

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



**Michael C. Schexnayder, Deputy to the Commander for Research, Development and Acquisition for Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, gives a farewell address to the Kwajalein community Jan. 30 in the Island Memorial Chapel. Schexnayder is retiring May 1. For more on his visit, see Page 3.**

*Photo by Dan Adler*

# Commanding General urges sharing of African-American History Month

By Lt. Gen. Kevin T. Campbell  
USASMD/ARSTRAT

Each year during the month of February the Army joins the nation in celebrating National African-American History Month to honor the courage, dedication, heritage and accomplishments of African-Americans while recognizing their extraordinary contribution to the United States.

This year's theme, 'The Quest for African-American

Citizenship in the Americas,' celebrates the centennial of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The theme will highlight the NAACP's struggle to create and maintain equal citizenship for all Americans.

Two generations after emancipation, the promise of first-class citizenship was denied citizens of African descent through the construction of a racially segregated society. The NAACP drew a national following by

keeping the issue of equality alive in the court and through inspiration of others to form organizations dedicated to racial change. The NAACP's work gave hope not only to African-Americans in the North but to men and women in the South like Medgar Evers and Rosa Parks. Committed to the struggle and armed with hope, the NAACP led the effort in the movement for full citizenship. Today, they continue to press the cause of equality and so-

cial justice. The progress of African-American citizenship cannot be symbolized better than by the recent election of an African-American to the office of President of the United States.

I encourage all USASMD/ARSTRAT employees to attend activities commemorating African-American History Month and to share in the celebration of their contributions, culture, and dedication to this nation. 'SECURE THE HIGHGROUND.'

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Family of Soldier touched by support

A few weeks ago, the remains of PFC Henty Maika were transported from Korea to Kwajalein and Ebeye and then to Ujae for his final resting place. The family of Maika would like to take the opportunity to thank those who put a lot of tireless effort making sure that Henty's remains were transported in a professional manner.

To our *Iroj* and Senator Mike Kabua, the family could not have gotten through it without the support and love you gave to them. We say komol tata to you, our *Iroj* and Senator, for all that you have said and done.

We also give our thanks to Col. Frederick Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander, Sgt. Maj. Patrick

Kutac, Maj. Christopher Mills and your dedicated staff. Hats off to you for all that you have done to ensure that Maika is now resting peacefully.

We were very moved by all your hard work from day one and all the words of comfort.

The family was overwhelmed by the professionalism of Mills in bringing the sad news to us and his help in guiding the family through the difficult times.

His Excellency, President Tomeing, and *Iroj* and Honorable Speaker Zedkeia, thank you for your words of comfort and the time you took off from your busy schedules and the gifts to the family.

We were deeply touched by your support.

To the honor guards and escort from Korea to Ebeye and to Ujae, thank you. To all the groups that paid their respects, our hearts were filled with joy and comfort and we say thank you.

We would like to give our special komol tata to Sgt. 1st Class Tony Bowling for all his hard work, comfort and dedication. Your tireless effort in making sure the family was taken care of is greatly appreciated.

We may have missed mentioning some of you, but thanks to everyone who was involved from day one.

Respectfully yours,

— The Maika Family

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# After school program helps students achieve their true academic potential

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For some students, academic success and achievement seems to come naturally. For others though, a little encouragement with some discipline thrown in is needed.

That's the concept behind the after school program at Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School run by high school special education teacher Cassie Rubly. She is on her second tour and has lived nine years on Kwajalein and has 12 years teaching experience. She has taught fourth grade, elementary special education and is in her second year at Kwajalein high school.

"The regular class periods during the day are designated A through H. My after school class is designated the I period and since it's a fairly small room, the students call it the 'iPOD,'" Rubly said with a smile.

The 'iPOD' is part of a program to give students extra support with their studies. Quarterly report cards determine who is enrolled in the program. Students earning more than one D or F in a core subject such as math, science, social

studies and English are automatically enrolled in Rubly's after school class and it is mandatory that they attend. They receive homework assistance and additional support in their schoolwork.

"There's been no 'resistance' from parents about putting their kids in the iPOD," said Rubly. "They want them to do well in school."

She added, "I'm here to help them, but it is preferable that they go to their teachers for help. I try to have them do that. For example, if a student is having trouble with chemistry and there is a special chemistry study session given by the teacher, I direct the student to attend that session rather than the iPOD. The teachers are good about e-mailing me and telling me who is having extra study sessions and make up tests so I can advise the students to attend them."

Rubly continued that she tries to make the core subject teachers the main contact for students because those teachers are the subject matter experts. The iPOD is for students needing some homework help or assistance with studying vocabulary words or something not requiring a specific subject teacher. Rubly helps those students directly.

"I cover the gamut as far as homework support and test preparation. I help them research on the Internet for papers and projects. I will also proof read papers," she said.

Sometimes, according to Rubly, the reason a student does poorly results from behavioral problems such as lack of motivation.

"All it takes in a lot of cases like that is someone keeping track of them and checking up on them when they come to the iPOD," she said. "They need someone to light a fire under them sometimes. And in many cases there's an esteem issue and just having some assistance and encouragement makes them feel more confident and then they perform better. A good aspect of living on Kwajalein is that students who have learning problems aren't subjected to as much bullying,

stigma and teasing that occurs in other schools and that helps students a lot in overcoming esteem problems. Most of the other [regular class] students are supportive of them too."

Special attention is given to seniors who are in danger of not graduating.

"Greg Moore, our English language learners teacher, myself and Jamie Bowers constantly discuss students and how we can help them," said Rubly. "Our school improvement goal is to implement a formal learning support program which will include updating special education, formalizing the English Language Learners program and implementing an education assistance team. That would all be geared to the 'at risk' students who are earning Ds and Fs in more than one core subject and are in danger of not graduating. Right now, our first intervention is the iPOD. The iPOD helps us determine exactly what a student has difficulty with and targets our assistance to that problem to help them achieve academically."

Besides running the iPOD, Rubly's 'day' job is teaching students with mild learning disabilities such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorder. Those students don't attend the iPOD because Rubly provides structured courses and an individual approach for those students during the regular school day.

"Students with learning problems are identified by looking at grades, ability to perform in the classroom, lack of attention and organization and standardized test scores. In addition, there is a team meeting which includes regular education teachers, myself, the administration, a counselor and the parents," Rubly said. "Then a decision is made about placing the student in special education. However, before a child goes into special education, we try to give them assistance in an effort to avoid placing them in that



Teacher Cassie Rubly in the 'iPod.'



Michael C. Schexnayder, Deputy to the Commander for Research, Development and Acquisition for USASMDC/ARSTRAT gives a farewell address to the Roi-Namur community Jan. 31.

# Schexnayder makes farewell visits to Kwajalein and Roi, Jan. 30-31

Article and photos by Dan Adler  
Media Manager

Michael C. Schexnayder, Deputy to the Commander for Research, Development and Acquisition for the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/ Army Forces Strategic Command (USASMDC/ARSTRAT) in Huntsville is scheduled to retire this May.

He recently visited Kwajalein and Roi-Namur for the final time before he retires with a simple message — image is everything.

