08	
THE SMILE-A-MILE BROWNIES					TEAM 3
Start Delay:	0:04:56				17th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
CLAIRE STEPCHW (8)	0:03:05	0:16:14	0:11:18	0:08:13	
JILLIAN DECOSTER (9)	0:02:43	0:25:55	0:09:41	0:06:58	
COLLEEN FERGESON (9)	0:02:43	0:37:32	0:11:37	0:08:54	
REAGAN BUHL (8)	0:03:05	0:50:16	0:12:44	0:09:39	
Team Total	0:11:36		0:45:20	0:33:44	
THE FOUR FIVES					TEAM 1
Start Delay:	0:00:00				18th Place
Runner (Age)	Handicap	Elapsed Clock Time	Actual Run Time	Net Handicap Time	
GRACE LAFFERTY (5)	0:04:08	0:18:45	0:18:45	0:14:37	
JULIA SHOLAR (5)	0:04:08	0:31:50	0:13:05	0:08:57	
MACKENZIE GOWANS (5)	0:04:08	0:48:50	0:15:00	0:10:52	
MATT YOHO (5)	0:04:08	0:58:13	0:12:23	0:08:15	
Team Total	0:16:32		0:59:13	0:42:41	



Hero's tribute

Birgit Smith, widow of Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith and her son David pose just moments after the 377-foot, 40-knot, Navy ship *Freedom* was launched. Smith is the sponsor of the littoral combat ship. Sgt. 1st Class Smith was killed in Iraq while holding his position against a large enemy force. His actions kept the enemy from over running an aid station. Smith was credited with saving the lives of several wounded comrades.

(DoD photo)

Kaleidoscope of Music

Tickets are \$15 and will be on sale 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 25, March 3 and March 10, by Macy's West. The performance is March 16.



Nine servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

Three Soldiers died Feb. 5 in Balad, Iraq of wounds suffered in Al Muq-dadiyah when they encountered an improvised explosive device during combat operations. Killed were: **Cpl. Miguel A. Baez**, 32, of Bonaire, Ga., who was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.; **Sgt. John C. Osmolski**, 23, of Eustis, Fla., who was assigned to the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg and **Sgt. Timothy R. Van Orman**, 24, of Port Matilda, Pa., who was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

Staff Sgt. Bradley J. Skelton, 40, of Gordonville, Mo., died Feb. 6 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device during combat operations. He was assigned to the 1138th Engineer Company, 35th Engineer Brigade, Missouri Army National Guard, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Petty Officer 1st class Luis A. Souffront, 25, of Miami,



died Feb. 7, from wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device while serving in combat operations in Iraq. He was assigned to an East Coast based SEAL team.

Four Soldiers died Feb. 8 in Taji, Iraq of wounds suffered when their vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. Killed were: **Sgt. Timothy P. Martin**, 27, of Pixley, Calif., who was assigned to 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and **Spc. Michael T. Manibog**, 31, of Alameda, Calif., **Staff Sgt. Jerald A. Whisenhunt**, 32, of Orrick, Mo. and **Sgt. Gary D. Willett**, 34, of Alamogordo, N.M., who were assigned to 1st Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks.

Pfc. Jack T. Sweet, 19, of Alexandria Bay, N.Y., died Feb. 8 in Jawwalah, Iraq of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum.

President's Day (Tuesday) hours of operation



Kwajalein

Beaches	
Emon Beach.....	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
All other beaches.....	Buddy system
Bowling Center.....	1-9 p.m.
CRC/Raquetball Courts.....	7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Golf Course.....	Sunrise to sunset
Golf Pro Shop.....	6:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Driving Range.....	Closed
Hobby Shop.....	12:30-5 p.m.
Ivey Gym.....	Cipher lock
Kayak Shack.....	1-5:30 p.m.
Library.....	Closed
Adult pool.....	Buddy system
Family pool.....	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Skate Park.....	Buddy system at all times
Small Boat Marina.....	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
ARC.....	noon-10 p.m.
Surfway.....	Closed
Ten-Ten.....	10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Gimbel's.....	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Macy's and Macy's West.....	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Beauty/Barber.....	Closed
DVD Depot.....	Normal
Sunrise Bakery.....	7 a.m.-noon
Three Palms Snack Bar.....	10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Ocean View Club.....	4:30-10:30 p.m.
Country Club.....	6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dock Security Snack Bar.....	Closed
Post Office Kwaj.....	Closed Monday..... Open Tuesday
Roi Post Office.....	Normal
Community Bank.....	Closed
ATM will be operational	
telephone and online banking will be available	

Power outages scheduled

In preparation for upcoming work on Feeder 7 the following facilities will experience a short power outage after 5 p.m., Feb. 22. The duration of these outages should be less than five minutes.

