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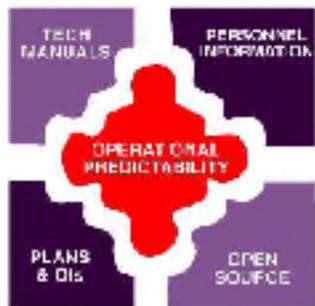
MAJ Chris Mills, COL Joseph Gaines, SGM Hohn Wolf and LTC John Eggert meet with KALGOV Representative of Enniburr and Captain of Enniburr Police, Julius Lejjena, July 10. COL Gaines toured Enniburr to seek out their challenges so he may work on them during his two-year tenure as USAKA/RTS Commander. For more, see page 4.

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COL Gaines discusses his past, looks to the future

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Managing Editor

COL Joseph Gaines, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site's 24th Commander, is no stranger to the Army. Gaines comes from an Army Family. His father was in the Army and was a sergeant who fought in the Korean War. If you ever visit his office, you will see a proudly placed photo of his father as a 22-year-old young man, proud to be in the Armed Forces. "I don't think he ever imagined that one of his sons would become a colonel in the Army and then end up commanding such an important base like this," Gaines said. Military blood runs even deeper into Gaines' family. He has two uncles that were in the Army and his brother was in the Navy. Even Gaines' wife, Dianne, was in the Army. "We actually met in the Army in Europe. She was an ordnance officer preparing the defense system and I was a missile defense operator, so that's how we met." Looking back, Gaines pointed out how interesting it is that he met his wife while at a remote site and now they have ended up yet again on another remote site.

Gaines explained how he was chosen to become COL Frederick Clarke's replacement as USAKA Commander. "Command in the Army is probably one the most sought after jobs in the military and it is highly competitive." The way the process works is that a board of officers from all different backgrounds meets every year and reviews the files of all eligible officers; it takes more than just performing the last two or three years to go into command, they look at your files 10-15 years back. There may be 20 or 30 officers competing for command, so it is a very select process. Officers compete in various categories. The USAKA post falls into the Garrison Command category. What the Army tries to do is match the skills of each competing officer to one of the bases that is available. Since Gaines has a background with Space and Missile Defense Command, the Army matched him to USAKA.

Gaines was thrilled when he was notified by LTG Kevin Campbell that he would be taking over command on Kwajalein. "I didn't have a say, but boy, it sure worked out because

it sure can't get better than this." Gaines doesn't put himself in front of any of his peers that were not selected for the Kwajalein post. "As you might imagine, there is a lot of talent in the Army, so it is very humbling to be selected for command because there are so many good people that don't get selected."

USAKA is a very unique command post; there are military personnel, civilians, contractors and host nation personnel. Gaines is prepared and has worked in similar organizations such as this. "I was assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency and it was a primarily civilian run organization; there was a very small number of military. There I learned that we have a highly skilled civilian work force and you don't always have to have a military leader out in front; civilians can lead the way. I expect that Kwaj runs the same way. The civilians are out in front, leading the way, partnering with the military."

Some members of the community may have the perception that because Gaines does not have his family here, he will not be as concerned with family issues. Gaines has told the community that he has been part of the Army for over 24 years, so he understands that there is a need to care for more than just the worker; he must also care for their families. "The family issue is not something I can choose not to focus on. That is part of my mission as the garrison commander is to take care of the workforce and their families. So it is part of my mission and anything short of that is mission failure."

While commanding here on Kwajalein, Gaines plans to become very involved in the community. In his pre-command course, the Chief of Staff of the Army told him that his job was not just to command his unit, but the community as a whole. Gaines is focused on his responsibility to interact and work closely with the community and he is excited about that part of his job.



COL Joseph Gaines speaks at the July 7 Change of Command Ceremony.

He has already attended a SCUBA club meeting. He would like to get involved with as many community activities as he can.

Gaines has only been in command a little over a week but has met with all work forces to discuss challenges and possible solutions. He feels that open communication is the only way all groups can work together. "It is important that the community knows who I am and that I'm willing to listen to them and that we have good two way communication. That is what [town hall] meetings are for, so that the community knows that they can have an avenue, a communication line, where they can provide feedback, weigh in and have a say in the decisions that we make out here."

Gaines spoke a lot about safety in his introductory meetings with the community. Members of the community have already assured Gaines that we have an exceptional safety program. Gaines has set a goal to take safety to the next level. "When I flew in here, my gut told me that this could be a very unforgiving environment; we're surrounded by water, we have unusual weather patterns that change rapidly throughout the day, it is very hot, it might be difficult to maintain a proper hydration level and those things." Safety is something that Gaines feels needs command focus. He is going to lead a safety council meeting that will include USAKA leadership, USAKA staff, KRS, local Marshallese representatives and various community

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Welcome to Enniburr

COL Joseph Gaines, LTC John Eggert, SGM Hohn Wolf, MAJ Chris Mills and MIT/LL Site Manager Kurt Schwan are greeted on Enniburr pier July 10. Gaines visited Enniburr and Roi-Namur last week to seek out what their challenges are and how he could assist them in the next two years as USAKA/RTS Commander.

COL Gaines visits Roi-Namur, Enniburr

Article and photos by Sheila Bigelow
Managing Editor

Even though COL Joseph Gaines had only been in command of U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site for three days, he planned a tour on Roi-Namur and Enniburr so he could get a feel for each community and seek out any challenges they may have. The Roi-Namur workforce supports the four essential radars on island and their happiness and comfort is a chief concern for Gaines. Enniburr is the population center for much of the Roi-Namur USAKA workforce, so their needs are important as well.

Gaines was accompanied by several other USAKA, MIT/LL and KRS staff. They took a helicopter tour of outer island assets on their way up to Roi July 10. From there, they boarded a KPD boat for the short trip over to Enniburr.

Gaines was greeted with song as he and his guests arrived at the pier. Enniburr residents lined the pier, singing a lovely tune with a uku-

lele accompaniment. The visitors made their way through the receiving line, accepting traditional Marshallese leis and wuts. After the party had shaken the hands of everyone at the pier, Gaines addressed them.

Gaines informed them that he is the new Commander at USAKA, taking over for COL Clarke. He told them that this was only one of many visits, as he plans to continue to frequent Enniburr, hoping to help unburden some of their challenges.

