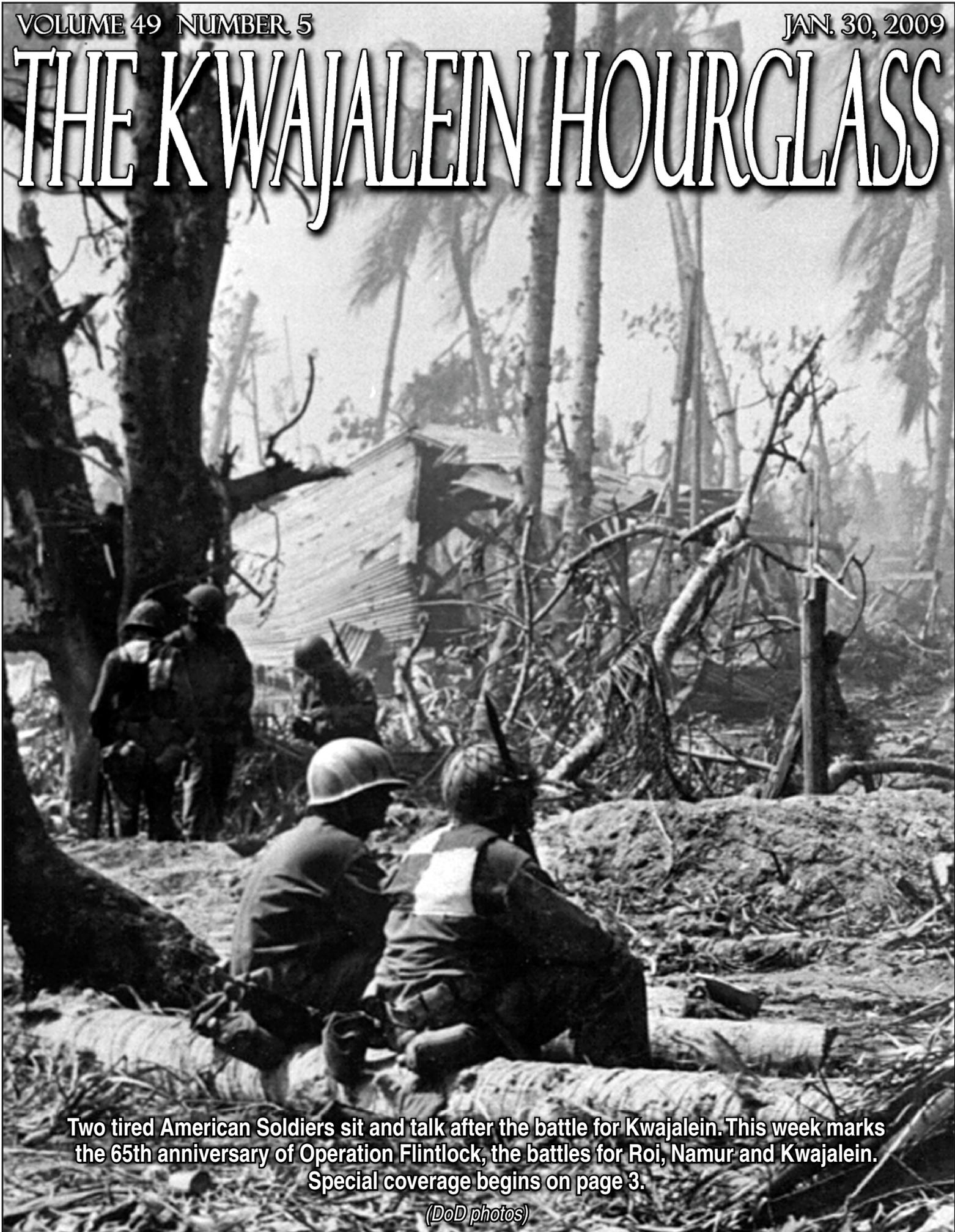


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# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Two tired American Soldiers sit and talk after the battle for Kwajalein. This week marks the 65th anniversary of Operation Flintlock, the battles for Roi, Namur and Kwajalein. Special coverage begins on page 3.

*(DoD photos)*

# Message to community from Police Chief

By **Angelia Pinto**  
Kwajalein Police Chief

Hello to the community of USAKA/ RTS. I have been here for seven months as your Chief of Police and I felt it was time that I send out a quick message to everyone.

One of my short-term goals when I came on-board in June 2008 was to ensure that KPD had a strong and professional management and leadership team in order to best support you, our community.

I made a few immediate changes and believe we have attained that goal. I would like to introduce that team to you so that you know a little bit about the leadership of your department.

Bryan Mesej is the Deputy Chief of Police. He has a background in civilian S.W.A.T. and SRT instructor and operations.

Brad Walker is our facility manager. He has a background in military security police, civilian police and previously held the position of K-9 kennel master and operations lieutenant. He has been with the department for eight years and

currently oversees the administration and support for the contract.

Lt. Chris Mosetti is the officer in charge of the Central Police Station. He has a U.S. Army military police, NATO, and air assault background. This is his second tour with KPD. He has been with the department for three years.

Lt. Carole Roy is the officer in charge of the Dock Security Checkpoint. She has a background in U.S. Army military police and civilian police operations. This is her second tour with KPD. She has been with the department for two years.

Lt. Akino Lippwe is the officer in charge of airport security. He is a retired U.S. Army military police officer and has been with the department for eight years.

Lt. Joe Coleman is the officer in charge of the Roi-Namur Police Detachment. He has a background in the U.S. Air Force and nuclear security. He has been with the department for 12 years.

Lt. Mike Herrington runs the Marine Police Department. He served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam with the 101st

and 82nd Airborne Division. He has a background in civilian police operations, a sheriff's department and has been with the department for 10 years.

And last but not least, me. My name is Angelia "Sissy" Pinto. I am your Chief of Police. I have a background in the U.S. Navy, civilian and federal law enforcement and security. This is my second tour on Kwajalein. My almost four-year old daughter, Chase and I relocated to Huntsville, Ala., in August 2007 to work in the Alutiiq Corporate office. I have spent five years with the department. One of the reasons that I am sending this message to you is that I would like for you to feel comfortable calling on any of us, anytime, if you have a concern, complaint, issue, or just to say 'hello.' Please be safe, and take care of each other.



**Chief Angelia Pinto**



**THUMBS DOWN**

To the dog-owner who continuously refuses to pick up after their dog, even though there is a trash can less than two feet away. It is rude, it stinks, it is unsanitary and it's against the law. Don't we have enough of a fly problem?



**THUMBS UP**

To National Honor Society students for taking gifts to the Ebye Community Center.

*News to Use*



Do you have news you would like to share about your club, private organization or work department? Do you have an interesting story and photos of a vacation trip? How about a scuba dive with great photos you took? Have you got a good fish story? The Hourglass welcomes submissions of news articles written by members of the community. You can submit articles to the USAKA Public Affairs Officer, Vanessa Peeden, at [vanessa.peeden@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:vanessa.peeden@smdck.smdc.army.mil)

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# OPERATION FLINTLOCK

Jan. 30-Feb. 5, 1944

*Four-day battle liberated Kwajalein Atoll from Japanese, opened Central Pacific for main push to Japanese home islands*

## The situation

By Dan Adler  
Media Manager

Although the Southwest Pacific raged with the battles of Papua, Guadalcanal and New Guinea, and

the American Navy had inflicted devastating damage on the Imperial Japanese Navy's aircraft carriers at Midway, the Central Pacific remained relatively quiet throughout 1942 and 1943.

But knowing the importance of the Micronesian Islands, Japanese garrisons built airstrips, submarine bases and prepared strong defenses.

The Pacific War was an air war, and whoever controlled the sky had the advantage. From the small islands of the Central Pacific, Japanese aircraft and submarines could threaten American communications and supply lines. Islands could not be sunk like aircraft carriers.

