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U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands

Safety board lauds USAKA/KMR explosive storage

Story and photo by Jim Bennett

Inspectors from the Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board found no storage situations to defuse here on Kwajalein.

Navy Capt. John Bowles and civilian Larry Webster toured explosive storage facilities on Kwajalein and launch facilities on Meck, including the new silos being built, and briefed the command last week on their findings.

"Work to provide safe storage (for explosives) may sometimes seem mundane, but it's a very unforgiving business," Bowles said. "And (USAKA/KMR safety officer) Rudy Gil is seeing to that. It takes a lot of coordination and security."

Teams of inspectors visit Kwajalein every three to four years. A team last visited Kwaj in April 1996.

"They look at programs all over the world, so it's nice when they come here and say we have a sound program," Gil said.

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Rudy Gil, USAKA/KMR safety officer, visits with Defense Explosives Safety Board members Larry Webster, center, and Navy Capt. John Bowles before the duo departed Kwaj last week.

Gandy, Roberts receive meritorious service medals for accomplishments

By KW Hillis

Family, friends, and co-workers gathered at the Religious Education Building April 8 to honor USAKA/KMR staff members for jobs well done.

"This award ceremony is what we can do to recognize people who've done an outstanding job. I think you all deserve it," Col. Gary K. McMillen, USAKA/KMR commander, said before presenting the awards.

Lt. Col. Robert James and Capt. Walter Gandy were awarded meritorious service medals.

James' medal was for meritorious service as test director and chief of missile testing from July

18, 1998, to April 13, 2000.

"He demonstrated exceptional leadership in the planning, coordination, and execution of the most intense test and development stages of Theater Missile Defense and National Missile Defense operations in recent history," the citation read.

For Gandy, serving as installation transportation officer from Jan. 29, 1998, to May 2, 2000, the citation read, "Among other notable accomplishments, Captain Gandy wrote the USAKA Housing Regulation... resulting in the island's first-ever fair and equitable housing regulation."

Holocaust survivor tells harrowing story at luncheon

By Pat Cataldo and Peter Rejcek

Born in a labor camp in Slovakia late in World War II, Dina Fitzpatrick survived the Holocaust, but still doesn't understand the hatred that drives one race of people to try to eradicate another.

Fitzpatrick, an employee in the Property Department for IRE Logistics on Roi-Namur, was the speaker at Friday's Days of Remembrance luncheon at the Yokwe Yuk Club.

The Holocaust — the systematic murder by Nazi Germany of Jews and others, including political prisoners — claimed millions of lives. Many were exterminated in gas chambers or by firing squad, and others succumbed to severe deprivations and diseases in labor camps.

"I don't want anyone to think that the Holocaust is ancient history," Fitzpatrick said. "This horrendous moment in history is relevant to each and every one of us. And if we all don't take part in remembering, it will happen again."

Fitzpatrick was born into the nightmare of the Holo-

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Dina Fitzpatrick

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caust after her mother and father met while in hiding in a farmhouse in Slovakia.

"My mother was with her daughter," Fitzpatrick said. "They had run from Vienna, after she lost her husband and other child."

Fitzpatrick's father was an itinerant violinist from Poland who had lost his wife and child.

They were caught and sent to a labor camp in southern Czechoslovakia, where Fitzpatrick was born. As long as the adults and older sister were able to work, they were all permitted to stay at the camp. But some time after Fitzpatrick's birth, she, her mother, and sister were rounded up with other women and the more feeble men, to be sent to another camp.

"Father had a travel certificate because he went from one camp to another to entertain the Gestapo," said Fitzpatrick.

He was able to intercept the truck his family was on and have them released to his custody. They hid in bunkers in the woods and survived on potato peelings, vegetable tops, and other scraps of food the sister begged from farmers.

Another sister was born while the family hid in the forest. The older sister left to join a group of young people who were trying to escape to Palestine.

Eventually, the family was liberated by the Russians and sent to Germany as displaced persons. They remained in Germany until they were able to emigrate to the United States, where they settled in Manhattan. It was 15 years before they located the older sister in Israel, and another 15 before Fitzpatrick saw her again.

