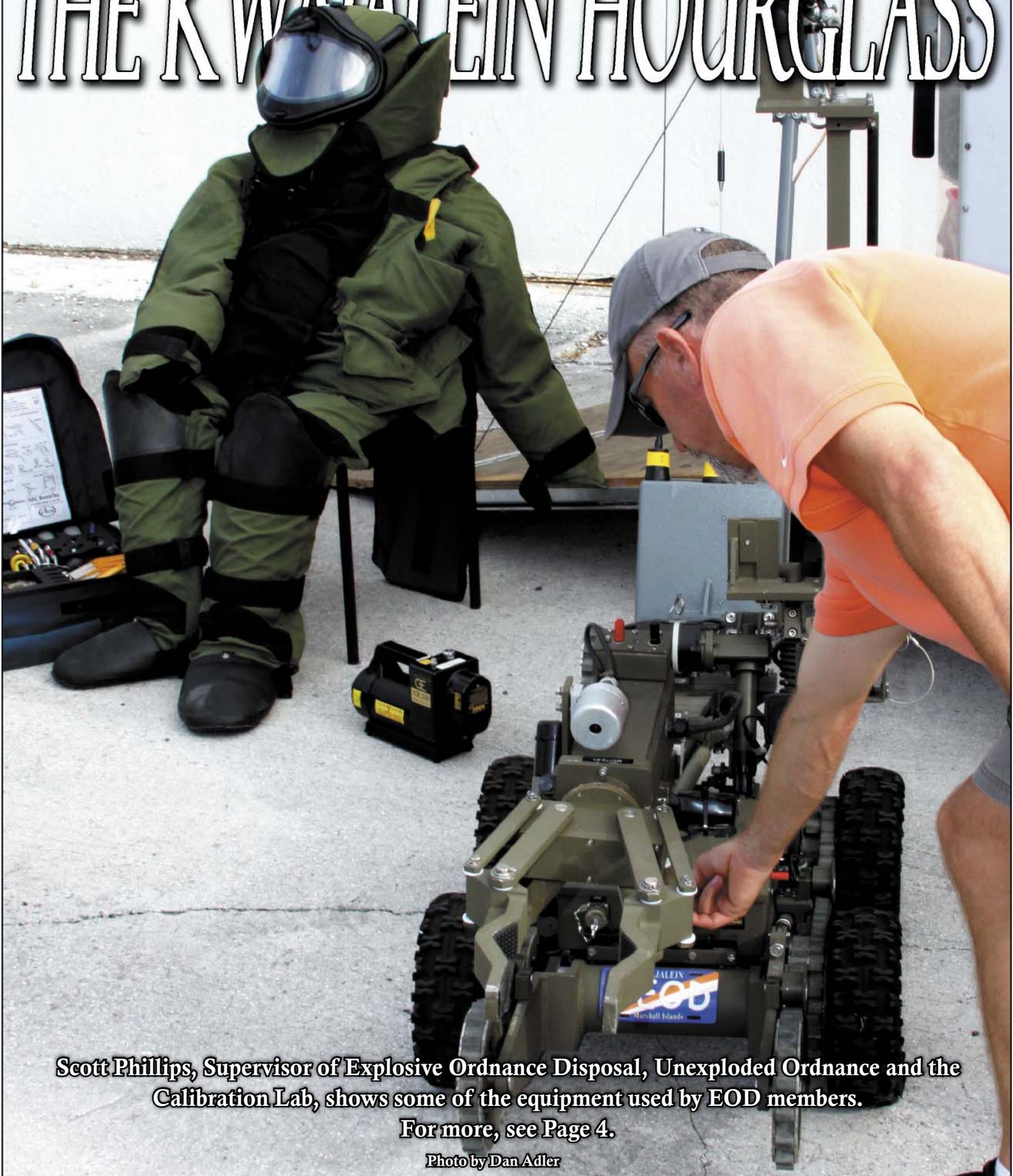


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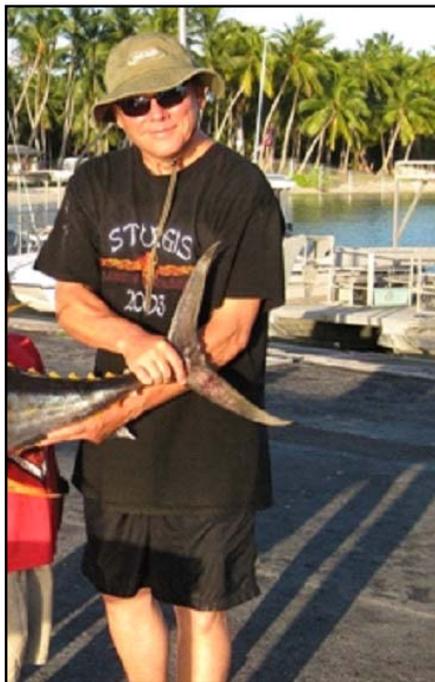
Scott Phillips, Supervisor of Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Unexploded Ordnance and the Calibration Lab, shows some of the equipment used by EOD members.

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Photo by Dan Adler

What's the news?

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



Randy Colvin, right, passed away on Roi Jan. 6.

In Memoriam

Roi resident Randy Colvin passed away on January 6th, 2010 on Roi-Namur. He is survived by his mother, Charlene Colvin, Anita Colvin, his spouse of 23 years and his son, Bryan Colvin. Information on services will be announced as soon as details are known.

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Buckminster and Friends by Sabrina Mumma



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Theresa “Tweety” Holbrook is the new Small Boat Marina Supervisor on Kwaj

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Kwajalein would like to welcome Theresa “Tweety” Holbrook, the new Small Boat Marina Supervisor. Holbrook arrived on Kwajalein Dec. 12, the day of the ‘big blackout,’ which left quite an impression on her. Her husband, Jon Holbrook, will be joining her soon, arriving in Kwajalein on Jan. 23, and will be working in the Marine Department. Holbrook prefers to be called “Tweety,” the nickname given to her by her family when she was just two-years-old.

As SBM Supervisor, Holbrook will oversee the staff that assists residents in checking out boats as well as overseeing the staff that does repairs on the boats. Holbrook will also maintain the drydock storage area and keep watch on the sailboats out on the mooring. Holbrook is also in charge of the financial and accounting aspects involved in marina activities as well as keeping up with the fuel needs. She will also continue boat license classes with the help of Mike Herrington. The next class is scheduled for February.

Previously, Holbrook has managed a marina that was considered ‘long-term transient,’ where people would just bring their boat in and they would rent for months or years. Holbrook has also managed a marina where she would have up to 150 boats come in just for one night, which was quite chaotic. So while she has experience managing several different types of boat marinas, none are quite like the one here on Kwajalein.

“I take my job very seriously and I hope I’m able to meet the needs of the people out here and at the same time be able to keep the people happy and have them enjoy the marina,” she said.

Holbrook realized how much of the population here utilizes the marina and while her ultimate goal is to please them, she realizes there are certain challenges that go along with our marina here on Kwajalein.

