

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Left to right, Shelley Childers, Jordan Ruggiero, Jordan Klein, Daisey Airam, John Landgraff and Michiko Capelle lead the Kwajalein High School Class of 2008 to the Island Memorial Chapel for the Baccalaureate service Sunday evening. For more, see Page 6.

(Photo by Dan Adler)

Tales of bravery shouldn't be forgotten

Editor's note: Today is the 64th anniversary of D-Day. Although 64 years is a long time, what brave men did to free the world of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan should never be forgotten, or fade with the years. The men who lived through that day and the days that followed are dying at the rate of 1,000 per day. Soon, there will be none of them left, and it will be up to us to keep the memory of what they did alive. This commentary was first printed in the June 7, 2006 issue. We felt it was appropriate to print it again on this day. Also, see Page 4 for more on D-Day.

The ships sailed through the dark night. There were gale force winds, sheets of rain and huge swells that tossed the men tightly packed on board the vessels.

Those men were in agony with seasickness. There was hardly any space below decks where it didn't reek of vomit and sweat.

What those sick, miserable men

would attempt to do the next morning was the biggest gamble in the history of mankind.

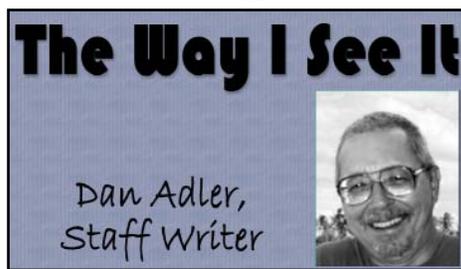
At 3:30 a.m., June 6, 1944, the men were brought up on the decks of the ships.

As the dawn broke in a misty fog, the sea had calmed and the men were at their stations. They peered through the fog and the smoke of the big Navy guns and the Air Corps bombs that had pounded the land for hours and saw the coast of France.

On the expanse of shore the ships were spread out along, the men could see places that history would call Juno, Gold, Sword, Utah and one that was code named 'Easy Red.' It would be known as Omaha. They were the five beaches the troops would land on.

As the covering fire lifted, the men climbed down the nets into landing craft and began the long journey to the shore.

The men of the U.S. 1st Infantry Division and the U.S. 29th Infantry Division headed for six-mile wide



Omaha Beach.

The battle-hardened German 352nd Infantry Division waited behind some 15,000 concrete bunkers and machine gun nests positioned for criss-cross fire over the beach, all sitting atop a 150-foot bluff. In addition, anti-personnel and anti-tank mines had been planted under the sand and razor-sharp concertina wire had been strung on the beach.

That place was about to become 'bloody' Omaha.

As the landing craft approached the beaches, the men could hear the

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Bush presents Medal of Honor

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Medal of Honor recipient Army Spc. Ross A. McGinnis joined a select group of military heroes during a Pentagon ceremony here today.

Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England hosted the event that added McGinnis' name to the roster of other Army Medal of Honor recipients. Army Secretary Pete Geren and Gen. Richard R. Cody, the Army's vice chief of staff, also attended the event at the library and conference center.

Medal of Honor recipients "are our nation's most-revered heroes," England said. "And every time a name is added, that individual's story enriches the significance of this award."

McGinnis was an exceptional, selfless soldier who gave his life so that his comrades could live, England said.

Then Pfc. McGinnis died at age 19 in northeastern Baghdad on Dec. 4, 2006, while protecting his comrades from an enemy grenade that was thrown into his Humvee. McGinnis, who'd been riding top-side in the vehicle's gunner hatch, dropped down and used his body to absorb the effects of the exploding grenade, thus saving four fellow soldiers: Sgt. 1st Class Cedric Thomas, Staff Sgt. Ian Newland, Sgt. Lyle Buehler, and Spc. Sean Lawson.

"From the Minutemen at Bunker Hill to our warriors in Iraq and Afghanistan, our history is filled with stories of individuals sacrificing their own lives to secure for us the profound gift of peace and freedom," England observed.

"U.S. and allied troops stormed the beaches of Normandy in northern France during World War II's D-Day on June 6, 1944," England recalled. The tens of thousands of servicemembers who participated in the successful amphibious landings helped to ensure the collapse of Nazi Germany and the return of freedom to Europe," he said.

"Their courage decisively changed the course of history," England said, adding that four U.S. troops earned the Medal of Honor for their actions on the Normandy beaches.

"Ross was securing those very freedoms for Americans and the people of Iraq when he made the ultimate sacrifice," England said.

Ross McGinnis "had decided that the lives of his friends were more important than his own," Geren observed. "Our duty to Ross and to the memory of Ross and our duty to his family is for all of us to live lives worthy of his sacrifice. His memory will live in this Army forever," Geren vowed.

McGinnis and his comrades braved insurgents' bombs and sniper fire almost every day in Baghdad, Cody said, "because they

knew we must defeat al-Qaida in Iraq, to keep not only our country safe, but to provide the Iraqis a safe and secure environment so they could rebuild their country."

When McGinnis acted to protect his fellow soldiers from the grenade, he knew full well he would not survive the blast, Cody said.

"There is no greater act of personal courage, loyalty or

selfless service than this," he said.

McGinnis' father and mother, Tom and Romayne McGinnis, attended the Pentagon event. Tom McGinnis spoke a few words.

