

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Speaker of the Nitijela, Jurelang Zedkaia, presents Col. Frederick S. Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll commander, with a sewing basket and purse for his wife Veronique, when Clarke attended the opening of the Nitijela. For more, see Page 4.

*(Photo by Vanessa Peeden)*

# Be thankful for life's hard lessons

My daughter, Katie, had a horrible month. It was so bad she actually asked me to talk about it in church. This is amazing because her standard of a good sermon is one in which she is not mentioned. So, you knew it had to be significant.

It all started two days before I was due to meet her at her new house in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

A woman sped through a stop sign and hit Katie's car. The crash crushed the right front quarter panel and rendered the car useless. No one was hurt.

To make matters worse, the police officer gave Katie a ticket for driving with a suspended license and the other driver threatened to sue. So, the car was hauled off to the repair shop and Katie and I enjoyed an afternoon at the Department of Motor

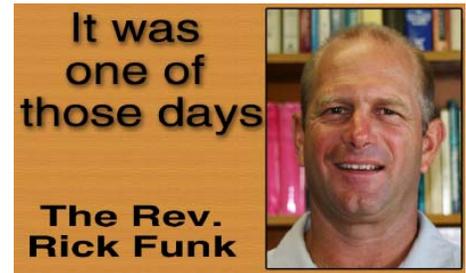
Vehicles.

We discovered that her suspended license was a mistake. They charged her with not having insurance, when we did, in fact, have insurance. Of course, this can't be settled at DMV. Katie needs to go to court and have a judge look at this proof.

The court date is over a month after the accident. Wouldn't you know, the other woman in the accident has a fly-by-night insurance company and they don't answer the phone or e-mails. By the time Katie needs to go to court, the car repairs are still not finished.

Meanwhile, Katie misses her car for the rest of the summer and starts a summer quarter at school. She lives in Ft. Lauderdale and never goes to the beach.

So, two days before her court



appointment, her cell phone dies complicating all communications. She gets a friend to drive her to court, misses two classes, and borrows a phone, all to hear the judge say, "This is ridiculous. Case dismissed. Next?"

Also, Katie ordered a new Mac computer which is more useful for her degree in advertising. Naturally, the

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# The Russian bear is on the loose once more

When Adolf Hitler sent German troops into the Sudetenland in 1938, he was a worried and nervous man. His generals had warned him that if war started, the German army was unprepared. But Hitler gambled that the two most powerful nations in Europe at the time, Britain and France, would not move to stop him.

He was right as history shows. Britain and France could have crushed the German army then and marched all the way to Berlin. But instead, they were paralyzed by inaction.

By the time they did act after Hitler invaded Poland, it was too late. The German army was then the most powerful force on earth and it would take six years of unimaginable bloodshed and horror before Germany was defeated.

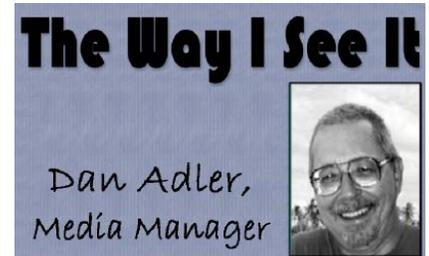
What is a wonder to this day is how the leaders of Britain, France and other European countries could have been surprised by anything that Hitler did. All anyone had to do was read *Mein Kampf*. Hitler made it very clear what his intentions were if he ever came to power. It

should have surprised nobody.

Today, no one should be surprised by the actions of Vladimir Putin.

He never wrote a book announcing his intentions, but nonetheless, they seemed very clear.

He is a man who believed in the Soviet Union. He had been a KGB officer in the 'glory' days. For the most part, KGB officers weren't nice guys. He had watched the Soviet Union break up and be humiliated. He had watched Boris Yeltsin fumble and bumble and further damage what was left of the Russian economy and relevance on the world stage. He must have seethed at what he saw was



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## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# Kommol tata

## Lindborgs leaving Kwajalein after 27 years

By members of the Kwajalein Hospital staff

Kwajalein will lose two much respected and long-time residents on Sept. 3 with the departure of Dr. Eric Lindborg and his wife, Cris. After 27 years on Kwajalein, they will be moving to Kona, Hawaii where Dr. Lindborg has accepted a position in Family Practice with Kaiser Permanente.

Dr. Lindborg was raised in Indiana where his interest in medicine came naturally. His father was a veterinarian, and young Eric frequently accompanied him on visits to the nearby farms to care for ailing animals.

He received his undergraduate degree in biology from Harvard University and his medical degree from Indiana University in 1975.

Dr. Lindborg met his future wife, Cris, while attending high school in Indiana where she was an exchange student from Argentina. They married in 1971.

After his graduation from medical school, the Lindborgs moved to the Panama Canal Zone while he interned at Gorgas Hospital. During that time their daughter Andrea was born. They returned to the States in 1978 and Dr. Lindborg opened a practice as a Family Practitioner on Orkas Island, in the San Juan Islands of Washington State.

He describes his work as, "being kind of a country doctor on one of the islands in the area."

As his practice grew so did his time away from his family and both Cris and Eric decided it was time to seek new adventures. The allure of tropical islands, beaches, and sunsets beckoned them.

In 1981 he accepted a position at Kwajalein Hospital as a general practitioner, bringing with him his youth and enthusiasm as well as his medical expertise.

In 1982 their son Loren was born at Kwajalein Hospital. Both children graduated from Kwajalein High School.

In 1990, Dr. Lindborg became Kwajalein's Chief Medical Officer. During his tenure he directed his staff with a steady hand and a posi-



Photo by Dan Adler

Dr. Eric Lindborg checks on a 'patient' during a mass casualty drill.

tive, compassionate attitude. He guided the hospital through difficult times including budget cuts, staffing shortages, and contract changes, and most recently helped with the planning and implementation of the ongoing transition.

Whether caring for a patient or handling a personal crisis in an employee's life, Dr. Lindborg has always given 100 percent of himself.

In 1997, Dr. Lindborg and Cris helped with the planning and establishment of the Marshallese Cultural Center. It has grown from a concept to a first class museum and a repository of traditional Marshallese artifacts and lore. Their efforts helped to preserve and copy for posterity, the priceless glass plate photographs from the deBrum family of Likiep Atoll.

They also helped to acquire, catalogue and display both artifacts and handicrafts from the Marshall Islands, arranged for educational exchanges with experts in Micronesian culture, and assembled a collection of books and educational material, including displays of indigenous shells, wildlife and plants of the Marshall Islands, with the

goal of promoting, preserving and nurturing the culture and history of the Marshallese people.

They provided residents of Kwajalein with opportunities to experience traditional Marshallese culture by sponsoring annual Manit Day celebrations when our Marshallese friends demonstrate outrigger sailing methods, the use of navigational stick charts, production of copra, preparations of local foods, and native dancing and singing. Several times during their tenure at the Cultural Center they were able to arrange for the exhibition of the ancient Jabwa Stick Dance, a dance performed for special occasions and only by permission of the king.

Dr. Lindborg is secure in the knowledge he will be leaving the hospital and Kwajalein residents in the capable hands of Dr. John Janikowski, who will assume the role of CMO.

The medical/dental staff of Kwajalein wishes to extend their gratitude to the Lindborgs for sharing so many years with us.

We wish them all the best and bid them a fond and sincere *Jeraman* and *Kommol Tata*.



Col. Frederick S. Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll commander, greets ministers of the Republic of the Marshall Islands at the opening of the Nitijela on Majuro.

