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A portrait of Barack Obama, President of the United States, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a blue and gold striped tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. An American flag is visible in the background on the left side. A small American flag pin is on his lapel.

Hail to
the Chief

President Barack Obama

White House photo

Army proclaims 2009 as Year of the NCO

We announce 2009 as the Year of the NCO. During this year, we will accelerate previously approved strategic NCO development initiatives that enhance training, education, capability and utilization of our NCO Corps. We will showcase the NCO story for the Army and the American people to honor the sacrifices and celebrate the contributions of the NCO Corps, past and present.



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Sergeant Major of the Army

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General, United States Army
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Secretary of the Army

"The goal of the corps of NCOs, whose duty is the day-to-day business of running the Army so that the officer corps has time to command it, is to continue to improve our Army at every turn. We want to leave it better than we found it. Regardless of the kind of unit you're in, it ought to be an 'elite' outfit, because its NCOs can make it one."

— William G. Bainbridge,
5th Sergeant Major of the Army

Appreciation expressed for help with DVD drive

We are writing this letter to express our appreciation to the entire Kwajalein community for their support of a recent joint effort with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to provide DVDs and magazines to our troops serving in combat zones. Your generosity and the many heartfelt messages of solidarity was indeed humbling.

With your help, we were able to send over one hundred twenty-five DVDs and dozens of magazines (over 250 pounds worth) to units in Iraq and Afghanistan. Given the request from those units to not send all of the items at once, we still have an equal number of magazines that will be going overseas shortly. In addition, a number of you provided cash donations that enabled us to buy additional DVDs or defray postal expenses.

The feedback from these supported units, several of them serving on small remote bases in eastern Afghanistan has been highly appreciative. Our son, Michael, who is stationed at one of those bases with the 1st Infantry Division, has stated repeatedly that since these small outposts have no access to retail or MWR facilities that these items sent from Kwajalein have been a real morale booster during a harsh winter.

The Vets' Hall is also due a large round of thanks for their generous donation of phone cards and other items for the troops.

We are proud to be a part of a community that so readily shows its willingness to support those who serve in harm's way to protect our nation and its way of life.

Thanks again Kwajalein!
Sincerely,

— Hugh and Kathleen Denny

THUMBS UP

To the DeCosters, our host family, and appreciation to our island friends for a great welcome and visit to Kwajalein.

— Paul and Stephanie Brown

To Diane Swanby and Tammie Cotton for organizing and hosting the inauguration party at the ARC on Wednesday.

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Talking it over

Commander holds second series of Town Hall meetings on Roi, Kwaj



Col. Frederick S. Clarke, USAKA Commander, addresses the audience at the Roi Town Hall meeting Wednesday.

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Editor's note: Col. Frederick S. Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander, held his second series of town hall meetings Wednesday and Thursday. The Wednesday meeting was on Roi-Namur and meetings with Marshallese employees and the Kwajalein community were held on Thursday. The previous meetings were on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 of last year.

Roi-Namur Meeting

The commander began the Roi-Namur meeting by wishing everyone a happy new year and saying he hoped they enjoyed the holidays.

He gave the audience an update on the water supply situation saying that recent rain and barging water from Kwajalein had brought

the Roi water supply up to two million gallons which is a supply of around 65 days. He stressed that the intent was not to just get by with the water supply, but to get Roi residents back to normal living as far as water goes.

"As soon as the water situation gets back to a normal condition, I can look at easing water restrictions, although some of the things we are doing should have been in place all along," Clarke said. "The good news is that even if it didn't rain a drop or another boat didn't come up, you would be good until mid-March."

He told the audience that a survey team was coming to Roi-Namur to determine the best way to get water back into the filtering systems on the island to return the water situation to a normal condition so island residents could have regular consumption of about 40,000 gallons per day. He stated

that conservation efforts on both Roi and Enniburr have cut the consumption rate to around 36,000 gallons per day.

After the commander's opening statements, comments from the audience began with several complaints about the Roi AAFES store.

An audience member complained that the Roi AAFES store did not have meats, dairy products, fruits or vegetables and that the lack of such items made it impossible to enjoy cook-outs on the island and created other hardships. One resident said she had to travel to Kwajalein to purchase the items she needed at Surfway.

The commander told the gathering to continue telling AAFES what they wanted and needed and also what their complaints are. He said if they felt they were not being heard to tell him and he would

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take it up with AAFES himself if he had to.

He said AAFES owed the residents of Roi a meeting to discuss all such issues to try to have a store as suitable to their community as possible instead of a general business model.

"You don't need to have rubber duck floaties up here like we have on Kwajalein because we have 300 kids," said Clarke. "We need to help AAFES adjust their fire."

The colonel acknowledged that AAFES was still stocking up and the 'seamless' transition from Kwajalein Range Services stores to AAFES had not gone according to plan.

Another concern that was raised is the poorly made bikes AAFES has been selling. The commander said the bikes are made in Asia and because of poor quality, the spokes were rusting through and the wheels were actually coming off the bikes. In addition to that, the vendors who sold parts for the bikes have gone out of business, making the problem even worse.

Many audience members voiced their opinion that American-made bikes should be sold by AAFES and Clarke said he would look into it.

The commander turned to the issue of the Outrigger menu or as he calls it, "The Outrigger Crisis."

"As soon as it was mentioned

the menu was being changed, the flash-bang time for e-mails in my inbox, the Sergeant Major's inbox and Dave Norwood's inbox was almost instantaneous," said Clarke. "But now we should be back to an even, steady state of what that menu looks like and KRS can talk to you if you have more questions about that."

Clarke then addressed the issue of black market goods.

"That's a harsh term, but people need to be shopping with their ID card," he said. "If somebody you don't know is in line and says they forgot their ID, let them take care of that problem, but don't buy something for them and get caught handing out goods to someone who shouldn't have them."

The commander stressed the intent of the practice was to keep people who don't have shopping privileges from depriving those who rightfully do have privileges.

Clarke advised the audience that he would be changing some things concerning security within the next few months. One change concerns the access control policy and the other is shopping. He stated that when he came in as commander five months ago, the budget didn't change and he decided to use it differently.

"The easy way would be to say I'm going to cut services," he said.

"That's not the challenge. The challenge is how do we keep the same quality of life on Roi and Kwajalein with a shrinking budget."

He expressed his concern at what he calls a 'shadow' community on Kwajalein and possibly on Roi-Namur. He said that shadow community is made up of those who don't really work or live on Kwajalein or Roi, but yet are there, using up funding that should go for other requirements.

"Some of it is our partners, but it's not all Marshallese. Sometimes I run across people who have been here as long as I have, but they're 'guests.' When you look at it and multiply it by as many folks as we have living and working here, that shadow population eats and showers and uses electricity and all that cost is taking away from the people who are living here full time," said Clarke. "So I'm looking at the access control policy, not only to control who comes on the island, but how long they stay, to make sure we don't have additional costs that we can't afford. That 'shadow' community is costing us money that I could use to fix or buy many things we need to have."

