

THE KWALEIN HOURGLASS



A participant at the Ebeye basketball camp shows off his hoops skills Monday. The camp was hosted by Roi-Namur firefighter Bilal Abdullah. For more, see page 4.

Photo by Talia Chavarillo

The Honorable Mayor Johnny Lemari has invited the USAKA community to attend the commemoration of

Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day

10:30 a.m., Feb. 9,

Ebeye Community Center (near the basketball courts)

Kwajalein Memorial Day is a time to remember and reflect on the events that took place during World War II on Kwajalein Atoll. The LCM will make a special run, leaving Kwajalein at 9:30 a.m., space is limited.



THUMBS UP!

To Kathleen Schroeder's second grade class. Their colorful environmental posters are outstanding, excellent, tremendous, superb, exceptional, brilliant and a perfect message for our community. Job well done!

- USAKA Command

THE RUMOR MILL



Col. Joseph Gaines addresses circulating rumors head-on.

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RUMOR: The Commander is condemning all of "new housing," not allowing anyone to move in and making those who live there now, move out. It is true that USAKA is attempting to obtain funding for demolition of certain units in the "new housing" area. Many of these units are either vacant and/or uninhabitable due to the physical conditions of the structures. Therefore, they pose a safety risk if left standing. For the short term, USAKA is seeking additional funding to demolish these units. In anticipation of this, USAKA has put a hold on any families moving into these units. This plan will require close planning with KRS and residents to ensure that other suitable housing will be available. USAKA and KRS will work to make this process as seamless as possible and to minimize any hardships on families during the transition. USAKA's long range plan is to demolish all new housing. Residents in this housing area will be given ample notice and time to move.



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RUMOR: Military police will be taking over security and law enforcement on Kwajalein. While it is true that USAKA will be converting some positions which are inherently government in nature over to Department of Army positions, the command's intent is to still maintain a contract guard force.



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Groups meet to discuss dining, pests, construction

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Commander hears PDR concerns

The Dining Committee met at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Adult Recreation Center, and the installation commander Col. Joseph Gaines was in attendance to gather comments from the community.

"We need feedback to make the changes you want," explained Gaines.

In addition to the regular volunteer members of the committee, several dozen residents also came to voice their thoughts on Café Pacific and Café Roi. While healthy options were on the mind of some residents, one pleaded that the less-than-heart-healthy options not be removed. "Please don't take away my grease and butter," he exclaimed. KRS dining services manager, Dave Nobis, tried to answer all of the questions, but also promised to follow up on the issues raised at the meeting.

Gaines listened to everyone's comments and could be seen taking notes during the meeting. As things were winding down, Gaines listed his goals for the dining facilities: to improve on appearance, both inside and out; to ensure the cleanliness and safety of the food; and to fix overall food distribution on the island.

Pest problems discussed

An Integrated Pest Management team hosted a question and answer session with the community at 7 p.m. Jan. 28 in the multi-purpose room at the Junior/Senior High School.

Capt. Jaree Johnson gave a presentation detailing the different types of pests the team found, and some practices that can be implemented by residents to help mitigate the problem.

Pests on the island include two types of flies, rats, mosquitoes and stored product pests, such as flour beetles. Examples of measures residents can take to reduce the fly and rat population include ensuring trash cans are closed, washing waste receptacles on a regular basis, closing off any potential entry points for pests into a home and keeping outside vegetation to a minimum.

After the presentation, Maj. Peter Nunn, U.S. Air Force Capt. Wes Walker and Johnson answered questions and addressed comments from community members in attendance.

Installation commander Col. Joseph Gaines also attended and thanked the pest management team for their efforts. He emphasized pest control has to be a community effort. Nunn also briefed the USAKA command earlier that day regarding steps that can be taken to mitigate the problem at the installation level.

Fact sheets on specific pests and a copy of the presentation given may be obtained in electronic form by e-mailing U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Public Affairs Officer Ruth Miskovsky at ruth.miskovsky@smdck.sm

dc.army.mil. A related article appeared in the Jan. 29 edition of the *Hourglass*.

Property board meets for first time

USAKA's new director of public works, Todd Dirmeyer, spearheaded a recent effort to convene a real property planning board, which met for the first time on Tuesday afternoon. Dirmeyer also explained his goals for an energy conservation strategy for USAKA, including the creation of a joint USAKA/KRS energy team to jump start the process.

The purpose of the real property planning board is "to focus on a long-term visualization" for the installation at USAKA and "to determine the best path forward for its operation, maintenance and development." Members of the board include key USAKA staff, as well as representation from KRS.

The board voted on an annual work plan, which included funding for various projects around Kwajalein from infrastructure and housing, to repairs for the Hobby Shop. Dirmeyer explained projects like the Hobby Shop repairs illustrate the balance that must be maintained between mission, infrastructure and quality of life projects. Future military construction projects were also discussed, including repairs to the airfield, the hospital and pier.



Maj. Peter Nunn, left, and Capt. Jaree Johnson, of the U.S. Army Public Health Command conclude their presentation to the Kwajalein community on pest control issues.

Roi-Namur firefighter donates time, skill to kids at Ebeye basketball camp

By Sheila Bigelow
Managing Editor

“Helping people - first and foremost,” is the motto of Roi-Namur firefighter Bilal Abdullah. Abdullah recently conducted a basketball camp, free of charge, on Ebeye. It wasn’t just a camp to teach basketball skills; Abdullah made it worth much more to those kids.