Vault 892
890 - GPS Radome
891 - GPS Equipment Vault
892 - GPS Transformer Vault

Vault 1008
1008 - USAKA Communications & GPS Red Shelter

Vault 1009
1009 - Ground Based Mid-Course Defense
1034 - Ebeye Tie Phone Line (NTA's Building)
1051 - Job Corps

Switch 1010
1010 - Sewage Lift Station (Near Facility 1010) 1010
- USAKA Range Command

Vault 1010 (C5) 1010 - C-5 (KMCC)

To arrange a more convenient time to switch your facility or for questions, call Charles, at 53426.

Due to planned maintenance on Feeder 7, the following facilities will experience a 16-hour power outage on Feb. 24. The outage will begin at 7:30 a.m. and should be completed before midnight.

Vault 1659
1125 - Lenswells (7 Series)
1126 - Lenswells (8 Series)
1658 - DMS Storage
1659 - TACAN (Navigational System)

The TACAN generator will be started before the feeder is disconnected, and will run throughout the outage.



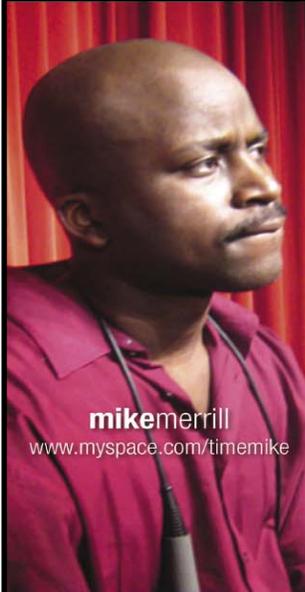


Volunteer tax preparers are needed. Do you have some time on your hands to help out fellow citizens? Tax time is around the corner and the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is looking for you. People are needed to assist other Kwaj residents in the preparation of their tax forms. Training is available and required. Volunteers are free to set their own tax preparation times. Excellent tax preparer software and limited office equipment is provided. If you are interested in volunteering for this program, or have questions, call Kevin Osterbauer at the USAKA Legal Department, 51462.

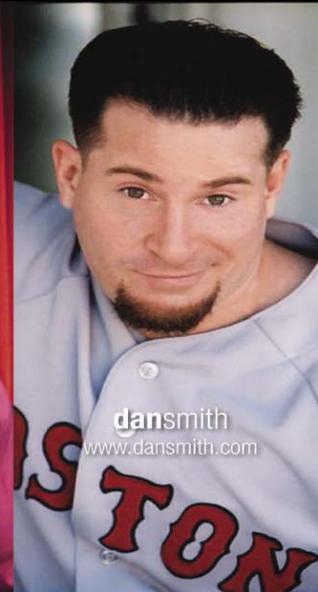
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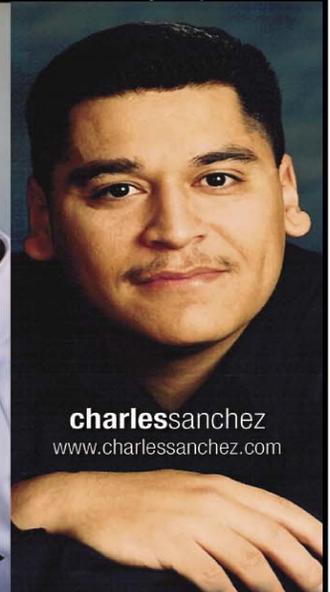
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**YOU ARE AT LIBERTY
TO LAUGH**

One show only at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in the Public Gardens. Bus service will be available from the bus stop across from Macy's beginning at 6 p.m. Food and beverages will be sold at the event.

ADULTS ONLY.

Questions? Call Kim, 53420.



RACE

to the Girl Scout's
BIKE WASH AND LUBE

10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday, near Macy's porch. Bikes will be washed, lubed and tire pressure checked. Proceeds will benefit dental hygiene supplies for Ebeye. Questions? Call Lora Kendrick, 54186.

HELP WANTED

KRS has the following job openings. For contract hire positions, call Sheri Hendrix, 256-890-8710. For all others, call Donna English, 51300. Full job descriptions and requirements for contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com. Job descriptions for other openings are located at Human Resources, Building 700.

NEED EXTRA money? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for all Community Services departments and the Human Resources temporary pool for casual positions. Some examples of these positions are: sport officials, scorekeepers, delivery drivers, lifeguards, catering/dining room workers, medical office receptionists, temporary office support, etc. For more information, call the KRS HR Office at 54916.