# USAKA officials attend opening ceremonies of Nitijela on Majuro

Photos and article by Vanessa Peeden  
USAKA Public Affairs Officer

USAKA representatives, Col. Frederick S. Clarke, Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac, Mike Sakaio, Vanessa Peed-

en and RMI representative to USAKA, Jelton Anjain, attended the opening ceremonies of the Nitijela in Majuro, RMI on Aug. 11. After the ceremonies, the group was treated to a buffet lunch at the RMI International Conference Center. After lunch, Col. Clarke and U.S.

Ambassador Dr. Clyde Bishop paid a courtesy call to His Excellency, RMI President Litokwa Tomeing and his cabinet. Next, Col. Clarke and Ambassador Bishop visited with the Honorable Iroj Kotak Loeak, Chairman of the Council of Iroj and other Iroj Council members. A visit was also made with Speaker of the Nitijela, the Honorable Jurelang Zedkaia.

At the end of the day, Col. Clarke and Amb. Bishop visited the military entrance processing station team from Honolulu. The team was in Majuro processing applicants for the United States Army. The thirteen applicants, including two from Ebeye, were presented coins by Col. Clarke and a flag pin containing the U.S. flag and the RMI flag from Amb. Bishop.

**Left, Col. Clarke greets RMI President Litokwa Tomeing and Speaker of the Nitijela, Jurelang Zedkaia.**

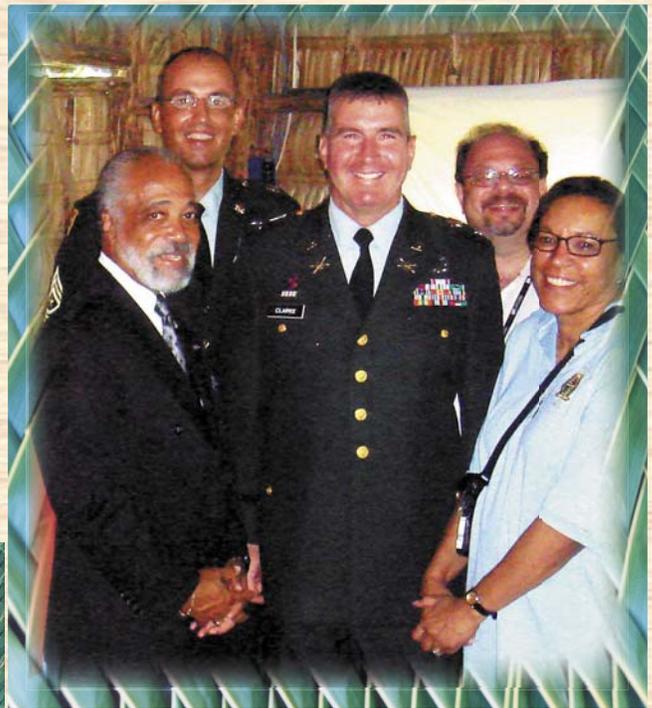




Col. Clarke presents a USAKA coin to RMI President Litokwa Tomeing while Minister of Finance Jack Ading and Minister of Justice David Kramer watch.



Left, Col. Clarke presents the Honorable *Iroij* Kotak Loek with a USAKA coin.



Left to right, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI, Dr. Clyde Bishop, Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac and Col. Frederick S. Clarke with Dr. Harris and Peggy Dexter of the MEPS Team in Honolulu.



Left to right, Minister of Finance, Jack Ading; Minister of Resources and Development, Frederick Muller; Minister of Public Works, Kejjo Bein; Col. Frederick Clarke; Ambassador Dr. Clyde Bishop; RMI President Litokwa Tomeing and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tony deBrum.

# Bargain Bazaar grand re-opening scheduled tomorrow

Article and photo by Vanessa Peeden

The Bargain Bazaar is holding a grand re-opening, 1-3 p.m., Saturday, at Building 622 located close to the entry/exit area by Echo Pier. Volunteers have spent the summer remodeling and refurbishing the Bazaar in anticipation of the grand re-opening.

New hours of operation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., Mondays and from 4:30-6 p.m., Wednesdays and Fridays. Donations will be accepted during those hours.

The Bargain Bazaar is a major fund-raising activity for the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club.

It is staffed by volunteers and a large portion of the proceeds from the Bargain Bazaar goes to the Educational Assistance Committee earmarked specifically to be used for educational grants to be awarded to schools on the island of Ebeye.

Last year, the Bargain Bazaar was able to contribute \$25,000 from its profits to the EAC which will distribute that money during the coming year in educational grants to schools on Ebeye.

The Bargain Bazaar and the MIC



The Bargain Bazaar is located across from the Dock Security Checkpoint

Shop, both operated by the YYWC, were able to contribute a combined total of \$75,000 this past year to the EAC for distribution in educational grants throughout the Marshalls and Micronesia during the coming year. Additionally, profits from the Bargain Bazaar are used every year to help fund the annual Christmas Exchange hosted by the YYWC with the Women's Clubs of Ebeye.

A wide variety of items are available for sale. A few of the items for

sale include gently used clothing, household appliances, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, videos, cameras, TVs, sporting goods, knick-knacks, shoes, non-perishable food, small furniture, and phones. Holiday and seasonal items will also be for sale at the appropriate time throughout the year.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact Melissa at [heilmanm@kwajalein-school.com](mailto:heilmanm@kwajalein-school.com) or at 52348.

## Twelve servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

**Sgt. Michael H. Ferschke Jr.**, 22, of Maryville, Tenn., died Aug. 10 while supporting combat operations in Salah ad Din province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan.

**Cpl. James M. Hale**, 23, of Naperville, Ill., died Aug. 13 in Baghdad, Iraq of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 978th Military Police Company, Fort Bliss, Tx.

**Pfc. Daniel A. C. McGuire**, 19, of Mashpee, Mass., died Aug. 14 while supporting combat operations in Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Lance Cpl. Jacob J. Toves**, 27, of Grover Beach, Calif., died Aug. 14 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 3rd Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Two Marines died Aug. 14 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Killed were: **Cpl. Anthony G. Mihalo**, 23, of Naperville, Ill. and **Lance Cpl. Juan Lopez-Castaneda**, 19, of Mesa, Ariz.

The Marines were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Pvt. Janelle F. King**, 23, of Merced, Calif., died Aug. 14 in Baghdad of injuries suffered in a non-combat related incident. She was assigned to the 115th Combat Support Hospital, Fort Polk, La.

**Staff Sgt. Kristopher D. Rodgers**, 29, of Sturgis, Mich., died Aug. 16 in Korengal, Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Two Soldiers died Aug. 15 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan when their vehicle struck an improvised explosive device and then received small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. Killed were: **1st Lt. Donald C. Carwile**, 29, of Oxford, Va., and **Pfc. Paul E. Conlon Jr.**, 21, of Somerville, Mass. The Soldiers were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Pfc. Jonathon L. Luscher**, 20, of Scranton, Pa., died Aug. 17 at Forward Operating Base Mehtar Lam, Afghanistan of injuries sustained in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 109th Infantry, Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Scranton, Pa.

**Lance Cpl. Travis M. Stottlemeyer**, 20, of Hatfield, Pa., died Aug. 17 as a result of a non-hostile incident in Manama, Bahrain. He was assigned to the 3rd Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team Company, Marine Corps Security Forces, Norfolk, Va.