When Schexnayder took up his post at USASMDC/ARSTRAT five years ago, he saw a need to assist Kwajalein and Roi-Namur to continue to get funding to maintain operational status.

“There was a complete misunderstanding of what went on out here and its importance to the nation,” Schexnayder said. “There was some thinking in the ‘big’ Army that if it’s not something that helps directly in the war, then it’s a low priority. The Army said if it’s not helping us shoot people at 25 meters, then maybe we don’t need it. It was pure misunderstanding and lack of communication from USASMDC/ARSTRAT to the Army. There was a large gap between what USASMDC/ARSTRAT was doing and what the rest of the Army was doing,” he said.

That made Kwajalein a hard sell, but Schexnayder, along with some others, managed to keep the fund-

ing going.

Soon however, there will be all new leadership at USASMDC/ARSTRAT and Kwajalein will again need to convince those leaders of the importance of its mission and the value it offers to customers.

Schexnayder said it will be another hard sell because by spring next year, the Army is going to get major financial challenges and will be looking for places to cut money if there is no value for dollars.

Schexnayder said, “The value of Kwajalein has to be strongly articulated to the Army because USASMDC/ARSTRAT is a small command with some 2,000 people. And it’s just a fact that it’s harder for a smaller command to get noticed and acquire funding than it is for a larger command.

“The bottom line is that people only invest money where they think there’s value. So the challenge for Kwajalein and for USASMDC/ARSTRAT is to convince the Army there is value and importance in the range,” he said.

Schexnayder said, “It’s been easier to convince upper leadership in the Department of Defense than it is to convince the Army.

“The best way to convince the Army that Kwajalein should remain a viable part of their planning is to make the customers who come out here happy,” said Schexnayder. “Word of mouth is the best advertising when a customer is happy and it’s the worst when a customer is unhappy. Unfortunately, years ago, Kwajalein

had a bad image of being uncooperative and telling the customers they were wrong. Consequently, many customers didn't want to come here.

For instance, Schexnayder said a customer came out to Kwajalein in 1999 to set up Terminal High Altitude Air Defense testing and was basically told by the Kwajalein Range people that they were too busy to support that program. The customer left with a less than favorable impression of Kwajalein. Some of that haughty bad attitude was driven by the thinking that this was the only place customers could come to conduct testing, so we didn't have to sell ourselves."

Well, these days, that's changed. There are other places customers can conduct testing.

"True, for some missions, the geographical location of Kwajalein is perfect," Schexnayder said. "But having those missions come out here is not Kwajalein's birthright. The range still has to overcome that previous image.

"The people on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur have done a good job of that the last several years," said Schexnayder. "They have executed almost every mission flawlessly and have done it with a can-do spirit."

Schexnayder said that the same customer who was told the range was too busy for THAAD came back out a year or so ago and was impressed by the change in attitude and the new emphasis on customer satisfaction. Consequently, THAAD is now scheduled to come to Kwajalein.

Schexnayder said, "You know, you can always tell a customer he's wrong without giving him attitude. You can simply explain why a different way may save money or get better test results. Remember, the customer isn't always right, but he's not always wrong either."

*Hourglass* articles on customers that are happy and on the cutting edge like SpaceX or the Orbital IBEX launch for NASA is important in improving image and selling the range as a place where a customer is treated well and gets value for his money.

"Testing will continue and fortunately, Kwajalein is in the testing business and has the assets and capability

that the ranges in Hawaii and the United States simply don't have," Schexnayder said.

He added, "I can't emphasize enough how much we need all these customers to say that they are happy with us and that we do a great job for them. Make no mistake, they will do that if they are happy. You want more reimbursable customer dollars sent here and the only way to do that is with satisfied customers," said Schexnayder.

Schexnayder emphasized the bottom line that Kwajalein is a business and that's how the people who work here have to conduct themselves. A business can't be successful without customers and the way to get customers is to make them see the value in what is provided to them. Kwajalein has to be customer-oriented, he said.

"It's a bad assumption, especially these days, that just because you have a mission somebody is going to send you money," Schexnayder said. "We need to replace that image of sandy beaches, palm trees and a setting sun that people have of Kwajalein with an image of a really proficient group of people who happen to work on an island."

Schexnayder said that Kwajalein has to seize every opportunity that comes along. Kwajalein needs every customer it can get, because with the financial situation as it is, the Army will be less inclined to provide increased funding in the future.

Schexnayder said one of those opportunities is that with the SpaceX program out here, Kwajalein is now officially designated as a launch facility.

"That will be extremely important in upcoming missions and commercial space launches. Again, the position of Kwajalein near the equator has a multitude of benefits for space launches," he said.

Addressing the contractor employees on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, Schexnayder said, "People see fiber optics technology capability as a threat to their jobs because they think that the less operations that are physically performed on Kwajalein, the less support personnel will be required. However, I believe that some skill sets will

simply be exchanged for other skill sets so that the number of people on the island won't change that much because fiber optics will bring more customers and more work to the range. We were lucky and fortunate that the Army made the investment in fiber optics. That's a done deal and now we just have to get it in and get it operational."

Although many workers see fiber optics as making Kwajalein smaller, Schexnayder believes the new technology will actually cause employment to remain the same or perhaps even increase. Fiber optics will reduce customer cost to use Kwajalein because they won't have to have people on site to do testing and will save money on transportation, lodging, food and other costs. In turn, that should increase business



Michael C. Schexnayder is welcomed on his visit to Ennibur.

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High school principal Al Robinson introduces Col. Frederick Clarke, USAKA Commander, at the teen town hall meeting Jan. 30.

## *Talking to teens*

# Commander holds second meeting with Kwajalein High School students

Article and photo by Dan Adler  
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Col. Frederick Clarke, accompanied by Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac, held his second town hall meeting with Kwajalein teens since becoming USAKA Commander.

The commander met with the teens on Jan. 30 in the multi-purpose room.

In his introduction of Clarke and Kutac, high school principal Al Robinson noted that there was only one question submitted and that he would answer it since it

was a school-related matter.

The question was why a bus was not provided for the school winter dance when there was one provided for the RTS Winter Ball.

Robinson said the reason a bus was not provided is because one had not been requested in advance through school advisors. He also noted that the bus provided for the RTS Ball was paid for by USAKA.

The Colonel began the meeting as he had the 'adult' meetings by wishing the students a happy new year and welcoming them back to school after the holidays.

The Colonel told the students about

the wave damage on Roi-Namur and what was being done to normalize the water supply situation there. He said they might notice some Air Force personnel on the island as they would be doing surveys on Roi-Namur concerning the water supply and also providing reverse osmosis machines to Roi-Namur.

Clarke told the students that a deceased U.S. Soldier who was Marshallese and went through the indoctrination program on Kwajalein was given a memorial service on Ebeye and then transported to his home island which is about 130 miles from Kwajalein.

The Colonel stated that a lot of his focus has been taken up by the water situation on Roi-Namur and the deceased Soldier.

Clarke asked the students to help conserve energy by turning off outside lights and inside room lights when not in use. He reminded the students that money spent on energy costs is money that is not available for other needed items.

