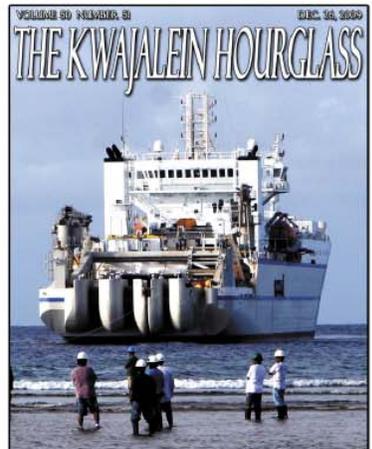
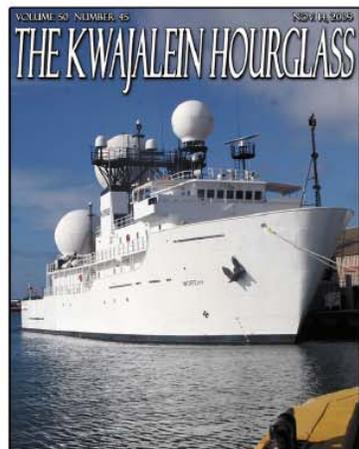
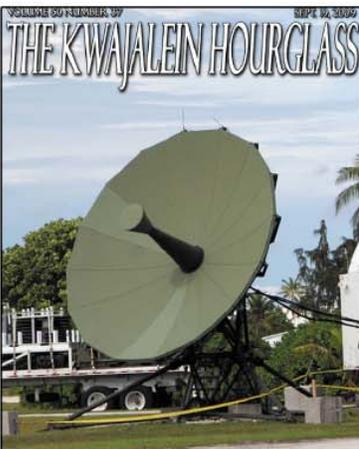
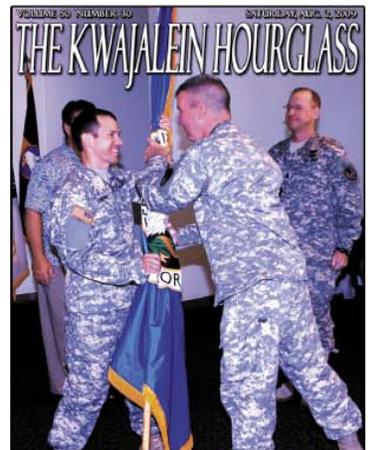
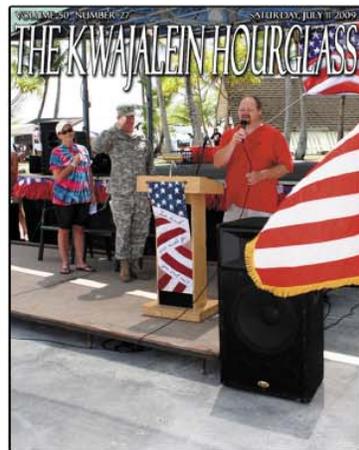
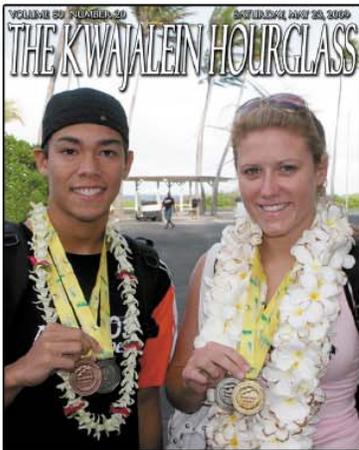
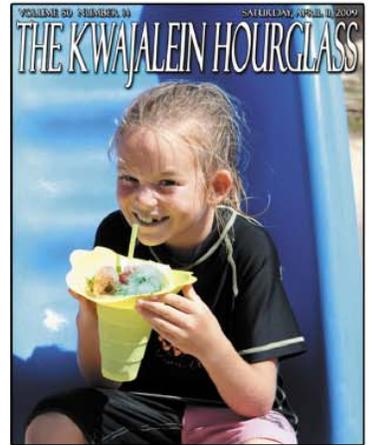
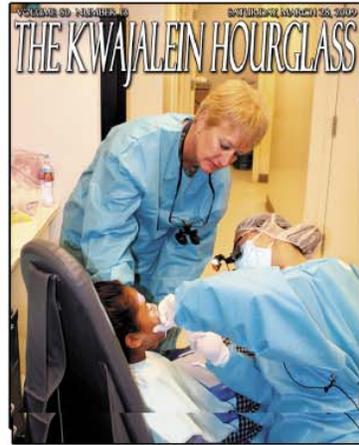
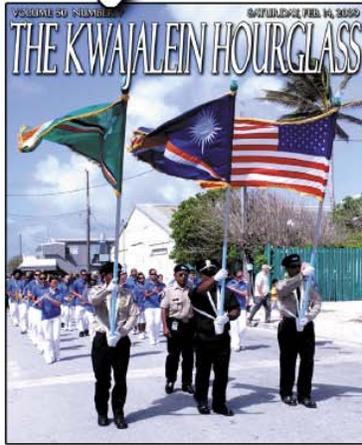


# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



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# Commander reminds community that tough challenges call for our teamwork

Happy Holidays and the very best in 2010 from the USAKA Command Team!

Yokwe Community. I hope we find ourselves in good spirits and rested from the holiday season. For me, it is not always a restful time as I rewrite the long list of things that need to get done and reset priorities based on the changes that have occurred.

We have a lot of new folks in our community so I want to remind all what has not changed and that starts with the Command Philosophy:

- Safety first: Take care of each other on and off duty.
- Know the mission: Support the warfighter.
- Be efficient: You are held accountable.
- Soldiers, government employees and contractors are equal partners governed by different regulations all part of the equation for success. Understand the difference and treat each other with dignity and respect. Communicate!
- Don't 'DART.' No drugs, abuse of family or others, racism or thievery. If you see it, report it.
- Our community is very important.
- Nurturing the culture and being good stewards of the land is a priority.
- Be proud of your contributions to the nation. We are all playing a significant role.
- Attitude is everything.

Also not changed is the budget constraints that we all live under based on the economy. It is all intertwined and it affects us just as it affects all Americans. Based on my recent trips

back stateside, I would argue that life on Kwajalein allows us a certain mental escape from some of the things our families and friends are facing on a daily basis.

In this note to the community, I would like to share a couple of thoughts for perspective.

USAKA remains a command under transformation. The sustainability of Kwajalein is based on the ability of the command to adapt to changing conditions. For those who do not like change, I would submit to you that one of the only constants in life is change and our attitude towards that change is what will bring us predictability and stability in our lives.

Why Kwajalein?: The primary mission on Kwajalein Army Installation is Space and Missile Research and development and Space Operations; all in support of our National Security Strategy. To put a face on it — our mission is in support of those men and women serving to protect our freedoms and way of life. We have some very important missions coming to Kwajalein in the next year.

**USAKA budget 101:** We live under a very tight budget, no different than any other Army Installation or arguably any community across the United States. We do not have separate budgets for most all we do here on Kwajalein. This is very important for all who live on Kwajalein to understand. One of the biggest expenses we have is the use of fuel. If the fuel use is high then we transfer dollars from other areas to make up the difference. If fuel use goes down,



then those saved dollars can go back to improving the quality of life on base. Some folks believe just because they are not receiving a monthly utility bill, electricity on Kwajalein is free. It reminds me of health care discussions in socialist countries. Is health care really free if you are paying 40-60% in taxes? Is electricity on Kwajalein really free if it becomes a factor in decisions such as furloughing the work force for a week to make the budget work?

**The plan:** USAKA will continue to work towards applying policies that make sense. The community plays a big role. The call is for all to do their individual part of social responsibility. We do not meter homes on Kwajalein but expect individuals to be responsible. The command spends hundreds of thousands of dollars for diesel fuel each month to keep the power plant running. That is money that could be spent on something that might benefit the entire community. I ask that you do all you can at work and home to reduce the use of energy. I would ask that you go by Self Help and pick up free energy-efficient compact lights.

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## JANUARY

### USAKA deals with flooding on Roi

**U**.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll started 2009 dealing with a problem that occurred on Dec. 8, 2008. Due to unusual weather conditions, a high wave incident had flooded a large area of Roi-Namur. There was water damage to housing, trailers and other structures on the island, but the most problematic damage was that salt water from the waves had run into the island's lens wells and rendered them useless for drinking water. USAKA responded quickly by transporting water from Kwajalein to Roi-Namur on the water barge and the *Great Bridge* every four days.

The command was also looking into the possibility of getting reverse osmosis machines to the island. Lt. Gen. Kevin T. Campbell, Commanding General of USASMD, arranged for an engineering team to inspect the damage and give advice on solutions.



Clockwise from left, Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac, Col. Frederick Clarke, Doug Peters, Dave Norwood, Stan Jazwinski, Floyd Corder and Matt Daggett inspect one of the Roi lens wells.

## FEBRUARY



Left to right: Dr. Clyde Bishop, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI, Col. Frederick Clarke, USAKA Commander, Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac, RMI Relations Specialist Mike Sakio and Maj. Christopher Mills attend Memorial Day.

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010

### Schexnayder visit

**M**ichael C. Schexnayder, Deputy to the Commander for Research, Development and Acquisition for the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, visited Kwajalein on a farewell tour before his retirement.

### Canvasback mission

**C**anvasback Missions came to Ebeye on a mission of mercy the first week of February. The medical procedures performed by the visiting doctors were treating skin infections, knee surgeries and teaching diabetes prevention.

### Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day

**K**wajalein Atoll Memorial Day was held Feb. 9 to honor those who died, both American and Marshallese, in the four-day battle for Kwajalein in 1944. The day was filled with a parade, band music, dancing and speeches by dignitaries from the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

RMI President Litokwa Tomeing spoke of the hardships endured by the Marshallese during and after the battle. He said the Marshallese people, "Have been

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strong and resilient throughout the years since then and have remained a united and undivided people.”

The president said his hope and vision was to see Ebeye have clean water, dependable electrical services, education and affordable housing.

He also addressed the land use agreement dispute between the RMI government and the landowners. “We will continue to pursue an agreement that is rational,” he said. “I am pleased to say that we have had several discussions with land owners and by all indications, there is a consensus to move the process forward and that with common goodwill an agreement could be reached.”

Dr. Clyde Bishop, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI, also spoke at the ceremony. “The United States is fully committed to the Compact and its vision of a strong, prosperous and self-sufficient Marshall Islands,” he said. “While there are differences between us, let no one doubt the belief the United States has in a continued long-lasting relationship between countries that shared the tragedies of war.”

He continued, “The leadership that is assembled here today has a responsibility to ensure for constituents and fellow citizens that all avenues for resolution have been exhausted and the wisdom to assess when the greatest good for its people has been achieved.”

In conclusion, he urged that all remember what can be accomplished by cooperation and a willingness to help each other.

### Father/Daughter Dance

The annual Father/Daughter Dance was held Feb. 16 in the high school multi-purpose room. “This is always the best event of the year,” said Shaunna Fleming as she manned the punch bowl booth. “Everybody has a blast.”



Julia Sholar, left, and Emma Elkin dance the ‘Hokey Pokey.’

She added, “A group of moms volunteer for this every year and it’s our biggest event for the ladies of the school.”

Little girls and their fathers could be seen sitting at tables together enjoying punch and treats while other girls danced with each other to various tunes played by DJ Neil Dye.

Fathers tried to keep up during the fast numbers and gently hugged their daughters close when slow music

played.

It was a fun night for the little girls and their dads and one they won’t soon forget. Volunteers this year included Heidi Rowell, Lynn Elkin, Polly Yoho, Jennifer Cossey, Tarah Yurovchak, Stacey O’Rourke, Lisa Ansley, Jane Sholar, Barb Junker and Mercedes Washburn.

### Kwajalein Police Department training

Standing still while being pepper-sprayed isn’t something many people would do voluntarily.