It was on a trip to Ebeye back in September 2010 that Abdullah was inspired to host a basketball camp for Ebeye children. “I’ve been pretty fortunate to have...everything I need for sports,” Abdullah commented. “When I came over here [Ebeye]...I just wanted to help out. It’s the least I could do – give back to basketball, because basketball has given a lot to me.” Abdullah played in high school and one year in junior college, but has grown up mostly playing street ball.

After tedious planning and several reschedules, the camp finally took place Monday afternoon. Abdullah planned the whole camp himself, with help from some fellow firefighters on Roi and assistance from Rebel John, from Kwajalein Atoll Local Government on Ebeye. On the day of the camp, he had several volunteers travel to Ebeye with him to assist - Jason and Jennifer McKeeby, Pam Avery, Talia Chavarillo, Jason Kettenhofen and Tusi Tagoilelagi. “Everybody had a different role,” Abdullah said. “It was a blessing to have everybody.” Also helping were several volunteer residents from Ebeye who helped translate and run drills at each station.

Over 60 kids on Ebeye participated in the camp, but there were hundreds of spectators. Abdullah concentrated on teaching the basic fundamentals of basketball. He noticed there are a lot of great basketball players on Ebeye, but some lack the very basic skills; that’s what he wanted to concentrate on. He ran drills for defense, ball handling, shooting and conditioning. The last station was aimed to sit the kids down and talk to them about peer pressure.



The kids at the Ebeye basketball camp play with the new backboards donated by camp host Bilal Abdullah.



Participants practice defensive moves.



Dribbling drills were just one component of the basketball camp held on Ebeye Monday afternoon.



The kids were all smiles as they played with new equipment donated by Roi firefighter Bilal Abdullah.



Bilal Abdullah, right, runs the dribbling drill at the Ebeye basketball camp held Monday afternoon.

Photos courtesy of Talia Chavarillo and Jason McKeeby

Abdullah had volunteers from the Ebeye community advocate to the children how important it is to resist peer pressure.

“I don’t think there are enough positive role models,” Abdullah said. “I think in entertainment there’s a lot of negativity. I can use basketball as a means to get the kids’ attention; while they’re listening, and while they’re excited about everything that’s going on, I want them to take away the same peer pressure skills as they do with dribbling or with shooting. I think it’s important.”

The children were rewarded not only with honed basketball skills, but Abdullah also personally donated items. He donated 130 T-shirts, 300 silicone wristbands, 500 stickers and 100 basketball cards. He also donated and inflated 27 new basketballs. While most participants were boys, he was prepared for the few female participants; he brought a few dolls to give away to the girls that participated in the ‘Beach or Ocean’ game. His biggest contribution was two new backboards for the main basketball court. Previously, the court was furnished with wooden backboards with rusted metal rims with no nets. McKeeby also collected and donated several pairs of tennis shoes for the kids. There weren’t enough to go around, but the kids took care of that problem – they took the shoes off and handed them to the next kid when it was their turn for the next drill. McKeeby said Abdullah inspired him to donate. “He’s genuinely one of the most sincere people I know,” McKeeby said.

The day was a huge success but came with some challenges. The biggest challenge for Abdullah was technology and transportation. “I couldn’t call. I couldn’t text,” he said. He would have to wait hours in between ferry rides to get back to Kwaj and then have to wait for the next metro flight back to Roi. But for him, it was all worth it. For future camps, Abdullah has big dreams to get the NBA Cares program and even Basketball Without Borders involved. He wants to continue to make basketball great for the children on Ebeye; according to him, they deserve it.



Camp volunteers help teach the kids defensive moves and shooting skills.



Conditioning exercises were part of the basketball camp program on Ebeye Monday.



The EC-130J conducted developmental testing on Kwajalein throughout the month of January. The crew tested the specifications and range capabilities of the aircraft. Its mission is to conduct Military Information Support Operations throughout the world.

EC-130J tests on Kwajalein Atoll for specifications, capabilities of aircraft

Article and photos by Sheila Bigelow
Managing Editor

Throughout the month of January, you may have noticed an abundance of military personnel on Kwajalein. That was Lt. Col. Michael Rice, mission commander, and his Air Force team of almost 70 out of Harrisburg, Pa., here for developmental testing of the new EC-130J aircraft. Rice and his team arrived in early January and departed last week. While here, the aircraft was opened up for tours on Jan. 26. Capt. Tom Shine, the plane's pilot, Sr. Master Sgt. J. Brian Pace and Master Sgt. Kevin Karmosky led the tours. Visitors were taken through the plane, shown all the equipment, how it works and what their mission is.

"Developmental testing is basically testing equipment on the airplane – making sure the equipment meets specifications set by the contract," Rice explained. It has to meet certain power levels, range capabilities and reliability. "That's what we're testing right now."

The EC-130J is a new aircraft with 33,000 pounds of new equipment aboard; it is nicknamed a 'stubby'

because of its design. Its mission is Military Information Support Operations. "Basically what that means is that we provide radio and television communications where there are none," Rice said. "Pretty much what we broadcast is news." They utilize AM and FM radio, analog television and every military bandwidth for communications.

While at Kwajalein, they flew off-island anywhere from 40 to 200 miles and broadcast messages back to the receiving end, which was SR-1. The team practiced a humanitarian style broadcast Jan. 27; they broadcast a Disney movie and some music. They alternated bringing the data in on high end, expensive equipment, with regular rabbit-ear antennas. They wanted to simulate what "real people" would have if this were not a test, Rice said.

