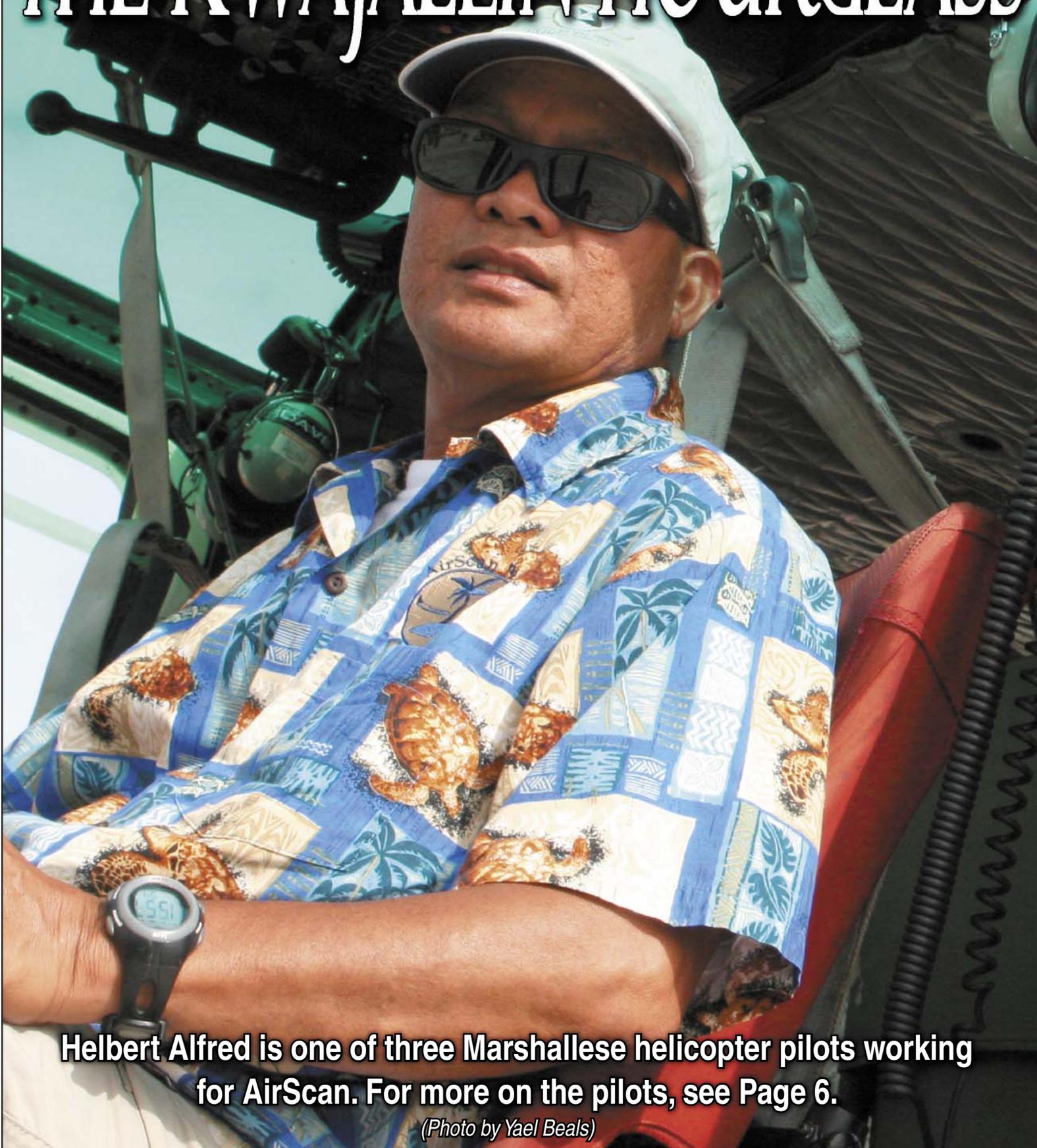


# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



**Helbert Alfred is one of three Marshallese helicopter pilots working for AirScan. For more on the pilots, see Page 6.**

*(Photo by Yael Beals)*

# Please go back to using steroids

I was watching a news program last week and the anchorwoman was talking about Jason Giambi of the New York Yankees.

It seems Giambi said that whenever he's in a batting slump, he wears a gold thong, and when he does, he always starts hitting again.

He's apparently loaned it to other players on the team too. Geez, I hope it's washed first.

Oh well, I don't even want to know.

Since baseball was invented, ball-players have always been a superstitious bunch.

Over the many years baseball has been around, players have done strange things in the hope they would do well at the plate.

Players who are going good and hitting well won't change their underwear or socks — for anything. Not only won't they change, they never take them off — for anything. If they start to go into a slump, then new underwear and socks are called for.

Others won't shave or bathe as long as they are hitting. It must get a little malodorous in the clubhouse.

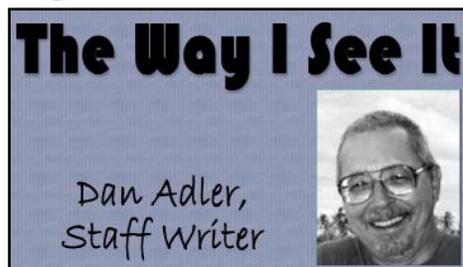
I read about one Major League player who went around all day looking for loose toothpicks laying on the ground or anywhere else he could find them. He believed that every toothpick he found represented a hit he would get.

The player was walking by a hotel kitchen door one day just as a waiter bearing a tray of fingerfoods stuck on toothpicks came out of the door. They collided and toothpicks scattered all over the dining room floor.

The player went nuts. He got down on hands and knees and began scooping up the toothpick-impaled food. He kept exclaiming, "Look at all the hits, look at all the hits."

I don't have any problem picturing guys like Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Honus Wagner, Enos Slaughter or any of the old-time, tobacco-spitting, hard-nosed players not changing underwear, bathing or shaving. That was probably their normal daily routine anyway.

What I *can* picture is that anyone who would have ever suggest a gold thong (if such a thing existed then) to any of those players probably



wouldn't have gotten out of the room alive.

First steroids — now gold thongs? Baseball has really changed since I was a boy.

Giambi was one of the first players to be implicated in the steroid scandal and to admit that he used them. Now he says he wears a gold thong.

First of all, that's way too much information, and second, if that's what baseball has come to, please go back to using steroids — it's easier to deal with.

Everytime I watch a ballgame now, instead of wondering if anyone is using drugs, I'll be wondering what kind of underwear they're wearing.

Thanks a lot Giambi. Thanks a lot.

## We must not forget heroes of Cold War

By Doug Hepler

With today's economic uncertainties; political turmoil and costly fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan — it's very easy to forget the past. Forgetting the past means lessons are not learned and memories of sad or tragic events are deliberately avoided.

Forgetting the tragic memory of heroes who gave their lives in the defense of our freedom is criminal and may

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### Letter to the editor

## Yokwe Yuk Women's Club donates \$71,000 toward education grants

Wow! After attending the last Yokwe Yuk Women's Club meeting for this season Wednesday evening, I would like to take a moment to brag on our club, the members and the generous residents of Kwajalein.

The Yokwe Yuk Women's Club donated \$71,000 toward education grants for the Marshall Islands and Micronesia. Even in this year of uncertain futures and

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## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# Landgraff selected as presidential scholar

## *Names Fullerton his most inspiring, challenging teacher*

By Yael Beals  
Reporter

John Landgraff, senior at Kwajalein High School, was selected as a 2008 presidential scholar.

The 139 presidential scholars include one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and from U.S. families living abroad.

“John epitomizes the old adage that one cannot know the contents of a book by looking at its cover. He often projects a rather laid-back demeanor; however, closer observation reveals an intellectually gifted young man. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the recipient of numerous academic excellence awards, president of his senior class and the Student Government Association, and an Eagle Scout,” said Ricardo Fullerton, Kwajalein High School Social Studies teacher.