As she concluded her talk, Fitzpatrick pointed out that some of the luncheon programs had small six-pointed yellow stars attached. They were smaller versions of the cloth stars that Jews in Europe had to wear during the Holocaust. Each star at the luncheon was a symbol, Fitzpatrick said, that the person finding it had perished.

"For the person finding this star there is no husband or wife or child ... no poetry, no literature, no science. For this person, there is no joy to feel ... No parent will ever comfort or wipe a tear from this wife or child. It is so difficult to show what 6 million dead means. This is only one sample."

Fitzpatrick has been at USAKA/KMR for about 16 years on three tours. She is the mother of two sons born at Kwajalein.

Kwaj, Meck pass muster ...

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The inspection came as part of a Pacific tour of U.S. facilities. Bowles and Webster make up one of two teams that will later report their findings to the commander-in-chief of the Pacific.

The board, with representatives from each service branch, reports to the office of the Secretary of Defense. The board inspects, on average, 260 installations annually. Inspectors commonly look at where explosives are stored, what kind of lightning protection is offered, and what kind of wiring is nearby.

The board also examines as many as 20 accidents a year, mostly at manufacturing and disposal facilities and during training operations.

Island faiths to hold special observances

Starting today, spiritual observances of Holy Week, Passover, and Ridvan begin on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur.

Baha'i

The Holy Day observance of Ridvan begins April 21 and runs through May 2.

For more information, call Tricia Conner at 52417.

Catholic

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 18 and 19, 4:45 p.m.

Island Memorial Chapel

Holy Thursday, April 20, 8 p.m.

Good Friday, April 21, 8 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 22, 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday Mass, April 23

7:15 a.m. - Blessed Sacrament Chapel

9:15 a.m. - Island Memorial Chapel

11 a.m. - on Roi

CCD, April 23, 10:30 a.m. in REB.

For more information, contact Fr. William Sullivan at 52116.

Jewish

Passover will begin at sundown on Wednesday, April 19 and end at sundown Thursday, April 27.

The First Seder will be held Wednesday night, April 19.

For more information, contact Kevin Cohen at 56084.

Protestant

Island Memorial Chapel

Maundy Thursday Communion,

April 20, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 23

Sunrise service at Emon Beach

Pavilion 1 at 6:30 a.m., with baptisms in lagoon and a light breakfast following service.

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. in REB.

Easter services, 10:45 a.m., in Island Memorial Chapel.

Easter service, 6:30 p.m. on Roi.

For more information, contact John Dorr at 53505.

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Texas Aggies meet Friday

Former students, family, and friends of Texas A&M University will meet in the Kabua Room at the Yokwe Yuk Club at 6 p.m. Friday for the annual Texas Aggie Muster.

Former member of Carlson's Raiders recounts his first battle

The sea was an enemy in Makin amphibious assault

Editor's note: Ben Carson was a member of Carlson's Raiders, the Marine Corps commando unit that made the first American assault on Japanese-held territory in World War II. That was at Makin Atoll in the Gilbert Islands, Aug. 17-18, 1942.

He has been active for nearly 50 years in the effort to repatriate the remains of Raiders killed at Makin and to recognize the sacrifice of the Raider prisoners beheaded at Kwajalein.

Carson joined the Marine Corps in December 1941, six months after high school graduation. He was 18, and the Japanese had just attacked Pearl Harbor. With a trainload of other recruits, he arrived at boot camp in San Diego, Calif., on New Year's Day 1942.



Ben Carson

After boot camp, Carson volunteered for what he heard was "a suicide unit some nutty major was setting up to infiltrate Japanese-held territory."

His "entrance exam" with Capt. James Roosevelt, son of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, consisted of three questions:

"What did you do in civilian life?"

"I was a farmer."

"Can you swim?"

"Yes, our farm was on a lake."

"Can you march 30 miles with full pack on a cup of rice?"

"I'm sure I can if the rest can."