"Ross is the reason that we're here. And, the reason that Ross is not here is because his Army buddies were more important than life itself," Tom said. "We appreciate all the memorials, the gifts (and) the special attention that we've been given since Ross died."

Tom said people's kind words have greatly helped him and his wife cope with the loss of their son. Yet, he added, it's important to remember U.S. servicemembers that are still serving at home and abroad.

"Our troops also need our support," McGinnis' father emphasized. "They put their lives on the line for us — sometimes for four years, sometimes for two years, sometimes for 20 years. but, when they get home they also need our support."

President George W. Bush presented the Medal of Honor to McGinnis' parents yesterday at a White House ceremony.

"The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest military distinction; it is given for valor beyond anything that duty could require or a superior could command," Bush said, before presenting the medal to McGinnis' parents during the East Room ceremony.

"America will never forget those who came forward to bear the battle," Bush vowed. "America will always honor the name of this brave soldier who gave all for his country."

McGinnis enlisted in the Army at age 17 on June 14, 2004. At the time of his death, McGinnis was a private first class assigned to 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, in Schweinfurt, Germany. McGinnis was promoted to specialist posthumously. He is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

McGinnis' family received their son's Silver Star and Purple Heart medals in December 2006 at a memorial service in their hometown of Knox, Pa., about 60 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.



President George W. Bush leads the applause to honor U.S. Army Pfc. Ross A. McGinnis after presenting the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously to his parents, Tom and Romayne McGinnis, of Knox, Pa., June 2, at the White House.

Nations of the world that took part in the D-Day invasion of Europe



Australia

Most of the 1,100 officers and men of the Royal Australian Volunteer Naval Reserve taking part in Operation Neptune on D-Day served aboard British ships or as commanders of several landing flotillas and motor torpedo boats. Approximately 11,000 Royal Australian Air Force officers and men served with Royal Air Force or RAAF squadrons for

every phase of D-Day. Australia also provided 15 percent of the 1136 aircraft committed by Bomber Command on D-Day.



Belgium

The Belgian Section of the RAF received official recognition as Belgian Forces on June 4, 1942. On D-Day Belgium's 350th Squadron participated in the aerial defense of Gold and Sword Beaches. Before the amphibious landing got underway, Belgium's 349th Squadron provided covering fire for the US

82nd Airborne Division's drop at Sainte-Mère-Église. Two Belgian corvettes, three merchant ships, and three Congo boats also served in Operation Neptune.



Canada

On D-Day about 15,000 troops serving in Canada's Third Infantry Division landed on Juno Beach under the operational control of the British 1st Corps. The Royal Canadian Air Force committed 39 strategic and tactical squadrons on D-Day, flying 230 sorties of the 1,200 mounted by Bomber Command. Nearly 10,000 officers and men (more than six times the strength of the Royal Canadian Navy in 1939) served aboard

the 126 Canadian fighting ships, 44 landing craft among them, participating in Operation Neptune on D-Day.



Czechoslovakia

Because the Free Czechoslovakian Army's 1st Armored Brigade did not deploy to Normandy until several weeks after the Allied landing, Czechoslovakia's participation in D-Day was limited to the air. Of the four Czechoslovakian squadrons flying with the RAF, all took part in D-Day. The colors

flown at the National D-day Memorial are those of the former Czechoslovakia as well as the present Czech Republic. Their display here implicitly and respectfully acknowledges the contributions of those who lived in what is now Slovakia to the Allied effort on D-Day.



France

France contributed three fighter groups and four bomber groups to the Allied Expeditionary Air Force on D-Day. Two French cruisers and a destroyer took part in the naval bombardment, and French frigates, corvettes, and submarine chasers performed escort duty. The contribution of the Maquis (French Forces

of the Interior) to the D-Day landing is noteworthy and includes the disruption of lines of communication such as bridges, railways, roads, and land lines as well as the sabotage and destruction of Nazi vehicles and equipment.



Greece

Limiting its naval and military commitment primarily to the Balkans and Mediterranean, Greece nevertheless did deploy two Royal Hellenic Navy corvettes for Operation Neptune. Those vessels escorted convoys to Juno, Gold, and Sword Beaches. As was the case with individual citizens

of other Nazi-occupied or neutral nations, including some who were unable to contribute either units or vessels to the Allied Expeditionary Force, a number of Greek soldiers, sailors, and airmen served as volunteers with Allied Forces on D-Day.



Netherlands

The modest Dutch military force that escaped to England when the Netherlands fell did not participate in Operation Overlord. A cruiser, HMNS Sumatra, and two gunboats did represent the Dutch Navy in Operation Neptune. The two gunboats fired in support of the landings on Utah and Gold Beaches. Three days after D-Day, the

Sumatra, its armor dismantled, was intentionally scuttled near the shore to form part of the breakwater for one of the artificial harbors that were critical to the operation's logistical support.



New Zealand

About 30,000 members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force were in Operation Overlord. Squadrons of New Zealand's fighters and bombers flew in every phase, the former performing with particular efficacy above Omaha Beach on D-Day. Some 4,000 officers and men of the Royal New Zealand Naval

Volunteer Reserve also took part in Operation Neptune. On D-Day many of New Zealand's junior officers commanded either landing craft delivering troops to the British beaches or one of the numerous motor torpedo boats interdicting German E-boats.



