

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



**Senior Monica Peters is covered with flowers and leis after the graduation ceremony June 5 in the multi-purpose room. For more coverage of the graduation, see Page 4.**

*Photo by Dan Adler*

# Thank you for keeping the idea alive

It flew in the frigid wind at Gen. George Washington's camp at Valley Forge during the harsh winter of 1777. It was a time when hope of defeating the British and gaining independence was all but lost.

It was there as the cold, hungry and ragged men in that camp drilled and trained day after day in the biting wind and the blowing snow to become a real army. Perhaps, when they thought of quitting, they may have looked at it and decided to stay and fight.

It was there for the terrible defeats during the Revolution. It was there for the hard fought victories when our

## The Way I See It

Dan Adler,  
Media Manager



independence was won and a new nation was born.

It flew over Fort McHenry in 1814 during a bombardment by the British navy and inspired Francis Scott Key to write a poem that was later put to music.

It was with Union troops as they suffered defeat after defeat during the Civil War. It was carried by Union troops who bravely charged Confederate lines and were slaughtered by Confederate guns time after time.

It stood in the center of the 20th Maine Regiment as 400 men defended Little Round Top on July 3, 1863, at Gettysburg. They held their ground against twelve Confederate attacks and saved the Union Army on that fateful day.

The first black regiment in the Union Army, the 54th Massachusetts,

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Community needs quality infant care

There is a vital need for safe, well-trained, quality care for infants (0-18 mo) on island, particularly as KRS/USAKA continues to recruit customers and personnel with dependents. With a significant shortage of experienced, reliable nannies who are well-equipped to care for our children, parents are distracted during their work day which compromises mission safety and performance.

Without infant care we are forced to choose between leaving our safe and supportive Kwajalein community. A parent leaving the workforce causes undue financial stress to the family unless they can find a reliable, trustworthy nanny from a very small group. It also causes their employer to expend time and resources finding a replacement for the employee.

— Name withheld by request



### THUMBS UP



To the *Hourglass* for covering the championship waterpolo and basketball games. I have heard many in the community comment on how great it was to have a game recap and picture recognition for the winning teams. Kwaj sports are a huge part of the lifestyle here, and it's great that the *Hourglass* is covering the events again.

### THUMBS UP



To Renata Lescalleet, Carla Warren and Dawn Gray for planning such a great end of year party for Ms. Collier's kindergarten class. Thanks also to Bob Butz for setting up the putt-putt and bounce house.

## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# HOLLYWOOD *Handshake Tour* coming to visit Kwajalein and Roi-Namur



## Armed Forces Entertainment

Armed Forces Entertainment will send three actors to some of the most remote bases in the Pacific this Fourth of July to visit with U.S. military personnel as part of the Summer Hollywood Handshake tour beginning June 24 and ending July 7.

The star-studded line up for the tour includes Tim Reid of *WKRP in Cincinnati*; Daphne Maxwell Reid, who played Aunt Viv on *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* and Wanda N. Colón, host and designer on the popular TLC program *Home Made Simple*.

The group will be traveling to bases in Hawaii, Kwajalein and Guam. The actors will get up-close and personal with military personnel during autograph sessions and while hanging out at the mess hall. They will also visit workstations and base schools.

"My brother was a Marine, he went into the service when I was very young," explains Colón. "I know, as a family member, what its like to have this person that you love be there for you one day and then the next he's gone. My brother and I are very close, so I wanted to give my time to honor my brother and show our troops that the people of America support and appreciate them and that we realize how hard it is to be away from home."

"We're so grateful to these talented stars for volun-

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— Wanda N. Colón

The Summer Hollywood Handshake  
Tour will appear as follows:



- 8 p.m., June 28, at the Parrot Head on Roi
- 6 p.m., June 29 in the Kwajalein multi-purpose room

teering their time and energies for this tour," said Air Force Colonel Edward Shock, Chief of Armed Forces Entertainment. "Its wonderful that this tour will feature so many actors who have close connections with current and former military personnel. It will make this tour even more special and I know the servicemen and women will enjoy it."

Armed Forces Entertainment is the lead Department of Defense agency for providing entertainment to U.S. military personnel serving overseas, with priority given to those in contingency operations and at remote and isolated locations. The Department of the Air Force is the executive agent of Armed Forces Entertainment. Founded in 1951, Armed Forces Entertainment brings a touch of home to more than 500,000 troops annually, embracing the best of Americana that stretches across all genres of entertainment. For more information on the Hollywood Handshake tour, visit [www.armedforcesentertainment.com](http://www.armedforcesentertainment.com).



Kwajalein School Superintendent Al Robinson introduces the Kwajalein High School Senior Class of 2009 to family and friends in the multi-purpose room June 5.

# *They've only just begun* Kwajalein Class of 2009 graduates June 5

Article and photos by Dan Adler  
Media Manager

In the dim glow of the candles they carried, the Class of 2009 made the traditional barefoot entrance into a darkened, standing-room only multi-purpose room for the graduation ceremony held on June 5. As *Pomp and Circumstance* played, the seniors

walked onto the stage one by one and the room was illuminated in an explosion of camera flashes capturing the moment.

When all of the seniors were on the stage, they stood facing the gathering of family and friends for several minutes. Their young faces, bathed in candlelight, were bright with tears and smiles showing the emotion and elation they were feeling.

After the seniors were seated, Al Robinson, Superintendent of Kwajalein Schools, introduced the Class of 2009. Seniors Ariel Swanby and Curtis-Jorju Kemem welcomed all to the ceremony.

Class Valedictorian Cassia Griswold addressed the audience and her fellow seniors. She began by thanking her family, friends and teachers for supporting her and making her successful. She thanked her classmates for being a part of her life and providing her with wonderful memories of Kwajalein.

She added, "When I first moved to Kwajalein in eighth grade, our class had developed an awful reputation amongst the faculty and students at the school; we were practically infamous. Ninth grade was not our strongest year, but in tenth grade we all started to mature and by eleventh grade we were able to work together as a class and have since organized some of the best school events. That unity has continued all through our senior year as well. Even after all of the opportunities we had to disagree and argue with each other, we are still as strong as we were before, if not stronger. Now I



CJ Kemem sings his composition *Because of You* in honor of his mother.

think it is safe to say that our class has left that bad reputation behind and gained something better: unity, friendship, maturity, and yes, even a bit of wisdom. To me, the change and growth that has occurred amongst our class during our high school years is evident. This transformation marks how we have all developed as people and I see this as only the beginning. We can all look back and see how far we have come, and in doing so, we should be able to recognize how far we can go in the future.”

She continued that although she is a worrier and wonders what the rest of her life will be like, “I have finally come to a realization: no one knows what their future will hold for them, but if we are able to greet it with open arms and smiles on our faces, and not sell ourselves short of our worth, we will find our way in the world.”