He also requested that students help keep Kwajalein clean and healthy by properly disposing of trash in proper receptacles. He asked the students to tell him if they thought there were other places he should put trash receptacles.

Clarke then explained black marketing to the students and cautioned them against buying items for someone they didn't know or who might not have shopping privileges.

"If you're standing in line at the checkout counter and someone says they forgot their ID badge, that's their problem. Don't get yourself into a bad situation if Kwajalein Police catch you doing that," the commander said.

As at the adult meetings, Clarke said that speeding while driving vehicles was a problem on island. He asked the teens to let the police know if they see someone speeding.

He told the students that the access control regulations were being changed concerning who can come on the installation and how long they can stay.

He explained the 480 regulation change from 60 to 90 days with the 90-day mark being the cap. He further explained how each adult visitor would count for one of the 90 days so that if two adults visited, each could stay for a maximum of 45 days. He stated that children under the age of 18 did not have days count against them as long as they came to Kwajalein from a distance of more than 249 nautical miles. However, if a child under the age of 18 comes to visit without parents or guardians, then that child will have days charged to him or her.

The Colonel told the students the reason for the changes was to reduce the 'shadow' community he spoke of at the adult meetings. He explained how that shadow community takes money and resources from those who legitimately live and work on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur.

"If you've ever heard your parents come back from shopping and complaining that the store was out of this or that, a lot of the problem is caused by that shadow community," Clarke said.

The commander said another big problem was water being taken from Kwajalein and then sold on Ebeye.

"If you go to the Dock Security Checkpoint around noon every day, you'll see a bunch of kids, maybe 14 and under, sitting there with gallon cans. Those cans are given to people who have access to the installation and then those people fill the cans with water and give them back to the kids. That water then gets sold on Ebeye," said Clarke "That made me wonder if there was a problem with water on Ebeye.

He continued, "There's not a problem with the water on Ebeye unless it's made cold. If it's drunk 'straight,' it taste OK, but if you try to cool or freeze the water, it gets salty. So people on Ebeye want to get water from here. So I need to figure out a way to put a halt to that. But if there ever is a problem with water on Ebeye, I have to know so I can potentially help."

He added, "I can't have kids coming over here during a school day and being used as water carriers."

One student asked about fireworks for the Fourth of July.

The Colonel answered that he had checked into fireworks and that a 20-minute show would cost \$34,000. He also explained that certified professionals would have to put on the display which was a big reason for the large cost.

"If I spend money on fireworks, that's money I can't use for something else the community needs," he said.

The Colonel stated he was looking into possibly having a laser show, but he hadn't gotten a cost figure yet.

A student wanted to know if games could be downloaded to the computers at the Youth Center so they could be played on the Internet.

Both Kutac and Clark said they would check into it, but that there may be security concerns involved.

One teen said that she and others who are 18 were told the regulations had been changed and they could not go to Ebeye alone unless they

were 21. She said that kept her basketball team from being able to go to Ebeye for games even though everyone on the team was 18 or older.

Both Clarke and Kutac said that USAKA had not made such a change and they would contact the dock security personnel about it.

A Marshallese student commented on the poor condition of the LCMs and how they leaked and got passengers wet and asked what could be done about it.

The Colonel said the issue had been raised at the Marshallese town hall meeting and plans were in the works to purchase new boats. In the meantime, repairs were being made to the LCMs. He also explained that catamarans can't be used to ferry people because they aren't able to dock at Ebeye Pier.

One student wanted to know when Kwajalein might have better TV and Internet.

Clarke responded that when the fiber comes to Kwajalein that might be done. He also said there were companies that could do it via satellite right now and that he was looking into that possibility.

"There's a lot of people who say they want it until they're told it's going to cost \$50 or \$100 a month. Then they don't want it so badly," said the Colonel. "It will be interesting to see if people will pay for such a service when it becomes available."

A teen asked why AAFES carried items that aren't used here like car air fresheners and chargers for car cigarette lighters.

Clarke answered that unlike the stores that were run by Kwajalein Range Services, AAFES has a business model they use the world over and don't tailor a store for a specific area. He encouraged the teens to continue telling AAFES what they wanted and needed.

A student commented that AAFES doesn't have bike repair items.

The Colonel acknowledged that it was a problem because the bikes AAFES sold can't stand up to this environment. He said AAFES was trying hard to provide repair items and solve the bike problem.

"Some people have asked for American bikes," Clarke said. "But I'm not sure there are any bikes

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# Mercy & Miracles

## Canvasback Missions medical team conduct clinics, surgery on Ebeye

By Dan Adler, Media Manager and Jacque Spence, Co-Founder of Canvasback Missions

*“Doctor, I want to thank you so much. We have never had this kind of medicine. You have made such a difference to me.”*

So said a Marshallese patient on Ebeye to Dermatologist Dr. Carol Isaacs after being treated for a skin infection.

“I’ve seen a lot of skin fungal infections that are difficult to diagnose without the use of a microscope,” said Isaacs. “With a correct diagnosis, these rashes can be properly treated.”

So Isaacs brought thousands of dollars worth of medicine and a microscope to Ebeye Hospital so she could do the lab work necessary to establish an accurate diagnosis.

She is one of the 16 medical professional volunteers with Canvasback Missions that have been working on Ebeye for the last two weeks.

There is an orthopedic team led by Dr. Robert Wells from Oregon and Dr. Richard Henderson from Washington state. The team’s focus is on knee replacement surgery and arthroscopic surgery for knee injuries. This is Wells’ second trip to Ebeye. Two years ago he led a surgery team



*Photos courtesy of Jacque Spence*

**Left to right, John Bleth, R.N., Dr. Ted Skaarup and Dr. Ric Henderson perform knee surgery at Ebeye Hospital.**

and trained Dr. Richard Trinidad of Ebeye Hospital in the use of arthroscopy equipment.

Dr. Kay Henderson, also from Washington State, is giving pediatric care to Ebeye children. Dr. Susan Price from Ohio and Dr. Robert Hewes of North Carolina are conducting training in the interpretation of X-Rays and ultrasound studies.

Canvasback Missions is the creation of Jamie and Jacque Spence.

“We sailed our boat, the Sea Spider, from San Francisco to Australia for seven years,” said Jacque. “During our travels, we became Christians. During our trips, we would see island people who had far less that we did and yet were willing to give the shirts off their backs if

someone needed it.”

The Spences prayed about how they could use their skills to help those island people. In 1981, they sold their boat and returned to the United States to start Canvasback Missions, a non-profit organization based in Benicia, Calif. A 71-foot long aluminum medical ship was built by 200 volunteers and meets U.S. Coast Guard certification.

“My husband felt that Canvasback was a good name because the ship was a sailing vessel and that name connoted bringing sail back into the rigging. Also, we migrated like canvasback ducks,” Jacque said.

Although they do travel to other places in Micronesia, they concentrate their efforts in the Marshall Islands.