Norway

Ten warships of the Royal Norwegian Navy in exile took part in Operation Neptune. The Svenner, a brand new destroyer, was struck midship by a German torpedo at H-1 and went down in a quarter-hour. The Norwegian Merchant Navy also

committed forty-three ships to the operation, six of them on D-Day itself. Two of the cargo ships were scuttled to create a breakwater for landing craft. On D-Day two fighter squadrons from the Royal Norwegian Air Force in exile flew in the Norwegian Wing of the Allied Second Tactical Air Force.



Poland

Mindful of Germany's Sept. 1, 1939 invasion of Poland, the government-in-exile was eager for its forces to participate in D-Day. Polish ground troops did not deploy until later, but the Polish Wing of the 84th Royal Air Force Group and a Polish bomber squadron supported the D-Day landing. One Polish

destroyer took part in the Eastern Task Force's naval bombardment of the coast; four additional Polish warships as well as eight merchant ships played various roles in Operation Neptune.



United Kingdom

On D-Day the British Second Army composed of two corps (including three British divisions with auxiliary units and services - some 62,000 Britons) landed on and around Gold Beach, Sword Beach, and along the Orne River toward Caen. The UK provided about 80 percent of the Allied warships in Operation Neptune. The Royal Air Force flew 5,656

sorties in direct support of the landing. Air Chief Marshal Arthur Tedder served as deputy supreme commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force. The senior land, sea, and air commanders were British.



United States

On D-Day the U.S. First Army comprising two corps (five divisions with auxiliary units and services - about 73,000 troops) landed on and around Omaha Beach, Utah Beach, and the Cotentin Peninsula. The US provided 16.5 percent of the Allied warships in Operation Neptune and hundreds of landing vessels. Two U.S. air forces - 6,080 tactical and

strategic aircraft - served in the Allied Expeditionary Air Force.

The free men of the world are marching together to victory. I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full victory. Good luck, and let us all beseech the blessings of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

— from Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's D-Day order.

D-Day, June 6, 1944

“You ask, ‘What is our aim?’ I can answer with one word: Victory — victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival.”

— Winston Churchill

Information from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum

The D-Day operation of June 6, 1944 brought together the land, air and sea forces of the allied armies in what became known as the largest invasion force in human history. The operation, given the codename OVERLORD, delivered five naval assault divisions to the beaches of Normandy, France. The invasion force included 7,000 ships and landing craft manned by over 195,000 naval personnel from eight allied countries. Almost 125,000 troops from England, Canada and the United States landed on D-Day. Casualties from the three countries during the landing numbered 10,300. By June 30th, more than 850,000 men, 148,000 vehicles, and 570,000 tons of supplies had landed on the Normandy shores. Fighting by the brave soldiers, sailors and airmen of the allied forces western front and Russian forces on the eastern front led to the defeat of German Nazi forces. On May 7, 1945, German General Alfred Jodl signed an unconditional surrender at Reims, France.

Prelude to Operation Overlord

During the first six months of 1944, the United States and Great Britain concentrated land, naval, and air forces in England to prepare for Operation Overlord, the assault on Hitler’s “Fortress Europe.” While the Soviet Union tied down a great portion of the enemy’s forces, the western Allies marshaled their resources, trained their forces, separately and jointly, for the operation, and fine tuned the invasion plans to take full advantage of their joint and combined capabilities.

Before the invasion, the air and sea components played major roles. The 12,000 planes of the Allied air forces swept the Luftwaffe from the skies, photographed enemy defenses, dropped supplies to the resistance, bombed railways, attacked Germany’s industries and isolated the battlefield. The Allies’ naval component was similarly active during the buildup. The navies escorted convoys, patrolled and protected the English Channel, reconnoitered beaches and beach defenses, conducted amphibious rehearsals and organized a mighty flotilla to land the assault forces in France.

Meanwhile, the nine army divisions (three airborne and six infantry) from the United States, Britain and Canada trained and rehearsed their roles in the carefully choreographed operation. Rangers climbed cliffs,



American troops struggle through waist high water under heavy German fire at Omaha Beach on June 6, 1944.

engineers destroyed beach obstacles, quartermasters stockpiled supplies and infantrymen waded through the English surf as each honed the skills necessary for the invasion’s success.

D-Day operations

The invasion itself gave prominence to land forces but provided major roles for air and sea components. Allied air forces carried three airborne divisions into battle, protected the force as it crossed the English Channel, and attacked targets throughout the invasion area before and after the landing in support of the assault forces. More than 5,000 ships — from battle ships to landing craft — carried, escorted and landed the assault force along the Normandy coast. Once the force was landed, naval gunfire provided critical support for the soldiers as they fought their way across the beaches.

In the invasion’s early hours, more than 1,000 transports dropped paratroopers to secure the flanks

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Photos by Dan Adler

Members of the Class of 2008 walk from the Religious Education Building to Island Memorial Chapel for the Bacculaureate service Sunday evening.

Senior class one step away from ending their high school days

By Dan Adler
Interim Manager

The Kwajalein High School senior class of 2008 was honored at the Bacculaureate ceremony Sunday evening in the Island Memorial Chapel.

To the sound of Pachebel's *Canon in D*, the seniors walked one by one down the center aisle on a traditional woven runner stretching the length of the aisle that had the words 'Follow Your Dreams' on it. The mat is the result of six months of weaving by Marie Jaik of Ujae Atoll.