ON ISLAND HIRES

- AC&R TECHNICIANS I, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Reqs. K050009.
- ACCOUNTING CLERK I, Space A sales, Roi-Namur. Casual, on-call position. HR Req. K050340
- CARPENTER II, full-time, Kwaj Ops, HR Req. K050158
- CARPENTER III, full-time, Kwaj Ops, HR Req. K050047
- GENERAL MAINTENANCE I, full-time, Marine Department, HR Req. K050160
- HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II, full-time, Meck Operations, HR Req. K050150
- HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050038
- HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IV, full-time, Solid Waste, HR Req. K050155
- INCINERATOR OPERATOR III, full-time position, Solid Waste Mgmt., HR Req. K050112
- INCINERATOR OPERATOR III, full-time position, Meck Operations, HR Req. K050144
- MECHANIC II, full-time, Roi Power Plant, HR Req. K050183
- MEDICAL OFFICE RECEPTIONIST, full-time, HR Req. K050388.
- PAINTER I, two full-time positions, HR Reqs. K050343 and K050344
- PLUMBER/PIPEFITTER II, full-time, Utilities, HR Req. K050040
- RAMP WORKER I, full-time position, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050251
- RETAIL ASSOCIATE III, Gimble's, full-time, HR Req. K050291
- SHEETMETAL WORKER II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050011
- STYLIST, casual position, HR Req. K050275

- SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, casual positions, on-call
- TOOL ROOM ATTENDANT I, full-time position, Roi Operations, HR Req. K050137
- TRAFFIC AGENT I, part-time, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050181
- TRAFFIC AGENT, full-time, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050250
- WAREHOUSEMAN I, full-time, Roi Supply, HR Req. K050322 (Ennubirr residents apply to William Lewis)

CONTRACT HIRES

(A) accompanied (U) unaccompanied

Even numbered requisitions=CMSI

Odd numbered requisitions=KRS

- AC&R TECHNICIAN II and III, five positions, HR Reqs. 031378, 031454, 031604, 031508 and 031530 U
- AC&R TECHNICIAN IV, HR Req. 031522 U
- ACCOUNTANT II, HR Req. 032083 U
- ACCOUNTING CLERK III, HR Req. 032097 and 032099.
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LEAD, HR Req. 032095.
- ALCOR TRANSMITTER FIELD ENGINEER II, HR Req. 032063 U
- ALCOR/MMW LEAD RECEIVER ENGINEER, HR Req. 032069 A
- APPLIANCE REPAIR TECHNICIAN IV, HR Req. 031528.
- AUTO BODY SHOP LEAD, HR 031502 U
- AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031508 U
- CALIBRATION REPAIR TECHNICIAN II, HR Req. 032055
- CARPENTER IV, HR Reqs. 031524 and 031442 U
- CDC INSTRUCTOR, HR Req. 032019 U
- CHIEF ENGINEER, HR Req. 032049 U
- COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031941, 031967 and 031883 U
- COMPUTER OPERATOR II, HR Req. 031955 U
- COMSEC TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031957 U
- CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB LEAD, HR Req. 031831 U
- DESIGNER/PLANNER IV, HR Req. 031308 U
- DISPATCHER, HR Req. 031540 U
- DRAFTER II, HR Req. 031486 U
- DRIVER II, HR Req. 031117
- ELECTRICIAN II, III and IV LEAD, HR Reqs. 031224, 031210, 031332, 031408, 031412, 031570, 031504,

Religious Services

Catholic
 Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small chapel.
 Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m., in the main chapel.
 Mass on Roi is at 12:30 p.m., in Roi chapel.

Protestant
 Sunday
 8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.
 Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m.

Baptist
 9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school music room.

Latter-Day Saints
 10 a.m., Sunday, in
 Corlett Recreation Center, Room 3.

Church of Christ
 10 a.m., Sunday,
 in Quarters 442-A.

Jewish services
 Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education
 Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office
 for more information.

- 031304, 031380, 031414, 031578 and 031580 U
- ELECTRICIAN LEAD, HR Req. 031448 U
- ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN I, II, III, HR Reqs. 031719, 031825, 032147, 031959, 031743 and 031931 U
- ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER/SCIENTIST II, HR Req. 032159 U
- EQUIPMENT REPAIR TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 032101 A
- FIELD ENGINEER I and II, HR Reqs. 031867 and 031753 A
- FIRE SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031428 U
- FIREFIGHTER, HR Reqs. 031268, 031312, 031316, 031544, 031554, 031430, 031318, 031556 and 031558 U
- HARBOR CONTROLLER, HR Req. 031568 U
- HARDWARE ENGINEER I and II, HR Reqs. 032005, 031897, 031979, 031149 and 032065 A
- HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC III, HR Req. 031572 U
- HELP DESK TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 032109 U
- HOUSING INSPECT/EST/MAINT SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031390 U