The commander stated that he was going to increase the length of 480 visitors from 60 days to 90 days, but it would be capped at 90 days for the year.

"You can have somebody come in for 10 days and then you would have 80 days left," he said. "But I believe that even doing that, we will have less people here than we did before. It's going to be fair, equitable, and a comprehensive policy."

Addressing security issues, the commander said that even though it's a hassle to sign someone in and out at the Security Checkpoint, that was the regulation and he is going to see that it is enforced. No one not having permission to be on the island will be allowed entry without someone who is authorized to be on the island taking responsibility for that person. The colonel went on to say that he will not neglect his duty to keep the community safe.

Clarke said that Kwajalein and Roi-Namur were going to have an interesting year. He reminded the audience that he now had a new commander-in-chief, and while he



Left to right, Lt. Col. K. Jay Curry, USAKA/RTS (CONUS) Deputy Commander, Col. Frederick Clarke, USAKA Commander, and Matt Daggett, KRS Deputy Program Manager for Logistics, inspect the Roi tennis court.

didn't know what that would mean for the future of missile defense, he still believed that Kwajalein and Roi-Namur were great national assets and strategically important.

"I'm not concerned at the moment, but if I ever am, I will let you know and you can make important decisions based upon the information I give you," he said.

The commander then touched on an assessment team's recent appraisal of the hospital.

"To nobody's surprise, the team said the hospital is in deplorable condition," he stated. "So I'm seeing what can be done to get a new hospital or getting into a temporary facility."

The colonel said that according to the assessment team, the medical staffing based on the island population was more than adequate. However, there is some medical equipment that must be repaired, so he is talking to KRS about getting those repairs made. He further stated that USAKA is trying to piggyback off of Tripler Hospital as much as possible.

To the applause of the audience, the commander said he has requested that KRS bring back insurance billing so residents will no longer have to pay out of pocket for medical services. He said that KRS was looking at the best way to do that.

An audience member asked about the possibility of getting satellite TV for both islands. The commander answered that there are a couple of ongoing initiatives to bring broadband TV, DSL and more channels out to Kwaj and Roi.

"Some of it is tied to the Kwajalein cabling system coming in fiscal year 2010 and some of it is good people like you who have come in and said they knew of companies that could provide the service," Clarke said. "However, this is not the first time broadband has come up on Kwaj. Historically, for whatever reason, the idea of paying for a service has not been favorably looked upon by the community. But because somebody said no 40 years ago doesn't mean in 2009 we can't look at it again."

An audience member said he felt that since Roi-Namur is such a remote location that workers there

should receive 'hardship' pay and considerations. The commander said he would look into it.

Another resident questioned the use of Social Security numbers to rent movies from AAFES. The colonel said that was also an issue on Kwajalein and it stemmed from the way AAFES does business. He said he and AAFES were looking into it, but he wasn't sure it could be changed.

Space available travel was a topic of much concern at the meeting. Roi residents are questioning the regulation saying that only 'on-duty' personnel can fly on the helicopters. Because of that regulation, Roi residents trying to get to Kwajalein for a Continental flight to go on annual leave may be stranded if the fixed-wing aircraft are broken down.

Clarke said, "You may think Space-A is supposed to be a reliable system, but in the Army, it's only when available and only when flights don't get diverted and if the plane shows up and if there's seats on it. I always tell people that if you really need to get somewhere, you need to plan ahead of time to go a few days ahead of time. I've got it that it's a pain to go to Kwaj days early to catch a flight, but the reality is if a plane is not available, you'll get stuck up here."

The commander said he was concerned that if someone came down from Roi to purchase food items or engage in other activities and then the Metroliner breaks, that person should be able to fly back on a helicopter even if he or she came down as a Space-A traveler. He stated that the flight ops people should understand that keeping Roi workers at Kwaj another day is counterproductive to the mission. However, the basic regulation on Space-A travel and helicopter use by on-duty personnel only will remain in force. The colonel said he was bound by Federal Aviation Administration and Department of Defense policies. Clarke also said



Col. Frederick S. Clarke, USAKA Commander, and Lt. Col. K. Jay Curry inspect the AAFES store on Roi.

air transportation to and from Roi would remain a mixture of fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters in the future. The colonel added that KRS was in the process of subcontracting air transportation. The intention is that the Vietnam-era helicopters will be replaced by light utility helicopters by this time next year.

An audience member asked about the possibility of additional paid travel days for annual leave since it took extra time to get on and off Roi. Dave Norwood, KRS President, responded that the Federal Acquisition Regulation prohibited him from doing that as any such paid time had to be billed to the federal government.

The colonel concluded the meeting by saying how impressed he is with the cleanliness of Roi-Namur and praised the residents for keeping it that way. He also said, "There's nothing trivial you can ask in these meetings. If it's a concern to you, it's not trivial to me. You may not like the answer you get, but you will get an answer. What's important is that we take a look at it and decide whether it's a good thing for Roi or Kwaj."

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Marshallese Employee Meeting

The commander met with Marshallese employees for the second time since taking command of U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll.

Col. Frederick Clarke began the Thursday afternoon meeting by asking for the Marshallese employees' help with energy conservation, cleanliness of the island, reducing speeding while driving vehicles, reducing excessive alcohol drinking and a perceived black market.

On energy conservation, he suggested actions such as not leaving lights on when not required and other such measures.

On keeping the island clean, he asked those who smoke outside to deposit cigarette butts in appropriate trash receptacles and for everyone to put empty drink bottles and discarded food containers in proper trash containers.

As far as speeding is concerned, "The entire workforce who have the right to operate vehicles are driving much too fast," he said. "I am asking the police to be more vigilant and I'm asking you as a community that if you see someone driving too fast, to let the police know about it. I am concerned about the safety of people on the island, especially children."

As at the Roi-Namur meeting, the colonel once again stressed his concern that there is a perception (which may be all too real) that some may be engaged in a black market trade due to the liberal shopping policy at AAFES. He said if that was occurring, it took away items that the whole community needed and rightfully deserved to have. He said in no uncertain terms the reason the store was there was to serve the workers and residents who live on Kwajalein and nobody else.

One of the commander's main concerns centered around the drinking of alcohol.

"There is too much alcohol drinking going on," he stressed. "It's OK to have a beer or two at a social event and then go back home without a problem."

He continued, "But, if you are drinking to a point where you are falling asleep on the street or you are looking for a fight, that is not good for the community."



Col. Frederick Clarke, left, speaks to the audience with translation help from Jelton Anjain, RMI Representative to USAKA, at the RMI town hall meeting Thursday afternoon.

The colonel told the audience that he was taking action against those who drank to excess and caused the whole community problems by doing it. He said that those who drank so much it caused problems at their work or in other situations are now warned it won't be long before they are not welcome on the installation anymore.

"When I first got here, someone would tell me that 'John' had been arrested nine times for drinking," he said. "I thought that was crazy. So you don't get nine times anymore. Now you get three times and then you get permanently barred. I don't want to punish everybody because of the actions of a few. I'm trying to figure out how to fix the problem because it's not getting any better."