Selected for duty with the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, Carson embarked on five months of rigorous training at several sites: a farm near San Diego; San Clemente Island, off the California coast; and Camp Catlin and Barbers Point, in Hawaii.

In August, after having their regulation khaki shirts and pants dyed coal black, Companies A and B of the 2nd Raider Battalion were loaded aboard the submarines *Argonaut* and *Nautilus* for an unknown destination.

We know now it was Makin.

By Ben Carson

We arrived off Makin on the afternoon of Aug. 16, 1942.

I was passing through the main control room (of the submarine *Argonaut*) and noticed a lot of activity around the periscope, so I eased over to learn what had been sighted.

A submarine officer was viewing Makin, and other officers and sailors were taking turns looking. One officer said, "Hey, Raider, you wanna look? There's where you're going tomorrow morning!" I saw palm trees, a beach, and lots of water.

There was considerable uneasiness among the Raiders trying to get some sleep that evening. When 3 a.m. arrived, we were fed breakfast and told to be ready to disembark at 4 a.m.

The sub surfaced, and fresh air rushed in as the hatches were opened. We had to exit up the ladders by boat teams, since our rubber boats were stowed deflated in the tubes used to load torpedos.

We finally got the boat inflated and slid it over the side. The sea was running very high, and our boat disappeared down the side of the sub about 15 feet.

On-the-job training in the dark

None of us had ever made a rubber-boat landing from a submarine before, but here we were attempting to board rubber boats from a completely dark submarine deck, with a sea running at least 15 feet and possibly much more.

Each time the boat returned near the level of the sub deck, someone from our crew would jump in. Finally, I lined up with the boat as it started its trip up to deck level and launched out for it.

The motor was soaked, the boat was full of water, and we had lost two paddles out of 11. We began paddling and bailing and headed for some boats rendezvousing shoreward.

Rubber boats unmanageable in surf

Finally the arm wave to shore was given, and everyone bent to the task of paddling sodden rubber boats toward the surf marked by a luminescent line on the horizon.

We were not prepared for the action

those first rollers gave us. As our boat rode up the first wave, we were turned sideways and ended up making a full circle before we headed down the leeward side of the wave.

Everybody in the boat was doing his damndest to keep the bow of the boat pointed to the beach, but we made several other complete turns before our surf trip was over.

Huge wave hit us

The nearer we got to the beach, the more each wave bent the boat. About 50 feet from shore, a huge wave hit us, and I flew over the stern into the surf. I grabbed a mouthful of air and rapidly sank to the coral reef, but just as rapidly was dragged toward shore by the surf.

After two or three of these rises to the surface, I was surprised to find that I could stand up with my head above water. I finally struggled to shore, and two Raiders grabbed me and walked me up the beach.

Gunnery Sgt. "Pappy" Lang was standing on the beach directing Raiders to their primary targets. He indicated to me to head down the beach. I finally caught up with my special squad, and directly, we could see the outline of Government House. I was surprised to see it was just as described to us during practice. I cautiously approached and looked in — the place was abandoned. I sped around the corner and was waved on.

All hell broke loose

Just then, I heard a Browning automatic rifle bark, and moments later all hell broke loose. I was hurrying to get up where the action was, alternately running and seeking shelter. Up ahead, I could see a truck stopped in the road and scattered bodies.

I kept inching up toward a clump of mangrove trees and passed the body of a Marine Raider Tommy-gunner, who apparently had been in a terrible fire fight. Every one of his ammo clips was empty, and he had been hit by a volley of bullets that tore up his chest.

This was my first encounter with a dead body outside a coffin, and I remember thinking for the first time,

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Makin Raid 'for keeps' ...*(From page 3)*

"This game is for keeps."

I crawled up to the edge of the mangrove trees, and a corporal from A Company was lying there, nursing a bullet wound in his upper left shoulder. He attempted to point out the location of a sniper up in a coconut tree, but every time he or I would move to get a better look, another round would be fired in our direction.

The corporal suggested I find a clear path through the mangrove trees and heave a grenade. After some very careful crawling around, I found a path and let a grenade fly.