But seven Kwajalein police officers had that unpleasant experience during a tactical certification course on Feb. 20.

The course was taught by visiting instructor, Jamison Gilbert. He is a senior instructor for Alutiiq, the parent company and security contractor that runs Kwajalein Police Department.

“We want to make sure that they [the officers] understand if they use it [pepper spray] on someone else and there’s overspray or the wind blows it back in their face or the bad guy uses it on them, they know they can fight through it. It’s not going to kill them. It will cause pain, but it’s not long-term and they can still do the job,” he said.

He was on Kwajalein at KPD’s request to teach a system that KPD officers who earned certification could use as instructors in teaching tactics and safe street habits to other officers. All seven of the officers in the course passed and were certified as defensive tactics instructors. The officers are Lt. Chris Mosetti, Sgt. Janet Gryder, Sgt. Michael Cody, Sgt. Beth Wiggins, Access Control Officer II Nixon Mawilong, Access Control Officer II Tomasi Rokobili and Officer Kevin Dodge.



Access Control II officers Nixon Mawilong, Tomasi Rokobili and Lt. Chris Mosetti spray ‘suspects’ Sgt. Janet Gryder, Officer Kevin Dodge and Sgt. Michael Cody with pepper spray during a training session with instructor Jamison Gilbert on Feb. 20.

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### Black History Month observed

The greatness of diversity and the contributions made by African-Americans to the United States were the themes at Grace Sherwood Library Feb. 27 as Black History Month was observed by Kwajalein residents. There were activities for all age groups including posters and coloring book pages done by children, a slideshow of a trip to Kenya by resident Lisa Armstrong, the reading of books on diversity, a 'living history' performed by Langston Stewart and displays of various African-Americans and their contributions.

Volunteers at the library event included Tammie Cotton, Lisa Armstrong, AnnElise Petersen, Daniel Barge, Anne Robinson, Dana Simmons, Victoria Flournoy, Belinda Aije, Amy Waddell and Katrina Walker. Volunteers also helped put up contest posters and essays throughout the library. Librarian Jeri Petzel sorted through books to display ones by or about African-Americans.



Victoria Flournoy reads a book on diversity to children at Grace Sherwood Library Feb. 27.

## MARCH

### Kwajalein schools receive accreditation

A five-person team from Advance-Ed, a private, non-profit organization out of Atlanta, Ga. that accredits some 30,000 schools, visited Kwajalein the first week in March to observe the Kwajalein School System. They were impressed by what they found.

Cassie Rubly, High School Special Education teacher said, "There were two executives who came out and they rarely do visits. We were apprehensive, but actually very lucky in the long run to have such high ranking officials from the organization visit us."

Al Robinson, Kwajalein Schools Superintendent, said, "Accreditation is an outside group looking at our schools and assessing whether we're meeting acceptance standards for the kind of school that we are. We are required to be accredited by the Performance Work Statement as part of the contract, but also, our community expects us to be accredited because they want to send their children to the best colleges they can afford to send them to. So accreditation is a big deal."

### National Honor Society Coffee Shop

When Kwajalein residents entered the multi-purpose room on March 8, they found it had been transformed into a 1950's-style diner complete with the sounds of *Jailhouse Rock*, *Sixteen Candles*, *Charlie Brown*, and many other 'oldies but goodies' from those days so many of us have fond memories of.

Girls with 1950's-style ribbons in their hair and wearing poodle skirts (made by AnnElise Peterson's mother) and boys dressed as 'greasers' greeted the crowd as they entered the 'diner.' They took orders for milk shakes,



Left to right, Denise Phillips, Cassia Griswold, Ashley Cochran, Kaitlynn Phillips and AnnElise Peterson fill orders in the kitchen during the NHS Coffee Shop March 8.

malts, ice cream sundaes, soft drinks and mouth-watering homemade desserts.

The most popular area proved to be 'the bar' made up of tables on risers and covered with decorations and cloth. Cheerful, hard-working 'waitresses' in poodle skirts filled orders for thirsty and hungry customers.

"Awesome," "What a great idea," "This is a blast," were just some of the comments from patrons.

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### Air Force team on Roi-Namur

On Dec. 8 of last year, unusual weather conditions caused a high wave incident which flooded much of Roi-Namur. Ocean water contaminated six of seven lens wells and caused grave concern over whether the island would have an adequate supply of fresh drinking water.

On Feb. 3, six Air Force personnel from the 13th Air Force answered the call and arrived on Roi-Namur with five reverse osmosis machines and other equipment to help Roi's water plant produce an adequate supply of fresh drinking water. Four of the machines were to be utilized with the fifth being held in reserve if needed. The team had the machines up and running and processing water within 24 hours of their arrival on Roi.

Due to the advanced filtration systems and filter canisters they are equipped with, the reverse osmosis machines are capable of removing large suspended particles, algae, extremely fine sediment, particles and chlorides. The machines are capable of removing up to 98 percent of solids and salt from the water. The water goes through a total of eight elements and filters in the machines.

After the chlorides and sediment are removed, the water then goes to the Roi Water Plant to complete the purification process with chlorine and soda ash. When that is completed, the water is pumped into two 'clear water' tanks with a capacity of 100,000 gallons each. The team makes sure the clear water tanks hold 160,000 gallons of water daily. If the level drops below that, they process enough water to refill the tanks to the 160,000 gallon level. At the time, the reverse osmosis units are putting out 48,000 gallons per day. The team expected to stay until the rainy season in April.

### Angels of Mercy

A visit to the dentist wouldn't be most people's first choice of something to do. But for dozens of Ebeye school children, being able to see a dentist and get badly needed dental care during the last week of March was a Godsend.

Dr. Nora Harmsen, DDS, who has a private practice on the island of Lanai in Hawaii, and her assistant, registered Dental Hygienist Jinky Agtarap, were on Ebeye this week providing free dental care to Ebeye third graders thanks to the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Wahiawa-Waiialua on the North Shore of Oahu.

Harmsen said, "The biggest problem here is candy and soda. It causes cavities and their teeth just rot away from it. There is a dentist on Ebeye, but people tend to just not go. There used to be a dental hygienist there, but that person left, so now, they don't even get their teeth cleaned. We usually wind up having to pull the bad teeth but if there are no cavities, we put



Back row, left to right: Staff Sgt. Ronald Howe, Staff Sgt. Heath Willis, Tech. Sgt. Matthew Mattes, Greg Heffner, Roi-Namur Water Plant Operator and Staff Sgt. Steve Kivett. Front row, left to right: Staff Sgt. Kevin McKee and Staff Sgt. Robert Gondek.

sealant on in the hopes of preventing a cavity."

Harmsen explained that they target third grade children because by then, they've gotten their first molars and there's usually not too much decay at that time.

"We try to save those molars before the children lose them. We can put sealant in and do fillings to save them. We do whatever needs to be done," she said. Unfortunately, when Harmsen and Agtarap come back on return trips, they can't follow up on the children they treated during the previous trip. "There's just too many kids and we have to draw a line somewhere," said Harmsen, "There are other teams that come out here like Canvasback, but they're only once a year too."



Jinky Agtarap shows Ebeye children the proper way to use a toothbrush at Ebeye Hospital March 15.

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### Kaleidoscope of Music

The worst thing anyone could say about the three-hour long Yokwe Yuk Women's Club-sponsored Kaleidoscope of Music held in the standing-room only multi-purpose room would be that it wasn't long enough.

The performances were varied from hip hop gangsta' dancing by the Adult Hip Hop Team (Julie Wathen, Allison Kickhofel, Tijuana Collier, Dawn Gray, Trish Buhl, Jennifer Cossey, Cera Hall, Paula Fluhrer and Julie Lundberg) to a *Women's Temperance Union* preaching that 'Gin is Sin' and 'Strong Women Are Against Strong Drink' — right before they lit up some stogies. Julie Wathen and Allison Kickhofel of the hip hop dance team also danced to *The Garden* later in the program.

Music ranged from *Mozart Meets the Mummy* performed by Greg Washburn to a beautiful rendition of *The Nearness of You* played by Kathy Ann Funk on flute and Jennifer Patrocky on piano. The two also played *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*. Sadly, this will be Patrocky's last Kaleidoscope of Music as she will be PCSing soon.

The sweet sound of the music of the islands was provided by *Pure Polynesia* (Russell Beniamina, Mike Sakaio and Palepa Smith) playing *Molokai* and *Tahiti Te Marama* (Tahitian Love Song).

The young folks were represented as well. CJ Kemem and Kori Dowell performed *Let It Be*. Kyle Cassiday, Kelly Grant, Kori Dowell (in her second appearance of the evening) and Tiffany Scofield performed Santana's *Into the Night*. Not to be outdone by their peers, Tyler DeCoster, Jake Jahnke, Gilson Hogan and Tiffany Scofield (in her second appearance) performed *Boston*. A group calling themselves *Random Variables* (Jack Montgomery, Greg Washburn, Mark Pippitt and Jennifer Harmon) rocked the house with their version of Iggy Pop's *Real Wild Child*.

LeAnn Parker graced the piano and sang *Crazy* and *You Needed Me*. Trish Buhl gave a soulful rendition of *The Rose* and then followed it up with a rousing *Everything's Coming Up Roses*. She was accompanied for both songs by Billy DeCoster on piano.

Lovers of the sounds of saxophone music were treated to *Moonlight Serenade* and *In the Mood* performed by the *Kwajalein Saxophone Ensemble* (Keith Peacock, Melissa Peacock, Kyle Cassiday, Dane Bishop and Dick Shields). Keith and Melissa also played *A String of Pearls*.

Other performances included Dan Eggers singing *King of the Road* and *Montana Sky/Thirsty Man*. Johnny Had-



The Adult Hip Hop Team dances to a mix of hip hop at Kaleidoscope of Music.

ley sang *Intercession* and his own composition, *I'm Still In Love*, a tribute to his wife of 25 years. Gregg Grundon, backed by the *Fabulous Zookerfields*, sang *Use Me*. Ron Curtiss closed the show with a tribute to Dan Fogelberg by singing *There's a Place in the World For a Gambler*.

As Mistress of Ceremonies Karla Long said, "This island really has some talent."

### Medevac Helicopter Training

All time is precious. But no time is more precious than the 'golden hour.' That's the time experts say a victim of an accident, heart attack or other life-threatening emergency has to reach medical help in order to have the best chance of survival.

No people on Kwajalein know that better than the medical professionals at Kwajalein Hospital and the USAKA Fire Department. That's why six hospital personnel and 11 Fire Department Firefighter/EMTs attended a class taught by Roy Howard, Director of Flight Training for Berry Aviation April 1. The class centered on all facets of helicopter in-flight medical care from beginning to conclusion.

The importance of training can't be stressed enough. Medical personnel have to be able to work in the dark, shaky and loud environment of a helicopter, sometimes at night and over the ocean. They have to be able to start an IV or perform other life-saving medical procedures while the chopper is vibrating or being buffeted by wind.

According to Howard, when he first came to Kwajalein, the doctors, nurses and EMTs who flew on missions had no training on how to handle in-flight emergencies or use survival gear.

They had received no instruction on how to exit the aircraft and survive if the chopper was involved in an accident or had to ditch in the ocean. Howard was

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appalled at that.

“Everyone who ever flies on these helicopters is a crew member first — maybe a non-rated crew member — but a crew member,” he said. “Everyone needs to know what to do and when to do it.”

But while Howard stressed how important time and quickness is in answering a call for help, so is safety. Safety should never be sacrificed for the sake of quickness. “You can’t help the patient if you get hurt or killed because some safety procedure wasn’t done properly,” he said.

### Spring Break Music Festival

Although Mother Nature woke up very cranky on April 5 with lots of rain and wind, she calmed down just in time for the start of the ninth annual Spring Break Music Festival and Chili Cook-Off at noon.

