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THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Reagan Test Site engineers are awarded two star and three star notes by the Missile Defense Agency for their work during a watershed operational weapons test on Kwajalein Atoll last autumn. For more, see page 3.

Photo by Jordan Vinson

Former USAG-KA staffer earns U.S. Army Achievement Medal

Hourglass reports

Anne Greene received the U.S. Army's Achievement Medal for her exceptional performance of duties while assigned to U.S Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll from 2001 to 2013.

During this time period, Mrs. Greene served in different capacities with Command, working as a passport agent and as an administrative assistant in the Provost Marshall Office and in the Host Nation Office.

She has also served as Command's Protocol Officer and Public Affairs Officer.

During her award ceremony at the USAG-KA Command building off Ocean Road, she was joined by her husband, Dave Greene, and all USAG-KA staff.



Anne Greene is awarded the U.S. Achievement Medal by Deputy Garrison Commander Joseph Moscone during a ceremony at the USAG-KA Command Building. Garrison personnel, prior coworkers and friends congratulated her for her achievement and thanked her for her years of faithful service supporting operations on USAG-KA.

Dec. 25 Holiday Hours

Emon Beach	Buddy System
All other beaches	Buddy system
CRC	Closed
ARC	Open 24 hours
Bowling Center	Closed
Golf Course	Sunrise to sunset
Country Club	Closed
Hobby Shop Kwaj	Closed
Grace Sherwood Library	Closed
Adult pool	Buddy system
Family pool	Closed
Small Boat Marina	Closed
Roi Marina	Closed
Surfway	Closed
Laundry	Closed
Beauty/Barber	Closed
Sunrise Bakery	Closed
Ocean View Club	Closed.
Post Office Kwajalein	Closed
<i>Shoppette Roi</i>	<i>Check store for hours</i>
Shoppette Kwajalein	Closed
<i>Pxtra</i>	<i>Check store for hours</i>
Burger King	Closed
Subway	Closed
Anthony's Pizza	Closed
American Eatery	Closed
Community Bank	Closed
Third Island Store	Closed
Outrigger Snack Bar	Closed
Outrigger Bar	Open Christmas night

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

The Kwajalein Hourglass is named for the insignia of the U.S. Army 7th Infantry Division, which liberated the island from the forces of Imperial Japan on Feb. 4, 1944.

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RTS engineers awarded for landmark weapons test

Article and photos by Jordan Vinson
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Reagan Test Site engineers Floyd Corder III, Andrew Hall, Mike Savage and Keith Peacock were recognized by the Missile Defense Agency in a special awards ceremony transmitted throughout the world by videoconference Tuesday.

They were part of the team that assisted in what the MDA dubbed Flight Test Operational-01 last autumn on Kwajalein Atoll and in surrounding areas in the western Pacific. U.S. Army Lt. Col. Dean Wiley issued their awards on behalf of the agency at the MDA building at the Reagan Test Site on Kwajalein. It was one of more than a dozen individual awards ceremonies on military bases and Navy vessels at sea that participated live in the MDA's effort to recognize the hundreds of service members and civilian military contractors that played a part in the landmark testing operation.

"It's a wonder what they do for us and what they do for other programs in DoD," MDA Director Vice Adm. James Syring said about the RTS team during his speech at MDA headquarters in Huntsville, Ala. "It's really a breed of professionals that is unmatched in terms of the importance of their mission, how they perform it and how dedicated they are to it in a very remote location. So for that and for this test, I say thank you."

Keith Peacock, a radars manager, said that the Reagan Test Site's engineers and other

personnel operating the site's high-tech assets on Kwajalein, Meck and Roi-Namur played crucial roles in the success of the FTO-01 test.

"We hosted the locations for the interceptors and the troops that manned them," he said. "We were the airfield, and we were the instrumentation that did the data collect."

Assigned the name of Operational Flintlock—a likely nod to the renowned U.S. Marines offensive thrust in the area during WWII—the Flight Test Operational-01 mission was described by Syring as "the most complex, most relevant" operational test the agency had ever conducted.

"And that's saying something," Syring added. "Because the agency over the years ... has done a lot of complex operational tests. This one exceeded the mark by a lot. In terms of what was required, not just from the engineering and preparation standpoint, but the people standpoint which, I think, is the most important."

Combining Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen from multiple combatant commands, the mission stressed their ability to concurrently employ both the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense weapon system and the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) weapon system to destroy multiple incoming medium-range ballistic missiles.

A newly developed ground-based weapon system developed for use by the Army, the THAAD system utilizes a "hit-to-kill" approach designed to destroy short, medium and intermediate ballistic missiles with kinetic energy discharged upon impact. Instead of blowing up targets, it's like hitting a bullet with another bullet. The system shares similarities with the Navy's Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense system, but is developed specifically for ground-based deployment.

Flight Test Operation-01 test directors combined the complementary defense capabilities

of both systems, positioning a truck-mounted THAAD missile launcher at a location on land along the ring of the atoll and placing the Aegis-equipped USS Decatur on the Pacific ocean to the west of Kwajalein Atoll. The THAAD system took out one incoming missile launched from a position on the Pacific further west, and Aegis system eliminated the other.