Right about then, there wasn't any firing taking place, and I heard the pop of the cap that armed the grenade and also heard it bouncing off the mangrove brush. I heard it explode and was disappointed that it made such a small racket.

After half an hour more of trying to locate the sniper, I heard a shout to my rear and recognized Lang motioning for us to withdraw. He had been shot in the arm and was wearing the regulation white bandage and sling.

Japanese torpedo bomber arrives

Sporadic firing was coming from beyond the breadfruit tree as we pulled back toward Government House, which now was being used to shelter the wounded. I was dashing from coconut tree to coconut tree as we were pulling back, and all of a sudden, a Japanese torpedo bomber appeared just above the trees, strafing the road between me and the leeward beach. We had been told not to fire at the planes.

I was really glad when that plane got past me without hitting anything, when all of a sudden, the lead was flying again. There was a rear machine gunner, and he was getting his jollies blasting the road as the plane pulled up.

There was the sound of bombs dropping beyond the breadfruit tree, and an occasional shot could still be heard in that direction, but the shooting part of the raid was over around 3 p.m. on Aug. 17.

We were told to slowly withdraw, with an established rear-guard action, to the beach area where we had

landed early that morning. Darkness began to fall, and we slowly made our way to the beach.

The withdrawal took about an hour, and I was on the final protective line when we got to the beach area. I and about 12 other Raiders were given specific instructions on when we could finally board our boats and leave the island. These instructions included a flashlight signal indicating that all others had cleared the island.

Wounded dumped into surf

The wounded were loaded aboard the rubber boats, lying lengthwise over the center seats, with the paddlers straddling the sides. The additional weight of the wounded in the fully manned craft proved too much. Many of the boats rounded the curl in the very high surf, and everyone was dumped. Many tales of valiant rescue efforts in circumstances like this were repeated that evening.

As the boats upset, the crews' weapons were lost, as well as all equipment and supplies used by medical personnel.

It didn't take long before Carlson was aware that things were not working out as he had planned. Added to this was the fact that he was not aware that our holding force was in place on shore.

When a Japanese patrol approached the beach in front of our force, a shootout ensued in which one of our men was wounded, and we killed three Japanese. Carlson later recorded this event as the low point of the raid.

"They're going to surrender"

Someone came by our position, crouched down low, and quietly blurted out the most terrible message I have ever been given: "Everybody's on their own now. They're going to surrender."

I turned to one of the rear-guarders and said, "Let's get out of here." I sent Pvt. Kuznewski to ask Carlson if we in the holding force could turn our weapons over to the worn-out Raiders on the beach and take a shot at the surf.

Permission was granted, and six of us from the holding force grabbed a rubber boat, stuffed the oars under the seats, and proceeded to swim that

boat through the surf and into the open ocean.

Since none of us was higher than a private first class, we had been given no instructions on sub recognition or any other information to guarantee our survival.

Fortunately, we heard the sound of a sub's diesel exhaust, and we headed in that direction. It was just breaking dawn when we arrived at the *Nautilus*.

When I climbed down the ladder to crew quarters, a corpsman handed me a tiny bottle and said, "For medicinal purposes only." I slugged down the contents, and in about five minutes, I was glassy-eyed from the brandy.

Sgt. Carroll was on board, recruiting volunteers for the rescue mission, but when he looked at me, he said, "Go get some sleep." That little shot of brandy saved my life. Sgt. Allard and the rest of the rescue crew were later strafed while shooting a line over the surf to pull out the boats bearing Raiders and the wounded.

Carlson violated Raider principles

Carlson violated every principle of Raider operations he had instilled in us during training. We were constantly hammered on to conduct patrols, probe for weak spots in the enemy forces, and always know more about the enemy forces than they knew about us.

Even we greenhorn privates could not believe that decisions were made on conjecture at the beach when we still had the capability to conduct at least one patrol.

Carlson appointed Capt. Ralph Coyte, my company commander, and Pvt. Willie McCall to carry a surrender message to the Japanese commander. Willie was a member of my squad. He told me later that the reason he was selected to accompany Coyte was that Carlson thought he could at least speak pidgin and maybe Japanese, because his mother was Filipino and his father was an Irish sailor.