Class members wore traditional matching dresses and wuts for

the girls and matching shirts and trousers for the boys.

After the class was seated, Rev. Rick Funk began the ceremony by giving the invocation and then welcoming the audience and introducing the Class of 2008.

LTC Jeff Klein was the first speaker of the evening. He told the seniors and audience that he was not going to give the usual speech of inspiration and encouragement and proceeded to share a list of simple things the students could do to handle the inevitable stresses of life.

"This list is not my own," he said. "it was provided to me by a Vietnamese language teacher while I was attending the Defense Lan-

guage Institute."

Klein continued that the teacher had spent seven years in a Communist re-education camp in Vietnam before escaping as a boat person in the '80s.

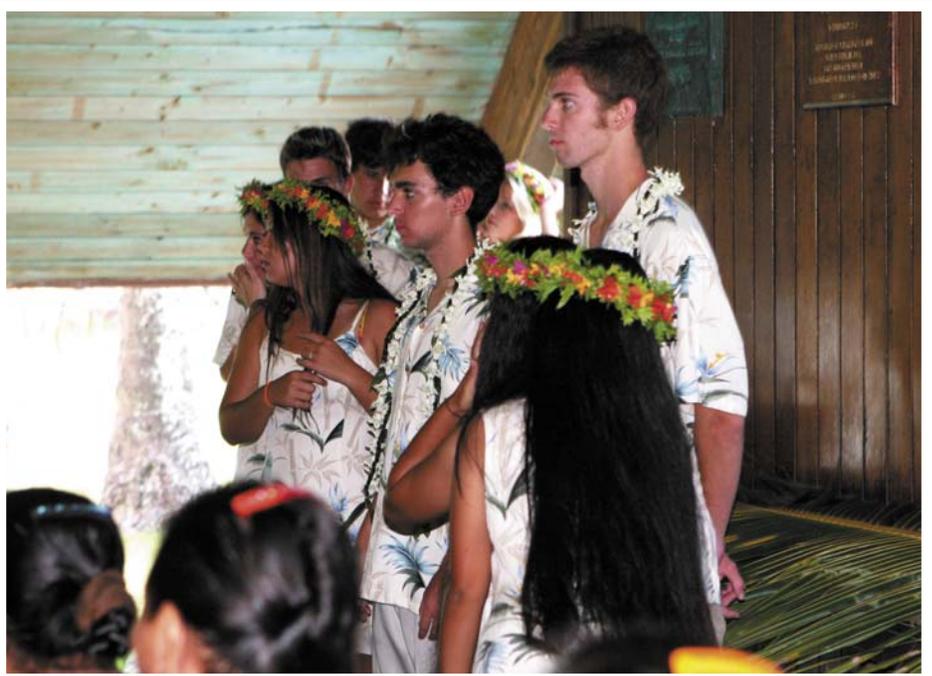
"Without a doubt, if there was ever a man that knew how to handle stress and to stay motivated and inspired, this was the man. Ong Nghiem always had a smile on his face and never had a negative thing to say about anything or anyone," said Klein.

Klein related that he asked Nghiem how he could stay so positive. Nghiem told him he had a list and Klein asked him for a copy.

"Let me share some of its wisdom with you," Klein said.



Coach Ellis Farris delivers a speech to the senior class. The class overwhelmingly voted for him to be guest speaker.



The senior class enters the chapel to begin the ceremony.

- Avoid negative people
- Make duplicate keys
- Unclutter your life
- Smile
- Stop saying negative things to yourself
- Say something nice to someone
- Visualize yourself winning
- Develop your sense of humor
- Practice breathing slowly
- Take time to smell some flowers
- Ask someone to be your 'vent

- partner'
- Put safety first
- Hum a jingle
- Feed the birds
- Strive for excellence, not perfection
- Become a better listener
- Look at a work of art
- Plant a tree
- Look up at the stars
- Go on a picnic
- Watch a movie and eat popcorn
- Recognize the importance of unconditional love
- Keep a journal
- Quit trying to fix other people
- Say hello to a stranger
- Get enough sleep
- Remember you have options
- Freely praise others
- Read a poem
- Break large tasks into bite-size portions
- Do it today
- Always make copies of important papers
- Relax. Take each day at a time, you have the rest of your life to live



LTC Jeff Klein speaks to the senior class at the Baccalaureate.

Klein was giving a copy of the list to each senior. "It's not magic," he said, "but maybe you can find some inspiration, motivation and encourage-

ment in its suggestions."

The next to speak was Rev. Lawson Matauoto, senior pastor of the United Church of Christ on Ebeye. He stressed the importance of faith and told the seniors to "always expect the best, but prepare for the worst."

Ellis Farris then walked to the podium. He is known to Kwajalein students and the community as 'Coach.' He has been on Kwajalein for 17 years and will be leaving after the school year.

As a testament to how much he means to the students, the senior class overwhelmingly voted to have him as their guest speaker.

Farris began by saying how thankful he was for the opportunity to address the class on such an important occasion.

"I was more than a little stunned when I was invited to speak this evening," he said. "I don't have the credentials to be the evening's speaker. I'm no celebrity, I'm not president of anything, and frankly, I'm scared silly."

Farris reflected on his own life and the questions he had when he graduated from high school. Questions like "What's ahead?" "Where will I be?" "Will I be prepared?" "Can I do it?"