“We started in the Marshalls because the coral atolls were well-suited to boat ministry. We love



**Gary Deacon, physical therapist, trains Joe Bejang and Heddleston Jeadrik with patient John Trabuka.**

the people and we enjoy working with the RMI Ministry of Health. They were the first to develop an outer-island dispensary system and they were also the first to tackle the diabetes epidemic in the islands,” Jacque said.

Canvasback’s work in the Marshalls began in 1986 and according to Jacque “We worked ourselves out of a job in 1993.”

But then, they were asked to provide medical service in Chuuk and in 1996, RMI President Amata Kabua asked them to return to Majuro to help develop a diabetes reversal program.

That resulted in the opening of the Diabetes Wellness Center on Majuro in 2005.

“In cooperation with the Ministry of health and the Department of Defense, we have been conducting a study to prove that lifestyle intervention and properly trained indigenous staff can produce significant improvement in the management and treatment of type 2 diabetes,” said Jacque.

That intervention and training is badly needed. It’s estimated that 20-30 percent of the adult Marshallese population has type 2 diabetes and the age for developing it has been dropping into the teens.

Fortunately, the program has been very successful in reversing diabetes. There are tangible results as participants see their blood sugars reduced and energy levels increased within a few days of starting the program.

The work Canvasback does is



**Dr. Carol Issacs hugs patient Risi Joe, who she treated for a skin rash.**



**Dr. Susan Price and Dr. Robert Hughes train Dr. Estoesta of Ebeye Hospital in echo cardiogram interpretation.**

made possible by donations from individuals and corporations which makes up the biggest part of their funding. The RMI Ministry of Health provides airfare and per diem for the medical teams. Canvasback provides specialized care, medical supplies and equipment. Jacque estimates that on this trip, \$500,000 worth of services have been rendered.

“The work we do goes a long way to reduce the patient backlog here as well as putting their health service personnel in a position to be successful,” Jacque said.

Sometimes, little ‘miracles’ happen. Ebeye hospital had no echo cardiogram equipment and was unable to diagnose heart problems in patients at an early stage.

For this trip, Canvasback had received the donation of a Philips ultrasound machine with color Doppler and Dr. Susan Price came along to train RMI personnel how to use it. The ultrasound was loaded with obstetrics and gynecology software, but the team, much to their delight and surprise, also found it had echo cardiogram software as well.

“It’s extremely rare to have both cardiac and ob/gyn software on an ultrasound machine,” said Price. “It was exactly what we needed.”

Because of the software, doctors were able to identify cardiac defects

in 11 children who need to have corrective surgery.

Jacque said this particular trip was especially challenging because of the specialized surgical equipment and supplies.

“It took a lot of help from people and companies all over the United States to make this trip possible,” she said.

She especially thanks Jimmy Matsunaga, KRS Transportation Manager, for arranging the donation of a 20-foot container from Matson Lines. “That was crucial to the success of this mission,” Jacque said. “The container was totally filled with orthopedic supplies, equipment, pharmaceuticals, a baby warmer and the ultrasound machine.”

The team thanks Kwajalein residents who invited them on sailing, diving and fishing trips and invited them into their homes for dinner.

“They have helped fix equipment that breaks and assisted in getting forgotten parts to us. The friendliness and willingness to help have made this mission to Ebeye very special,” Jacque said.

Anyone wishing to donate money can contact Jacque at [jacquespen@canvasback.org](mailto:jacquespen@canvasback.org). Doctors and nurses who would like to volunteer for missions can find applications at [www.canvasback.org](http://www.canvasback.org).

# Volunteers needed at Public Gardens

## Hourglass Reports

At the most recent town hall meeting, the state of the public gardens was brought to the Colonel's attention as an area of community concern. While the command has pledged support of the project, tools are worthless without the hands to operate them. Community Activities is currently hosting garden work parties Mondays at 2 p.m. and volunteers are needed.

"It breaks my heart to see the garden how it is," laments Jayne Cavender, who worked diligently to maintain the garden for four years. "I just mulched all the beds before I stopped working there; pulling up the weeds should be easy." In

an effort to restore the garden to its previous glory, Cavender has joined the volunteer task force.

If you are interested in volunteering in the garden, but are unable to make the Monday work parties, contact Bob Butz or Kim Scruton-Yarnes for tools, or just go down, pick a bed and get started.

On Mondays, the tools will be there for volunteers. Rides will be provided if needed and there will be a supply of fresh water. For safety, wear close-toed shoes and bring gloves.

The public gardens are public, they are there for everyone to work in and enjoy.

Margaret Pinnix of Nest Builders explains, "Most new comers eventually

find the gardens and enjoy visiting it, but they don't know it is literally a public garden and they can work there."

She brings new members of the group down to work in the gardens periodically as part of their orientation. Not only does the garden boast more than a dozen beautiful beds of native and imported plants, there is also a pond, picnic table and bedding boxes. Volunteers can weed, rake leaves, mow the lawn, tend to the existing plants or start to grow more. There is plenty of work to be done.

In upcoming weeks, Community Activities and Retail Services will be hosting the annual Valentine's Day Dinner in

the gardens Feb. 14.

The theme this year is "L'amore sotto le stelle — Love under the stars." Then just ten short days later on Feb. 24, AFE is providing a comedy show titled 'Base Humor.'

Four comedians will perform at the Public Garden after the Mardi Gras Parade and Fat Tuesday celebration at the Vets Hall.

While Butz and Scruton-Yarnes are currently spearheading the volunteer project, the hope is that once people come out and get their hands dirty, they will just keep coming back.

The first step is all hands coming to the Public Garden at 2 p.m., Monday, to help spruce up the gardens. Stay for an hour or stay all day.

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program. The whole goal is to get kids out of special education and into regular school classes."

According to Rubly, students with learning disabilities can sometimes overcome them just by having some additional support on a particular subject or having someone check their assignment book to make sure they have properly completed homework and other assignments.

"With some students, it's just a matter of keeping school work organized and learning coping skills," she said.

Rubly added, "Special education

isn't there to make straight A students, it's to help students achieve whatever their potential might be."

She continued, "We do everything we can to avoid special education. For students who don't respond to such help, then a referral for special education is made. To refer a student, we have to go through quite an extensive assessment process. A student's performance in reading, writing, math and language and how quickly they are able to process information is all looked at. Of course, we also look at their IQ. A report is then written

by a psychologist based on all the data and then we determine whether a child actually has a disability and should be referred to special education."

Both the iPod and special education have a good success rate. At this point, 25 percent of the students in the iPod this year have done so well they were able to leave the program.

Rubly and the other teachers at Kwajalein high school know that helping a student reach his or her potential is more than worth the time and effort it takes to do it.

## SCHEXNAYDER from Page 5

for the range making the Kwajalein slice of the 'pie' bigger rather than smaller.

As for funding, Schexnayder said that while Kwajalein may never get all the money requested, compared to what was planned in 2004, the range gets about twice as much now than was previously planned.

Schexnayder believes that missile defense will continue to be of vital importance to the nation and that testing will continue. In addition, there will be more future space operations that may come to Kwajalein. Schexnayder said that while some missile defense programs may be cut, he expects that projects in the established and ready for deployment stage such as THAAD and Patriot will

still receive full funding for testing.