Griswold said that she has seen her classmate’s skills and that if they continue to use those skills, nothing will stand in the way of their success.

“I know we will find our way in the world because we have what it takes,” she said. “It is time to live our lives, time to face our fears, time to spread our wings and fly out of here. Congratulations to all of you. You are the Class of 2009.”

After Griswold’s remarks, Senior Jessica Lojkar performed a beautiful hula to *Himeme Tatarahapa* and received thunderous applause.

Scholarships were then presented by various island organizations.

- Kaitlynn Phillips, Junior Class President, presented



**Jessica Lojkar performs a hula dance for her classmates and the audience at the graduation ceremony June 5.**

the Student Government Association Scholarships totaling \$1,100 to Monica Peters and Michael Hillman.

- Jim Burk presented the American Legion Post 44 scholarships of \$2,000 each to Ashley Cochran and Melissa Duarte.

- Irene Furgeson presented Junetiptip Club scholarships to Anram Kemem, CJ Kemem, Tijuana Bolkeim, Jessica Lojkar and Cassia Griswold.

- Dora Joel presented the Jiron Drik Drik scholarship to Cassia Griswold.

- Lisa Tracy presented Art Guild scholarships of \$500 each to Mel Duarte and Bret Young.

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**The graduates make the traditional barefoot entrance carrying candles.**

## GRADUATION, from Page 5

- JB Scott presented the Scuba Club scholarship of \$1,000 to Cassia Griswold.

- Jenny Norwood and Judy McGuire presented Yokwe Yuk Women's Club scholarships of \$1,000 each to Monica Peters, Bret Young, Cassia Griswold, Andy Hogan and Michael Hillman.

- Bruce Hansen presented a \$1,000 scholarship from Berry Aviation to Cassia Griswold.

- Cliff Mattos of Matson Navigation Company presented a \$5,000 scholarship to Tijuana Bolkeim.

- Greg Hogan of MIT presented a \$2,500 scholarship to Cassia Griswold.

- SpaceX awarded scholarship money to Kasih Hoch.

- Dave Norwood, Kwajalein Range Services President, awarded scholarship money totaling \$50,000 to CJ Kemem, Monica Peters, Bret Young, Kasih Hoch, Chi Chi Kemem, Cassia Griswold, Andy Hogan, Matt Elkin, Michael Hillman, Robby Alves, Mel Duarte and Ashley Cochran.

After the scholarships had been given out, CJ Kemem sat down at a piano and proceeded to play and sing his own composition, *Because Of You*, a moving tribute to his mother. At song's end, his mother came forward and the two shared a long embrace as the audience applauded.

Then it was time for the class history presented by Anram Kemem, Jessica Lojkar and Andy Hogan.

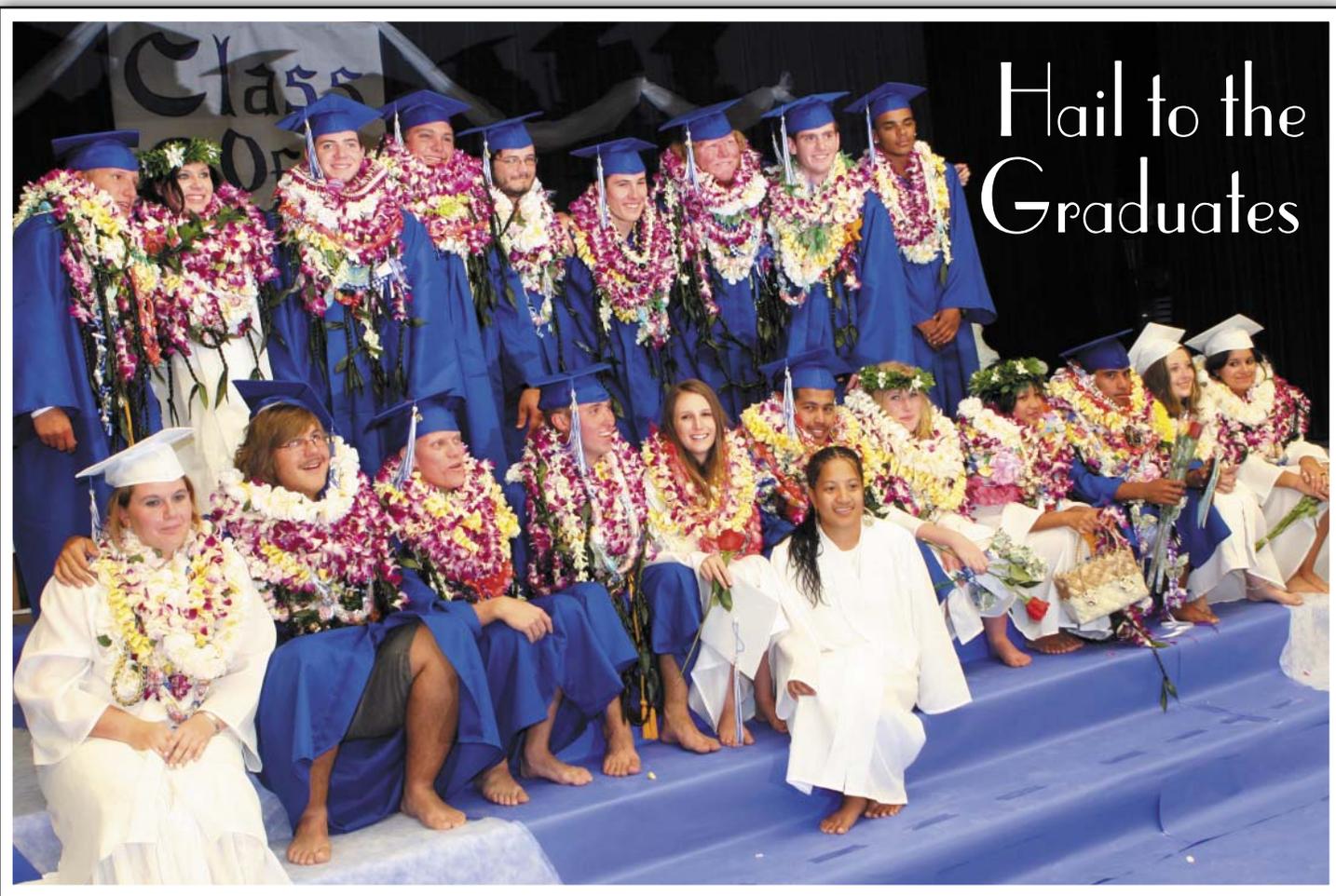
"Our journey began in the fall of 1996 with eight of our current seniors," said Hogan. "They were Robby Alves,



The graduates turn the tassels signifying the end of their high school years.

the kind and gentle; the well-dressed Tijuana Bolkeim; Ross Butz, with his glossy red hair; Chris Horner, the Energizer Bunny; Chi Chi Kemem; the quiet Jessica Lojkar; Ryan Woodburn, the troublemaker and the very good-looking Andy Hogan."