# Serious runner or not, Kwajalein Running Club combines fun runs, fitness and challenges

By Bob Sholar  
Kwajalein Running Club president

Kwajalein Running Club is volunteer operated and conducts running events and sometimes combination run/swim, run/bike or run/swim/bike events. As running clubs go, KRC is casual in nature, emphasizing participation and self-improvement. Many KRC events are novelties as much as competitions; however, the event schedule includes races to challenge even the serious runner. Whether you're a serious or casual runner, KRC is a great way to socialize with good folks. Some of KRC's annual events have histories of 30 years. The original KRC organization was founded in the late 1960s, went through a brief lull in the mid-1970s and was then re-born in 1977. KRC's RustMan Triathlon has a rich local history. RustMan has been held annually since 1980 and is one of the world's oldest swim-bike-run Triathlons.

Event variety ranges from the monthly 1/2 mile short fun run (ideal for youngsters and those just

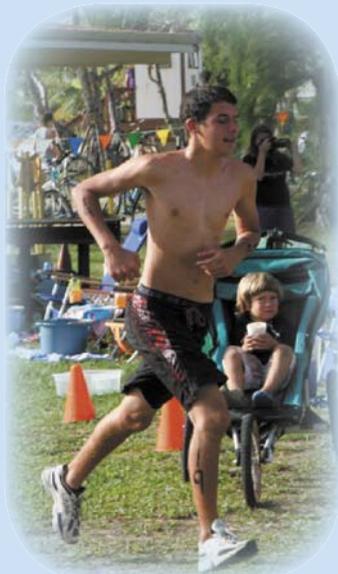
starting a conditioning program) to the other extreme of the annual RustMan Triathlon and also the Paupers' Marathon. The Triathlon typically takes between 2-1/2 and four hours to complete and is only for trained participants.

The event schedule will include 10 Monthly "Fun Runs". Registered KRC members who participate in a minimum of 6 fun runs on separate days will be awarded a KRC tank top /singlet type shirt at season end. KRC will sponsor other events also approximately one per-month (these other events do not count towards the Fun Run shirt award count). Membership fees are \$15 per individual or \$30 per family of three or more. Fees pay for refreshments and other operating supplies/costs. Members receive a discount on entry fees for those major events awarding custom T-shirts. Non-members pay a premium for T-shirt events.

For all runners, and especially people new to Kwajalein conditions, KRC emphasizes caution. Don't do too much distance without proper base building. Build your distances gradually. Practice moderation,

whether increasing your long run from zero to two miles, or from three miles to 26 miles. Runs beyond 45 minutes at Kwajalein can put you at dehydration risk. Drink plenty of fluids during long runs.

The 2008/2009 KRC season is just getting underway. Planning and organizational activities are in progress. Regular KRC event participants are encouraged to become club members. If you are inclined to help organize, time, prepare or otherwise assist with events, please mention it to a KRC officer. Simple things like setting up and operating water stations and staging post race refreshments are helpful. All scheduled events are tentative, pending the identification of Race Directors.



**NOTE: All Fun Runs begin at Building 805 (Community Services)**

## KRC schedule of events

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| 5:30 p.m. Aug. 25: Fun Run 1 (Meet at Bldg. 805) | 5 p.m., Jan. 19: Ride and park            |
| 5 p.m., Sept. 1: Fun Walk/Swim/Float             | 5:30 p.m., Feb. 2: Fun Run 7              |
| 5:30 p.m., Sept. 15: Fun Run 2                   | 9 a.m., Feb. 16: Sweetheart Relay         |
| 6 p.m., Oct. 14: Columbus Day Runabout           | 5 p.m., Feb. 23: Downwind Dash            |
| 5:30 p.m., Oct. 20: Fun Run 3                    | 5:30 p.m., March 9: Fun Run 8             |
| 5:30 p.m., Nov. 10: Fun Run 4                    | 5 p.m., March 16: Running of the Green    |
| 5:30 p.m., Nov. 17: Turkey Trot                  | 5 p.m., April 6: Driftwood Clasic         |
| 5:30 p.m., Dec. 1: Fun Run 5                     | 5:30 p.m., April 13: Fun Run 9            |
| 6:30 p.m., Dec. 8: Pauper's Marathon Relay       | 4 p.m., April 27 Rustman Triathlon        |
| 11:30 p.m., Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Run/Walk     | 4:30 p.m., May 11: Rusty Family Triathlon |
| 5:30 p.m., Jan. 5: Fun Run 6                     | 5:30 p.m., May 18: Fun Run 10             |

# Hugh Denny, Deputy Mission Commander, addresses transition, atoll resident concerns

## *Many decisions, recommendations of past to be revisited*

*Editor's note: The Hourglass sat down Tuesday for an interview with Col. Frederick S. Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander, and Hugh Denny, Deputy Mission Commander, discussing the future of Kwajalein and community concerns. Col. Clarke's interview is on Page 11.*

**By Dan Adler**  
Media Manager

Hugh Denny, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Deputy Mission Commander, arrived on Kwajalein in late June from an assignment with a Provincial Reconstruction Team in southern Iraq.

"I received a note asking if I would like to trade date palms for coconut palms," he related. "I said I could do that."

He is married and has two grown children, a daughter in the United States, and a son who is in the Army serving in Afghanistan. He also has two younger children on island, ages four and five.

"When you see this older couple with two young children, that's us," said Denny.

He has 32 years in the military and government service. He is a retired Lt. Colonel in the Army Reserve. He is an engineer and has served in the research and development community. He worked with the Corps of Engineers between 9/11 and 2004, followed by three years on the Army Staff.

While he is on Kwajalein, he hopes to take up sailing which he has enjoyed in the past.

**Q. With the budget cuts that are coming in 2009, how do you see the future of Kwajalein?**

**A.** I think the future's pretty bright actually. We have a requirement to keep this national asset in the fight. We want to have a sense of community and a good quality of life. We want to be able to support the range and its operations. Our mandate from the commanding general of Space and Missile Defense Command is to meet the desired end state within the budget realities. Col. Clarke's charter and mine, as well as our own personal commitment, is to do that in a way that doesn't break the community and doesn't break the range.

**Q. Given the importance of Kwajalein to national security and the work that is done here, why is it not fully funded by Congress like other military installations? Why do we have to 'pay our own way' by having customers?**

**A.** That's a good question. What you are talking about is institutional funding.

The answer is that unfortunately, the Army cannot afford to institutionally fund every activity across the force. Congress hasn't given the Department of Defense enough money to do that. That's the reality.

There are organizations such as Army Materiel Com-

mand and in particular the R&D community, where they do a lot of the same kind of stuff.

They will be partially funded institutionally, and partly by customer reimbursements.

So Kwajalein is not a unique situation. That doesn't make it any easier, but other organizations have to contend with it too.

The important thing to remember out here on a small island like this is that we are in the middle of a war.

And no kidding, the budget people at the highest levels within the DoD and the Department of the Army make hard decisions every day about what to fund. When I was in the Pentagon, I sat in on those meetings and people are there who all come from the force. These are not people who live in ivory palaces. Many of them come from deployments in theater in Iraq or Afghanistan. They come from commands like SMDC or Training and Doctrine Command and troop units.

So they know that all of the requirements that have filtered up to be considered and funded by the HQDA are all important. They are all serious needs of those organizations. The struggle is how to fund things in such a way as to give the most benefit to the Army and does the most good. They are difficult, difficult decisions.