Willie's remark that the only Japanese he knew was "sayonara" sort of sums up the whole surrender effort.

Coyte and Willie walked inland to a hut where a Japanese medical

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Makin Raid surrender note may be connected to Kwajalein beheading story ...

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corpsman was smoking a cigarette with a local family. Through interpretation from the islander, Willie was able to convey the surrender message to the corpsman, who promptly left the hut.

Willie and Coyte stuck around until Coyte decided to return to the beach and tell Carlson what had transpired. Willie said he went outside the hut, picked up an Arisaki rifle from a dead Japanese, jacked a shell into the chamber, and began walking around the battlefield.

Directly, he came upon a taro pit where three Japanese were hiding. Willie shot two of them and the third took off running. Willie nailed the third man on the run, and it turned out to be the corpsman he had given Carlson's surrender note to.

May be connected to beheading

To this day, Willie and a number of survivors of that raid believe that the presence of the surrender note in the pocket of a dead noncombatant was the basis for the Japanese decision to behead the Raiders on Kwajalein. We know that the note was recovered by the Sendai Unit that reoccupied the island because, on the way back to Pearl Harbor, the *Nautilus* picked up Tokyo Rose, who identified the unit just as Carlson had identified it in the surrender note.

I have known Willie McCall over a 57-year period, and I have no reason to question the veracity of his statements.

After Willie took the dead corpsman's medical pack back to the beach so our doctors had something to minister to our wounded with, Carlson made the decision to leave the island from the harbor side to avoid the surf. That was done on the evening of Aug. 18, when the subs went to Flink Point.

Return trip uneventful

On board the *Nautilus*, I heard the klaxon announce that we were surfacing. Soon, I saw wounded being carried to bunks. Those who could not walk were zipped into heavy canvas coveralls with handles attached



(Photo courtesy Special Operations Web Page)

Carlson's Raiders line up on the submarine USS *Argonaut*, one of two submarines that carried some 222 members of Companies A and B, 2nd Raider Battalion, from Pearl Harbor to Makin Atoll, Gilbert Islands, in August 1942 to make the assault on Makin Atoll. Ben Carson was a member of that famous assault team.

that permitted them to be lowered through the hatches.

Finally, Carlson came aboard, and we moved out of the anchorage to begin our return trip.

The morning we sailed into Pearl Harbor, we were permitted to stand on the deck of the *Nautilus* in a more or less "at ease" formation.

Every ship in Pearl Harbor welcomed us home

Every ship of the line in Pearl Harbor was turned out with formations on deck as we sailed by. I didn't realize until much later that our return was the reason for the turnout.

I noticed a battle wagon with a large number "46" painted on the bow. I knew that was the USS *Maryland* — BB 46 — and my brother was aboard. We had not seen each other for two years.

The Raiders were quickly loaded into trucks and taken to Camp Catlin, where we found our barracks just about the way we left it. We were told to clean up, dress in khaki, and prepare for paycall and a six-day pass at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

The first day of my Royal Hawaiian vacation was spent traveling to Pearl Harbor and riding the liberty launch out to the USS *Maryland* to visit my brother. I was carrying a pistol that Cyril Matelski had taken from the dead commander of the Japanese garrison at Makin. He loaned me the pistol to show my brother, who was a Navy gunners mate.

As I climbed aboard the *Maryland*, the officer of the deck asked to inspect the pistol, which I was carrying in a holster.

"This is a Japanese pistol — where did you get it?" he exclaimed.

I went through the part of the Makin story I could tell, and the next thing I knew I was on my way to the bridge, where I was introduced to the skipper. We talked a bit about the raid, and then he asked me what made me decide to visit the *Maryland*.

When I told him my brother was a gunners mate in Division V, he had George paged. A chief called in to report that George Carson had gone to Honolulu to visit his brother, who had just returned from a raid on Makin, where 100 Japanese were slain and a lot of supplies were destroyed.

About 5:30 p.m., my brother showed up, and we spent the first hour catching up on two years' gossip about the family.