The three detailed their years of elementary school and the comings and goings of their fellow students, some of whom left and then came back and some of whom joined them brand new. They spoke of playing on the school yard swings, their first Wacky Olympics, their teachers, the fundraisers, the 'States Fair,' adding and subtracting, their fear of fractions, giving speeches in front of the class, their first 'real' dance, learning algebra, the last Spring Ditch Dance, their 'bad' reputation, gym class, Winter Ball and Prom, delivering



Christmas trees while singing carols, entering high school and finally, their senior year.

The class then joined the audience to watch an 'album of memories' slide show. Photos of the graduates as infants, toddlers and through their school years drew the appropriate oohs, aahs and laughter. As the slideshow went on accompanied by sentimental music, there weren't too many dry eyes in the room.

The seniors also went into the audience to hug their parents, family and friends. The emotion of the embraces and the tears of happiness and joy from both the graduates and parents touched everyone in attendance.

Then teachers Barbara Bicanich, James Bowers, Bonnie Oyamoto, Ric Fullerton and Coach Tom Faris (who retired last year) were called to the stage by seniors Michael Hillman, Monica Peters and Bret Young to be recognized and thanked by the Class of 2009 for their support and help. Laura Alves and Jill Horner were also thanked by the class for opening their homes and their hearts to the seniors.

Superintendent Robinson took the podium and called Monica Peters forward. Peters had a grade point average of 3.92 in her four years of high school and was awarded the Salutatorian medal.

He then called Cassia Griswold, who had a perfect grade point average of 4.0 for her four years of high school, and presented the Valedictorian medal to her.

After presenting the medals, Robinson addressed the audience and dignitaries. "I am so pleased tonight to certify to you that these 23 seniors have successfully completed a course of study approved by the United States Army Kwajalein Atoll and the Kwajalein school system and are now ready to receive their diplomas."

Col. Frederick Clarke and Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac walked on stage to do the honors of handing out the diplomas. As each senior received his or her diploma there were enthusiastic cheers and applause.

The graduates are Robby Alves, Tijuana Bolkeim, Ross Butz, Ashley Cochran, Melissa Duarte, Matthew Elkin, Cassia Griswold, Michael Hillman, Kasih Hoch, Andrew Hogan, Chris Horner, Anram Kemem, CJ Kemem, Jessica Lojkar, Anthony Nysveen, Monica Peters, Jeffery Saunders, Adam Struppeck, Ariel Swanby, Cody Villarreal, Ryan Woodburn, Sean Wilkinson and Bret Young.

After the diplomas were awarded, seniors Saunders and Wilkinson took the podium and led the class in their last act as high school students — the turning of the tassels. And with that, their high school years were over.

Then it was time for the recessional as *Live Your Life* played and the Kwajalein Senior Class of 2009 left the stage dancing, bowing and twirling. They walked out of the multi-purpose room and into their new lives.

## moments and memories



# Be Prepared: Troop 314 recognized for rank advancement during Court of Honor June 2

## *Andrew Hogan achieves advancement to Eagle Scout*

Article and photos by Sheila Bigelow  
Associate Editor

Only three percent of all Boy Scouts of America make it to the rank of Eagle Scout. So it was a grand affair as Kwajalein's Troop 314 held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor to celebrate Andrew Hogan's accomplishment of reaching Eagle Scout rank June 2 in Island Memorial Chapel. It was a joint program that also included the annual Court of Honor that recognizes fellow Troop 314 members that achieve rank advancement.

The program began with the Presentation of Colors by the Troop 314 Color Guard consisting of Graham Kirchner, Tyler Stepchew, Jake Jahnke and Dane Bishop.

Immediately after, William McPhatter, Senior Patrol Leader, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scoutmaster Gregory Hogan took the stand and thanked parents and community leaders who have been helpful throughout the year, aiding the scouts in achieving their merit badges, which ultimately led them to their rank advancements. He called Ed Hillman, Jim Landgraff, Jane Sholar, Tim Kirchner, Art Ottman and Carolyn Pippitt to the front and awarded them with their very own leadership badges, certificates of recognition and small gifts.

Next came the rank advancement recognition.

Alex Burnley was advanced to the first rank of Scout. Sam Jahnke, Wyatt Jones, Cody Ottman and



**Col. Frederick Clarke, USAKA Commander, addresses Andrew Hogan and his parents, Gregory and Bonnie, during the Eagle Scout Court of Honor June 2.**

David Sholar were advanced to Tenderfoot. They also received their Tote-N-Chip cards that they will now carry with them showing that they have finished training and are capable of handling pocketknives and sharp hand tools.

Receiving rank advancement to Second Class were Tyler DeCoster, Quinn Klinger, D.J. Scofield and John Sholar.

Advancing to First Class were Dane Bishop, Tyler DeCoster, Jake Jahnke, Will McPhatter, Alex Shotts and Dan Valles.

DeCoster worked very hard to stay with his age group and managed to do enough work to advance through two ranks instead of one, which is something that has not been done on Kwajalein in a very long time.

The next portion of the program was the recognition and receiving of Merit Badges earned since June 2008:

**Dane Bishop:** swimming.

**Tyler DeCoster:** swimming, fingerprinting, life-saving.

**Jake Jahnke:** swimming, fingerprinting, music.

**Aaron Mathieson and Dan Valles:** swimming, fingerprinting.

**Gilson Hogan:** fingerprinting, family life, cycling, lifesaving, music.

**Graham Kirchner:** fingerprinting, cycling, music.

**Will McPhatter:** fingerprinting, fishing.

**John Sholar:** fingerprinting, rowing, music.



**Wyatt Jones, Cody Ottman, Sam Jahnke and David Sholar are recognized for their rank advancement to Tenderfoot during the Court of Honor ceremony June 2.**



**Andrew Hogan places a pin onto his father's lapel as his mother, Bonnie, looks on during the Eagle Scout Court of Honor June 2.**

**Alex Shotts, Quinn Klinger and Tyler Stepchew:** fingerprinting. The program centered on the recognition of Andrew Hogan in his achievement of Eagle Scout rank and the description of his Leadership Service Project.

Tim Kirchner, Master of Ceremonies, welcomed the audience members and gave a formal opening. He called upon Dr. Peter Yoho to speak about the importance and true meaning of earning the rank of Eagle.

Yoho reminisced about working towards his Eagle Scout rank when he was a teenager. He remembered as he reached each rank on his way up, he first had to only recite the code, oath and motto. As he achieved another rank level, he then had to recite them from memory. After that, he then had to be able to give examples of such behaviors. However, when a Scout reaches the level of Eagle, he is required to demonstrate living by those characteristics, not just recite them and know what they mean. He truly needs to live by the words of the Scouts he has been reciting for years. Reaching Eagle rank is not an easy feat and Yoho commended Hogan on achieving it.