American war planners had decided that the main push to the Japanese home islands would go through the Gilberts, the Marshalls, the Marianas and the Carolines. The Japanese bases on those islands had to be eliminated.

In late 1943, Admiral Chester Nimitz proposed taking Kwajalein Atoll, which was deep within the perimeter of Japanese held islands in Micronesia. Most of his officers thought it too risky to venture so deep within Japanese territory at that stage of the war, but Nimitz needed that atoll. It had the world's largest lagoon and would be a staging base for future operations in the Central Pacific.

The Japanese expected attacks in the Marshalls and had heavily fortified all of their bases at Wotje, Maloelap, Mili, Jaluit, Kwajalein, Roi and Namur. The U.S. Army's 7th Infantry Division and the Marine's 4th Division would soon be facing nearly 10,000 Japanese soldiers ready to kill the enemy and die for their emperor.



Aerial reconnaissance photo of Kwajalein taken on Jan. 30, 1944, in preparation for the troop landings.

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### The landings

One of the largest naval and air bombardments of the war preceded the landings at Kwajalein and Roi. By the time U.S. Soldiers and Marines landed on the islands, Navy ships had laid a non-stop barrage of 2,655 tons of ammunition on Roi and Namur. A regiment of 75 mm and 105 mm howitzers bombarded Japanese positions from five nearby islands. Navy ships at Kwajalein fired some 7,000 shells into the island defenses just on the morning of Feb. 1. This was in addition to the heavy bombardment days before the attack. Navy aircraft flew 96 sorties over Kwajalein before H-Hour. It's been estimated that some 200,000

shells pounded Kwajalein.

Forty-eight 105 mm howitzers, along with several 155 mm howitzers, bombarded Kwajalein from nearby Carlson Island, firing more than 29,000 shells.

Marines landed on Roi and Namur beaches at 11 a.m. on Jan. 31. They faced relatively light resistance on Roi but much stronger defenses on Namur.

At Kwajalein, 1,200 Soldiers landed in the first wave on the west end of the island without a casualty. They fought their way 1,800 yards up the island before nightfall and suffered only 17 dead and 46 wounded. But the real battle was only beginning.



Men of the U.S. Seventh Infantry Division head to the landing area on Kwajalein.



Namur is pounded by naval gun fire and air bombardment to soften the defenses before Marines land.



A landing craft makes its way to the landing area.



Marines of the Fourth Marine Division land on Roi to light resistance.

# **The combat**

As the battle on Kwajalein progressed, the fighting became more intense and deadly. The surviving Japanese had recovered from the heavy bombardments and began to organize a defense using mortars and artillery. The Japanese also conducted fierce late night banzai charges.

The fighting over the next three days deteriorated into small unit actions as American squads and teams fought snipers and engaged heavily defended bunkers and pillboxes.

As troops neared what is now the mini-mall, they encountered Japanese bunkers, machine gun nests and 'spider' holes, each fiercely defended.

On the third day, after darkness had fallen, the air was rent with the screams of 'Banzai' as on rushing Japanese made one more desperate charge. The night erupted with tracer rounds, muzzle flashes and grenade explosions. As the morning sun rose over

the terrible scene, nearly 1,000 Japanese soldiers lay dead in front of the American lines near what is now 6th Street. By the end of the fourth day, U.S. troops reached Bunker Hill, which was the end of the island at the time. At that point, organized Japanese resistance ceased, but it took a day of mop-up to fully secure the island.

To the north, the battles of Roi and Namur raged. The Marines took Roi and the Japanese moved back to a well-prepared Namur. There, in one of the most tragic occurrences of the war, Marines mistakenly destroyed a blockhouse filled with torpedoes and bombs. The resulting explosion killed Japanese and Americans alike and filled the sky with towering, thick black smoke. The Marines' 2nd Battalion suffered more than half of its casualties in the explosion. Four Marines would receive Medals of Honor for their actions in the 24 hours of fighting on the two islands.

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**Soldiers take cover as an enemy shell explodes near them.**



**Soldiers rest and eat some rations near a blasted bunker.**



**A Soldier checks the ground for hidden trip wires and booby traps.**



**Soldiers take a break in the dense smoke of battle.**

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## Images of war



The invasion fleet is enroute to Kwajalein Atoll.



Radio operators work at a command post.

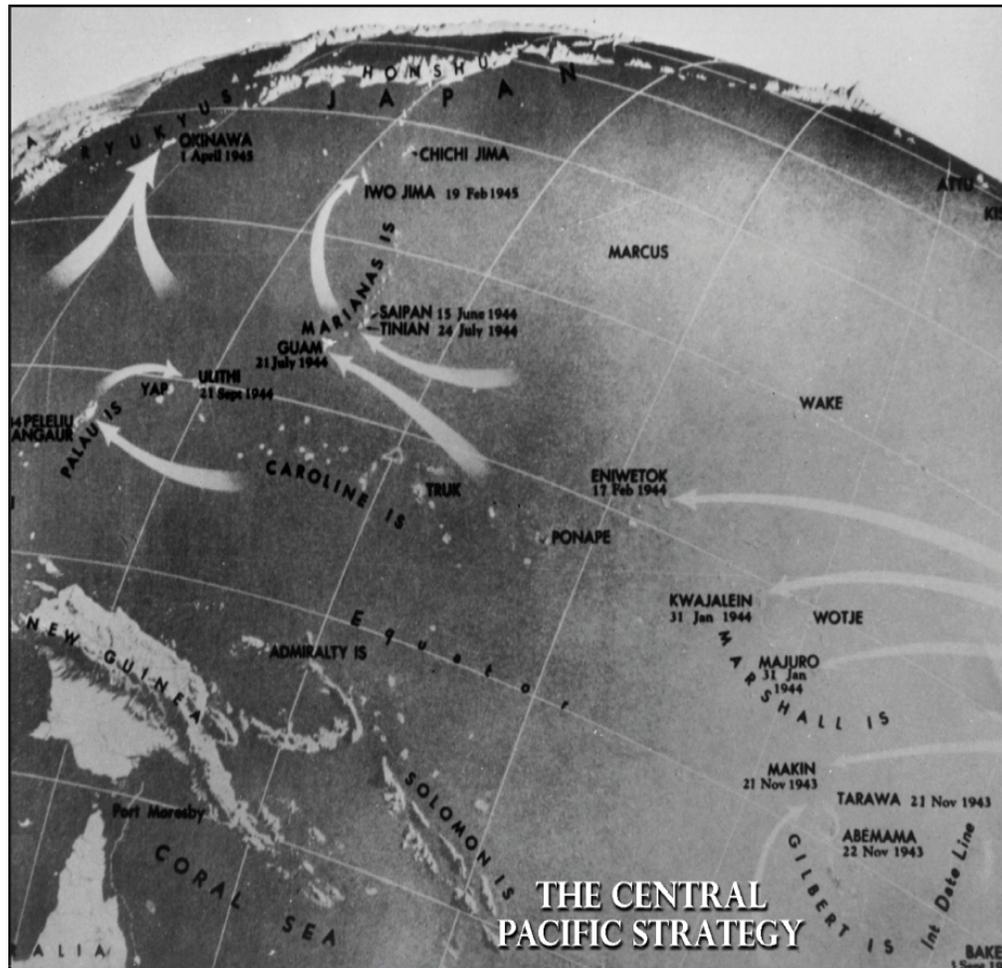


Marines warily approach a bunker on Namur.



A Marine runs through enemy fire.