Landgraff received awards in Spanish and physics as well as the President’s Award for Educational Excellence. He is president of his senior class and student government association. As an Eagle Scout, he led a project to refurbish a school building on Enniburr, also known as Third Island. He organized fundraising efforts to purchase the necessary supplies for the project. A member of the Marshall Islands National Swim team and Micronesian Games contestant, Landgraff is a three-time bronze medalist.

Fullerton first met Landgraff in eleventh grade during a U.S. History II class. “He and another student, Alex Lollar, used to enjoy coming in after class to toss around ideas about a variety of subjects; and more often than



Photo by Yael Beals

**Kwajalein High School teacher Ric Fullerton, left, shares a laugh with student John Landgraff. Landgraff has been selected as one of 139 presidential scholars for 2008 and named Fullerton as his most inspiring teacher.**

not, they would stretch the boundaries of informed and reasoned thought. But it was obvious to me that these two young boys enjoyed intellectual gymnastics and it was fun challenging them and having them come back time and time again to continue the discourse,” said Fullerton.

Landgraff explained that Fullerton has helped him develop good academic habits and critical thinking skills. “A student once answered a question in class with a one word answer, Mr. Fullerton responded by saying ‘Zebra,’ meaning that a single word had no meaning by itself,” said Landgraff.

Since 1983, each Presidential Scholar has invited his or her most inspiring and challenging teacher to travel to Washington D.C. to receive a Teacher Recognition Award from the U.S. Department of Education and to participate in the recognition events.

The teacher chosen for recognition by Landgraff was Fullerton. “It goes without saying that I am very flattered that John chose me. However, I am going with the understanding that I am representing all the teachers that John has had over the years in the Kwajalein School system. Everyone, including his parents and others in the community, has played a role in John’s development. Moreover, the bottom line is that we as teachers present students with the opportunity for growth and development; however, it is up to each child to take on that challenge and make the best of said opportunities,” said Fullerton.

*“John epitomizes the old adage that one cannot know the contents of a book by looking at its cover. He often projects a rather laid-back demeanor; however, closer observation reveals an intellectually gifted young man.”*

— Ricardo Fullerton, Kwajalein High School teacher

# Tee Time



Photos by Dan Adler

## Annual Coral Open draws 80 competitors

### Hourglass Reports

**T**he 40th Annual Coral Open Golf Tournament concluded Monday.

Tournament rounds were played for two weekends with special events throughout the week.

The tournament drew eighty players this year and many others helped with special events, beverages, course set-up and scoring.

The weather smiled on the tournament and provided dry skies and a comfortable breeze.

The competitors were treated to a wonderful meal prepared by Lee Allas and Normen Sablas. The Tournament Banquet was provided by Kwajalein Range Services Food Services.

**Above, Glenn Hibbert hits a chip shot. Left, Andy Frase tees off during the one-club fun tournament Sunday.**





Selentina Beniamina hits a drive as Andy Frase watches.



Susan Ball putts as Alison Bush looks on.



Helbert Alfred keeps his eye on the ball as he prepares to hit a drive.

## Coral Open results

### A FLIGHT WINNERS

- 1 – Tracy Hampson
- 2 – Lloyd Jordan
- 3 – Paul Allas
- 4 – Pat Dowell
- 5 – Andy Frase

### B FLIGHT WINNERS

- 1- Larry Brooks
- 2- Steve Hill
- 3 - Larry Cotton
- 4 - Jerry Satake
- 5 - Hesbon Jokas

### C FLIGHT WINNERS

- 1 – Brent Peterson
- 2 – Susan Ball
- 3 – Tyler Shields
- 4 – Ross Gilchrist
- 5 – Dave Hermsen

### D FLIGHT WINNERS

- 1 - Joi Whipple
- 2 - Ken Mackey
- 3 - Tim Pierson
- 4 - Wayne Macdaid
- 5 - Nancy Grant

### MIXED HORSE RACE

- 1 – Nancy Grant & Larry Brooks
- 2 – Barbara Macdaid & Brian Brady
- 3 – Allison Bush & Larry Cavender

### ONE CLUB TOURNAMENT

- 1 – Allison Bush
- 2 – Joe Whipple
- 3 – Bill Hahn
- 4 – Hesbon Jokas
- 5 – Lloyd Jordan
- 6 – Stevenson Reed

### STRAIGHTEST DRIVE

- MEN – Jon Jahnke  
WOMEN – Tammie Cotton

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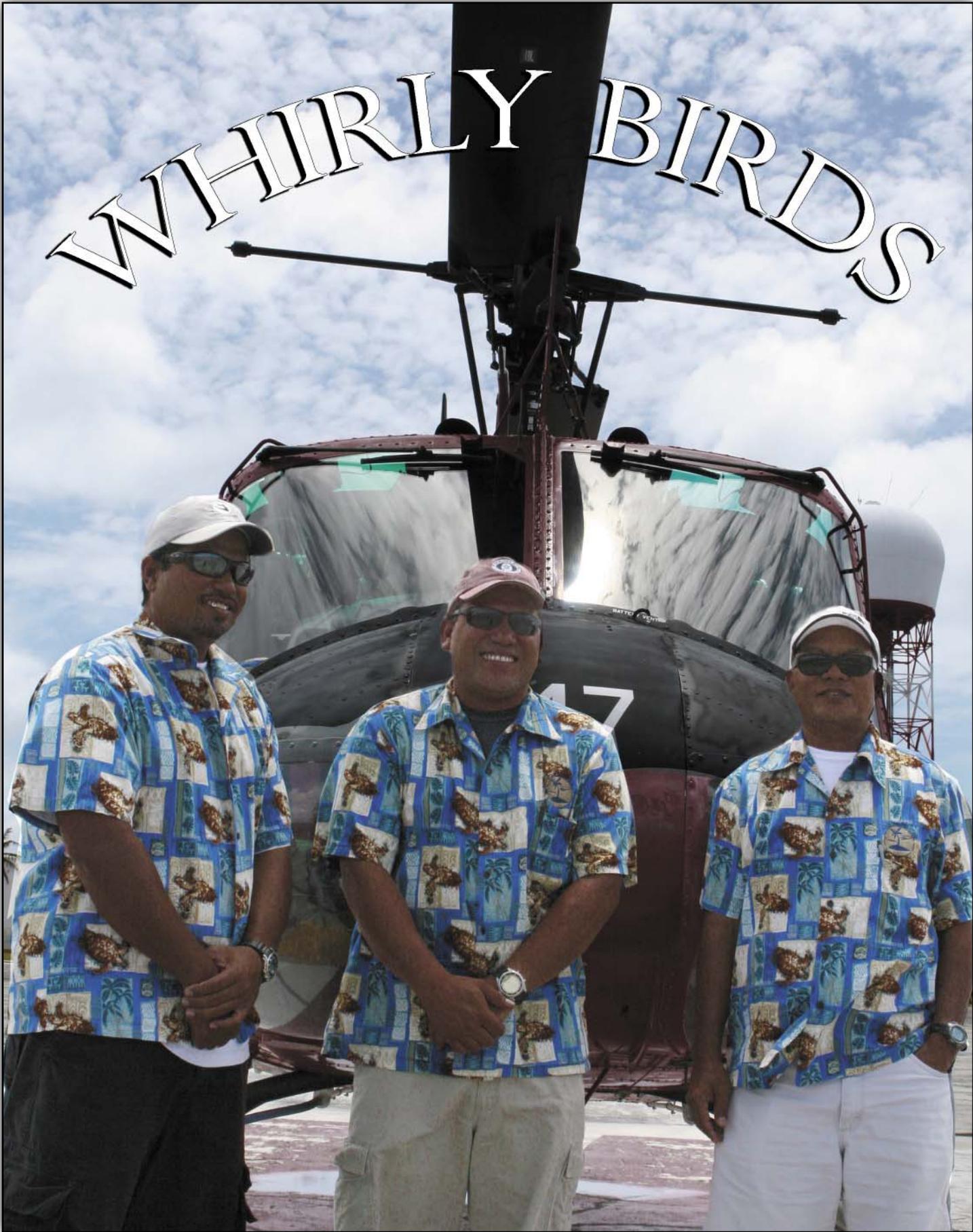
- MEN - Tim Thompson  
WOMEN – Selentina Beniamina

### LONGEST DRIVE

- MEN – Chris Hines  
WOMEN – Cindy Mathieson

### CLOSEST TO PIN Round 2

- WOMEN - Cindy Ehart  
MEN – Tyler Shields



*Photo by Yael Beals*

**From left, Jeff Wase, Scott Davis and Helbert Alfred are Marshallese helicopter pilots working for AirScan. Alfred inspired Wase and Davis to become pilots.**

# Marshallese pilot's love of flying inspires two others to follow his lead

By Yael Beals  
Reporter

**T**he only Marshallese helicopter pilots in the world work and live on Kwajalein.

Helbert Alfred, AirScan pilot, paved the way for Jeff Wase and Scott Davis, also AirScan pilots. He was the first licensed Marshallese airplane pilot hired by Air Marshall Islands. AMI was established in 1980 by the Republic of the Marshall Islands government.