"You could get killed"

My brother got really serious and tried to get me to promise to get out of the Raiders.

"You could get killed in that outfit," he said.

I reminded him the Raiders were well-trained, but even so, I promised to be careful.

Two years later, my brother died as a result of the accidental explosion of a smoke cannister on the deck of the *Maryland*.

Classified Ads and Community Notices

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Nancy, 53705.

RANGE SYSTEMS ENGINEERING is accepting applications for a limited number of positions in the RSE Summer Employment Program. Applicants will work up to 20 hours per week with Community Activities Summer Fun program prior to being considered for additional hours in the Summer Employment program. Candidates must complete a Raytheon employment application and a summer employment questionnaire, available at HR, and submit to HR by April 26. Applications after this date will not be considered. Summer Fun applicants will be required to undergo a criminal history background check.

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Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.

HEY 12-YEAR-OLDS! Do you want to earn some extra money after school? The *Hourglass* needs carriers. For more information, call Jim, 53539, or drop by the *Hourglass* office.

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VERTICAL BLINDS with valance for sliding door, \$40; bookcases, \$20 and \$35; folding bookcase, \$20; breadbox, \$25; large Little Tykes dollhouse and furniture, \$25; HO ski vests, large and small, \$15; Breyer model horses, \$5 each; various rugs and carpets, \$20 each. Call 52704.

ELECTRIC GUITAR, black, strut-style with

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The small arms range will be in operation tomorrow, 8 a.m. to noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below.



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SINGER SEWING machine, \$100; two speaker stands, \$15 each; two antique lamps, one glass, one brass, \$25 each; Canon faxphone with box of paper, \$100; bedside table, \$20; men's mountain bike, \$100 firm; Hewlett Packard computer with 14" monitor, \$1,000; printer and scanner, negotiable. Call Jean, 52762 after 4 p.m., or leave a message.

PURPLE GOWN, size 12, toy box, storage box, radio, new Air Bud video. Call 52454.

14" RCA TV, \$50; VCR, \$40; ladies' snorkel gear, like new, \$25; Huffy Beach Cruiser, five months old, \$25; golf cart, used twice,

Bar coding required to rent from Tape Escape

All residents over 10 years of age are required to have a bar code on their K-badge to rent tapes. Bar coding will take place 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Tape Escape as shown below.

For post office box numbers:

2051-2100 Wednesday, April 19
2150-2200 Thursday, April 20
2201-2250 Friday, April 21
2251-2300 Saturday, April 22

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\$25. Call 54268 and leave a message.

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RECLINING SOFA, \$375; large entertainment center, \$275; microwave cart, \$25; shoe bureau, \$30; microwave, \$50. Call 52533.

EASTMAN GAZEBO, 13' x 13', screened, brand new, still in box, from JC Penney catalog, page 714, item C, \$140. Call 52475.

TWO-DAY dive trip to Palau. For details, call 52083.

COMPUTER DESK, \$20; TV stand, \$15. Call John or Tina, 53624.

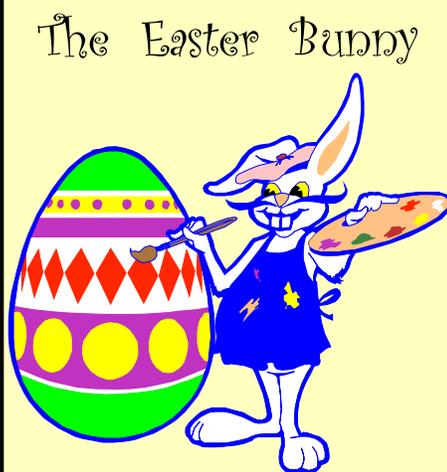
JUNIOR GOLF clubs, nice starting set, \$50 or best offer. Call 54836.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PROTESTANT and CATHOLIC chaplains will be sponsoring a joint prayer service Thursday, May 4, 6 p.m., in Island Memorial Chapel, in observance of the 49th annual Day of Prayer in the U.S. The community is invited.