Donations were raised through the home brew, chili cook-off, barbecue cook-off, the dunk tank and koozies and T-shirt sales.

Proceeds from the event go towards different projects every year and this year the funds went to the Marshall Islands Swimming Federation to further interest in swimming in the Marshalls and for the training of swimmers for the Marshall Islands teams.

The performers were Andy Carden, Dan Eggers, Dan Hopkins, *Chicken Smack* (Colby McGlenn, Jarem Erikson and Mike Rollins), *Kwaj Kids* (Kyle Cassidy, Kelly Grant, Kori Dowell and CJ Kemem), *Pure Polynesia* (Palepa Smith, Russell Beniamina and Mike Sakaio), *Insane Gecko Posse* (Mike Savage, Julie Wathen, Will Timons and Dan Eggers) and *Late Night Jam* with Marvin Lavato, Brendan Greene, Dave Gibbons, Ron Curtis and Will Timmons.

### Ambassador Clyde Bishop retires

U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Dr. Clyde Bishop, retired from the Foreign Service effective April 30. Bishop had served as a career diplomat for 30 years. On April 14, the ambassador gave a farewell address to workers and residents on Roi-Namur and he met with Kwajalein residents on April 15 in the Island Memorial Chapel.

He told Roi residents how important they are. “You are a crucial component in our defense strategy in the Pacific,” he said. “But at the same time, we’re very aware that the existence of Roi-Namur is made possible by the support we receive from the people



Teams practice getting helicopters ready for a medevac.

of Enniburr. So I see Roi-Namur and Enniburr as a team that works together to achieve common objectives.”

He thanked Col. Clarke and USAKA staff for their support during his tenure as ambassador. “Sometimes the State Department and the Department of Defense don’t always see eye-to-eye on things. But with Col. Clarke and his predecessor, I can say that has never been a problem. We’ve always been on the same page as to what’s best for the community and the mission. Col. Clarke has always taken seriously my perception that we are all part of the same team trying to achieve the same objective. I thank Col.



Ambassador Clyde Bishop shakes hands with Roi workers after the meeting on April 14.

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Ron Sylvester, Will McPhatter and Christina Davis run up Emon Beach after completing the swimming leg of the RustMan Triathlon April 27.



18 cooks entered the chili cook-off with creations such as 'Crazy Nana's Chili,' 'Texas Mild,' 'Chicken Curry' and more. The People's Choice Award was a tie between Ashlei Stroud and Song Banducci.

Clarke for always supporting us at the Embassy."

Bishop told the audience that the most important job any ambassador has is the welfare and safety of American citizens. "I hope I have done that job well," he said. If I haven't, then tell my successor that he or she needs to do a better job."

### The RustMan

Kwajalein Running Club conducted the 30th Annual RustMan run-bike-swim triathlon on Kwajalein Island, April 27. RustMan distances are: Swim 1K, Bike 42K and Run 10K.

First across the line for the men was two-time winner Jon Jahnke in two hours, 17 minutes and 39 seconds. First for the ladies was Lisa Ansley in 2:36:29. It was notable that five young men from the freshman class at Kwajalein Jr-Sr High School did their first RustMan. The fastest three of these took overall finish positions

fifth, sixth and seventh (Dane Bishop, Graham Kirchner and Gilson Hogan).

The Club was pleased to see the crew of the visiting U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Sequoia* participate, forming five teams and including a solo entry by Alex Buchler. *Sequoia* just happens to be in the Atoll doing maintenance on lagoon and ocean pass buoys. One *Sequoia* crew team was named 'Buoy Critters.'

RustMan contestant Chad Riggenschach came all the way from where he lives in Tulsa, Okla. to do RustMan 30. He also came to visit his step-daughter Cheresse Erdovegi who is a new firefighter stationed at Roi-Namur. Erdovegi also completed RustMan 30 as an individual contestant. Except for the crew of *Sequoia*, Riggenschach was the only non-resident at RustMan 30.

The field recovered well at Emon Beach immediately after the race. There were no reported injuries or dehydration cases.

### KRS celebrates 10 million of zero lost time accidents

Kwajalein Range Services held a Celebrate Safety Day on Roi-Namur May 2 to recognize each department that contributed to the total 10 million hours of zero lost time accidents. This marks a significant achievement for KRS and they made sure to not only recognize each department for their number of hours contributed towards the total 10 million hours, but also recognized each department that could boast zero recordable accidents over a period of months. Sixty-four percent of the departments had zero recordable accidents in the 72 months since KRS took over the contract. Special certificates were given to those 16 departments.



Karla Long assures Kwajalein residents that our mail is safe as she demonstrates how to correctly put out a fire using a CO2 fire extinguisher at Celebrate Safety Day April 18.

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### PACOM humanitarian projects on Ennibur

The US Pacific Command has been working to provide residents of Ennibur with several humanitarian assistance projects. The projects began in September 2008 and were completed in April 2009. Ennibur is the population center for much of the Roi-Namur USAKA workforce and the need for infrastructure support was apparent. The project was proposed by the Host Nations office to PACOM. They supplied the funds to KRS, who then purchased the supplies and provided them to Ennibur. Local Marshallese did the actual construction labor of all the projects.

Ennibur currently receives potable water by barge from Roi, as their damaged water catchment cannot supply clean water for the island. PACOM has contributed by building a new water storage/distribution structure. There are further plans during Pacific Partnership 2009 to further enhance the water catchment capability by renovating an old Japanese WWII cistern building, repairing some of the cement foundation and replacing some of the roofing and wood siding. By tying this into the current PACOM project, it is expected to greatly reduce, if not eliminate Ennibur's water dependency in the future.

The second project PACOM provided to Ennibur was the installation of solar panels to supply energy to their dispensary. The solar panels are used only for the purposes of emergency lighting and to keep a refrigerator running to keep medications at proper storage temperature. The last PACOM project was the construction of a burn pit off the northeast end of the island. PACOM has provided about \$168,000 to Ennibur for humanitarian assistance projects.

### Memorial Day

Several hundred Kwajalein residents turned out to remember and honor all of the service members



Left to right, Sgt. Elana Huston, Beth Wiggins, Lisa Marks, Lisa Ansley, Tammie Wommack, Anna Sanders, and Master Sgt. Vanessa Peeden, under the command of Maj. Tijuana Collier, fire a salute to the fallen at the Memorial Day observance.



Solar panels that supply energy to Ennibur's dispensary. They are part of the recently finished PACOM projects on Ennibur.

who have fallen in America's wars.

In his opening address, Capt. Kevin Coyne said the day was set aside to remember the men and women who have given their lives in defense of our country from the Revolutionary War to the present Global War on Terror.

Guest speaker Hugh Denny then addressed the audience. He said that while the main reason for the day was to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for America, all too often, Americans look upon it as just another long weekend. He asked those present to consider the true purpose of the day. He reminded the gathering that the ultimate sacrifice is still being made by service members in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Denny said the sacrifices made by service members have kept America free and the most unique nation on the planet. He said that all too often, the nation has failed to live up to the responsibility of honoring and caring for those who served.

He told the audience that the men and women who gave their lives died for us and without their sacrifice, America would not exist.

He spoke of Section 60 in Arlington Cemetery which faces the area of the Pentagon that was damaged in the 9/11 attacks and caused the War on Terror to begin. Denny said anyone who visits that section is struck by the ages of those who are buried there. Denny pointed out that many of them were just a few years older than the members of the high school band that was providing music for the day.

He concluded by asking the gathering to pray for all those in our Armed Forces and their families.

After Denny's remarks, a salute was fired by the American Legion Rifle Squad, which was all-female this year. *Taps* was played by Ryan DeCoster.

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## MAY

### Prom night

Students attending the Prom entered a world of Sglitz and Tinsel Town glamour as Hollywood — ‘A Night in the Spotlight’ was the theme for the event.

They walked on a red-carpet under an archway that held a sign reading ‘Hollywood.’ The archway was covered with lights and stars befitting the importance of the evening. Near the stage at the front of the room, there were 23 ‘Hollywood’ stars on the floor with the name of a senior written on each one. Black and red streamers, balloons, and plants illuminated with lights adorned the walls of the room.

Tables with red tablecloths and candle-lit centerpieces awaited the students as they strolled into the room, some arm-in-arm and some holding hands. The music of DJ Justin DeCoster, who is visiting from college, greeted them as they chatted, got a refreshment or took photos.

The young ladies looked stylish and elegant and the young men looked handsome and debonair. So much so in fact that parents and teachers could be heard saying to each other, “I didn’t recognize some of them.”

### PACOM dedicates Enniburr projects

The recent completion of three humanitarian assistance projects funded by the U.S. Pacific Command intended to make life better on Enniburr was celebrated by residents with speeches, food and dancing on May 29.

Joining the residents for the festivities were Brig. Gen. Edwin A. ‘Skip’ Vincent of Strategic Planning

and Policy, U.S. Pacific Command. Also from PACOM were U.S. Army Lt. Col. William P. Schwab, U.S. Marine Corps Col. Jeff Arruda, U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Jennifer Hughes and Dr. Susan McClintock. Attending from U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll were Col. Frederick Clarke, Christi Bowman, Maj. Christopher Mills and Vanessa Peeden.

Vincent then took the podium and addressed the residents and dignitaries. He started by thanking them for the warm welcome he and the other members of PACOM had received. “You’ve all heard the saying that the world is becoming a smaller place,” Vincent said. “Nations — large and small — are learning that we have to depend on each other.”

He continued that a good relationship between the United States and the RMI is of mutual benefit to both countries. Vincent remarked that he was excited that PACOM was able to provide funding for the facilities that were being dedicated.

“We depend on the people of Third Island for support in many of the things we are doing and we in turn want to show our appreciation and do what we can to support you,” he said.

Vincent and the other dignitaries then visited the dispensary and the school and attended the initial trash burning at the burn pit.

The Enniburr residents provided the visitors with a lunch of crab, coconut rice balls and beverages. Dancing by island women entertained the group as they ate.

With lunch completed, it was time to depart. Residents shook hands and said goodbye and thank you. Endeavors such as the PACOM projects will help lay a foundation for future cooperation and friendship with the RMI. During Vincent’s stay, he visited Ebeye to discuss possible future PACOM projects on that island.



Left to right, Leia Klinger, Ryan Woodburn, Kasih Hoch and Coleen Engvall have fun during the Prom.



Brig. Gen. Edwin A. ‘Skip’ Vincent of U.S. Pacific Command speaks to a gathering on Enniburr during the dedication ceremony for the new water distribution structure, solar panels and burn pit. Left to right, Floyd Corder, Harrington Dribo, Acting Mayor of Kwajalein Atoll, Jimis Landgidrik, Col. Frederick Clarke and Jelton Anjain, RMI Representative to U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll listen to the speech.

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## JUNE

### Class of 2009 graduates

The Kwajalein Senior High School Class of 2009 graduated June 5. The graduates were 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.

Valedictorian Cassia Griswold gave an inspirational speech to her classmates and the audience ending with, "I know we will find our way in the world because we have what it takes. 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."

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 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.

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.

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.

They walked out of the multi-purpose room and into their new lives.



The graduates make the traditional barefoot entrance carrying candles.

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## JUNE

### New Chief Medical Officer arrives

A new Chief Medical Officer arrived on Kwajalein June 11 to take over the slot recently vacated by Dr. John Janikowski.

Dr. Don Shuwarger is a graduate of the Baylor College of Medicine. He is trained as a gynecologist and obstetrician. He did his residency and his first nine years of practice in Texas.

In 2008, Shuwarger left private practice and put on some travelling shoes. He went from Virginia to one of the most remote and austere places on earth — Antarctica. He supported the National Science Foundation as a physician working with the station's doctors for six months.