“It’s really difficult to attempt to maintain the boats due to the age and conditions out here and due to the financial caps we have put in front of us,” she said. “So it’s really going to be challenging and I’m game for a challenge.”

Holbrook is from Friday Harbor, Washington and is no stranger to ‘island life’ having lived in the San Juan Islands in Washington state for the past five years.

She and her husband are sailors and have sailed quite a bit in the Bay area, up and down the coast of California. While they did not bring their boat out to Kwajalein with them, Holbrook thinks that after 14 years of boating, she and her husband might go into ‘boating withdrawal’ and will probably give in and end up doing a good amount of boating while living out here.

People had warned her that the housing accom-



Theresa “Tweety” Holbrook is the new Small Boat Marina Supervisor on Kwajalein.

modations here are quite small, but having lived on a sailboat with her husband for the past 14 years, housing here is quite a bit larger than she has been used to. “I’ve got a full-sized refrigerator for the first time in 14 years,” she said.

The Holbrooks learned about Kwajalein through their friends, Steve and Janet Golly. They were neighbors with Steve when they lived in the Bay area. They visited Kwajalein in September for three weeks and fell in love with the island. While visiting Kwajalein, Holbrook heard that there was a position open in the Small Boat Marina.

One of the biggest things about living on Kwajalein Holbrook is looking forward to is the warm weather. She left 32 degree weather in the San Juan Islands to come bask in the daily 87 degree heat of Kwajalein.

“We’re looking forward to playing out here, working out here and enjoying the warmth,” she said.



Left to right, Travis McDiffett, Launch Ordnance Technician III, Scott Phillips, Supervisor of Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Unexploded Ordnance and the Calibration Lab, Bryan Harrington, EOD Technician III and Brian Bussey, EOD Technician III.

Jobs with a bang

Explosive Ordnance personnel still pick up the pieces sixty-six years after battle



A small display case holds a few of the types of World War II ordnance found on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur.

The Kwajalein Hourglass

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Services Manager

Kwajalein and Roi-Namur are what many people would describe as a tropical paradise. White, sandy beaches offer places where residents and visitors alike can work on their tans, play some beach volleyball, barbecue, snorkel or just relax under the shade of a palm tree. Some may take advantage of the usually sunny weather to enjoy a round of golf or take a few laps in the adult or family pools.

Both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur

are beautiful and peaceful places, so much so that it's easy to forget, or not even to think, of what happened on these tiny islands not so long ago.

During Operation Flintlock, the battles for Kwajalein, Roi and Namur in February 1944, the U.S. Navy fired an estimated 129,000 five-inch, eight-inch and 16-inch shells on to Kwajalein. In addition, another bombardment of thousands of shells was hurled against Kwajalein from nearby Carlson Island by the Army using 75mm and 105mm howitzers.

The Navy flew 96 shorties over Kwajalein dropping 500 and 1,000 pound bombs on Japanese fortifications.

All-in-all, it's estimated that more than 14,000 tons of munitions pounded Kwajalein before the troops landed. Roi and Namur received the same rough treatment.

When the opposing forces came to grips on land, they fired millions of rounds of small arms ammunition. They fired thousands of mortar rounds. They threw thousands of grenades and other explosives to fight off fierce Japanese banzai charges or to destroy pillboxes.

But not all of the ammunition fired and not all of the mortar rounds and grenades exploded. Hundreds of the five-inch, eight-inch and 16-inch shells that had been fired by the Navy but did not explode littered the lagoon, the ocean and the reef.

On land, unused Japanese ammunition was stored in crates underground and American ammunition was spilled everywhere.

The small arms ammo, the grenades and the mortar rounds were covered over by pulverized concrete pillboxes and buildings or by the thousands of palm trees that had disintegrated in a storm of shells and the tons of coral rock that had been blown into the air. Explosives were everywhere and they were still potentially deadly weapons of war.

Today, sixty-six years later, many of them are still there and are still potentially deadly. They are under the grass, they are on the reef, they are near our buildings where we work and play. They are in our front and back yards. They are along the beaches

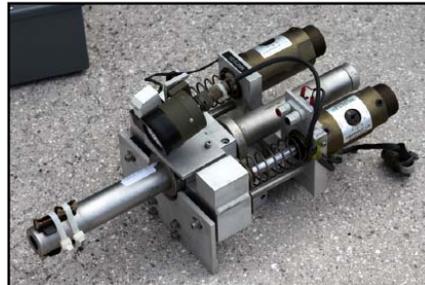
Tools of the trade



This bomb suit can help shield an EOD technician against explosive charges.



Scott Phillips, Supervisor of EOD, UXO and the Calibration Lab, shows where one of the cameras is located.



This disrupter unit has the capability to disrupt an explosive device's firing system and mechanism.



A bomb tool kit contains special equipment for working on and disarming explosives.



Andros Mini-robot that can get into tight spaces for remote operations.



A little red wagon is invaluable for carrying bomb tools around, especially if an EOD tech is in a bomb suit.

and the reef on ocean side as well as in the lagoon.

And as strange as it may seem, today, sixty-six years later, they could be more dangerous than when they were when they were

new because old munitions have experienced changes in the composition of their powder charges or their fuzing systems. Explosives

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sives that may have been stable then are anything but stable now. That instability especially applies to the Japanese munitions.

And that is where the training, expertise and experience of the members of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Unexploded Ordnance Unit comes in.

The team is headed up by U.S. Army veteran Scott Phillips, who is Supervisor of Launch Ordnance, Explosive Ordnance Disposal and the Calibration Lab. The other members of the unit are Bryan Harrington, Brian Bussey and Travis McDiffett. With the exception of McDiffett, who worked at Launch Ordnance but then went to UXO school at Texas A&M in 2004, the men are all veterans of military EOD. Harrington is the newest of the group having been on Kwajalein for two months.

Although the unit is in charge of launch ordnance, that is a fairly minor part of their job.

“Launch ordnance is kind of a misnomer,” said Phillips. “In years past, launch ordnance included launching the meteorological rockets and the assembly of other types of rockets. But that was long before any of our [the current group] days.”

He added, “We were two distinct organizations that were combined five or six years ago. Before that,



Brian Bussey installs the ‘pick-up’ arms onto the robot.



The robot operator can see through cameras what the robot is seeing and can guide it to check out a suspected explosive. A robot operator can also remotely x-ray an item.

when one group was short, they would tap into the other and vice versa.”

Bussey said, “We support sphere launches like the 20-inch spheres the radars use for calibration and maintenance. Sometimes MIT will request a launch of some type of special equipment they are designing and testing. Those are always attached to free-floating balloons.”

Phillips added, “We are responsible for all the ammo and stuff that’s inside the bunkers. Sometimes when missions come in, we have to be there for various reasons. In the past, they [Launch Ordnance] would have to go up to Wake island and they would be responsible for driving the vehicle to the bunker where it was going to be stored.”

Phillips added, “There are eight organizations that use explosives such as the flares for the Marine Department, flares for the police department and items for their SWAT teams like entry/breaching charges, ammo and a variety of explosives used to train their sniffer dogs. Whatever we are capable of storing, we will store in our bunkers.