Testing on Kwajalein is ideal because the aircraft is equipped with numerous high-wattage transmitters that can cause interference. On Kwajalein, there is almost zero interference and they can "use as much juice" as they want to test their equipment. "This place is ideal because...we need to have a stable ground test area that can collect all the signals [SR-1]," Rice said.

Rice has been in the unit for over 10 years. He's been to Iraq, Afghanistan, Central and South America and throughout Europe. One of their most recent missions was to support Haiti after the earthquake hit Jan. 24, 2010. The earthquake was a catastrophic 7.0 magnitude and knocked out all communications. Rice's team arrived only three days after the quake hit. "What we did is...we broadcast humanitarian messages," Rice said. "Don't storm the airport. The food, the water is coming. The aid stations are at these locations; go to these locations." They used broadcast created by the State Department and put it out on AM/FM radio. Thousands of hand-cranked radios were distributed throughout Haiti. Survivors could then tune to a frequency given and get the latest information. "We know we were successful because within 15 minutes of the broadcast, people were moving to the locations. That is a huge success. People were listening, getting the information."



Master Sgt. Kevin Karmosky, right, explains to Ann Holmes, left, and Sheryl Willman how the equipment inside the EC-130J works during a tour conducted Jan. 26.

Rice's team stayed until some radio stations were able to get back up and running. They were there about six weeks.

"During war it's not too different," Rice explained. Much of what they broadcast is simply news. "Where governments do not allow

freedom of speech and freedom of information, we give them the information and let them choose. Military Information Support Operations primarily are changing the way people think. We do not create the message, we just deliver it."

Col. Gary Laase accompanies EC-130J on Kwajalein for evaluation of testing

By Sheila Bigelow
Managing Editor

Kwajalein wouldn't be Kwajalein if there weren't a few 'retreads' on-island. Col. Gary Laase was Reagan Test Site Test Director on Kwajalein from 1999 until 2001. He returned to Kwajalein Jan. 20 to oversee the testing of the EC-130J aircraft. Laase is the director of operational test and evaluation for the force, structure, requirements, resources and strategic assessments directorate, U.S. Special Operations Command, U.S. Army, out of MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. He is responsible to ensure the systems, products and equipment fielded to Special Operations Forces are operationally effective and suitable, safe and interoperable.

The EC-130J is a Special Operations Command asset that is being tested by Lt. Col. Michael Rice and his team. "We send people to observe the testing and ensure that we're getting what we think we are," Laase explained. Any SOF equipment that undergoes testing is evaluated and overseen by a subject matter expert from SOF. There are experts for the various types of equipment – land vehicles, fixed wing, boats, weapons, etc. The testing is done all over the world, like here at Kwajalein. "Any time there is an opportunity for SOF equipment being tested, we try to have a representa-

tive there."

There are two different kinds of tests done on SOF equipment – developmental and operational. Operational is a realistic scenario that tests whether the asset will perform as anticipated. The EC-130J mission on Kwajalein was considered developmental – testing the equipment and its specifications. While operational testing is where Laase focuses, he took the place of their usual fixed-wing expert due to another mission testing.

Laase flew with the EC-130J crew twice and spent the majority of his time at the receiving station at SR-1, to evaluate how the procedures and equipment were performing in the aircraft and to see if it was reaching its expected capabilities.

Laase said Kwajalein has changed quite a bit since his last tour here. One change is Lt. Col. John Eggert is now the Reagan Test Site Director; Eggert was a captain stationed out here when Laase was Test Director over a decade ago. He also noticed a sharp decline in population on Kwajalein. "There are 1,000 less people here," Laase said. He was also shocked to see missing what he referred to as 'silver bullets,' or the old trailers; they were removed last year.

While much has changed, one thing remains the same. According to Laase, "People here are still working their butts off. That's good to see."

OPERATION



It is hard to imagine on these small, beautiful islands, a battle ensued taking the lives of thousands, playing an integral part in what would become a decisive American victory for World War II. From Jan. 30 to Feb. 5, 1944, this atoll was a battlefield, where U.S. troops stormed beaches and fought their way through jungle and bunkers. The former German colony was given to Japan after the closure of WWI, and had since been an important part of both offensive and defensive plans of the Japanese Navy.

Chester Nimitz launched Operation Flintlock. Rear Adm. Richmond Turner commanded the forces against Kwajalein Island, with Maj. Gen. Charles Corlett's 7th Infantry Division of the US Army on board. Rear Adm. Richard Connolly, with Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt's 4th Marine Division, sailed the Roi-Namur Islands in the north. Rear Adm. Harry Hill's task force was designated the reserve force ready to assist any of the two invasion forces after securing Majuro. The entire operation was covered in the sky by Vice Adm. Marc Mitscher's planes from six fleet carriers and six light carriers, which was escorted by eight battleships and a full complement of cruisers and destroyers.

When Soldiers and Marines came ashore, they were backed by a massive naval and air bombardment designed to knock out Japanese fortifications. Within 12 min-

utes of landing, 1,200 men landed at the west end of Kwajalein. Units advanced 1,800 yards up the island by the end of the day. As U.S. troops advanced northward on Kwajalein, they faced stiff resistance. The surviving Japanese recovered from the heavy bombardment and began to organize a defense along front lines. The Japanese conducted night banzai counterattacks. Infiltrators tried to infiltrate the lines.