During his time at the station, he heard about



Dr. Don Shuwarger

Kwajalein. "In Antarctica, I met people who had been on Kwajalein and I met people who were going to Kwajalein. I felt I could get a sense of the island from different perspectives," Shuwarger said.

Shuwarger had a friend in Antarctica who knew Bess Buchanan, the Physician's Assistant at Kwajalein Hospital. "Bess and I talked on the phone and she put me in touch with Dr. [John] Janikowski and with [Hospital Administrator] Beth Turnbaugh," he said. "They told me about the open position. I have always had a dream of living, working and diving on a beautiful island. I never really believed that such a thing was practical. When I learned that it was practical and I could fulfill my dream, I was pretty happy."

"The hospital is very well equipped and the people here are fabulous," said Shuwarger. "I'm impressed with everybody who works here. I'm impressed with their skills and experience level. From a team perspective, these are really excellent people. This hospital really provides top-level care. It provides care beyond what my expectations were."

## JULY

### Independence Day celebration

What could have been better than being on Emon Beach for this year's Independence Day celebration?

The day's celebration got 'rolling' at 1:45 p.m. with the patriotic bike parade from the CRC to Emon Beach. Children and their bikes made a dazzling dis-

play of red, white and blue.

After the children parked their bikes near the stage and posed for photos, resident Johnny Hadley sang the National Anthem to officially open the celebration.

Col. Frederick Clarke then addressed the crowd saying that the United States is a free nation because of those warrior-citizens who sacrifice and wear the nation's uniform. He asked residents to remember those in harm's way on this Independence Day and reminded them of the importance of the work done at USAKA/RTS. He concluded by wishing everyone a safe and happy time.

Then it was time to eat, barbecue, shop for trinkets at the various vendor booths, play carnival games, get face tattoos, bounce in the bounce house, take banana boat rides, get up a game of Baggo, serve up some volleyball, get out in the lagoon for a refreshing dip or just relax on the beach.

As evening fell, the crowd increased as residents flocked to the beach with great anticipation and they weren't disappointed. The 25-minute show was spectacular. Many long-time residents said it was the best fireworks show they've seen on Kwajalein. Thunderous cheers and applause could be heard all along the beach and Perimeter Road in appreciation of the display.



A spectacular fireworks show caps off the Independence Day celebration.

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### **Lt. Col. John Eggert becomes first Director of Reagan Test Site**

On July 24, a first and a last occurred. Lt. Col. John Eggert became the first to be designated as Director of Reagan Test Site and Lt. Col. Harold Buhl, Jr., became the last to be designated as Commander of RTS. Buhl turned leadership of the range over to Eggert at the Change of Responsibility ceremony.

The event was attended by visiting dignitaries, including the Honorable John Silk, RMI Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bob MacCallum, the Charge' d' Affairs at the U.S. Embassy on Majuro and George Snyder, Site Director of U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command/ARSTRAT.

Col. Frederick Clarke praised Buhl for his role in leading RTS through 26 space missions, space surveillance, the reconnaissance support of more than 38 space launches, 55,000 space tracks and the imaging of more than 300 space objects. While doing all this, "Harry also had to find the time to develop and begin execution of an RTS transition operation plan."

Clarke also noted that Buhl had increased the mission partner and customer base for the range including plans to bring THAAD and other Missile Defense Agency operations to Kwajalein. "Harry has set the standards for transition across all measures of success." He went on to say that Buhl's leadership "has been a magnificent achievement."

Clarke then thanked the Buhl family members, Trish, Reagan and Matthew for their support. He especially thanked Trish for her contributions to the community through her work with the school and Child and Youth Services. He wished the Buhls the best of luck saying

how much they will be missed by the community.

Clarke then turned his attention to the incoming Director of RTS and his wife. He noted that Eggert and his wife Paula are no strangers to Kwajalein, both of them having lived and worked on island in the recent past.

"He [Eggert] brings a wealth of experience not only from his time here, but also in THAAD and Patriot/Meads missile systems."

Clarke said that experience will enable Eggert to transition the range according to the current plans. He concluded his remarks by welcoming the Eggerts back to Kwajalein and that he looked forward to not only working with them but having them as part of the community once more.

Lt. Col. Eggert addressed the assemblage and congratulated the Buhls for the service and contributions they have made to the range and to the community.

He stated that he and his wife, Paula, are thrilled and honored to be returning to Kwajalein.

"A lot has changed. Icons such as the metal trailers and the PBQ have met their timely demise," he said. "But what has not changed is the remarkable talent on this atoll — a team of all-stars that gets the job done." Eggert noted that from the earliest days of missile testing, Kwajalein has been there to serve the country. "To be a part of that team and heritage to work with these men and women in accomplishing the mission is humbling and one which I look forward to with great anticipation." He ended his remarks by thanking all of the military men and women who are out there serving the country, especially the noncommissioned officers. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held in the Religious Education Building.



**Lt. Col. John Eggert speaks to the audience at the Change of Responsibility ceremony July 24. Eggert is taking over leadership of Reagan Test Site from outgoing RTS Commander Lt. Col. Harold Buhl, Jr.**

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## JULY

### **Roi-Namur shoreline assessment**

On December 8, 2008, a large wave surge hit Roi-Namur and caused major damage to the shoreline, infrastructure, housing, community buildings and runway. There was major flooding damage that reached the interior of the island.

A planning charette (an intensive review of the requirements for the projects) was arranged to assess the damage done to Roi-Namur and come up with a plan for future shoreline protection. Members attending the charette were from various Kwajalein Range Services departments, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command and Avila Government Services.

The charette was held during the week of July 14-18 to review the requirements and improve the cost estimate for Roi's shoreline protection and to complete the DD Form 1391 (Military Construction Project Data), a detailed analysis of the best way to provide shoreline protection in the future.

The charette team toured Roi to survey the damage done and examined the temporary measures that had been put into place immediately after the storm hit. On July 18 they out-briefed Col. Frederick Clarke and Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac on their findings.

There will be three approaches used in different areas of Roi for shoreline protection. The first will be a concrete rubble masonry seawall. It is a simple gravity structure that will run in front of the Tradex building and along the causeway from the Japanese pools to the telemetry radar.

The second approach will be breakwaters. There is about 3,500 feet of shoreline that houses many of our mission critical assets. Instead of having to build seawalls around all of that area, the breakwaters will be installed to protect the entire causeway shoreline.

The third approach will be constructing a series of two-foot high berms around critical sites such as the Tradex building and lens wells to redirect water away from the assets. It is impossible to stop all water from impacting the shoreline, so the idea is to reduce the amount of water from hitting near critical mission assets by controlling the water to a manageable level with the berms. These will be installed around the Tradex building, the lens wells and the causeway. The berms can be constructed quickly and could be a possible immediate solution until the other two approaches are viable.

It appears the earliest the shoreline project can begin is in 2012 due to funding and other DoD projects already scheduled. In the meantime, USAKA is committed to sustaining temporary measures to ensure that Roi's shorelines, mission critical assets, and most importantly, its residents are safe.



**Damage done to the seawall near the northeast end of the runway during the wave surge that hit Roi-Namur on December 8, 2008.**

### **Kwajalein Hospital assessment**

A team from the U.S. Army Health Facility Planning Agency, along with civilian structural contractors, were on island July 18-24 to look at the current hospital, estimate the cost of replacing it and to look for the best location to build a new medical facility. They were assisted in their efforts by Jim Landgraff, USAKA Directorate of Public Works and Walter Turner, USAKA Director of Community Activities, along with the hospital and dental staff.

The vital need for a new hospital was emphasized by Col. Frederick Clarke during the first in-briefing of a three-day hospital planning charrette that took place July 21-23. Clarke told the members of the team, "There are a lot of things going on right now on this island, but nothing is more important than what you are doing. There are many people in this community who are glad to see you here."

This isn't the first time planners have taken a look at replacing Kwajalein Hospital. One study was done in 2000 and another in 2005. Not surprisingly, both reports concluded the hospital was in deplorable condition. The study done in 2000 called for the building of a new 37,000 square foot facility at a cost of \$33 million. But that plan was never 'pushed' and consequently it more or less withered on the vine as world events such as 9/11, Iraq and Afghanistan took center stage in importance and funding priorities.

But when Clarke took over as Commander of USAKA in 2008, one of his first commitments to the community was to better the quality of life on island which included among other things, renovating housing that could be 'saved' and by looking into the possibility of a new hospital.

Darryl Lambert, USAKA Medical Evaluator, said, "Col.

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Clarke has done a wonderful job in getting two senior leaders [Lt. Gen. Kevin T. Campbell and Maj. Gen. Gale S. Pollock, the Army Surgeon General] on board for this project. Things happen when you get top leadership involved.”

Carolyn Bulliner, a planner with the Army Health Facility Agency agreed, saying the project was being undertaken at “the request of both the Commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command and the Army Surgeon General. Hopefully, this will be a big step forward in getting this done.”

But it all comes down to money. In the 2000 study mentioned earlier, the estimated cost of a new hospital was \$33 million. But nine years later, that cost has gone up dramatically. The new plan calls for a two-story building on the site where the Yuk Club now stands. It would be on an elevated site to protect against flooding from a storm surge. The estimated cost to build such a facility is substantially higher than the 2000 estimate. This is a lot of money, but the team said it’s a ‘bare bones’ estimate.”



Left to right, Kwajalein Hospital Nurse Manager Jackie Jones points out the limitations of the emergency room to Carolyn Bulliner and Lesa Poinsett, both U.S. Army Health Facility Planners during their visit to the island July 18-24.

As Bulliner said, “It is now in the hands of the ‘powers that be.’”

## AUGUST

### New all-electric vehicles arrive on island

In an effort to go ‘green’ and save on fuel costs, USAKA has received 10 new all-electric vehicles.

The ten vehicles will serve as a ‘test bed’ to determine if they are going to be economically efficient based on fuel cost savings and how much maintenance they will require and how much life expectancy they will have. Right now, the current scooters have a maximum life of five years, but many have only made it for four or less. However, although they are more ‘robust,’ the new vehicles are not intended to take the place of the electric scooters being used now.

“We would like to test these new vehicles for a certain period, say six months or so,” according to David Stewart, USAKA Equipment Specialist. “Then we can see what the failure rate would be. Is the vehicle serving the purpose that we had intended for it to perform, is the cargo capacity enough, is the suspension holding up and so on. We also would want to see how easy it would be to get parts to flow. Most vendors should be able to supply parts because they are not unique to these vehicles. We should be able to go to most vendors and say we need a particular part and get it. The tires and rims are also not unique to these vehicles, so getting new tires and rims from almost any tire



10 all-electric vehicles were purchased from E-Ride in Maryland and are in operation on Kwajalein.

dealer shouldn’t be a problem. We really think these vehicles are going to be very versatile.”

The plan is to shift some of the workload that heavier gas-powered vehicles such as big dump trucks, pickup trucks and step vans are being used for onto the electric vehicles since they have a good cargo carrying capacity. The vehicles will be divided among Public Works, Supply and the Central Motor Pool.

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The LV-2 launch vehicle arrives on Kwajalein Aug. 9.

### LV-2 target vehicle arrives

The Missile Defense Agency's newest and largest target, the two-stage launch vehicle, or LV-2, arrived on Kwajalein Aug. 9. The 15-hour flight from Huntsville, Ala. covered over 6,500 nautical miles. This required the C-17 Globemaster III to be refueled in the air twice. Its cargo, the LV-2, is reputed to be the heaviest palletized load ever carried in a C-17.

To help ensure mission success, the Air Force provided one of its newest C-17s from the squadron at Charleston, S.C. The arrival on Aug. 9 marked the end of the Missile Defense Agency's logistical campaign at Kwajalein and Meck Islands for the LV-2 target.