Sometimes, Launch Ordnance will handle items from the backside of a mission like explosive bolts that failed to fire or didn’t pass quality inspection, or were rejected for some reason. Such explosive items will be turned into

Launch Ordnance for storage and disposal.

Much more of the team’s time and work is spent on the abundance of World War II munitions on the islands.

That part of the job starts when a private resident or a work crew digging in an area notifies EOD that possible unexploded ordnance may have been found. When that happens, “The first job a UXO tech does is make an identification of exactly what he is dealing with,” said Bussey. “That’s the most important function we do here, because if you misidentify something, it can send you down the wrong path completely.”

Being able to identify ordnance is critical to safety and possibly to survival. According to Bussey, some ordnance, like the U.S. 81 mm mortar is identical in shape to the Japanese except for the fuse. “If neither has fuses on them, you would assume they’re safe, but the Japanese had a picric acid booster explosive,” he said. “The problem with picric acid and the reason the U.S. didn’t use it was because if it got water in the metal container it was enclosed in, it would form an explosive salt and under the right stress, it could detonate, even though there may not be a fuse.

Said Harrington, “That’s like going back to the old nitroglycerin days. Very unstable.”

“So you can see how important it

is to identify it as U.S. or Japanese because it makes a difference in how you handle it," said Bussey.

He continued, "Naturally, we handle everything gingerly, but different munitions need to be handled in different ways such as being in a certain position when we move it.

Unfortunately, identifying old World War II munitions isn't easy. There isn't a lot of documentation on the subject.

"We don't have a large data base," Bussey said. "We work off of 1940s publications and drawings. That's the most technical information I'm going to get. I usually have to go by a drawing on a page that talks about the functioning of a piece of ordnance, but no place on these pages does it talk about how to disarm or dispose of it. Even the active duty Army doesn't have much more in the way of publications on ordnance this old."

He added, "We use experience, collaborative discussions and the diagrams to come up with the best methods of disposal. A lot of times we rely on someone's personal publications."

Phillips said, "A neat thing that Brian Bussey did about a year and a half ago was to start identifying common items that we find, and he's created a working document that consolidates all the information so we don't have to weave through each and every one of these books every single time. He's made it incredibly useful. Unfortunately, it's not so detailed that it has information on every piece of ordnance used during the war."

Harrington said, "A lot of it [identification] is shape, fuse location and different features on the ordnance that tells us what it does and how it functions. So you can derive a lot of information just from shape and size."

Because of the commonality of ordnance found on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, the team members usually get a quick grasp on what they are dealing with. However, every now and then, they run across something they aren't sure about. In that case, according to Phillips, "Time is on our side. We mark it and leave it, wait until the light is better, do some more research and then get back to it."

Harrington said, "We know what

we can walk over to and pick up. Sometimes that's bad because people see us do it and the next time they run across something, they might pick it up because we did. They don't see all the experience we have and the talking we do about an item of ordnance before we pick it up."

When asked what the most common ordnance item found is, Phillips said, "It depends on which island you're talking about. Most of what we find on Kwajalein are grenades, the Japanese 50mm mortar which is what they called the 'knee' mortar and on Roi, five-inch projectiles."

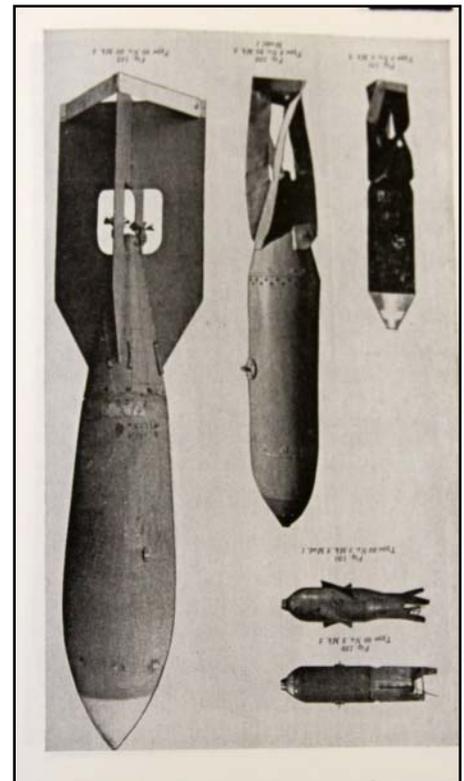
Phillips continued, "All of the five-inch shells are U.S. Navy. They unloaded tons of ammunition during the battle. It's been said that During World War II a 'dud' ratio of 10 percent was 'acceptable.' They were having extremely high dud ratios with the five-inch shells. And they're everywhere. We find them in the lagoon when we go diving and we find them on Roi all the time."

He explained the hazards of an old five-inch U.S. Navy shell. "It's kind of like a watch that would have stopped, but yet when you pick it up, you see the second hand tick a few more times — that's what a mechanical time fuse would do. It can hang up the last few seconds of the arming sequence, and literally just a slight touch can get that moving again and then blow up."

The EOD members don't like the use of the word 'dud.' They feel it gives residents too much of a secure feeling.

"People associate the word dud with, 'Well, it didn't work, so it's not going to work,' he said. "Over the years, we've tried to get away from using the word dud and use unexploded ordnance. It's still ordnance. It didn't go off then, but it's still ordnance and it could explode at any time."

Bussey agreed. "It seems like people reason that if their bike chain rusts so bad it breaks, that it follows that rusted ordnance can't work. But the fact is we find many pieces of ordnance encrusted with coral and rust that are still potentially functional. It disturbs me when I hear people dismiss the UXO threat because of its age. We've been extremely fortunate here because no USAKA personnel



One of the drawings EOD personnel use in determining what type of munitions they are dealing with.

have ever been injured. But just recently, I pulled information off the Internet about UXO deaths in New Zealand, Russia and Ft. Bragg. So we've been lucky, but that can create a false sense of security. We have people ask us where's the best place to watch an explosion from. We tell them the best place to watch it from is where you can't see it. If you can see it, you're too close."

On the other hand, the team feels there's more than luck involved that no one has been injured at USAKA.

"I think that part of the luck is that we have a fairly robust education system out here," Bussey said. "We put out the three 'R's.' They are Recognize, Retreat and Report. We put that out to all of the children."

Phillips added, "The last KRS safety day we had, a lady came up to us, looked at the ordnance brochures we had laying out on display and she tells me, 'I've got one of those in my front yard.'"

So they went and looked and sure enough, it was a Japanese knee mortar round right in the middle of her front yard.

"It had worked its way up to the

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surface over the years and after a couple of hard rains, there it was,” Phillips said.

Sometimes though, the public might think the concern and risk isn't that high because of the actions of the EOD members. They related one story about how some ordnance had been found during trenching by the helicopter hanger. They went to look at it and determined that it was a 75mm Japanese projectile. They marked it and left to go back to the office to do research to see if that round might have the dangerous picric acid in it and, according to the research, it did. But in the meantime, people just thought the EOD guys had gone to lunch.