Farris continued, "But standing

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here, I realize I was lucky enough in my life to have had friends, coaches, mentors and teachers who said, “yes, you can”

He said, “You graduates may have some of those same questions. No one can answer all of them, but I can answer the last one — the answer is ‘yes, you can’”

Farris spoke about what the students had learned so far and that they should know how to make good choices.

“Whatever opportunities are presented to you, try to make the best of them,” he said. “Gather more information and have some more of life’s lessons.”

He told the students they were entitled to celebrate graduation, but that they should think about what their goals are and make them higher.

“Dream, imagine, hope. Don’t fall short and don’t quit. Because if you do, then you’ll never know what might have been,” he said.

He advised the students to give back, to be a mentor and to volunteer. He encouraged them to be role models.

Farris told the class, “Kwaj is blessed with a wonderful community in which neighbors extend the hand of friendship and help. The world is a place, above all, where people live and the quality of the world is judged by the quality of its’ people. Remember that, and remember that the secret of the quality of life in our world is that hand of friendship and that hand of help.”

He concluded by telling the students to go travel new paths and to, “become the person I know all of you can be. And always remember, ‘yes, you can!’”

When Farris finished speaking, he received standing applause.

Special music was provided by Raney Bolkeim, Jr. who played *Ij Komolol Jinu im Jema* (Thank You Mom and Dad), and by Julius Paul and Michiko Capelle who sang *Kwe Jino, Kotej Ibba* (For My Family).

The United Church of Christ Shining Star Choir also sang at the ceremony.

The Senior Class of 2008 graduates at 6:30 p.m., tonight, in the multi-purpose room.



The seniors enter the chapel on a woven mat with the words “Follow Your Dreams” on it. The mat is the result of six months of weaving by Marie Jaik of Ujae Atoll.



Julius Paul sings *Kwe Jino, Kotej Ibba* (For My Family) with Michiko Capelle (not pictured) during the Baccalaureate.



Raney Bolkeim, Jr. plays *Ij Komolol Jinu im Jema* (Thank You, Mom and Dad).

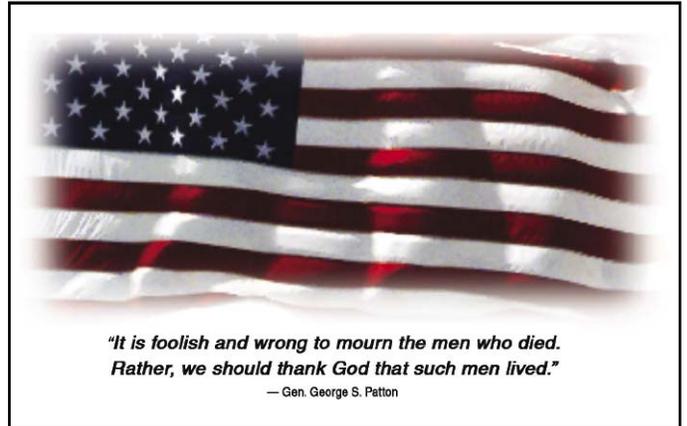


The United Church of Christ Shining Star Choir sings at the ceremony.

Two servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

Pfc. Chad M. Trimble, 29, of West Covina, Calif., died May 28, near Gardez, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Sgt. 1st Class David Nunez, 27, of Los Angeles, Calif., died May 29 in Shewan, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when he encountered small arms fire while conducting combat operations. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.



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and beach exits of the assault area. Amphibious craft landed some 125,000 troops on five beaches along 50 miles of Normandy coast between the Cotentin Peninsula and the Orne River while the air forces controlled the skies overhead. In the eastern zone, the British and Canadians landed on GOLD, JUNO and SWORD Beaches. The Americans landed on two beaches in the west--UTAH and OMAHA. As the Allies came ashore, they took the first steps on the final road to victory in Europe.

Omaha Beach

The landing by regiments of the 1st and 29th Infantry divisions and Army Rangers on OMAHA Beach was even more difficult than expected. When the first wave landed at 6:30 a.m., the men found that naval gunfire and air bombardments had not softened German defenses or resistance. Along the 7,000 yards of Normandy shore German defenses were as close to that of an Atlantic Wall as any of the D-Day beaches. Enemy positions that looked down from bluffs as high as 170 feet, and water and beach obstacles strewn across the narrow strip of beach, stopped the assault at the water's edge for much of the morning of D-Day.

By mid-morning, initial reports painted such a bleak portrait of beachhead conditions that Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, United States First Army commander, considered pulling off the beach and landing troops elsewhere along the coast. However, during these dark hours, bravery and initiative came to the fore. As soldiers struggled, one leader told his men that two types of people would stay on the beach—the dead and those going to die—so they'd better get the hell out of there, and they did.

Slowly, as individuals and then in groups, soldiers began to cross the fire-swept beach. Supported by Allied naval gunfire from destroyers steaming dangerously close to shore, the American infantrymen gained the heights and beach exits and drove the enemy inland. By day's end V Corps had a tenuous toehold on the Normandy Coast, and the force con-

solidated to protect its gains and prepare for the next step on the road to Germany.

Utah Beach

In the predawn darkness of June 6, the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions were air dropped behind UTAH Beach to secure four causeways across a flooded area directly behind the beach and to protect the invasion's western flank. Numerous factors caused the paratroopers to miss their drop zones and become scattered across the Normandy countryside. However, throughout the night and into the day the airborne troops gathered and organized themselves and went on to accomplish their missions. Ironically, the paratroopers' wide dispersion benefited the invasion. With paratroopers in so many places, the Germans never developed adequate responses to the airborne and amphibious assaults.