So there are places that are lower priorities than others. I've sat in meetings where people will say, "Do I buy more mine recovery vehicles or do I pay for pre-deployment training?" "Do I take care of the operating force only or do I also fund the generating force (of which Kwajalein is a part)?"

It's that way on Kwajalein. We can't just fund the range and not the logistics part. The logistics part supports the range, and so both have to be funded.

The Big Army says it may not be able to give SMDC everything it would like because there's a war to fight, but on the other hand, SMDC has a strategic mission and it has to be kept in the fight at a different level.

**Q. Morale on island is low and with the budget cuts increasing, what, if anything, can be done to increase morale?**



**Hugh Denny, USAKA Deputy Mission Commander.**

**A.** I would challenge that assumption to some degree. Yes, people are concerned and there is anxiety on the island which is natural given the uncertainty. But I would not agree that morale is low. I've been impressed by everyone's can-do attitude. I've been impressed that people are working through a tough situation.

Of course, they are concerned, and in any budget situation, there's good cause to be. My personal philosophy is that you focus on your mission, you take care of your people and you maintain a strong community. If you do those three things, and you do it in balance, everything falls into place.

We [the command team] are absolutely committed to taking care of the entire workforce and the community because we are one team. We all survive and succeed together.

You will see an increase in transparency. The decisions we make will be clear so that everyone understands why we made a particular decision based on solid analysis.

There are certain recommendations that have been made in the past that are going to be revisited and that we will look at very carefully. We will not just blindly accept everything that's been done in the past. We're going to look at past recommendations to make sure they make sense, fulfill the mission, and take care of people.

I'm a firm believer that if you don't focus on your people, including workers and families, you won't keep that skill set on the island doing their jobs. And that has a tremendous impact on the mission.

That's the kind of effort we will be working towards in taking care of the community.

We will make sound decisions based on sound analyses that takes into account all the effects those decisions may create. I think people will be pleasantly surprised with the new command team.

**Q.** There are many workers on island who are stepping up and doing the workload of two or even three people due to cutbacks and people PCSing. Many positions are one deep which creates a problem in case of illness, family emergencies or vacation time. What can be done about that problem?

**A.** There are a couple of things that can be done. First of all, the leaders and managers on both the contract and government sides have had a lot of meetings and we are having open communication about some of those critical issues.

We have identified vacancies we need to fill and those that we can still afford, we will go after aggressively to recruit and fill. The personnel issue is a problem that is spread across the board among both USAKA and the contractors on island.

We are going to start with our 'end state' and determine the requirements we will need to fulfill it. Then we will work backwards and ask what functional requirements are needed to perform the mission. Then we will look at our budget and determine what adjustments have to be made.

We may join contractors and government into one headquarters and consolidate jobs where we can. That kind of smart consolidation will help and I think will be the way ahead.

Obviously, we have to retain people with certain capabilities. That is just unwavering. For instance,

we need air traffic people, we need key people at the range, we need logistics specialties and mission control officers.

Cross-training in critical jobs is also a possibility. Another idea is if USAKA is short of personnel, we may leverage skills of people from the contractor, or if the contractor is short of personnel, we may bring short-term government people out to help.

**Q.** There was going to be school consolidation according to the transition plan advanced by Col. Reed. Is that still on the table?

**A.** That is one of the things that is being revisited. We're going to do what makes sense for the community and if something doesn't make sense, we're not going to do it.

Consolidating schools would have a dramatic impact on the community and probably not a good one. We're not going to go down any path that's not smart and has a negative impact on the community. School consolidation would only be done under the most dire of circumstances and I don't see that we're there yet.

**Q.** Are we headed to an unaccompanied only status?

**A.** No. That is not supported by anyone on island or by our commanding general. I've looked at past studies done out here and the recommendation to go to an unaccompanied status has come up several times in the past 20 years. It's always been rejected because we can't expect highly skilled people to come here without their families. It goes back to my philosophy that if you don't take care of people, you can break an organization way before funding runs out. In a place like this, quality of life makes all the difference in who you recruit and who you retain.

**Q.** According to the plan advanced by Col. Reed, certain quality of life services were going to go away such as the bowling center running to failure and then not being repaired. Is that still going to happen?

**A.** A lot of decisions made in the past are going to be revisited. If we do something it will only be because that is the best option from a solid analysis. There are some savings that make sense and some that don't. We are just going to have to do a good analysis. However, some of the past decisions may be affirmed.

**Q.** With the coming of AAFES, we've heard the Community Recreation Fund will take a \$700,000 hit. Will that be made up in any way?

**A.** AAFES will provide a portion of proceeds to an MWR fund. We'll have to see how it goes, but projections are it won't have a negative impact. Because of AAFES, there are a lot of things we no longer have to pay for which helps greatly with our budget gap. I think despite the perception that we will lose funding for the rec fund, I think the answer is that we won't. It may not be for the first few months, but I think when the dust settles over the course of a year, we'll be fine.

**Q.** The workforce has heard that between now and the end of the year there will be 300 layoffs. Is that true?

**A.** That was a misunderstanding in the *Marshall Islands Journal*. That is not the case. They were just

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confusing reductions in one calendar year with reductions in another calendar year. They didn't understand about fiscal years. There may be people who are part of the 08 reductions and others who may be part of 09 reductions.

When you add them together it may be as many as 300, but not all at once. And that might not be the final number. It may not be that many. And some of the people who may have been included in that number have already left. We expect attrition to take care of a lot of it. And almost all of the retail department Marshallese workers who lost their jobs with Kwajalein Range Services have been employed by AAFES. So it's not as bad as it first seems.

**Q. The hospital is having a lot of turnover. Many nurses are leaving and Dr. Eric Lindborg, the Chief Medical Officer is leaving. Do you see the hospital maintaining an acceptable level of care?**

**A.** You will always have turnover and you will lose people. Dr. Lindborg is a tremendous asset and we hate to see him go. However, other physicians will be recruited.

We recognize that several key functions just can't be eliminated. There's a certain number of doctors and nurses you have to have whether you have one resident or 10,000 residents. There's a certain number you have to have just to keep the facility viable. So you adjust the number of staff based upon what the population is.

There will be a reduction of island population over time. Those numbers may not justify a certain job of any type to be retained. But reductions in hospital staff will not be done without hard thinking and analysis.

Actually, there is approved funding already in the pipeline for extensive replacement of the hospital. We wouldn't be doing that if we weren't going to keep a fully staffed medical facility on island.

**Q. The footprint is being reduced now, but when fiber arrives in 2010, won't that increase business and then won't the footprint have to be increased again?**

**A.** I think the reduction of footprint will be less noticeable than many people suspect. Yes, there will

be some people moved to Huntsville and fiber will give us a tremendous increase in capability.

But we recognize that with remote distributed operations, if you don't have the right mix of people in Huntsville and here, there's nothing to remote. You'll have no operations to remotely distribute.

Of course, fiber will make it possible to do functions off island that in the past had to be done on island.

As an example of distributed operations, people in the Pentagon can watch something in Iraq in real time.

The SpaceX launch people were in one building and in Building 1010, the RTS/KRS team were direct participants. It was also being shown on the Internet at the same time.

It takes almost as much technology to be 10 feet apart as it does to be 10,000 miles apart.

Fiber will keep USAKA a viable national asset for many years to come and that in itself is priceless.

As far as drawing down too much on people if business increases, as a manager, that's what you have to balance properly.