The fighting over the next three days quickly deteriorated into small-scale actions, as American squads and platoons fought snipers as well as heavily fortified bunkers and buildings. As troops moved what is now "downtown," they found the whole complex of Japanese buildings each fiercely defended.

On day three, shortly after sunrise, the Japanese charged, unsuccessfully breaking American lines near what is now 6th Street. On the fourth day, troops advancing from the side reached Bunker Hill at the eastern end of the island. At that point, organized resistance ceased, and clean-up operations began. On Kwajalein Island, 144 American soldiers were killed in action.

On the northern part of the atoll, the Japanese fell quickly, but the Japanese had prepared Namur for attack. This was further complicated as the Americans mistakenly destroyed a blockhouse as a storage building filled with



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warheads and aerial bombs. The explosion killed Japanese and Americans alike and filled the sky with thick, black smoke. The Marines' 2nd Battalion suffered more than half of its total casualties in that single explosion. On Roi and Namur islands, 190 Marines died. In the whole campaign for Kwajalein Atoll, U.S. forces lost less than 1 percent of their forces in casualties, a marvel of military history. The enemy, estimates say, lost a total of 4,938 with 206 more taken prisoner, including 127 Koreans.

The taking of Kwajalein Atoll could hardly have been more complete. The American victory marked the first time U.S. troops had taken pre-war Japanese territory, and it established another key American base in the Central Pacific.

Furthermore, many Japanese positions were bypassed as a result of the success at Kwajalein Atoll, allowing U.S. forces to concentrate on other targets including the successful assaults on the Philippines and Marianas. The battles proved true lessons that would become a part of U.S. amphibious landing operations in the years to come.

Marines Pfc. Richard Sorenson, Lt. Col. Aquilla Dyess, 1st Lt. John Power and Pfc. Richard Anderson recieved Medals of Honor for the battle of the Marshall Islands. Pfc. Sorenson was the only recipient that survived.



Drs. College, Messervy visit Kwajalein, Roi

Article and photo by Ruth Miskovsky
USAKA Public Affairs Officer

One of the Army's key players in installation management was given a clearer picture of the situation here at U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll recently.

Dr. Craig College, the deputy assistant chief of staff for Installation Management, along with Dr. Steven Messervy, deputy to the commander for research, development and acquisition at U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and Army Forces Strategic Command, were briefed by several members of USAKA staff and toured various facilities on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur.

This visit was prompted by the recent talks concerning a transfer of base operations at USAKA over to Installation Management Command, which is the organization in the Army responsible for running garrisons.

This move would bring USAKA more in line with how the rest of the Army functions – IMCOM runs the garrison, and Reagan Test Site would remain separate and under Space and Missile Defense Command.

During their visit, College and Messervy toured the hospital, schools, air terminal and runway, marine department, power plants on both Kwajalein and Roi, housing and other important USAKA facilities.

College spoke to some of the unique challenges for an atoll of such a small land mass but spread out over an area the size of the midwestern United States. However, he also stated that the USAKA commander



Floyd Corder, manager of public works and operations, explains some of the long-term consequences of a major wave action that happened at Roi-Namur in 2008 to Col. Joseph Gaines, Mike Hartman, Dr. Craig College, Todd Dirmeyer, Dr. Steven Messervy and Col. Eugene Smith.

should not have to choose between mission and installation services such as housing, when it comes to resource decisions. The realignment to IMCOM should help alleviate that issue since the new structure will include separate and distinct funding streams for mission and garrison functions.

RMI citizens take oath to defend US

Article and photo by Ruth Miskovsky
USAKA Public Affairs Officer

Millions of American men and women have taken an oath to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America." This is the promise that all members of the United States military make when they enlist or are commissioned. Many here on Kwajalein have taken this oath at some point in their lives and some are still serving today. However, there are also Marshallese citizens who take this same oath to the U.S. Constitution.

Recently, this took place as six young men and women took the oath of enlistment into the U.S. Army. A ceremony was held the morning of Jan. 27 at the community building on Ebeye.

The newly enlisted soldiers are Pvt. Ira Kelek, Pvt. Gracelynn Livai, Pvt. Robin Loek, Pvt. Darryl Lorok, Pvt. Robert Masiwemai and Pvt. Nakoli Sakaio.

Representatives from the military on USAKA were present and included Maj. Stephen Parrish, Master Sgt. Charles George and Sgt. Joshua Gravett. Installation commander Col. Joseph Gaines spoke to new Soldiers and their family and friends.

"The oath that these men and women take today is what called the United States here to the Marshall Islands in 1944, and keeps us here today in mutual support of one another as partners," said Gaines.

Another honored guest at the ceremony was the Republic of the Marshall Islands Minister of Justice Brenson Wase who also spoke of the relationship between the Marshall Islands and the United States.

The enlistment ceremony "symbolizes the many oppor-

tunities that are available through the Compact of Free Association," said Wase.

Recruits to the U.S. Army who are Marshallese citizens must meet all the same requirements as U.S. recruits, passing tests of their physical and intellectual aptitudes. A major component of this includes scoring well on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, or ASVAB.

The USAKA community helps prepare possible Soldiers for these tests through the Recruit Indoctrination Program, and will be conducting tutoring sessions again this year. Each of these new privates met these requirements and will be headed to basic training soon.



Col. Joseph Gaines, commander of USAKA, jokes with Nakoli Sakaio about the length of his hair before an enlistment ceremony that took place Jan. 27 on Ebeye. Gaines took a moment to talk to each of the six new Soldiers before the ceremony.