Jim Landgraff, Eagle Scout Mentor, took the stage next and walked the audience through a slideshow of Hogan's service project, explaining all the steps involved. Hogan was tasked with planning, organizing, overseeing and executing the project from start to finish. He had to draft a plan for a project that would benefit the community and an organization other than the Scouts, obtaining funds and materials on his own. After many re-writes of his initial plan, Hogan finally decided on a project: to construct three large tables and six benches for the kindergarten class of Calvary School on Ebeye. He even decided to make different sized benches in order to accommodate for the vast difference in sizes of the children

in the class.

Hogan obtained funds from the Yukwe Yuk Women's Club and KRS Public Works donated the use of a warehouse. Hogan ordered all of the materials on his own and his parents let him store the lumber in their living room until the project was finished. The labor was done at the Hobby Shop with the help of Troop 314, community members and parents.

Once the tables and benches were constructed, Hogan arranged for delivery to Ebeye. He and several troop mates loaded the tables and benches on and off the ferry. Once on Ebeye, they arranged for transportation to Calvary School.

The entire project cost almost \$500, all of which was donated, and took 224 hours of manpower.

After the slideshow, Scoutmaster Gregory Hogan read the Eagle Charge and Oath, which Andrew Hogan repeated back: "I reaffirm my allegiance to the three promises of the Scout Oath. I thoughtfully recognize and take upon myself the obligations and responsibilities of the rank of Eagle Scout. On my honor I will do my best to make my training an example, my rank and my influence count strongly for better Scouting, and for better citizenship in my troop, in my community and in my contacts with other people. To this I pledge my sacred honor."

Col. Frederick Clarke took the stage to say a few words to Hogan, praising him for his accomplishment and encouraging him to become the leader that is within in him to be.

As an official Eagle Scout, Hogan addressed the audience, personally thanking several people for their help and support. He gave a heartfelt thank you to his parents, praising them for their support and willingness to help throughout the project. He also thanked his mentor Landgraff for helping him come up with the project idea and guide him through the process. He thanked his fellow troop mates and some community members that put in time to help him.

The ceremony ended with the recitation of the Scout Law by all of Troop 314. Rev. Rick Funk gave the Benediction while the Color Guard retired the Colors. The ceremony ended as Hillman and Shotts played *Taps*.



**Tyler DeCoster, John Sholar and D.J. Scofield are recognized for their advancement to Second Class Scouts.**

# California Roll bowls over the competition in the spring bowling league championship game

Article by Robert Carter  
Contributor

We began our league mid-March with 12 teams competing on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. There was a lot of excitement from week to week. Teams bowled for the ultimate goal: to be in first place in their league so they could compete for the overall championship. With two weeks left in the league it looked as though there would be a clear cut winner. Then the top teams began having losing streaks. It came down to the last night of the regular league to determine who would be moving on for a shot at the title.

In the Tuesday league, Four Guys Walk into a Bar made an impressive run and won four games to tie the DW's to make it to the championship round.

The Wednesday league was just as exciting; California Roll made a last ditch effort to regain first place in an attempt to win their last four games of the season and seek out the final playoff spot from team Strike This! The following week, the lanes were oiled and the competitors warmed up. The fight was on! Going into the final game, the point count was Four Guys Walk Into a Bar: 3, California Roll: 2.5, and DW .5. The DW's de-



Photos by Evelyn Smith

**Team California Roll took first place in the spring bowling league this year. Left to right: Walter Remsen, Neil Dye, Glenn Crane. Missing from picture: Tyrone Moxie, Palepa Smith.**

parted with the third place awards and the championship hinged on the final game of the season. It was fun and exciting to watch the bowlers as the pressure built frame by frame. A strike here, a spare there and of course, that timely miss that could have made a difference in the end. There were a few splits, strikes, spares, misses and of course gutter balls (DOH!). In the end, California Roll took down the mighty Four Guys Walk Into a Bar by only a mere six pins.

Congratulations to California Roll for winning the championship and to Four Guys Walk Into a Bar for coming in a very close second. Last but not least, congratulations to the DW's, who defied the odds and had fun while bowling, even during the pressures of the championship match; they were the life of the party!

A special thanks to the bowlers who participated in our Spring League.

Watch the roller and *Hourglass* for future league sign up. We are planning another eight-week session this summer and 12-week sessions starting in September. Call Callie Chavana at 53331, for information.



**Team Four Guys Walk into a Bar took second place in the spring bowling league this year. Left to right: Bert Wood, Mike Ricks, Bill Hahn, Jeff Sudderth. Missing from picture: Anthony Porras.**

# Students awarded for athletic accomplishments

## Hourglass Reports

The Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School had their end of the year Athletic Awards Ceremony on May 29. Certificates of Participation were given out to all the students who played on any of the Spartan school teams. This year there were a total 20 high school teams. The teams competed in the Men's and Women's Community Activities League on island in soccer, volleyball, softball and basketball.

Jonathan Jahnke, high school Athletic Director, is encouraged by the number of students participating, especially considering the limitations of same-age competition.

"Almost 120 students played in at least one sport this season. That is more than half of the students in the school, and most played in two or more," said Jahnke.

Besides the certificates, varsity athletes received letters, pins, and chevrons. Each coach also awarded certain players with trophies for 'Most Valuable Player' and 'Coach's Award.'

Thanks to all the coaches who guide our teams and to all the Kwajalein Community League athletes who allow the students to participate in the adult league, for their encouragement and understanding, and for being role-models of sportsmanship and a healthy life-style to our youth on the field and on the court.