**Q. Under the transition plan, it was going to be 'work on Roi, live on Roi.' Is that still going forward?**

**A.** That is one of the primary things that is being reconsidered. That proposal has been put forth in past studies and was rejected on the basis that you couldn't keep the technical personnel required if they had to live on Roi while their families lived on Kwajalein. We're not going to make any decisions without considering all the possible impacts.

**Q. Under Col. Reed's plan, trailers were all going away and residents would be moved into bachelor quarters or hard housing. Part of that plan also called for new housing to be abandoned. Is that still the plan?**

**A.** It is true we will work to get everybody out of trailers. The trailers are just too costly to maintain. I know that some trailer residents feel their quality of life will suffer by moving to bachelor quarters, so our challenge is to make the BQs good for them.

Some of new housing which is full of mold and vermin-ridden will be abandoned. That has to be done for the resident's health. Some of those people may be moved into viable new housing that is unoccupied at the moment or they may be moved into old housing. All housing decisions will have to be made on a case-by-case basis. We're going to manage it very carefully.

The community needs to know that we have spent serious amounts of time thinking about the best and fairest way to do this. But, we have limited inventory and only so much of each type of housing to go around.

We are in the process of revising housing regulations and I think people will see that it is going to be way more equitable and transparent.

Right now however, there is a problem and a struggle with three-bedroom housing. Some of these decisions almost require the wisdom of Solomon.

**Q. Will there be more dome housing built?**

**A.** Not in the short term. Our goal is to maintain what we have.

**Denny concluded the interview saying:**

The bottom line is that you have to take care of your people. That's the reason we're revisiting some of the decisions made in the past. Because we have to keep our human capital. We recognize that you can reach mission failure due to personnel shortages way before you break yourself on funding.

You take care of people by keeping the work interesting and the community viable so they and their families want to be here.

You also have to give them the funding for their jobs. If you don't, workers will get tired of doing tasks with broken tools and doing four people's jobs. They just get worn out.

And that's not taking care of people. Despite the budget challenges, we have to keep the kind of workforce we need by investing in human capital in terms of skill, quantity and quality.

In an organization this small, if you lose 100 people of certain skill sets, you'd be on your knees. While no one is irreplaceable, we want to keep the right people here.

# Col. Clarke is making 120-day assessment of Kwajalein, Roi and community needs

## *Community town hall meeting to be held soon*

By Dan Adler  
Media Manager

Col. Frederick S. Clarke assumed command of U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll on July 31. He is a graduate of the Air Defense Officer's Basic Course, the Short Range Air Defense Officer's Course, the Air Defense Advance Course, the Hawk Missile Systems Course, the Combined Arms and Service Staff College, the Automation Systems Course, the Command and General Staff College, the Joint Staff College and the Army War College.

Clarke has served in the Middle East, Turkey, Germany and the Netherlands.

He is married to Veronique of the Netherlands and has a daughter, Savannah, who will be entering the third grade.

### **Q. How do you like Kwajalein so far?**

**A.** I love it. My Family loves it. My daughter Savannah is looking forward to third grade here.

### **Q. In the interview with Deputy Commander Denny, he said the school consolidation plan was going to be revisited. Can you give any more information on that subject?**

**A.** I should just say up front that I know there were a lot of decisions made in recent years about how things were going to be. When I sit down with my senior leadership, part of my charter is to reassess those decisions and do what's best for the community.

I'm looking at everything across the board and I've asked my senior leadership to give me time, give me 120 days to do an initial commander's assessment of where I see things based upon the budget, the community and the mission.

I don't think anyone should make a determination about closing or consolidating a school if the conditions aren't right for that to happen.

I would be hesitant to consolidate and put high schoolers with elementary students.

There's a big mental difference between a 6th grader and a junior in high school. There's a reason why there are elementary schools, junior high schools and senior high schools.

### **Q. Supposedly, Kwajalein is going to take a \$13 million hit to the budget in 2009. Where can that money come from besides labor and services?**

**A.** I think it's interesting that people think that any kind of cuts should be burdened by the community, or at least, that is the perception. USAKA is a huge organization. We have tails going out of here back to Huntsville, Ala. and other locations within the states as part of the services we get out here.

Kwajalein Range Services has offices in Huntsville and MIT has offices in Lexington. KRS also has a logistical

tail that goes back to Richmond, Calif. USAKA has a tail that goes back to SMDC Kwajalein Support Directorate. There's a transformation execution team that USAKA pays for.

So I guess what I'm telling you is that when we look at and revisit items and I look at my assessment of where dollars should come out of, I don't just look at Kwajalein Atoll to be the bill-payer for cuts in the budget. I think everybody should share in the process.

So were looking at every aspect as part of the assessment of USAKA and if there's going to be future cuts, then we need to understand what the full picture is.

If you look at it as a pie and you cut a slice out and call it Kwajalein and you said, 'hey, out of this pie, you have to do all these reductions, you probably wouldn't keep cutting on the same piece of pie.'

You would have to look at other places in your organization to be sure you're being efficient across the board in the way you do business.

So that's my outlook right now as a guy who just got here. I need to look at the community and see if we're doing business correctly and if we're being as efficient and effective as possible. I ask if Huntsville is being as efficient as possible. I ask if my range is being as efficient as possible.

We're going to look across the whole spectrum and decide where cuts are going to come from if we have to take cuts.

But I still have to do my assessment and determine where it would be best to make cuts. I'm not sure that the \$13 million you're stating is an accurate figure.

We are always checking back with our resource management to get an accurate amount so we can figure out the road ahead.

I think the picture is a lot more optimistic than many people think or what I have read in the *Hourglass* over the past six months.

There is some belt tightening going on based on the budget presented for 2009. But that budget has not been approved yet. We're still looking at it to see if that's the best way forward or not.

Every minute I've been on this island so far, I've been gathering information about people and what is needed



**Col. Frederick S. Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander.**

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to accomplish the mission. I'm trying to make decisions based on a requirements-driven approach rather than a budget-driven approach.

**Q. There seems to be a perception in the community that since you have a family and the former commander did not, that things are going to be more family-oriented. How would you answer that?**

**A.** I can tell you that I have a daughter and that my Deputy Commander has two young daughters and my Sergeant Major has a daughter. They extend the range from pre-school, kindergarten and third grade to sixth grade.

We all have daughters and we all have wives who are interested in the school system.

To say the least, as a married commander, there will be a family-type of focus on making sure the schools are doing what they need to be doing. From everything I've heard, it's all been very positive about the school system.

Also, for anybody to think that I won't know when the shelves are empty in a store or a service is not being rendered the way it should be for the community, well, with several wives and children in the command group, would be an understatement.

When I come home and put down my lunch box and books, I'm sure that I'll hear everything I ever wanted to hear about how things are in the community from my Family.

I think I'm pretty approachable and people have been coming up to me and weighing in on things they think are good or bad.

To say there's going to be more family events, I would caution to say that I will be very attuned to the community needs. I have been a base commander before. I'm not just an operational, tactical guy. So I understand how base operations, logistics and community events intermingle with the mission side, and I believe there's a balance to be had between them.

**Q. Child and Youth Services was almost closed down last year as Army funding has been taken away. Do you have any thoughts on Child and Youth Services staying in operation?**

**A.** I have not heard about the changes to Child and Youth Services. I will check. Any decisions that were made in the past will have to be looked into and a determination made about what was intended and to see what the community needs are.

Understand, the budget is tight. But sometimes when you make decisions thinking that you're saving money, the impact may end up costing you more than what you thought was an easy cut.