Event showcases many interests on Kwaj

Article and photos by Catherine Layton
Associate Editor

There isn't an activity on island that Community Activities doesn't have a hand in setting up, planning, assisting or arranging. Kim Yarnes, Kwajalein Range Services community activities manager, coordinated "Get in the Mix," where many of the clubs and organizations came together for an informational gathering for island residents on Wednesday. There were 23 organizations available to inform, recruit and sell wares to residents, from retail vendors holding KRS community activities vendor licenses, to registered clubs to businesses on island.

Camilla Bobo-Kabua, customer service representative, and Ana Homuth, banking center service manager, talked about Community Bank, the full-service bank available to all K-badge holders. They provided financial guidance on investments, financial planning and other services the bank has to offer. "We like to talk with island residents in a setting like this, so they can ask questions and learn about all of the services

Community Bank offers," said Bobo-Kabua.

Other clubs work closely with community activities to bring convenience and education to the population. The Outrigger Paddling Club uses the outrigger canoes from the small boat marina to get together and go on excursions. Pam Frase and Kathy Skinner encouraged people interested in learning to come out and give the outriggers a try. "We'd like to get more people to come, so we can take both of the outriggers out. The excursions are usually only about an hour. It is so much fun and is great exercise," explained Frase. The Kwajalein Yacht Club also incorporates boats from the SBM. The KYC is giving free beginner sailing lessons to members, and they use the various sailboats from the SBM.

Most contractors on island have FCE Benefits, and were able to inquire about what was available to them from Grace McDiffett and Marilyn Engvall. "FCE Benefits

GET IN THE MIX

is a third party administrator for KRS, Chugach and Berry Aviation. We want everyone to know what is available and what is covered for employees before they need to know," said McDiffett.

Many of the tables were having giveaways — from the Kwajalein Atoll International Sportfishing Club raffling off one of their t-shirts to the SBM giving away a half-day rental. Community Bank gave cookies along with their brochures. The KAISC showed a safety video and Les Salibio gave a lure-tying demonstration.

Residents in attendance could even indulge in some retail therapy. Krystal Peterson offered healthy products, from vitamins to kid's shakes. Caroline Eggers was selling her exotic goods from Bali, while Kathleen Schroeder displayed her jewelry, much made from treasured seaglass found on Kwajalein. Doug Hepler showed off his woodworking talents, alongside of his SCUBA lessons. Jayne Cavender showed her fanciful stained glass creations. Both Hepler and Cavender utilize the Hobby Shop for their pastimes.

This event was an occasion for residents to be informed about all of the things our temporary home has to offer. There are many things to do, and the diversity is great. The only thing you need to do is...**GET IN THE MIX!**



Edward and Mickey Jednacz, right, talk to Kwajalein Running Club representatives Stephanie Los and Bob Scholar about membership and upcoming events.

Kwajalein now part of Flat Stanley's global adventure

By Catherine Layton
Associate Editor

Kathleen Schroeder's second grade class received an interesting package from Orlando, Fla. recently. Mrs. McCall's second grade class at Palm Lake School in Orlando had read and enjoyed the book "Flat Stanley" by Jeff Brown. Stanley Lambchop had a large bulletin board mounted on the wall over his bed. One night the board fell on Stanley and flattened him. He discovered he could be folded up and mailed to different

places around the globe, which is how he came to Kwajalein.

Maj. Christopher Mills, director of the Host Nation office, was sent Stanley by Caitlin Brown of Orlando, a daughter of a friend. Mills contacted Schroeder and her class took on the project.

Flat Stanley is quite the sensation, and even has his own Facebook. Many schools around the U.S. are reading about Flat Stanley's adventures and participating in fun projects like the one that brought him to Kwaj.



Photos by Sheila Bigelow

Top: Hannah Finley, right, and Amanda Lescalleet hang out with Flat Stanley during his visit.

Left: Mrs. Schroeder's class stands with Maj. Chris Mills and Flat Stanley during his adventure on Kwajalein.



Big Winner & Congratulations



Photo by Sheila Bigelow

Above, Kwajalein resident John Klinger is the lucky winner of a Jeep Cherokee from the Subway '3-ways-to-win' promotion. Left to right is Brig. Gen. Fran Hendricks, deputy commander of AAFES; Col. Joseph Gaines, USAKA commander; and Colin Smith, Subway manager. Right, Hendricks awards Marshall Juda an AAFES commander's coin for his hard work at Anthony's Pizza.

Life On the Rock

Photos by Catherine Layton



2011 Kwajalein Swap Meet Emon Beach



We want photos of YOU! Submit your best photos for the community photo page. Send us photos of your day at the beach, BBQ, water sports, birthday parties, hobbies, arts and crafts, holidays, and just every day fun. E-mail all submissions to hourglass@smdc.smdc.army.mil. Candid photos (not posed) are preferred. Photos must be recent and of residents that still live on-island. Publication of photos is editor's discretion. Questions, call 52114.

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 Terminal/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com.

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.

COMMUNITY BANK service manager, full-time. Duties are to manage service and operations, operate teller windows and report to banking center manager. Anyone interested please visit <http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com>.

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HOUSE for very responsible 50-year-old friend visiting March 15-21. Contact John at home, 51596.

HOUSE for visiting mother. Approximate dates are Feb. 11-28. Loves animals and is a great caretaker. Please call Kristin at 54579.

ACOUSTIC guitar. Call 51666.