The campaign began in December when the ground support equipment was shipped to Meck Island using the ocean going logistics ship, the *Delta Mariner*. The *Delta Mariner* delivered its cargo to Meck Island in February. The second phase included shipping the launch control van, launch pad shelter and other items via C-5 Galaxy to Kwajalein in April. The target's arrival ended the logistical campaign and initiated the launch integration campaign.

### Corp of Engineers departs Kwajalein

The Corp of Engineers Kwajalein Range Office was officially established in 1959 when Kwajalein was selected to be the testing site in the Nike-Zeus Anti-Missile Program of the (then) U.S. Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency. At about the same time, the

island of Roi-Namur was chosen for development as a center for missile re-entry characteristics studies, sponsored by the Advanced Research Projects Agency of the Department of Defense. This program, designated Project PRESS (Pacific Range Electromagnetics Signature Studies), had related facilities in California, Hawaii, and Wake Island. The Corps resident office was established to administer contracts and construction on Kwajalein.

The 50-year on-island expertise, presence and support from the Honolulu District personnel and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be no doubt be missed, but hardly forgotten, as the legacy of engineering marvels is forever inscribed upon the landscape of Kwajalein Atoll.

### David Stewart inducted into Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame

David Stewart, USAKA Equipment Specialist, became a member of an exclusive club this year. In a ceremony conducted at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, Stewart was inducted into the 2009 Ordnance Corps Hall of Fame along with nine other inductees.

Each honoree received a medallion inscribed with the date of induction and a leather-bound certificate. A special pin was also given to inductees to wear on their formal dress uniforms.

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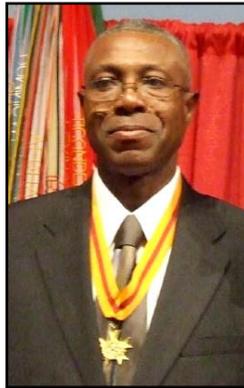
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The Hall of Fame was established in 1969 to recognize those who have made outstanding contributions to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps. To be considered for the honor, military personnel must be retired from active duty service for a minimum of three years before they can be considered for induction. The same applies to federal service civilians in the Corps.

Stewart has spent much of his life serving the country. "I spent 30 years on active duty from 1974 through 2005. I deployed to combat zones three times. I feel privileged that somebody thought enough of me to nominate me. I never spent an hour of my time with the Corps at headquarters. I spent all my time out in the field. I never once thought that I would be considered for the Hall of Fame."

He continued, "I felt it was an honor, not for me, but for the Soldiers I worked with whose names nobody knows. Our accomplishments were done together. They made me look good because they were



David Stewart

good. I remember their names and I know what they did. I shed a tear because I was thinking about them and how they deserved all the credit."

### Hazardous material decontamination training

Two members from the Joint Task Force – Homeland Defense division visited Kwajalein Aug. 19-21 for a Subject Matter Expert Exchange concerning hazardous material decontamination. Mike Machado and MSG Paul Price from JTF-HD teamed up with the Kwajalein Fire Department and Kwajalein Hospital and Dental staffs to review our current hazmat decontamination plan. They conducted a field training exercise that gave the hospital, dental and fire department staffs a chance to utilize our decontamination system hands-on.

The most common instances needing decontamination here on Kwajalein would involve chlorine, diesel fuel or some sort of hydraulic fluid. Regardless of the substance, the hospital, dental and fire department staffs were trained on how to handle any sort of hazmat occurrence that could potentially happen.

Training to handle situations involving hazardous materials requires a lot of knowledge, but the best knowledge comes from hands on experience. This is what the SMEE was all about. The hospital, dental and fire department staffs now have the information and experience necessary to handle a hazmat decontamination situation if one were to arise here on Kwajalein.

### Preparing for new school year and the flu

As part of their preparations for the new school year, Kwajalein teachers met on Aug. 25 for briefings and discussions. One of the main topics covered was the possibility of a new wave of H1N1 flu on both Ebeye and Kwajalein during the school year.

Both Dr. Don Shuwarger, Chief Medical Officer at Kwajalein Hospital and Dave Norwood, Kwajalein Range Services President, spoke to the teachers giving them information on the steps they could take to minimize the impact of flu and some of the contingency plans that have been put in place by KRS and USAKA.

As far as school closure, Shuwarger said, "Both the CDC (Center for Disease Control) and the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) have said there is no point to closing schools as it has not been shown that such an action makes any difference in transmission of the flu or in any way curtails outbreaks. In order to be effective, you would have to close schools just before an outbreak and none of us has that crystal ball."

Al Robinson, Kwajalein School Superintendent said, "It's a fine line between under-reaction and



Bess Buchanan, left, and Daleiana Chong-Gum practice decontaminating a patient, Annabelle Scott, during training.

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over-reaction. Hygiene is really going to be important as we go through what we hope will be a non-issue. But in order to make it a non-issue, we're going to have to work hard at preventing it."

### Micronesian Shop opens in new location

The Mic Shop moved to a new location on Aug. 16. The shop is in its 47th year of business and this is the second time it has moved locations since first opening at the Kwajalein airport terminal in 1962. It is hoped that this new location, where DVD Depot used to be, will bring more business and thus contribute towards the numerous educational grants the shop donates each year. The Mic Shop is completely not for profit, it is for education. All the proceeds that come into the shop are directly used towards educational grants throughout Micronesia.

Col. Frederick Clarke attended the grand re-opening to assist in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"On behalf of the command I wish you the very best and continued success. I think this location will bring you great luck and prosperity," remarked Clarke.



Col. Frederick Clarke and Lauren Traweck cut the ribbon, opening the new location of the Mic Shop to the public Aug. 16.

## SEPTEMBER

### World Championships in Rome, Italy

Eight swimmers, ranging in age from 15 to 20, had the thrilling opportunity of representing the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the FINA World Championships held this July in Rome, Italy.



The Marshall Islands Swim Team at the World Championships, left to right, Julianne Kirchner, Julie Alves, Jake Villarreal, Michael Taylor, Shawn Brady, Dane Bishop, Clarissa Brady and Melissa Peacock.

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The team members were Shawn Brady, Melissa Peacock, Dane Bishop, Jake Villarreal, Clarissa Brady, Julie Alves, Julianne Kirchner and Michael Taylor. With the exception of Taylor, who attends Stanford University, all of the swimmers live on Kwajalein and are members of the Kwajalein Swim Team.

By competing in the Worlds, the swimmers took another step towards the possibility of representing the RMI at the next Summer Olympics.

Coach and parent Allison Villarreal said, "It was very exciting to see the Olympic athletes, not only the U.S.A. Olympic swimmers, but from other countries as well. The energy really comes across when you go to watch a race and all the people from different countries are standing up and cheering for their swimmers."

### SatCom Terminal gets face lift

Good communication is the key to all successful endeavors and it is certainly vital to the success of the mission at U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll and Reagan Test Site.

The SatCom radar at Communications Terminal 78 is critical to that success. Since 1975, its function has been to provide all off-island mission-related communications capability to USAKA and RTS. To

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help protect such a valuable asset, the radome cover is being replaced after 32 years of service. Normal life expectancy for such a dome is around 20 years.

According to Doug Thompson, Assistant Site Lead at Communications Terminal 78, the same type of radar might not require a radome in other locations around the world. However, he added that due to Kwajalein's harsh environment, a radome is absolutely necessary to help prevent the radar from suffering corrosion damage.

"The equipment will last a lot longer than it would without the cover," said Thompson. "If we didn't have it, we'd have to do a lot more maintenance on the antenna. But with it, we can stay ahead of corrosion problems."

General Dynamics and ESSCO, who manufactured the radar, and KRS Heavy Equipment and Public Works are all involved in the project.

"There's been a lot of great support," said Thompson.



The SatCom at Communications Terminal 78 is undergoing replacement of the radome cover.



Left to right, Builder 3rd Class Brian Keuster, Builder 3rd Class Matt Dawson and Construction Mechanic Bernie Achleithner work together to construct a brand new water catchment on Ebeye while visiting during Pacific Partnership 2009.

### Pacific Partnership

Pacific Partnership is an annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian civic assistance program that brings medical, dental, veterinary and engineering aid to areas needing support in the Pacific region. They work in conjunction with a number of different military and civilian agencies as well as non-governmental organizations. Each year, a U.S. Naval ship is dedicated to the mission. This year, Pacific Partnership was carried out aboard the *USNS Richard E. Byrd*. Stops were made at Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and the Marshall Islands. While in the Marshalls, visits were made on Majuro, Ebeye, Enniburr, Majetto and Ebadon.

Ebeye was the first major outreach Pacific Partnership executed while in Kwajalein Atoll. One of the engineering projects consisted of the construction of a fence and gate around the community building. More importantly, a new water catchment was built to increase the amount of storage space for potable water for Ebeye residents.

The structure can easily capture rainwater from the roof of the community building. A team of nine U.S. Navy engineers, headed up by Petty Officer 1st Class Greg Feliciano, worked for 10 days to complete the project.

Ebeye hospital was headquarters for medical and dental services. Morning and afternoon sessions were offered to Ebeye residents. They could be seen by a medical doctor, eye doctor or dental staff. Depending on time and number of patients, some had the opportunity to see all three.

On this visit to the Marshalls, the Pacific Partner-

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ship team included military and government personnel from Australia, Canada, the Republic of Korea and the United States. Civilian volunteers from Project HOPE and University of California San Diego Pre-Dental Society worked alongside their military and government counterparts. The Kwajalein Atoll visit lasted 12 days and provided much needed services to the Marshallese. The *USNS Richard E. Byrd* left Kwajalein on Sept. 18, headed for Guam.

### Splash for Trash

**K**wajalein and Roi Scuba Clubs held their Splash for Trash event from 9 a.m. to noon, Sept. 21, in conjunction with International Clean-up Day, a worldwide effort to clean the oceans and shorelines.

The event was coordinated by Kim Morris and Carrie West, along with John Pennington, who has held the post of Kwajalein Scuba Club President for three months.

More than 70 volunteers showed up to join in the effort. They apparently shared the sentiment of 17-year-old West. "I think it's very important for our community. Kwajalein is a really beautiful place and if we don't keep it beautiful, we won't have it like this for much longer," she said.

More than 120 bags containing 2,000 pounds of

trash were collected on Kwaj and Roi.

### Reef restoration

**I**n late March and early April, the environmental departments of USAKA and Kwajalein Range Services became concerned that damage was occurring to the ocean reef near the Shark Pit area due to deteriorating coral debris.

USAKA notified the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency of the concern and requested that an inspection of the reef be done.

As per the request, Kevin Foster, a marine ecologist who has been with U.S. Fish and Wildlife for 19 years and has been coming to the Kwajalein area for 10 years, along with Steve Kolinski, a fishery biologist with NOAA's Fisheries Services, came out to conduct a survey of the area.

According to Kolinski, there were several large and small pieces of debris that were being driven into the reef from wave action and pulverizing the coral.

The survey showed that about 1.3 acres of reef was involved and extended out around 200 feet from the Shark Pit. The depth ranged from 18 feet to 80 feet.

The Army sent 13 divers to help with the clean-up and reef restoration. NOAA Fisheries Service personnel were also dispatched along with a contingent from U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

Kolinski said that by doing the restoration work, the reef should experience a 70-90 percent recovery within 10-20 years. However, it may not fully recover for more than 100 years although some species recover faster than others. "We will be doing periodic checks to see how recovery is progressing," he added.

Kolinski stated, "The relationship working with USAKA is one of the best and everyone in the agency feels the same way. We have a great partnership between Fish and Wildlife, NOAA and USAKA."



Divers from U.S. Army Pacific's 7th Engineer Dive Team move a large piece of coral during the reef restoration project carried out in late September.

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### Manit Day celebration

A celebration of Marshallese 4,000-year-old history and tradition takes place on Manit Day. The event began on Ebeye in 1986 when the Republic of the Marshall Islands gained independent status. This year, Manit Day was held on Oct. 5.