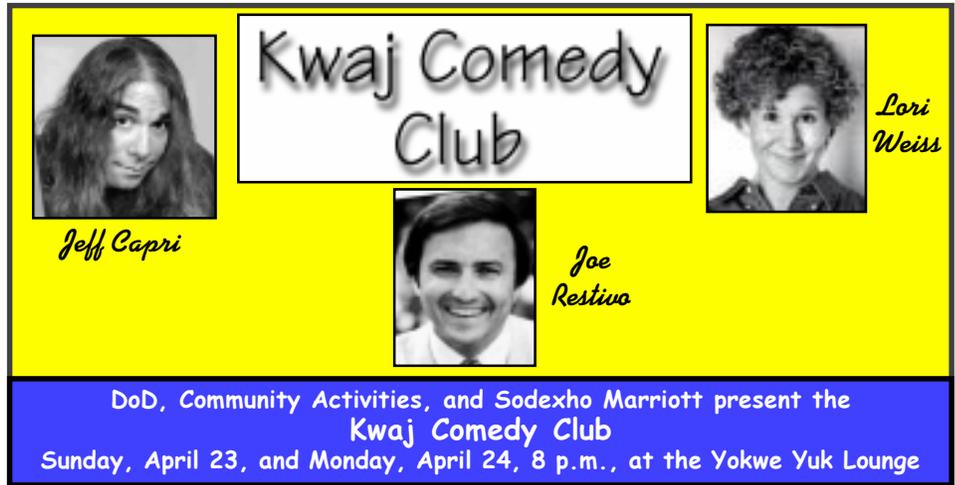
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND office will be closed April 22-May 5. If you have issues, contact the field representative, 52800, prior to April 22. Proctored exams will be the week of April 24 as scheduled. Call the office for information about how the exams will be administered.

KWAJALEIN DANCE Association will hold an election meeting for all board positions Thursday, April 27, 7 p.m., in CRC Room 1. We are looking for qualified instructors for all kinds of dance. Anyone interested, call Donna Sarmanian, 53470, before the meeting. All KDA members are welcome. You



The Easter Bunny

invites children through sixth grade to the annual Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 23, 4 p.m., at the Richardson Theater. Bring a basket for goodies. Questions? Call Susan, 53331.



Kwaj Comedy Club

DoD, Community Activities, and Sodexo Marriott present the
Kwaj Comedy Club
Sunday, April 23, and Monday, April 24, 8 p.m., at the Yokwe Yuk Lounge

must be 16 years old to vote, or be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL will hold its meeting tomorrow, 7 p.m., in CAC Room 7. The agenda will include regular monthly reports from kindergarten to 12th grade, Child Development Center, Adult/Community Education, PTO, and teacher and student representatives. Action item is the final reading of the home school policy. Time will be set aside for comments from the audience. Public is invited.

REMINDER from Pest Control: Be sure all containers that can hold water are emptied on a regular basis, as this helps control the mosquito population.

WHEN SKATING, biking, or walking, be mindful of paving and construction areas. Think safety first. Remember skateboards, rollerblades, and bikes are not allowed on sidewalks in the mini-mall area.

DASH-7 scheduled maintenance will be Sunday, April 30, through Tuesday, May 2. Flights will be on regular schedule April 29. Boat support will be provided for Roi commuters May 2.

JOB CORPS enrollment test at Ebeye public elementary school will be by last name as follows: O-Z, tomorrow, at 3 p.m. Questions? Call 55622.

ROI-NAMUR BACHELOR ADVISORY COUNCIL meeting will be tomorrow, 1 p.m., in C Building. The Bachelor Advisory Council has been established in accordance with USAKA/KMR Regulation 15-3 to serve in an advisory capacity to the commander, USAKA/KMR, on matters pertaining to island policy and regulations affecting the social and living conditions of bachelors/bachelorettes residing on Roi-Namur. Council members from each BQ building are solicited. Unaccompanied personnel wishing to have input to this meeting should contact their representatives. All Roi-Namur residents are invited to attend. For additional information, call Community Services, 53400. Roi-Namur representatives are as follows: Zeus, TDY; Ajax, Sandy Linell; Sprint, Tim Gernold; Apache, Robert Kersch; Nike,

Gerald Wright; Spartan, Rick Everette; A Building, Greg Howson; B Building, Margaret Thompson; Trailers, Joseph Woods.