Religious Services

Catholic

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

Protestant

8 and 11 a.m., Sunday, on Kwaj.
Roi-Namur service at 7 p.m. on Friday

Baptist

9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school Music Room.

Latter-day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, in CRC, Room 3.

Jewish services

Second Friday of the month in the REB. Times will vary.
Contact the Chaplain's office, 53505, for more information.

LOST

MEN'S ZIP-UP sweatshirt, navy blue, with Mackinac Island in white lettering, size XL. Please call 51689.

FOUND

RACQUETBALL racket cover on Jan. 16. Call 51339 if it's yours.

FOR SALE

PUG, 19 months old, very friendly, loves kids, provides many licks, gets along well with other animals, loves lots of attention, excellent lap dog, \$1,000 or best offer. Call 52597.

OUTRIGGER canoe, \$900; recumbent bike, \$400 and Felix sailboat, 40 feet, \$55,000. Call Sandy at 54152 or 58990.

TOPEAK baby seat, used, Kwaj condition, with two bike mounts, \$75; Strider prebike, used, Kwaj condition, for toddler, \$25 and Fuzion scooter, used, Kwaj condition, \$25. Any questions, please call Jay at 52529.

COLUMBIA mark II sailboat, 26 feet, in the water on one-year mooring, dinghy and 5HP motor, boat shack, trailer, five sails in excellent condition, CD/iPod/radio/stereo, 2009 10HP Honda kicker, toilet, sink, VHF radio, life sling, barbeque grill, 406 EPIRB, swim platform, sleeps four, everything works and is a great boat, sailed to many places here at Kwaj and to Namu Atoll, bought a bigger boat, \$9,000. Call Ryan Vahle at 52222 or 52590.

CAST NET, four-foot diameter, good condition including all weights, \$15 and cast net, six-foot diameter, needs repair near the weights, \$5. Call Steve at 52823.

EUREKA upright vacuum cleaner, \$25 and Hamilton beach glass blender, \$5. Call Kathy at 52364.

BAYLINER Trophy, 1990, 23 feet; Twin Yamaha, 2006, 115HP, four-stroke engine, 140 gallon internal fuel tank and new trailer, \$33,000. Call 58240 or 59252.

U.S. DIVERS Aqua Lung regulator, used once, 5,000 PSI pressure gauge, compass and scuba pro computer in scuba pro console, with carrying bag, good condition, \$125; other dive gear, prices negotiable, fins, masks, men's wet suits, gloves, dive camera, bags, and flag, men's Buoyancy Compensator and golf clubs, good beginner set, three metal drivers, irons three-sand wedge, putter, Taylor made golf bag, Wilson push cart, sun mountain travel bag. Call 52902.

GLASS-PRO boat, 23 feet, Lot 4, twin Yamaha 75, average four gallons fuel per hour, 48-gallon fuel tank, Icom VHF radio, fish box, deep freeze, 130 reel with pole and lures, \$40,000 or best offer. Call 59081.

U.S. DIVERS Conshelf 20 regulator, first stage, second stage, octopus, pressure/depth dive log on

Kwajalein Scuba Club

Meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Feb. 9, at CRC Room One. It's video contest night; if you haven't submitted your three to five minute video, do so now. The winner will receive \$50 toward the dive locker purchases. The new "I Dive Here" shirts will also be available.



console, older regulator but very reliable, \$75. Call 53887.

FOAM mattress, four to five inches thick for a full-size bed with cover, \$20 and a king-size feather mattress, \$50 or best offer. Call work, 52169, or home, 53887.

REINELL Cuddy 1988 inboard powerboat, 19 feet, red and tan, needs fiberglass work, with boat shack lot 52, \$5,000 or best offer; Lamborghini female bike, \$15; Puma soccer shoes, women's size 7, used twice, \$15; coffee maker, \$15; burley, \$15; fish tank and stand with everything to run it, 50 gallons, \$350 and camping utensils set, new, \$20. Call BJ at 52279 or 52222.

INSTANT pop-up and fold-down tent, \$50; blue Zoot suit with shoes and Fedora, perfect for prom, \$150; Xbox 360 package with lots of extras, \$325; alto saxophone, \$250; wireless media computer keyboard, \$20 and various DVD movies and TV box sets, \$2-\$5. Call 52525 and leave a message.

LARGE indoor fake plant, \$15; child-size life jackets, \$10; Heeleys shoes, great condition, \$20; Goosebumps books, like new, \$3 each; Captain Underpants book set, like new, \$15; Gap girls pants, new, \$10; bike parts and lubricants and DVDs. Call 52544.

HP OFFICE Jet 7100 series all-in-one printer, \$50

Café Pacific

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Feb. 12
Pot Roast	Beef Tips in Burgundy	Whole Wheat Penne	Pork Cutlets	Huli Huli Chicken	Beef Round	Broiled Porkchops
Broiled Chicken	Breaded Veal Cutlets	Italian Meatballs	Chili Mac	Soyu Salmon	Turkey Pot Pie	Hawaiian Pizza
Huevos Rancheros	Three Cheese Quiche	Baked Herb Chicken	Hawaiian Steak	Veggie Thai Noodles	Tofu/Veggie Saute	Three Cheese Pizza
Brunch Station Open	Brunch Station Open	Garlic Cheese Bread	Giribaldi Sub	Teriyaki/Pineapple Burgers	Mashed Potatoes	Mushroom Burger

Dinner

Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sausage Lasagna	Short Ribs	BBQ Pork Butt	Salisbury Steak	Steamship Round	Roast Porkloin	Baked Potato Bar
Veggie Lasagna	Chicken Paprikash	Grilled Tuna Steaks	Spicy Chicken Curry	Grilled Chicken	Beef Tips	Fried Chicken
Turkey Tetrazzini	Veggie Quesadillas	Meat/Veggie Stir-Fry	Oriental Stir-Fry	Blackened Tilapia	Baked Penne	BBQ Brisket

THE ZOOKS

8 p.m.
Feb. 6
at the
Vet's Hall

COME FOR SOME
FAMILIAR FACES,
GREAT MUSIC,
AND TO SUPPORT
CALLIE CHAVANA.

or best offer and love seat, good condition, \$100 or best offer. Call Sherry at 53718 or 52137.