Café Pacific

Lunch

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Feb. 22
Sweet-and-sour pork	Carved top round	Broiled pork chops	Beef Stroganoff	Szechuan pork	Swiss steak with gravy	Kalua pork/cabbage
Chicken cordon bleu	Vegetable ragu	Herb-roast chicken	Chicken piccata	Chicken katsu	Chicken peapod stir-fry	Cheesburger mac
Pepperoni/cheese pizza	Breaded chicken breasts	Three-cheese quiche	Broccoli/rice casserole	Thai vegetable pasta	Tuna casserole	Mahi mahi
Grill: Super bird	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Teriyaki burger	Grill: Sicilian hoagies	Grill: Tostada bar

Dinner

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Minute steak	Hoisin spareribs	Cantonese pork	Hamburger steak	Kwaj fried chicken	Flank steak	Hawaiian ham steak
Marinated salmon	Thai chicken/peanut sauce	Tandouri chicken	Baked penne	Honey lime ono	Barbecued chicken	Oven fried chicken
Vegetarian beans	Vegetable chow fun	Eggplant Parmesan	Turkey peapod stir-fry	Hawaiian steak	Chef's choice	Brunswick stew



HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST IV, HR Req. 032103 U

KEAMS FUNCTIONAL ANALYST, HR Req. 032121 A

KWAJALEIN POWER PLANT, OPERATOR ELECTRIC, HR Req. 031494 U

KWAJALEIN SUPPORT RADAR LEAD, HR Req. 032139 A

LEAD ELECTRICIAN, HR Req. 031586 U

LEAD FIRE INSPECTOR, HR Req. 031424 U

LEAD MECHANIC, Small Boat Marina, HR Req. 032135 U

LEAD WELDER, HR 031198 U

LICENSED MARINER I, HR Req. 031456 U

LINE COOK, HR Req. 032155 U

MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031484 U

MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, MECK, HR Req. 031386 U

MANAGER, INVENTORY CONTROL, HR Req. 031542

MANAGER, KWAJ OPERATIONS, HR Req. 031468 A

MANAGER, NETWORK OPERATIONS, HR Req. 032115 A

MATE, 500T, HR Req. 031526 U

MDN NETWORK ENGINEER, HR Req. 032029 U

MECHANIC III, IV, HR Reqs. 031432, 031488, 031246 and 031474 U

MECHANICAL ENGINEER III, HR Reqs. 031512 and 031566 U

MECK POWER PLANT MECHANIC III, HR Req. 031462 U

MECK POWER PLANT SUPERVISOR, HR Req. 031598 U

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST, HR Req. 032015 U

MISSION TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, HR Req. 031991 A

NETWORK ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031167 A

NETWORK ENGINEER III-MO, HR Req. 031855 A

OPERATOR, SPACE SURVEILLANCE, HR Req. 031137 U

OPTICS HARDWARE ENGINEER I, HR Req. 032153 U

PAINTER III, HR Req. 031366 and 031472 U

PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, HR Req. 031901 A

PLANT TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031947 and 031643 U

PLUMBER/ PIPEFITTER III and IV, HR Req. 031354

Residents are reminded to turn off lights at athletic fields as soon as games are completed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

and 031548 U

PRODUCTION CONTROL CLERK III, HR Req. 031420 U

PROGRAMMER/ ANALYST-SUPPLY and MAINT, HR Req. 031841 A

PROJECT CONTROLS ENGINEER II, HR Req. 032133 U

PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD, HR Req. 032163 U

PUBLIC INTERNET SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR, HR Req. 031763 U

PROPERTY SPECIALIST I, HR Req. 031875 U

RADAR ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031961 A

RADAR TECHNICIAN II and III, HR Reqs. 031943 and 031717 U

ROI POWER PLANT ELECTRICIAN, HR Req. 031220 U

SAFETY SPECIALIST IV, HR Req. 032047 A

SERVER ADMINISTRATOR III, HR Req. 032085 A

SHEETMETAL WORKER III, HR Reqs. 031446 and 031422 U

SHIFT SUPERVISOR, CAFE ROI, HR Req. 032125 U

SOFTWARE COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST, HR Req. 032089