Manit Day started on Kwajalein when the Marshallese Cultural Center opened in 1998. Since that time, the event has been sponsored by the Marshallese Cultural Society.

Thanks to that sponsorship and volunteers including students from the National Honor Society and the Marshall Islands Club, along with the invaluable and generous participation of our Ebeye neighbors, Kwajalein residents are able to glimpse some of that ancient Marshallese way of life.

Pastor Rick Funk, President of the Marshall Islands Society said, "Lots of volunteers have also worked hard to put this together. Special thanks to Kitlang Kabua who helped coordinate bringing some of the folks over from Ebeye. Thanks to the weavers, Mr. Ato, who will give demonstrations on rope and fire making, and to the Jine Tip Club that will have traditional Marshallese food."

Ato Langkio, who has been giving demonstrations of fire starting and rope making on Manit Day for years, was again on hand to show the traditional skills.

### Fire Department open house

The annual USAKA Fire Department open house was a big hit yet again this year as Kwajalein families filled the fire station, eager to participate in all the fun activities that were planned for the afternoon. The open house marks the end of Fire Prevention week, this year held Oct. 6-11, and strives to educate Kwajalein youth on how to "Stay Fire Smart, Don't Get Burned!"

"We've had the open house every year since I've been here, and that's 14 years now," said Assistant Chief of Operations Jerry Leverett.

He and Mike Diehl, Fire Chief, greeted families as they arrived at the fire station. They handed out certificates and ribbons to children that presented their completed Fire Inspection Checklist from school and also gave out goodie bags. Of course, Sparky the Fire Dog was in attendance, giving kids high fives, hugs and taking pictures throughout the afternoon.

This year's Fire Prevention week was a huge success. Kids learned important facts about fire safety and had a blast while doing it.

### KPD gets new chief

Brad Walker replaced Sissy Pinto as KPD Chief of Police on Oct. 21. Walker moved to Kwajalein in 2001 from Melbourne, Fla. He lives here with his



Three Marshallese men look at photos depicting Marshallese history at the Marshallese Cultural Center on Manit Day.

wife June and two children, Colette and Morgan. He has been in law enforcement since 1995. For the 16 months that Pinto was Chief of Police, Walker worked as the facility manager. He had the opportunity to work closely with Pinto during that time, making it an easier transition to take over her position now.

### Marshallese Trade Fair

Marshallese handicrafts, jewelry, fruit and more filled dozens of tables lined up in the Corlett Recreation Center Oct. 26. The Marshallese Trade Fair is in its sixth year here on Kwajalein and is just in time for Kwajalein residents to stock up on Christmas gifts, whether it be for themselves or to send to loved ones.

There was an incredible assortment of products to look at; once around the CRC gym was not enough to truly survey the array of Marshallese handicrafts.

The Trade Fair was held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and there was no shortage of unique and beautiful handicrafts or delicious fresh fish.



Firefighter Chris Lomeli educates children about fire safety while they color paper Sparky the Fire Dog faces at the open house Oct. 11.

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### Halloween costume carnival and haunted house

Spooky noises, creepy music, screams and laughter filled the Youth Center from noon to 5 p.m., Oct. 25, as young and young-at-heart enjoyed a costume party and haunted house.

The fun was the result of hours of work by members of the Kwajalein High School Keystone Club (grades 9-12) and the Torch Club (grades 7-8). The clubs are part of the Boy's and Girl's Clubs of America. The club members covered the Youth Center with Halloween-themed decorations and transformed one side of the building into an elaborate haunted house.

The 'house' was complete with a mad doctor and his victim, a ghostly piano player, a graveyard, a menu that included sweet-and-sour eyeballs and 'things' that go bump in the night waiting to scare anyone who dared to enter.

And of course, there was the big costume parade. Dozens of children and parents filled the Youth Center throughout the day and enjoyed all there was to see and do.

### Shaving Cream Social

The air was filled with the fresh scent of shaving cream and the shrills and shouts of children the afternoon of Oct. 24 as all ages of Kwaj kids participated in the annual Shaving Cream Social at the 'Rich Ravine,' kicking off Halloween festivities that weekend. Community Activities organized the fun event, providing hundreds of cans of shaving cream to the children of Kwajalein to play with during the social.

No one was safe from being 'creamed.' Parents and other spectators were targeted just as much as the other kids in the water. This was a great event that really allowed the children to let loose and have some good old-fashioned fun together.



No matter how fast the children try to run from one another, they can't escape getting covered in shaving cream.



A haunted house awaits at the Youth Center for anyone brave enough to enter.

### Senior street painting

The Senior Class of 2010 continued a decades-old tradition by painting a portion of Lagoon Road in front of the high school on the evening of Oct. 29. With the assistance of parents, siblings, friends and each other, this year's 18 seniors cleaned the street and then began painting designs of each one's choosing.

The work actually starts before the painting takes place. Students pick the designs they want from various sources and then the designs are photographed, placed on a transparency, and projected onto a screen. The students then take thin white paper and trace the designs. Stencils are made by cutting out the designs from the paper tracings.

The students and their helpers gathered at 4 p.m. to begin the night's work. The process takes hours and many of the designs were not finished until well after midnight.

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The Class of 2010. Front row, left to right, Emma Peacock, Barlik Gold, Kaitlynn Phillips, CC Brady, Chelsea Bantol and Nakoli Sakaio. Back row, left to right, Devin Vinluan, Troy Walter, Julianne Kirchner, Christine Woodburn, Lexi Yurovchak, Ryan DeCoster, Kelly Grant, Coleen Engvall and Kenye Anitak. Not pictured are Azure Nelson and Kitlang Kabua.

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### U.S. Ambassador to the RMI visits Kwajalein



**Martha Campbell, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands**

Kwajalein was graced by a visit this past week from the Honorable Martha Campbell, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The ambassador's visit was two-fold. She met with Kwajalein Atoll Senators and was the guest speaker at the Veterans Day observance on Nov. 11.

Campbell has been a career diplomat with the Department of State's Foreign Service for 29 years. She has served at U.S. Embassies in The Hague, Stockholm, Budapest and Rotterdam

among others. Her husband, Arnold, is also a career diplomat with the Foreign Service.

The ambassador is no stranger to the Marshall Islands. She opened the first office of the U.S. Representative on Majuro in 1987 shortly after the signing of the Compact of Free Association between the U.S. and the RMI. Her husband was the Deputy Chief of Mission among the many other duties he performed.

"It was an exciting time to be here because the Compact of Free Association was a new way of doing things and solving many problems," said Campbell.

Concerning the U.S. and the RMI, the ambassador said, "It's a very strong relationship. We have some very important things in common. They share many of the same goals we do and have a vision of where they want to go."

Campbell said that even though the U.S. and RMI disagree on some issues, she believes there is a great amount of trust and she expects the two nations will continue to work well together.

### Veterans Day observance

Dozens of Kwajalein residents and dignitaries gathered at the flag poles on Nov. 11 to observe Veterans Day and to honor and thank those who have served and defended America.

Guest speaker U.S. Ambassador to the RMI, Martha Campbell, asked that all veterans in the audience stand so they could be recognized. Applause greeted the veterans who stood up to be honored. She stressed that the gathering and the day was to recognize the many sacrifices made by military members and veterans. The Ambassador pointed out that many American servicemembers gave their lives in battle on the very ground



**Dozens of residents gather at the flag poles to honor America's veterans during the Veterans Day ceremony on Wednesday.**

Kwajalein and Roi-Namur residents work and play on every day. The battles fought resulted in a moral and strategic victory for the U.S. She said that all these many years later, Kwajalein and Roi still continue to be of vast importance to America and its allies.

"It is my great honor to be here today to celebrate the friendship between two nations — the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands," she said. "To my colleagues in uniform and to those who have worn the uniform, thank you for your service."

Wreaths were laid by Dave Norwood, Jim Burk and Amy LaCost. A 21-gun salute was fired by American Legion Post 44 Rifle Squad and *Taps* was played by student Alex Shotts.

### Holiday Craft Fair

Bicycles filled the lawn and bike racks on both sides of the street outside the Corlett Recreation Center gym Nov. 9. Kwajalein residents gathered to share their creative wares and spend some money during the annual Holiday Craft Fair.

The craft fair was a perfect opportunity for the creative vendors of Kwajalein to showcase their talents and artistic abilities to the other residents on-island. Residents gladly packed into the CRC gym to shop for holiday trinkets and treasures for family and friends.

### Silent Basket Auction

Going once, going twice, sold! The 6th annual Silent Basket Auction was hosted by the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Nov. 15, in the Dayve Davis Multi-Purpose Room at the high school. The MP room was decorated with sparkling Christmas string lights. Tables where attendees could enjoy wine and pupus prepared by KRS Retail Services filled the room. All of the donated baskets filled with treats and trinkets to be auctioned off throughout the evening were displayed along the walls and stage area. Proceeds from the event go towards the annual YYWC Outer Islands Christmas Drop which brings

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much needed and appreciated gifts to residents of Ebadon and Majetto. The Christmas Drop will be in mid-December this year.

Jenny Norwood greeted the crowd and gave a special welcome to those attending the silent auction for the very first time. "This evening is a sellout," said Norwood. "In fact, we could have sold a lot more tickets if we had more room. I think that's a reflection, first of all, that this event has been a big success in the past. It's been an evening that people enjoy and have a lot of fun at. But more significantly, the great turnout is due to the generosity of the Kwajalein community. We have a very generous community."

She continued, "Many of you may have attended a silent auction back in the states and the way this auction is different than in the States is you would've seen items that were donated by retail and hospitality industries where people went around and solicited those donations. These donations come from many of you that are seated here tonight and come from individuals in our community." It was clear to all, including the hard-working ladies of the YYWC, that the evening was a massive success. But when Norwood announced the total dollar amounts of donations for the evening, the crowd was stunned and pleased. The raffle raised \$994, the live auction raised \$3,800 and the silent auction raised \$7,540 for a grand total of \$12,334.



Steve Banducci and Penny Schwan were active bidders during the live auction portion of the basket auction hosted by the YYWC Nov. 15.

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Quincy Breen carefully rides his bicycle over palm fronds during the obstacle course at the Bicycle Rodeo sponsored by Kwajalein Police Department Dec. 6.

### KPD Bike Rodeo

The annual Bicycle Rodeo sponsored by the Kwajalein Police Department was held on Dec. 6. The Bicycle Rodeo is part of KPD's contract and they are required to do it every year, but they are also happy to do it since they know how important bicycle safety is for the children on Kwajalein.

Sgt. Chris Ramsey was the officer in charge of organizing the event this year. "We're trying to basically teach them bicycle safety but it all pertains to island safety," said Ramsey.

AAFES donated two children's bicycles, one boys and one girls, to give away in the drawing. They also donated five AAFES gift certificates to give away.

With bicycles being our main source of transportation on the island, it's important for children to understand all the rules and most importantly, stay safe.

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### Santa Claus arrives and the block party

Even a brief rain shower didn't dampen the enthusiasm of dozens of Kwajalein children, adults and Santa's helpers as they waited for Old St. Nick to arrive at the airport on the afternoon of Dec. 5.

Little hands grasped the chain link fence as children's excited eyes scanned the sky for any sign that the Jolly Old Elf was coming. Suddenly, a plane came into view and many small voices shouted, "There he is. Santa's here!"

When Santa stepped from the plane onto the tarmac he was greeted by cheers and applause. An official welcoming party of Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac, Maj. Edwin ReyesMontanez, Jimmie Willman, Kwajalein Range Services Deputy Program Manager, Torrey Landers, Community Services Manager and Kim Scruton-Yarnes, Community Activities Manager, greeted Santa and walked with him to the fence where the children waited impatiently. Santa began throwing candy to the children as they scrambled to catch it. He worked his way down the line giving out candy as he went.