At that, Julius Lejjena, KALGOV Representative of Enniburr and Captain of Enniburr Police, took the group on a tour of the island, highlighting the U.S. Pacific Command projects that were installed last year. PACOM funded several humanitarian assistance projects on Enniburr, beginning in September 2008.

One such project was a new water storage/distribution structure. Enniburr's original water catchment was old and did not meet the potable water needs of their community. They relied on receiving potable water by barge from Roi. To

supplement what PACOM had done, a Pacific Partnership team came to Enniburr in September 2009 to do some work on their old, run-down facility. The Seabees spent 10 days working to completely rebuild the old water catchment on the island. They stripped the building down to its concrete foundation and rebuilt it back up with new walls, a new gutter system and a new roof. They gutted the inside and reconstructed the six inner compartments, completely sealing them. When it was fully erected, they painted the outside and built a new deck



Left, MAJ Chris Mills, and right, COL Joseph Gaines, meet with Julius Lejjena, KALGOV Representative of Enniburr and Captain of Ennibur Police. Gaines had Lejjena tour him around Enniburr to show him where their challenges are.

entrance on the front of the building. This project greatly increased the amount of storage space for potable water on the island which is critical to its residents. Enniburr also has its own reserve tank they use to store potable water. Even with all the improvements made to their water systems, Enniburr still relies on Roi to a portion of their potable water over on each barge. The amount of potable water available to residents on Enniburr is a challenge that Gaines will address during his two-year command at USAKA.

Next the group visited the school. Pacific Partnership construction engineers worked on the electrical wiring for the lighting system inside and outside the school last year. The actual light fixtures were already placed; however, at the present time, the lights took power from the island's generator in order to run. The construction engineers wired the lights to be able to run off solar power. The solar panels and equipment is still on Enniburr and they are working on putting it all together so it can be in full use shortly.

Lejjena then took the group to the dispensary to see another PACOM project which was a solar panel installed to power the refrigerator inside the dispensary to keep medication cool, especially insulin. The dispensary was in good condition and was fully stocked at that time.

The last stop on the tour was the burn pit. This was the third PACOM project installed. PACOM supplied funding to construct an incinerator in which to burn trash. The incinerator consists of

a large, concrete structure with metal racks on the inside approximately a foot off the ground. This structure was designed to not only help keep trash from blowing freely, polluting the Enniburr community and surrounding ocean, but its location is ideal to help it catch prevailing winds to help the fire burn at a higher temperature and therefore, cleaner. While the new burn pit has helped to compact the solid waste to a smaller area, they are still having issues with their solid waste control. Gaines will continue to work with Lejjena to come up with a solution to this challenge.

Gaines and his party departed Enniburr and continued their tour on Roi. Floyd Corder, Manager of Public Works and Operations, guided them through the various highlights of the island. Gaines emphasized interest in the Fuel Pier, Landfill, historical structures and various shorelines; these are areas that need special attention on Roi.

Gaines especially took the time to examine the shorelines that were damaged in a storm in December 2008. A large wave surge hit Roi and caused major damage to the shoreline, infrastructure, housing, community buildings and runway. There was major flooding damage that reached the interior of the island. Gaines discussed the outcome of the planning charette that took place

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COL Joseph Gaines addresses the Roi community at an introductory meeting July 10.

COL Gaines holds introductory meetings *plans to focus on families, community safety*

Article by **Hannah Fronzak**
Associate Editor

COL Joseph Gaines held meetings on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur last week to introduce himself and field questions from the communities.

"I've been here for five days and it's really been an interesting five days. I rode on a 40-year-old helicopter, had to hold a coconut crab in my hand, drank milk out of a coconut and none of that killed me so hopefully you guys won't kill me," Gaines joked to the community.

"It's important to me that the community gets to know who I am. I didn't want to wait two or three weeks till I knew a bunch of information about Kwaj. I wanted to come out right up front and say 'hello, I'm here and this is what's important to me.'"

Gaines then gave some background on his wife, Dianne Reed, explaining that she was a professional school teacher who loves children and has dedicated her life to teaching kids. It wasn't possible for her to work out here so Dianne is planning to return to Alabama in the fall to start a new term.

Gaines then pointed out that he's working with an entirely new team. He introduced Joe Moscone, who comes from Fort Bliss, Texas, the second-largest U.S. Army base in the world. Moscone was in charge of a multi-billion dollar expansion to Fort Bliss. "What we've got here is a guy who knows how installations run and how to work projects. So we're very lucky that he's here," Gaines explained.

He also introduced SGM Hohn Wolf, who was the Operations Sergeant Major of the 108th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, and LTC John Eggert, who currently runs the RTS range and is an old friend of Gaines'.

Gaines grew up and went to college in the Washington, D.C./Maryland area, which is where his extended family still resides.

"I came in the Army in 1986, so I've been around a while. I love the Army. I was a platoon leader in Europe during the Cold War, a company commander at Fort Stewart, Ga." Gaines has also served at Arlington Cemetery and ran an AIT training battalion with 1,200 young trainees. He has been assigned to SMDC twice in the past.

"I have a lot of Army experience," Gaines explained. "What I don't have is a lot of Kwajalein experience, so I'll be relying on all of you to help me with that."

"Everybody here – contractors, civilians, Marshallese and soldiers – has an equal say in what goes on in the community. Everyone here is equally important to the mission. So that's how I'm going to approach things in the next 24 months," Gaines said. "One of my primary concerns here is families; the spouses, the children, and other dependents that might be here. The Army has a covenant with families; a covenant where we're agreeing to take care of families, to support them and provide a safe environment for them where they can grow. I'm committed to that."

Gaines also brought up some concerns that people had voiced about the upcoming changes to USAKA.

The transition in question, which has already begun, requires that certain local positions be transferred to Huntsville, Ala. Gaines encouraged the audience to not worry about the move. "We still have a viable mission here. All we're doing is remoting operations to make the range more accessible to our customers. Initially some people might move, but in the end I think it's going to make the range more accessible and I think you're even going to see some new activities coming out."

Gaines also mentioned that the Army is currently studying a potential conversion of USAKA Garrison to the Installation Management Command (IMCOM). The study will review certain processes related to infrastructure, base operations, logistics services and quality of life programs. Gaines emphasized that the study is not final, could take many forms and is still very fluid. In the meantime, he urged everyone to continue performing their missions, as nothing has actually changed.