SOFTWARE ENGINEER, HR Req. 031975 A

SOFTWARE ENGINEER III, HR Req. 032073 A

SOFTWARE ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 031951 A

STEVEDORE CHIEF, HR Req. 031574 A

SUBCONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR, HR Req. 031851 U

SUPERVISOR BODY VP&P, HR Req. 031510 A

SUPERVISOR, HAZARDOUS WASTE, HR Req. 031582 U

SUPERVISOR, IMAGING, HR Req. 032151 A

SUPERVISOR, PLUMBING SHOP, HR Req. 031594 U

SUPERVISOR, POL SERVICES, HR Req. 031592 U

SUPERVISOR, RANGE TELECOM, HR Req. 032067 A

SUPERVISOR, WAREHOUSING, HR Req. 031532 U

SUPERVISOR, CONFIGURATION AND DATA, HR Req. 031821 A

SUPERVISOR, LIGHT VEHICLE/SCOOTER, HR Req. 031196 A

SYSTEMS ENGINEER I, III and IV, HR. Reqs. 031749, 031965, 031963, 032143 and 031011 A

SYSTEMS ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 032165 U

TELEMETRY ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031723 A

TRADEX OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, HR Req. 032157 U

TRADEX RADAR FIELD ENGINEER-RECEIVERS, HR Req. 032061 U

TRADEX TRANSMITTER ENGINEER, HR Req. 032081 A

TRAFFIC AGENT I AND II, HR Reqs. 031560 and

George Seitz Elementary School PTO will sell bumper stickers and personalized bike plates, 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, on Macy's porch. Items can also be ordered at the elementary school office during school hours.

031552 U

TRANSMITTER HARDWARE ENGINEER, HR Req. 032145 U

WAREHOUSEMEN LEAD, HR Reqs. 031600 and 031564 U

WATER PLANT ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN, HR Req. 031562 U

WATER PLANT OPERATOR III, HR Req. 030826 U

WATER PLANT OPERATOR IV, HR Req. 031590 U

WATER TREATMENT TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031516 U

WELDER IV, HR Reqs. 031444 and 030834 U

U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll

OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANTS, GS-0326-6. Temporary position not to exceed two years. The employee provides clerical support to ensure efficient office operations. The employee accomplishes various duties to provide essential office automation support and production. The employee performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of various database software packages. The employee prepares varied documents with complex formats using the advanced functions of word processing, desktop publishing, and other software types. The employee performs systems maintenance functions for electronic mail systems. The employee performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of one or more spreadsheet software packages. Performs a variety of secretarial and other clerical and administrative functions, using judgment to answer recurring questions and resolve problems. Apply at <<https://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil>.

AirScan Pacific

MANAGER, EMPLOYEE SERVICES. Coordinates the aviation administrative functions, human resources, financial support and payroll activities. Requirements are Bachelor's in Business Management or Human Resources. Experience in human resources, payroll and finance. Preferred: master's degree. KEAMS experience and experience working as subcontractor. Send resumes to richard.zurawski@smdck.smdc.army.mil or deliver to Building 901.

WANTED

HOUSE-SITTING SITUATION (bachelor quarters are OK) for visiting grandma, March 20-April 11, or parts thereof. Will provide excellent care for your pets and plants. Call 52312.

COLOR TV, DVD player, patio furniture and laptop

RETAIL SERVICES is conducting a retail survey on product selection and service. We value your feedback, comments and suggestions. The survey is available at all retail facilities and on the USAKA Intranet under community tab at http://intranet/com/retail_survey. Complete the survey before March 7 for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate. Surveys may be mailed to KRS Retail Merchandising, P.O. Box 68, or dropped off at Ten-Ten, Surfway, Macy's, Macy's West or Gimbels. Your support of the recreation fund is appreciated.

computer. Call 53519, after 3 p.m. or leave message.

CHILDCARE PROVIDER wanted (in-home preferred) for a four month-old infant from mid-April to mid-June. Call Alison Bowers, 59987.

TRIKE FOR visiting mother, Tuesday - Feb. 27. Will pay small rental fee. Call Kristy, 52567.

LOST

BLACK SUNGLASSES near ball field or adult pool, Feb. 7 and Timex sport watch, in mid-January. Call 51444.

FOUND

PINK BABY HAT in alley between Lagoon Raod and Poinsettia, Feb. 6. Call 52312.

WOMAN'S WATCH, light blue, model WR50m, on Emon Beach. Can be picked up at police station.

PAIR OF UVEX GLASSES was found on the ground outside of Building 901 on the side facing the chapel. They have clear lenses and appear to be prescription. Call Lee Allas, 53417.

GIVEAWAY

NINE-FOOT BY nine-foot wooden deck, free to first one to haul it away, needs to be gone by Feb. 26. Call Suza, 53725.

PATIO SALES

SATURDAY, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Pacific Club. Household items, prom dresses and soccer cleats.

SATURDAY, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Trailer 754. Multi-family sale. Electronics, kitchen items, food items, dishwasher and clothes.

SATURDAY, 4 p.m.-? and MONDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, Sands BQ Room 210. Canoe paddle, boating gear, clothes, kitchen items, beach hats, handbags, books, suitcases, bike trailer and CDs.