I will tell you that before we cut anything, there will be an analysis conducted and some critical thinking and innovative discussions on how to maintain services and mitigate negative impacts if some services need to be reduced.

**Q. Are you planning on holding frequent town hall meetings or writing columns in the Hourglass to keep the community informed of decisions?**

**A.** Yes. I intend to communicate and communicate often. I think the community needs to have a clear picture of a predictable and stable environment so they can make decisions. I won't get cute with the message. You won't

find me talking about right-sizing or any of that language. I will be straight up with the community. We have a community of adults and all you have to do is tell them the straight facts and they can decide for themselves which way they need to go.

I often think that misperceptions and rumors are caused by ambiguity or not having a clear understanding. I'm hoping that by being approachable, and my command team being approachable, we can see what perceptions are out there and try to articulate a clear message of where we are and what we need to do to squelch rumors.

**Q. Are personnel cutbacks inevitable?**

**A.** The only thing I've been asked to do is execute a plan that entails a move of some sections back to Huntsville. Inevitably, that will happen. I don't see that as jobs reduction. I see that as reshaping our workforce to do the remote distributed operations which is beneficial to the enduring mission on Kwajalein.

Now, if 50 or 100 or whatever the number is goes back to Huntsville and the population is reduced, then it's common sense that some services would be reduced.

Of course, no matter what, there are still services that have to be provided to the remaining community.

It's just prudent to take a look at what personnel requirements would be and make decisions based on that. After my 120 days of assessing the situation, I should have a clearer picture of where we're going.

Before the end of that 120 days, I will hold a town hall meeting to introduce myself to the community and get some of the concerns out on the table, and I can use those concerns as weighing factors for overall decisions. I foresee writing articles or commentaries in the *Hourglass* that will help people understand where Kwajalein is going in the future.

**Q. Will there be changes in housing policy?**

**A.** We're looking into that. The Sergeant Major is all over it. We want to make sure that it's an equitable system. We want it to be fair and make sure nobody is gaming the system.

In a small community everybody knows everything, so it's kind of silly to think you're going to game the system and people aren't going to know.

Ethics start from the top down, so I want my command team to be the standard setters.

**Q. On lighter subjects, what do you like to do away from work?**

**A.** I love bicycling around this community. It's a beautiful place. I like the mix within the community. It's just the right kind of diversity. It is like a small town. Everybody knows each other and everybody waves. I also like to run and use the weight lifting facilities.

Most importantly, I like to spend time with my family at the beach or riding bikes. It's just a great place to live. We're enjoying it and looking forward to the next two years.

Clarke concluded the interview by saying he wanted to assure the singles community that he would be just as sensitive to their needs as he would be to family needs.

"I didn't get married until I was 37," he said. "I spent 14 years as a single Soldier so I know what it's like. There has to be equity across the community."

## RUSSIAN BEAR from Page 2

happening to the communist system he so believed in and had served.

When Putin was appointed as Yeltsin's successor, he had his chance.

He cozied up to the west and the United States as long as it suited him.

He said he wanted to be friends and pursue peaceful relations with the west.

But in his heart, he still seethed. He called the breakup of the Soviet Union, "The worst tragedy in the history of mankind."

He began to roll back the democratic reforms, such as they were, that had been enacted by Yeltsin. Even though there were those who opposed him, the majority of the Russian people saw a man who was restoring their economy, their military might and pride in their country.

Such things have happened before in history. It happened in Germany in the 1930s.

Putin did one more thing. He gave the Russian people an enemy — NATO.

The Russians under Putin see the expansion of NATO taking in former Soviet republics as a mortal threat. Or at least, that's how Putin has packaged it to his people and his military.

The Russian people have a long history and they have long memories.

Putin, like Hitler before him, has been a creation of the west.

In 1918, the victorious allies imposed such harsh peace terms on

Germany that the country was impoverished and desperate. The peace terms made the German government weak and ineffectual. The German people were angry and humiliated. Then came Hitler.

After the collapse of the Soviet system in 1991, life in Russia was almost intolerable for most of its citizens. As bad as it had been under the communist government, it got even worse.

Social and economic conditions deteriorated horribly and many Russians actually found themselves longing for the days of communism when at least there was some kind of order.

They were impoverished. The Russian army had suffered humiliating setbacks in Afghanistan and in Chechnya.

They had massive debt and had to borrow huge amounts of cash from the west to finance that debt. Russia's future looked very bleak.

American and western politicians snickered and delighted in saying that we had won the Cold War and we were the only superpower left on the planet.

Then came Putin.

And now it would seem, the worm has turned.

Now we are the ones who are debt stricken. Now we are the ones with a shaky economy. Now American forces are under great stress in Afghanistan and Iraq. Now we borrow vast sums of money to finance our debt. Now our future seems very

uncertain.

Putin has used Russia's vast reserves of oil and natural gas to build a thriving economy and to rebuild the Russian military.

Russia supplies 50 percent of Western Europe's natural gas and 30 percent of its oil. European nations and NATO are not going to challenge Russia when they depend on that oil and gas for their economic survival.

So now, Putin has struck with the invasion of Georgia, an ally of the United States. He has served notice on NATO and America that the Russian bear is back and as powerful as ever. He has said that if missile defense is placed in Poland it might mean nuclear war. The Russian bear in Putin's hands could be very dangerous.

And sadly, besides using harsh words and asking him to pretty please stop, it seems there's not much we can do about it.

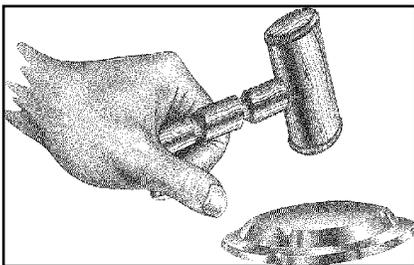
To say that the west has mishandled relations with Russia would be the understatement of all time.

I truly believe there was a window of opportunity to form a lasting bond with Russia and its people. Had we been more helpful to them in their bad times and a little less arrogant, maybe Putin would have been out of power long ago.

But we acted like the biggest dog on the porch and now we seem to be paying the price.

The Russian bear has returned and it is more powerful than ever and we in the west helped to create it.

## Public notice of appointment of part-time U.S. magistrate judge for the district of Hawaii at Kwajalein



annual salary of the position is \$3,919. The term of office is four years.

A full public notice for the magistrate judge position is posted at the U.S. Post Office on Kwajalein and at

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time United States magistrate judge for the District of Hawaii at Kwajalein Missile Range. The current

the office of the Clerk of the U.S. District Court at 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Rm. C-338, Honolulu, Hawaii.

The notice is also available on the court's Internet Web site at [www.hid.uscourts.gov](http://www.hid.uscourts.gov). Interested persons may contact the Clerk of the U.S. District Court for additional information at (808) 541-1330. Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and must be received no later than September 19, 2008 and should be addressed to:

MERIT SELECTION PANEL FOR KWAJALEIN MAGISTRATE U.S. DISTRICT COURT, 300 ALA MOANA BLVD., RM. C-338, HONOLULU, HI 96850

By Order of the Court  
Sue Beitia, Clerk

**HELP WANTED**

**KRS and CMSJ 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://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil>.

**VETS' HALL**

BARTENDER AND BAR BACK. Call Brianne, 53074 or 52279.