"What was required to do that across this agency is not understood well by many," Syring said during his address, commending all participants' ability to work together in a seamless effort to concurrently eliminate multiple hostile targets using separate weapons systems operated by units from different combatant commands.

MDA Director for Test Maj. Gen. Heidi Brown said Tuesday's award ceremony was arranged to showcase the results of what everyone involved with the FTO-01 test achieved.

"Today we're going to recognize a large number of individuals who know first-hand that this was years—years—in the making," Brown stressed. And I know that while we've got people in ... 13 different locations today, there are many other folks that were a part of this. And to you all we say thank you and congratulations for a job very well done."

The units and personnel who participated in the test last autumn came from all over. There were Army Soldiers from the Alpha Battery, 2nd Air Defense Artillery Regiment; Navy Sailors aboard the Aegis-equipped Arleigh Burke class destroyer USS Decatur; and Air Force Airmen from the 613th Air and Operations Center. Personnel with the Ballistic Missile Defense System Operational Test Agency, the Joint Functional Component command for Integrated Missile Defense and U.S. Pacific Command also came onto Kwajalein Atoll.

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"It was really a tri-service effort that pulled this off and executed it ... really for the first time ever," Syring said.

But the vice admiral would be the first to remind that the success of the mission also depended on the support and skill sets of the non-military civilian contractor contingents that had their hands on the test from inception to completion. In other words, individuals like Reagan Test Site's very own.

"FTO-01 would not have been possible without the support from the U.S. Army Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site located on Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands," MDA staff said. "The men and women assigned to the Reagan Test Site provided vital test functions, including launch sites for interceptors and targets, sensor and data collection assistance and logistical support for the deployed war fighters."

To all our Family and Friends

I wanted to take a moment to express my appreciation and thank everyone for their love and support during these past weeks. Our family would like to send our sincerest gratitude to the Leaders of Ebeye for their time and generosity.

Thank you to our family and friends on Ebeye and Kwajalein for their thoughts and prayers. We send a special note of gratitude to our friends in Huntsville, the Kwajalein Hospital and Kwajalein Golf Community. Having your prayers and thoughts with our family gave us comfort during the previous weeks.

Many thanks to our Ebeye and Kwajalein families. We cherish your friendships and hold you close in our hearts.

Thank you so much

— The Joji Family

Boy Scout Troup 314 member reaches highest scout rank

Article and photo by Jordan Vinson
Associate Editor

John Sholar, a Jr Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School senior, entered the highest possible rank attainable by a member of the Boy Scouts of America Wednesday.

Having surpassed the littyany of challenges the organization requires Scouts to overcome to enter into the organization's highest echelon, Sholar was awarded an Eagle Court of Honor Wednesday evening at the Island Memorial Chapel. The ceremony, festooned with American flags and Scouting insignia, was attended by close to 100 Kwajalein residents, including U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Nestor Sadler, Sgt. Maj. David Negron and Kwajalein Range Services President Cynthia Rivera.

"John Sholar, are you willing to accept these obligations, responsibilities and the honor of the Eagle badge," Scoutmaster Glen McClellan asked Sholar at the end of a speech he prepared for the ceremony.

"Yes. With the help of God, I am," Sholar earnestly responded under the dim lights of chapel.

"Then, God bless you, John, as you go forth into the world as an Eagle Scout. And God bless America," McClellan added to the crowds applause.

Sholar, who recently aced his American College Testing exam and earned a whopping 2380 out of a total 2400 possible points in his Scholastic Assessment Test, will attend Stanford University next fall on a full scholarship.

There were also a number of younger Scouts honored at the ceremony. Having earned skills in areas ranging from fingerprinting and fire safety to radio, scuba diving and whitewater rafting, they received new merit badges, a key requirement for advancing up the Scouts' hierarchy. Others were awarded new ranks themselves, such as 1st Class Tenderfoot, 2nd Class Tenderfoot and Life. And parents were invited to the front of the chapel with their Scouts to celebrate together.

USAG-KA also used the opportunity thank Kwajalein Boy Scout Troup 314 for their assistance in last month's Veterans Day memorial ceremony. Both Sadler and Negron honored the Scouts by awarding certificates and personally thanking them for their contributions to the ceremonies that the Kwajalein community perform to honor those who have fallen on battlefields fighting for their nation and countrymen.



John Sholar beams before the crowd of about 100 residents after receiving his Eagle medal and badge at the Island Memorial Chapel Wednesday evening. The ceremony was a fitting tribute for Sholar, one of Kwajalein's finest young leaders, before he heads off to Stanford University next fall on a full scholarship.

“PHISH,” “Wanna Win” reel in fat catches in Wahoo-Mahi Fishing Derby

By Trudy Butler

Kwajalein anglers and curious onlookers swarmed the Small Boat Marina Sunday for the 2013 Wahoo-Mahi Fishing Derby. Organized by the Kwajalein Atoll International Sport-fishing Club, the tournament challenged each participating team to haul in the largest catch



“PHISH” members present their prize catch. Left to right: Yoshi Kemen, James chong-Gum, Mike Ellison, Brad Waler and Shawn Hebert.

of wahoo and mahi-mahi possible for a cash prize and the right for the members to call themselves the 2013 champions of the derby.