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-noon, Quarters 497-B. PCS sale.

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-noon, Quarters 103. Two-family PCS sale. No early birds.

MONDAY, 7:30 a.m.-noon, Dome 166. Clothing, living room and kitchen items.

MONDAY, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Quarters 440-A (in back). PCS sale.

MONDAY, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Quarters 139-B. Boys' clothes, toys, scuba gear, craft supplies, 250GB back up hard-drive. No early birds.

FOR SALE

WOMEN'S ROLEX presidential watch with diamonds, diamond wedding rings, solid gold Hawaiian bracelet, 50-gallon aquarium with fish, light, filters, and wooden base stand, clothes, handbags, shoes, kitchen appliances, dishes, rugs, beach float, straw hats, evening gowns, many sizes, beach chair, books, alarm clock, cell phone, bike, trailer, CDs, and DVDs. Call 52147.

CAL 20 SAILBOAT, new standing and running rigging, new full batten mainsail, new 110 percent roller furler jib, new spinnaker with sock, many more new rigging parts, needs final coat of paint and put in water, comes with one year old mooring, \$2,750 or best offer. Call 56145 or 52545.

CAL-22 SAILBOAT, sailing rig removed, 40-horsepower, four-stroke Yamaha motor with hydraulic steering and remote control is installed for power, heavy-duty sun cover with custom made canvas, new sunbrella fabric cushions for cabin, sleeps five comfortably, comes with cradle and safety equipment, \$7,000 for all. Call 56734, after 7 p.m.

SONY TRINITRON TV, 37-inch, \$200 and Panasonic TV, 27-inch, both in excellent condition. Call 53731.

BRASS TABLE LAMPS, two, \$20 each; small Hoover electric vacuum, \$25; slim line phones, \$10 each; snorkel vests, two, \$10; small tabletop ironing board, \$5 and large plastic containers with lids, \$5. Call 55945.

KITCHEN AID STAND MIXER, black, 4½-quart/eight-

cup capacity stainless bowl, stainless whisk, porcelain hook and porcelain beater, \$150. Call Susie, 53721.

INDIGO, 19-FOOT TRAILERABLE trimaran, Boat 54, and boat shack, Lot 26, ready to sail, \$11,000; Bose tri-port headphones, \$75; Rio Carbon 4 GB MP3 player, \$75; small refrigerator, \$50; luggage, \$25 and 24 seasons one and two, \$5 ea. Call Mike, 55987.

MAGNIFYING LAMP with light, Dazor floor model, new, excellent for close work, sewing and reading, \$300, will sell for \$50. Call 54613.

MANY PLANTS, \$2 each; DVD movies, women's favorites, \$3 each and nice microwave with stand, \$35. Call 54693.

FULL-LENGTH PROM DRESSES (two), size 8-medium, one is pale green strapless with rhinestones accents sewn into dress, one is burgundy with spaghetti strap with bead accents sewn throughout the dress, both in excellent condition. Call 53759.

SONY TV, 62-inch, \$1,000 or best offer, must sell; Playstation 2 games, mostly adult shooters in excellent condition, \$15 each and an eight-foot by eight-foot storage shed, free if you move it. Call Toby, 55590.

TWO SHARP 17-INCH LCD flat screen computer monitors, like new, \$100 each and Sony Vaio PCG-71L laptop computer, eight months old, light use, 1.733GHz, 2MB Ram, 80GB HD, Vista Ultimate, like new, paid \$1,250 new, will sell for \$600 firm. Call Rick, 52273, work, or 51132, home.

PCS SALE. Scuba Pro Rec Tec BC, \$75; foam water noodles, barely used, \$2 each; beautiful, new, big porcelain doll in box, must see to appreciate, \$50; 19-inch Magnavox color TV with remote, \$75; king-size feather bed, six months old, washable cover, \$50 and beach chair, \$6. Call Jo or Pete, 54737.

LA-Z-BOY RECLINER, brown, \$250; hanging pot rack, \$50; TV, 36-inch, \$300; Garmin GPS (45), \$50; Nikon binoculars, \$200 and Akona dive bag, \$20. Call 55006 and leave a message.

COMPAQ VIDEO CAMERA, \$40; DVDs, \$5 each and PC games, \$5. Call Susannah, 55137.

SMALL FREEZER, best offer. Call 54116.

BUCKET OF 20 trolling lures, ready to fish, \$100. Call Robbie, 52823.

PORTABLE PLAYSTATION, with movie, \$50; sleeping bag, \$10; Xbox controller, \$10 and children's books and novels, \$2 each. Call 52564.