## **SOCCER**

### **Spartan II Co-ed White**

Coach: Rick Funk

MVP – Jake Jahnke

Coach – Melissa Shilling

### **Spartan II Co-ed Blue**

Coach: Jonathan Jahnke

MVP – Jake Villarreal

Coach's – Emma Peacock

### **Spartan I Men**

Coach: Paul McGrew

MVP – Gilson Hogan

Coach's – Troy Walters

### **Spartan I Women**

Coach: Jim Stepchew & Jeff Griswold

MVP – Lexi Yurovchak

Coach's – Julia Alves



## **SOFTBALL**

### **Spartan II Women**

Coach: Mark & Tarah Yurovchak

MVP/Coach's – Danielle Gilmore

### **Spartan II Men**

Coach: Jonathan Jahnke

MVP – Keith Brady

Coach's – Dan Valles

### **Spartan I Men**

Coach: Vince Cardillo

MVP – Team

Coach's – Bret Young

### **Spartan I Women**

Coach: Mark & Tarah Yurovchak

MVP – Shereima Reimers

Coach's – Melissa Duarte

## **VOLLEYBALL**

### **Spartan Freshman**

Coach: Jonathan Jahnke

MVP – Aisa Kapahu

Coach's – Maggie Fronzak

### **Spartan Sophomore**

Coach: Masina McCollum

MVP – Leimamo Wase

Coach's – Tyler Stepchew

### **Spartan Co-ed Junior**

Coach: Tarah Yurovchak

MVP – Devin Vinluan

Coach's – Alexis Yurovchak



### **Spartan Co-ed Senior**

Coach: Barbara Bicanich

Coaches – Cathrine Laidran

Coach: Phillip Lindert

Coach's – ChiChi Kemem

## **BASKETBALL**

### **Spartan II White Men**

Coach: Jonathan Jahnke

MVP – Coty Davis

Coach's – Jacob Jahnke

### **Spartan II Red Men**

Coach: Jose deBrum

MVP – LeeRoy Denham

Coach's – Kyle Cassidy

### **Spartan II Blue Men**

Coach: CJ Kemem

MVP – Chris Saunders

Coach's – Robin Loek

### **Spartan II Women**

Coach: Elizabeth Wiggins

MVP – Julianna Dye

Coach's – Hagar Kabua

### **Spartan I Women**

Coach: Elizabeth Wiggins

MVP – Leimamo Wase

Coach's – Monica Peters

### **Spartan I Men**

Coach: Jason Kettenhofen

MVP – Devin Vinluan

Coach's – Aaron Mathieson



# Six servicemembers die in War on Terror

**Spc. Charles D. Parrish**, 23, of Jasper, Ala., died June 4 in Balad, Iraq, of wounds suffered earlier that day in Jalula, Iraq, when his vehicle was struck by an anti-tank grenade. He was assigned to the 5th Engineer Battalion, 555th Engineer Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

**Sgt. Christopher M. Kurth**, 23, of Alamogordo, N.M., died June 4 in Kirkuk, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle was struck by an anti-tank grenade. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Maj. Rocco M. Barnes**, 50, of Los

Angeles, died June 4 in Afghanistan of injuries sustained during a vehicle roll-over. He was a member of the Tactical Command Post, 40th Infantry Division, California Army National Guard, assigned as an individual augmentee to the 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force.

**Lance Cpl. Robert D. Ulmer**, 22, of Landisville, Pa., died June 5 as a result of a non-hostile incident in Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, II Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp

Lejeune N.C.

**Lance Cpl. Joshua R. Whittle**, 20, of Downey, Calif., died June 6 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

**Spc. Eduardo S. Silva**, 25, of Greenfield, Calif., died June 9 at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, of a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 563rd Aviation Support Battalion, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

## Commander bids farewell to Airmen on Roi

Article and photo by Vanessa K. Peeden  
USAKA Public Affairs Officer

On June 6, Col. Frederick Clarke thanked the Air Force team for their dedication and hard work in coming so quickly to the aid of Roi-Namur. The Airmen were given Commander's coins and Certificates of Appreciation.

The Air Force team said they'd always look back on their experience with fondness. Several of the team learned new skills such as diving and deep sea fishing.

Staff Sgt. Steve Kivett spoke for the team when asked who they wanted to personally thank and their answer was "Gregg Heffner, Mark Swain, Laura Pasquarella-Swain, Anthony Stephens, and Wally Hoo for putting up with them through good times and bad. Treating us as a rat [Roi] - we feel like we belong - rats for life!"



Air Force team in the conference room 6 June after receiving their thanks from the command group. From L to R: Col. Frederick Clarke, Tech. Sgt. Matthew Mattes, Staff Sgt. Heath Willis, Staff Sgt. Steve Kivett, Staff Sgt. Ronald Howe, Staff Sgt. Robert Gondek, Staff Sgt. Kevin McKee and Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac



*A token of appreciation*

On June 6 Col. Frederick S. Clarke received 2009's Kwajalein High School Annual from the yearbook editors and advisor. From L to R: James Bowers, Monica Peters, Col. Frederick S. Clarke, and Cassia Griswold.

Photo by Vanessa K. Peeden

**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**

LIKE-NEW MICROWAVE; decent Kwaj bike and lightly used grill. Call 53008.

KWAJ SEA AND BEACH GLASS. Call Billy or Jane after 5:30 p.m. on workdays or anytime on weekends at 55269.

ANY COLOR WOOD STAIN. Call 55176 or 54168.

**LOST**

IPOD, at tennis courts, blue with white charger. Call

**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.

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BEACH CHAIR, at Rustman, rainbow colored. Call 52692.

**PATIO SALES**

SUNDAY and MONDAY, 8-11 a.m., Dome 173, PCS Sale, computer desk and shelf unit, also DVD shelf, microwave, coffee maker, kitchen stuff and some boat items, everything must go. No early birds.

**FOR SALE**

TREATED WOOD DECK, 11 feet by 18 feet, fits back yard of new housing, \$300; 2007 Sears lawnmower with grass catcher, \$50 and lots of plants. Call 52342.

DISHWASHER, \$200; Bamboo window shades for 400-series housing, \$25 each; 12 foot by 25 foot patio canopy, \$150. Call Rich or Jane Erekson at 59020.

WHITE MICROWAVE cart with cabinet doors, \$20; 16 inch girls' bike, \$15 and Little Tykes cube with slide, \$10. Call 59154.

DRINKING GLASSES, six tall, six short, \$8. Call 59154.

PANASONIC TV, 36 inch, with remote and surround sound. Call 53065 or 51536.

DISHES, FOUR hand painted ceramic \$40; bin of Stampin Up and scrapbooking/card making supplies, \$100; plastic craft organizer tote \$10, two pieces of Thai silk, \$5 each; Samsonite rolling laptop case with piggy back case, \$40 and Samsonite rolling laptop case, \$30.00. Contact Tammy, 51229 in the day or 52501 in the evenings.

GOLF CLUBS, driver, nike Sumo 2, 13 degree, was used four times, \$185; hybrid recovery iron number three, 19 degree, Taylor, \$85 and a hybrid recovery iron number five, 25 degree, Pinemeadow, \$50. Call 54971, during the day and 52367, after 6 p.m.

A/C STURDY COVER, 2 months old; boat house, eight foot by 13 foot container with power and lights, lot 305, \$1,500; 225 HP outboard motor, Mercury EFI two stroke, good condition, lots of power - \$2,500, or best offer. Call Tyler, 52371.

LA JOLLA BICYCLE, female style, aluminum frame, 26 inch, cruiser, single speed, brand new in box, \$175, and HP Pavilion laptop with printer. Call 52525 and leave a message.

LARGE GLASS TOP patio table and six chairs, \$100 or best offer. Call 52201.

STROLLER, PORTABLE crib, baby clothes and baby items are for sale at quarters 414-A, or call 53119.

CHILDREN'S Step 2 Slide \$50; Step 2 picnic table, \$50; Radio Flyer wagon, \$20; Port-A-Crib, \$30; propane barbecue with cover, \$100; entertainment center, \$50; steel two-drawer filing cabinets, \$20; oak desk chairs, \$20; old housing dishwasher, \$100 and Hepa filter, \$40. Call 54622.