While plenty of teams hooked nice fish during the morning and afternoon sessions of the tournament, only two teams walked away with major awards. Taking home the top prize in the mahi-mahi category were the members of “PHISH,” a team comprised of Yoshi Kemen, Shawn Hebert, Brad Walker, Mike Ellison and James Chong-bum. Their largest mahi-mahi came in at a whopping 18.5 pounds, which earned them \$800 courtesy of the KAISC.

Meanwhile, the members of team “Wanna Win”—Andy Carden, Rusty LaRoche, Karen Simas, Dan Simas and Chris Worsley—got to split their own \$800 bounty for bringing in a 16.5 pound wahoo and winning that division.

The “Island Boyz”, captained by Dalbert Delacruz and crewed by

Tony Maika, Robert Herring and David Shimaoka will also be awarded \$100.00 for landing the smallest fish in the derby with their 6.5 lb. dogtooth tuna.

A special “Honorable Mention” was given to Team “Wanna Win” for returning to Kwajalein harbor after reaching fishing grounds to pick up a team member who arrived late for the derby. Interestingly, even though they had a late start, they ended up taking home the gold in a major prize category.

A total of 11 teams participated in the Wahoo-Mahi Fishing Derby Sunday. Apart from cutting across the surface of the lagoon on B-boats and getting battered by rough waves ocean-side, the participants and their family and friends on shore at the Small Boat Marina grilled out, talked shop about best angling techniques and cleaned and packaged the wahoo and mahi-mahi they brought back with them off the boats.



“Wanna win,” all smiles, hold up their wahoo for photos. Left to right: Karen Simas, Dan Simas, Rusty LaRoche, Chris Worsley and Andy Carden

—NOTICE—

The USAG-KA Town Hall for Kwajalein residents has been postponed until early Jan. 2014 due to many residents’ off-island travel plans.

MANIT MINUTE

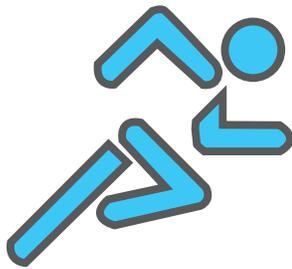
Cultural values and customs, or manit, make Marshallese society unique. Land is a focal point for social organization in this island nation. All Marshallese have land rights as part of a clan, or jowi, that owes allegiance to an Iroj (chief). It is supervised by the Alap (clan head), and supported by the Rjierbal (workers). The Iroj have ultimate control of such things as land tenure, resource use and distribution, and dispute settlement. The Alap supervises the maintenance of lands and daily activities. The Rjierbal are responsible for all daily work on the land including cleaning, farming and construction activities.

In traditional Marshallese society, the youth learned essential skills, concepts and attitudes through direct involvement with family and community. Persons with special knowledge or skills trained selected apprentices to preserve the skills and cultural knowledge.

Kwaj runners hit the pavement for Paupers' Marathon and Relay

By Bob Sholar

Nine runners ran a full 26.2 miles at Kwajalein Running Club's 32nd annual Paupers' Marathon and Relay in the early morning hours Dec. 9. The individual runners, according to their 'beat the heat' preferences, chose from starting blocks slated to begin at: 1 a.m., 3 a.m. and 4:30 a.m.



The course consisted of 10 loops that wrapped around Kwajalein Island north of 9th street. The event allowed the creation of teams consisting of between two and 10 runners, and there were a total of 10 teams that hit the pavement,

including a George Seitz Elementary School team and a Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School team.

The first team to cross the finish line was the "Tortoise & Hare" duo consisting of Jeffrey Fluher and Wes Kirk. Alternating between running and resting every lap, the two completed the 26.2 miles in a total of 3:40:15.

Rich Erekson, Jay Lord and Ben Bartyzel, who also took turns running the course, crossed the finish line with a time of 3:51:25.

Taking 3rd place with a time of 3:54:16 was "Lift and Drag," a duo comprised of George Gansel and Matt Sova.

The spunky George Seitz Elementary team finished at 5:07:16 and consisted of Dominic Leines, Kayla Hepler, Sean Hepler, Addison Baldy, Ryan Hess, Alex Souther, Julia Sholar and DJ DeBrum. Lynn Leines

TOP PAUPERS' FINISHERS

Full Marathon Runners		
1	John Jahnke	4:17:56
2	Lindsey Vail	4:33:26
3	Dan Simas	5:08:02
4	Stephanie Los-Trimble	5:09:05
5	Michael Hinton	5:09:40
6	Kevin Skinner	5:16:62
7	Ben Souther	5:33:27
8	Victor Langhans	6:11:00
9	Doug Hepler	8:48:10

Half-marathon Runners		
1	Matt Brown	1:50:06
2	Jay Lord	1:50:06
3	Jamye Loy	2:10:33
4	Mereille Bishop	2:10:33
5	Angela Mitchell	2:24:55
6	Shelbi Rowe	2:24:55

and Ben Jahnke graciously jumped in to fill two open loops.