"I am going to put a laser focus on safety," Gaines promised. "When I was flying in here my initial thought was that Kwajalein, with the geography around here, could be a very dangerous place. There's a lot of water around here and the accidents associated with water could happen in seconds. My number one, paramount concern is the safety of everybody." Gaines plans to personally head the Safety Council and bring in all groups to be certain that there are no weak spots in the safety of the community.

After being asked about the internet, Gaines said, "I'll tell you what the future is. What I can't tell you is what the timeline is. You know all about the fiber that came in which is used for non-mission communications. The first thing that's going to happen is that the dial-up will be faster. We'll have DSL and high-speed internet will probably be next. The other two things we're going to get will be cell phone service and a TV package. Lawyers have to go through it and the Marshallese will be given an opportunity to bid on it. That's ongoing."

"This is the best welcome we've ever had in the Army. My quarters are great, the ceremony was great, everyone I've met is really heartfelt and gives me a warm welcome, so I really want to thank everybody for that. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you over the next two years. I'm proud to be here and I'm proud to finally be one of you, not just a visitor."

"[COL Clarke] is probably one of the top Army leaders I've met. I know I'm walking in some big shoes here, and I hope I can fill them. It's important to me what you think about me and the leadership team," Gaines said. "I appreciate you all coming out and I think you're going to have a great time the next two years here with me - I know I'm already enjoying it."

Kwajalein-specific questions

After being asked whether he might start SCUBA-diving, Gaines responded, "I think that's something I'd like to try. It just depends on if you guys let me out of the office and how much work you put on me. If I don't dive or snorkel I'll be an outsider. And I have to run because it's part of my job, so I'll probably be a member of the runners' club too."

When asked to explain more fully about safety regulations, Gaines explained that he is going to use a system that the Army uses called the Army Safety Council. "The Council brings folks in once a week or sometimes once a month and they review different topics each time. We review the accidents and then we might cover something related to a specific area like marine boating safety. We'll also go out and check on activities around the island and look at their safety record and there'll be some kind of reward system for the safest organizations," said Gaines.

Roi-Namur-specific questions

After being asked if a new Laundromat was also a possibility on Roi-Namur, Gaines responded, "What I have to tell you about [the facility] is that

it took a Colonel, a General officer with three stars and a whole bunch of other people to get the funding for that. I would love to just build one out here but that was as much about security issues and things as it was about the quality of life. We can take a note on that and see about getting some new machines."

Marshallese Workforce-specific questions

One worker explained that there are three different classes of workers on-island and asked if each class could receive the same benefits. To this Gaines replied "I'll have to assess all of the USAKA regulations. That will include privileges for the workforce. That's going to take me about 90 days. I'm not prepared to address those privileges at this point, but I promise you that I will examine it."

Another man asked if RMI workers who work frequently with hazardous materials could be provided with medical screenings. Gaines said he would discuss the issue with KRS management and have a response by the time the next town hall meeting occurs.

There were also numerous questions regarding the American Eatery and the new Laundromat and fence that have been constructed adjacent to DSC. Workers wondered whether Laundromat hours could be expanded so that it would open earlier, if the fence could be taken down, whether doors and locks could be put on bins inside the facility and whether the colonel could discard the limitation for the amount of clothes

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COL Joseph Gaines

USAKA/RTS Commanding Officer

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Kwajalein Rocks!

THE ZOOKS—A LOOK BACK

By Randy Razook
Contributor

Ten years ago (February 2000), a small group of musicians got together in a small trailer on the north end of an Island called Kwajalein. This trailer housed the original drummer for the *Zooks*, Bruce Johnson. This became our weekly meeting place, much to the dismay of his wife. The other original members of the group at that time were Ron Curtiss on lead guitar, Ray Cutshaw on bass and vocals, Billy De-Coster on keyboards and Randy Razook on rhythm guitar.

The initial intent of our first session was to jam and just have some fun. It became evident after two or three of these sessions that we had something special and we should try to put something together that we could play in public. We practiced a 12-song set and had our first public performance on Bruce's back porch around April 2000 with an

audience of about 12 people. This appeared to go over fairly well so we decided to take it to the next step.

Add Another Zook

I attended karaoke night at the Yuk Club and heard one of the most amazing voices I have ever heard. That voice belonged to Gregg Grundon. As soon as he got off the stage I asked him if he was interested in singing in a rock band. He said that he would give it a shot and we invited him to Bruce's trailer for the next jam session. He blew us away and we invited him to become a permanent member of the group. His vocals opened up our range of music and gave Ray the reprieve he was looking for since he couldn't sing all of our tunes all of the time.

Rules are Rules

One of the few 'rules' we instituted back then was the '3-minute-rule'. If we couldn't get the basic beat and rhythm of a tune we wanted to include in our set list within three minutes, we immediately

dropped it and moved on to the next one. This worked out very well and kept our sessions moving along.

We quickly ramped up our repertoire to over 100 tunes within a very short period of time. The ones that didn't go over very well in public were immediately dropped and replaced with other songs that were more acceptable to the people that



The *Zooks* have performed several shows over a ten-year period with different band members filling in for those who PCS.

came out to hear us.

What's in a Name?

After several more weeks of practice we felt we were ready to go out in public on a regular basis, but we still didn't have an official name. In comes Mr. Paul Brown, another Island musician that played regularly with Keith Peacock. He just threw out the suggestion that we call ourselves "The Zooks," which I rejected immediately and so did my wife Mary Anne. I asked the guys what they would do if I quit or left the island but they insisted on taking a vote. After the final count there were four votes for yes and one for no (me). It was official and we were now stuck with that name.

First Gig

Our first 'real' gig was at the Pacific Club for the Kwajalein Women's Club annual get-together with the Marshallese women from Majuro. The thing we remembered most from that gig was Mary Anne Lane telling us to turn it down since we were too loud! I guess that became our signature since we have heard that comment at several of our shows. You can't please everyone and some people liked it loud so we didn't change our settings.

Zooks First Emon Beach Gig

We started to gain a fairly good reputation as a party band and as a band that wasn't afraid to get people up on the stage to join us on vocals or an instrument. We tried to line up guest musicians and singers at every event. Even at events where no one was planned we went out into the audience and grabbed unsuspecting guest singers and players to come up and join us.