**AIRSCAN PACIFIC**

AVIATION SAFETY TECHNICIAN. Entry level position assisting in the administration of the aviation safety program, in accordance with Army, FAA and environmental safety and health procedures. Duties include assisting with investigations, safety and health surveys, conducting safety and orientation training for aviation personnel and other duties, as directed by the aviation safety official. Bachelor's degree in related field desired. Note: This position is subject to regular drug and alcohol testing as required by the

Department of Transportation and local procedures. E-mail résumé to: [Kathy.Bull@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:Kathy.Bull@smdck.smdc.army.mil). No phone calls.

**AAFES**

Roi-Namur STORE MANAGER. Apply at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) <<http://www.aafes.com>>.

**WANTED**

AMPLIFIER for electric guitar. Call 54517, after 6 p.m.

THREE CHILDREN'S BIKES for ages 10 and 12, any riding condition, to rent or borrow until first week in September. Call 50798.

DECK/PATIO building materials, pottong soil, outdoor tools, bikes with training wheels and outdoor decorations. Call 52211, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., or e-mail: [goldmine24@gmail.com](mailto:goldmine24@gmail.com).

**LOST**

SET OF THREE KEYS, no identifier, but included in the key chain is thin ovoid brass plate. Call Eric, 52935.

FOX RACING SUNGLASSES, north of 6th Street in 200-series housing. Call 53921, home, or 51460, work.

STEARNS nylon rainsuit, red top, black bottoms, in black nylon draw-string bag. Call Bob, 52155.

RAYBAN SUNGLASSES left on picnic table at Emon Beach. Call 54261.

WOMEN'S GLASSES between Café Pacific and Palm Bachelor Quarters. Call 54175.

**FOUND**

WOMEN'S BROWN sunglasses at Emon Beach pavilion, Aug. 4. Call 54364.

**PATIO SALE**

MONDAY, 8 a.m., on lawn at ocean end of Reef Bachelor Quarters. PCS sale. Fishing gear. Rain cancels.

**FOR SALE**

PLANTS, including orchids. Call 52788.

PCS SALE. Men's scuba gear: large BC, regulator and dive computer, \$1,000; TREK 6000 mountain bike (needs work, great frame) can be converted to a Kwaj bike, \$200; board games, \$5 each; table lamp, \$15 and vacuum cleaner (bags included), \$15. Call John, 58747.

NEW 5.7L 350 marine engine with new intake and carb, still in crate, \$3,200 and fishing rods, reels and lures. Call Tim, 55364.

**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 only on the first Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m., in Roi Chapel.

Protestant

Sunday  
8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.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.

DEHUMIDIFIER, TWO-GALLON, \$25 and four metal folding chairs, \$20. Call 52262.

GOLF CLUBS with Bazooka titanium driver, \$120; 4-foot by 1-foot mirror, \$5; Gateway computer with DC burner, two speakers and subwoofer, \$100; men's rollerblades, size 10½, \$10 and Martin lures and gaffs. Call Jason, 51567.

SONY TRINITRON 27-inch TV with remote, \$300. Call 52642 and leave a message.

COFFEE TABLE, \$25; blooming flowers and plants, \$3-35; bowling ball, bag and shoes, \$25; 24-inch by 54-inch by 1/4 inch plexiglass, \$3; footlocker, \$20; CD storage cabinet, \$50; Epson scanner, \$30; external zip drive and disks, \$30; toolbox with tray, \$5 and 4-foot by 6-foot blue rug, \$15. Call 52609.

GIRLS' HEELYS shoes, size six, white with pink accents, worn three times, paid \$40, will sell for \$30. Call 50165.

HITACHI TELEVISION, 32-inch, with remote, excellent condition, \$150; Phillips DVD player with remote, two months old, \$30 and Gold Penn International 80TW reel with Penn Tuna Rod, bent butt, used but works fine, \$250. Call 53634, after 5 p.m.

WOODEN BABY crib, \$25; Hitachi bread maker with instructions and recipe book, \$15; Weber charcoal grill and cover, \$20 and Ocean Wonders crib aquarium, \$10. Call 59154.

MANGO, 19-foot Cape Dory Typhoon, excellent

*Café Pacific*

**Lunch**

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Aug. 29
Sweet-and-sour pork	Top round of beef	Pork chops	Beef Stroganoff	Szechuan pork	Swiss steak	Kalua pork/cabbage
Chicken cordon bleu	Vegetable ragu	Herb-roasted chicken	Chicken picatta	Chicken katsu	Chicken stir-fry	Cheeseburger mac
Pizza	Breaded chicken breast	Three-cheese quiche	Broccoli/rice casserole	Vegetable pasta	Tuna casserole	Tofu and broccoli
Grill: Ranchero burger	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Hot dogs	Grill: Teriyaki burger	Grill: Sicilian hoagies	Grill: Tostada bar

**Dinner**

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Pancake supper	Sliced turkey	Cantonese pork	Hamburger steak	Fried chicken	Chef's choice	Hawaiian ham steak
Fried chicken	Parker Ranch stew	Tandouri chicken	Baked penne	Honey lime ono	Minute steak	Oven fried chicken
Chinese beef	Green bean casserole	Chef's choice	Turkey peapod stir-fry	Hawaiian chopped steak	Barbecued chicken	Brunswick stew

**John Connors, Kwajalein Hospital's employee assistance program psychologist, has recently completed certification in critical incident stress management. In the event that Kwajalein encounters a critical incident, Kwajalein Hospital and Connors will be available to help those affected from a psychological/emotional perspective.**

shape, includes cradle, mooring and 20-foot container set up for workshop, \$6,000. Call 54523 and leave a message.

DAKINE SURFBOARD bag, two, \$25; surf leashes 6-foot and 7-foot, \$15 each and Dakine rash guards, short sleeve, mens extra-large, \$20 Call Toni, 52813.

ETHAN ALLEN COUCH, loveseat, Ottoman, \$1,000 or best offer; DVDs, \$5 each; Terk TV antenna, with bracket and cables, \$45; Sharp 23-inch LCD HDTV flat panel, like new, \$250; computer desk with shelves, \$40; Brother fax machine NIB, \$50 and underwater camera with closeup filter, \$75. Call 54106.

WALL MOUNT for flat panel TV, universal mount fits 30-inch to 50-inch monitors, black, Vantage Point U5)-B, supports 200 pounds, new in box, \$75. Call 56063.

FULL-SIZE LOFT BED with desk/work station, \$200; Sony stereo with five-disc and dual-cassettes player, \$75; 160 square feet of interlocking patio tiles, \$45; Sun bike, \$75; Rubbermaid trailer, \$60; weed eater, \$40; leaf blower/vacuum, \$25; large hammock, \$30; hanging chair, \$15; plants, \$3-5 and various household and garden items. Call Renee, 53553.

CRT TELEVISION, 25-INCH, \$200; twin-sized down mattress topper, \$30; Asics running shoe, women's size 10, white with blue trim, never worn, \$50 and New Balance running shoe, women's size 10½, white with blue trim, never worn. \$50. Call 52585, leave a message.

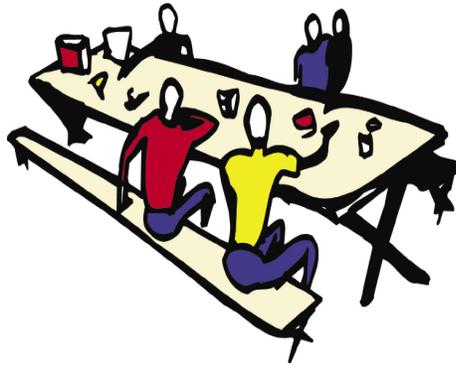
PCS SALE. 21-foot, all fiberglass deep V hull, 225-horsepower outboard, 50-gallon gas tank, VHF radio, safety equipment, trailer and house, \$7,999 for all. Call 59622.