Everyone was in the holiday spirit as the evening's entertainment continued downtown with the Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School Choir singing *Deck the Halls* and *Christmas Island*.

*Pure Polynesia* accompanied the Little Hula Group

as they 'danced' a hula to *Christmas Luau*. The little ones drew a lot of oohs and aaahs and laughter.

The Kwajalein Girl Scouts then entertained the audience by singing *Must Be Santa*. Some of the looks on the faces of the little singers could only be described as priceless. Some of them were very dramatic and really 'into it' while others . . . well, not so much.

The *K Krew* excited the crowd with an energetic hip-hop routine to *One Tribe*. Who knows, we might see some of them on *So You Think You Can Dance* someday.

The Junior/Senior High School Band then played *Jingle Bell Rock* and *Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire*.

Finally, it was time for the 42nd annual tree-lighting. Santa Claus and Maj. ReyesMontanez took the podium, counted down, threw the switch, and . . . well, there was a little Kwaj glitch and the tree didn't light. But not to worry. The 'non-lighting' event didn't make much difference to the happy holiday mood of the party. Everybody was having a good time and enjoying the spirit of the evening. After all, like Santa Claus said, "Lights or no lights, Merry Christmas."

### Ebadon and Majetto Christmas Drop

The smiles on the kids' faces could be seen from the helicopter. The visitors landed in a small



Santa is greeted by dozens of island children and adults after his arrival at the Kwajalein airport on Dec. 5 to participate in the 42nd annual tree-lighting ceremony and the downtown block party.

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Members of the Majetto community help to unload the helicopter that was packed full of gifts and supplies for their residents, part of the annual Outer Islands Christmas Drop sponsored by the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club.

opening on the tiny island of Majetto, in the outer atoll, for the Outer Islands Christmas Drop Dec. 15 . The children sat patiently on the stoop of their school as two U.S. Army helicopters landed, full of gifts and goods from the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, a Christmas blessing they bring to the island every year.

Once the helicopters landed, seven volunteers from Kwajalein departed the choppers and began unloading the Christmas goodies. Attending were Maj. Christopher Mills from Host Nations, Maj. Tijuana Collier, Mike Sakaio, Nelda Reynolds, Mary Jane Lavender and Jelton Anjain.

Mayor Bolkeim Anjain greeted the visitors and spoke on behalf of the community, thanking them for all the gifts and the continued generosity the YYWC gives each year.

"We are very fortunate that we have friends like you to come out here and to spend Christmas with," said Anjain. "My words cannot express our gratitude for the gifts you bring today."

The bags of gifts were divided between age and gender. The children lined up patiently in their appropriate spots while Mills, Collier, Sakaio, Reynolds, Lavender and Jelton Anjain handed out a bag to each child.

The scene at Ebadon was similar to that on Majetto. Members of the community were lined up to present the visitors with marmars and wuts. All seven made their way through a line of every resident, shaking their hand and telling them, "Yokwe" and, "Merry Christmas."

Again, they had orange coconuts for the visitors to eat and drink and entertained them with live music and keyboard accompaniment. Sakaio even graced everyone with a few lovely songs, singing with Elken Livai, the Deacon of the Ebadon Church.

The children of Ebadon brought up a beautiful cowry in exchange for their Christmas bag. It was Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010

heartwarming to see children be so giving, even when the day is supposed to be about celebrating their Christmas.

### Commanding General visits Kwajalein, Roi and Meck

After 37 years of serving the nation in the U.S. Army, Lt. Gen. Kevin T. Campbell, current commanding general of USASMDC/ARSTRAT, will retire from the service soon.

The general was at USAKA/RTS Dec. 15-17 for a farewell visit before he retires.

During his stay, Campbell visited Roi-Namur, Ennibur and Meck Island on Wednesday. He was accompanied by Col. Frederick Clarke, Mike Sakaio of the USAKA Host Nation Office, Jim Landgraff of USAKA Public Works, Kwajalein Range Services President Dave Norwood and Maj. Matt Rauscher.

The general spoke to various personnel during his stops to get an overview of the current situation on mission capabilities and quality of life issues on the islands.

Upon the group's return to Kwajalein, a gathering was held in the Religious Education Building. The USAKA commander thanked Campbell for all the support the USAKA command had received during Campbell's tenure as commanding general.

Then Campbell presented Master Sgt. Charles George with the Army Commendation Medal for his work with the Combined Federal Campaign.

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Lt. Gen. Kevin T. Campbell listens as Stan Jazwinski and Jim Landgraff explain the current water situation on Roi-Namur.

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The general thanked all the Soldiers and DoD civilians for their hard work in making the mission work of USAKA successful. He also gave each attendee a commander's coin.

### **Kwajalein Cable System comes ashore**

**T**he Kwajalein Cable System may be a functioning reality within the next six months.

The *Tyco Durable*, a 455-foot, 100-ton cable laying vessel arrived at Kwajalein Dec. 14 and by 6:30 a.m. on Dec. 15, the operation to install the cable on Kwajalein had begun. The cable installation process started with the ship running out a 'leader' line that was attached to the actual cable. Small boats took the line and brought it on to the edge of the reef where it was handed off to a work crew that brought it in by hand to the shore. Once the cable is pulled onto the shore, it will go through the beach manhole to another

manhole and then to Range Radio in Building 1017. From there it is distributed to other buildings through a series of manholes and terrestrial fiber cable that was pre-laid on the island.

Bruce Morris, Project Manager for Great Eastern Group said, "Almost everything goes through fiber. Many cables have been laid across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. These cables can carry Internet, TV and phone. "Until now, Kwajalein has had to rely on satellite and you know how often a satellite goes out."

He added that the cable Kwajalein is getting contains four optical fibers (two pairs). One glass fiber is the thickness of a human hair.

"One fiber pair is enough to do everything you need," Morris said. "The real time transmission of information will enable remote operations to be done from Huntsville."



A work crew prepares to pull in the lead line of the cable fed out from the *Tyco Durable* on Dec. 15.

# Six servicemembers die in Iraq, Afghanistan

**Staff Sgt. Ronald J. Spino**, 45, of Waterbury, Conn., died Dec. 29 in Bala Morghab, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when he was shot while unloading supplies. He was assigned to the 274th Forward Surgical Team, 44th Medical Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Spc. Brushaun X. Anderson**, 20, of Columbus, Ga., died Jan. 1 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry),

Fort Drum, N.Y.

**Senior Airman Bradley R. Smith**, 24, of Troy, Ill., died Jan. 3 near Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained while supporting combat operations. He was assigned to the 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Riley, Kan.

Three Soldiers died Jan. 3 in Ashoqe, Afghanistan, from wounds suffered when insurgents attacked their unit with multiple improvised explosives devices and small arms fire. They were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th In-



fantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo. Killed were: **Sgt. Joshua A. Lengstorf**, 24, of Yoncalla, Ore., **Spc. Brian R. Bowman**, 24, of Crawfordsville, Ind. and **Pvt. John P. Dion**, 19, of Shattuck, Okla.



## Firearms training

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Reese, assigned to the Border Transition Team 4130th, helps train Iraq border guards in basic pistol drills at the west gate of the Muntheria Port of Entry along the Iraq/Iran border in Diyala, Iraq, on Dec. 15, 2009.

*DoD photo by Spc. Anderson Savoy, U.S. Army. (Released)*

## Learning to count

U.S. Marine Corps Cpl. Sarah B. Furrel, a member of the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment's female engagement team, teaches Afghan girls to count numbers at a school in Now Zad, Afghanistan, on Jan. 2, 2010. Furrel is at the school to encourage the girls to pursue an education.

*DoD photo by Cpl. Albert F. Hunt, U.S. Marine Corps. (Released)*



**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.

IT'S OFFICIAL, WE NEED YOU! Community Activities is hiring paid officials, scorekeepers and gear locker attendants for the upcoming 2010 softball season. If you are interested, please contact Jen Yezek at 53331 or [jennifer.yezek@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:jennifer.yezek@smdck.smdc.army.mil), or go directly to HR and fill out a part-time/casual hire employment form. No experience necessary.

## Religious Services

### Catholic

5:30 p.m., Saturday, in Island Memorial chapel.  
9:15 a.m., Sunday, in Island Memorial 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.

**WANTED**

SOMEONE TO SHARE a Continental companion ticket to Minneapolis during April 2010. Please call Greg or Ona at 52276.

RETURNING TO DIVING, looking for Scuba gear for XX large male. Call Randy at home, 55024 or work, 53910.

USED, BEGINNER GUITARS. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Cindy at 52370.

THREE-WHEEL BIKE, will pay up to \$150. Call 51354.

HOUSE SITTING opportunity for our visiting parents any time between Feb. 11 and March 15. Call Mark or Amy Daniels at 53610.

**LOST**

READING GLASSES, green frames, in or around Shoppette on Dec. 2 around 5:15 p.m. Please call 55590 if found.

KEY WITH A SMALL, tan color Mexican sandal key chain on Dec. 10. If anyone has found this key please call 58228 or 53925.

**PATIO SALE**

MONDAY, 8-10 a.m., quarters 211-A PCS sale: clothes, CDs, household items, complete 10 gallon fish tank, office task chair, bike repair stand, dive suit-XL, extension cord, door mats, beach umbrella, 32-bottle wine rack, bench Vvse and more. No early birds!

**FOR SALE**

TWO PENN 80 two-speed fishing reels with poles. Call 59335 or 59081.

OFFICE TASK CHAIR, \$20; bike repair stand, \$50; dive suit, XL, \$25; extension cord, \$7; door mats, \$5 each; beach umbrella, \$10; desk top computer, \$20; 32-bottle wine rack, \$10 and bench vise, \$25. Call 53698 after 7 p.m.

BIKE WHEELS, two new 1.75 rear bike coaster brake alloy wheels with stainless steel spokes, \$35 each. Call 52517.

SCUBA BC, men's medium, \$140 and assorted diving equipment and gear bag. Call Keith at 53612.

TONY HAWK SKATEBOARD, good condition, \$25; Gotcha skateboard, fair condition, \$15; small carpet, 5x7.5 foot, light blue design theme, \$25; Proctor-Silex waffle maker, \$20; bike trailer, strong

enough for dive gear, \$35 and Char-Broil BBQ, large, stainless steel, four-burner plus side burner, with gas tank, \$85. Call 50798 or 52544.

NORDIC TRACK PRO, \$125. Call Mary after 4:30 p.m. at 51685. If no answer, leave message.

SINGER FEATHERWEIGHT 132 sewing machine with bobbins and needles, good working condition, \$40. Call 52398.

CROWN LINE FISHING cruiser, 27 foot, 350 mercruiser, plus 15 HP, boathouse #309 and trailer, \$19,500 and fiberglass high performance boat, 21 foot, 225 HP Johnson plus 8 HP, boathouse #800 and trailer, \$6,490. Call 59662 or e-mail [hammerheadherb@hotmail.com](mailto:hammerheadherb@hotmail.com).

CANON 3CCD VIDEO camera, GL1 with underwater housing, includes battery with charger, red underwater filter, wide angle lens, all in excellent condition, \$1,500 and Scuba tanks, XS Worthington, 120 steel, two for sale, \$600 for both or \$350 each. Call 56725.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

JOE HERRINGTON Cowboy Poetry and Western Stories will be at 7 p.m., tonight, in CRC room six. Free admission.

BARN DANCE and Country Dinner will be Jan. 10. There will be dancing, bus service and a great country menu. Menu to include fried chicken, BBQ spare ribs, corn on the cob, roasted red potatoes, coleslaw, corn bread and Texas chocolate cake. Tickets cost \$27.50 and are for sale in the KRS Retail Services Office, downstairs building 805, weekdays, 7:30 a.m.-noon.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB (KSC) meeting will be held Jan. 13 at the Pacific Club. Come early to view Dive Locker items and share in the SCUBY-Snacks being served at 6:30 p.m. The formal meeting will begin at 7 p.m. and then Maryellen Gibson will provide the special feature after the meeting.