"I was working with a construction company from Guam and this particular day it was raining and I was sitting in the office reading a flying magazine, and it just dawned on me — hey, the Marshall Islands just started an airline and they haven't got a licensed [Marshallese] pilot. I discovered flying and I never looked back." said Alfred.

Alfred grew up in Majuro, went to high school on Pohnpei and received a four-year scholarship to Santa Claire University in California.

During college vacation, he worked part-time with a construction company where he had the idea to become a pilot.

"I just wanted to give it a try and see how it went," said Alfred. He was hired by AMI two months later and received financial aid from the RMI government to attend Sowell Aviation School in Panama City, Fl. for six months. At that time, AMI owned two Nomads flown by Australian pilots.

In Panama City, Alfred rented a trailer in a small community where other student pilots lived.

"Getting supplies was a hassle because there was no public transportation. Every once in a while the couple that owned the trailer park would put all these students together and make a trip to town, but when you ran out [of supplies] it was tough. Alfred met students from Nigeria, the Bahamas and China. According to Alfred, most of the students at Sowell were Americans from Florida.

"There were some people that came from other places [in America], but they had their own cars and slept in hotels," said Alfred.

When Alfred finished his pilot training he flew small Aztec, multi-engine aircraft.

"Going from that to a Nomad was a big step because you are going from a light multi-engine aircraft to a medium-weight aircraft. I was used to flying piston engines and at AMI, they had these turbine engine aircraft. It was very exciting and a little scary. I was younger and I felt like I could do anything," said Alfred.

In the 1990's AMI operated three weekly round-trip flights to Honolulu in a DC-8 airplane. Alfred also flew the British Aerospace 748, a 40-passenger turboprop plane also designed for remote operations: the Dornier 228, a 19-passenger turboprop plane; and the Saab 2000, a high speed 70-passenger turboprop plane with routes to Fiji, Papua New Guinea and other places.

Alfred's work took him around the world.

"Going to new places is my favorite thing about flying. It was good going out and seeing new places, talking to people and learning about their culture."

When AMI upgraded from the Nomads to the Dornier 228 aircraft, they sent Alfred to Germany for training and to pick up the plane.

"It was exciting because I had never been there before. Their attitude toward alcohol was very loose. During coffee breaks they had beer in the office," said Alfred.

Alfred had planned to stay in Germany for two months but stayed for four because the Dornier 228 was not ready. Finally, he ferried the plane to Majuro with one German pilot and one German mechanic.

*"I was sitting in the office reading a flying magazine and it just dawned on me, hey the Marshall Islands just started an airline and they haven't got a licensed [Marshallese] pilot. I discovered flying and I never looked back."*

— Helbert Alfred

After returning to Majuro Alfred had one last memorable flight in a Nomad. "I went to an atoll north of Majuro called Aur; it's 60 miles from Majuro. I remember vividly taking off, there was only one passenger on board and I came back to Majuro on a single engine. But what really stuck in my mind was it was my first single-engine operation in a multi-engine airplane with a passenger. It opened up a lot of doubts about how to handle an aircraft in a situation like that. I was concerned for one reason, the Nomads are underpowered and had I been full with passengers I doubt I would have made it back to Majuro. I realized the reality of things that can happen to you. If you overload an airplane, that is a consideration because if you lose an engine you could really go in the water," said Alfred.

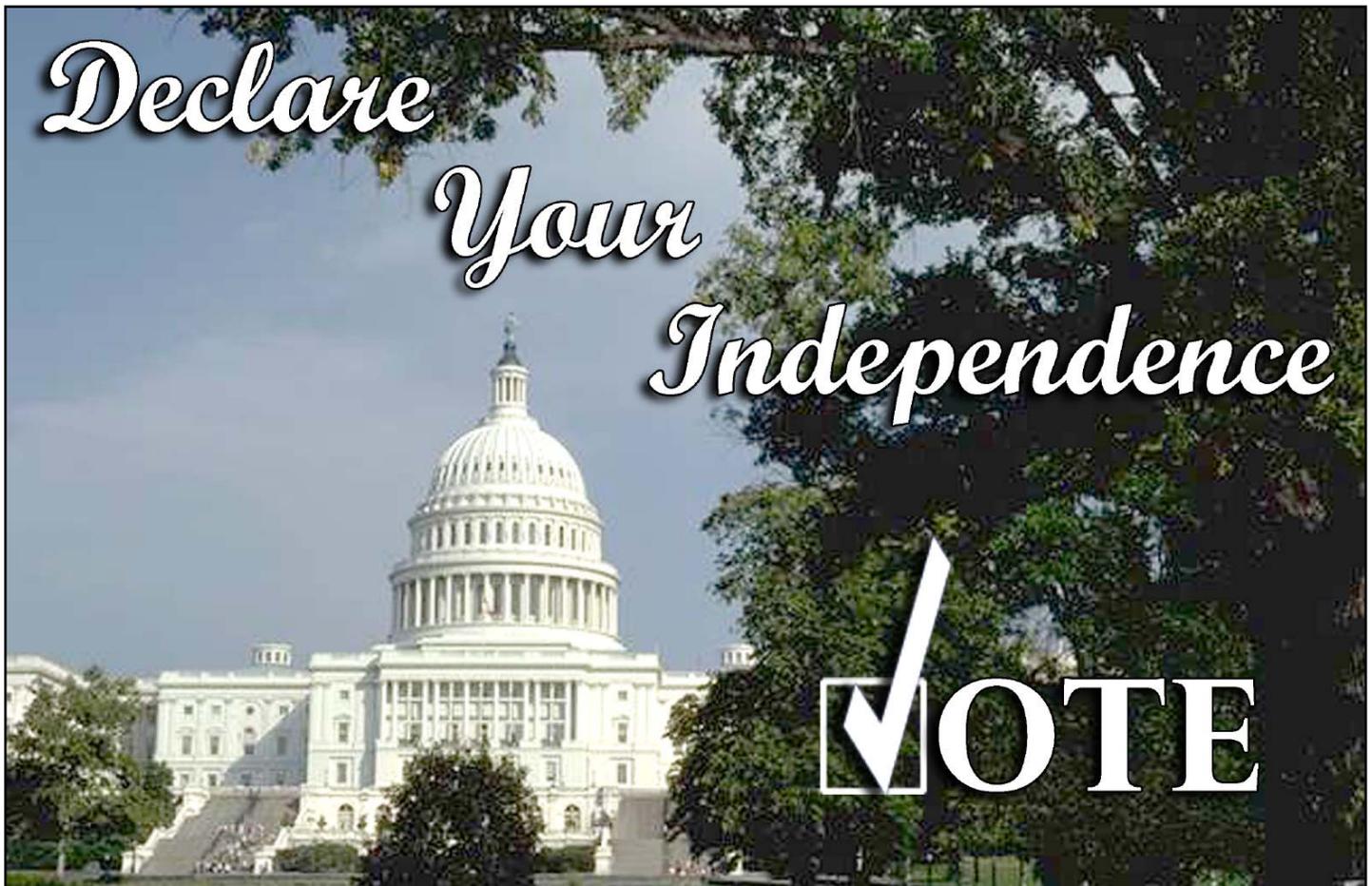
"When you go to training you learn what the airplane can do in what condition; what happens when you lose an engine; what to do and when to do it. When things like that happen, the training that you do really comes into play and it makes you realize how important it is to really put what you have learned into action and make it work so you can safely fly and land an aircraft so passengers are not hurt or you don't lose the airplane or worse, the lives of people," continued Alfred.