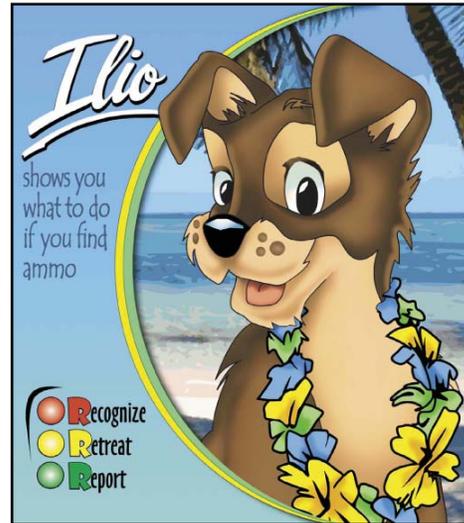
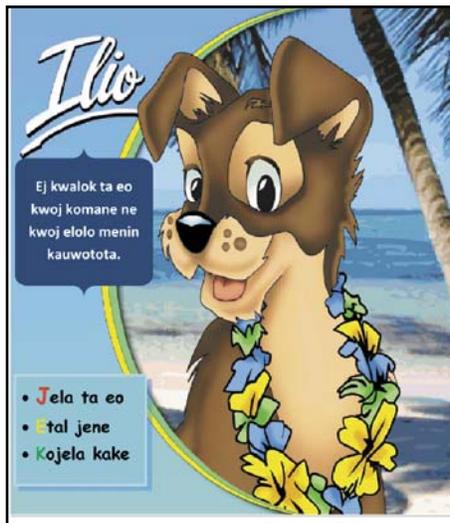
It then became a question of how they were going to move it. They have a robot with a lift capability, but it only moves at 1.1 miles per hour. The ordnance was at the helicopter hanger and our disposal area is at the end of the runway. “Needless to say, we had a long ride,” said Bussey.

“We always try to coordinate with everyone that could be affected by what we do and get everyone on the same page before we do it,” said Phillips. “For instance, you can't disrupt an inbound plane. When we moved that projectile, we had to wait until the last plane had landed and then we only had a two and a half hour window to get it picked up and move it to the end of the runway. The key is to not disrupt the flow. Also, when we impose a 500-1,000 yard safety bubble, that's taking up the whole island in places. Not only that, we have to take into consideration not to disturb cultural resources such as the Japanese bunkers and historical structures. Sometimes, we'll find ordnance right next to the



A U.S. Navy five-inch projectile, the most commonly found piece of ordnance on Roi-Namur.

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Comic books in Marshallese and English about the dangers of unexploded ordnance are provided to schoolchildren.

bunkers and we have to build protective barriers around them. We do lots of risks assessments, try to figure out what the worst case scenario could be, and work back from there. In everything though, human life takes top priority.”

To help locate UXO, the team makes reef sweeps frequently looking for any ordnance that has washed up on the shoreline.

“We do that 40-50 times a year,” said Phillips. “Mostly after extreme low tides or extreme high tides, it will rip stuff right out of the banks. Severe storms rip up a lot of stuff too. Of course, any type of digging or construction will always turn up some knee mortar rounds or Japanese grenades. A lot is found from natural erosion of the reef on ocean side, especially up around the commander's house. An incredible amount of ordnance must have been fired there. We also find quite a few items along the shore from the adult pool to the Kwaj Lodge.”

Some of the items that are found are in almost perfect condition.

When ordnance is found, it is collected until the bunker storage capacity is reached and then it is taken to Illeginni and destroyed with C-4 explosives.

Another task the team has is dealing with the possibility of improvised explosive devices. According to Phillips, post 9/11, they were able to tap into some resources and upgraded to the capability of handling IEDs.

“Before Iraq and Afghanistan, nobody knew what an IED was,”

said Phillips. “Now, everybody knows what they are.”

“They even teach you about them in basic training now,” said Harrington.

The EOD team wants to stress to residents that they do not mind being called out to check on something even if turns out to be a false alarm.

“I tell them thanks for calling, thanks for not touching it and thanks for adhering to safety,” said Phillips. “They never need to be embarrassed if they call and it turns out to be nothing. We can't always tell by looking at an item if it's encrusted in coral or badly rusted. We'd rather be called out than have an accident that could have been prevented.”

Phillips added, “Anything that we respond to is completely 100 percent anonymous and anything someone may have collected inadvertently do not hesitate to call us and we'll come get it. There's no names taken down on reports. Call us at 51433.”

The EOD team also invites residents to come by their office, check out their collection of munitions and get some information on UXO.

Although the team members are not officially 'on-call' after hours, they have agreed among themselves that if they get a call, they are available to respond if needed. “We don't carry pagers, but if we get a call, one of the four of us will respond,” said Phillips. “We realize that we provide a community service and it's all about safety.”

Cowboy poet entertains Kwaj residents

Article and photos By Coleen Engvall
Media Specialist

Room six at the Community Activities Center was packed with people the evening of Jan. 9 waiting to hear a good ol' fashioned story or two told by Joe Herrington, a renowned cowboy poet and storyteller from Texas.

Both Joe and his brother, Kwajalein's own Mike Herrington, have been hearing stories since they were little and continue to carry those stories with them today.

Joe, who works as a member of Disney's think-tank when not performing, decided that he would share a bit of his childhood with the locals while visiting.

Joe had heard stories of cowboys and their code from an early age and never knew that this uniquely American form of literature was dying out in most parts of the country. He commented that he started out after performing his writing in adulthood for his troop of Boy Scouts. After a while their parents began to join them to listen as well and Joe took his stories of honor and growing up to a larger stage. But it was his brother Mike who introduced him to cowboy poetry. Joe adopted it, saying, "This was a perfect genre for my style of writing and it just caught on and



Cowboy poet and western storyteller, Joe Herrington, tells his tales Jan. 9 in Community Activities Center Room 6.

steam-rolled."

Growing up in Texas among cattlemen and farms, his childhood provided him with countless stories from which he could draw his material. Now he performs at high schools, including Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School, where he helps students learn to write poetry and where he tries to help instill in them the values that are being lost by our 'fast-paced, selfish society.' Even during his poems and stories

to the adults, it was clear that he was devoted to the cowboy code of honor and the values of days long gone.

Joe completely engaged the audience in his heartbreaking stories of kindness and gratitude, bitterness and racism. He painted such vivid pictures with his words that it was easy to laugh at Joe and the people he depicted in his tales learning the hard way about greed, vengeance and the proper way to hold a skunk.

After he had finished the poems and stories he had planned, the audience wasn't ready to leave. An encore rounded out the show, shedding a bit of humorous light on how to maintain the perfect marriage. Before the crowd dispersed, many bought a CD signed by Joe so they could take a bit of the cowboy code home.

Overall, the people who went to see Joe's performance, even those who had never heard of nor witnessed cowboy poetry, found themselves surprised at how relevant it was, if not simply entertaining.

Personally, it was not just the laughs and the stories; it was the taking part in one of the few truly American forms of art.

Thank you to the Herrington family for sharing this American tradition with Kwajalein.



Residents listen to Joe Herrington's cowboy poetry Jan. 9.