NORITAKE colorwave stoneware dishes, still in box, \$55 per setting, paid \$70 and Henckles international fine edge professional knife set, seven piece, still in box, worth \$100, asking \$65. Call Rose at 53731.

UPRIGHT piano, sounds great, \$300; men's dive gear, complete set, will sell separately; rocker recliner, \$100 or with massage/heat pad, \$150. Call 54173 after 6 p.m.

AVT275 Marshall Amp with six-way footswitch, \$650 and Schecter electric guitar with case, \$175. Call 52773 or 51760.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE BARGAIN Bazaar will pick up donations at your quarters the first Monday of each month. The next scheduled pick-up is Feb. 7. Please call 53686 to schedule a pick-up and leave your name and quarters number.

RUN FOR Heart will be from 7-10 a.m., Feb. 7. Runners, walkers and donations are needed. Help raise money to buy school supplies for children on Ebeye. Contact Jared Barrick at 53796 for information.

KPD will be conducting a pistol range on from 8-11 a.m. on Feb. 8. Please observe the red flag hazard area. If you have any questions contact KPD Training at 54452.

THE 14TH annual NHS sponsored Coffee Shop is at 7 p.m., Feb. 13, in the MP room. Come enjoy your favorite coffee drinks and home-made desserts. All proceeds benefit education in the outer islands.

THE VALENTINE'S cookie exchange is at 2 p.m., Feb. 14, at the Grace Sherwood Library. Bring two dozen cookies in a covered tray to trade. No creams, custards or fillings that will spoil please. Everyone is welcome, no sweetheart necessary. Call 53331 for details.

THE COMMUNITY Band concert is at 7 p.m., Feb. 17, in the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room on the high school campus.

BEER, BRATS and bowling event is from 7-11 p.m. on Feb. 19. Admission is free, but games cost \$4 and shoe rentals cost \$2. Adults only.

THE OPTOMETRIST, Dr. Yamamoto, will be on-island Feb. 13-24. Call the hospital at 52223 or 52224 to make an appointment.

KWAJALEIN Yacht Club's 2011 Commodore's Ball is Feb. 27. Happy hour is at 6 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Enjoy an island formal evening of Pacific Rim cuisine and entertainment by DJ Bill. Tickets are available from 5-7 p.m. on Feb. 3, 10 and 17 at KYC meetings and from 10 a.m.-noon on Feb. 7 and 14, downtown. Everyone is invited to this event. Questions, call Jude at 51293.

CYSS youth soccer season registration is open from Feb. 8-March 12. Player fee is \$40. Season dates are from March 22-May 21. This program is open to kindergarten through sixth grade boys and girls. Volunteer coaching opportunities available. Registration and information at CYSS central registration, building 358. Contact Jason at 53796 for sports program information.

THE LAST day of school for Elementary and High School students for the 2010-2011 school year is June 10. If you have children that attend the Elementary and/or High School and your family will be PCSing either before June 10 or during the summer, please notify the school office of your departure date so student records can be prepared. Call the Elementary School office at 53601 and the High School office at 52011.

GIRL TALK needs plants to decorate the Laundromat. Any donations will be graciously accepted. If you would like to donate, please contact Masina McCollum at 51459. Help us beautify our island.

KARAOKE is at 8 p.m., every Sunday, at the Ocean View Club. Join us for singing, music and fun. Contact Darren Moore at 55599 for information.

USAKA WOULD LIKE your opinion on the service AAFES provides to Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. Please take a few minutes to complete a 10-question survey rating the Exchange and the Food Court. A link to the survey is on the intranet home page and was sent to your e-mail. Or follow <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZDCLCZM> to access the survey. Your opinion is highly valued and will be used as a resource to help facilitate community input to AAFES, and enhance USAKA quality of life. If you have questions about the survey, please contact Ruth Miskovsky in the Public Affairs Office at 54932.

CHARGES are in effect for copies of medical records. The first 15 pages are free. Every additional page costs 30 cents. If records are to be mailed, the cost of postage will be added, and payment will be required prior to mailing.

BE CLEAN and green for a secure energy future. Make wise choices to save energy, money and resources. Simple things are turning off lights and equipment when not in use, using sleep mode feature for CPUs and monitors, changing to fluorescent bulbs and purchasing ENERGY STAR equipment.

HELP US keep Kwajalein and Roi-Namur beautiful by adopting an area. If you are looking for a way to get involved in the community, join the Adopt-An-Area program. For more information please contact KRS Community Activities at 53331 or e-mail Kim.Yarner@smdck.smdc.army.mil.