AMI stopped flying the Nomads after Alfred's experience.

In 1986, AMI bought the Hawker-Siddeley (HS) 748 aircraft. "When I first got into it I thought it was the biggest airplane there was. Going from a Dornier 228 to a HS-748 — it looked really huge," said Alfred. Alfred upgraded from copilot to captain after two years. "I was excited because when you become captain you are solely responsible for the airplane and the people in it. I thought it was a big jump for me."

Alfred was approached by several Marshallese girls and boys wanting to become pilots. "I told the kids it was a good career to go into. Although it's really something that everybody thinks they can do, it requires people

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## USAKA Legal Office provides information on obtaining absentee ballots, overseas voting

### USAKA Legal Office

**O**n November 4, voters across the United States will go to the polls and cast their ballot for various local, state and federal offices and initiatives. Those of us living abroad can and should participate in the electoral process. If you know that you will not be able to vote at home in the U.S. in person you can vote by absentee ballot.

The Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act was enacted in 1986 and is designed to make it easy for U.S. citizens overseas to exercise their right to vote in their respective states and territories. The Federal Voting Assistance Program has been charged with administering the UOCAVA and works on behalf of all UOCAVA citizens to assist them in that process, no matter where in the world they may be residing. To determine if you are a UOCAVA voter you must be a U.S. citizen at least 18 or older and one or more of the following criteria must apply:

- a civilian residing outside the United States
- a member of the Uniformed Services
- a Uniformed Services family member
- a member of the Merchant Marine
- a Merchant Marine family member

### What is the difference between a UOCAVA voter and an absentee voter?

Any registered voter may request an absentee ballot, rather than going to the polls on Election Day. Each of the fifty-five states and territories has differing policies and rules regarding how to register and vote absentee. However, UOCAVA voters are a subset of the absentee voting population.

In order to qualify as a UOCAVA voter, the citizen must meet the requirements set forth above. UOCAVA voters are given special assistance when voting absentee because they have been recognized as a group that traditionally has had a difficult time obtaining, voting, and returning their ballots by the close of polls on Election Day. Absentee voters who do not fit the qualifications of a UOCAVA voter should refer to their state or territory's State Election site for information on how they can register and vote absentee in their state or territory.

### Requirements for voting and establishing voting residence

Elections in the United States are run by state and local election officials. One must have a legal voting residence address in a state or territory to vote in U.S. elections.

The question often arises for those voters living

overseas who do not maintain a legal residence in the United States as “what is their legal state of residence?”

The issue of voting residence can be complex, depending on individual circumstances. Even in states where laws clearly define criteria for determining a person’s voting residence, the final determination is generally up to each local election official.

Providing as much information as possible to officials on the Federal Post Card Application, Standard Form 76 (FPCA, SF 76) is critical to successful registration and ballot request.

In regards to absentee voting, generally, U.S. citizens abroad fit into the following two categories.

**Overseas citizens:** A citizen outside the United States (not affiliated with the Uniformed Services) votes in the state or territory where he or she last resided immediately prior to departing the United States, even if many years have elapsed, and the voter maintains no residence in the state or territory, and the voter’s intent to return to that state or territory may not be certain.

**Military citizens:** U.S. citizens who are members of the Uniformed Services and their family members, who in most states the legal voting residence is defined as where the citizen has, or has had, physical presence at the location and where there is the intent to remain or return.

If a person is uncertain about his or her current legal voting residence [perhaps they have never voted before], the person should examine his or her connections or ties to the state or territory in question.

To determine the proper voting residence, the answers to the following questions help to determine the proper voting residence: Where have you last registered to vote? Where have you last voted? What state or territory has issued you a driver’s license, any other license or identification card? Where is your home or home of record? Where did you live before coming here? Where is your motor vehicle registered? Where do you own property? Where do you engage in any businesses? Where do you have bank accounts? What state or territory are you from? Where did you live immediately before leaving the order to vote? Where do your parents live? Where are you a member of any organization?

You should note that exercising your right to vote in elections for Federal offices only, does not affect the determination of residence or domicile for purposes of any tax imposed under Federal, state, or local law. Voting in an election for Federal office only, may not be used as the sole basis to determine residency for the purpose of imposing state and local taxes.

### The basic absentee voting process

The absentee voting process permits citizens covered by the UOCAVA, who will be away from their local polling places on election-day, to register, request a ballot, and vote through the mail or an alternative method. Absentee voters should request ballots at least 60 days before the election whenever possible to allow enough by-mail transit time. The following is the basic absentee voting process for citizens covered by the UOCAVA.

**Step 1:** A citizen must register to vote in his or her

state of legal residence. In order to register and/or vote absentee as an eligible U.S. citizen, he or she must carefully, legibly and accurately complete a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) Standard Form.

The FPCA is a postage-paid (within U.S. postal system, including APO and FPO addresses and U.S. Embassies and Consulates) postcard for use by absentee voters covered under the UOCAVA.

Voters should submit the form to the proper election official at their respective local voting jurisdiction in their state of residence. Absentee voters are urged to note deadlines carefully. These dates vary from state to state. The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) acts as a single form to serve most states and territories both as an absentee voter registration application and an absentee ballot request (where registration is required). Most states and territories accept the online FPCA form which is available on the FVAP website at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

The OFPCA is an online alternative to the card stock FPCA, so voters will not miss the opportunity to register or make a timely request for a ballot. Unlike the postage-paid (in U.S. Mails) cardstock FPCA, users of the OFPCA must affix postage on the envelope before mailing the form.

All states and territories, with the exception of American Samoa and Guam, accept the OFPCA. In most states and territories, the FPCA serves as a valid request for registration and/or absentee ballot for those citizens entitled to use it regardless of whether they have registered prior to the submission of the FPCA.

For such citizens, registration is either waived or considered accomplished upon submission of the FPCA requesting a ballot. Some states require submission of a state registration form for permanent registration. Usually the local election official will send this form with the ballot.

**Step 2:** The local election official, once receiving the form, will process the FPCA to determine if the citizen meets the jurisdiction’s residency requirements. The local election official will contact the voter if there are any questions during the process or if the form is not acceptable. For this reason, it is critical for the citizen to provide an email address and other contact information on the FPCA.

**Step 3:** The Local Election Official sends the blank ballot to the citizen.

When completing the FPCA’s (Federal Post Card Application) Voting Residence section, be sure to enter the entire mailing address of your last residence, including street or rural route and number. The address determines your proper district, ward, precinct or parish for voting purposes. Some states allow children of U.S. citizens overseas who are U.S. citizens but who have never resided in the U.S., to claim one of their parent’s legal state or territory of residence as their own. Check out the online state by state instructions found at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) to see if your state or territory allows this.

**Step 4:** Upon receipt of the ballot, the citizen records his or her vote, and returns the ballot as soon as possible to ensure the state’s ballot receipt deadline is met.

to be conscientious. They have to be very diligent about what they do when they get in the airplane. Unlike driving a boat or a car, if anything goes wrong, if you crashed, the percentage of survival is very slim. I know students who went out in bad weather and they weren't supposed to and they never came back," said Alfred.

Wase was one of the young boys who approached Alfred. Later they would fly together.

"I was quite impressed by Jeff's [Wase] attitude; he was a young, smart [and] polite guy. I knew he wasn't the kind of guy that would give me problems in the later part of my career. I knew he had good grades in school and he didn't hang around with troublemakers," said Alfred.

Wase was inspired by Alfred. "In the Marshalls you see somebody like a Marshallese doctor for the first time and it amazes you and you think okay, so the Marshallese can do that. Helbert [Alfred] was the first Marshallese pilot. Looking at him, [I thought] wow, the Marshallese can fly. If he can do it maybe I can," said Wase.