Kwajalein schools update mission statement

Hourglass reports

Kwajalein Schools School Improvement Team (SIT) has updated the schools mission statement in an effort to address one of the recommendations made in the Quality Assurance Review report by the visiting accreditation team in February 2009. The mission statement reads:

Kwajalein School provides exemplary educational services for families whose employment supports the United States Army Kwajalein Atoll Reagan Test Site, located in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Operating under the military contractor, Kwajalein Range Services, this unique, private school serves students in Kindergarten through Grade 12. Capi-

talizing on small class sizes with low student-to-teacher ratios, the school is a unifying organization for the community, a valuable asset to the installation, and a gateway to future academic success for all students.

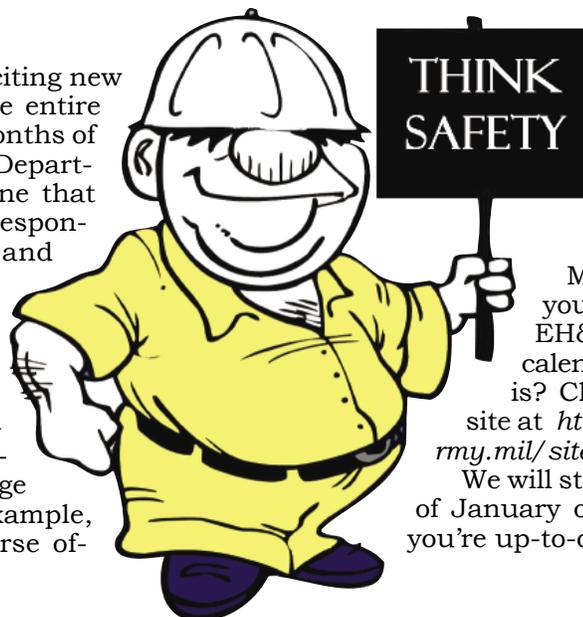
This mission statement was approved by the School Advisory Council (SAC) during the meeting held on December 16, 2009.

Employees urged to have current safety training

Hourglass Reports

The 1st of January started an exciting new year on Kwajalein for KRS. As the entire program gears up for another 12 months of challenges and hurdles, the Safety Department would like to remind everyone that keeping training up-to-date, is a responsibility of department managers and individuals alike.

Employees need to be informed of their position training requirements for the renewal of licenses, certifications and other official credentials. This specialized training ensures that individual employees gain and maintain the knowledge to perform specific tasks. For example, Lockout Tagout is an annual course of-



fered by the Safety Department. After your initial training in lockout tagout, you are required to get refresher training every year following. If you think your training is out of date for any subject, contact your supervisor.

Managers should check with your safety point of contact at the EH&S department for a training calendar. Don't know who your POC is? Check our SharePoint personnel site at <http://sharepoint.smdck.smdc.army.mil/sites/safety/default.aspx>.

We will start offering courses by the end of January or early February. Make sure you're up-to-date.

Seven servicemembers die in Iraq, Afghanistan

Pfc. Michael R. Jarrett, 20, of North Platte, Neb., died Jan. 6 in Balad, Iraq, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, Illesheim, Germany.

Sgt. 1st Class Jason O. B. Hickman, 35, of Kingsport, Tenn., died Jan. 7 at Forward Operating Base Salerno, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered earlier that day at Combat Outpost Bowri Tana, when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device and small arms fire. He was assigned to Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Richardson, Alaska.

Lance Cpl. Mark D. Juarez, 23, of San Antonio, Texas, died Jan. 9 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Lance Cpl. Jacob A. Meinert, 20, of Fort Atkinson, Wis., died Jan. 10 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was as-



signed to 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Three Marines died Jan. 11 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Killed were: **Staff Sgt. Matthew N. Ingham**, 25, of Altoona, Pa.; **Cpl. Jamie R. Lowe**, 21, of Johnsonville, Ill. and **Cpl. Nicholas K. Uzenski**, 21, of Tomball, Texas.

Hitting the mark



U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Adam Sokolowski, a marksmanship instructor assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, explains sight adjustments to an Afghan National Army soldier during training at the Kabul Military Training Center in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Jan. 11, 2010. Soldiers with the unit are deployed from Fort Benning, Ga., to teach and increase marksmanship skills within the Afghan National Army. DoD photo by Staff Sgt. Larry E. Reid Jr., U.S. Air Force. (Released)

Mullen concerned with military suicides

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael J. Carden
American Forces Press Service

Suicide is a growing problem in the military community, and its leaders must be committed to reversing that trend, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff said Jan. 13. In an address to an audience of more than 1,000 military and other government agency health-care workers and officials gathered for the 2nd Annual Suicide Prevention Conference sponsored by the Defense and Veterans Affairs departments, Mullen and his wife, Deborah, shared their thoughts and concerns on the issue.

Mullen said that while he recognizes the challenge the armed services have had in combating suicide while waging wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, it's a challenge that can't be overlooked.

"The subject of suicide is one of tremendous difficulty and challenge and understanding, and there have been a lot of people who have worked on this diligently for many, many years," the chairman said. "Certainly, ... with the rise in the numbers in all the services since these wars, [Defense Department officials have] started to really look at the causes and get to a point where we can prevent this and understand this."

Despite a lack of a clear link between repeated deployment cycles and servicemember suicides, the admiral urged the audience not to count that factor out. "Dwell time" at home between deployments over the next couple of years, he said, will begin to increase for the Marine Corps, but not for the Army. So health-care professionals need to be mindful of that and continue learning, he said.

"I know at this point in time, there does not appear to be any scientific correlation between the number of deployments and those that are at risk, but I'm just hard-pressed to believe that's not the case," Mullen said. "I know we are and hope to continue to look [at deployments] first to peel back the causes to get to the root of this."

Sustaining Marine Corps dwell time will alleviate "a lot of pressure and stress," the admiral said. But the armed forces must carry on their missions as the United States draws down forces in Iraq and increases its military footprint in Afghanistan, he added.

The suicide rate in all four services was higher than the national average, with 52 Marines and 48 sailors taking their own lives in 2009, according to the individual services' annual reports. As of November, 147 soldiers had fallen to suicide. The final 2009 figures for the Army are expected to be released tomorrow. Air Force officials reported 41 active-duty suicides, a 12.5 per 100,000 ratio, in 2009.

Mullen stressed that in addition to the high rate of suicides among the ground forces, the increasing rate is evident among the entire military.

"As I look at the numbers for each service, the rates have gone up per capita at about the same rate over the past four or five years for every service," he said. "This isn't just a ground-force problem."

Suicide is a growing problem that leaders have to commit to, and experts who study suicide prevention must help those leaders understand the causes, Mullen said. The military's leaders are eager to implement programs and better prevention measures, he added.



Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his wife, Deborah, address audience members at the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs Suicide Prevention Conference in Washington, D.C., Jan. 13. DoD photo by U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Chad J. McNeelley

Mullen advocated for better overall training for servicemembers, noting that the military has a tendency to focus on training, whether it's field or mental fitness, during the deployment-readiness cycle. Training for troops and their family members must start from the day they swear in, he said. "We have a tendency to cycle [training] to get you ready before you deploy, but I would argue that with where we are right now, we have to have a continuum of readiness that starts to educate families from Day One about the challenges the lie ahead, the information that is available [and] the networks that are out there in these challenging times, so that we can hopefully avoid crisis," he said.