Rotating Members

As the years went by we rotated through many, many new Zooks, mostly lead singers since they always seemed to burn out the fastest. Ron also needed a break from playing lead guitar so we picked up Dan Eggers to fill in. John Szepanski, may he rest in peace, took over the coveted Lincoln Lab keyboard slot after Billy DeCoster transferred back to Boston. We lost Ray when he PCSed in 2002 so Dan picked up the bass and Ron came back as lead guitar. Bruce got tired of pounding the skins after two or three years so we asked Jamie Obst to come on board as our newest member.

Some of the lead singers we had were Greg Vessar, Paul King, Jimmy Yancey, Rich Feagler and Kevin (Deacon) Smith (please forgive me if I missed anyone else). We even went through a period where we had three Zookettes at the front performing backup and lead vocals. These three ladies, Rebecca Sorenson, Teresa Blaukamp and Cora Parker added a very nice mixture to our songs and opened up a wide range of tunes to choose from. One of the fringe benefits was no one was missing practice anymore after they joined us!

Who could forget our fantastic instrumentalist,



The original Zooks in 2001. Left to right, Bruce Johnson, Randy Razook, Billy DeCoster, Ron Curtiss, Greg Grundon and Ray Cutshaw.

Keith Peacock on sax, who joined us for many gigs at the Yuk Club and other venues through our five years together? The pure resonance of Neil Dye's vocals on LaGrange is something you will never forget once you have heard him.

To the many, many singers and musicians that have made the Zooks the party band that they are today, a fond thank you.

The Story Continues

Eventually, Randy left Kwaj for Huntsville, Ala., but the Zooks tradition continued on island with Dan, Ron and Billy (back for Tour #2). Mark Pippitt also joined us on bass. When Ray Cutshaw moved to Huntsville two years ago, it did not take long for Randy and Ray to get the Alabama Chapter of the Zooks going strong with the newest Zooks: Ty Bennett and David Bryge. There are many ex-Kwajalein folks in the area and it is not unusual to see 20 to 30 ex-Kwaj faces at a Zooks gig in Alabama. The spirit is the same. In true Zooks fashion, there are always surprise guest artists and a lot of audience participation. Randy still gets the best looking girls to come up and sing backup on *Mustang Sally*. Original member Ron Curtiss sits in with the band whenever he is in town and plans are being made to showcase several other ex-Kwaj musicians at upcoming Zooks gigs.

Other plans include recording Zooks original songs and opening for national acts.

It's been ten years for the Zooks and they are still going strong. There are so many memories of friends and good times. *The Zooks* - Alabama Chapter is currently in negotiations to open a show starring Miranda Lambert, Academy of Country Music best female Country vocalist 2010, on Redstone Arsenal this September.

Long live the Zooks!

The Zooks on Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/The-Zooks/



The last flight for the UH-1 Hueys was July 10. Pilots Dave Kendrick and Bob Fore flew (left to right) MAJ Chris Mills, SGM Hohn Wolf, Charlie Harjo, COL Joseph Gaines, LTC John Eggert and CPT Dirk Crawford from Kwajalein and Roi. On the way, Kendrick and Fore pointed out the outer island assets to the group.

Pilots take Hueys for last flight in USAKA

Article and photo by Sheila Bigelow
Managing Editor

After decades of service, the aging UH-1s, more commonly called Hueys, that have supported U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll are being retired. New Light Utility Helicopters arrived at USAKA June 6.

The first combat operation of the UH-1 was in the service of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. The original designation of HU-1 led to the helicopter's nickname of Huey. In September 1962, the designation was changed to UH-1, but Huey remained its common name.

Dave Kendrick and Bob Fore were the last two pilots to fly the Hueys in Kwajalein Atoll. Kendrick has been flying Hueys for 19 years and

Fore has flown them for 42 years, including the years he flew them in Vietnam.

Regulations require that once a pilot transitions from the Hueys to the LUHs, they can no longer fly the Hueys. The last week the Hueys were flown, Kendrick and Fore were the only eligible pilots to fly them. The dismantling of the helicopters began July 14.

July 10 was the last flight of the Hueys. Kendrick and Fore flew COL Gaines, LTC John Eggert, SGM Hohn Wolf, MAJ Chris Mills, Charlie Harjo and Doug Peters from Kwajalein to Roi. On the way they indicated to Gaines the outer island assets as they flew over them.

Throughout the years and many

different contracts, the Hueys have been flown by all sorts of different pilots. Three Marshallese pilots were employed and flew the Hueys, according to Kendrick. At the time, they were the only Marshallese pilots in the world. When the former logistics contractor learned that the next contract would require dual rated pilots, they sent the Marshallese pilots off for training in the states. After that time, they would only hire dual rated pilots that could fly both fixed wing and helicopters.

Both the pilots and mechanics should be commended for keeping the Hueys in such great shape and able to support as many missions as they have, while continuing to keep them safe.



The coconuts entered into this year's Roi Coconut Cup are numbered, painted and ready to race.

Roi Coconut Cup is creativity for a cause

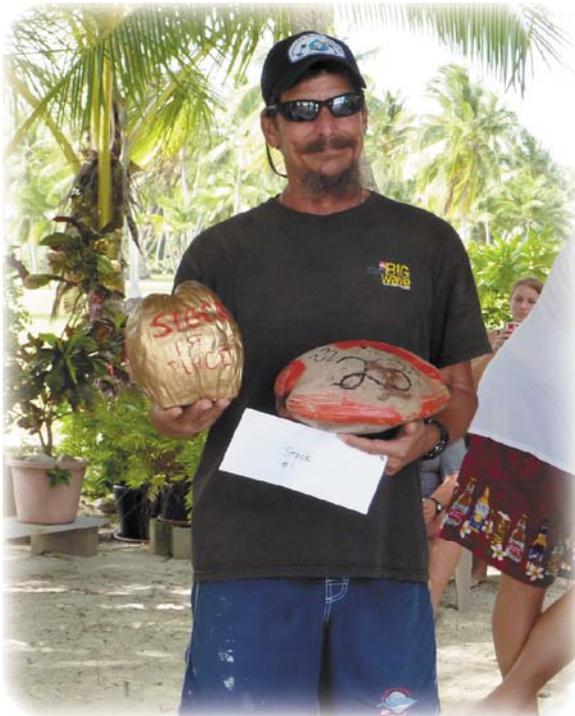
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Contributor