Wase is from Majuro but moved in with his aunt and uncle in California during high school. Later, Wase moved in with his sister in California. After high school, Wase returned to Majuro and was hired by AMI.

The RMI government and AMI established a scholarship program for students who aspired to become pilots. Wase was selected as one of the scholarship recipients. "I took the field and aviation test and got hired [by AMI] because of my score," said Wase.

For the first four months Wase worked in maintenance, traffic and reservations.

"Later I got to fly, when AMI operated with a single pilot I got to sit [in the cockpit] and take tips from the captain and learn the basics of the airplane." In January 1991, Wase attended Sowell Aviation School paid for by AMI and the RMI government.

While working for AMI, Wase flew the Dornier 228, the HS-748 and the Saab 2000. In 1996, AMI sent Wase to Basil, Switzerland where he received his Saab 2000 rating. According to the Wikipedia Web site, the Saab 2000 is one of the fastest turboprop airplanes in existence.

"That's my favorite, [it's] high per-

formance, turboprop, it can out climb certain jets, it's a very powerful prop, it has a glass cockpit, no analog instruments, it's all electronic and it's all remote control," said Wase.

Alfred and Wase were flying together in the Saab 2000. During one of their flights they were flying from Majuro to Fiji with less than 20 passengers. They were descending out of 29,000 feet and at 27,000 feet they lost the number two engine because of bad weather. The automatic features in the Saab 2000 kicked in and they landed safely.

According to Alfred, AMI thought the Saab 2000 was the perfect airplane. "It was for other areas. That aircraft contains all kinds of electronics. I guess they didn't understand then that maintenance would be a problem. The electronics got salty and corroded. They didn't have a hanger to put it inside. We had a lot of problems with that aircraft. Mostly the navigation equipment corroded and shorted out. We didn't fly it more than two years. I thought that was the greatest airplane, a lot of power, all push button and everything is automatic," said Alfred.

Another bad experience Alfred had with the Saab 2000 was when he was flying to Pohnpei.

"The weather closed in on me. I went around three or four times and finally found a hole and landed. After I landed all the electronics went [dead] because of the moisture. I got stuck there for a week waiting for parts to come in. I had to change the harness on one of the engines. To get [replacement] parts to this part of the world is difficult because of the lack of transportation. I liked that airplane. I rarely used full power for take off. They decided it was costing the government too much money for maintenance for the airline. They got rid of it," said Alfred.

In 1999, Alfred landed a job with Raytheon.

"It was a challenge coming to Raytheon because I was the first Marshallese hired out of Majuro to live and work on Kwajalein. They could not fit me into any of their employment categories. I didn't fit in as a local hire or a contract hire. They wanted to hire me as a local and I would not be eligible to have the same benefits as other professionals. I couldn't understand why. I was told to go to Ebeye for medical services."

According to Alfred, Raytheon had difficulty deciding on Alfred's salary and benefits.

"I felt left out and it didn't feel right and it shouldn't have been like that." Alfred explained that other pilots went out of their way to help him work things out.

"We had some outstanding nice guys. You couldn't have a better group anywhere. We finally worked it out. [I was] still a local hire but able to get benefits and a compatible salary." Kwajalein Range Services replaced Raytheon in 2003. KRS gave Alfred his first contract and later hired Wase and Davis as contract pilots.

Davis was another young boy influenced by Alfred. He was in sixth grade when Alfred became the first Marshallese airplane pilot.

"I flew with him to one of the islands when I was 11. He was a captain with AMI and I was a passenger. In those days there was only one pilot so you could jump on one of the front seats and fly with him to your destination," said Davis.

Davis was born on Kwajalein and grew up in Majuro. He graduated from high school in 1987. As a teenager, Davis took private flight lessons from a New Zealand pilot who worked with Alfred. "There was a Cessna 150 trainer in Majuro and I went up every weekend and flew with him for \$35 an hour. I cleaned the airplane and put fuel in it as part of my payment. When I was younger I loved airplanes. That was my goal; I wanted to be a pilot, [since] I was six," he said.

Davis learned about Nelson Aviation College in New Zealand from his instructor. He compared the price of Nelson in New Zealand and Sowell in Florida and the former was cheaper.

After high school his father paid for him to go to flight school in New Zealand.

"It is a beautiful place with beautiful people. I enjoyed every day of the two years I was there. I graduated with a commercial pilot multi-instrument rating," said Davis.

Davis mentioned that his favorite part of flight school was when they gave him a plane to fly around the country; sometimes he flew for weeks on end without coming back to base.

AMI told Davis they would give him a job after completing flight school. After graduation from Nelson, Davis caught a ride on an AMI flight that was in New Zealand for maintenance. When the AMI Chief Executive Officer learned Davis was on board, he hired him on the spot. His flight stopped in Fiji and he was given a ticket to go to Manchester, England for flight training for the HS-748. "I thought I would go back to Majuro and spend time doing office and maintenance work but they hired me right away. After two months [in England] I came back [to Majuro] and flew the HS-748 as a co-pilot.

Davis flew with AMI for 10 years but his dream was to fly helicopters. In 2000, Alfred told Davis there was a pilot position available with Raytheon. Davis knew they had helicopters so he left AMI and moved to Kwajalein.

"I'd rather fly the helicopter, that's the only way to fly. I enjoy it a lot. You can land almost anywhere you want; it's so much fun." said Davis.

Alfred enjoys flying helicopters too. "The helicopters are fun; I never thought I would actually fly one. When I first got here [Raytheon] they had the rotor-winged side and the fixed-wing side. I never thought they would combine them. It saves

money for the range and contractor. It elevated our aviation knowledge and gave us an opportunity to learn new things," said Alfred.

Wase, Davis and Alfred received their rotor wing, a helicopter rating, in Orange County, Ca. at John Wayne Airport. Wase compared flying a helicopter and an airplane. "On the airplane you go slow, you fall out the sky. When they slowed the helicopter to zero knots I was really scared. When you look at the speed gauge and it reads zero knots and you are still flying that's something I'll never forget."

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lead to aiding our nation's adversaries; harming education; feeding that awful cancer of political correctness and jeopardizing our future.

We should not live in the past. We must never teach our children to hate others based on past events. We should remember the past and learn from it, then move forward. We should always look to the future while armed with the lessons gleaned from events of the past. In this shines through the true wisdom of great nations.

Thursday marked the 40th anniversary of one of the U.S. Navy's most heartbreaking losses — the sinking of the nuclear-powered attack submarine *U.S.S. Scorpion* (SSN-589). An enduring Cold War mystery, the circumstances of the loss of this submarine and the deaths of 99 crewmen are locked away in Navy Department archives which remain highly classified to this day.

Some veterans feel the *Scorpion* was the victim of uncontrollable flooding caused by a crack in a defective pressure hull weld. There was also speculation that one of her Mark-37 torpedoes accidentally detonated, dooming the sub. Others firmly believe that the *Scorpion* was sunk by a torpedo during an undersea fight with a Soviet submarine, which was subsequently hushed by mutual agreement by both the U.S. and the Soviet Navies. It is doubtful the whole story will ever be told.

I was eight when the *Scorpion* was lost. I first learned about the *Scorpion* as a young boy who was (and remains) enamored with naval history. In 1979, as a new U.S. Navy 'swabbie' training as a specialty welder, I learned more about this tragedy, as well as the 1963 loss of the nuclear submarine *U.S.S. Thresher* (SSN-593) and her 129 men.

This information was part of our training to gain coding to perform SUBSAFE high-pressure welds on submarine hulls and piping systems. SUBSAFE is the mandate to perform the highest quality welds on submarines and to ruthlessly inspect all such welds. This was enacted as a direct result of the *Thresher* disaster.

A court of inquiry laid the cause of that sinking on a piping failure directly related to substandard silver-braze welds. In 1968, because of the very high tempo of Cold War submarine operations and tight budgets related to the ongoing war in Vietnam, the *Scorpion* never received the SUBSAFE inspections and upgrades she was scheduled for.

Whether or not this lack of modernization contributed to the submarine's demise is a matter of conjecture. The most pertinent fact and the only important one from a purely humanitarian standpoint is that 99 sons, husbands and fathers never came home again.