Suicide among military family members also is a growing concern for the military. Deborah Mullen said that although much focus has been given to suicide prevention for servicemembers and assistance for survivors of suicide victims, more must be done for the families. Family members also need training to build resilience and learn how to deal with the stress of deployments, she said.

"There's another side to this, and that's family members who've committed suicide," she said. "It's our responsibility. These are our family members."

Families are under great stress, too, she said, noting that watching their loved ones deploy repeatedly can be equally as strenuous on families as it is on the deploying servicemembers.

"I think we need to realize that we have families that are under such great stress," the chairman's wife said. "This stress is only going to continue. We need to be able to give tools to family members who are left behind."

"I hope the families are something you will look at as you work through these really challenging problems," she told the audience. "We do have family members that we need to be aware of, and we need to get our arms around the number of suicide attempts and actual suicides and the impact on the family."

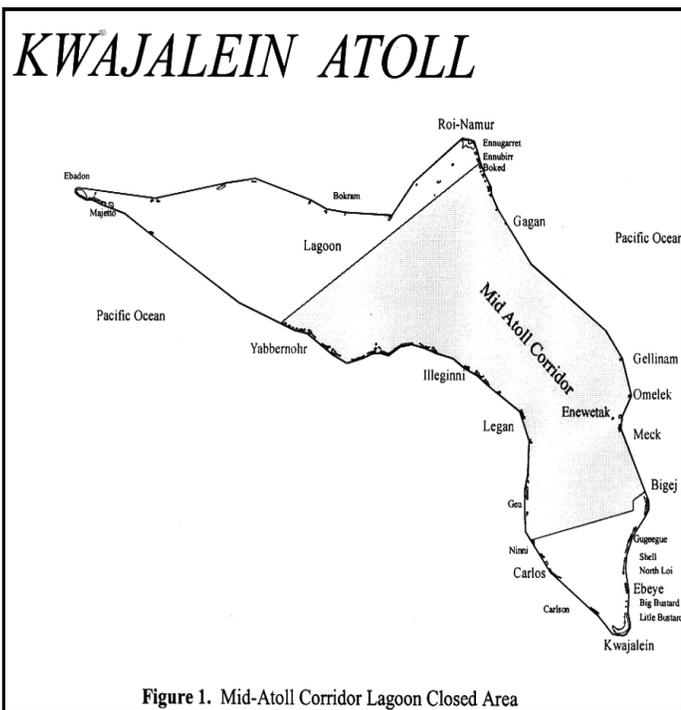
The conference began Jan. 11 to give health-care professionals insight to each organization's programs and best practices in suicide prevention. Nearly 100 veterans who have experienced suicidal thoughts were expected to share their stories of survival by the time the conference ends.

Range operation scheduled for Jan. 23

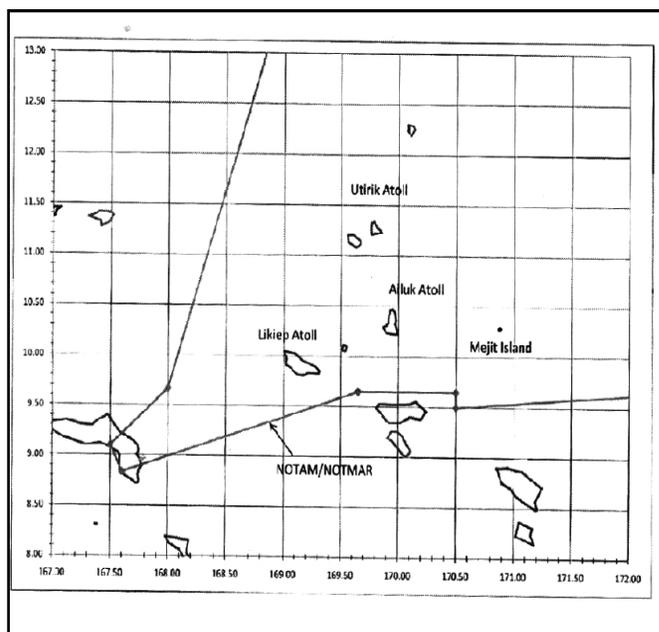
A range operation is scheduled for Jan. 23. Caution times are 9 a.m. through 2 p.m. in conjunction with this operation. During this time, a caution area will extend into the open ocean east

and west of the mid-atoll corridor. The mid-atoll corridor will be closed from 4:01 p.m., Jan. 19 through mission completion. The caution area extends from the surface to unlimited altitude.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to USAKA Command Safety Directorate, Kwajalein Range Safety officer, 54121.



Mid-atoll caution area



Broad ocean caution area

FBI warns on Haiti earthquake Internet scams

The FBI reminds Internet users who receive appeals to donate money in the aftermath of Tuesday's earthquake in Haiti to apply a critical eye and do their due diligence before responding to those requests. Past tragedies and natural disasters have prompted individuals with criminal intent to solicit contributions purportedly for a charitable organization and/or a good cause.

Therefore, before making a donation of any kind, consumers should adhere to certain guidelines, to include the following:

- Do not respond to any unsolicited (SPAM) incoming emails, including clicking links contained within those messages.
- Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as surviving victims or officials asking for donations via e-mail or social networking sites.
- Verify the legitimacy of nonprofit organizations by utilizing various Internet-based resources that may

assist in confirming the group's existence and its non-profit status rather than following a purported link to the site.

- Be cautious of e-mails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files because the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.
- Make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf to ensure contributions are received and used for intended purposes.
- Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions: Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

Anyone who has received an e-mail referencing the above information or anyone who may have been a victim of this or a similar incident should notify the IC3 via www.ic3.gov <<http://www.ic3.gov>> .

HELP WANTED

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

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

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@smc.army.mil, or go directly to HR and fill out a part-time/casual hire employment form. No experience necessary.

COMPUTER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT, U.S. Embassy on Majuro. The incumbent is responsible for the unclassified local area network system administration, telecommunication systems administration and consular system at the embassy. The position provides optimal use of existing and new computer technology resources through local area network system. Generates Worldwide Property Accountability System reports and other related reports as required. Monitors hardware and software usage patterns and modifies the network configuration accordingly. A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact Ma. Victoria dela Cruz (247-4011 ext. 241) Closing Deadline is Jan. 22.

WANTED

BEACH CHAIR and ladies 26 inch bike in good condition. Call 55590 after 5 p.m.

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.

GIVEAWAY

FREE TO A GOOD HOME, "Seven Seas Cruising Association's Commodores Bulletin" issues October 1993-June 2003. Call 55024.

PATIO SALE

MONDAY, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Quarters 138-F. Storage organizers, small bookcases, picture frames, VHS tapes, music stand, guitar stand, artificial flowers, decorative plant stands, ultrasonic cleaner, Sony DVD player and Panasonic VHS player for TV, VHS camera, kitchen items, guitar backpack case and other items. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Quarters 460-A.

MONDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, Quarters 428-A. Multi-family sale.

MONDAY, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., back patio of quarter 423-A. Multifamily sale, women's clothing, shoes, electronics, games, dining ware, men's shoes, flat iron, curling iron, blow dryer and more.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, quarters 166-D. PCS sale. Baby clothes and accessories, toys, women's clothes, recliners, rug, gas BBQ, TV and more. Call Anthony at 52864 if you have any questions.

FOR SALE

SCUBA GEAR, two sets of men's XL and one girls/ladies that include BCD, regulator, weights, fins and travel bag. Each used set is priced to sell but will not break out pieces individually. Call 53290.

SHARP AQUOS LCD TV, 52 inch, with wall mount, \$1,200; portable dishwasher, \$150; carpet for 400 series quarters, blue, \$30 and crib, \$100. Call 51888 during the day and 53936 after 4:30 p.m.

COLOMBIA SAILBOAT, 26 feet, in the water on new mooring, dinghy and 5HP motor, boat shack #39A, trailer, five excellent condition sails, new head sail, CD/stereo, 2009 10HP Honda kicker, toilet, sink, VHF radio, life sling, all new lines, new cushion covers, 406 EPIRB, new tiller, sleeps four, everything works and is a great boat, I just want a bigger boat, \$16,000. Call Ryan Vahle at 52222 or 52590.

HEELY'S NIB, size three, black, brand new, \$45; movie *17 Again*, new in plastic, \$10; small computer desk, 30; girls clothes, size 12-16 and girls teen clothes, \$1 each item; boys skates, size 13/1 and girls skates, size 3/4, great condition, \$10 each. Call 53221 or 51300.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

POTLUCK FAREWELL for CW2 Paul Brown at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 18, at the Pacific Club. Come out and say farewell to Paul as he trades in his flip-flops for jump boots. BYOB and bring a dish to share. Questions? Call Tijuana Collier at 51035.

MEDICAL AND DENTAL facilities will be staffed on weekend/holiday schedules today and Jan. 19. We will not be taking appointments but will be available for emergency services.

THE FAMILY POOL and the Adult Pool will be closed Jan. 14-17 for bi-annual maintenance. Please excuse the inconvenience. Questions, call 53331.

OCEAN VIEW is open from 4:30 p.m.- 2 a.m., Jan. 18. Celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drink specials will be available. Questions, contact Erik Wills at 53338.

KWAJALEIN POST OFFICE will be closed on Jan. 18 and will be open normal hours on Jan. 19.

SCHOOL ADVISORY council meeting is at 7 p.m., on Jan. 20, in the Coconut room. The public is invited to attend. Your input is always appreciated.

FIFTH GRADE Beginning Band Concert will be at 7 p.m., Jan. 21, in the high school MP Room.

SMALL BOAT MARINA will be closed on Jan. 21 and instead be open on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Jan. 19.

SOFTBALL BEGINNER'S Clinic at 5 p.m., Jan. 23. Meet outside Community Activities, building 805, and learn softball rules, positions, and skills.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2010 Spring Swim Team will be held through Jan. 23. Registration form and payment must be received not later than Jan. 23. For more information, go to the USAKAwEB/Community/Clubs page or call Allison at 52517, after 4:30 p.m.

MOBILE KITCHEN DINNER Jan. 23 at Emon Beach. Menu to include shrimp cocktail, prime rib, twice

Café Pacific

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 23
Salisbury steak	Breaded pork cutlet	Country fried chicken	Spaghetti	Meatloaf	Pan fried chicken	Cajun gumbo
Herb baked chicken	Chicken/peapod stir-fry	BBQ riblets	Whole wheat pasta	Breaded chicken strips	Vegetarian pizza	Beef/cheese turnovers
Vegetarian pasta	Eggs benedict	Cajun crawfish	Chicken corn saute	Vegetarian stir-fry	Three meat pizza	Cajun grilled salmon
Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Pasta Bar	Grill: Grilled cheese	Grill: N/A	Grill: N/A

Dinner

Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Korean beef ribs	Swedish meatballs	Mini taco bar	Braised swiss steak	Carved sirloin tip roast	Breaded pork chops	Stir-fry to order
Thai shrimp pasta	Fish and chips	Oxtail stew	Tuscan chicken	Noodles romanoff	Chicken stew	Korean beef steak
General Tso's chicken	Oriental turkey stir-fry	Chef's choice entree	Rice/barley casserole	Malibu chicken	Beans in broth	Chicken sukiyaki

Walking the Business
KRS Open House Program presents:
Community Services Department

Learn how Community Services provides support to the community on Jan. 23. Session one starts at 3:30 p.m. and session two starts at 4 p.m. in the Community Activities office, building 805, second floor.

Walking the Business program is open to all KRS employees. Attendance should be approved by your manager/supervisor prior to sign up. Don't miss this opportunity, E-mail Janette Bishop at Juanita.bishop.ctr@smdck.smdc.army.mil or call 50533 to sign up today!

Future Open House events will be scheduled at minimum quarterly and communicated via the KRS Newsliner. If your department is interested in an opportunity to show how they support the contract, have your manager contact Janette Bishop to schedule an event.

baked potato, steamed broccoli, garden salad, water, beer, wine and cheese cake for dessert. Seating is limited. Cost is \$35 for meal card holders and \$40 for non-meal card holders. For payment see Marie Curtiss at the Retail Service Office, building 805, next to the Bowling Center, 53933

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.

IN ORDER TO CONDUCT Annual Inventory the Roi-Namur Shoppette will be closed Jan 25 and the Kwajalein Shoppette, PX and PXtra will be closed from 12:30 p.m., Jan. 27 until 1 p.m., Jan. 29. The Food Court and American Eatery will be open regular hours.

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. Pinewood Derby will be held Jan. 25. Car kits are limited so get yours soon!

MANDATORY ISLAND orientation is from 12:45-4:30 p.m., Jan. 27, in CAC room six, building 365. It is required for all new island arrivals. The island orientation is not recommended for dependent children under the age of 10. Questions, call KRS ES&H at 51134.

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. If you have questions, contact Mandie at 53331.

THE ARMED SERVICES Vocational Battery (ASVAB) Military Entrance Exam will be administered as follows: 8 a.m.-noon, Feb. 3, in CRC room one, Student Test, Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School; 1-5 p.m., Feb. 3, in CRC room one, Military Entrance Test, Kwajalein Residents and C-Badge workers between 18-41 years old; 8 a.m.-noon, Feb. 4, Student Test, Ebeye Schools, Ebeye Public School; 1-7 p.m., Feb. 4, Military Entrance Test, Ebeye Schools, Ebeye Public School and 8 a.m.-noon, Feb. 5, Student Test, Ebeye Schools, Ebeye Public School.