He added, "I ask you to do self-policing and that you take care of each other. If someone you know is drinking too much, talk to them before it becomes a police problem."

The commander told the audience that there will be new policies concerning access control and the governing of buying and selling goods at AAFES. He said more information on the changes would be put out soon and they would be well aware of what the new policies would change.

"Everything I just told you are

the same things I will be saying to the Kwajalein community tonight," said Clarke.

The colonel then said he had spoken long enough and opened the meeting to questions from the audience. He asked them to take advantage of the opportunity to tell him what was on their minds. He assured the audience that whatever they told him, he would take the time to think about it and try to find solutions if possible.

An audience member asked if there were any plans to replace the aging LCMs as they leaked water when it rained and were in bad condition.

Clarke answered that research was being conducted to see what the best affordable transportation was available to replace the LCMs. He cautioned that it might take a while to accomplish, citing the competitive bidding process.

Another member of the audience asked if parking could be moved closer to the Dock Security Checkpoint now that the trailers have been removed. The colonel said he would check with his security people to see if that was feasible.

The commander was asked if he would support a 'worker organization' to present concerns and complaints to USAKA. He said that such a plan was in the works.

Negotiations are ongoing between USAKA and the RMI to form a Joint Labor Relations Council. It will provide a way for workers to discuss issues with USAKA through their government representative.

"We have given our comments back to the RMI government and they are looking at it right now," Clarke said. "They may have it back to us by early February and if they agree to the terms, then there will be a Labor Relations Council to present the problems of Marshallese workers."

In answer to a question of who would be on the council, the commander said he didn't know as of now, but when he did, it wouldn't be a secret. He also said he would look into the possibility of having a Marshallese worker on Kwajalein as part of the council although that would be up to the RMI.

A question about scheduling the ferry for an earlier departure on Monday afternoons was asked and Clarke said he would check with the schedulers to see if that was possible.

Another audience member asked why the catamarans couldn't be used for transportation back and forth to Ebeye instead of buying new boats.

The colonel answered that unfortunately that couldn't be done because the catamarans can't dock at Ebeye Pier and it would cost money to fix the pier that could go towards the purchase of new boats.

He was asked if Marshallese workers could have PINs to make phone calls to family in the United States. He said he would look into it.

A member of the audience wondered if the commander had received any information from the new Barack Obama administration as to the future of Kwajalein. Clarke said he had no new information but, "We know there's going to

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— Col. Frederick Clarke,
USAKA Commander

be change. We just don't know what that change will be. As we get information, I will pass it on to you."

A woman complained that her culture was not respected at her place of work.

"If somebody is disrespecting the Marshallese culture at work, let me know as soon as possible," the commander said. "Maybe the person doing it needs to be educated in the Marshallese culture and doesn't know they are being disrespectful. But if they are doing it on purpose, that will not be accepted and action will be taken."

He was asked why some Marshallese only make \$3 per hour and if there was any way they could receive a raise. He was also asked why some Marshallese weren't getting 80 hours per pay period.

Dave Norwood, Kwajalein Range Services President, responded that merit raises were being put together and the Marshallese workers would be included in those raises. The commander said that as far as not getting 40 hours per week, the budget cuts made it necessary to either cut back hours for some workers or let them go. It was decided to cut back hours rather than take jobs away from workers. Clarke mentioned that in his inauguration speech, President Barack Obama said that hard times meant shared pain and that was the situation on Kwajalein right now.

An audience member wanted to know why there were no bonuses in 2008. Clarke said that bonuses are based on cost savings to the command and with the financial situation as it is, there were no real cost savings last year. He urged members of the audience to share any ideas they might have for cost saving and perhaps there could be bonuses in the future.

Another question concerned the reductions in force in 2008 and whether those reductions were fair to the Marshallese.

Norwood said that in the recent reductions in 2008, 12 percent of the U.S. workforce was reduced and eight percent of the RMI workforce was reduced. Clarke said that it also had to be taken into consideration that some of the RMI workers were hired by AAFES, so actually, more U.S. citizen jobs were reduced than Marshallese positions.

The commander was queried as to whether Marshallese could do business with Community Bank as many Marshallese are not happy with the Bank of the Marshall Islands. Clarke said the Status of Forces Agreement prohibited that.

A question concerning repairing and improving the shelter at the Ebeye dock was asked. Clarke answered that it was the first time anyone had mentioned it and he would take a look at it.

One audience member said that AAFES allowed Marshallese to use shopping carts to carry purchases to the DSC, but while they were returning the carts to AAFES, they would get tickets for leaving unattended packages. He asked if that problem could be solved.

Clarke answered that it was a valid point, but he also said that shopping carts seemed to be all over the island and they should be returned so everyone could use them. In the meantime, he said he would look at possible solutions.

The commander was asked about use of the laundry facility. He said that a plan was being worked on to possibly put a laundry facility outside the DSC gates so someone could use it without actually coming into the installation. He said that was part of the new access control review.

It was asked why prices on excess government property at the DCCB had gone up so much recently. Clarke said he believed the pricing came from his contracting office and that he would take the concern to them.

The colonel concluded the meeting by thanking the audience for coming and sharing their views and concerns with him.

He said he and his staff take time to go over the concerns trying to reach solutions. He said some things would take time to work out while others might be quick fixes.

He again stressed that if they experienced any cultural respect problems, they should let him know immediately because everyone deserves respect.

"That is just the way people should treat each other," he said.

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Kwajalein Community Meeting

The commander met with the Kwajalein community Thursday evening in Island Memorial Chapel.

As at the Roi and RMI meetings, he thanked the audience for coming as it showed their interest in the community.

He said the new year had been quiet so far, meaning that no major disasters had occurred, which is very good.

He again touched on energy conservation, speeding, keeping the island clean, excessive alcohol drinking and black market goods.

He again stressed that no one should buy anything at any island store and give it to someone not authorized to shop on island. That includes someone who says he or she forgot their ID badge while in the check-out line.

"It may seem like a nice thing to do, but you may find yourself in a very bad situation if you do that," the colonel said.

As at the earlier meetings, he told the audience that he has directed the police to be more vigilant about drivers who are speeding on the island. He again asked residents to report speeding to the police.

He also stressed that using government vehicles for non-official use was prohibited. For an example, he said that taking government vehicles to go home for lunch was not allowed and he warned against doing it.

The commander told the audience that he had recently barred two individuals from the island permanently because they had done things not conducive to a good working environment.

"When somebody crosses the line, you don't have to worry about whether I'm doing the right thing or not," he said. "If a person can't live with or abide by the rules or breaks a drug, family abuse, racism or theft rule, that isn't a three-strike situation, that's a window or aisle situation."

To much laughter, he mentioned he had been asked at the earlier meetings if he had heard anything from President Barack Obama about the future of Kwajalein.

"I haven't gotten a phone call yet,"



Col. Frederick Clarke listens to a question from an audience member at the Kwajalein town hall meeting Thursday evening.

he said. "But I'm still hoping I get one and I'll let you know what happens."