PLANTS, see at Quarters 118-F. Call 52788.

AQUARIUM, 40-GALLON, \$40; bowling ball with shoes and bag, \$30; tall bookcase, \$25; coffee table, \$35; CD/video storage cabinet, \$20 and Gateway 19-inch monitor, \$30. Call 52609.

PCS SALE. Rubbermaid storage cabinet, \$100; couch, \$600; awning, \$400; fence, \$200; dehumidifiers, \$50 each and women's rollerblades, \$25. Call 52342 and leave message.

SCUBA GEAR: BCD, octopus, Gekko dive computer, compass, large mesh bag, fins, \$650; large outside Rubbermaid storage, \$125; X-Men video game with 60 game cards and two controllers, \$25; new KNEX 425pcs in tub, \$19; cooler with two wheels, \$17; twin Sealy Posture Premier mattress, \$75 and plants, \$5 -30. Call 54505.

ONE-HALF SHARE of 38-foot cruising sailboat, *Down East Trader*, major refit in December 2005, including professionally rebuilt engine, view full listing at <http://www2.whidbey.com/seelye/lecomte/lecomte.htm>, best reasonable offer under \$16,000 will be accepted. Call David, 54698.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KWAJ BINGO is Saturday at the Pacific Club. Card sales begin at 5:30 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Blackout at 60 numbers with a \$1,200 jackpot prize. Windfall completion at 28 numbers with an \$1,200 prize. Limited food will be available. Bring your K-badge to play. Must be 21 to enter and play. No cell phones allowed.

MACY'S PRESIDENT'S DAY sale and shoe spectacular is Monday through March 1. Cards and party supplies, 50-75 percent off; Roi Rat shirts, buy one, get one free; selected swimwear and clothing, 40-75 percent off; toys, 40-50 percent off; selected home furnishings, 40-75 percent off; Waterford (excluding logo items), 40 percent off; West Marine shoes, \$5-15 and all shoes (excluding Scott sandals), 25-75 percent off.

THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL meets at 7 p.m., Wednesday, at the elementary school music room. Questions? Call 53761.

BOAT LOT affidavits are due to the Small Boat Marina by Wednesday. Affidavits are required by all boat house/boat lot owners. For more information, call the Small Boat Marina at 53643.

THE YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL will meet at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, at the Youth Center. YAC operates under the direction of Child and Youth Services and is open to the entire community. The purpose of the YAC is to identify and address youth-related issues and concerns. All ages are welcome. Questions? Call Amy Daniels, 53610.

KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY BAND will be in concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, in the multi-purpose room.

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB will have a happy hour, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Feb. 23. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

THE SADIE HAWKINS Fun Golf Tournament will be Feb. 25 at the golf course. There will be a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Registration begins at 9 a.m. \$25 for Kwajalein Golf Association members, \$35 for non-members. Limited to first 90 players. Ladies, form your teams. Call Tim Thompson, 55364.

BID FAREWELL to Alecia and Ayanna Jackson at a PCS party, 3-7 p.m., Feb. 25, in the Religious Education Building. A potluck dinner will be served. Questions? Call Tijuana Collier, 51035, Callie Chavana, 55176, or Tammie Cotton, 54952.

THE SMALL ARMS RANGE will be in operation, 7:30-10 a.m., Feb. 26. Avoid the hazard area. Questions? Call 54448.

MANDATORY ISLAND ORIENTATION is at 12:45 p.m., Feb. 27, in Community Activities Center Room 6. It is required for all new island arrivals. It is not recommended for family members under 10. Questions? Call 51134.

STUDENT MUSIC RECITAL will be at 7 p.m., Feb. 28, in the multi-purpose room. Piano teachers who would like students to perform should contact Dick Shields for registration forms.

REMINDER: Private boat registrations and boat lot fees are due during March. Stop by Small Boat Marina to pay your registration/boat lot fee(s) after March 1.

A WEEKLY RUN/WALK meets at 5:30 p.m., every Thursday, at Emon Beach pavilion. The weekly run/walk is informal with no particular goal other than the opportunity to meet, socialize and run/walk with others. There are no particular routes, just meet at Emon Beach. While the six-mile island loop and the three-mile residential loop are the most popular, groups also run or walk routes of two miles or less. Everyone is welcome.

THE ARMY VETERINARIAN will be on island March 2-9. To make an appointment, call Jenny, 52017.

DURING LENT, Café Pacific will serve fish dishes for lunch every Friday.

HELP STOP water leaks. Report leaky faucets to 53550.