In addition, Schexnayder said that if the nation's leadership decides the planned deployment of the Ground Based Radar Prototype to Europe won't take place, that keeping it at Kwajalein would be revisited.

"It's been said that luck is simply seeing an opportunity and then exploiting it," Schexnayder said adding, "That's what this place needs to do if it is to remain viable. If you do that, I see a bright future for Kwajalein."

Schexnayder gave farewell addresses to the Kwajalein community Jan. 30 and traveled to Roi-Namur for a farewell address Jan. 31. He also visited Enniburr as part of his visit. Schexnayder is scheduled to retire May 1.

# CYS trainee gets families involved

## Hourglass Reports

Binton Felix, School Age Services Program Assistant, is learning how to develop a partnership with parents. He is currently working on a training module that teaches him about keeping parents informed about the program, providing ways for parents to be involved, and reaching out to families in need.

Felix coordinated an event for families that included a viewing of the movie *Because of Winn Dixie*, a children's book that youngsters recently completed in the SAS Program. The event was held at the Namo Weto Youth Center with 35 in attendance. Popcorn, fruit, veggies with dip and drinks were served.

Felix utilized some SAS program parents to facilitate the event. Jeff Jones served as the set up and clean up crew, Monte Junker created the fliers for advertising and Julie Jones produced healthy snacks.

The event is unique because it was specifically geared toward children in the SAS before and after school program for Kindergarteners through 6th grade whose parents work and to whom family time is especially precious. In addition, being allowed to watch a movie at the teen center with older or younger siblings and parents is a treat. Normally, only students in Grades 7-12 are allowed in the center, but Nick Langley, Youth Center Director, made a special exception

for this event.

Parents, siblings, and SAS children cuddled up on couches and in bean bags to enjoy the movie about a girl, a dog, and how animals can bring us together and show us the meaning and importance of family and friends. That's exactly what Felix was trying to do by arranging the movie night in the first place, provide a time to appreciate family and friends, and learn a little bit more about the parents of the kids he enjoys working with each day.

Since the movie night was such a success, the SAS program hopes to have more of these events in the near future, so be on the lookout for future events in a theater or *Hourglass* near you.

# Beginning Band holds premiere concert

By Cheryl Robinson-Stewart  
Media Specialist

The George Seitz Elementary School's Beginning Band performed its premiere concert Jan. 22, at the high school multi-purpose room.

The 27 students directed by Dick Shields played more than 12 selections including *Old McDonald Had a Farm* and *Beethoven's Symphony No. 9*.

The band took their seats and warmly greeted the audience with smiles and waves. The program began promptly at 7 p.m. with a reminder from Shields of how the students sounded when they first took their instruments home. He indicated that progress and improvement could be noted since September. Shields said that the students have learned 8th notes, harmony, tone and quality and how to take care of their instruments. He further complimented the students for "being very good at bringing their instruments to school and practice reports too."

The band played very simple songs at first as if to reiterate and remind us of their progress. They then proceeded to playing by section: clarinets (Mesko Alfred, Clare Grant, Danielle Junker, Liliana Klinger); alto saxophones (Alex Burley, Allison Hibberts, Leanora Kabua, Duncan McMaster, Cody Ottman,



Photo courtesy of the Tiffany family

Beginning Band gives concert under the direction of music teacher Dick Shields

Langston Stewart and Eric Tiffany); trumpets (Xavier Bellu, Dustin Bonham, Diamond Calep, Dayna Hepler, Sam Jahnke, Wyatt Jones, Wayland Sanborn, Ciara Swanby and Jared Wase); trombones (David Sholar and Allison Tomas); baritone (Joe Makua) and flutes (Addison Cossey, Elizabeth Doerries, Poupei Frase, and Adam Tiffany).

Lastly, they played as a whole with each section being highlighted. What a delight it was to see and hear these first time performers display such awesome talent. Their final selection was most appropriately titled B-I-N-G-O, since they were all winners.

# High-tech safeguards AAFES stores

## AAFES Press Release

With a dual enduring mission to provide quality merchandise and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) programs, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is enlisting the support of the latest in Loss Prevention technology to protect military Families' exchange benefit.

Electronic Article Surveillance (EAS) systems, for example, are on the front lines of AAFES' efforts to deter shoplifting and prevent unpaid merchandise from leaving the store. BX/PX management, based on local conditions and experience, in conjunction with supporting Loss Prevention personnel, identify specific items to be "tagged" with EAS devices. These "tags" are deactivated at the cash register when the merchandise is paid for. Manufacturers have joined ranks by placing "tags" inside the packaging of many items to

further reduce shoplifting. New "tags" have also been deployed that sound an alarm if someone attempts to remove it without the proper device.

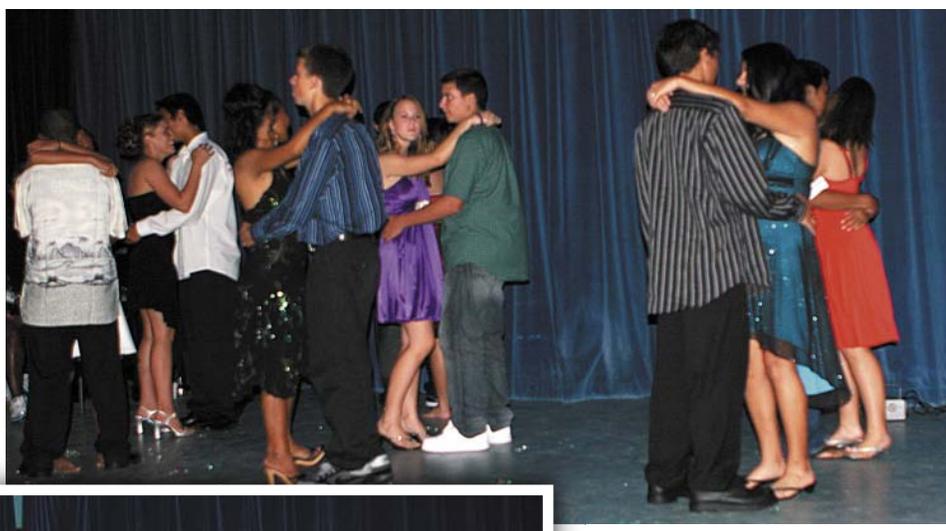
Prior to reaching the checkout, products are monitored by an advanced Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) system that can coordinate the movement of ten, twenty or even a hundred unblinking "eyes in the sky." In fact, this network of strategically positioned, microprocessor-driven, closed-circuit cameras are controlled by a central console that allows Loss Prevention associates to pan side-to-side, tilt up and down or even zoom in closely to examine activity.

"Every Loss Prevention method we use has the common goal of discouraging theft before it even happens," said AAFES' Vice President of Loss Prevention Gerald Danish. "Of course, visible reminders like security 'tags' and camera systems not only deter criminal behavior, but also identify and document it. So, even if the equipment's presence doesn't prevent

a crime, the resulting video and/or alarm are almost always invaluable in the resulting prosecution."