# Images of war



## War in the Central Pacific

Most of the Central Pacific Campaign took place in Micronesia, an area of the globe larger than the Continental United States, where a multitude of islands lie scattered about a vast expanse of ocean. Clustered into four major groups, these Pacific islands have a landmass of about 1,200 square miles, an area somewhat larger than the state of Rhode Island. The most easterly of the four island groups are the Gilberts, low-lying coral atolls, straddling the equator just west of the international date line. North and west of the Gilberts are the Marshall Islands, a double chain of atolls, reefs, and islets, most of which rise only a few feet above sea level. Stretching almost due west from the Marshalls are the 550 tiny islands of the Caroline group. The Marianas lie just north of the Carolines in a 400-mile north-south chain. Strategically located across the main sea lines of communications between the United States and the Philippines, the islands of Micronesia played a vital role in Japanese war plans.



Soldiers with the 7th Infantry Division use a flame thrower on a Japanese position on Kwajalein. Most Soldiers carried rifles with bayonets and grenades, but strong defensive positions often called for satchel charges or other heavy demolition charges and flame throwers.



Marines on Namur hunt for snipers as firing comes from bombed out blockhouses and bunkers.

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### Images of war



Marines advance under fire on Namur.



Tank crews pause for rest near an aid station on Kwajalein.



Marines use an anti-tank gun to engage an enemy pillbox.

# Images of war



Soldiers get some sleep when they can.



American planes patrol the sky above Kwajalein.



American artillery pounds Japanese positions.

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### *The wounded*

As the battles raged, Soldiers and Marines cried out for help from the medics and the corpsmen. Those courageous men cared for 845 wounded Americans on Kwajalein and 547 wounded on Roi and Namur. Because of them, many men survived who might not have lived otherwise. The medics and corpsmen also treated injured Marshallese and wounded Japanese as well as their fellow Americans.

The wounded were evacuated to the rear of the lines and then many were transported to Navy hospital ships offshore and in the lagoon. Some ships were strafed by Japanese aircraft as the wounded crowded the decks.

The greatest number of wounded were on the second and third days, 244 and 255 respectively

as troops encountered stiffer resistance in bunkers and heavily defended buildings.

Marines on Roi and Namur islands recorded 547 wounded in only 24 hours of action. One Marine, Pfc. Richard Sorenson, was terribly wounded when he dove atop a grenade to save six comrades. He survived and received the Medal of Honor. He was the only Medal of Honor recipient to survive the battle.



**A Marshallese woman receives care at an aid station.**



**Soldiers of the 7th Infantry carry a wounded comrade on a stretcher through the desolate Kwajalein terrain.**

## The fallen

The Kwajalein campaign has been called 'the perfect amphibious operation.' Dry words in official reports and in history books say a mere one percent of American forces were lost in the battle for Kwajalein Atoll. That's been called a marvel of modern military history.

But, one percent casualties still translates into 332 men killed in action.

On Kwajalein, the 7th Infantry Division had 142 dead and two missing in action. Estimates are the Japanese suffered 4,938 dead with 206 more taken prisoner, including 127 Koreans.

On Roi and Namur islands, 190 Marines died. The enemy suffered 3,472 dead along with 51 prisoners of war and 40 Korean laborers.

Of the Marines killed, three received Medals of Honor, including 1st Lt. John V. Power, Pfc. Richard B. Anderson and Lt. Col. Aquilla "Jimmie" Dyess. Both Power and Dyess were killed leading attacks on enemy positions.



Marines fire a salute to fallen comrades on Namur.



Men attend a service for their fallen comrades.

## Victory

If victory in war means killing more enemy troops than they kill of yours, then the victory at Kwajalein Atoll could hardly have been more complete. The lopsided numbers are staggering. The Americans had learned the terrible lessons of the Tarawa invasion and put them to good use at Kwajalein.

The victory marked the first time U.S. troops had taken pre-war Japanese territory and it established one of the most strategically important bases in the Central Pacific. It also eliminated the threat of Japanese air power from the Marshalls.

U.S. presence on Kwajalein Atoll helped lead to the isolation of the Bismarks, Solomons and New Guinea. Furthermore, many Japanese positions were

bypassed as a result of the success at Kwajalein Atoll, allowing U.S. forces to concentrate on other targets including the successful assaults on the Philippines and Marianas.

What does battle and victory look like? One can open up any number of books about the war and see combat photos. But the photos of the battles of Kwajalein and Roi-Namur depict more than mere combat. These photos are of the men who fought, bled and died on the very ground where we live, work and play.

Some lived through these bat-



Namur is a scene of utter devastation.

bles, but did not survive the war. As we go about our daily lives on this rocky coral atoll, we should, every now and again, think about the blood that seeped through its cracks, and remember that we truly tread on hallowed ground.

# Call to the Mess



Above, left to right, Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac, Karen Kutac, Veronique Clarke, Col. Frederick Clarke, USAKA Commander and official guest of the mess, Lt. Col. Harold Buhl, RTS Commander, Patricia Buhl, guest speaker Dr. William Shankel and Mary Ann Shankel raise their glasses in toast to the United States Army at the RTS Winter Ball.

## *Winter Ball honors Army tradition with flavor of old frontier*

Article and photos by Dan Adler  
Media Manager

The old frontier and the ruggedness of the U.S. Cavalry that tamed it was in evidence at the RTS Winter Ball Sunday evening at the Country Club.

Traditional cavalry riding headgear was worn by several Soldiers at the ball, including Lt. Col. Harold Buhl, President of the Mess, and Master Sgt. Daniel Perdue, Sergeant at Arms.

The ball was officially opened by the tradition of the 'Calling to the mess' by Perdue. The call was

**Left, Master Sgt. Daniel Perdue rings the bell for the 'Calling to the mess' to begin the Winter Ball activities.**



followed by the entry of the official party which included Col. Frederick Clarke, USAKA Commander, Veronique Clarke, Lt. Col. Harold Buhl, President of the Mess and Patricia Buhl, Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac and Karen Kutac and guest speaker Dr. William Shankel and his wife, Mary Ann.

The entrance of the official party was followed by the posting of the colors by the color guard of Raoul Peeden, Jim Burk, Chuck Shier and Color Sergeant, Mike Patrocky.

The history of the mess was then reviewed by Perdue, "The dining-in is a long-standing tradition originally practiced in monasteries and adopted by the British Military in their Officer's Mess in austere and festooned dining facilities throughout their empire. The United States Cavalry in their gallant and daring service of the West sustained this tradition at their austere outposts. Set away from other rooms in the post, the mess was always of the most honor and décor."

He continued, "The camaraderie and esprit de corps that the mess provided was invaluable to the cohesion of the Squadron. Commanders of other branches of the Military service have recognized over the years, the extreme importance of camaraderie and its significance to unit effectiveness."

Perdue added, "The dining-in is an opportunity for military and civilian members of a mission organization to meet socially, partake in a sumptuous meal, enjoy some pleasant entertainment, hear distinguished speakers, and honor those of notable achievement. Tonight we will continue this tradition and hope that the spirit of this occasion will be carried away with you to all our units and Soldiers in the field around the world."

The invocation was given by Father Daly and toasts were then given to:

- The United States of America
- The Republic of the Marshall Islands
- The United States Army
- The United States Cavalry
- The United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command
- To USAKA's mission partners
- To U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll



The American Legion color guard of Raoul Peeden, front, Jim Burk, center, Chuck Shier, rear and Color Sgt. Mike Patrocky post the colors.



Winter Ball attendees enjoy the festive decorations at the Country Club.

- To the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site
  - To KREMS radars, optics, telemetry and all RTS sensors
  - To fallen comrades
  - To Prisoners of War and Missing in Action
  - To the ladies present
- The toast to the POWs/MIAs was with only water to signify the hardships they face.

The grog bowl ceremony was next. The grog bowl is a mess tradition dating back to days immemorial when troopers assembling for mess at the end of the day of reconnaissance and security on the Western frontier would share and trade rations.

Some of the most prized and

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# Significance of the Grog

For The Revolutionary War (Whiskey): The first spirit for our drink is whiskey. American Whiskey shows the independence and ingenuity of the United States, its rough taste symbolic of the sacrifice at Valley Forge, Princeton, Concord, Ticonderoga, and Yorktown.