He told the audience that during the past week, the body of a fallen Soldier from the RMI was received and a service was held on Ebeye. USAKA is helping with the transportation of the body to his home island. He thanked the people who were getting that done.

He reviewed the flooding on Roi and what measures were being taken to normalize the water situation there. He said that Air Force personnel would be on island and on Roi as they surveyed ways to get water back into the Roi filter systems. He said that when Roi returned to a more normal state of water supply, he would lift the restrictions on travel to the island.

He addressed hospital issues such as the state of the building and that while the building was in bad condition, the quality of our medical personnel is excellent according to a recent survey done by Tripler Hospital, although there are supposed to be 20 nurses, but only 13 are at the hospital right now. He also said he had rejected the idea of making the hospital into a clinic and reducing services. He stated anyone could see the bad condition of the infrastructure of the hospital and he was trying to get funding to con-

struct a new one.

To loud applause, he announced that he has directed KRS to return to an insurance direct billing system so residents will no longer have to pay out of pocket for medical services. He said KRS was working on a plan to do so.

The colonel said the regulation regarding the use of scooters for non-work purposes by spouses had been changed and that spouses could now obtain licenses and can use scooters if they are available. Four new scooters have been purchased, of which Kwajalein will get two.

Clarke said there had been a request to get another AFN channel and AFN Xtra has since been added to the AFN Kwajalein schedule. He also stated that the Information Technology Department was working on getting a backup server to cutback, or hopefully, eliminate those times, "When you're watching that last part of a football game and the screen goes blank and it says it's trying to reconnect with the satellite," said Clarke.

The commander said another request that had been handled was to put in a cipher lock at the racquetball court.

Clarke said that some people have asked him to relax the access control rules for 'regulars' that 'everyone' knows.

"But the reality is that not everyone knows that person and if an ID card is lost or stolen, we could have somebody running around this island we really don't want here," he said. "As always, my first concern is the safety of the community."

Again, as in the earlier meetings, the commander alluded to the 'shadow' community living on island.

He again said that he was instituting a new 480 policy extending the length a guest could stay from 60 to 90 days with the 90 days being the limit for a year.

He explained that if two adults came as guests, they would each be charged with a day, so therefore, they could stay a total of 45 days. In a family situation such as a daughter, her husband, and her children coming as guests, the children under 18 (if they came to Kwajalein Atoll from a distance of more than 249 nautical miles) would not have days charged against them, only the adults would. Residents can also break up the allotted days by having one guest for 10 days, another for 30 days and so on until the 90-day mark is reached. The commander said the intention of this policy change was to keep a tighter control on how many non-residents were on island in order to keep costs down so that our limited funds can be spent wisely. Clarke said the policy did not apply to domestic workers, only 480 visitors.

The new policy will start Feb. 15 and at that time, everyone will be 'zeroed out,' meaning that Feb. 16 would be day one of a guests' stay.

An audience member wanted to know what would keep someone from sponsoring a significant other for 90 days and then have someone else sponsor the person for an additional 90 days and so on.

The colonel answered that there were procedures in place to catch that type of situation.

"I know somebody will try to game the system," he said. "And that falls into the lying and cheating category. So just be aware that if you decide to go down that route and you get caught, there will be consequences. This is a small community and people are watching."

A resident expressed frustration with AAFES at not having items

in stock such as bike repair parts, video cords, cat food and corrosion control products and he didn't understand the problem since AAFES has a warehouse in Guam.

Kris Kovas, General Manager for AAFES Kwajalein, responded that they do not have a warehouse in Guam. AAFES orders come from California, Korea or other areas, go to Guam and are shipped to Kwajalein from there. All orders take 38 days to arrive on island. AAFES does not get weekly shipments. She said cat food and power cords had to be drop-shipped from the vendors. She reminded audience members that the Shoppette was fully stocked when it first opened and then it took 60-90 days to start getting everything re-stocked on a regular basis. That is how the situation with PXtra is now but should get better soon she said. In addition, Kovas said that dirt (which contains fertilizer), fingernail polish, lubricants and some other items are considered hazardous material and take longer to arrive than normal items.

Kovas was also asked if AAFES was going to bring TV out through their network. She said at this time it couldn't be done on their network because of credit card transmittals, but when fiber comes to Kwajalein, it might be looked at again. She said the provider would have to put in the infrastructure and it all depended on how many people wanted it and were willing to pay for it.

Clarke said he had asked for an AAFES council with community members other than the command to discuss needs and requirements with AAFES. He mentioned the bike situation at AAFES and said that residents should contact AAFES customer service if they have problems.

Kovas said that unfortunately, the vendors who made the tires and tubes for the bikes had taken them out of production so they won't be available for a period of time. However, AAFES had received some that day. She said they are trying to get the items from other stores until the vendor starts shipping again, which is probably 45 days out. She also said AAFES was attempting to reach a resolution with the bike manufacturer on replacements.

A resident asked why there was

not a recycling program that would prevent clogging up the incinerators with items that should be recycled.

The colonel said he has asked KRS to institute a recycling program because things are being thrown away that could be recycled and bring some money into the community.

A question was asked about fireworks for the Fourth of July. The commander said he also wished to have fireworks, but a 12-minute show cost \$34,000 and he had to balance that against other community needs and more pressing funding issues. He said that he was considering it and would let the community know before Independence Day.

Maintenance of the Public Gardens was brought up and the lack of volunteers to take care of it.

Some audience members said the main volunteer had quit because she had trouble getting mowing equipment and cooperation in maintaining the garden.

Clarke thanked all the volunteers who pitch in on the island and he said that before anyone reached the frustration point of quitting because they weren't getting cooperation, they should come see him and he would work with them to solve problems.

Kim Scruton-Yarnes, Community Services Entertainment Supervisor, said she and Bob Butz, Golf Course Supervisor, were instituting a volunteer clean-up of the gardens at 2 p.m., on Mondays for the next three weeks and invited all to come and help out. In addition, in answer to a question about AFE Entertainment, Scruton-Yarnes said an AFE comedy tour would be on island Feb. 24 and performing at the gardens.

In answer to a question about what was going to happen to new housing, the commander said that the way the Army worked, if it cost above a certain amount to repair housing, they might say to tear it down, but if it's below a certain amount, they might say go ahead and fix it. He said all of new housing is not in the same condition. Some are quite liveable, some were bad enough that the residents were moved out for health reasons and

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Imagine, achieve, believe

4-H Ebeye Citizenship Club culminates activities with cook-out at Emon Beach

Article and photo by Susannah Jones

School Age Services Lead Instructor and 4-H Kwajalein Site Lead

Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. This is the essence of 4-H on Kwajalein and anywhere a 4-H club can be found. For many, 4-H is synonymous with cows, crops, county fairs, and country life, but today, 4-H has grown from its original rural agricultural roots to a program of clubs for youth from all walks of life.