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.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Hours of Operation
Tuesday, Jan. 19

Kwajalein

Emon Beach.....	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
All other beaches.....	Buddy system
CRC/Raquetball Courts.....	1-9 p.m.
Golf Course (Kwaj & Roi).....	Sunrise to sunset
Driving Range.....	Closed
Country Club.....	Closed
Hobby Shop.....	12:30-5 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.
Ivey Gym.....	Cipher lock
Library.....	Closed
Adult pool.....	Buddy system
Family pool.....	1-6 p.m.
Skate Park.....	Buddy system
Small Boat Marina.....	7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
ARC.....	noon-10 p.m.
Surfway.....	11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Shoppette.....	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Px and Pxtra.....	9 a.m.-4 p.m.
AAFES Roi-Namur.....	Closed
Laundry.....	Closed
Beauty/Barber.....	Closed
Sunrise Bakery.....	7 a.m.-noon
Ocean View Club.....	4:30 p.m.-11 p.m.
Post Office Kwaj.....	9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-6 p.m.
Post Office Roi.....	Normal hours
Community Bank.....	Closed
Burger King.....	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza.....	11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Subway.....	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Baskin Robbins.....	Closed
American Eatery.....	Closed

Café Roi

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 23
Roast tri-tip	Patty melt with onions	BBQ spare ribs	Spaghetti	Sloppy joe's	Chicken ranch melt	Chili dogs
Mussels provencal	Corned beef	BBQ chicken	Ono with lemon	Baked chicken	Turkey & dumplings	Chicken/broccoli stir-fry
Chicken & mushrooms	Brisket dinner	Brunch station open	Fettuccine alfredo	Roast pork	Mixed sausage & beans	Coconut curry pork

Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 23
Spicy chicken stir-fry	Pot roast	Pork cutlets	Grilled steak	Roi fried chicken	Cheddar bacon meatloaf	Whole short ribs
Beef stew	Poulet moutarde	Sesame baked salmon	Grilled chicken	Spare ribs your way	Turkey tetrazzini	New Orleans pasta
Sweet potato	Chickpea stew	Sweet & Sour chicken	Baked potatoes	Honey baked beans	Combo pizzas	Salmon

Military ready for broader Haiti relief mission

By Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

The aircraft carrier *USS Carl Vinson* is headed toward earthquake-devastated Haiti to provide airlift support for the disaster-response mission.

Meanwhile, Air Force Gen. Douglas Fraser said, Southcom is “seriously looking” at deploying a large-deck amphibious ship with a 2,000-member Marine expeditionary unit to provide disaster response and, if required, to help maintain security. Several other Defense Department ships and Coast Guard vessels — from small ships to destroyers to cutters — also are headed toward Haiti, some with limited humanitarian assistance supplies and helicopters aboard.

In addition, an 82nd Airborne Division brigade and “various forces around the armed forces” have been put on alert, ready to deploy if needed to support the effort, the general said.

The actions are part of a “very robust effort” under way to ensure the military is ready to respond to requirements identified through ongoing assessments, Fraser explained during news briefings today at the Pentagon and the State Department.

“We don’t know precisely what the situation is on the ground,” he said, “so we are leaning forward to provide as much capability as quickly as we can to respond to whatever the need is when we get there.”

Meanwhile, the military is taking

accountability of its own 64 troops assigned to Haiti. Most are part of the military liaison group there or support the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, Fraser said.

Fraser is leading military support to the disaster response mission, being coordinated through the U.S. Agency for International Development and State Department’s Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance.

His deputy military commander, Air Force Lt. Gen. P.K. “Ken” Keen, was on the ground in Haiti when the earthquake struck, and is providing the initial on-the-ground military command.

The initial thrust in the operation, Fraser said, is on assessing the situation on the ground to determine what’s needed and where, and to provide communications and command-and-control equipment needed to support relief efforts. Toward that end, Southcom is deploying a 30-person team to Haiti this afternoon to support U.S. relief efforts.

Two Puerto Rico Air National Guard C-130 Hercules aircraft will deliver the team, made up of U.S. military engineers, operational planners, a command-and-control group and communication specialists. Once on the ground, they will work with U.S. Embassy personnel as well as Haitian, U.N. and international officials to assess the situation and facilitate follow-on U.S. military support.

“From practice, we’ve found that the assessments are critical to making sure we get the right equipment in there and make

the recovery efforts and the life-supporting efforts as efficient as possible,” Fraser explained.

Meanwhile, the C-130s are transporting civilian search-and-rescue teams to Haiti, he said.

Southcom officials reported other immediate response activities:

- A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter evacuated four critically injured U.S. Embassy staff to Naval Station Guantanamo, Cuba, hospital for further treatment earlier today;
- Elements of the Air Force’s 1st Special Operations Wing will arrive in Haiti this afternoon to provide air traffic control capability and airfield operations at the Port-au-Prince airport; and
- A Navy P-3 Orion aircraft took off from Comalapa, El Salvador, early this morning to conduct an aerial reconnaissance of the area affected by the earthquake.

An important initial thrust is on getting communications and command-and-control assets into Haiti to support relief operations, Fraser told reporters. He noted that the U.N. Mission’s headquarters was severely damaged during the earthquake, with much of its communications equipment lost.

As communications and other support goes to Port-au-Prince airport to restore it to full functioning, assessment teams will also evaluate the port facilities to determine if they are operational to receive incoming aid.

The *USS Carl Vinson* was on a training mission when it was ordered to Haiti to support the effort.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 17-23 knots.
Monday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 14-21 knots.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 15-22 knots.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 15-22 knots.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 16-23 knots.
Friday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 15-22 knots.

Annual total: 0.50 inches
Annual deviation: -1.65 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit www.rts-wx.com.

Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

Sunday	7:09 a.m./6:49 p.m.	8:15 a.m./ 8:17 p.m.	5:25 a.m., 3.6' 5:33 p.m., 4.6'	11:16 a.m., -0.3' 11:53 p.m., -0.5'
Monday	7:09 a.m./6:50 p.m.	8:54 a.m./ 9:02 p.m.	5:52 a.m., 3.7' 5:59 p.m., 4.5'	11:35 p.m., -0.3'
Tuesday	7:09 a.m./6:50 p.m.	9:31 a.m./ 9:45 p.m.	6:19 a.m., 3.7' 6:25 a.m., 4.3'	12:18 p.m., -0.4' 12:13 p.m., -0.1'
Wednesday	7:09 a.m./6:51 p.m.	10:08 a.m./ 10:29 p.m.	6:47 a.m., 3.6' 6:51 p.m., 4.0'	12:43 p.m., -0.3' 12:41 p.m., 0.1
Thursday	7:09 a.m./6:51 p.m.	10:45 a.m./11:14 p.m.	7:16 a.m., 3.5' 7:19 a.m., 3.7'	1:13 p.m., 0.3' 1:34 p.m., -0.3'
Friday	7:10 a.m./6:52 p.m.	11:24 a.m.	7:50 a.m., 3.4' 7:51 p.m., 3.2'	1:37 p.m. 0.1' 1:51 p.m., 0.6'
Jan. 23	7:10 a.m./6:52 p.m.	12:05 p.m./12:00 a.m.	8:34 a.m., 3.2' 8:35 a.m., 2.7'	2:09 p.m., 0.4' 2:42 p.m., 1.0'