The Paupers' Marathon is an annual tradition that coincides with the Honolulu Marathon, a race that often draws out a contingent of runners from Kwajalein to participate.

Hobby Shop Holiday Open House brings out residents for sweets and crafts

By Kim Yarnes

The 4th annual Hobby Shop Holiday Open House was hosted on Dec. 12. The smell of spiced cider wafted through the room as patrons munched on holiday treats. Joanie Drefus, Evelyn Smith and Patti Alejandro hosted the event this year including putting together fun grab bags for the kids, donating a number of pieces for the drawings that were held throughout the event, and transforming the work space into a holiday celebration. Santa would be proud of these three elves. Patrons showed off some of their favorite pieces while everyone socialized and waited to see if they were the next big winners.



Hobby Shop veterans and master craftswomen Patti Alejandro, Evelyn Smith and Joanie Drefus channel their Yuletide spirit during the open house Dec. 12. They kept up the energy of the event, calling out raffle prizes and showing newcomers around the shop.

TSA Pre expedited screening now available to CAC holders at more than 100 airports

Article by Jordan Vinson
Associate Editor

Going through airport security checkpoint lines is about as fun as withering away in line at your local license branch to get your plates renewed—but without your shoes and belt on. Long lines, pushy security officers and unruly flyers can make the experience of passing through checkpoints a bit “less than desirable.” And it’s even worse for the vast majority of Kwajalein residents, who are forced to take multiple flights—and repeat the checkpoint process again and again—to get to this little dot of land in the western Pacific.

Luckily, passing through airport security has just gotten considerably more tolerable.

On Friday the Transportation Security Administration opened up its TSA Pre expedited screening program to more than 100 airports throughout the United States. Better yet, all individuals who possess Common Access Cards, whether military service members or civilian contractors, can take advantage of the program.

That’s you, Kwajalein CAC holders.

Perks of the TSA Pre program range from shorter lines and shorter wait times to being allowed to keep on shoes, belts or even light jackets while passing through checkpoints. Participants are even allowed to keep their laptops in their cases while they pass through X-ray scanners.

Prior to Friday’s expansion of services, those with the Department of Defense ID cards could only take advantage of expedited screening at 10 airports, and only by physically presenting their cards to TSA document checkers at the airports. All travelers need to do now is locate the “DoD ID number” on the back of the card and enter it into the “Known Traveler Number” field when booking flight reservations via telephone or the Internet.

The new approach, TSA officials stated, gives travelers the option for expedited screening at more than 10 times the number of airports that participate in the TSA Pre program in the United States.

The TSA will continue to accept CAC cards physically presented at security screen stations in the 10 airports that originally participated in the program, but only for a short time to facilitate the transition to the new system. The administration expects that approach to be phased out by the end of March, 2014.

CAC ID cards can be used to access the TSA Pre lines for both business and personal travel. But it’s important to note that while family members aged 12 and younger travelling with a CAC holder can pass through expedited screening, those older than 13 cannot. This caveat applies to spouses who do not have their own CAC ID cards.

Read on for answers to some frequently asked questions regarding the program.

Q. How do I participate in TSA Pre?

A. Enter your DoD ID number into the “Known Traveler Number” field when booking flight reservations or when updating your Defense Travel System profile for official travel.

Q. Is there something printed on my boarding pass that indicates that I am pre-approved for TSA Pre?

A. Some participating airlines print a TSA Pre indicator on the boarding pass, while others do not. However, if you entered your DoD ID number when booking travel, proceed to the dedicated TSA Pre lane to check eligibility.

Q. After December 20, 2013 can I still present my CAC to the TSA Document Checker to participate in TSA Pre as I do now?

A. Only ten airports have the ability to scan and verify a CAC and TSA is working to phase out that qualification process by March 31, 2014. It is best to include your DoD ID number in your reservation if you want to participate in TSA Pre.

Q. Can I use this program for personal travel?

A. Yes. To participate include your DoD ID number in the Known Travel Number field when making reservations through an airline or travel website. Travelers may also save their DoD ID number in their frequent flyer program profile.

Q. If my family is traveling with me, can they also go through the TSA Pre lane?

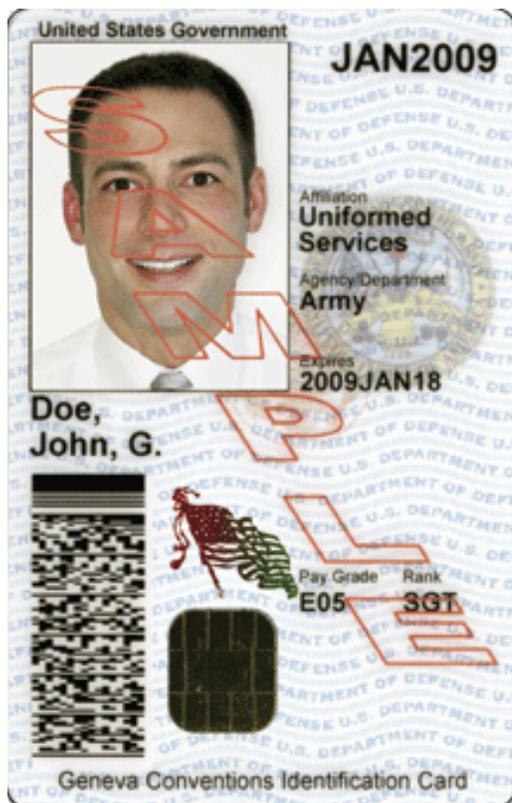
A. Family members ages 12 and under traveling with an eligible service member can participate in expedited screening as well. However, family members 13 and older must go through standard security lanes or should apply for a DHS Trusted Traveler program for TSA Pre eligibility.