For The Mexican War (Tequila): This Mexican spirit is added to our drink as a symbol of victory over Mexico, the establishment of the Texas Republic (now a state), and honoring the host of military leaders and doctrine which shaped the Army through World War I.

For the Indian Wars (Rum): The Indian wars to protect our citizenry as we opened the West were a series of insurgent conflicts with multiple actors and support of foreign nation states. Rum symbolizes this series of wars and the foreign states defeated to ensure Manifest Destiny.

For the Civil War (Water): In this war which tore asunder our national fabric, where battlefields were strewn with horrific casualties, where rivers ran red, and our soldiers were all casualties we add simply water for we did not conquer, but rather establish a nation and a world superpower.

For the Great War (French Wine): As the French came to our aid for independence, so we went to the aid of France for her very existence. In the trenches of Western Europe and across the globe, the blood of millions birthed a modern warfare. From the soil of France we pour.

For the Second World War Pacific Theater (Saki): The Second World War saw us fighting two different theaters. Here in the Pacific, soldiers, marines, and sailors in an economy of force operation won major combat victories and soundly liberated this half of the world.

For the Second World War European Theater (Jagermeister): In the European Theater, maneuver, airborne operations, strategic bombing, and audacious exploitation attacks conquered fascist aggression and established a free Western Europe which has shaped our current world.

For the Korean War (Soju): June 25, 1950, Communist North Korea attacked and nearly annihilated their Southern neighbor. With massive resolve the coalition restored South Korea and even with Chinese entry, stabilized the peninsula to a cease fire which lasts still today.

For the Vietnam War (Ale): The war in the jungle, hills, and plains of Southeast Asia developed a generation selfless to the nation while disparaged in deed and person by countrymen. The Army and all here present salute every battle won and the soldiers who defied all for mission.

For the Cold War (Vodka): Across the world, but on most visible on the plains of Europe, Cavalry Regiments and Armored Divisions with an undaunted President crushed the Evil Empire, defeating the monster of Communism and freeing the world from her specter.

For the First Gulf War (Gin): Naked aggression and greed overwhelmed an ally and threatened the world. The Air Force tried for weeks, but then the Army in 100 hours made things right. A quarter million soldiers freed a nation and stood on a quarter of the world's oil; then they left.

For the Global War on Terror (Coffee): In our ongoing operations across the world, but most especially in Iraq and Afghanistan, Islamic fascism is reeling, freedom is on the march, and people see a brighter future, but a "now" culture must not tire, must not falter, and must not fail.

For Troopers and Soldiers (Blood, Sweat, and Tears run from a T-Shirt): The history we have followed is a proud and boastful history. It is a history won by soldiers who did not boast, but humbly and selflessly served so that we may be free to celebrate this night.

For our Magnificent Mounts of the Modern Army (Mud poured from a Boot): Those soldiers are masters of combat and destruction. A skill augmented by powerful and devastating machines. Tanks, Cavalry Fighting Vehicles, and lesser Armored systems rule the killing zone.

For RTS (Cathode dust from ALTAIR TWT): Finally, to top off the grog at this range ceremony, we add an item unique to RTS. The high voltage burning and power out the horn of the radars to deep space leaves a prize which we add to the brew.

shared on the most special mess occasions were spirits, ale, and mead (an alcoholic beverage).

The British mess formalized this tradition when the officers and enlisted would mess as a Squadron. Each ingredient was added to the bowl commemorating and honoring specific aspects of the Squadron history.

The United States Cavalry tradition adapted this format across Western outposts and forts when visiting Eastern officials and Army Soldiers attended the mess.

With the establishment of the Department of the Army by infantry officers jealous of the Cavalry and sympathetic politicians, the mess was further adapted to reflect the history of the Army. The Army flag has 178 battle streamers across 16 wars and conflicts. Each Squadron develops its unique drink recalling its history across their service in these battles.

As Maj. Steven Ansley described the grog bowl ingredients and their significance, Perdue took the first taste of the contents of the bottles he poured in and mixed it together. Ansley, who was Vice-President of the Mess, tasted it after it was mixed and pronounced it fit for human consumption, but not quite right. Buhl then strode to the



Gregg Hogan samples the grog with Lt. Col. Harold Buhl.



**Lisa Ansley, Roberta Jones and Judy Kirchner receive the Order of the Yellow Garter.**

bowl, opened a bottle of bourbon with his saber and poured it into the concoction. Then it was pronounced ready.

During the course of the evening, various individuals were 'accused' of mess 'violation' and had to come forward to partake of the grog.

A dinner of garden salad, prime rib, mahi mahi, fresh vegetables, potatoes and cheesecake for dessert followed the grog ceremony.

Jennifer Patrocky graciously provided musical entertainment for the diners.

After dinner, guest speaker Dr. William Shankel gave a brief talk on his time as a POW in North Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Shankel was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

After Shankel's speech, Lisa Ansley, Roberta Jones and Judy Kirchner were escorted forward to receive the Order of the Yellow Garter.

Perdue read the order, "Long ago when the horse Cavalry went off for patrols, these Troopers would be gone for several days and weeks scouting. Families and support staff of these Troopers would wear yellow while the Troops were away.

Over the years, the yellow ribbon has become a symbol of pride and support to our military men and women fighting on Freedom's Frontier. It is therefore right and appropriate to extend this tradition at this remote Army outpost. Be it known that these exalted recipients are charged with the wearing of this proud and traditional symbol of military respect, a yellow garter, and that they display it with due pride at a location three fingers distance from their dainty left knees. The yellow garter is indeed symbolic of their lives with the Army. The circular form reminds



**Diners gather for the buffet meal at the Country Club.**

us that the duties of defense of the frontiers of freedom never end but call us back again, again, and again. The yellow ribbon binding the garter is a tribute to the wearer's loyalty to the Army. Do not take the charge to wear the garter bestowed by this order lightly. Nor should any present when the garter is displayed take its appearance with other than the most discreet respect. Lest I, driven by the timeless accords of moral law of war and honor, castigate you with swift and sure justice. Signed, Lt. Col. Harold Buhl, Jr. U.S. Cavalry, RTS Commander."

Henry McElreath, Tim Kirchner and Darryl Lambert also received awards. The order read in part, 'For their service on the western frontier of the United States in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and are hereby made honorary troopers in the U.S. Cavalry. May you always know the taste of dust upon your lips, smell the black powder from your Colt, feel the weight of saber in your hand, hear the jangle of the spur in your ear, know the warmth of a good mount, and have the gleam of the Blackhawk in your eye. Signed, Lt. Col. Harold Buhl, Jr. U.S. Cavalry, RTS Commander."

The colors were retired and the formal portion of the mess was declared over. The rest of the evening was for relaxing and dancing.



**The POW/MIA table represents comrades who aren't with us.**

# Entry/Exit regulation changes coming soon

## *Guest sponsorship rules to be affected*

### Hourglass reports

Revisions to the USAKA/RTS regulation that controls access to all areas that make up the USAKA/RTS defensive sites are in the works. USAKA/RTS plans to implement the revised regulation on February 15, 2009. The regulation revisions are based on several reasons. The most significant issues driving the revision include: (1) host nation concern at the highest level of the RMI Government that USAKA/RTS has become a magnet for RMI citizens whereby a large amount of citizens have migrated to neighboring island Ebeye causing an unsustainable strain on the local infrastructure (2) safety and security concerns revolving around undocumented and unaccounted visitors to USAKA/RTS and (3) an unsupportable strain on USAKA/RTS infrastructure and resources because of a non-residential population.