On July 5 a small group of people on Roi-Namur gathered together at the Surf Shack for the 10th Annual Enniburr Children's Christmas Fund (ECCF) Coconut Cup Race. This event is a yearly event on Roi to raise money for ECCF. The main headliner is the race itself. Coconuts are painted brightly with numbers while others decide to paint their coconuts as fish, sandals, whales, sailboats, and on and on...well you get the idea. These coconuts are in the

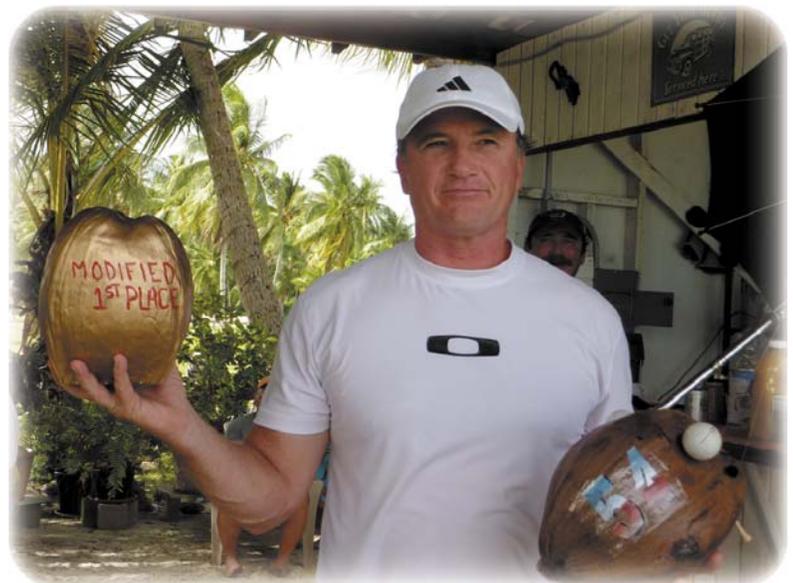
stock class. Then there is the modified class which consists of more elaborately designed coconuts. One coconut was powered by Alka Seltzer while another was powered by wind using an umbrella fixed to the coconut with a keel made from a golf club. The object of the race....the first to cross the finish line in either category wins. It is that simple.

Twenty dollar donations were put towards entrees in the race. This year the ECCF raised about \$1,200 for this event. That's a lot of coconuts! The winners for this year's race were; Stock class: first place Greg Heffner, second place, Mark Swain and third place, Debbie Chilcote. The modified class winner was Greg Whitehead.

ECCF would like to thank all who participated in this year's event.



First Place Stock Winner Greg Heffner displays his trophy and winning coconut



Greg Whitehead, the winner of the modified class, displays his trophy (at left) and modified racing coconut (at right).

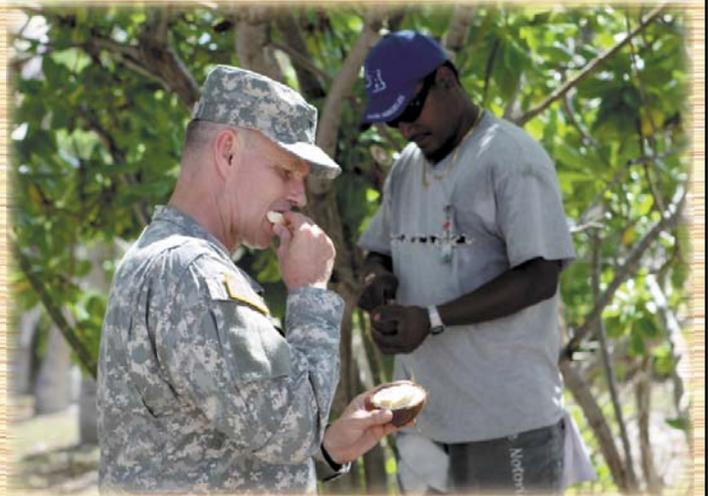
in July 2009, which came up with solutions on how to protect Roi's shoreline in the future. Various solutions were discussed to resolve the issue. While no decisions have been made on how to repair and prevent further damage to Roi's shoreline, Gaines is eager to address the issue.

Corder took Gaines to the Third Island Store and spoke with Marie Pimenta, store Supervisor, about needs and challenges at the store. Pimenta informed him that since they have a small space, they only provide what they know the Marshallese shoppers want and need, which are mostly sugar, salt and starch based products. DeCA products have just been blended into the stock at the store, which has improved variety. Pimenta thinks that opening for business five days instead of three will help improve service even further. Gaines said he would look into the process and assist with their difficulties.

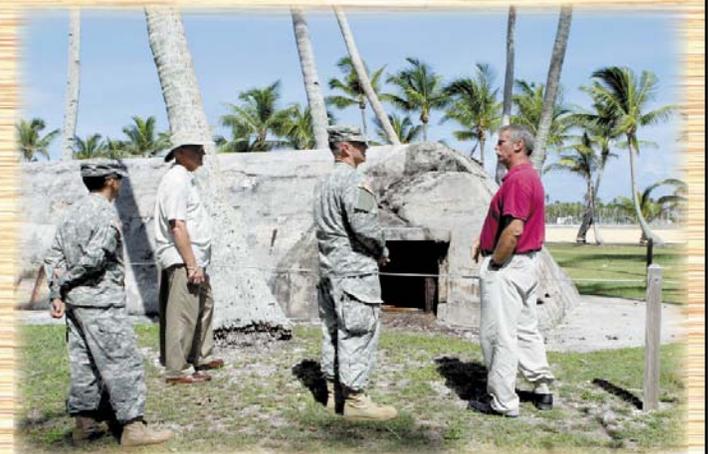
Before lunch, Corder treated the group to a special cultural session. They first stopped to visit a few of the historical sites on Roi from WWII. Corder presented information about each bunker while Gaines and his group toured and took photos. Later, Corder had his staff prepare coconut refreshments for the group. Corder showed Gaines how to shell a coconut and get to the sweet meat inside while Mura Ishumura prepared chilled coconuts by opening a hole in the top to drink out of. While the group enjoyed their treats, they were visited by a medium-sized coconut crab. Corder, having lived in the Marshall Islands for years, showed Gaines and the rest of the group how to safely grab and hold a coconut crab; he also warned them they are a protected species in Kwajalein Atoll.