Q. Do service members need to be in uniform to participate?

A. No. Service members do not need to be in uniform or on official travel to participate in TSA Pre.

See the following URL for more information and to find out where the more than 100 airports participating in the TSA Pre program are located.

<http://www.tsa.gov/tsa-pre-check/airlines-airports>



DISPATCH FROM ROI

Roi-Namur's 2013 Christmas tree lighting. Photos from Bridget Rankin



Roi folks, please send the Hourglass more pics of the goings on in your neck of the atoll. Email: usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd.mbx.hourglass@mail.mil. Or email directly to Jordan Vinson.

Kwajalein glows during Light up the Night contest and caroling festivities

Hourglass reports

Photos by Kim Yarnes, Logan Lelet

Saturday evening voices of carolers rang out around Kwaj as tours traveled around the island view all of the brightly lit "Light up the Night" entries. Members of National Honor Society led the groups in singing on the trailers they had festively decorated. This year there were ten entries and two last minute additions to the ballot. The spectacles of lights varied from a "ginger bread" house in a snow storm, to flashing snowflakes and illuminate palm trees. The crowds "oohed and awed" in front of each display, but ultimately voted for their favorites. Inside the MP Room, the starting point for the tour, things were so delightful. The Student Council offered a hot dog dinner for attendees served by shifts of elementary school students. Spartan Espresso blended up Orange Julius, prepared hot chocolate and brewed various coffee drinks that pleased the crowd. National Honor Society and



Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School students, teachers, Community Activities staff and more group together for photos in the MP Room during the opening moments of the event. After hot chocolates, espressos and snacks, the participants began their Light up the Night tour.

Community Activities had Holiday Cartoons, crafts, tattoos and more to keep folks entertained while they waited for their tour. Over three hundred residents attended this joyful gathering made possible by Quality of Life, Community Activities, National Honor Society, Student Council and Spartan Espresso.

Winners of the "Light up the Night" holiday decorations contest

Housing

- 1st Place: Anne and Pat Dowell
- 2nd Place: John and Kim Breen
- 3rd Place: Bruce and Jane Premo

BQ

- 1st Place: Barbara Bicanich
- 2nd Place: Jacqui Walley
- 3rd Place: Mike Pimenta



David Kabua, left, and Hilai Reimers take part in some crafts before the gang started its tour of decorations in Kwajalein neighborhoods.



Yomoko Kemen and Colleen Ferguson love humungous candy canes.

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

FCE BENEFITS has an opening for a part-time Benefits Assistant. Duties include customer service, meeting coordination, filing, preparation of benefits documents, etc. Must possess strong organizational and computer skills. Requirements include a high school diploma, two years administrative experience, strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to obtain a CAC and network access. Visit the Human Resource Office (building 700) for an FCE Benefits employment application, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, or contact Chris Hadley at chris.t.hadley2.ctr@mail.mil or 50939.

LOST

BROWN WOMEN'S WALLET, lost afternoon of Dec. 6, contains personal IDs, reward for returning. Call Jane Abston at 51806 or 53341.

FOUND

ASUS NEXUS TABLET computer, at the corner of Poinsettia and 6th street. Call David at 50078 or 51139 to identify.

Religious Services

Catholic

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Small Chapel
 9:15 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel
 Roi-Namur service, 4:45 p.m., Second and Fourth Friday of each month. Appointments with Fr. Vic available after dinner.

Protestant

8 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel
 9:15 a.m., Sunday School
 11 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel
 6:30 p.m., Friday, Roi Chapel

Latter-day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, CRC Room 3
 Contact the chaplain's office at 53505 for more information.

WANTED

OUTBOARD MOTOR, dinghy size, 2-8 HP, in running condition. Call 51057 or email south.sea.pilot@gmail.com.

PATIO SALE

DEC. 30, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., quarters 137-B. Household goods, bike parts, clothing. Rain cancels.

FOR SALE

SMALL GLASS PATIO TABLE and four folding chairs, good condition, \$50. Call David at 50078 or 51139.

LENS, Nikon 55-200 mm f/4-5.6G ED IF AF-S DX VR, excellent condition with caps, hood and bag, \$100. Call Rob at 51140 or 51616.

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS VHS Movies, original Dr. Seuss "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" narrated by Boris Karloff, "The Grinch" with Jim Carrey, "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" told and sung by Fred Astaire, "Rudolph the Rednose Reindeer" told and sung by Burl Ives, "Rudolph & Frosty's Christmas in July" (more recent), all for \$10. Call 52642 and leave a message.

SCUBAPRO MEN'S WETSUIT, brand new, black, sleek and warm, size XXXL, retails for \$195, asking \$85; women's white Adidas soccer cleats, never worn, size 10, \$30. Call 52485.