We know the date and time that noted the end of the gallant crew of SSN-589. For decades, the floor of the world's oceans has seen the emplacement of the sound underwater surveillance network, extremely sensitive undersea microphones capable of detecting and recording the sounds of submarines, both allied and enemy. The Atlantic Command SOSUS net clearly recorded the struggle of the *Scorpion* after it suffered an initial catastrophic explosion, followed by the rest of the hull imploding as the vessel sank below crush depth.

In response to letters from family members hoping that the *Scorpion's* submariners did not suffer, Capt. George Bond, the father of saturation diving and the director of the Navy's Project Sealab, assured the families that at the depth the event took place, this type of instant flooding was accompanied with a wave of extremely high-pressure air, which caused cardiac arrest and death in the space of milliseconds. In effect, the crew died instantly. We can only hope so.

Let us remember the 99 fallen heroes of the submarine *Scorpion* and their families who have felt the loss of their sailors for so many years. Let us honor those brave men on the 40th anniversary of the day they made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. As with most other important moments in our nation's history, there is a profound meaning in this sad story which runs much deeper than a single Cold War tragedy.

Today, because of the War on Terror, our nation must remain 'on watch' just as we were on watch during the Cold War.

We've had to put up and maintain walls, manned by our best and brightest young people, using arms updated by research efforts. Some of these efforts are conducted right here on Kwajalein and paid for by the noble labors of the American taxpayer. As the Cold War proved, being on watch is very dangerous work.

The *Scorpion* went on 'Eternal Patrol' at 6:22 p.m.,

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transformation, the Bargain Bazaar was able to give \$21,000 and the Mic Shop \$50,000.

All the money from the Bargain Bazaar, which relies solely on your donations of goods and primarily on the purchases made by our Marshallese neighbors, goes back to Ebeye. The Mic Shop's purchases and proceeds are spread from as far as Palau, to other islands in the Marshalls with Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae in between.

The \$71,000 represents an enormous effort on the part of all the tireless members and volunteers of the YYWC.

This does not include the scholarships for our high school seniors

which total \$4,500 from our fundraiser Kaleidoscope of Music and the hard work and generous donations for the annual Outer Islands Christmas Drop.

I would like to thank the command for allowing us to provide quality goods and scholarships in safe and attractive venues. It would not be possible to do our good work without the command's continued goodwill. I would especially like to thank each and every person who volunteered, donated or purchased something to help our cause. We would not be here without you.

I would also like to say a fond farewell to those who are leaving this year. You will be gone, but definitely

not forgotten.

Don't forget us this summer. Call Paula Cummings for the Outer Islands Christmas Drop list and Meg Dolan for basket ideas for the annual Silent Auction in November.

Donate your unsold items to Bargain Bazaar and pick up your last minute handicrafts from the Mic Shop.

If you are staying, join us in providing education to the wonderful children of the Marshall Islands and Micronesia. We are not a stuffy club of ladies, but rather hard working, fun loving, engaged people who want to make a difference.

Kommel Tata,

— Lauren Traweek

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local time on May 22, 1968, 400 miles south of the Azores in the Atlantic Ocean,

They will never be forgotten. Their sacrifice was not in vain. They were patriots, faithfully guarding our country. They gave, in Lincoln's timeless words, the "last full mea-

sure of devotion." Although they did not live to see it, the crew earned the right to receive one last accolade, one last commendation to be part of a highly honorable group: The men who won the Cold War.

Please, don't forget them. Rest your oars, shipmates.

## Recognition

**U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll commander, Col. Stevenson Reed, presents Kwajalein Range Services employee Mel Sanchez with a certificate of appreciation Tuesday for his efforts with the Kwajalein Area Beautification Program.**

*Photo by Lee Craker*

# Four servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

**Staff Sgt. Victor M. Cota**, 33, of Tucson, Ariz., died May 14 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device in Kadamiyah, Iraq, May 13. He was assigned to the Special Troops Battalion, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.



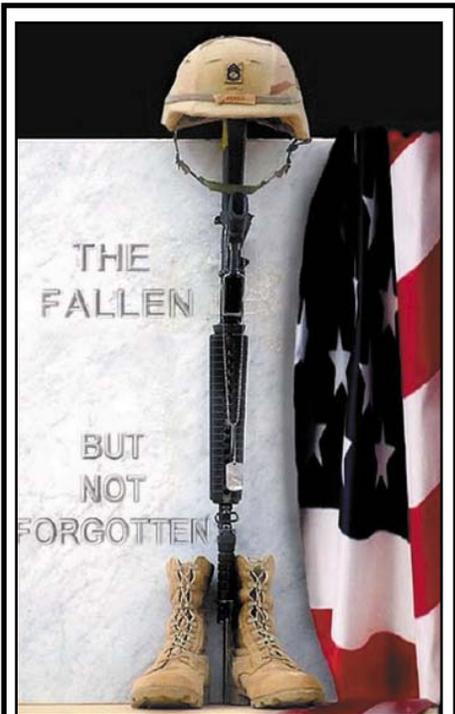
*"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."*  
— Gen. George S. Patton

**Pvt. Branden P. Haurert**, 21, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died May 18 in Tikrit, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Master Sgt. Davy N. Weaver**, 39, of Barnesville, Ga., died May 18 in Qalat, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encoun-

tered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Georgia Army National Guard, Macon, Ga.

**Cpl. William J. L. Cooper**, 22, of Eupora, Miss., died May 19 while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

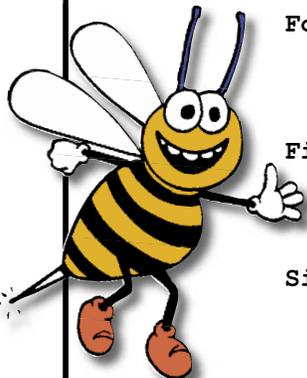


**The Memorial Day observance will be at 9 a.m., Tuesday, in Island Memorial Chapel**

Be sure all classified documents and offices containing classified materials are secure. Practice good OPSEC.



## Congratulations to the Spelling Bee winners



<b>Fourth Grade:</b>	<b>1st place:</b> Lydia Sauls
	<b>2nd place:</b> David Sholar
	<b>3rd place:</b> Alex Burnely
<b>Fifth Grade:</b>	<b>1st place:</b> Roanna Zackhras
	<b>2nd place:</b> Mereille Bishop
	<b>3rd place:</b> Bryce Smith
<b>Sixth Grade:</b>	<b>1st place:</b> Maddy Greene
	<b>2nd place:</b> Elizabeth Elkin
	<b>3rd place:</b> John Sholar

## Memorial Day (Tuesday) hours of operation

**Kwajalein**  
Beaches  
Emon Beach.....11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
All other beaches.....Buddy system  
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.....1-6 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.....10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Ten-Ten.....10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Gimbel's.....10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Macy's and Macy's West.....10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Laundry.....Closed  
Beauty/Barber.....Closed  
DVD Depot.....11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sunrise Bakery.....7 a.m.-noon  
Post Office Kwaj.....Closed Monday.....Open Tuesday  
Community Bank.....Closed  
ATM will be operational  
telephone and online banking will be available

**HELP WANTED**

**KRS and CMSI job listings for On-Island positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board outside of DVD Depot, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job listings for Contract positions are available at [www.krsjv.com](http://www.krsjv.com) and on the bulletin board outside of DVD Depot and on the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract positions are located online at [www.krsjv.com](http://www.krsjv.com).**

NEED EXTRA money? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for all Community Services Departments and the Human Resources Temporary Pool for Casual Positions such as: Sport officials, scorekeepers, delivery drivers, lifeguards, medical office receptionists, temporary office support, etc. Questions? Call 54916.

**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. The employee performs a variety of secretarial and other clerical and administrative functions, using judgment to answer recurring questions and resolve problems. Apply at <https://cpolwa.pp.belvoir.army.mil>.

**WANTED**

BLENDER. Call Sherry, 52137.

**FOUND**

RELIEF BAND DEVICE to control motion sickness, in baggage cart on Roi. Call Chuck Swanson, 56359.