USAKA/RTS Regulation 190-10 encompasses 12 chapters that outline access policies and procedures governing all official and unofficial visitors and guests entering the installation. Three significant revisions to the regulation that will have the greatest impact on resident lives include:

(1) An increase from 60 days to 90 days that an unofficial guest may stay at USAKA/RTS overnight during a calendar year. Currently, guests may stay on island overnight no more than 60 days within any 12 month period. The current policy does not put any limit on the total number of days that a sponsor can sponsor guests, but the new policy limits the number of total days a sponsor can host a guest at 90 days annually.

A resident may sponsor a guest or series of guests for a total of 90

“guest sponsor days”. For example, a sponsor may host one overnight guest for a total of 90 days per year or two guests overnight for 45 days per year or 90 guests one day each for 90 days. The new policy does not count days against the Sponsor’s allotment of “Sponsor Days” when a guest or guests are 17 years of age or younger when the following criteria are met: 1.) the minor guest(s) are accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for the entire duration of the visit and; 2.) the minor guest(s) are permanent residents of a location at least 249 Nautical miles or more from Kwajalein Island. If the minor(s) are unaccompanied during the visit, the time the minor guest is present at USAKA/RTS is counted towards the Sponsor’s allotment of Sponsor days. Please note that the minor guest(s) are still subject to the 90 day limit per calendar year regarding the number of days they may visit USAKA/RTS. The 90 days will now reset annually on January 1. Any days used to sponsor a guest prior to the implementation of this policy will not count against either the sponsor or guest this year.

Finally, only one person per household (person accountable for the quarters or BQ room) will be allowed to sponsor overnight guests. This change brings USAKA/RTS in line with current sponsorship rules and regulations utilized by Army installations worldwide.

(2) The next major change to the regulation is that the KC badge is being eliminated. The C badge workers who have a work schedule that requires overnight stays will be provided lodging and a meal card. However, they will otherwise have only those rights and privileges af-

forded all other C badge holders. One exception allows non-resident USAKA/RTS workers stationed at Roi Namur to sponsor immediate family member guests, including their children, for the same 90 day rule so long as current housing regulations are met (i.e. no children allowed in Bachelor Quarters) and they must stay on Roi-Namur.

(3) Another significant change to the regulation involves the “Community Exchange Program.” This program concerns the invitation of RMI citizens to USAKA for command-sponsored events (e.g. Christmas program). Currently the program is limited to a cap of 100 people on island for these events. The revision removes this 100 person cap on the number of people who may visit USAKA/RTS for these command-sponsored events and allows USAKA/RTS to determine the number based on the event.

Other notable changes to the policy include a shortened window (0800-1430 vs. 0800-1730) for RMI-sponsored “commute list” participants to utilize the allotted six hours of time on the installation. This change is designed to “de-conflict” marine transport scheduling between the workforce and commute list guests. This change is necessitated by a recently imposed reduced passenger load requirement stemming from recent safety inspections. Finally, the informal “Day Pass Visitation Program” has been merged into the commute list program. This means that all day passes must comply with commute list procedures.

The whole intent of these changes is to reduce a shadow population which silently drains the community of significant dollars that could be saved and directed to the safety, security, and quality of life of those who live and work on Kwajalein.

# Six servicemembers die in War on Terror

**Sgt. Ezra Dawson**, 31, of Las Vegas, Nev., died Jan. 17 in Konar Province, Afghanistan when the Chinook helicopter he was in made a hard landing under combat conditions. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Spc. Matthew M. Pollini**, 21, of Rockland Mass., died Jan. 22 at Forward Operating Base Delta, near al-Kut, Iraq, of injuries sustained during a vehicle roll-over. He was assigned to the 772nd Military Police Company, Taunton, Mass.

**Lance Cpl. Julian T. Brennan**, 25, of Brooklyn, N.Y., died Jan. 24 while supporting combat operations in Farah province, Afghanistan. He was as-

signed to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Pvt. Grant A. Cotting**, 19, of Corona, Calif., died Jan. 24 in Kut, Iraq, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 515th Sapper Company, 5th Engineer Battalion, 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Two Marines died Jan. 27 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan: Killed were **Sgt. David W. Wallace III**, 25, of Sharpsville, Pa. and **Sgt. Trevor J. Johnson**, 23, of Forsyth, Mont. The Marines were assigned to the 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

## Doing what needs to be done

# Time and effort add up to many good deeds

Article and photos by Dan Adler  
Media Manager

Three years ago, Father John Sheehan, then the Catholic chaplain on Kwajalein, took members of the Catholic congregation to Queen of Peace Catholic Church on Ebeye for services.

One of those members was Dr. Ed Lyvers, a staff member with Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory.

He was unhappy at the state of the building the church was housed in.

"I thought, 'The church would look nicer without unsightly wires strung for the PA system'" he said.

That started Lyvers on a quest to help the Queen of Peace Church. The first project he took on, with the help of Queen of Peace maintenance man Clyde Loeak, was to re-wire the church's microphones and speakers for the services.

"We were told the wiring conduits were under the altar floor tiles, but nobody remembered where," Lyvers said. "So we spent hours breaking through tiles looking for the conduits. Finally, Jelton Anjain, who is now RMI Representative to USAKA, told us to try at a certain spot he pointed out, and sure enough, there it was."

For the next several months, Lyvers and Loeak rewired the church in several places, put in new PVC conduit, rewired the PA equipment and put in two new microphones. They made sure the wiring couldn't be seen.

"You don't want to see any wires," said Lyvers. "They detract from the beauty of the church. A Home Depot would have been handy. It was very difficult finding the parts and tools I needed."

"We would work Mondays every week until we got it done," Lyvers said. "It was a lot of work."

Lyvers has also refurbished several computers for the Queen of Peace High School on Gugeegue and just this past Monday, replaced the computers in the finance office on Ebeye with computers he and John O'Rourke, also an MIT staffer, rebuilt.

They have also put computers in the rectory and installed two computers in the elementary school library. In addition, Lyvers has repaired two air-conditioners, and a portable PA system among his deeds.



**Ed Lyvers, left, and John O'Rourke install re-built computers in Queen of Peace finance office.**

It's been a matter of Lyvers seeing something that needed to be done and taking the bull by the horns and giving his time and effort doing it. He has selflessly devoted many hours to the betterment of the school and church and by doing so has touched many lives and made it possible for Ebeye school children to receive a better education than they might have without him. The parishioners of Queen of Peace Church are very grateful to him.

There are many on Kwajalein who have devoted time and effort to making a difference for the people of Ebeye. Lyvers is just one of them, but what he has done will be of great help long after he leaves Kwajalein for good this June. He will be missed not only by his friends and co-workers on Kwaj, but by the many on Ebeye who lives are a little better because of him. O'Rourke will take over some of the work after Lyvers has left Kwajalein



**Ed Lyvers works on a computer at Queen of Peace school.**



**Some of the electrical conduit replaced by Ed Lyvers and Clyde Loeak.**

# NHS completes Christmas project with supplies and education money

By Cassia Griswold  
Media Specialist

The National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society visited Ebeye on Monday to complete their annual Christmas project.

Pencils, markers, chalk, paper and other school supplies, along with recreational equipment like soccer balls and basketballs, were among the items donated to Jabro School.

“Every year the students can choose a different project,” said NHS Advisor AnnElise Peterson.

In past years, the group would visit four schools on their trip. They liked helping as many schools as possible, but then realized that, because of the time involved, they never got to know the students they were helping. So this year, Honor Society members made it a point to spend some quality time with the kids. The group took the fourth, fifth and sixth grade classes to the Ebeye Community Center and played volleyball, soccer and basketball with the students. Some members even brought some much appreciated snacks to share with the kids.

“My favorite part of the trip was playing with the kids,” said NHS member Christine Woodburn. “They were so excited to get the balls and to play with us.”

After spending a couple of hours with the Jabro students, several Honor Society members walked to Calvary High School to meet one senior and one sophomore that attend school there.