After lunch, Gaines held an introductory meeting with the 155 residents on Roi. He introduced himself and gave the residents an opportunity to voice concerns that he should address immediately. *(Full story on Gaines' Introductory Meetings on page 6)*

Gaines has made it a priority to visit with each community – Kwajalein, Roi and outer islands, to discover what challenges they each have and how he can improve them over the next two years.



COL Gaines tries a fresh coconut on Roi July 10.



Floyd Corder, right, shows a historical bunker to COL Gaines and his group on Roi July 10.



LTC John Eggert, right, points out outer island assets to COL Gaines.

allowed inside the facility at once. The problems of high food prices and the opening time for American Eatery were also raised.

To these questions, Gaines replied that there is a higher body that governs procedures for USAKA that he had to follow. He explained that he was unfortunately not at liberty to grant every request he would like because he has to follow security regulations. However, Gaines promised that if he can make the

changes requested, he will.

When asked if the Marshallese workforce could have K-badges again instead of C-badges, Gaines replied that he would inquire as to whether or not it could be done. Gaines also promised to sit down with the USAKA staff and AAFES and discuss other concerns that were brought up at the meeting which he could not answer. He added that most of their questions should be answerable by the time

the next town hall meeting occurred. He also said that he would personally go to the new Laundromat to get a better idea of how things are done. Gaines concluded the workforce meeting by explaining that sometimes USAKA makes changes that seem very small but actually end up having other consequences on people. He promised to try and maintain an open line of communications between USAKA and the Marshallese workforce.

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organizations. There will be a structured agenda and then they will open the floor to anyone with input. "I think it is really important to sustain the great safety record they have out here, but also to improve the safety posture. Status quo is not good enough for me when it comes to safety."

Gaines is aware that many of his fellow USAKA staff are also new to Kwajalein. Gaines does not see the new staff as a challenge. "Actually I am excited about it because when you look at the depth of talent that Clarke brought in here, they may be new to USAKA but they are not new to their areas of expertise. You look at Charlie [Harjo] in protocol; here's a guy that has maybe 20-plus years of protocol experience and he's worked for general officers before. I'm not sure USAKA has had a protocol officer of his skill and talent for many years. I can tell you after working with him for just a week he rivals any protocol officer I've ever worked with." Gaines also talked up SGM Hohn Wolf and newcomer Shanita Castro, who is a career military intelligence officer. "We have a super talented Deputy,

Joe Moscone, and it is hard to convey how much talent a man like Joe Moscone brings with him. Those guys aren't a dime a dozen in the Army. So when you look across the staff, yes, they are new to USAKA, but they are not new to the Army and they've got a depth of talent that will ensure we don't miss a beat."

Gaines sees a hopeful future for USAKA. While there are jobs that are being remoted back to Huntsville, Ala., Gaines sees it as a way to improve the quality of the range for the customer and to potentially bring more customers out to USAKA. Gaines is also looking to bring more permanent tenants to USAKA. There are several options that he is looking into. "USAKA is of course strategically important to the United States so I foresee this base, just from the geography alone, the importance of it is going to be enduring for years come."

Gaines said that he was very impressed with the level of welcome he received upon arrival at Kwajalein. He is very thrilled to be here and plans to do his best to provide a high quality of life on island.

Draft Environmental Assessment for Conventional Strike Missile Demonstration

The United States Air Force is proposing to conduct a single experimental flight test of the Conventional Strike Missile in the 2012 timeframe. The CSM Demonstration is part of the incremental development and demonstration of potential Conventional Prompt Global Strike systems being considered by the Department of Defense for future fielding. The test vehicle would be launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., using an existing rocket booster. Following booster separation, the test vehicle would glide at hypersonic velocities in the upper atmosphere above the Pacific Ocean prior to impact at one of two pre-designated, alternative locations: (1) a land site on Illeginni Islet at the US Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site in the Republic of the Marshall Islands; or (2) a floating platform placed in the Broad Ocean Area north of USAKA/RTS. Under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and its implementing regulations, the USAF prepared an Environmental Assessment to analyze the potential environmental impacts from the CSM Demonstration flight test activities. Following analysis of the Proposed Action, the USAF determined that no significant impacts to the environment are expected. The Draft EA, including the Draft Finding of No Significant Impact, is available for a 15-day public review period from July 17 to August 2, 2010. The document is available for review at: Alele Museum, Library, and National Archives; Grace Sherwood Library; the Roi-Namur Library and via the Internet at <http://www.csm-ea.com>. Submit written comments to: SMC/EAFV, Attn: Leonard Aragon, 483 North Aviation Boulevard, El Segundo, Calif., 90245-2808. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile at (310) 653-1210, or by e-mail at Leonard.Aragon@losangeles.af.mil.

Religious Services

Catholic

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

Protestant

8 and 10:45 a.m., Sunday, on Kwaj.
Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.

Baptist

9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school music room.

Latter-day Saints

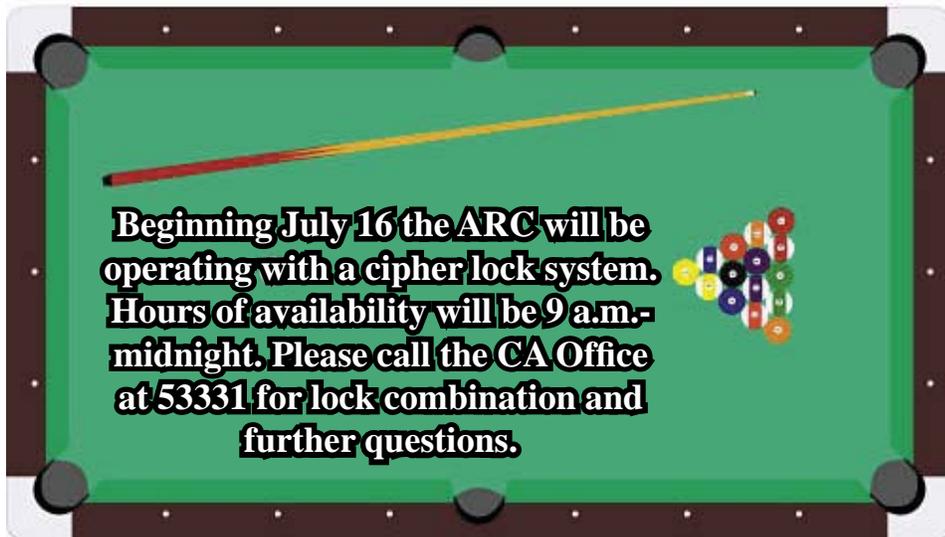
10 a.m., Sunday, in CRC, Room 3.