55 GALLON FISH tank, new hood, Marineland C-220 canister filter with extra media, pump for bubble wand, and a heater, \$200. Call 52815 after 5 p.m. or leave a message.

TWO WOMEN'S wet suits, one is size 12, three millimeter; Aqualung, used once, \$60. One size 14, one millimeter; Neosport, used less than ten times, \$40. Call 53351.

9.5 INCH BY 12.5 inch nearly new Oriental design rug with pad, \$200; 2007 Sears Lawnmower with grass catcher, \$50; miscellaneous dive weights, \$1 per pound and plants. Call 52342.

HARRY POTTER books, four volumes, paperbacks, free. Call 52319.

2008 SHIMANO 80 two speed with six foot Hawaiian Custom Rod with 1500 yards of 100 pound test diamond Momo line, \$900; fishing gear, lures, skirts, heads, crimps, hooks, and leader line from 125 pounds to 920 pounds test. Call 54216.

MARSHALL AVT275 amplifier, \$800; Fender Mexican Strat, with hs case, \$459; South African skin drums, large, \$80; South African skin drums, small, \$40 and a South African carved chief's chair, \$100. Contact Greg Pope for more information, 52773.

PEDAL CART/GO-CART like new, no rust, ages 3-8, \$200; HONDA 13 H.P. Horizontal shaft engines \$200 each; Homelite gas weed eater and line, \$30 and 6 pneumatic tires on rims for bike trailers, \$10 per pair. Call 52642.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

PCS party for Alex and Monica Rodriguez, Kasih Hock and Daisy Dillon is at 5:30 p.m. tonight, at the Pacific Club. The children are invited to the potluck, but afterwards the adults may want to join in the fun next door with the *Insane Gecko Posse*, at the Ocean View Bar. Need information? Call Mary at 54124.

JOIN US IN WISHING farewell to Ed, Emily, and Michael Hillman starting at 6:30 p.m., June 13, at Emon Beach big pavilion. The theme is 'Island Italian'. Bring a dish to share and BYOB. Salads, breads, soda, and water will be provided. Music will be provided by 'those old guys who really don't have a name for their band.'

OCEAN VIEW will feature *Insane Gecko Posse*, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., tonight. Ocean View will be serving Jack Daniels ribs, potato salad, coleslaw,

*Café Pacific*

**Lunch**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	June 20
Eggs benedict	Noodles romanoff	Chicken broccoli	Corn bread	Islander's rice	Irish lamb stew	Meatloaf
Cajun crab cakes	Boiled red potatoes	Zesty meat lasagna	Pan fried chicken	Mambo pork roast	Boiled potatoes	Chicken stir-fry
Garlic mashed potatoes	Broiled hamburger steak	Warm italian bread	Baked Mac and cheese	Jerk chicken wings	Garden vegetables	Oriental vegetables
Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Italian burger	Grill: Cajun burger	Grill: Ham stackers	Grill: Grilled cheese	Grill: Corn dog

**Dinner**

Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grilled minute steak	Chicken divan	Ono casino	Braised swiss steak	Chicken monterey	Beef stew	Spaghetti
Three cheese potatoes	Vegetarian tofu	Beef pot pie	Carrots and squash	Vegetable chow fun	Brown rice pilaf	Italian mix grill
Bourbon marinated salmon	Grilled short ribs	Mixed vegetables	Turkey and dumplings	Barley mushroom pilaf	Grilled herb chicken	Eggplant parmesan

baked beans, spicy chicken wings, shrimp cocktail and exotic mixed drinks. Questions? Contact Cory Moyer, 53445.

WE NEED YOUR opinions regarding high-speed internet on Kwajalein. All Kwajalein residents (employees, spouses, dependents) who use a computer are requested to participate. Visit <http://survey.kwajalein.com> to fill out your survey online, or fill out a paper copy next to the post office. All surveys must be completed by 5 p.m. on June 15 to be included in our report.

PASSPORT PHOTOS will be taken 3-4 p.m., June 18, at the USAKA TOC, Building 730. If you require photos before that time, call Rob, 54013.

THE VET'S HALL is having a Heaven and Hell Party on June 21 with live music by *The Insane Gecko Posse* and free drinks for ladies from 7 to 9 p.m.

COUNTRY NITE DANCE. Come join us for some fun, 7-10:30 p.m., June 21. Questions? Call Sandy, 54152.

NOW IS A great time to join the Chugach 401K plan! If you want to enroll or are currently contributing and wish to increase your deferral percentage, open enrollment for the July 1 period is happening until June 23. Contact Prescilla at 50788 for more information.

IVEY GYM BATHROOM floors are being replaced. While work is being done in one bathroom, the other bathroom will be co-ed. Questions? Call Community Activities, 53331.

MANDATORY ISLAND ORIENTATION begins on June 24 at 12:45 p.m. in CAC Room 6. It is required for all new island arrivals. The island orientation is not recommended for dependent children under the age 10. Questions? Call KRS ESH&Q at 51134.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES invites licensed vendors, private clubs and organizations to sell items at this year's July fourth celebration. Deadline to register is June 27. To register, please contact Kim Yarnes at the Community Activities Office, 53331.

MOBILE KITCHEN Event will be at Emon Beach, June 27. Menu is to include; apple tangerine and almond nut green salad, served with honey wine vinaigrette, garlic knots, sautéed crab cakes, lemon pepper zest broccoli florets, cornish rice pilaf, sweet crusted broiled mahi-mahi, served with tenderloin strip steak and cheese cake for dessert. Seating is limited. The cost is \$37.50 for meal card holder and \$42.50 for non-meal card holder. For payment see Marie Pimenta at the Retail Service Office, building 805, next to the Bowling Center. Call 53933.

WOODSHOP ORIENTATION classes are held 6-9 p.m., the first Tuesday of each month. Come by the

# IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Because of a policy misunderstanding, AAFES recently sold several motorized scooters ["Razors"] to Kwajalein residents. These motorized scooters are not authorized for use at any location at USAKA. AAFES will refund the full purchase price if the product is returned with a receipt or issue a gift card in the amount of the purchase with the return of the product. Residents may purchase, own and operate "Barbie" or similar type battery operated child sized toy vehicles so long as the operation is supervised by an adult and conducted in a safe manner. The use of battery operated toy vehicles is not permitted on any street or alley way at USAKA. Their use is limited to residential yards only.**

Hobby Shop to sign up for the class. The fee is \$10. Questions? Call Denise, 51700.

HOBBY SHOP summer classes for children begins in June. Tile-making is 2-3 p.m., June 25. The fee is \$15 per child payable in advance. Classes are limited so sign up now.

KWAJALEIN/ROI-NAMUR treasure hunters, divers, reef sweepers, and boat shack owners, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technicians are conducting an ordnance amnesty recovery program. Your dealings with us are 100 percent anonymous. If you have flares, bang stick ammunition, ordnance items, or any other items of concern, contact your local EOD team, Tuesday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Your KRS EOD team is standing by and is ready to assist you. Call 51433.