The 4th Infantry Division was assigned to take UTAH Beach. In contrast with OMAHA Beach, the 4th Division's landing went smoothly. The first wave landed 2,000 yards south of the planned beach—one of the Allies' more fortuitous opportunities on D-Day. The original beach was heavily defended in comparison to the light resistance and few fixed defenses encountered on the new beach. After a personal reconnaissance, Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., who accompanied the first wave, decided to exploit the opportunity and altered the original plan. He ordered that landing craft carrying the successive assault waves land reinforcements, equipment and supplies to capitalize on the first wave's success. Within hours, the beachhead was secured and the 4th Division started inland to contact the airborne divisions scattered across the front.

As in the OMAHA zone, at day's end the UTAH Beach forces had not gained all of their planned objectives. However, a lodgment was secured, and, most important, once again the American soldier's resourcefulness and initiative had rescued the operation from floundering along the Normandy coast.

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QUEEN-SIZE firm mattress and frame. Call David, 51564 or 55599.

PHOTOGRAPHY BOOKS for class on Ebeye. Call 54396.

SHEETS OF LUMBER or corrugated steel to purchase to repair burnt home on Ebeye. Also wanted, someone with construction skills to help repair home. Can pay by the job or the hour. Call 52527 or 53876.

HOUSE-SITTING for visiting parents June 10-25, or any part of that time frame. Call Greg, 52276.

PATIO SALES

SATURDAY, 8-11 a.m., Quarters 124-F. Aquarium, computer desk, electronics, fishing items, clothing and household items.

SATURDAY, 9-11 a.m., Quarters 123-C. Multi-family sale. Clothing, household items and toys.

SATURDAY, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Quarters 139-C (in back). Final PCS Sale. Computer desk, barstool director's chairs, solid wood entertainment armoire, kitchen and household items, wall shelves, craft items and fabric, women's, men's, and little girl clothing and shoes, large selection of VHS movies in great condition, most viewed only once and plants.

Saturday, noon-4 p.m. and MONDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, Quarters 210-A and Quarters 208-B. Men's and women's dive gear, patio tables and chairs, bike trailers, beach chairs, Christmas tree and decorations, furniture, plants, kitchen items, clothing, movies, bikes, snorkel gear, crafts, fabric, computer equipment, tools and toys.

MONDAY, 7:30-10 a.m., Quarters 106-B. Computer desk, dining room table and chairs and plants.

MONDAY, 8-11 a.m., Quarters 416-A.

FOR SALE

DEHUMIDIFIER, kitchen island, Christmas items, women's scuba gear, 10-foot by 30-foot tarp, carpets and area rugs. Call 58669.

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.

Jewish services

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

DEHUMIDIFIER, 65-pint, new in box, must sell, cost \$225, will sell for \$110. Will be packing out Tuesday. After that it will not be available. call 54677 or 53986.

THOMAS THE TRAIN play table with board, great condition, \$100; JBL control monitor 4312 speakers, great sound, like new, \$300 and deep fryer, \$20. Call 51815.

PCS SALE. Salt water aquarium, 40-gallon, two filter pumps, Penquin 150 and Penquin 300 with extra filters, protein skimmer, \$25 or best offer; blinds for 400-series house, Pottery Barn matching desk, TV stand and book tower, \$200 for all and Color TV, 32-inch, available June 18, \$50. Call 58672.

COLOR TV, 20-inch, color TV, 32-inch, fax/phone, refrigerator, and recliner. Call 53825.

FISH TANK, 55-gallon, with light, Fluval filter and accessories, \$75 or best offer. Call 58222.

BROWN LEATHER recliner, good condition, \$50. Call 51330.

LESTER 'BETSY ROSS' spinet upright piano with bench and brass lamp, \$230. Call Justin, 52594 mornings and evenings and 52169, days.

PCS SALE. Fish tank, 120-gallon, with stand, bio-filter, protein skimmer, new UV filter, three-way reef quality lighting, \$500; two recliners, one green, one blue, \$50 each; computer desk, \$50; computer chair, \$25; two bikes, Kwaj

Lunch

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	June 13
Meatloaf with gravy	Top round of beef	Breaded pork cutlet	Porcupine balls	Country-fried steak	Kwaj fried chicken	Turkey fajitas
Hawaiian ham steak	Tandoori chicken	Vegetarian pasta	Apple-glazed chicken	Kung pao chicken	Beef tips in Burgundy	Smoked pork carritas
Chicken stir-fry	Baked cod	Huevos rancheros	Ratatouille casserole	Cajun vegetables	Vegetable stir-fry	Tex-Mex veggies
Grill: Cheese sandwich	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: French dip	Grill: Green chili burrito	Grill: Cheese sandwich	Grill: Bean quesadilla

Dinner

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Build-your-own pizza	Breaded pork chops	Roast pork butt	Teriyaki beef steak	Herb baked chicken	Flank steak	Salisbury steak
Spaghetti	Chicken curry	Chicken stew	Sweet-and-sour chicken	Beef curry	Pasta a la pesto	Chicken stew
Baked cod	Red beans in broth	Chef's choice	Spicy veggie stir-fry	Tofu and eggplant	Ono casino	Macaroni and cheese

Café Pacific

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condition, \$30 each and Playstation 2 with 15 games, \$300 Call 52853.