In the event shoplifting is suspected, AAFES Loss Prevention associates turn the issue over to local law enforcement. In addition to possible disciplinary action and/or criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act, which began March 1, 2002, allows AAFES to enact a flat, administrative cost (Civil Recovery) of \$200. There may be further fees, in addition to the Civil Recovery Program, depending on the condition of the stolen merchandise.

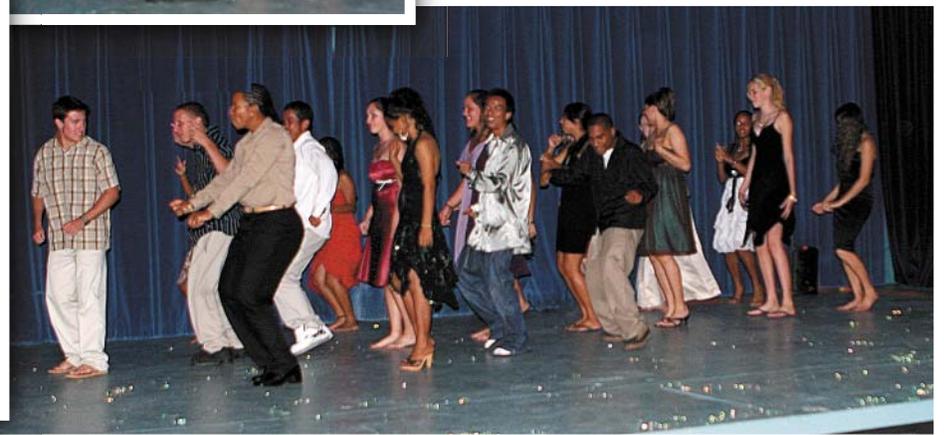
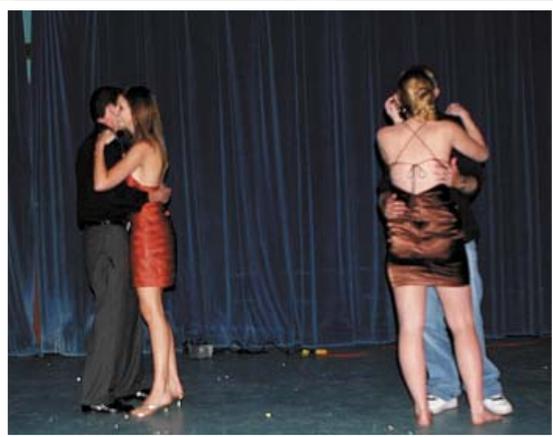
"AAFES associates are stewards of the dividend this command is charged with generating," said Danish. "Activities that diminish exchange shoppers' return on investment can, and do, negatively impact military Families' quality of life. Fortunately, our team is leveraging the latest crime fighting tools available to further strengthen the exchange benefit troops, and their Families, have come to depend on."



## Dancing the night away

Kwajalein High School students enjoy the 2009 Winter Dance Sunday night in the high school multi-purpose room.

*Photos by Dan Adler*



# Delta Mariner brings launch support equipment to Meck Island Jan. 30

Article and photo by Stephen Lee

Strategic Targets Deputy Program Manager for the Missile Defense Agency

The Missile Defense Agency contracted the *Delta Mariner* to bring their support equipment to their launch site at Meck Island. The *Delta Mariner*, a 312-foot long and 8,000-horsepower supply ship, specializes in transporting space-bound hardware.

Designed to navigate shallow inland waterways as well as the open ocean, this versatile transport vessel hauled launch support equipment almost 11,000 miles from

Decatur, Ala., down the Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers into the Gulf of Mexico. The ship transited the Panama Canal en route to the Hawaiian Islands, then on to Kwajalein Atoll. The journey began Dec. 22 and ended when the *Delta Mariner* docked at Meck Island on Jan. 30.

The Logistics Functional Lead for Targets and Countermeasures, Ken McDonald, reported, "This shipment is the first of its kind for the Missile Defense Agency. We have never shipped materiel by ship at any time in the agency's history." It is also reported to be the largest ship that has ever sailed into the lagoon.

The delivery of the launch support equipment to Meck Island marks the first phase of preparation



The *Delta Mariner* unloads launch equipment at Meck Island Jan 30.

at Reagan Test Site to support the Missile Defense Agency's two-stage intermediate/long-range launch vehicle, or LV-2. The LV-2 is part of the Agency's Flexible Target Family and will be used to test the Ballistic Missile Defense System later this year.

The Missile Defense Agency plans to conduct two tests this year with launches of LV-2s from Meck Island. The joint Government-Lockheed Martin test support teams will maintain a consistent presence on Kwajalein for the remainder of the year.

The LV-2 Project Manager, Scott Shifrin, stated, "We are very pleased with the support provided by RTS and USAKA. We look forward to launching targets from Meck Island for many years to come."

The Flexible Target Family, developed by prime contractor Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company, is composed of targets that exhibit various degrees of threat emulation with a broad range of performance characteristics and features in order to present tailorable target behaviors that test multiple Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) capabilities. The LV-2 uses Trident C4 Stage 1 and Stage 2 motors for the required trajectories, accommodating the Agency's desired capability for heavier payloads, longer downrange distances, higher velocities and variable launch capabilities.

The LV-2 first flight is planned for 3QFY09 in a planned BMDS flight test.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Family thanks medical professionals

On behalf of my wife and children, especially Auguston, we extend our most sincere and biggest komol tata to the ambulance emergency medical technicians, firefighters, Kwajalein police and the emergency room nurses and physicians at the hospital.

Your services went above and beyond. The quick response to our 911 call was amazing. The emergency medical technicians and the hospital staff made sure that our son was given

the best and quality care at time of his admission. Hats off to you all for a job well done. We cannot possibly come up with words to thank you other than the Marshallese way of saying komol tata. Last but not least, Ms. Alrick, the third graders and friends, thank you for keeping us in your prayers. Komol tata.

Best regards,

—The Lelet Family

**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**

A USED WII Fit and/or Wii games. Call John, 53290.

COLOR TV with built in DVD player, 15-inch to 27-inch screen preferred. Must be fully operational. Call 52642.

LADIES BCD, size x-small or small and a regulator with an octopus. Call 52540.

**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.

PEOPLE INTERESTED in forming a writers' group. Call Steve Golly, 55519.

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 glove and size 10-11 cleats. Contact 55391.

**FOUND**

TUNDRA FLOATING beach cooler. Call 59363.

MASK, at night dive area. Call 53370.

**PATIO SALES**

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

**FOR SALE**

24-FOOT GRADY White Offshore powered by new Yamaha 4-stroke 115 hp engines, range of almost 300 miles on inboard tanks. Comes with an aluminum trailer, Lee outriggers, GPS, VHS radio, stereo, and depth finder, \$45,000. Call Dennis, 54489 or 51850.

POKER TABLE TOPPER with 600 chips and a travel case, like new, six player felt covered wooden top with chip and drink trays, \$150.

TEEN GIRLS FORMAL and semi-formal gowns, perfect for Valentine's Day parties. Two tea-length dresses, size 8, \$5 each. Two full-length dresses: one pink, size 11-12 and one red, size medium, \$10 each. Call 53759.