SUMMER SOFTBALL TOURNEY men's, women's, and coed teams invited. Tourney dates: June 17-30. Regular season game format. Questions, call Community Activities, 5-3331 or email: [amy.hansen@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:amy.hansen@smdck.smdc.army.mil).

AA MEETINGS on Roi-Namur are now being held at 1:30 p.m., every Wednesday, in the KEAMS Training Room at the Terminal Building. Call Bill, 52338 or Marion, 55362.

RELAXATION and stress relief techniques are being offered in the Adult Recreation Center, free, to all island residents who need help balancing their lives. Meetings are from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday starting on June 9th, attend when you can, no sign up is needed. Questions? Call 53243, enter pager number 0579, then enter call back number, or e-mail [KwajMFLC@gmail.com](mailto:KwajMFLC@gmail.com).

THE UNIVERSITY of Maryland is pleased to announce SOCY105 Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems, an exploration of various personal, institutional, cultural, historical, and global problems

that confront American society today like drugs, divorce, crime, mental illness, and political conflicts. Instructor is Lora Kendrick. WRTG101 Introduction to Writing, must have completed EDCP103. Practice in effective writing and clear thinking at all levels, including the sentence and paragraph, with emphasis on the essay and research report. Specific steps reviewed include formulating purpose, identifying an audience, selecting and using research resources and methods of development. Instructor is Susannah Jones. These classes will be held at the High School two evenings per week beginning May 31 with days and times TBD. E-mail or call Jane, 52800.

BARGAIN BAZAAR summer hours will be the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, from 1-3 p.m. If donations need to be brought outside these hours, please contact Frances at 59942 or Jen at 53438. Please do not leave donations on the Bazaar porches unattended. These hours will be in effect June 8 until August.

SURFSIDE SALON Walk-in days are on alternate Fridays. The upcoming walk-in days are June 19 and July 3. Walk-in procedures are posted on the front door of the salon. Questions? Contact Brenda Panden, 53319.

FOURTH OF JULY Beach Blast is coming. Volunteers are needed to help run a number of the activities, including: the parade, banana boat rides, carnival games, bounce house, slip-n-slide, joust, family fun frenzy activities and air guitar mock rock show. Contact Kim at Community Activities, 53331 if you are interested in helping.

CIRCUIT TRAINING CLASS on Mondays, 9 to 10 a.m., has precedence over all Ivey Gym equipment they are using for class. The only equipment available for public use are items not being utilized by the class. If you are unsure if a piece of equipment is available for use, please ask the class instructor.

*Projected menu-subject to change*

## Café Roi

### Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	June 20
Gruyere chicken breast	Pork roast	Chicken cacciatore	Grilled fish	Salisbury steak	Panko fish filets	Pot roast with gravy
Eggs parisienne	Pasta with chicken	Parmesan polenta	Chicken stir-fry	Pasta primavera	Beef stroganoff	Vegetable stir-fry
Mashed potatoes	Eggs florentine	Steamed red potatoes	Mashed potatoes	Mashed red potatoes	Parsley noodles	Mashed potatoes
Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Sicilian sausage calzone	Grill: Turkey on ry	Grill: Chicken sandwich	Grill: Kielbasa on a roll	Grill: Teriyaki chicken roll-ups

### Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	June 20
Chicken breast	Kal bi chicken	Club sandwiches	Teriyaki steaks	Fried chicken	Szechuan chicken	Grilled chicken breasts
Chickpea stew	Ginger beef stir-fry	Pasta alfredo	Grilled Fish with wasabi	Pulled B.B.Q. pork	Shredded pork stir-fry	Home made chili
Brown rice with almonds	Fried rice	Home fried potatoes	Chow fun noodles	Stuffed eggplant	Szechuan tofu	Potato wedges

Questions? Call Community Activities, 53331.

**REMINDER TO DRIVERS:** Emon Beach pathway is off limits to all vehicular traffic. This includes scooters. Pavers will break under a vehicle's load. Questions, call Community Activities, 5-3331.

**CYSS PRESENTS Camp Adventure 2009.** Youth entering into grades K-6 who are CYSS registered will be eligible for camp this summer. Camp will run for 10 weeks starting on June 16. Registration for camp is at the CYSS Central Registration Office, building 356. Registration Hours: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:30-5:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, e-mail [CYS@smcck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:CYS@smcck.smdc.army.mil) or call 52158.

**CYSS' BI-ANNUAL babysitter training** will take place on June 13 and June 15. Attendees must be 13 years old by November 1, 2009 to attend. Basic first aid and child development information will be given. Space is limited. Call Amy Daniels, 53610 to register.

**THE OPTOMETRIST** will be on island to see patients from June 14-25. Call the Hospital, 52223 or 52224 to schedule an appointment.

**PEST CONTROL NOTICE.** Over the last several months the pest control department have been conducting trash container inspections island wide, to date we have checked over 100 locations, of these 100 locations we have found four trash containers that were not a fly breeding source at the time of inspection. Notices were put out at each location inspected that failed, rechecks have shown there to be only one location with great improvement in their disposing of trash, thank you PDR. Our inspections will continue until 100% of all facilities and areas are inspected, so please take a few seconds to dispose of your trash properly by sealing all trash bags, using proper trash bags not shopping bags, and do not throw loose trash in outdoor containers. **THE FLY PROBLEM AND SOLUTION BEGINS AND ENDS WITH YOU!**

**WEIGHT MANAGEMENT Support Group** meets every Friday at 5 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. The community is invited. Questions? Call 55362.

**IN ACCORDANCE** with SPI 2600 R2 Residential Building Permits, "All construction/relocation of temporary structures such as fences, patio covers, gazebos, wind breaks, TV antennas etc. must be pre-approved before construction/relocation begins. Structures relocated or built without prior approval are subject to removal by Public Works personnel at the owners expense. For a copy of the SPI go to KARDS or e-mail Billy Abston.

**BATTERY RECYCLING** containers are now available at AAFES retail stores for small, used batteries. They are also located in the school offices and libraries. Bring your used dry-cell batteries and drop them in the small, clear containers labeled for battery recycling. AA, AAA, C -cell, D-cell, N-cell, 9-volt, 6-volt lantern, button type are all acceptable types. No lead-acid batteries accepted. Questions? Call Greg, 51760.

**THE MARSHALLESE CULTURAL Center** is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. and by appointment. Call Judy at 51444 for more information.

**ARE YOU** Interested in learning more about Marshallese culture and history? Volunteer at the Marshallese Cultural Center. We need volunteers for July and August on Mondays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. Little training needed. Call Judy at 51444 for more information.