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 4, \$35,000. Call 59335 or 59081.

TROLLING ROD and reel, seeker 5-foot, six-inch all roller rod with Penn International 80 single-speed reel, just overhauled, has upgraded handle and new 100-pound line, \$650. Call 50010.

HIGH HANDLEBAR Kwaj bike, with aluminum Sun frame and new rims, \$150. Call 53008.

FUTON, OAK FRAME, good condition, \$125. CALL 55263.

COFFEE TABLE, \$25; two bookcases, \$25 each; bowling ball, bag, and shoes, \$40; aquarium, 40-gallon, \$45; lots of blooming flowers and plants, \$3-35. Call 52609.

WHIRLPOOL MICROWAVE oven, \$50 and plants, including orchids. Call 52788.

PCS SALE. Land's End hammock and stand, \$100; dehumidifier, \$50; Yamaha stereo receiver and Boston Acoustics speaker system, \$50; Kwaj bikes, \$25 and small rugs, \$10, Call 52829 or 58087.

TV, 32-INCH, \$125; TV, 20-inch, \$90; TV, 15-inch with built-in VCR, \$30 and DVD player, \$15. All available for pick up on June 12. Call 52544.

ROLLERBLADES, women's size 8, \$20; binoculars, \$125; used bike with basket and custom paint job, \$125; Congrats grad party set which includes banner, \$40; plates and napkins and four plastic tablecloths, \$20. Call 55006 and leave a message.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SURFWAY GROCERY delivery is 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Surfway hours of operation are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week. C-Badge employees will be allowed to shop (some product restrictions still apply).

THE VET'S HALL is closed tonight.

THE KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB'S Sunfish

Youth Center June activities

- Tonight: The Youth Center closes at 6 p.m.
- Thursday: The *END OF SCHOOL YEAR SUPER BAD SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY* will be 1-6 p.m., at Emon Beach. Youth in Grades 7-12 are invited to participate. Food, entertainment, games and more will be provided. Following the party, a dance will be held 8-11 p.m., at the Youth Center. Questions? Call 53796.

- June 17: New summer hours of operation will begin at the Namu Weto Youth Center. Summer hours of operation are:

1-8 p.m.,	Tuesday through Friday
1-10 p.m.	Saturday
4-10 p.m.	Sunday
Monday	CLOSED

CLOSED FOR FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Questions? Call 53796.



- June 24: A Boys and Girls Club of America Commitment To Quality meeting will be held at 3 p.m., at the Youth Center. Sponsors of registered CYS teens are encouraged to participate to help better many youth programs. Questions? Call 53796.

Regatta is 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Open to the public. Free sailboat rides, hot dogs and sodas. Sailboat races start at 1 p.m. Questions? Call Tim Hall, 53760.

SUMMER HOURS for the Marshallese Cultural Center begin Monday. Hours are: 1-5 p.m., Mondays and Fridays until Sept. 1.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA Club meets at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in Corlett Recreation Rom 1.

FATHER DALY will be absent until Thursday. There will be no Mass at 5:30 p.m., Saturday. Msgr. Raymundo Sabio will celebrate the Mass at 9:15 a.m., Sunday.

THE FAMILY POOL will be closed for painting for two weeks starting June 12th. The adult pool, will be lifeguarded on a limited basis. The adult pool will be available to patrons under 18, 1-3 p.m., weekdays. Emon Beach summer hours go into effect June 13. Lifeguards will be at Emon Beach 12:30-3:30 p.m., weekdays, and 11 a.m.- 6 p.m., weekends. Questions? Call Mandie, 52847.

APPOINTMENTS WITH the optometrist are still available June 13-24. Patients are responsible for filing their own insurance claims. Be ready to pay at time of service. Call 52223 or 52224 for an appointment.

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.

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A CHILD AND YOUTH Services baby-sitter training class will be 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., June 16. Anyone age 13 by Nov. 1 may attend. Basic

first aid and child development information will be given. Space is limited. Call Amy Daniels, 53610, to register.

ATTENTION PARENTS. If you are PCSing this summer and need school records for Grades K-6, see Diane Peters at the elementary school before June 28. For Grades 7-12, see Denice Phillips at the high school before June 18.

PASSPORT PHOTOS are available at Macy's during normal business hours through July 1.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHERS are needed for school photos for the 2008-2009 school year. Requirements are available at the high school office. Questions? Call Sue, 52011.

WOULD YOU BE interested in additional services being provided at the beauty salon? Take a moment to fill out the customer survey available at Surfside Salon and Barber Shop and at Surfway. Survey runs through June 10. All completed surveys will be registered to win a free hair cut and style at Surfside Salon.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB reminds new members to pursue their advanced certification within six months of becoming an open water certified diver. Remember your dive limits and qualifications. Be a safe and informed diver.

SAVE ENERGY. When doing laundry wash only full load. Adjust the water level with smaller loads and use the correct amount of detergent to avoid washing the load twice to remove soap residue, use hot water for very dirty clothes only and cold water for normal washing and the rinse cycle.

YOU CAN SAVE up to two gallons of water a day and more than 100 gallons per month by turning the tap off while brushing your teeth.