As a second part of their Christmas project, NHS is financing the two students’ school tuition. Honor Society member Bret Young was really happy that the group had decided to sponsor these students because they were “helping further their education and giving them the chance to learn.” These students were selected by NHS as the two candidates for sponsorship based upon their financial need, scholastic achievements and goals for the future.

Reflecting on the trip, Peterson thought that spend-



**National Honor Society members wait for the ferry at Kwajalein to take school and athletic equipment to Jabro School on Ebeye.**



**Left to right: NHS members Michael Hillman, Jessica Lojkar, Leimamo Wase, Clarissa Brady, Cassia Griswold and Bret Young stand with Calvary School students Alsay Matthew and Billy Pound.**

ing time with the students was a good idea and that “every chance taken to build a relationship improves understanding of one another. I am so proud of the group for taking this on.”

The money used to fund the Honor Society’s annual Christmas project comes from the profits made at the Coffee Shop. This year’s Coffee Shop is scheduled for March 8.

# Kwaj resident attends Inauguration

By Cheryl Robinson-Stewart  
Media Specialist

Karen Tyson, lead teacher for 3-5 year olds at the Kwajalein Child Development Center, took a vacation in January that turned out to be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Tyson did the normal vacation routine of visiting friends and family and shopping at some of her favorite stores and just relaxing. But she had one more thing to do.

On Nov. 4, she had watched and been inspired by Barack Obama's speech after he had been elected the 44th president of the United States and "I told myself I wanted to be a part of this historic event," she said.

Even though news reports said how difficult it would be to get a ticket, she had faith in God that she would be a part of it all.

So she got in a car and drove 500 miles to Washington, D.C., braving inclement weather along the way, to be among the more than two million people who witnessed history.

"I believe that when you put your mind to something that you are very passionate about, that nothing can sway you or make you change your mind," said Tyson. "I also know with God, all things are possible."

She was on the Washington Mall at 7 a.m. the morning of the Inauguration.

"When I initially arrived on the Mall, I saw a camera on a long crane and I thought that seemed to be a good stop," Tyson said. "I made my way over and found out it was the site for CNN, so I stood there for about 30 minutes with the camera going back and forth with the crowd and me screaming, 'Obama.'"

Tyson made her way down the Mall to see how close she could get to the capitol. She got turned back by a few people in the crowd who said they had been holding their places for three hours and wouldn't let her pass.

"I made my way to the other side of the Mall on Jefferson Drive all the way up to the reflection pool," she said. "There I stood right next to the Botanical Gardens on First Street, which was an excellent view of the capitol."



**Crowd on the Washington Mall.**

*Photos courtesy of Karen Tyson*

itol. I was able to see the flags and stage in plain view which was so amazing to me. By then, it was noon and the swearing in was starting. And then President Obama was giving his speech. So I made my way up the Mall not just staying in one spot."

Tyson stated that she was in awe that she had made it and was as close as she was.

"I was very excited about being able to take part in such an historic event," she said. "It was a phenomenal experience."

Tyson recounted how she saw people from all over the world — Africans, Australians, Chinese and many others — who were inspired by the historic event.

"I heard enthusiastic people, full of hope, chanting 'O-B-A-M-A and waving their American flags proudly,'" said Tyson.

After the ceremony, she was able to go around to the back of the capitol and saw the 43rd and 44th presidents walking down the stairs with their wives. She was able to see President George W. Bush and Mrs. Bush boarding the helicopter and leaving the capitol.

"Then I went shopping for a few moments at some of the vendors who were out to commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime event," said Tyson. "I then made my way to the parade route. It was a nice wait of about 45 minutes to get there. There was very high security and every person had to pass through a metal detector. They were only allowing 20 folks through the gate at a time."

She continued, "I did make it in and was somewhat close to the front of the route, so I was able to see President Obama go by in the car. Just a few seconds after the car went by me, the crowd cheered and the Obamas got out of the car and proceeded to walk. I wasn't able to see that, but I did see Vice-President Joe Biden right in front of me which was a delight to see."

Reflecting on the experience, Tyson said, "What a blessing it was to be able to say that I was there on Jan. 20, 2009 to see the 44th president, Barack Obama, being sworn in at the 56th Inauguration. I was a part of history. What I can and will tell all is to keep the faith and know that whatever you set your mind to do, that you can achieve it. We have 'Change You Can Believe In' with President Barack Obama. I am still in awe that I actually attended the inauguration."



**Karen Tyson at the capitol.**

# Local veterinarian technician treats unspecified illness in turtle at Pond

By Cassia Griswold  
Media Specialist

For decades, the Turtle Pond has been an important part of life on Kwajalein. It has provided a learning environment for high school marine biology classes as well as being the site for many School-Age Services field trips. It has also been a favorite place for TDY personnel to visit, as it is one of the few places you can get up close and personal with sea turtles.

That is why local veterinarian technician Jenny Schwartz has been treating an ill Green Turtle at the Turtle Pond since she noticed the turtle was acting oddly during a routine cleaning. Rachael, as this turtle is lovingly called, is currently being treated for an unspecified infection.

After further inquiries were made, it was discovered that Rachael has been moving much slower than the other turtles and recently has been seen floating at the surface, a sure sign of stress or illness. It was surmised that she may have been ill for the past few weeks, but had been coping with the illness until she was stressed by the handling she experienced during the cleaning process.

Treatment includes subcutaneous fluids administered under the skin in the neck and shoulder area, as well as two different antibiotic injections given every other day. Schwartz has also been in contact with veterinarians at a turtle hospital in Florida, discussing the situation and other possible methods of treatment. This has even



Photo by: Jeff Griswold

## Local vet tech Jenny Schwartz and nurse Cherece Griswold draw blood from ill turtle

involved “one, so far, three a.m. – our time – phone call in order to reach them during [their] morning rounds,” says Schwartz. She is continuing to draw blood in hopes of discovering exactly what is causing the infection. Analysis of the blood samples will indicate the level of Rachael’s kidney and liver function, as well as estimate the amount of blood cells present in her body.

To aid in the healing process, Rachael will be separated from the two male turtles in the pond and the community is asked to refrain from touching or feeding her until further notice. The community can help, however, by keeping an eye on Rachael and reporting any obvious changes in her condition to Jenny Schwartz.

The three turtles in the Turtle Pond are approximately 40 to 50 years old and are the former pets of people that lived on Kwajalein in the 1960s. At that time, sea turtles were not on the endangered species list and so Kwajalein residents would catch turtles at the Shark Pit and eat them for dinner. In fact, barbecued turtle meat was considered a delicacy and a common entrée at island parties.

The Turtle Pond started as a dirt-lined ditch, created by the saltwater run-off from many buildings’ salt-water cooling systems. Some employees of Bell Labs, the primary range contractor in the 1960s, wanted to make this a more permanent feature in the form of a fish pond. So they dammed up the areas where the water would flow out of the ditch, filled it with salt water and added fish. Later, when the saltwater cooling system was no longer used, the ‘pond’ dried up. Again, the Bell Labs personnel came to the rescue and ran a saltwater line to the pond, allowing its existence to continue. It wasn’t until 1995 that the current structure of the Turtle Pond was built.

Turtles only became inhabitants in the pond several years after its creation when one Bell Labs employee began catching turtles and putting them in the pond to harvest later.



Photo by: Cherece Griswold

## Local vet tech Jenny Schwartz, along with volunteers, lift ill turtle from pond for treatment.

*Get me to the beach on time*

# Calhoun/Marshall wed on Roi-Namur

By Vanessa K. Peeden  
USAKA Public Affairs Officer

Who thinks about having an outdoor wedding in January? Leave it to the ingeniousness of a Roi-rat to plan one and to convince his bride-to-be that it was a good idea.

Dennis Calhoun, a power plant mechanic/operator from Rapid City, Mich., and Gayle Marshall from Perth, Australia, were wed on the beach on Roi-Namur on Jan. 11. Pastor Rick Funk officiated at the ceremony.