USED GAMING LAPTOP, 17-inch, i5 processor, 2.53 GHz, 8 GB DDR3 RAM, 640 GB hard drive, 1 GB dedicated video card, Blu-ray reader, DVD writer with Lightscribe, and Windows 7 Pro, available with fresh install for the holidays, \$500. Call 59253 and leave a message.

SONY XPERIA Z 10.1-inch tablet, 32 GB flash memory, 64 GB Micro SDXC card, 2 GB RAM, full HD display, 5.1 surround sound, 8 MP rear-facing camera, quad-core processor, Jelly Bean OS, MoKo slim cover case, ArmorSuit Military Shield screen protector, \$400. Call 52597.

WOODEN LOFT for twin bed, \$80. Call 56674 or 53008.

WHITE BOOKCASE, 76W x 30H x 12D, \$20; new Euro Cuisine yogurt maker, eight extra glass jars, \$20; upright 4-drawer metal filing cabinet with about 50 new hanging file folders, \$20; PUR chrome faucet mount water filter, \$10; blue upholstery loveseat, \$75; bikes, microwave, toaster, queen-sized bed, steam cleaner, etc. available late January. Call 52306.

MEN'S NEOSPORT WETSUIT (XXL) 3/2mm,

never worn, \$65; Hoover SteamVac, new in box, \$110; Weber Charcoal One-Touch Gold kettle grill, new condition, \$110; heavy bag, \$40; Dunlop golf clubs, caddy, new glove, \$60. Call Brian at 51081.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

IF YOU'D LIKE a compilation of the songs performed at the elementary school choir students' Christmas concert, email Anthony Cherry on global or Mrs. Cherry at cherryym@kwajalein-school.com and we will email the MP3 tracks to you.

PACKAGE DELIVERY from Automotive Services runs through Dec. 24. A van is located between the P-Xtra and Zamperini Dining Facility during normal package pickup hours Monday through Saturday. You must receive the packages at the Post Office pickup window and transfer them to the van. The driver will be available to assist. Be prepared to meet the driver at your quarters.

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY. 5 p.m., tonight, at the Country Club. Get out your ugliest holiday sweater and join the festivities! Music, drink specials and ugliest sweater contest. Must be 21 years of age or older.

THE KHS GIRL TALK group will be selling dinner plates from 6-8:30 p.m., Sunday, at the Scuba Santa and Parade of Lights event at Emon beach. There will also be live entertainment after Scuba Santa arrives. If you are interested in performing a couple of songs, call Masina McCollum at 51459.

THE KWAJALEIN ANNUAL BOAT Parade of Lights will be held Sunday. The parade will depart Kwajalein Harbor at 7 p.m. and make its way through the Ski Boat Area to Emon Beach. It will then make several loops in front of Emon Beach after Scuba Santa's arrival. The Small Boat Marina has boats available for use in the parade. Monday is a backup day in case of poor weather conditions. Contact Bruce Premo at 52379 for details.

THE HOSPITAL will be available for same-day visits and emergency services on Tuesday through Friday. Same-day appointments will be available by calling 52223 for all acute or emergency situations.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE for Blessed Sacrament: Christmas Eve Children's Mass, 5:30 p.m., Dec 24; Midnight Mass, midnight; Christmas Day Mass, 9:15 a.m. Questions? Call Fr Vic at 53505.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT'S Equipment Custodian Training class is from 9-11 a.m., Dec. 28, in the REB. This training is required for all Property Custodians and available for Supervisors/Managers. Other personnel may attend, space permitting. Training covers aspects of Government

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 28
Hoisin Pork Loin	Beef Tips Burgundy	Vegetarian Quesadillas	Gourmet Cheese Bar	Turkey Noodle Soup	Giribaldi Sub	Tropical Pork Chops
Soyu Chicken	Chicken Cordon Bleu	Kwaj Fried Chicken	Chilled Tiger Shrimp	Picante Chicken Breast	Barbecue Beef	Pizza
Cheddar Ham Quiche	Eggs Florentine	Hawaiian Chopped Steak	Mussels on Half Shell	Cajun Beef Stew	Herb Breaded Pollock	Chili Mac

Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 28
Barbecue Chicken	Chicken Fried Steak	Pasta	Szechuan Pork Loin	Teriyaki Chicken	Braised Short Ribs
Macaroni and Cheese	Country Gravy	Vegetarian Stir-fry	Chicken Adobo	Beef Stir-fry	Chicken Nuggets
Beef Stew	Beans in Broth	Carrots and Green Beans	Vegetarian Chow Fun	Crab Egg Foo Yung	Mixed Vegetables

Property Management, use of forms and responsibilities of Property Custodians. To register, call Deb Crawford at 56212 or La'Mesha Rhodes at 53412.

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB will hold a meeting on Dec. 28 at the Yacht Club. Happy hour at 5:30 p.m.; meeting at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Commodore Ed is deep frying a turkey. Bring side dish to share. Bring a wrapped gift, under \$20, for a white elephant/yankee gift exchange. Separate exchanges for kids and adults. Questions? Contact Mark at Yeoman@kwajachtclub.com.