THE UNDER Secretary of Defense Guidance issued a memo in response to WikiLeaks and other unauthorized disclosure of classified information. Please understand that not only releasing classified information is an issue but even seeking out the posted information on websites is not acceptable since the information may still be classified. The full memo will be available at the Helpdesk/IA office and e-mailed soon to all USAKA personnel and contractors.

QUALITY of Life committee members would like your input on 2011 project opportunities. Communicate your funding choices at www.surveymonkey.com/s/QOL2011.

DO NOT leave your belongings unattended in a public area. These include, purses, backpacks, suitcases, briefcases, coolers, boxes and tote bags. Any unattended items will be removed and may be destroyed.

SAFELY SPEAKING. Workplace distractions and interruptions are common. Speak up about repeated and/or unsafe distractions and think and take responsibility for not interrupting or distracting others.

E-TALK. Familiarize yourself with spill procedures and read SPI 1530: Reporting and Responding to Spill Events.

Café Roi

Lunch						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Feb. 12
Citrus Salmon	BBQ Brisket	Chicken Ceaser Wrap	Ruben Sandwich	Hot Dog Bar	Meat Tacos	Cheesesteak Sandwiches
Chicken Marsala	Fried Pork Chops	Chicken Fried Steak	Garlic Chicken	Chicken Fricassee	Beef Tamales	Pulled BBQ Pork
Crab Cake Benedict	Ham Hocks	Onion Rings	Cajun Spiced Rice	Penne in Pesto	Refried Beans	Mac and Cheese

Dinner						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Feb. 12
Thai Beef and Veggies	Roasted Turkey Breast	Butter Roast Chicken	Grilled Top Sirloin	Roi Fried Chicken	Pizza Night	Chicken in Champagne
Chicken in Peanuts	Grilled Pork Chops	Whole Short Ribs	Beer-Battered Cod	Grilled Pork Cutlet	Veal Parmesana	Blackened Pork Chops
Fried Noodles	Mashed Potatoes	Grilled Veggies	Squash	Mashed Potatoes	Pasta in Marinara	Roasted Potatoes

Winter
Season



2011

BOWLING

Tuesday, Feb. 1

TOP BOWLERS - MEN

Bill Hahn: 257

Bob Carter: 197

Jeff Fronzak: 193

TOP BOWLERS - WOMEN

Palepa Smith: 184

Barbara Fronzak: 157

Rebecca Ramsey: 137

TOP SERIES

Bill Hahn: 619

Palepa Smith: 426

Team Standings

(as of Feb. 1)

	WIN-LOSS	TOTAL PINS
No Business:	7-1	4716
California Roll:	6-2	4610
One and Done:	5-3	4757
Kwaj Boyz:	4.5-3.5	4587
3Xs & A No Show:	3-5	4591
3 Aces & A Joker:	2.5-5.5	4586
Random Shots:	2-6	4653
Team #7:	2-6	4588

BASKETBALL

Thursday, Jan. 27

A LEAGUE

Spartans defeat Bakaiaro: 78-49

Hoops defeat Fun-Da-Mentals: 76-49

B LEAGUE

Chuckers defeat Wii Not Fit: 49-29

Sweet Swishers defeat Dogs of K-Town: 64-17

Tuesday, Feb. 1

A LEAGUE

Spartans defeat Fun-Da-Mentals: 51-44

Hoops defeat Bakaiaro: 60-40

B LEAGUE

Wii Not Fit defeat Dogs of K-Town: 25-24

Sweet Swishers defeat Chuckers: 58-25

Weather

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Mostly sunny, <10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 16 - 21 knots

Monday: Mostly sunny, <10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-ESE at 12 - 17 knots

Tuesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: E-SE at 9 - 14 knots

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, 40 percent showers. Winds: ENE-ESE at 8 - 13 knots

Thursday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 10 - 15 knots

Friday: Mostly sunny, <10 percent showers. Winds: ENE at 13 - 18 knots

Annual total: 6.20 inches

Annual deviation: +0.81 inches

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

Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

Sunday	7:10 a.m./6:57 p.m.	8:52 a.m./9:13 p.m.	5:55 a.m., 4.0' 6:03 p.m., 4.4'	11:53 a.m., -0.4'
Monday	7:09 a.m./6:57 p.m.	9:30 a.m./9:56 p.m.	6:21 a.m., 4.0' 6:27 p.m., 4.1'	12:56 a.m., -0.5' 12:20 p.m., -0.2'
Tuesday	7:09 a.m./6:57 p.m.	10:07 a.m./10:41 p.m.	6:47 a.m., 3.8' 6:51 p.m., 3.8'	12:39 a.m., -0.3' 12:48 p.m., 0.0'
Wednesday	7:09 a.m./6:58 p.m.	10:47 a.m./11:27 p.m.	7:14 a.m., 3.6' 7:16 p.m., 3.3'	1:02 a.m., -0.1' 1:18 p.m., 0.4'
Thursday	7:09 a.m./6:58 p.m.	11:29 a.m./	7:46 a.m., 3.4' 7:45 p.m., 2.9'	1:27 a.m., 0.2' 1:53 p.m., 0.7'
Friday	7:09 a.m./6:58 p.m.	12:14 p.m./12:15 a.m.	8:27 a.m., 3.1' 8:25 p.m., 2.4'	1:56 a.m., 0.5' 2:44 a.m., 1.1'
Feb. 12	7:09 a.m./6:58 p.m.	1:03 p.m./1:06 a.m.	9:41 a.m., 2.8' 10:08 p.m., 1.9'	2:38 a.m., 0.9' 4:40 p.m., 1.4'