SANSUI 32-INCH MTS stereo television with remote control and owner's manual, like new, only 15 months old, paid \$559, asking \$400. Call Mike, 52674. On weekdays, call after 4 p.m.

LAZY BOY RECLINER, \$50; Eureka vacuum cleaner, \$10; Unidive dive knife, \$15; Dive Rite pressure gauge, \$40; Dacor Eagle regulator, \$70 and 17-inch TV, \$25. Contact Joe, 55959 or 52222.

BEAUTIFUL GIRLS DRESS, empire waist, pink satin on the top, fluffy pink material on the bottom, size 14, perfect for Father-Daughter Dance, \$20. Call 50165.

GAMECUBE GAMING system, \$50; Cardioblades (arm exercise), \$5; women's 1mm wetsuit, size 14, \$20; Octopus holder, \$1; two air vent deflectors, \$2; two fishing books, \$5; wood cassette storage box, \$5; board games: Battleship Command, \$10; Pizza Box Football, \$5; Twister Dance with DVD, \$5; Battleship, \$5 and Star Wars Episode I Galactic Battle, \$10. Call 52517.

PLANTS, very reasonably priced; lawn furniture; bike trailers; wood shelves end tables; two drawer file cabinet; stereo and small curio cabinet with glass doors. Call 59020 or stop by 135-F.

41-FOOT HANS Christian cutter, cruise ready. Call Steve or Janet, 55519.

ROUND METAL PATIO TABLE, glass top. Comes with three chairs and four chair cushions, \$40. Call 59846.

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.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

RUSTMAN TRAINING NOTICE: If you are training for the Rustman or just in need of a swimming tune-up come to the adult pool at 12:30 p.m., Monday. Visiting Australian Paralympics Coach Brendan Keogh will be offering a complimentary adult swim clinic at that time. Come prepared to swim laps and bring water and sunscreen. Questions? Call Sarah at 53500 or Judy at 51444.

PRIVATE BOAT OWNERS and lot custodians: private boat registrations and boat lot fees are due during the month of Feb. 2009. Stop by the Small Boat Marina to pay your registration/boat lot fee(s).

THE KWAJALEIN PUBLIC Garden needs your attention. There is raking, weeding, mulching and mowing to be done. Come Feb. 2 and 9 to join the volunteer task force. Tools will be provided but please bring gloves if you have them and wear close toed shoes. Can't make Mondays? Call Bob Butz, 53768 or Kim Scruton-Yarnes, 53331 to arrange a time.

REGISTER FOR the Valentine's Cookie Exchange until 12 p.m., Feb. 7. Contact Kim Scruton Yarnes, 53331 to register or complete the red recipe card posted by the Post Office. All ages are welcome. No creams or custards may be used.

THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES will experience a twelve hour outage starting at 7 a.m., Feb. 8: 8027, KREMS Warehouse; 8028, Warehouse; 8029, FOM Roads and Grounds Shop; 8030, FOM Plumbing and Carpenter Shop; 8031, FOM Electric and A/C Shop; 8032, FOM

*Café Pacific*

**Lunch**

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Feb. 13
Sesame ginger tofu	Carved London broil	Broiled hamburger steak	Meat lasagna	Pan fried chicken	Mambo pork roast	Corned beef/cabbage
Chicken nuggets	Coq au vin	Sweet/sour pork	Spinach lasagna	B.B.Q. spareribs	Jerk chicken wings	Irish lamb stew
Chef's choice entrée	Salmon croquettes	Noodles Romanoff	Chicken stir-fry	Corn bread	Sesame tofu	Tuna casserole
Grill: Roasted Iowa chop	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Italian burger	Grill: Cajun burger	Grill: Ham stackers	Grill: Grilled cheese

**Dinner**

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Pancake supper	Grilled minute steak	Grilled short ribs	Build-your-own tostadas	Braised Swiss steak	Carved top sirloin	Broiled herb chicken
Smoked beef brisket	Chicken stew	Chicken divan	Beef pot pie	Chicken nuggets	Chicken Monterey	Beef stew
Vegetarian pasta medley	Bourbon marinated salmon	Vegetarian tofu	Oriental vegetable stir-fry	Mashed potatoes	Barley mushroom pilaf	Vegetable quesadilla

Paint and Metal Shop and 8034, Vehicle Maintenance Shop and Office.

**COOKIE MONSTER?** Come judge the entries of the Valentine's Cookie Exchange and enjoy a little home baked goodness. Fresh baked cookies will be available at 4 p.m., Feb. 8, in CRC Room 1. Open to everyone. Call Community Activities for details, 53331.

**CYS YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Ice cream social, 5:30-7 p.m., Feb. 18. Register from Feb. 10-14. Bingo night, 5:30-7 p.m., Feb. 25. Register from Feb. 18-21. These activities are open to all CYS registered youth. You do not have to be in the School Age Services program to attend. To find out how to register for CYS or one of these events, call Micah at the Central Registration Office, 52158. For More Information on the specifics of the events, contact Susannah at susannah.jones@smdck.smdc.army.mil.

**ALL ISLAND RESIDENTS** are invited to attend the Kwajalein Scuba Club's monthly meeting at 7 p.m., Feb. 11, at the Pacific Club.

**TICKETS FOR** the Valentine's Day dinner at the Public Gardens are sold out. For more information, contact Community Activities, 53331 or KRS Catering, 53338.

**THE FIRST SWIM** meet of 2009 will be held at 4 p.m., Feb. 15, at the Family Pool. Swimmers 13 and over arrive at 3 p.m., swimmers ages 12 and younger should be there at 3:15 p.m. Come support your favorite team and cheer them on to victory.

**THERE IS** a public SAC board meeting at 7 p.m., Feb. 18, in the Elementary School Coconut Room. All are welcome.

**THE ADULT** Recreation Center will be closed Feb. 19 for a deep cleaning. Normal hours will resume Friday afternoon. Questions? Call 53331.

**THE ADVANCED SCHOOL** Accreditation Team will share their exit report at 3:45 p.m., Feb. 20, in the Coconut Room at the elementary school. Please join us to learn about the team's overall impression of the schools and what lies ahead as we strive toward continuous improvement.

**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.

**TICKLE YOUR FUNNY** bone with Armed Forces Entertainment Comedy Troup "Base Humor" at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 24, after the Mardi Gras parade in the Public Gardens. Questions? Call Kim, 53331.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** Pools and Beaches is going to start the Spring lifeguarding class, dates TBD. If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard, please call the Family Pool, 52847, or Community Activities, 53331, and Sandy Lummer, Pools and Beaches Coordinator, will get in touch with you.

**IN SUPPORT OF** the Feb. Community Activities sponsored singles tennis tournament, the Koenig Jabar Tennis court will be reserved for scheduled tournament matches. The tennis schedule is posted at the tennis court. Questions? Call 53331 or email Amy Hansen, [hansena@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:hansena@smdck.smdc.army.mil).