On Kwajalein, the six clubs offered this school year include computer technology, citizenship, photography, drama, nutrition and fitness, and an officer's club. One of the most popular clubs, the Ebeye Citizenship Club, had their last meeting on Monday, culminating the club's activities with a cook-out at Emon Beach. After a fun-filled afternoon of swimming, volleyball, and enjoying a meal together, certificates of recognition were presented to each member of the club from both Ebeye and Kwajalein.

The idea for the club originated when the 4-H Kwajalein Site Lead, Susannah Jones, had numerous requests from the children to visit Ebeye. Having worked with the public schools on Ebeye in the past, Ms. Jones contacted the Vice Principal of Ebeye Public School, Deo Keju, to recruit his assistance in forming a club of both Kwajalein and Ebeye elementary school students.

The first club meeting took place on Ebeye and included a campus clean-up, which supported the club's focus on citizenship. For club members, citizenship included being good neighbors, protecting the environment, and making schools and communities better, so cleaning up the Ebeye Public School Campus was the perfect start to practicing good citizenship.

In October, the Ebeye club members visited Kwajalein for the Costume Party, learning a bit more about their American neighbors and their traditions. For the November meeting, everyone traveled to the



Citizenship Club members work together during the Disability Week Parade.

island of Nene to enjoy an outer-island picnic while being reminded of how lucky residents of Kwajalein and Ebeye are to have such clear waters and beautiful bright blue skies and how important it is to strive to keep it that way. Finally, in December, Kwajalein club members had the privilege of visiting Ebeye once again and participating in the Disability Week Parade and learning about the importance of accepting

and honoring all people and our unique differences.

The final cook-out and club recognition ceremony at Emon Beach ended with reciting and signing the 4-H Pledge printed below. With approximately 40 members and club volunteers attending, the last 4-H Citizenship club event for this school year was a great success, and it is Ms. Jones' hope that it will continue to bond the children of the two communities together for years to come.

When asked if they would recommend the club to their friends next year, the Kwajalein 4-Hers gave a resounding "Yes!" The Ebeye Citizenship club certainly proved that if you imagine an idea, set goals to achieve that idea, and believe you can meet your goals, you will, and that's what 4-H is all about: imagining, achieving, and believing for a better life and a better world. If you are interested in learning more about 4-H and its programming on Kwajalein, contact Susannah Jones at susannah.jones@smdc.smdc.army.mil.

4-H PLEDGE

I pledge:

My HEAD to clearer thinking,

My HEART to greater loyalty,

My HANDS to larger service, and

My HEALTH to better living,

**For my club, community,
my country and my world.**

Come on in and sit a spell

Adult Recreation Center not just for singles

By Dan Adler
Media Manager

The Adult Recreation Center is one of most under utilized facilities on Kwajalein but it's also one with great potential. So said Kim Scruton-Yarnes, Community Activities Entertainment Supervisor.

"The ARC is for all K-badge holders 19 and over, even accompanied personnel," she said. "A lot of people don't know what it has to offer."

She added, "Many Bachelor Quarter residents don't know the ARC has a full working kitchen. All the pool tables are being refelted so they will be in tip-top condition. There's air hockey, ping pong and other games, so if people want to get out and do something fun, there's a place to do it. And with Quality of Life money, a new back patio area has been added complete with picnic tables and barbecue grills."

In addition, if residents couldn't catch movies at the Yuk Theater during the weekend, the

ARC shows one of them again on Wednesday evenings, which is also Super Scrabble Night. A new Scrabble board just came in so there are twice as many letters now. In addition, the TV series *Lost* will be shown at 7 p.m. Sundays. There is also a card night on Mondays.

"We just got a Wii," Scruton-Yarnes said. "It's not hooked up yet, but will be in service on the big screen TV in a week or so. If you get into them, you can really get a workout. It's a lot of fun. We plan to hold Wii tournaments as well."

If a resident wants someone to play pool or ping pong with, a sign up board is available.

A wireless router with high-speed Internet is going to be added so laptop computers can be used in the facility. Three computers are also available for those without laptops.

The facility is also available for parties according to Scruton.

"The hospital just had their holiday party there for 85 people and the facility can hold up to 190,"

she said. "So if you want to have a party for 30 or so people, there's still plenty of room for others."

The ARC can't be reserved exclusively for a private party however. It is always open to the public during operating hours.

Reservations can be made for the meeting room, TV room, band room and the kitchen for an event. A calendar is posted near the door for reservations.

If residents wish to have a party for 50 or more people, a call to Community Activities at 53331 will record the night the party will be held. That way, if someone else wants to hold a party or event the same night, Community Activities can advise them there is already a party scheduled and also inform the attendant there will be a party.

As many as two parties of 50 persons each, as well as the public, can be accommodated at the same time.

So if you want to hold a party, have a few hours of fun or just have a night out of your house or BQ room, come on in to the ARC.

Mardi Gras and AFE comedy show coming

By Dan Adler
Media Manager

Community Activities and the Vets' Hall are planning a Mardi Gras parade on Fat Tuesday complete with 'floats' according to Kim Scruton-Yarnes, Community Activities Entertainment Supervisor.

"We're trying to get at least 10 entries or we won't be able to do it," she said. "If someone just wants to walk in costume or decorate their bike or anything like that, we're calling it a float."

She added laughingly, "We use the term float pretty loosely."

It's hoped that departments as well as individuals will get involved and perhaps get competitive in float designs and decorations. To enter, call Scruton-Yarnes at 53331 or fill out a registration card posted at the post office.

"If we can pull off the parade, it will go to the Vets' Hall where there will be judging and prizes awarded," Scruton-Yarnes said. "Then we'll have a Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras celebration at the Vets' Hall."

When it comes to Mardi Gras celebrations, Scruton-Yarnes speaks from experience.

"I grew up in a town that has the largest Mardi Gras west of the Mississippi, San Luis Obispo in California. All through my childhood that was one of the highlights. I went to Christmas parades and they were fun and festive, but you came home from a Mardi Gras parade with beads and coins so I've always had happy memories of Mardi Gras," she said.

In addition to the parade and Mardi Gras celebration, an adult-oriented AFE comedy tour is scheduled to perform on Kwajalein that evening. Details on the show will be in a future issue of the *Hourglass*.



Kwajalein Police Department gives the steps to obtain Common Access Card

By **Bradley Walker**
KPD Facility Manager

CAC CARD NEW/RENEWAL STEPS:

Individuals who have a U.S. Social Security Number and who had or have an existing Common Access Card and is in DEERS/RAPIDS CAC system:

Human Resources department for each company applies through CVS (Contractor Verification System) for employee CAC (New or Renewal).

For new employees, an ITAR (IT account) has to be submitted to IT by your supervisor once you get an approval from CVS through your HR department. Contact the CAC office for an appointment at 58496.

You will need to present two forms of current picture ID at your CAC appointment. For new employees, once you get your CAC, take it to the IT Help Desk to get it registered.

For new or renewal CAC card, it will take between two and 24 hours before you can log on with your card.

Those who do not have a U.S. Social Security Number

They will need to fill out an 1172-2 form for CAC application. This form is located in the USAKA Intranet under CAC, or you can get

a form at the CAC office, building 901, Badging Office. Your supervisor needs to sign the 1172-2 form.