Saturday, June 13, 2009

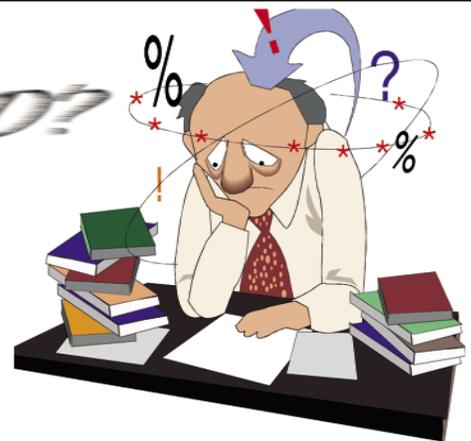
# Army Strong



**The U.S. Army recruiter from Honolulu will be on island for questions and answers, 11 a.m.-noon, June 15, at CRC Room 1.**

*Are you*  
**STRESSED?**

**Check out the Relaxation and Stress Relief meetings 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Adult Recreation Center. No sign-up is necessary and it is free for all island residents. Call 53243 or e-mail [kwajMFLC@gmail.com](mailto:kwajMFLC@gmail.com) for more information.**



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# FLAG DISPOSAL

**In honor of Flag Day, American Legion Post 44 will hold a flag disposal ceremony at 7 p.m., Sunday, at the Vets' Hall. U.S. law states that 'the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.' The American Legion Post 44 collects unserviceable flags throughout the year for disposal on Flag Day. Currently, they have 10 flags to dispose of, but would like to give the community a chance to bring in old flags.**

## THANK YOU, from Page 2

carried it into battle at Fort Wagner in Virginia. The attack was repulsed with heavy losses, but their bravery earned them the respect of their white comrades and led to the formation of more black regiments.

It was at lonely outposts in the West, built to defend the pioneers who were striving to build homes, farms, ranches and towns in the rugged and bountiful land.

It was carried by U.S. Cavalry troops as they patrolled the vast expanses of the Southwest and the Great Plains.

It was with U.S. Soldiers and Marines at the battles of Belleau Wood and the Meuse-Argonne in 1918 during the 'war to end all wars.'

It flew over the capitol of a country deep in economic depression in the 1930s, when poverty and hopelessness were the lot of most of the people in the land.

It fluttered on the *USS Arizona* in the warm Hawaiian breeze on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, before a Japanese bomb blew up the ship's powder magazines and sent her to the bottom killing more than 1,000 American Sailors.

It flew over Wake Island before the Japanese overwhelmed the 500 heroic Marine defenders.

It saw the tragedy of the fall of the Philippines, Corregidor and the Bataan Death March.

It gave hope and courage to Marines as it whipped in the Pacific wind atop Mount Suribachi on Iwo Jima.

It was with the 101st Airborne when they refused to surrender a town called Bastogne even though they were surrounded by the Germans.

It fluttered in the Pacific breeze from the fantail of the *USS Missouri* in Tokyo Bay when the Japanese surrendered on Sept. 2, 1945.

It defiantly flew over West Berlin as American troops faced Soviet troops just yards away from each other during the long years of the Cold War.

It was there at the Frozen Chosin in November, 1950, when thousands of Chinese troops surrounded U.S. Marines in subzero weather, and for 10 days, the Marines fought their way out in horrible winter conditions.

It flew over Khe Sanh in Vietnam as 6,000 Marines held the base for four long months in 1968 against an overwhelming North Vietnamese force.

It was there on that dark day as people who were des-

perate to get out of Saigon when it fell to North Vietnamese troops stormed the U.S. Embassy in 1975.

It flew on that embassy roof as overcrowded helicopters took the fortunate few to safety, but left so many behind.

It saw the Berlin Wall come down and the Cold War end.

It flies now in Afghanistan and Iraq as American troops do their best to fulfill the missions there.

The American flag has seen many victories and many defeats. It's changed over the years in design. It's had many stars added in the last two centuries. But even with changes, it's always been the same flag.

It's been burned, spit on, torn apart, and defiled. But the flag has always been more than a piece of material that can be destroyed.

The flag is an idea. It's the idea that all men and women are equal — that all men and women deserve to be free — that everyone, regardless of sex, color, or creed should be allowed to achieve all that they are capable of achieving.

It's the idea that people are free to speak their minds, to dissent from the government and to study, think and write in freedom without fear of reprisal. It's the idea of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Slavery, racism, and the treatment of Native Americans have been stains on that idea, but through it all — through the victories and the defeats, through the upheavals of social unrest, through the despair of economic woes and the chaos and heartbreak of war, the idea remains alive. Thank God it does.

The flag is the symbol of a country that hasn't always succeeded in living up to the principles that gave it birth, but it's a country that always tries to do those principles justice.

Tomorrow is Flag Day. It also happens to be the 234th birthday of the United States Army.

For 234 years, the men and women of the Army have fought, bled and died to defend that symbol and the idea of freedom it represents.

Happy birthday U.S. Army and thanks for all you've done and all you are doing.

Thank you for protecting freedom and keeping the idea alive.

### Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 9-13 knots.

**Monday:** Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E at 10-15 knots.

**Tuesday:** Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-15 knots.

**Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-15 knots.

**Thursday:** Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 8-15 knots.

**Friday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 8-15 knots.

**June 20:** Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-15 knots.

Annual total: 13.66 inches

Annual deviation: -18.21 inches

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

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

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:31 a.m./7:08 p.m.	12:07 p.m.	7:43 a.m., 3.6' 8:22 p.m., 2.8'	1:21 a.m., 0.6' 2:17 p.m., 0.4'
Monday	6:31 a.m./7:09 p.m.	12:31 a.m./12:52 p.m.	8:27 a.m., 3.3' 9:20 p.m., 2.8'	2:09 a.m., 0.9' 3:03 p.m., 0.6'
Tuesday	6:31 a.m./7:09 p.m.	1:10 a.m./1:39 p.m.	9:24 a.m., 3.0' 10:31 p.m., 2.9'	3:11 a.m., 1.1' 4:00 p.m., 0.7'
Wednesday	6:31 a.m./7:09 p.m.	1:51 a.m./2:39 p.m.	10:38 a.m., 2.8' 11:47 p.m., 3.1'	4:35 p.m., 1.1' 5:07 p.m., 0.7'
Thursday	6:31 a.m./7:09 p.m.	2:36 a.m./3:34 p.m.	12:02 a.m., 2.7' 6:16 p.m., 0.6'	6:07 a.m., 1.0' 6:16 p.m., 0.6'
Friday	6:32 a.m./7:10 p.m.	3:27 a.m./4:24 p.m.	12:55 a.m., 3.5' 1:18 p.m., 2.8'	7:26 a.m., 0.6' 7:18 p.m., 0.4'
June 20	6:32 a.m./7:10 p.m.	4:23 a.m./5:28 p.m.	1:53 a.m., 3.9' 2:21 p.m., 3.0'	8:26 a.m., 0.2' 8:14 p.m., 0.1'