Cindy Garcia from Third Island made traditional wedding necklaces of shells for the couple to wear. The bride was given away by her daughter Claire Marshall.

The matron of honor was Laura Pasquarella-Swaim. Mark Swaim was best man and the groomsman was Greg Heffner

During the ceremony, Kathy Ann Funk played *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* by J.S. Bach on her flute. The song *Perhaps Love* written by John Denver was recorded and sung (via CD) by Jenny Southgate and Michael Trestail, two friends of Marshall's from Australia who could not attend.

The Roi-Namur Pavilion was decorated with a large heart-shaped vine and flowers as a backdrop. Val Bazaar, Sandra Garrison, Melissa Oliver, and several Marshallese ladies helped decorate. Marshallese women also took Marshall and friends into the jungles on Roi to gather flowers and palm fronds. Native flowers were used to dress the tables and poles of the pavilion.

When asked how hard it was to plan a wedding from 2,000 miles away, Marshall said it was easy. "Laura and Mark did most of the work. The nervousness and panic of a bride were reduced by Laura's expertise. I got stressed out not having any stress," she laughingly said.

A feast of roasted pig, rice, gumbo, chicken Ratatouille, red beans, potato salad, tossed salad,



**Pastor Rick Funk recites marriage vows to Gayle Marshall and Dennis Calhoun on Roi-Namur Jan. 11.**



**Dennis Calhoun signs the marriage certificate in front of Pastor Rick Funk after his wedding on Roi-Namur Jan. 11.**

and cheesecakes were served buffet style. Bryan Stigler and Raymond Stigler made their native gumbo, Don Schmill made four cheesecakes, and a part of the Roi-rat crew stayed up the entire night before to roast the 120 plus pound pig.

Following their honeymoon in Pohnpei, the couple will reside apart until Calhoun moves to Australia on April 25.

Calhoun said, "Gayle and I are overwhelmed by the generosity and support of all our friends who made our wedding so special."

**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](http://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](http://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.

**WANTED**

Baby gates and children's bed rail, to buy, borrow or even rent until one can be sent on island. In desperate need. Call 51596, between 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

26-INCH BICYCLE; bike trailer, in any condition; 26-inch front bicycle tires, in any condition; mens softball

**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.

glove and size 10-11 cleats. Contact 55391.

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

**LOST**

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

**FOUND**

TUNDRA FLOATING beach cooler. Call 59363.

MASK, at night dive area. Call 53370.

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.

**PATIO SALES**

HUGE MULTIPLE FAMILY patio sale 7 to 11 a.m., Saturday, 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.

PATIO SALE is from 8 to 11:30 a.m., Feb. 8, at quarters 480-A.

**FOR SALE**

APPLE POWERBOOK 15" Laptop, 1.5 GHz PowerPC G4, 1 GB RAM, 80 GB hard drive, SuperDrive, Airport Extreme and Bluetooth. Loaded with OSX 10.4.11 Apple iLife, iWork, iTunes, Microsoft Office 2004 and Symantec Antivirus. All software is up to date and the computers condition is like new, \$600; 250 GB USB external hard drive, \$60; 200 GB USB / FireWire external hard Drive, \$60 and 160 GB USB / FireWire external hard Drive, \$50. Call Bob, 50937 or 50165.

BABYBJORN BABY Carrier Air, gray and white, lightweight, breathable mesh, sporty design perfect for warmer climates, used only for five months, like new condition, \$50; child's three-in-one art easel, never used and unopened, \$50 and Nintendo Wii-Dance *Dance Revolution*, recently purchased, used only once, \$50. Call 51596, between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

FENDER AM DELUXE 62 Strat and Fender Hotrod Deluxe amplifier, \$1260; Marshall AS100D acoustic amplifier \$490; Gibson Les Paul Gingerburst \$1,260; Taylor T5-C1 custom, \$1,890; Panasonic DVD video player and recorder, \$180; 20-inch TV with built-in VHS player, \$265; 27-inch Samsung TV, \$210; Celstron six-inch Newtonian telescope \$245 and Dirt Devil upright vacuum \$45. Call 53329, after 5 p.m.

BEDDING FOR FULL-SIZE bed: thin mattress cover, heavy top quality mattress cover, foam mattress pad and complete sheet set, excellent condition, \$40.

Call 55987 and leave message.

TOSHIBA HD-DVD player with *Planet Earth*, HD version, \$100. Call 52342 or 53530.

DEHUMIDIFIER, \$25. Call 52788.

GIRLS AND JUNIORS beautiful formal and casual dresses, new or barely worn. Great for 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.

VARIOUS SAT and SAT II prep books, in great shape. Call 59846.

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 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 hardwood 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

*Café Pacific*

**Lunch**

<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Feb. 6</i>
Swedish meatballs	Roast pork loin	Beef tips in Burgundy	Chicken with Sherry sauce	Stuffed cabbage	Short rib stew	Roast turkey
Fish sandwich	Crab benedict	Whole roast chicken	Broccoli rice casserole	Chicken pot pie	Red beans in broth	Sage stuffing
Parslied noodles	Meat and cheese pizza	Ham Marco Polo	Beef and peapod stir-fry	Pasta ala pesto	Corn bread	Beef stir-fry
Grill: Hot dogs	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Sloppy joes	Grill: Tuna melt	Grill: Fried Chicken	Grill: Hot dogs

**Dinner**

<i>Tonight</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Savory pot roast	Chicken fried chicken	Spaghetti	Salisbury steak	Sweet/sour pork	Carved top round	Roast pork
Chicken adobo	Parker Ranch stew	Veal Alfredo	B.B.Q. chicken	Chicken hekka	Lemon herb chicken	Beef fajitas
Hot apples and cinnamon	Vegetarian beans	Baked mahi mahi	Whipped potatoes	Korean beef steak	Noodles Romanoff	Chicken enchiladas

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.

#### COMMUNITY NOTICES

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, 1-2 p.m., Jan. 31, at the Trade Winds Theater on Roi.

THERE WILL BE a Kwajalein Yacht Club meeting at 6:30 p.m., Saturday. All members are welcome to come to happy hour starting at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Monte Junker, 52834.

THERE IS a Mobile Kitchen event on Saturday at Emon Beach featuring 'London Broil'. Menu to include: cocktail shrimp, garden salad, London broil with sautéed mushrooms, dinner rolls, twice-baked potatoes, steamed vegetables and fruit crepes for dessert. Beer and wine will also be offered. Seating is limited. Cost is \$30 for meal card holders and \$35 for non-meal card holders. For payment, see Marie Pimenta at the Retail Service Office, building 805, next to the Bowling Center or call 53933.

SUPER BOWL PARTY at the Vet's Hall beginning at 10 a.m., Monday. Subs and pizza will be provided.

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.

BINGO NIGHT at the Pacific Club on oceanside is Thursday. Card sales begin at 5:30 p.m., Bingo play begins at 6:30 p.m. Must be 21 to enter and play, bring your ID. Come out and have some fun.

KRS EMPTY PROPANE cylinders can be returned for deposit refunds at Surfway through Jan. 31.

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.

UNSOLICITED BID SALE at the EPPF/DCCB will be delayed because of the last day closing of the Sealed Bid Sale on February 3. Unsolicited bid sale activity will be open for business from 8-11 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m., Feb. 4 and 5. Questions? Call 51770.

KPD WILL BE conducting an operation at the Pistol Range from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Feb 3. Observe the red flag hazard areas. If you have any questions contact KPD, 54448.

PASSPORT PHOTOS will be taken at Bldg 901, Room 219, from 3 to 4 p.m., Feb. 4.

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.

THERE IS a Kwajalein Community Band concert at 7 p.m., Feb. 12, in the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room on the high school campus.