SPI 2600 FOR RESIDENTIAL building permits has been revised and is ready for viewing on KARDS. This SPI details requirements that must be met for housing occupants desiring to build a temporary structure at their quarters including fences, decks, windbreaks, patio covers, TV antennas, etc. Housing occupants must receive an approved building permit before starting any work on temporary structures. Permit applications can be picked up at the housing office in Kwaj Lodge or printed from KARDS. Questions? Call 53288.

SUPERPOWER, from PAGE 2

• Denmark	2.4 billion
• Czech Republic	1.6 billion
• Portugal	1.3 billion
• Romania	1.1 billion
• Hungary	1.1 billion
• Slovakia	450 million
• Bulgaria	430 million
• Slovenia	310 million
• Lithuania	230 million
• Luxembourg	180 million
• Estonia	130 million
• Latvia	120 million
• Iceland	3 million

Although the amounts might vary in different reports, the approximate total spent by 27 of our allies is \$230 billion, or about half of what the United States spent. Of course, our spending has risen dramatically since then.

So it irks me a little bit that we have to ask NATO countries again and again to do their fair share in Afghanistan. We have not been successful so far.

There are approximately 42,000 NATO troops in Afghanistan of which a third are American. There are another

12,000 American troops operating independently in addition to the ones serving with NATO.

We owe a debt of gratitude to troops from Canada, Britain and (surprise) the Netherlands for bearing the brunt of the actual combat along with American troops. Thank you.

But Canada has said it will pull out of Afghanistan unless other NATO nations do more to help. The troops from other NATO nations in Afghanistan aren't allowed to go into areas where they might get into combat situations.

And let's talk about those 800 bases in 39 countries. Actually, I've seen some articles saying it's as many as 1,000 bases in 60 countries.

Wherever we send our troops, the local economies benefit by having thousands of American troops spending money in local stores, restaurants, etc. Our troops spend billions of dollars in foreign countries.

Unfortunately, a 'yankee go home' attitude is prevalent in the govern-

ments and people of many countries in which we have bases. Maybe they don't like us being in their countries, but they sure like our money. Hey, if our presence isn't wanted, why not just leave and take our money with us?

I know there are global threats, but do we really need 800 bases in 30 to 60 countries in view of today's technology and rapid deployment capabilities? I know of no other nation so widespread over the globe. Why is it up to us to provide military capability to the world? It made sense during the Cold War against communism, but today we face terrorism, which is a very different threat, and we've seen that military power alone won't necessarily defeat it.

If we closed foreign bases we could save billions and use that money to grow our intelligence and counter-terrorism capabilities and our country's badly needed security measures.

I guess there's only one thing for sure in today's world — being a superpower is super expensive.

The Coffee Shop



The National Honor Society and the National Junior Honor Society will host the Coffee Shop, 6-10:30 p.m., Sunday, in the multi-purpose room. Favorite drinks and gourmet desserts will be served.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Partly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 13-18 knots.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** E at 13-18 knots.
Monday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 13-20 knots.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 15-20 knots.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE 13-18 knots.
Thursday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 13-18 knots.
Feb. 22: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 15-20 knots.

Annual total: 5.91 inches
 Annual deviation: -1.01 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit www.rts-wx.com.

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High tide	Low tide
Sat	7:07 a.m./6:59 p.m.	3:17 p.m./3:24 a.m.	12:39 a.m., 3.1'	5:02 a.m., 1.1' 8:06 p.m., 0.8'
Sun	7:07 a.m./6:59 p.m.	4:19 p.m./4:23 a.m.	2:09 a.m., 3.6' 2:05 p.m., 2.2'	7:28 p.m., 0.1' 9:01 p.m., 0.3'
Mon	7:07 a.m./6:59 p.m.	5:18 p.m./5:18 a.m.	3:01 a.m., 2.7' 3:02 p.m., 4.1'	8:36 a.m., 0.5' 9:38 p.m., 0.2'
Tues	7:07 a.m./6:59 p.m.	6:12 p.m./6:08 a.m.	3:37 a.m., 3.2' 3:42 p.m., 4.5'	9:22 a.m., 0.0' 10:09 p.m., 0.6'
Weds	7:07 a.m./6:59 p.m.	7:03 p.m./6:53 a.m.	4:09 a.m., 3.6' 4:16 p.m., 4.8'	9:59 a.m., 0.3' 10:38 p.m., 0.8'
Thurs	7:07 a.m./6:59 p.m.	7:52 p.m./7:35 a.m.	4:38 a.m., 4.0' 4:47 p.m., 4.9'	10:32 a.m., 0.6' 11:05 p.m., 0.9'
Feb. 22	7:07 a.m./6:59 p.m.	8:38 p.m./8:14 a.m.	5:06 a.m., 4.2' 5:15 p.m., 4.9'	11:03 a.m., 0.7' 11:30 p.m., 0.9'