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German bullets hitting the steel ramps. They could see German artillery shells blowing apart landing craft on either side of them.

Even though they came in at low tide, the fire was so intense that many landing craft stopped short and when the troops stepped off the lowered ramps with 65-pound packs of equipment, they sank in 20-foot water and drowned. Others had to wade helplessly through 100 yards or more of chest deep water exposed to fire all the way to the beach.

When the landing craft made it to the beach and dropped their ramps, the bullets that had been bouncing off that steel now shredded the men who were trying to get onto the beach.

Many never made it off the boats. Some of those who did sought cover behind concrete anti-tank obstacles the Germans had built on the beach. Others made it the 250 yards from the water line to the base of the bluffs. Many were killed at the water line by murderous fire.

As the second wave of troops came in to Omaha, the carnage must have been like a scene from hell.

German mortars, artillery and ma-

chine guns raked the beach with fire. Little more than a third of the first wave had even made it to dry land.

Navy crews, standing to their guns on the ships, wanted to give covering fire to the pinned down troops. But most of the radio operators and artillery spotters that had landed on the beach were dead or wounded. There was no one to guide their fire.

Finally, in a courageous act, several Navy destroyers ran into the beach so close they were scraping the bottom and exposed to German artillery. They opened fire point-blank on German positions giving the troops the cover they needed to advance.

Inch by agonizing inch, the troops began to move up the beach. They blew apart the concertina wire and slowly started to climb the bluffs.

They attacked German positions one by one for hours.

As evening fell, the beach was littered with burning, smoking vehicles, smashed landing craft and the dead and wounded.

D-Day has been called the 'longest day' and for the men who landed on Omaha Beach, it truly was.

It had started at 3:30 a.m. and

ended as they dug in for the night around 8 p.m. For many of them, it had been their first and last day of war.

There were 125,000 men who landed on the five beaches of France that June 6 in 1944. They opened the way for the millions of men who would follow them.

They were mostly American, Canadian and British, along with other nationalities united for a common cause.

The hopes of the world had rested on their shoulders. The biggest gamble in history had been successful.

It had succeeded not because of any great planning or any great generals. It succeeded because of the courage and determination of the 125,000 men who fought on those beaches that day.

It's been more than half a century and that's a long time.

There's not too many of those men left now. They pass away every day.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said of them, "We may never see their like again."

The story of what they did shouldn't pass away with them.

Tales of sacrifice and bravery in the name of freedom should never fade with time.

Lonnie Clark, 'The Car Guy,' will be on island until Thursday. He is currently taking special orders on 2009 models. Stop in and see him at Macy's to enter for a chance to win a new 2008 Road King.



Appointments can be scheduled through Macy's customer service or call 52143.



Shopping Day

Is Saturday at Macy's West and Gimbel's. Open to all RMI residents with valid ID. Must be 18 or older. Most merchandise is 90 percent off. Some quantity restrictions may apply. There will be extra ferry runs available.

GOLF NEWS

Andy Frase scored a hole-in-one Sunday on the 210-yard, par 3, 13th hole at Holmberg Fairways using a 5 metal wood. Playing in the group with Frase were Paul Allas, Lloyd Jordan, and Tracy Hampson. Congratulations to Frase. This is the first hole-in-one recorded at the Holmberg Fairways in 2008.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Partly cloudy, 20 per cent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 15-20 knots.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, 20 per cent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 15-20 knots.
Monday: Partly sunny, 20 per cent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 15-20 knots.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 10 per cent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 12-18 knots.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, 10 per cent showers. **Winds:** ENE 12-18 knots.
Thursday: Partly sunny, 20 per cent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 12-18 knots.
June 13: Partly sunny, 20 per cent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 12-18 knots.

Annual total: 27.20 inches
 Annual deviation: -2.90 inches

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

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:35 a.m./6:59 p.m.	9:43 a.m./10:37 p.m.	6:28 a.m., 4.6'	12:01 a.m., 0.2'
			7:02 p.m., 3.1'	1:04 p.m., 0.4'
Sunday	6:34 a.m./6:59 p.m.	10:41 a.m./11:25 p.m.	7:15 a.m., 4.2'	12:47 a.m., 0.1'
			7:53 p.m., 2.9'	1:53 p.m., 0.0'
Monday	6:34 a.m./6:59 p.m.	11:34 a.m./	8:04 a.m., 3.8'	1:37 a.m., 0.5'
			8:51 p.m., 2.8'	2:45 p.m., 0.3'
Tuesday	6:34 a.m./6:59 p.m.	12:23 p.m./12:08 a.m.	8:59 a.m., 3.4'	2:35 a.m., 0.8'
			9:59 p.m., 2.7'	3:41 p.m., 0.6'
Wednesday	6:33 a.m./6:59 p.m.	1:10 p.m./12:48 a.m.	10:03 a.m., 3.0'	3:48 a.m., 1.1'
			11:14 p.m., 2.8'	4:42 p.m., 0.7'
Thursday	6:33 a.m./6:59 p.m.	1:55 p.m./1:27 a.m.	11:16 a.m., 2.7'	5:17 a.m., 1.2'
				5:45 p.m., 0.8'
June 13	6:33 a.m./6:59 p.m.	2:40 p.m./2:05 a.m.	12:24 a.m., 3.0'	6:41 a.m., 1.1'
			12:30 p.m., 2.6'	6:41 p.m., 0.7'