**PATIO SALES**

SATURDAY, 8-10 a.m., Quarters 473-A.

SATURDAY, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., and MONDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, Quarters 124-E. Children's clothing, toys, furniture, computer equipment and accessories, queen-size bed, four twin beds, bunk bed frame and household goods.

SATURDAY, noon-6 p.m., Monday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and TUESDAY, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Quarters 112-C. PCS sale. Everything must go.

SATURDAY, 1:30-5:30 p.m., Quarters 124-B (in back). Pillows, silk flowers, plants, tee-shirts, video movies, rugs, men's shirts, coffee table, books, bookshelf, decorations, clothes, shoes, hardware, kitchen items, cassette tapes, bowling ball and 40-gallon aquarium. Rain cancels.

SATURDAY, 2-5:30 p.m., Quarters 416-A. Clothing, kitchen items, Christmas decorations, glass balls and more. No early birds.

MONDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, in front of the Yuk Club. Household items, clothes, towels, golf clubs, dishes and coffee maker.

**FOR SALE**

BOAT HOUSE ON Lot 35, has electricity and air-conditioning, must transfer soon, \$400. Call 50172.

HOOKED ON PHONICS for ages 4-7, paid \$100, will sell for \$25. Call 50976 or 52544.

SCUBA FINS, Oceanic, size 10/11 - \$40; TUSA fins, size small/medium, \$35; Sherwood Avid BCD, \$200; Sherwood Brut regulator with Genesis octopus, \$180; dive computer, Cressi-Sub Archimedes II, \$275; computer Desk, dorm size, new, \$50 and Sears dehumidifier, 70-pint, \$250. Call 51081.

DEHUMIDIFIER, 65-pint, new in box, paid \$225, will sell for \$125; PLASMA TV, 50-inch, by Vizio 1080i HDTV, model number P50HDTV, with hdmi cable and stand \$1,800 and a large eight-drawer cherry wood dresser from Home World in Hawaii, \$150. Call 54677 or 53986.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS tree, good quality, integrated lights. Call David, 54698.

BEACH CHAIRS, \$5 each; Whirlpool microwave and Oriental TV stand/entertainment center, \$50. Call 50958.

GRADY-WHITE 240 off shore boat with Yamaha 150 HP outboard motors, 150-gallon fuel tank,

**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.

stereo, VHF, and dual axel trailer, cabin with lots of storage space, lots of spare parts including two Yamaha engines, located on Boat Lot 4, \$35,000. Call 59335 or 59081.

HOBIE GETAWAY catamaran, less than one year old, near new condition, fast, comfortable, includes all sails, wheels and sail trailer, \$8,000. Call 53003, home or 50619, work.

TV, 27-INCH, \$200. Call 54543.

SHORE FISHING ROD and reels, charcoal grill and Hawaiian sling. Call 50010.

RUGS (two), 8-inches by 10-inches, \$20 each; aquarium, 10-gallon, with accessories, \$25; Mariner 100-horsepower engines (two), run great, \$3,000 for both; Epson cx 9400 all-in-one printer, new in box, \$90; Olympus 770sw 7.1 megapixel digital camera, waterproof to 30 feet, with extra battery and XD memory card, \$250. Call Mike, 55987.

WOMENS DIVE GEAR set, like new \$700; bamboo blinds, perfect for Reef BQ window, \$20; single-burner, \$10; Mr. Coffee one-cup, \$5; plastic shelving, \$5; set of silverware and caddy, \$5; lifejackets, two, size medium, \$10 and iron, \$3. Call 54812 or 53347.

PCS SALE. Golf clubs and bag with Wilson Fat Shaft irons and Taylor Made driver; Sony WEGA 32-inch flat panel TV; microwave oven; Two four-cup coffee makers and Black & Decker 10-speed blender. Call 59994 and

*Cafe Pacific*

**Lunch**

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	May 30
Swedish meatballs	Smoked ham	Beef tips in Burgundy	Broiled ono	Stuffed cabbage	Fried chicken	Bistik tagalog
Kalua pork and cabbage	Meat and cheese pizza	Whole roast chicken	Broccoli/rice casserole	Stuffed peppers	Short rib stew	Inahow baboy
Macaroni and cheese	Szechuan beef	Ham Marco Polo	Beef/peapod stir-fry	Chicken pot pie	Red beans in broth	Pancit bihon
Grill: Fish sandwich	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Tuna melt	Grill: Ham stacker	Grill: Teriyaki burger

**Dinner**

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Pot roast with gravy	Chicken-fried chicken	Spaghetti	Sweet-and-sour pork	Salisbury steak	Prime rib	Roast pork
Chicken adobo	Parker Ranch stew	Veal Alfredo	Chicken hekka	Barbecued chicken	Lemon-herb chicken	Beef fajitas
Hot apples/cinnamon	Vegetarian beans	Pesto mahi mahi	Korean beef steak	Spicy tofu/veggies	Beer-battered cod	Chicken enchiladas

Rabbi Shmuel Schneerson will preside over Havdala, a prayer bidding farewell to Shabbat at 6 p.m., Saturday, at Coral Sands. Bring pupus and your own beverages.

Schneerson will also lead a discussion on Jewish topics at 10 a.m., Sunday in the Religious Education Building.

The community is invited to both events.

leave a message.

MEN'S SHIMANO Roadmaster mountain sport bike, 18-speed, front suspension, very good shape, \$80. Call 52576.

RAISED DECK with furniture, high quality, treated, \$550; solar light, \$50 and solar exhaust fan, \$50. Call 50172.

GUITAR: 12-String Larrivee, J-09, Jumbo solid rosewood and spruce, near mint condition. See Acoustic Guitar magazine, March 2008 for information on Larrivee guitars. Serious inquiries only. \$1,050 or best offer. Call 51061 or 52989.

QUEEN SLEEPER sofa, \$125; full-size futon \$100; oak barstools, \$40; large entertainment center, \$50; small entertainment center, \$25; Sun bikes, \$40; computer desk, \$20; filing cabinet, \$10; coffee cart, \$20, mini-fridge, \$75; ice maker, \$100; toaster oven, \$30; large Panasonic microwave, \$75 and full wet suit, \$20. Call Angela, 58123.

RCA 27-INCH TV, \$50 and underwater scooter, used three times, \$150. Call 52788.

OIL PAINTING of two Geisha women in traditional Japanese style, painted by long-time Kwajalein resident, Toshi Tanigawa, in silver metal frame, 20-inches by 30-inches, \$125. Call 54613.

THREE-PANEL photo screen, holds eight-inch by ten-inch pictures, \$50; Bunco game, new, \$20; leather jewelry box, great for travel, \$50; duffle bag, \$10 and wicker newspaper/magazine rack, \$10. Call 53627.

JAPANESE GLASS fishing floats. Call Dennis, 51850, work, or 54489, home,

PCS SALE. Oak dining room table and six chairs \$350; matching mirror, \$50; large tool chest, \$50; two metal shelving units, \$5 set; double reclining love seat with blue slipcovers, \$150; two floor lamps, \$5 each; king-sized air mattress for waterbed frame, \$100; dishwasher,

**Take advantage of Grace Sherwood Library's late fees amnesty.**  
In an effort to square away books and inventory before the school year ends, the library is giving patrons a break. Through June 16, all late fees and fine will be ½ off. Return your material and pay outstanding fees before you leave for the summer.

**The United States Postal Service raised the postage rate to 42 cents as of May 12. The Forever Stamp will still get your letters delivered.**

**Changes for postage rates, shipping fees and extra services:**

- First class mail not over one ounce, 42 cents
- First class priority envelope, \$4.80
- Flat rate priority boxes, \$9.80

**Call the Post Office for shipping fees and extra services**



\$200; and microwave, available June 1, \$100. Call 53884.

PCS sale. Boat, 21-foot fiberglass hull, bimini top, 225-horsepower outboard, 50-gallon fuel tank, radio, safety equipment, trailer and house, \$8,400; 27-foot fiberglass Crown Line cabin cruiser, 350 mercury stern drive, 15-horsepower kicker, trailer and house. \$ 22,000 and Bose 901 speakers with EQ, \$300. Call 59662.