Jewish services

Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office, 53505, for more information.

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.

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



Beginning July 16 the ARC will be operating with a cipher lock system. Hours of availability will be 9 a.m.-midnight. Please call the CA Office at 53331 for lock combination and further questions.

Aides, Medical Office, Media Services Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and HR Temp Pool Office Support. Questions? Call 54916.

LOST

LADIES SUNGLASSES, large black frame, Maui Jims. Call Kim 53680.

FOUND

BOSE REMOTE at Emon Beach last weekend. If this belongs to you please contact me at 59810 for its return.

WANTED

80 VOLUNTEERS needed for the Roi-Namur Chili Cook Off at Emon Beach on Sept 6. To volunteer, contact Laura Pasquarella-Swain at 56638 or Joe Coleman at 55130. If we don't get volunteers, there won't be a chili cook off!

OUTBOARD MOTOR, 25hp to 40hp. Call 55391 or 59056.

PATIO SALE

SUNDAY AND MONDAY 7-11:30 a.m., quarters 439-B. Everything must go! Rain cancels.

FOR SALE

XBOX WITH FIVE games, \$50; Clarinet Selmer CL 300, \$200; Lexmark Inkjet cartridges #70 Black and #80 Color, \$3 each. Call 51061.

COUCH AND MATCHING plaid love seat, \$300; plants, \$3 and \$5; one year old 42-inch Sony flat screen, \$875 and beige recliner, \$40. Call 52589.

KENMORE PORTABLE dishwasher, \$150. Call 53119.

SUN BIKE, \$200. Call 53008.

23' GLASS-PRO BOAT, Lot #4, Twin Yamaha 50 (ave 3 gal fuel per hour) 48 gal fuel tank, Icom VHF radio fish box, deep freeze, 130 reels with pole and lots of lures, \$40,000 or best offer. Call 59081 work or 59335 home.

Cal 20 SAILBOAT, good condition, includes sails, storage shed with tools, and outboard kicker motor, new mooring lines recently installed, \$5000. Call 51357 or 50617 for more information.

Café Pacific

Sunday

Top round of beef
Vegetable ragu
Chicken ala orange
Grill: brunch station open

Monday

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

Tuesday

Sloppy joes
Chicken piccata
Broccoli/rice casserole
Grill: N/A

Wednesday

Char siu roast pork
Chicken katsu
Crab chow fun
Grill: Teriyaki burger

Thursday

Sicilian hoagies
Swiss steak
Chicken stir-fry
Grill: N/A

Friday

Tostada bar
Kalua pork
Tofu/broccoli stir-fry
Grill: N/A

July 24

Savory pot poast
Turkey tetrazzini
Beans in broth
Grill: Rancho burger

Tonight

BBQ meatballs
Cajun chicken wings
Chef's choice entrée

Sunday

Roast pork loin
Baked tandouri chicken
Fried eggplant

Monday

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

Tuesday

Kwaj fried chicken
Honey lime mahi
Hawaiian steak

Wednesday

Carved london broil
Garlic roast chicken
Barley rice pilaf

Thursday

Ham steak hawaiian
Roast turkey dinner
Whole wheat pasta

Friday

BYO Pizza
Chicken cacciatore
Chef's choice entrée

VIZIO 22 INCH Widescreen LCD TV (VA220E), 2 HDMI inputs, VGA connection for computer, remote, \$270; custom built computer 3GHz CPU, 500GB HD, Windows XP, Office 2003 Professional, \$300. Call Bob or Connie at 50937 or 50165.

MICROWAVE OVEN, \$40. Call William at 50944.

BLACK SUN CHOPPER, raised handlebars, rear basket, decent condition, \$225. Call 52434.

MEN'S BIKE; ladies rollerblades, size 7-8); 400 series blinds, five each; Burley and Rubbermaid bike trailers; four-slice toaster; nautical shelf with matching curtain/valances and upright vacuum cleaner. Call 55590 in the evening or 53417 in the daytime.

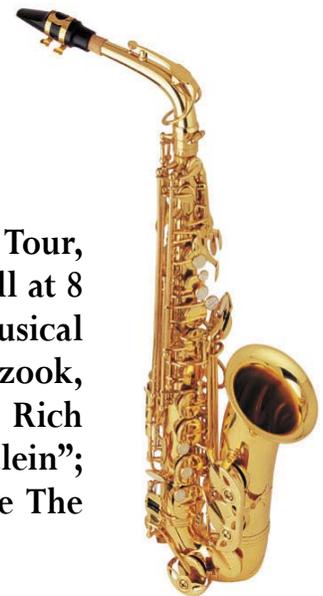
RED 2002 SEADOO and boat shack lot 30, Ryan Wagner's old shack, \$2,500; Lamborghini female bike, \$75; 2008 male Sun bike, \$100. Call 52279 or 54488 or e-mail Brienne.l.mcdonald@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KARAOKE NIGHT FRIDAYS at Ocean View 8 p.m. Come join us for drinks, singing and pupu's. Questions, contact Erik Wills at 53338.

EFFECTIVE JULY 13, new passport fees for U.S. citizens are as follows: \$135 for first time applicants over the age of 16, \$105 for first-time applicants under the age of 16, and \$110 for renewal for adults. Other fees for services such as Passport Cards, additional VISA pages, file searches and expedited processing have also increased. Call Nelda Reynolds at 53417 with questions.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY is July 14-31 in the Hobby Shop. Start getting in the holiday spirit early with half-off all Christmas molds. Check out our collection of nativities, ornaments and more.



THE ZOOKS "Take No Prisoners" Tour, 10 Year Anniversary at the Vet's Hall at 8 p.m., July 18. Billy and Jamie's Last Musical Blast with special guests Randy Razook, from the Zooks-Alabama Chapter; Rich Feagler, the historic "Voice of Kwajalein"; and Paul Brown, the man who gave The Zooks their name.

KPD WILL BE conducting a Pistol Range on July 20 from 8 a.m.-noon. Please observe the red flag hazard area. If you have any questions contact KPD Training at 54452.

THE FAMILY POOL will be closed July 13-20 for concrete repairs. Sorry for any inconvenience. Emon Beach is lifeguarded on weekdays from 12:30-3:30 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 53331 with questions.