OCEAN VIEW CLUB Birthday Bash. 8 p.m., Dec. 28. Present your K-badge to the bartender. Must be 21 years old! Complimentary drinks and cake for December birthdays. Questions? Call Barbara Hutchins at 58228.

NEW YEAR'S EVE SHUTTLE BUS. Begins at 7:45 p.m., Dec. 31. Shuttle will stop at the following locations: Surfway, Ocean View Club, Vet's Hall, Country Club. Ring in the New Year safely; park your bike and hop on!

VET'S HALL New Years Eve. Ring in a rockin' New Year at the Vet's Hall listening to the crazy sounds of the *Insane Geckos* starting at 8 p.m. on Dec. 31. Shuttle bus service available. Questions? Contact Jan Abrams or Mike Woundy.

BLACK & WHITE New Year's Eve Party. 8 p.m., Dec. 31, at the Country Club. Celebrate the New Year in style! Wear your finest black and white while ringing in 2014. Champagne, music and much more. Shuttle bus service available. Must be 21 years of age or older.

BLESSED SACRAMENT MASS schedule for New Years Day: 9:15 a.m., Jan. 1. Questions? Call Fr Vic at 53505.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU. Let's turn last year's failed resolution for weight loss into something lasting for the future. First step: find your BMI. Come to the meeting from 4:45-5:30 p.m., Jan. 2, in the hospital conference room. Call the EAP at 55362.

THE SOCIAL LIFE of the unaccompanied on Kwajalein can be confusing and complex. Let's make a difference and help each other. A "what to do when ..." roundtable will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 4 in the hospital conference room. Roi residents: To participate, send the EAP a telephone number for call-in on speakerphone. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

THE BARIATRIC SURGERY Support Group will move to the second Tuesday of each month beginning Jan. 7, 4:45-5:30 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND University College announces 2014 Spring 1 Session registration is now open! Register through Jan 8. Session dates: Jan 13-March 9. Schedules can be viewed by visiting the website <http://www.asia.umuc.edu>/Need help? Email the Asia office at deasia@umuc.edu or call or visit the Kwajalein office at 52800, Coral BQ, Room 1.

"PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE" group will begin the second Saturday of every month beginning Jan. 11, from 4:45-5:30 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. Teach your kids calmer, more constructive ways to express their anger, disappointment, fear, frustration and much more. For parents of elementary age students. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

CYSS YOUTH SPORTS Tennis League. Register through Jan. 11. Season dates: Fridays, Jan. 24-March 14. Cost is \$30 per individual. All players are required to have an updated sports physical on file. Late registration fee is \$5. Open to all CYSS registered youth ages 7 through Grade 6. Space is limited. Questions? Call Michelle Huwe at 53796.

CYSS YOUTH SPORTS Baseball, Softball, T-ball League. Register through Jan 11. Season dates: Jan. 23-March 13. Cost is \$40.00 per individual. All players are required to have an updated sports physical on file. Late registration fee is \$5. Open to all CYSS registered youth Kindergarten-Grade 6. Questions? Call Michelle Huwe at 53796.

START SMART T-BALL. The Start Smart program teaches children ages 3-5 the basic motor skills to play T-ball, working one-on-one with their parents. Registration: Dec. 3-Jan. 11. Cost is \$20 per individual. All players are required to have an updated sports physical on file. Late registration fee of \$5 per child. Program dates: Jan. 22-Feb. 26 Questions? Call Michelle Huwe at 53796.

THROWING A PARTY? Looking for something to do on the weekends? The Kwajalein Sports Association has a Banana Boat and Laser Tag available for rent. If interested, call Tarah Yurovchak at 52280.

AFN-KWAJALEIN will soon make the transition from analog to digital broadcast for all 10 TV channels. The transition will likely be finalized on or before 31 January 2014. Residents with newer, digital TV sets will only need to reprogram their current TV set to receive all the digital channels. Residents with older, analog TV sets will need to obtain a DTV converter box to receive the digital TV Channels. These converter boxes are available for purchase online from various vendors. For information on how to use DTV converter boxes

Military Casualties

Lance Cpl. Matthew R. Rodriguez, 19, of Fairhaven, Mass., died Dec. 11, while conducting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Petty Officer 1st Class James L. Smith, 38, of Huffman, Texas, died Dec. 11, in Landstuhl, Germany, from a non-combat related incident. Smith was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 28, Shreveport, La.

with an analog TV, see the PBS webpage explaining the process: http://www.pbs.org/digitaltv/converter_boxes.php.

WWII VETERANS to visit Kwajalein and Roi. Two veterans who fought in Operation Flintlock, the battle for Kwajalein Atoll in January and February 1944, will be returning to Kwajalein in January for the 70th anniversary of the battle. Several events are being planned for their visit, which is being sponsored by American Legion Post #44, the Kwajalein Scuba Club and the Quality of Life committee. For more information, contact the event coordinator, Dan Farnham.

THERE IS AN EMBARGO until Jan. 15 on perishable items for standby passengers and United Pass riders.