GRADY-WHITE 240 off-shore boat with Yamaha 150-horsepower outboard motors, 150-gallon fuel tank, stereo, VHF, and dual-axle trailer, cabin with lots of storage space, lots of spare parts including two Yamaha engines, located on boat lot four, \$35,000. Call Hilton, 59335 or 59081.

NIKE SPORT earpods, white, new, never used. Call 50545.

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

COUNTRY NIGHT is 8:30 pm., Sunday, at the Ocean View Club.

Did you recently complete a beliefs statement survey for the Kwajalein School System? Are you interested in learning the results from the perspectives of staff, students, and other parents? Would you like to take an active role in the school improvement process? If so, join the school improvement team at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in the multi-purpose room for an interactive and hands-on-experience. The Spartans Espresso will be treating all participants to their critically acclaimed coffee drinks. The Kwajalein School system is committed to improvement and we can't do it without you.

KWAJALEIN ATOLL International Sportfishing Club meets at 7 p.m., Wednesday, at the Pacific Club. Food and beverages will be served. Newcomers welcome.

CELEBRATE YOUR child's reading success during the George Seitz Reading Counts assembly at 12:45 p.m., May 31, in the multi-purpose room.

THE PUBLIC is invited to attend the Baccalaureate service for the 2008 Senior Class at 6:30 p.m., June 1, at Island Memorial Chapel. A dessert reception will follow.

RAD PIN BOWLING bowling will be 1-4 p.m., June 1, at the Bowling Center.

GRADUATION FLOWERS will arrive the afternoon of June 5 at Macy's.

REGISTER NOW for the lifeguard class June 7-20. The class will meet on select dates and times. Cost is \$65. Registration ends June 6. For more information, call Mandie, 52847.

GET YOUR children ready for summer with the American Red Cross swimming lessons June 13-26. Cost is \$25. For information and to register, call Mandie, 52847.

IF YOUR CHILD will turn 5 prior to Sept. 1, stop by the elementary school office to register for kindergarten. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record and a copy of a current physical. Questions? Call 53601.

RESIDENT HAS one pund of whole seed Fenugreek and would like to share it with any island chefs who would like some. It's good for homemade curry seasoning. Call Jim, 54765, home, or 51070, work.

LICENSED KWAJALEIN BOATERS, come have a 'Shaggy' boating experience. *Shaggy* is the pontoon boat. It holds up to 10 passengers and can be reserved as a second boat with a B-boat reservations. Questions? Call 53643.

HOUSING RESIDENTS are reminded that the Residential Yard Care and Landscaping SPI prohibits the use of concrete cylinders in the upright position. When used for plant and sidewalk borders they must be placed horizontally and only one high. Concrete blocks are not to be used in landscaping applications. Questions? Contact the building inspector at [billy.abston@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:billy.abston@smdck.smdc.army.mil) or call 53288.

CAC CARD OWNERS are reminded to check the expiration date on their CAC card. The process for renewing a CAC prior to the expiration date is: Check the CAC expiration date on the card. If the CAC is expiring soon, contact your employer's Human Resources department to begin the CAC update process in contractor verification system. After receiving a notification from HR confirming the information has been updated, contact the CAC office, 58496, for an appointment.

# Mullen cites importance of Memorial Day

Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, cited the importance of remembering the cost of freedom in a Memorial Day message to the armed forces.

His full message follows: "Let no ravages of time testify to the present or the coming generations that we, as a people, have forgotten the cost of a free and undivided republic."

"With that solemn promise, Army General John Logan signed the order in 1868 that established Memorial Day. We have honored his promise faithfully ever since, and this year —

with our nation still at war and a new generation of heroes fighting and dying for freedom — we will do it again.

"The 'cost' of which Logan wrote is, of course, the blood spilt of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country. It is the hardest currency of all, once spent never to be recouped, a debt we can never truly, fully repay.

"And yet, Memorial Day provides us the opportunity at the very least to acknowledge that debt, to recognize this incredible sacrifice and to recommit ourselves to making sure it wasn't spent in vain.

"Upon the graves of our war dead — be they from Lexington and Concord; Gettysburg and Antietam; the Argonne Forest or the beaches of Normandy; Chosin and Inchon; Saigon and the Mekong Delta; Baghdad or Kandahar — rests not only the memories and the pride of valor past, but the hope and the vision of a better, more peaceful future.

"Please join me this Memorial Day in remembering, on behalf of present and coming generations, the deep and abiding debt we owe to our fallen and to their loved ones."

# NATO allies extend length of Afghanistan tours

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

Two NATO allies have agreed to Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates' request to extend their commands of Regional Command South from nine to 12 months, Pentagon Press Secretary Geoff Morrell said Wednesday.

The Dutch will assume command from the Canadians in November, becoming the first NATO International Security Assistance Force country to command Regional Command South for a full year.

Great Britain will follow the Netherlands for another 12-month command, Morrell said.

Morrell said it's too soon to know how long the United States will command Regional Command South when it assumes command from the British in November 2010, but indicated it would most likely be a year.

"We believe this [12-month] arrangement ...will provide greater predictability, continuity [and] stability in this volatile, but vitally important, region of Afghanistan," he said.

The command extensions do not affect European nations' troop rotations in Afghanistan, typically three to six months.

Morrell conceded that these short deployments create "a lot of turnover," but said extended command lengths will help reduce the disruption. Longer command tours will create "greater stability and continuity to our operations in RC South," he said. The change could shift focus to other command changes.

"We are always looking at ways to improve the command structure in Afghanistan," Morrell said, noting that more than 40 countries contribute to the effort. "It is a complicated, large operation, and we are constantly looking at ways to improve how we run it."

**Child and Youth Services is conducting the annual needs assessment survey by mail to determine local child care needs. Residents are requested to return the CYS surveys to the drop box at the Post Office by May 24 (even if they have no children). This is requested so an accurate count of surveys can be made. Questions? Call Micah, 55128.**

**The last day of operation for Ten-Ten store is May 30. Surfway will open 10 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week, May 31 through Aug. 22. All C-Badge and TDY personnel will be allowed to make purchases. (Some restrictions apply). Questions? Call 53607.**

## Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

**Saturday:** Partly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 13-18 knots.  
**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 12-17 knots.  
**Monday:** Partly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 12-15 knots.  
**Tuesday:** Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 9-15 knots.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E 11-15 knots.  
**Thursday:** Partly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 12-18 knots.  
**May 30:** Partly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-ESE at 13-19 knots.

Annual total: 25.89 inches  
Annual deviation: +0.53 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit [www.rts-wx.com](http://www.rts-wx.com).

## Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	10:20 p.m./9:30 a.m.	6:11 a.m., 4.0' 6:36 p.m., 2.8'	12:43 p.m., 0.1'
Sunday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	11:15 p.m./10:21 a.m.	6:48 a.m., 3.8' 7:17 p.m., 2.7'	12:20 a.m., 0.4' 1:23 p.m., 0.3'
Monday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	11:58 p.m./11:12 a.m.	7:30 a.m., 3.6' 8:10 p.m., 2.5'	12:59 a.m., 0.6' 2:11 p.m., 0.5'
Tuesday	6:29 a.m./7:04 p.m.	/12:01 p.m.	8:23 a.m., 3.4' 9:20 p.m., 2.5'	1:50 a.m., 0.9' 3:11 p.m., 0.7'
Wednesday	6:29 a.m./7:04 p.m.	12:40 a.m./12:49 p.m.	9:32 a.m., 3.2' 10:45 p.m., 2.7'	3:02 a.m., 1.1' 4:23 p.m., 0.7'
Thursday	6:29 a.m./7:04 p.m.	1:21 a.m./1:38 p.m.	10:54 a.m., 3.1' 5:34 p.m., 0.6'	4:37 a.m., 1.1' 5:34 p.m., 0.6'
May 30	6:29 a.m./7:04 p.m.	2:02 a.m./2:28 p.m.	12:03 a.m., 3.0' 12:13 p.m., 3.2'	6:07 a.m., 0.9' 6:36 p.m., 0.4'