**THE FEDERAL** analog-digital conversion only affects the 50 United States and will have no effect on the community here.

**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.

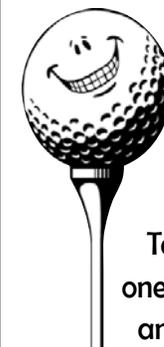
**KRS CATERING** has a new e-mail address in Global. It is [KRS\\_Catering@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:KRS_Catering@smdck.smdc.army.mil). Please use this e-mail address to inquire about Mobile Kitchen



*Kwajalein*  
**COMMUNITY BAND**

Will be in concert at 7 p.m.,  
Feb. 12, in the multi-purpose  
room.

The Kwajalein  
Basketball All- Stars  
will play the RMI  
National Basketball  
Team at 6:30 p.m.,  
Tuesday, in CRC  
Gym.



The Kwajalein Golf  
Association's Sadie  
Hawkins Fun  
Tourney will start  
at 10 a.m., Feb. 16.  
Teams must consist of  
one woman, or the Sadie  
and four guys. Cost for  
KGA members is \$25 and  
cost for non-KGA members is \$35.  
Beverages and a meal will be  
provided.

events, private party planning, company parties, pricing, and dinner on the beach. The KRS Catering phone number is 53338.

**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.smdc.army.mil](mailto:cindy.brooks@smdck.smdc.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:** Brig. Gen. Kurt S. Story, Deputy Commanding General-Operations USASMD/ARSTRAT, has been appointed as the Certification and Accreditation Designated Accrediting Authority (DAA) for the 102 SMD/ARSTRAT information systems.

**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.

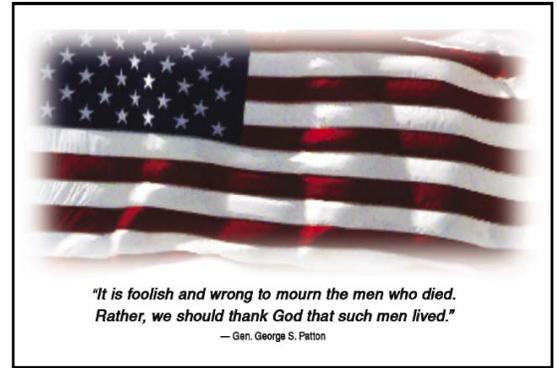
**NOTICE:** In accordance with SPI 2601 "Residential Yard Care and Landscaping" paragraph 2.9 Exterior Storage, personal items such as children's toys, broken bicycles, storage lockers, and other accessories must be stored in the back of the Quarters. The Housing Inspector will be making routine inspections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

# Five servicemembers die in War on Terror

**CW4 Milton E. Suggs**, 51, of Lockport, La., died Jan. 30 at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 38th Operational Support Airlift Detachment, Hammond, La.

Four Soldiers died from wounds suffered when two OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopters crashed Jan. 26 in Kirkuk, Iraq. They were assigned to the 6th Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, 10th Combat

Aviation Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y. Killed were: **Chief Warrant Officer Philip E. Windorski, Jr.**, 35, of Bovey, Minn.; **Chief Warrant Officer Matthew G. Kelley**, 30, of Cameron, Mo.; **Chief Warrant Officer Joshua M. Tillery**, 31, of Beaverton, Ore. and **Chief Warrant Officer Benjamin H. Todd**, 29, of Colville, Wash.



## TEENS from Page 7

made in America these days.”

Kutac encouraged the students to sign up for the AAFES Buddy List so they could be advised of what new items were coming in and when they would arrive.

A student asked if the schools were going to be consolidated to which the Colonel responded it couldn't be done because of the number of children in the schools.

One teen wanted to know when Roi would be open to visitors again. The commander said as soon as he could supply 40,000 gallons of water on a daily basis, he would lift the visitor restrictions now in force but that his first priority was taking care of the people on Roi-Namur. He said he hoped he could ease the restrictions by early March.

One teen wanted to know if AAFES was going to have a larger selection of movie rentals in the future.

Kutac said that AAFES management was working on getting more rental movies and movies for sale.

Another teen asked why places in the Food Court closed at different times and could the Food Court stay open longer on weekends.

Kutac said the Food Court manager told him that all the counters were open late to begin with, but that there weren't enough customers to warrant keeping

all of them open so late. Kutac said he would check into it further.

A student asked why certain soft drinks weren't available at AAFES. Kutac said that the AAFES business model was to sell soft drinks with a worldwide popularity and that other soft drinks that weren't as popular would not be stocked by AAFES.

A question about extending the curfew to a later time was asked. Clarke said that the current curfew was working well and he didn't want to make it a later hour because his concern was that students focus their attention on their studies during school nights. He said that since the curfew went into effect, there have been very few incidents involving teens.

A student wanted to know if Community Bank could extend its hours because it was hard for students to get there to deposit or withdraw money before closing time as school didn't let out until then.

The Colonel said he would look into it.

Another teen asked if thumb drives would ever be allowed again.

Clarke responded that he hoped so, but that right now it is a security matter.

He concluded the meeting by thanking the students for their ideas and concerns.

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**Saturday:** Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 15-20 knots.  
**Sunday:** Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 16-20 knots.  
**Monday:** Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 16-20 knots.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 16-22 knots.  
**Wednesday:** Partly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 16-22 knots.  
**Thursday:** Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 15-20 knots.  
**Feb. 13:** Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 15-20 knots.

Annual total: 3.53 inches  
 Annual deviation: -2.26 inches

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

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	7:09 a.m./6:57 p.m.	5:34 p.m./5:32 a.m.	2:54 a.m., 2.8' 3:03 p.m., 4.4'	8:36 a.m., 0.3' 9:38 p.m., -0.4'
Sunday	7:09 a.m./6:58 p.m.	6:35 p.m./6:28 a.m.	3:38 a.m., 3.4' 3:47 p.m., 4.9'	9:25 a.m., -0.2' 10:16 p.m., -0.8'
Monday	7:09 a.m./6:58 p.m.	7:32 p.m./7:19 a.m.	4:16 a.m., 3.8' 4:26 p.m., 5.2'	10:07 a.m., -0.6' 10:50 p.m., -1.1'
Tuesday	7:09 a.m./6:58 p.m.	8:26 p.m./8:05 a.m.	4:51 a.m., 4.2' 5:02 p.m., 5.2'	10:46 a.m., -0.8' 11:22 p.m., -1.1'
Wednesday	7:09 a.m./6:58 p.m.	9:17 p.m./8:49 a.m.	5:25 a.m., 4.4' 5:36 p.m., 5.1'	11:22 a.m., -0.9' 11:53 p.m., -1.0'
Thursday	7:08 a.m./6:58 p.m.	10:07 p.m./9:32 a.m.	5:57 a.m., 4.4' 6:07 p.m., 4.8'	11:57 a.m., -0.7' 12:30 p.m., -0.4'
Feb. 13	7:08 a.m./6:59 p.m.	10:57 p.m./10:14 a.m.	6:28 a.m., 4.3' 6:36 p.m., 4.3'	12:21 a.m., -0.8' 12:30 p.m., -0.4'