SEA-DOO CHALLENGER jet boat and boat house on Lot 311, \$10,000 or best offer. Call Sandy, 54152 or 58990.

PLANTS, \$1-20, willing to accept offers for multiple plants, see at Trailer 710. Call 58823, home, or 55379, work.

DISHWASHER FOR 400 HOUSING, new in box; 9-foot by 12-foot carpet pad, new 30-quart under-sink roll-out trash, new; 13-foot by 15-foot screen room; new saddle-bag bike basket; Philips DVD/CD player; 19-inch TV with VHS; two blue tarps, 8-foot by 10-foot and 20-foot by 30-foot; digital bath scales and

**Back to School Movie Night is 7 p.m., Saturday, at the Rich. Come see Ironman (PG) and Horton Hears a Who (G). Get some hot dogs, nachos, cotton Candy, and soda.**



**THE YOKWE YUK WOMEN'S CLUB** would like to invite the women of our community, particularly anyone who is new to the island, to a picnic, 5-8:30 p.m., Monday, at Emon Beach pavilion. The women's clubs of Ebeye will be sending representatives to help welcome Veronique Clarke and other Kwaj newcomers to the island. There is no charge for the event. Join us for a fun, casual evening.



**The recompression chamber will not be available through Saturday. During this period, recreational diving will be limited to 50 feet.**

**The Kwajalein Swim Team is getting ready to start the fall season. Registration and first day of practice will take place at the pool Monday.**

- 8:30 a.m.: 13 and over
- 9:30 a.m.: 9-12 year olds
- 10:30 a.m.: Eight and under

**Parents need to stop by and fill out the registration forms and pay your registration fees.**



adjustable mesh gate. Call 52342.

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB will host a happy hour at 5:30 p.m., Saturday. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Bring a pupu to share. New members welcome.

THE FAMILY POOL reopens Saturday. Hours are: 3:30-6 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday and Monday; closed on Thursday.

COME EAT, DRINK and be merry one last time with Kwajalein's favorite barber, Allen Dumancas, at 6 p.m., Sunday, at the Emon Beach small pavilion. Bring a pupu and your favorite drink.

CORLETT RECREATION CENTER gym will close Tuesday for cleaning. Questions? Call 53331.

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

SMALL ARMS RANGE will be in operation 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Wednesday. Avoid the hazard area. Questions? Call 54448.

SURFWAY WILL continue extended hours while the

AAFES Shoppette is setting up chill and freeze units.

START SMART basketball registration for ages 3-5 and kindergarten through Grade six is through Sept. 3. Register at Central Registration. The six-week program starts Sept. 17. Questions? Call 53796.

THE WATER PLANT will be flushing the potable water system's main lines on Kwajalein through Aug. 30. No interruption of service is expected. However, due to sediment in the line being stirred up, you may notice some discoloring of your water. If you experience brown or otherwise off-colored potable water, flush the service line for several minutes until the water runs clear. If the problem persists call the Water Plant at 52155 for assistance.

THE OPTOMETRIST will be on island Sept. 5-16. Patients are responsible for filing their own insurance claims. Be ready to pay at time of service. For appointments, call 52223 or 52224.

RETAIL SERVICES is accepting suggestions from the public on product assortment at Surfway. E-mail suggestions to retail@smdck.smdcc.army.mil or to Ray Denham at Surfway. Provide description and UPC or product label.

CARPET IN COMMUNITY Activities Center Rooms 6 and 7 has been replaced with new carpet and rooms are available for reserving. Call the CRC at 52491 to reserve rooms.

software she orders does not work on a Mac and it takes two weeks to get the right CD's through the mail.

Then, she calls. "Dad, I have worse news. I wasn't in an accident, but we just found out that the house we are renting is in foreclosure." Actually, it was a pre-foreclosure filing from the bank received by 1 in 20 homes in Florida (see *Foreclosures.com*). Of course, this sends everyone into a panic wondering if she must move out, will she get her security deposit back, where will she put her stuff, can she move in with her boyfriend (NO!).

Well, we talk to lawyers and roommates and parents and Katie every morning at 5 am for about a week until we get it all settled out. The security deposit and last month's

rent is put into an escrow account, the landlord re-negotiates the rent, and we buy a bucket of popcorn for Katie and her roommates with a note, "Hang in there."

So, I preached a sermon on Psalm 23 how God is our Good Shepherd and takes care of us and comforts us even when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. I mentioned (at her request) Katie's terrible month and asked folks to pray for her.

That same night, around midnight, I received a phone call that a woman in our congregation who listened to that same sermon just received a message that her 21 year old son died of what they believe to be a heart attack.

On Monday morning, I went and visited with that grieving mom and

dad who heard the worst possible news a parent could ever hear. In those situations, there is not much you can say to make sense out of the tragedy. You listen, you love, you mourn, you cry.

The next week, Katie called just to say hello. No crisis, no problems, all is well. I felt guilty that I had mentioned in church that her problems were so severe. She is still able to call. Our friend's son will never call again.

We sometimes are upset and frustrated that life sends us hard lessons. Let's be thankful that we still have life to learn from them. The next time Katie calls, regardless of the bad news she gives or money she wants, I'll be thrilled she is still able to call.



Photo by Dan Adler

## Movin' on up

The Child Development Center holds a pre-school class graduation ceremony on Aug. 14. Left to right, the graduates are Alakai Chavana, Sebastian LeBlanc, Emma Elkin, Abbie Warren, Julia Sholar, Murphy Malloy, Hannah Finley, Jenna Denny and Minnie Snoddy.

### Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 8-14 knots.  
**Sunday:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 8-14 knots.  
**Monday:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-15 knots.  
**Tuesday:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 8-14 knots.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 8-14 knots.  
**Thursday:** Mostly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 8-14 knots.  
**Aug. 29:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 8-14 knots.

Annual total: 48.81 inches  
 Annual deviation: -6.27 inches

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### Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:29a.m./7:03 p.m.	11:47 p.m./11:48 a.m.	7:01 a.m., 3.8' 7:28 p.m., 3.9'	12:59 a.m., 0.1' 1:09 p.m., 0.2'
Sunday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	/12:49 a.m	7:38 a.m., 3.2' 8:15 p.m., 3.6'	1:43 a.m., 0.3' 1:43 p.m., 0.2'
Monday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	12:45 a.m./1:52 p.m.	10:14 a.m., 2.0' 11:38 p.m., 3.1'	4:34 a.m., 1.1' 4:02 p.m., 1.1'
Tuesday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	1:46 a.m./2:55 p.m.	1:16 a.m., 2.1' 1:27 a.m., 3.4'	7:13 a.m., 0.9' 8:24 a.m. 0.3'
Wednesday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	2:50 a.m./3:55 p.m.	2:26 p.m., 2.6' 2:29 a.m., 4.0'	8:02 p.m., 0.6' 9:07 a.m., 0.1'
Thursday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	3:53 a.m./4:50 p.m.	3:08 p.m., 3.1' 3:13 a.m., 4.4'	8:53 p.m., 0.1' 9:41 a.m., 0.5'
Aug. 29	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	4:52 a.m./5:41 a.m.	3:43 p.m., 3.6'	9:34 p.m., 0.3'