Do not sign your CAC application until it has been verified by a government official. You will need to present two current picture IDs. Contact Host Nations and CAC office to schedule an appointment around the same time to have your form signed on the same day. 1172-2 form will need to be signed by the government office before the CAC VO signs. Host Nation's Christi Bowman or Anne Greene can review and sign your CAC application. Please call them for an appointment at 55033 or 54848.

Once your form has been reviewed and signed by the government official, present your form and the two IDs at your CAC appointment. The VO (CAC Verifying Official) will enter your information and scan your IDs and generate a FIN (Foreign Identification Number) for you. VO will write this number in Block 3 under SSN#.

Take the form with the new FIN# number to your HR department and they will apply through CVS for a CAC. This process takes about a couple days before it comes back approved through HR.

Once approved by CVS, contact

CAC office for an appointment. Bring two IDs and the signed 1172-2 form with you to your CAC appointment. Once you get your CAC card take it to IT Help Desk to register.

CAC Hours of Operation:

7:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday to Saturday.

Unblocking CACs

For Roi residents, contact Roi RNP (Roi Namur Police Department) to unblock your CAC. For Kwaj residents, contact CAC office 58496 for help in unblocking your CAC.

Reminder on CAC Department of Defense Security :

Your CAC is the property of the DoD. Your PIN and card cannot be shared with anyone. When your contract is over or your card has expired, return it to the CAC office. If your card is lost, report it to Kwajalein Police Department and file a police report. Also notify the CAC office. You will need to pay Kwajalein Range Services Finance before a new card will be issued. Any punching of holes, marking or cutting of the card is prohibited.

Five servicemembers die in War on Terror

Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Bennett, 23, of Clifton, Va., died Jan. 11 as a result of a non-hostile incident in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Sgt. Marquis R. Porter, 28, of Brighton, Mass., died Jan. 11 as a result of a non-hostile incident in Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Joshua R. Townsend, 30, of Solvang, Calif. died Jan. 16 in Tarin Kowt, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Pfc. Ricky L. Turner, 20, of Athens, Ala., died Jan. 16 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit. He was assigned to the 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Senior Airman Omar J. McKnight, 22, of Marrero, La., died Jan 17 as a result of a non-hostile incident in Balad, Iraq. He was assigned to the 6th Security Forces Squadron, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

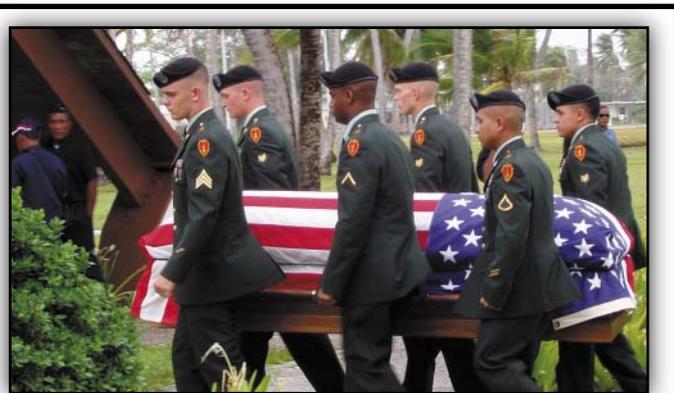


Photo by Roberta Jones, USAKA Protocol Officer

Coming home

A U.S. Army Honor Guard from 25th Inf. Div., Honolulu, Hawaii carries the flag-draped casket of Pfc. Henty Maika to the Island Memorial Chapel on Kwajalein, Republic of Marshall Islands, on Jan 20. Pfc. Maika is the son of Truman and Lillian Philimon from Ebeye, Republic of Marshall Islands.

HELP WANTED

KRS and CMSI Job Listings for On-Island Positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job Listings for Contract Positions will be available at www.krsjv.com, on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com.

NEED EXTRA MONEY? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for Casual Positions in the Community Services Departments, Medical Department and the HR Temp Pool. Some of the Casual positions are: Recreation Aides, Medical Office, Media Services Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and HR Temp Pool Office Support. Questions? Call 54916.

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.

Jewish services

Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office, 53505, for more information.

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>.

SPACEY

LAUNCH SITE TECHNICIAN. Must have general mechanical experience and at least three years of air-conditioning experience. Call Sharon, 54775.

COMMUNITY BANK

TELLER. Part time 20 hours. Submit resumé to <http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com> or <mailto:careers.dodcommunitybank.com>

WANTED

HOUSE SITTING SITUATION for March 6 to 31. Adult visitor will care for pets and plants. Call 54494.

WOMEN'S SUN bike. Call 52588.

LOST

SERGETI SUNGLASSES, rose-tinted. Call 53087 or 54824.

FOUND

PRESCRIPTION GLASSES at 429-A. Call 52312.

WOMEN'S GREEN BIFOCAL glasses, Saturday, near quarters 223. To claim, call Kim, 52223 or stop by the hospital.

BIKE ODOMETER gauge near CRC dirt bike path. Call Community Activities, 53331.

FOLDING DIVE KNIFE with two small keys attached near Emon beach. 53887.

FOUR HARRY POTTER paperback books, before Christmas. Call 52319.

PATIO SALES

HUGE MULTIPLE FAMILY patio sale 7 to 11 a.m., Sunday, in the backyard of quarters 119-C. No early birds! Toys, electronics, kitchen goods, kids clothes and fishing stuff.

MOVING SALE from 8 to 12 a.m., Monday, at quarters 112-A. Sony 32 inch TV, two small TVs with VCR'S, large computer desk and air purifier.

FOR SALE

DEHUMIDIFIER, \$25. Call 52788.

GIRLS AND JUNIORS beautiful formal and casual dresses, new or barely worn. Great for Winter Ball or Father-Daughter Dance. Call Julianne, 51444.

DELL DESKTOP COMPUTER, 300 GB memory, wireless mouse and keyboard, Logitech Quickcam, 12 inch flat screen monitor, \$200; Hoover Steamvac and full bottle of carpet cleaner, \$30; Conair hair dryer, \$5; Revlon ceramic hair iron, \$5; single cup coffee and tea maker, \$5; wine glasses, openers and accessories, all \$5 or less; women's clothes, purses and shoes, size 9, all \$5 or less; beach accessories, \$5; CD and cassette player, \$10; dark wood corner night stand with two side cabinets and three shelves, \$20. Call Susannah, 52257 and leave a message.

MITSUBISHI DLP HD TV with three HDMI ports, 65 inch screen with a hard-to-see scratch in the upper corner, \$1300. ProForm treadmill, older model but in great shape, \$200. Call 51571 or 51489.