THE GIRL SCOUTS would like to invite the community to attend their World Thinking Day presentation about the critical importance of water in our lives. The event will take place on at 4 p.m., Feb. 22, in CRC room 1.

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](mailto:hansena@smdck)

# Power outage scheduled for Feb. 15

The following facilities will experience an 18-hour power outage on Feb. 15., beginning at 7: a.m. Temporary generators will be installed at facilities 1008, 1010 and 1034. The following facilities will be affected:

- 857 - San Juan Office/Man camp B
- 858 - Man camp C
- 872 - Yacht Club
- 878 - Camp Hamilton
- 886 - Sewage Lift Station
- 888 - Sewage Lift Station
- 890 - GPS Radome Structure
- 891 - GPS Equipment Vault
- 892 - GPS Transformer Vault
- 893 - GPS Admin Office
- 894 - Offices
- 980 - Lens wells 1A and 1B
- 1008 - USAKA Communications
- 1009 - Ground Based Mid-Course Defense
- 1010 - USAKA Range Command
- 1019 - Sewage Lift Station
- 1034 - Ebeye Tie Phone Line
- 1036 - Corps Of Engineers Office
- 1052 - Job Corps
- 1059 - Sewage Lift Station
- 1060 - WHS. Environmental Refrigerated Sample Storage
- 1071 - EOC
- 1104 - Whs., GP Computer/Typewriter Repair Shops
- 1105 - Whs., GP (Packing Material)
- 1106 - Printer/Copy Machine Storage
- 1108 - Whs., GP (WIP Stores)
- 1114 - Whs., GP
- 1115 - Whs., GP
- 1116 - Admin. AOA/AST Ops. (Warehouse)
- 1125 - Lens wells (7 Series)
- 1126 - Lens well (8 Series)
- 1163 - MI Building
- 1173 - IFICS Admin Office and Warehouse
- 1247 - Comm. Hut
- 1658 - DMS Storage
- 1659 - TACAN AND NDB



[smdc.army.mil](mailto: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.

WANT TO KNOW more about AAFES? Sign up for our Buddy List. We will e-mail you updates and information about what is going on at your Exchange. Sign up at any retail or food facility.

THERE IS a limited supply of fresh compost available to the public at Self Help. Residents should bring their own bucket and transportation. Gardening tools are available for sign out to assist with your gardening needs.

I.S. TRAINING is pleased to announce the addition of many new training classes for the February and March schedule. These include a Keyboarding class that does not require a CAC and a very beginning computer class for the non-user. This class will be taught with an assistant, Boone Bwijrok. In addition, PowerPoint, Excel, Word and Outlook classes are being offered. All island members are welcome to participate in the classes. For more information, contact Cindy Brooks at [cindy.brooks@smdck](mailto:cindy.brooks@smdck) [c.army.mil](mailto:c.army.mil) or 50787. You can visit the I.S. Training website on the USAKA intranet at <http://ws/it/> training.

IAW SPI 2600-2 attachment "A" Building Permits states: canopy cover material must be made of industrial grade woven vinyl/fabric and dark green, tan, gray or white in color. Blue tarps are not authorized. The Housing Inspector will be issuing citation letters beginning January 30. If you have installed a canopy cover that does not meet these specifications please remove the cover and install one that does. For more information contact Billy Abston, 54840.

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.

NOTICE: In accordance with SPI 2601 "Residential Yard Care and Landscaping" paragraph 2.9 Exterior Storage, personal items such as children's toys, broken bicycles, storage lockers, and other accessories must be stored in the back of the Quarters. The Housing Inspector will be making routine inspections to ensure compliance.

# Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) addresses month of death discrepancies

## National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission Report

In mid December, 2008, Chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Senator Daniel Akaka sent a letter to VA Secretary James Peake questioning the implementation of a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) policy with regards to surviving spouses of veteran and the payment of benefits during the veterans' "month of death." Senator Akaka expressed concerns that because of an apparent glitch in VA systems, widows may have been denied millions of dollars in benefits over the last twelve years.

In 1996, the Veterans Benefits Improvement Act (PL 104-275) gave veterans' spouses the right to keep their partners' final month of benefits. It instructed VA to make changes as needed to comply with the law, which took effect for spouses of veterans who died after December 31, 1996. What appears to be the problematic part is that VA's system was never updated. As a result, many surviving spouses were either denied the final month of payment or asked to send the checks back. In many cases, if the checks were already deposited or spent, the U.S. Treasury moved to seize the money directly from their accounts.

Brad Mayes, Director of Compensation and Pension Service (C&P), stated that VA had been working with Akaka's office on this issue, and will continue to do so. He further stated that VA is presently stepping up their outreach to reach spouses who may have been affected by this VA oversight, and to ensure

that they receive the proper benefits due to them. VA is providing a fully staffed phone call center, reachable at 1-800-827-1000, to attempt to rectify the situation for those affected. Surviving spouses can call the number and VA will immediately begin the process of checking to ensure eligibility and delivering payments to those who need it.

As the automated system was apparently not changed when the changes went into place in 1996, VA is fighting through a backlog of information to determine who has been denied benefits over a twelve year period. This is made even more difficult by the fact that VA is in the process of shifting data collection and storage to a "virtual VA" mode

through "paperless" initiatives such as VETSNET.

VA has asked Veterans' Service Organizations (VSOs) to reach out to their constituencies and help those affected by this situation to make contact with VA and begin the process

of receiving the compensation that they are entitled to. Any surviving spouses who feel that they may have been affected by this error on the part of VA should contact the 1-800-827-1000 phone number as soon as possible. American Legion service offers are also strongly encouraged to check their files for any surviving spouse that may have been adversely impacted by this glitch.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ian de Planque, Assistant Director for Claims Service, VA&R, at [ideplanque@legion.org](mailto:ideplanque@legion.org) or 202-861-2700, Ext. 1604.

*"Pioneering quality service to veterans and their families."*

-VA motto

## Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 16-22 knots.  
**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 18-24 knots.  
**Monday:** Mostly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 16-22 knots.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 16-22 knots.  
**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 16-21 knots.  
**Thursday:** Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 16-21 knots.  
**Feb. 6:** Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 16-21 knots.

Annual total: 1.79 inches  
 Annual deviation: -3.00 inches

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

### Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	7:10 a.m./6:55 p.m.	10:53 a.m./11:32 p.m.	6:53 a.m., 3.9' 6:59 p.m., 4.1'	12:46 a.m., -0.5' 12:52 p.m., -0.1'
Sunday	7:10 a.m./6:56 p.m.	11:37 a.m./	7:26 a.m., 3.8' 7:32 p.m., 3.6'	1:14 a.m., -0.2' 1:29 p.m., 0.2'
Monday	7:10 a.m./6:56 p.m.	12:26 p.m./12:25 a.m.	8:07 a.m., 3.6' 8:12 p.m., 3.0'	1:46 a.m., 0.1' 2:16 p.m., 0.6'
Tuesday	7:10 a.m./6:56 p.m.	1:20 p.m./1:23 a.m.	9:03 a.m., 3.3' 9:13 p.m., 2.4'	2:26 a.m., 0.4' 3:29 p.m., 1.0'
Wednesday	7:10 a.m./6:57 p.m.	2:20 p.m./2:24 a.m.	10:38 a.m., 3.1' 11:36 p.m., 2.0'	3:27 a.m., 0.8' 5:52 p.m., 1.2'
Thursday	7:10 a.m./6:57 p.m.	3:25 p.m./3:28 a.m.	12:46 a.m., 3.3' 7:56 a.m., 0.7'	5:29 a.m., 1.1'
Feb. 6	7:09 a.m./6:57 p.m.	4:30 p.m./4:32 a.m.	1:52 a.m., 2.3' 2:08 p.m., 3.8'	7:28 a.m., 0.8' 8:55 p.m., 0.1'