KPD WILL CONDUCT a public auction at 2 p.m., July 19, at the Kwajalein Police Department. Items to be actioned are: 34 bicycles, three bicycle trailers, six bags of laundry, Japanese fishing beacon, vacuum cleaner and iPod Touch. More detailed information regarding the items for auction or the auction process is available by contacting the Property Custodian, Officer Joe Lagman, between 6 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at 54445.

HIGH SCHOOL AND ADULT Ceramic Class will be 5:30-9 p.m July 26. at the

Hobby Shop. \$15 fee includes all class supplies and detailed instructions in a hands on environment. Learn to pour, clean and glaze all in one night. Space is limited to eight so sign up soon by calling Laura at 51700 or 52823.

MANDATORY ISLAND ORIENTATION begins at 12:45 p.m. on July 28 in CAC Room 6, building 365. It is required for all new island arrivals. Please bring your employee number with you. Island Orientation is not recommended for dependent children under the age 10. Questions, please call KRS ES&H at 51134.

VACATION SEASON is upon us! Please fill out a vacation slip for the post office OR sign a PS3801 form authorizing someone to pick up your mail in your absence. Failure to do so could result in return of mail over 30 days old. Please help us maintain our compliance by checking your mail on a regular basis. Any questions please call 53461.

Café Roi

Sunday BBQ brisket Fried pork chops Black-eyed peas	Monday Garlic roast beef Chicken marsala Crab cake benedict	Tuesday Yankee pot roast Roast salmon Vegetable stir fry	Wednesday Creole pork Crispy garlic chicken Cajun spiced rice	Thursday Hot dog bar Chicken fricassee Penne with pesto alfredo	Friday Ground beef tacos Chicken chilaquiles Beef tamales	July 24 Buffalo wings Pulled BBQ pork Macaroni and cheese
Tonight Pork chops Cornmeal catfish Red beans and rice	Sunday Braised beef ragu Chicken breast Creamy polenta	Monday Thai beef/vegetables Chicken with peanut sauce Fried noodles	Tuesday Roast chicken Whole short ribs Grilled vegetables	Wednesday Roast Steamship "Alice Springs" chicken Fried Eggplant	Thursday Roi fried chicken Grilled pork cutlet Mashed potatoes	Friday Chicken with champagne Blackened cod Mashed potatoes

Fourteen servicemembers die in War on Terror

SGT Jordan E. Tuttle, 22, of West Monroe, La., died July 2 at Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries suffered in a non-combat related incident. He was a member of the 156th Army Band in Bossier City, La., and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 141st Field Artillery Regiment, 256th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Orleans, La.

Pfc. Edwin C. Wood, 18, of Omaha, Neb. and **Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy**, 30, of Virginia Beach, Va. died July 5 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device. They were assigned to 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

SGT Andrew J. Creighton, 23, of Laurel, Del., died July 4 in Oruzgan province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained on July 1 while conducting combat operations in Oruzgan province. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

Pfc. Jacob A. Dennis, 22, of Powder Springs, Ga., died July 3 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries sustained June 30 in a weapons system accident at

Forward Operating Base Lane, Afghanistan (Zabul province).

Spc. Keenan A. Cooper, 19, of Wahpeton, N.D. and **Spc. Jerod H. Osborne**, 20, of Royse City, Texas died July 5 in Yakuta, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked their unit using an improvised explosive device. The soldiers were assigned to the 4th Squadron, 73rd Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Marc A. Arizmendez, 30, of Anaheim, Calif., **Spc. Roger Lee**, 26, of Monterey, Calif. and **Pfc. Michael S. Pridham**, 19, of Louisville, Ky. died July 6 at Qalat, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device. They were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment, Hohenfels, Germany.

Pfc. Anthony W. Simmons, 25, of Tallahassee, Fla., died July 8 in Kunar province, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit with indirect fire. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Spc. Robert W. Crow, 42, of Kansas City, Mo., died July 10 in Paktika, Afghanistan, of wounds

suffered when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 203rd Engineer Battalion, Joplin, Mo.

Spc. Joseph W. Dimock II, 21, of Wildwood, Ill, died July 10 in Salerno, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident when an explosion occurred in an ammunition holding facility during an inventory. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield, Ga.

SGT Donald R. Edgerton, 33, of Murphy, N.C., died July 10 near Char Dara, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

Staff Sgt. Jesse W. Ainsworth, 24, of Dayton, Texas, died July 10 near Walakan, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 71st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: ENE at 11-16 knots.

Monday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 13-18 knots.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: ENE-ESE at 12-17 knots.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent showers. Winds: ENE-ESE at 12-17 knots.

Thursday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 11-16 knots.

Friday: Mostly sunny, <10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 11-16 knots.

Annual total: 29.73 inches

Annual deviation: -12.67 inches

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

Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:33 a.m./7:13 p.m.	01:31 p.m./12:56 a.m.	08:36 a.m., 3.4' 09:26 p.m., 3.3'	02:33 a.m., 0.5' 02:56 p.m., 0.3'
Monday	6:34 a.m./7:13 p.m.	02:24 p.m./01:42 a.m.	09:35 a.m., 2.7' 10:43 p.m., 3.2'	03:42 a.m., 0.9' 03:52 p.m., 0.7'
Tuesday	6:34 a.m./7:13 p.m.	03:19 p.m./02:29 a.m.	11:06 a.m., 2.3'	05:25 a.m., 1.2' 05:11 p.m., 0.9'
Wednesday	6:34 a.m./7:14 p.m.	04:14 p.m./03:18 a.m.	12:17 a.m., 3.2' 01:04 p.m., 2.2'	07:19 p.m., 1.0' 06:46 p.m., 0.9'
Thursday	6:35 a.m./7:14 p.m.	05:10 p.m./04:10 a.m.	01:38 a.m., 3.4' 02:22 p.m., 2.4'	08:31 a.m., 0.6' 07:58 p.m., 0.7'
Friday	6:35 a.m./7:14 p.m.	06:06 p.m./05:03 a.m.	02:34 a.m., 3.7' 03:10 p.m., 2.7'	09:16 a.m., 0.3' 08:50 p.m., 0.4'
July 24	6:36 a.m./7:14 p.m.	06:59 p.m./05:58 a.m.	03:16 a.m., 4.0' 03:46 p.m., 3.0'	09:51 a.m., 0.0' 09:30 p.m., 0.2'