GAMECUBE GAMING system, \$50; aquarium, 45 gal. with two filters, light, \$60; Lego pirate ship, assembled, \$10; cardioblades, for arm exercise, \$5; octopus holder, \$1; Deep Sea scuba booties, men's 11, \$5; two air vent deflectors, \$2; two fishing books, \$5; cassette storage box, \$5; board

Café Pacific

Lunch

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Jan 30
Mini taco bar	Carved top round	Lemon basil chicken	Grilled minute steak	Greek chicken breast	Italian pasta bar	Chicken chimichangas
Corn beef and cabbage	Cornish game hen	Huevos Rancheros	Turkey broccoli stir-fry	Lentils	Baked chicken	Burritos/tacos
Irish lamb stew	Oriental stir-fry	Strawberry crepes	Mac and cheese	Sautéed liver	Cheese manicotti	Nacho chips
Grill: Cream of potato soup	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Pizza burger	Grill: Grilled Cheese	Grill: Chili dog	Grill: Mexican fiesta

Dinner

Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Grilled short ribs	B.B.Q. pork butt	Salisbury steak	Kwaj fried chicken	Carved top sirloin	Stir-fry to order
Tex-Mex stir-fry	Chicken Supreme	Tuna casserole	Grilled cod	Whole roast chicken	Charisiu spare ribs
Broiled fajita chicken	Baked tofu	Pork pimento	Chinese stir-fry	Ratatouille casserole	Sesame noodles

How about
some

Putting Around?



Children's putt putt golf course will be set up, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, at Homberg Fairways. This will be a great family event with challenging putt putting, the bounce castle, and shaved ice. Come on down and have some fun. Questions? Call 53331.

games: *Battleship Command*, \$10; *Pizza Box Football*, \$5; *Twister Dance* with DVD, \$5; *Battleship*, \$5; *Star Wars Episode I Galactic Battle*, \$10. Call 52517.

FUTON COUCH and bed, excellent condition, medium brown color hard wood frame, black cotton denim mattress. Comes with two large, round matching black pillows, \$125 firm. Call 53759.

ALIENWARE 5200 series laptop computer, huge display, full keyboard, AMD 64 mobile processor, 2 G RAM, DVD/CD-RW, DUAL Nvidia 7900 cards, 93 GB HD. Comes with factory loaded Win XP SP 2 and Office 2007 Small Business and bag. Retail, new, for about \$4000, asking \$2000. For details or a demo, call Dan, 51460 or 52349.

LARGE LIGHT COLORED rosewood entertainment center, \$650; wood shelves; various plants; wood decks; patio furniture and a gazebo, reasonably priced. View at 135-F or call 59020.

SPIDERMAN PARTY PACKAGE, brand new.

Includes a piñata, plates, napkins, party favors and more. Call 55176.

WOODEN BABY CRIB, \$25; pink and white toddler bed frame, \$20; Weber charcoal grill and cover, \$20 and ocean wonders crib aquarium, \$10. Call 59154.

MATCHING BEDROOM SET: king size bed with high corner posts, frame only, two night stands, one large dresser with seven drawers and two cabinet doors that open to shelves, \$600; Six foot black bookshelf with six adjustable shelves, \$20; old golf clubs with bag, \$10; old golf bag cart, \$5; outside Rubbermaid storage unit, \$50 and motorized float, \$50. Call 52332.

GLASS PROS 23-foot fuel efficient boat with twin Yamaha 4 stroke 50 HP engines, great for fishing and diving, \$35,000. Call Jim, 59585 or 58801.

LARGE CROCK POT with removable insert, \$50; wicker magazine rack, \$15; shelves with brackets, set of four, \$50; three-panel photo screen, \$75; five-pound box of screws, \$25;

NOTICE: Recent observations of young children "playing" in the street racing shopping carts, coming too close to the big waves Oceanside and being left home alone under the age of 12 necessitate this reminder that parents and guardians are at all times responsible for the safety and well-being of their children and minors in their care. Kwajalein Atoll is a fun and fascinating place but also full of potential danger. Hawaii Statutes, USAKA/RTS Regulations and common sense dictate that young children need protection. Failure to heed this reminder could lead to adverse administrative action and/or tragedy.

five-pound box of nails, \$25; bike trailer bed; 8x10 picture frame, gold and black, antique looking, \$15; leather jewelry box, great for travel, \$50 and photo bracelet, \$30. Call 53627.

ASSORTED SAT and SAT II prep books, barely marked and like new, all priced from \$5-\$10. Call 59846.

CD CHANGER, \$200; disks, \$25; drip water system, \$60; microwave, \$50; Kirby vacuum with shampoo attachment, \$50; Foreman grill, \$10 and bike trailer. Call 50172.

K2 ROLLERBLADES, women's size 9, excellent condition. Comes with arm, wrist, and knee pads, \$75. Call 51597.

21-FOOT fiberglass boat, V hull, 225 HP Johnson outboard, 50 gallon fuel tank, VHF radio, safety equipment, trailer, and passenger carrying potential. Comes with an eight hp outboard back-up motor and a boathouse on lot 800, \$7,899 for all. Call 59662.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KPD WILL BE conducting an operation from 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday, at the Small Arms Range. Observe the red flag hazard areas. Questions? Call 54448.

THE KWAJALEIN ATOLL International Sportfishing Club meeting will be at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, at the Pacific Club. Food and beverages will be served at 6:30 p.m. Meeting will include discussions about upcoming "Get Your Fish On" fishing tournament.

COME CELEBRATE a night of fun and excitement as Ryan Wagner turns 21, Sunday, at the Vet's Hall. Please come in yer best redneck git-up. Ladies wear yer puriest mu-mu and rollers. Fellers don't forget yer work boots. Teeth are optional.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to assist with clean up of the Kwajalein Botanical Gardens at 2:00 p.m., Mondays, at the garden. Work

will continue until the Valentine's Day dinner. Bring your own gloves and water. Tools are provided.

MANDATORY ISLAND ORIENTATION is at 12:45 to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, in CAC Room 6. It is required for all new island arrivals. The island orientation is not recommended for dependent children under the age of ten. If you have any questions, call KRS ESH&Q, 51134.

THE SECOND Youth Action Council meeting is at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, at the Youth Center. Youth Action Council members serve as the voice for island youth to raise issues for community improvement. Meetings are open to the public. Questions? Call Cheri Malloy, 53606.

A TEEN TOWN Hall meeting scheduled to occur from 2:15 to 3 p.m., Friday, at the Multi-Purpose room.

THE COMMUNITY is invited to a PCS party for Dale Kenyon, Tech Extraordinaire. At some time, he's probably helped you all with your PC issues with cheer and layman's terms, so come join us to give him some love at 4:30 p.m., Friday, at the Vet's Hall.

ALL PARTICIPANTS in unsolicited bid sales who have purchased or bid on items at the EPPF at the DCCB building between Dec. 09, 2008 and Jan. 07, 2009 need to pay for, claim and remove items by Jan. 31, 2009. Any items left after the close of that business day will be re-staged for the next scheduled unsolicited bid sale. If you have any questions, call 51770.

BEER, BRATS AND BOWLING, 7 p.m. to midnight, Feb. 1, at the Bowling Center. Adults Only. Call Community Activities for details, 53331.