BINGO NIGHT at the Pacific Club is Jan. 14. Card sales begin at 5:30 p.m., Bingo play begins at 6:30 p.m. Blackout completion 50 numbers, \$1,000.00 payout; Windfall completion at 29 numbers, \$1,900.00 payout, Must be 21 to enter and play, bring your ID. Come out and have some fun with us. Questions, contact Eric Wills at 53338.

THERE WILL BE A boat lot inspection Jan. 14-15. Focus will be on general housekeeping, proper signage of shed and trailer, and visibility of registration decals.

THE FAMILY POOL and the Adult Pool will be

## Café Pacific

### Lunch

#### Sunday

Carved top round of beef  
Vegetable ragu  
Cornish hen ala orange  
Grill: Brunch station open

#### Monday

Grilled pork chops  
Herb roast chicken  
Ham marco polo  
Grill: Brunch station open

#### Tuesday

Beef stroganoff  
Chicken piccata  
Broccoli/rice casserole  
Grill: Grilled hot dogs

#### Wednesday

Szechwan pork  
Chicken katsu  
Thai veggie pasta  
Grill: Teriyaki burger

#### Thursday

Swiss steak  
Chicken/peapod stir-fry  
Breaded herb cod  
Grill: N/A

#### Friday

Kalua pork/cabbage  
Turkey tetrazzini  
Tofu/broccoli stir-fry  
Grill: Grilled cheese

#### Jan. 16

Pot roast  
Chicken nuggets/BBQ  
Vegetarian beans  
Grill: Chili dog

### Dinner

#### Tonight

BBQ meatballs  
Breaded fish  
Penne with herbs

#### Sunday

Cantonese roast  
Pork loin  
Baked tandouri chicken

#### Monday

Hamburger steak  
Turkey/peapod stir-fry  
Chef's choice entree

#### Tuesday

Kwaj fried chicken  
Honey lime Mahi  
Hawaiian chop steak

#### Wednesday

Carved london broil  
Garlic roast chicken  
Baked pot/condiments

#### Thursday

Ham steak Hawaiian  
Oven fried chicken  
White bean chili

#### Friday

BYO pizza  
Chicken cacciatore  
Tortellini carbonara

closed Jan. 14-17 for bi-annual maintenance. Please excuse the inconvenience. Questions, call 53331.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 44's next monthly meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Jan. 15, at the Veteran's Hall. All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

THE KPD SMALL ARMS range will be in operation from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan 16.

DUE TO FURLOUGH DAYS, the Hobby and Wood Shops will be closed every Thursday, starting Dec. 17 until Jan. 15. Call the Community Activities office with questions at 53331.

LIFEGUARD AND CPR re-certification from 8:30-11 a.m., Jan. 25, at Millican Family Pool. Any persons possessing a certification since 2007 who wish to work for Pools and Beaches should plan to attend. Questions and sign-up, contact Mandie at 53331.

THE COMMUNITY is invited to participate in the Cub Scout Celebrity Open Pinewood Derby. Car kits are \$25 per kit and you can race more than one car if desired. To purchase a kit and get derby rules call 52885 or E-mail [cgwiley1@yahoo.com](mailto:cgwiley1@yahoo.com). Pinewood Derby will be held Jan. 25. Car kits are limited so get yours soon!

CYSS YOUTH TENNIS is a new program open to boys and girls in grades four through six. Registration opens Jan. 5-30 and program dates are Feb.10-March 26. Limited space available. Call 52158 for registration information, building 356, and call 53796 for sports program information.

THE OPTOMETRIST will be here to see patients from Jan. 31-Feb. 11. Please call the Hospital at 52223 or 52224 to schedule an appointment.

VET'S HALL APPRECIATION Party sponsored by the Insane Gecko Posse Jan. 31. Band starts at 9 p.m. Male and female Horseshoe Tournament, sign-up at 7 p.m., contest begins at 8 p.m. with a \$50 prize for first place. Male and female Baggo Tournament. Free hamburgers served at 8 p.m. Outside bar with Ice-Luge shots. Goal is to set a record for the most chips given away for a single bell ring.

DUE TO MAINTENANCE and reorganization at the Family Pool, TOTs Swim will resume Feb. 2. TOTs Swim time will be Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:15 a.m. Questions, contact Mandie at 53331.

OPEN BOWLING is every Sunday, 2-7 p.m. Everyone is welcome!



## Softball Team Signups

Registration for men's, women's and coed softball teams will be held Jan. 5-15. Cost is \$100 per team. Registration forms are available at Community Activities office, building 805, and downtown above the bulletin board by the Post Office.

Completed forms should be turned into Community Activities office, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Questions, call 53331 or e-mail [jennifer.yezek@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:jennifer.yezek@smdck.smdc.army.mil).

FIBROMYALGIA/CHRONIC pain support group meets at 4 p.m., the first Thursday of every month, in the hospital conference room. The community is welcome. Questions, call 55362.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT CLASS for the New Year begins at 4:30 p.m. in the hospital conference room. Class will meet every other Friday and weigh-ins will be every Friday. Questions, call 55362.

FREE QUIT SMOKING CLINIC begins in the new year. Smoking aides given to participants. Program will run until March 4, every Thursday, at 5 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room. Limited class size, so call 55362 for sign-up. If you plan to attend this clinic, please call the hospital at 5-2223/2224 and schedule your free physician's appointment prior to the first class. Questions, call Marion at 55362.

THE CYSS BABYSITTER Referral list has been updated with newly trained babysitters. You may pick up the list at the CYSS Central Registration office, building 356, during office hours.

HOW CAN WE CONSERVE ENERGY? Some easy tips to follow are to: Wash and dry only full loads; use warm or cold water when washing, about 90 percent of the washer's energy use comes from heating the water; don't over-dry your clothes, consider air-drying your laundry; clean your dryer's lint filter after every load to increase air circulation; frost build-up decreases the energy efficiency of a refrigerator and make sure refrigerator seals are airtight.

PASSPORT PHOTOS will be taken from 3-4 p.m., Jan. 14, in building 730, room 124, USAKA TOC Building, behind the Post Office. Cost is \$10 per set. Passport applications are available at the Legal Office, Room 102. Questions, call Nelda Reynolds at 53417.

<i>Café Roi</i>						
<b>Lunch</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 16</b>
London broil	Roast chicken	Sicilian sausage pizza	Grilled chicken/avacado	Teriyaki chicken	Sausage on a roll	Chicken sandwich
Korean BBQ chicken	Etoufee ono	Chicken cacciatore	Café Roi beef stew	Glazed meat loaf	Beef stroganoff	Brisket with gravy
Eggs parisienne	Creole sausage grill	Lentil stew with spinach	Vegetable stir-fry	Pasta primavera	Panko fish filets	Beer brewed pinto beans
<b>Dinner</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Jan. 16</b>
Seafood pasta	Korean Kal Bi chicken	Pork ribs your way	Grilled steaks	Roi fried chicken	Szechuan chicken	Buffalo burgers
Cabbage rolls	Ginger/beef stir-fry	Turkey/sausage/bean casserole	Broiled chicken	Grilled steak sandwiches	Beef/potato curry	Fish & chicken breasts
Eggplant napoleons	Spicy sauteed noodles	Chickpea/yam stew	Pasta del giorno	Stuffed eggplant	Stir-fried tofu	Home-made chili

USAKA intends to continue to refurbish homes as resources allow. We have put in a significant amount of dollars towards putting reflective hydro-stop on roofs; this is a slow but steady process.

We are removing foliage from around homes as part of the change of occupancy process for two reasons. It reduces the clutter around houses that rodents love and the coconut trees that overhang homes drop coconuts on the roofs and cause damage.

The plan is comprehensive and being done as improvements are planned

for homes with leaky roofs or when we have turnover of the home.

We need to retire some of the old vehicles that are oversized and replace them with more energy-efficient vehicles. Some prices will go up for some community services but will remain reasonable. Some areas of this community that receive dollars to sustain personal areas will be requested to become self-sustained as to ensure they do not take away from the overall community.

A strong focus will be on safety and security. Resources will go towards

improving equipment and ensuring the right measures are in place to keep the community safe.

In challenging times, it takes a real community and team effort to figure out how to keep services and programs running. It takes a sense of mission and community to focus on the big picture and what is truly important and not get bogged down by the little things. We ask for your help and ideas. Please share your thoughts on how we can be more efficient and improve our community. Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac and I wish you all the very best in the coming year!

# H1N1 Vaccine Expected To Arrive Next Week

Hourglass reports

USAKA has been informed that our supply of H1N1 flu vaccine is expected to arrive the week of January 12. The Hospital is ready to begin vaccinations as soon as the shipment is received and entered into inventory. Because the vaccine is in limited supply, vaccinations will begin with individuals considered at high risk.

Pregnant women, household contacts of infants younger than 6 months, health care and emergency services personnel, individuals between 6 months and 24 years, and those aged 25 years or older with underlying conditions that put them at high risk of complications from influenza are at the front of the line when the vaccine for the currently circulating novel H1N1 influenza virus becomes available, according to advisors to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Notice will be given when vaccine is available for those outside the high risk group.

"The H1N1 vaccine has been tested and post-vaccination follow up studies are being done," said Chief Medical Officer Don Shuwarger, MD. "The H1N1 vaccine has shown itself to be safe and effective in preventing this flu. Pregnant women at all stages of pregnancy should be vaccinated as a priority," added Shuwarger.

The Hospital will be giving vaccinations on Kwaj weekdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., except Friday when the hours are 8 am to 11 am. No appointment is needed.



Joe Herrington tells

Cowboy Poetry & Western Stories

Saturday, 7 p.m., in CRC room 6.

Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

## Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 15-22 knots.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 12-20 knots.  
**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, 0 percent showers. Winds: NE at 15-22 knots.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 15-22 knots.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 17-23 knots.  
**Friday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 15-22 knots.

Annual total: 0.43 inches  
 Annual deviation: -0.56 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	7:07 a.m./6:46 p.m.	2:33 a.m./ 2:28 p.m.	12:02 a.m., 2.2' 1:08 p.m., 3.2'	6:04 a.m., 1.0' 8:05 p.m., 1.0'
Monday	7:07 a.m./6:46 p.m.	3:26 a.m./ 3:18 p.m.	1:47 a.m., 2.2' 2:12 p.m., 3.5'	7:28 p.m., 0.9' 8:59 p.m., 0.6'
Tuesday	7:07 a.m./6:47 p.m.	4:20 a.m./4:10 p.m.	2:27 a.m., 2.5' 2:58 a.m., 3.8'	8:25 p.m., 0.6' 9:36 p.m., 0.2'
Wednesday	7:08 a.m./6:47 p.m.	5:12 a.m./ 5:02 p.m.	3:27 a.m., 2.8' 3:34 p.m., 4.0'	9:09 p.m., 0.3' 10:06 p.m., -0.1
Thursday	7:08 a.m./6:48 p.m.	6:02 a.m./5:54 p.m.	4:00 a.m., 3.0' 4:07 a.m., 4.3'	9:45 p.m., 0.1' 10:34 p.m., -0.3'
Friday	7:08 a.m./6:48 p.m.	6:49 a.m./6:43 p.m.	4:29 a.m., 3.3' 4:37 p.m., 4.5'	10:17 p.m., -0.2' 11:01 p.m., -0.5'
Jan. 16	7:08 a.m./6:49 p.m.	7:34 a.m./7:31 p.m.	4:57 a.m., 3.5' 5:05 a.m., 4.6'	10:47 p.m., -0.3' 11:27 p.m., -0.5'