E-TALK: Twas the Night before Christmas: Santa could recycle, his workshop all clean. Even in a red suit, Santa can be green! He liked this idea, and I won't be surprised if by this time next year, his waste is minimized!"

SAFELY SPEAKING: Holiday Safety Tips: Do not allow the hustle and bustle of the season to cause you to sacrifice sleep. Without enough sleep, our minds and bodies do not function as well as they could, which makes us less productive, tired and more prone to accidents. It is normal during the holidays to have more on your to-do list than usual, but that should not result in sleep dropping off your to-do list.

<i>Café Roi</i>						
Lunch						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 28
Pulled Pork Sandwich	London Broil	Bratwurst and Sauerkraut	Beef Wellington	Fish Sandwich	Pizza	Philly Cheesesteak
Chicken Piccata	Catfish	Meatloaf	Roast Duck	Chicken Fricassee	Baked Ziti	Roasted Kibi Ribs
Wild Rice Pilaf	Pinto Beans	Cornbread	Ham	Onion Rings	Cheesy Garlic Bread	Potato Wedges
Dinner						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 28
Roasted Chicken	Chicken Parmesan	Barbecue Chicken	Seafood Paella	Roi Fried Chicken	Char-grilled Hamburger	Sausage and Peppers
Beef Stew	Beef Ragu Pasta	Smoked Sausage	Mashed Potatoes	Swedish Meatballs	Chicken Breast	Chicken Pesto Alfredo
Stuffing	Garlic Bread	Sweet Potatoes	Chilled Seafood	Mashed Potatoes	Tater Tots	Cheesy Garlic Bread
			Cheese Tray			
			Fruit Salad			

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who came to the tie-dye fundraiser for Operation: Science Stuff! Because of your support, we were able to meet our fundraising goals. A special thanks to Kristin Miller, Leigh Pinney, Ruthie Long, Claire Stepchew, Ariana Alejandro, Jordan Hadley and Maddy Greene.

Because of the kindness and generosity of the people of Kwajalein, Operation: Science Stuff was a success and I believe we will be able to provide all the equipment that the high school on Gugeegue needs to expand their science program. Thank you for encouraging a love of learning and science in the students! Your contributions will be appreciated for years to come.

-Amber Bates

NEW POSTAL SYSTEM BEGINS MONDAY

On Monday the new postal system will be operational. Please bring three copies of your print custom forms to begin mailing packages. See instructions below on how to create an online account at USPS.com

1. Go to USPS.com
2. Click "Register/Sign in"
3. Choose "Sign Up Now"

Select: Language and Account Type

Select: Username and Password

Choose: Two Security Questions and Answers

4. Enter name, address, phone number and email address
Click "Create Account"

5. You're done. You can now print out customs forms, shipping labels and more. Bring these to the Post Office along with your packages to ship them off from here on out.



THUMBS UP!

...to everyone who supported, participated in, cooked, performed and cleaned for the 46th annual Tree Lighting event. What a great way to kick off the holiday season.

...to Quality of Life, Community Activities, National Honor Society, Student Council and Spartan Espresso for hosting the great Light up the Night and Caroling event last weekend. What a blast.

...to everyone who came out for the Kwajalein Atoll International Sportfishing Club's Wahoo-Mahi Derby last weekend. The turnout was strong.

Weather

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Day	Skies	Chance of Rain	Winds
Mostly Sunny	<10%	ENE at 16-22 knots	
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Mostly Sunny	<10%	ENE at 16-22 knots	
Mostly Sunny	<10%	ENE-E at 16-22 knots	
Mostly Sunny	<10%	ENE at 16-22 knots	
Mostly Sunny	<10%	ENE-E at 16-22 knots	

Yearly total: 63.78 inches

Yearly deviation: -26.53 inches

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

	Sunrise Sunset	Moonrise Moonset	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:55 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	4:51 p.m. 4:49 a.m.	2:57 a.m. 3.1' 3:14 p.m. 4.2'	8:49 a.m. 0.1' 9:40 p.m. -0.1'
Monday	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	5:39 p.m. 5:39 a.m.	3:33 a.m. 3.2' 3:46 p.m. 4.4'	9:24 a.m. -0.1' 10:12 p.m. -0.3'
Tuesday	6:56 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	6:28 p.m. 6:28 a.m.	4:06 a.m. 3.3' 4:17 p.m. 4.5'	9:56 a.m. -0.2' 10:42 p.m. -0.4
Wednesday	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	7:16 p.m. 7:17 a.m.	4:38 a.m. 3.4' 4:48 p.m. 4.5'	10:28 a.m. -0.3' 11:12 p.m. -0.5'
Thursday	6:57 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	8:05 p.m. 8:04 a.m.	5:08 p.m. 3.5' 5:18 p.m. 4.5'	10:58 a.m. -0.3' 11:42 p.m. -0.4'
Friday	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	8:52 p.m. 8:49 a.m.	5:38 a.m. 3.4' 5:47 p.m. 4.4'	11:29 a.m. -0.2' -----'
Dec. 21	6:58 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	9:39 p.m. 9:32 a.m.	6:09 a.m. 3.4' 6:17 p.m. 4.2'	12:11 a.m. -0.3' 11:59 p.m. 0.0'