THE NEXT BOATER'S orientation class is scheduled to be from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Feb. 4 and 5, at CRC Room 1. Cost for the class is \$30, payable in advance at the Small Boat Marina. Questions? Call 53643.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in participating in a Mardi Gras parade, either by designing a "float" or walking in a costume, call Kim Scruton Yarnes, 53331. The parade would be an adult event held on Feb. 24, Fat Tuesday. We would like to offer both department and individual divisions. We must have 10 committed participants to make the event viable.

TENNIS ANYONE? Community Activities is sponsoring a singles tennis tournament in February. Register at Community Activities by stopping by the office, calling 53331, or e-mailing hansena@smdck.smdc.army.mil. Make sure to include any days or times that you cannot play.

THERE IS a sick turtle at the turtle pond and the vet tech is treating her. While this is going on, it is important to observe all posted rules on turtle care and feeding.

THE CRC RACQUETBALL court can now be accessed through a cipher lock, allowing racquetballers access to the court at all hours of the day. You must be 18 years or older to be given the combination. Parents of teen racquetball players may call on behalf of their children for the combination. If you would like the combination, please call Community Activities, 53331 or email hansena@smdck.smdc.army.mil.



RTS Winter Ball

Bus transportation for the Winter Ball will start at 6th Street and Ocean at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, and drive to Bunker Hill and turn left onto Lagoon (making stops for people waiting), stop at Lagoon and 6th Street, then continue down 6th Street to turn onto Palm and around Palm to Pacific, then Nike to Lagoon to Ocean and back up Lagoon to the Country Club. The bus will run this route until 7 p.m. Bus service will resume from the Country Club back to residential areas at 8:30 p.m.

A photographer will be available at the RTS Winter Ball from 6 p.m. until the end of the festivities. Print prices: 8x10-\$12; 5x7-\$6; 4x6-\$4; (9) Wallet-size-\$12. Orders may be placed and paid for in person at the event or afterwards by mail.



Mr. Michael Schexnayder, Deputy to the Commander for Research, Development and Acquisition, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, will give a farewell address to the Kwajalein Community 1-2 p.m. Friday, in Island Memorial Chapel on Kwajalein, and 1-2 p.m., Jan. 31, at the Trade Winds Theater on Roi.

some are just horrible.

“The assessment team that was here recently looked at all of that and we will find out whether the Army will tear down the houses or repair or replace them,” he said.

Amy Hansen, Community Activities Manager, responded to a question about gym equipment by saying that they had put in orders for excess equipment from other installations but hadn’t received anything yet. She said some of the equipment wasn’t appropriate for the everyday user, so it had been replaced by different types of equipment. The colonel said he would assist in finding some better equipment for the gym.

A resident asked why 480 visitors can’t apply for jobs on island. The colonel said he didn’t know and would look into it.

Answering a question about the lease agreement for Kwajalein, the colonel said that negotiations were between the U.S. Government and the RMI Government, not the individual landowners. According to the colonel, money for the lease has been placed in a bank in Guam where it will remain until the RMI Government agrees on the terms of the lease.

A resident said she had been waiting for an intra-island move but had been told there was a ban on such moves and wondered when it would be lifted.

Dave Norwood, Kwajalein Range Services President, said the ban had been in effect while trailer moves were being sorted out, but had since been lifted.

The same resident asked about

three-bedroom housing and said she sees lots of people with less than two children occupying three-bedroom housing and she wondered what the allocation for three-bedroom housing was going to be.

Clarke answered that he would check with housing to see how many families were on the waiting list for three-bedroom housing and if he needed to remove somebody to make room. However, he said that he would not remove someone from a three-bedroom house because someone who was already in a three-bedroom house merely wanted a better three-bedroom house. The only people he would remove were those who no longer qualify for three-bedroom housing in order to put a family that does qualify into a house. He told the questioner that if she had a unique situation to come and see him.

An audience member asked what was going to happen to the tree outside the Yuk Club.

Clarke said, “I’m still getting beat up about the Christmas tree.”

He laughed and said he had looked at options and one was to dig up the tree and move it. But he was told by many people the tree might not survive that and he didn’t want to be known as the commander who killed the Christmas tree. The other option was to hold the tree-lighting at the tree and then move the other activities to the downtown area. He said he may demolish the Yuk Club and plant grass and make a nice outdoor area for the community in its place.

The colonel was asked about hav-

ing a facility for dining and dancing. He said it was being discussed, but again, he had to look at the best way to spend money. He said some have suggested making improvements to the Country Club, but he didn’t think people would utilize it because of distance and windy conditions when riding bikes in that area.

Some other items discussed included the possibility of changing RMI shopping day from Saturday to a less busy day of the week plus putting some restrictions on what Marshallese workers can buy at AAFES.

Clarke said the island children were doing great in school and parents should be proud but also responsible. He said that leaving a child below a certain age at home alone is not being a responsible parent and that the ‘safety net’ of Kwajalein doesn’t alleviate parents of their parental duties.

He added that responsibility also applies to pets. “Kwajalein is not the cage for your pet,” Clarke said. “You can’t let them roam loose and you need to pick up after them. I’m telling you this because I am close to banning my first cat.”

He concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and sharing concerns and ideas.

“The whole intent of these meetings is to get your concerns and then go back to study them,” Clarke said. “I appreciate the opportunity to share with you some of the things going on in the community. I will continue to share information through the *Hourglass* and the roller. Communication makes things better.”

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 15-20 knots.
Sunday: Partly sunny, 15 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 17-22 knots.
Monday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 17-22 knots.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 17-22 knots.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 17-22 knots.
Thursday: Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 17-22 knots.
Jan. 30: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 16-20 knots.

Annual total: 1.66 inches
 Annual deviation: -1.97 inches

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	6:06 a.m./5:58 p.m.	3:39 a.m., 2.8' 3:43 p.m., 4.0'	9:21 a.m., 0.3' 10:12 p.m., -0.1'
Sunday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	6:52 a.m./6:47 p.m.	4:08 a.m., 3.1' 4:14 p.m., 4.3'	9:54 a.m., 0.0' 10:39 p.m., -0.4'
Monday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	7:34 a.m./7:35 p.m.	4:35 a.m., 3.4' 4:42 p.m., 4.5'	11:02 a.m., -0.2' 11:04 p.m., -0.5'
Tuesday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	8:15 a.m./8:22 p.m.	5:02 a.m., 3.6' 5:09 p.m., 4.7'	10:53 a.m., -0.4' 11:30 p.m., -0.6'
Wednesday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	8:54 a.m./9:08 p.m.	5:28 a.m., 3.8' 5:36 p.m., 4.7'	11:21 a.m., -0.4' 11:55 p.m., -0.7'
Thursday	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	9:32 a.m./9:54 p.m.	5:55 a.m., 3.9' 6:02 p.m., 4.6'	11:50 a.m., -0.4' 12:19 p.m., -0.3'
Jan. 30	6:57 a.m./6:34 p.m.	10:12 a.m./10:42 p.m.	6:23 a.m., 3.9' 6:30 p.m., 4.4'	12:20 a.m., -0.6' 12:19 p.m., -0.3'