BIRTHDAY, holiday, ethnic meat, salad, vegetable, bread, pastry, dessert, and other recipes are needed for the next Kwaj cookbook. The final date to submit recipes is Thursday, April 20. Submit to CWF, P.O. Box 1068, or e-mail to cwfkwajalein@mail.com. Include your name, contact information, and substitutions. Questions? Call Pat, 53355.

KINDERGARTEN registration for the 2000-2001 school year will be May 16-20 at the elementary school. Parents of incoming kindergartners should drop by the office during school hours that week to fill out necessary paperwork. Copies of immunization records and birth certificates are required at that time if not already submitted.

SEEKING NOMINEES for 2000-2001 elementary PTO board. Call Nancy, 50225, or Kristen, 53839. Voting will be at the April 27 PTO meeting.

U.S. GOVERNMENT property sealed bid sale will be conducted during April and May. Items will be available for inspection April 25-May 6, Tuesdays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. Sealed bids will be received until May 6 at 6 p.m., at Raytheon Range Systems Engineering, DCCB, Facility 1500. Bids will be opened May 9 at 9 a.m. For additional information, call Raytheon Reutilization and Disposal, 51770 or 51076.

KWAJALEIN SHRINE CLUB meets tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the Kabua Room at the Yokwe Yuk Club. For more information, call Jonathan Jackson, 51506 or 54430.

JUNIOR GOLF clinic is tomorrow, 5-6 p.m., at Kwajalein golf course. All junior golfers, boys and girls 6-17 years, are welcome. For more information, call Rudy Gil, 52412.

PAVING CREWS will be in the downtown/industrial area for the next several weeks. Sidewalk crews are working along Ocean Road and Lagoon Road. Stay clear of all construction markers.

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Toy Story II (New Release, G)

The adventure continues when Andy goes off to summer camp, and the toys are left to their own devices. An obsessive toy collector kidnaps Woody, who does not realize he is a valuable collector toy. It's up to Buzz Lightyear and the gang to save their pal. (Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Don Rickles) (92 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

End of Days (New Release, R)

Jericho Cane, a beaten down ex-cop, is the reluctant hero in this chilling, horrific thriller set at the cusp of the millennium. When the ultimate personification of evil is unleashed upon the world, Cane is drawn into a supernatural game of cat and mouse. Now, all that stands in the way of mankind's destruction is the salvation of one woman, whose fate comes to rest in Cane's shaky hands. (Arnold Schwarzenegger, Robin Tunney, Gabriel Byrne, Kevin Pollack, Rod Steiger) (88 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

What's Eating Gilbert Grape (PG-13)

A small-town grocery clerk dreams of getting away from his family, which includes a retarded younger brother and a 500-pound mother. (Johnny Depp, Juliette Lewis, Mary Steenburgen) (118 minutes)
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

It Came From Outer Space (Classic, 3-D)

The residents of a remote Southwestern town face an atmospheric disturbance in the desert that signals the arrival of an alien presence. (Brian Kerwin, Elizabeth Pera) (124 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

What's Eating Gilbert Grape (PG-13)

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

End of Days (New Release, R)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Toy Story II (New Release, G)

Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Monday

Toy Story II (New Release, G)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

End of Days (New Release, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.



Lt. Denise Morrow says farewell to Brenda, the drug dog, Thursday with flowers twined around a dog biscuit and a chewy. Among those attending the funeral were, from left: Chaplain John Dorr; Police Chief Terry Hardy; Capt. Tony Gibson; Sgt. Ken Gaymon, Brenda's handler; Officer Shannon Dier; and Lt. Moses Moreno.

Drug dog Brenda dies, honored with officer's funeral

Story and photo by Pat Cataldo

In the tradition of the K-9 Corps, Brenda, the drug detector dog, was honored by the Kwajalein Police Department with a police officer's funeral Thursday. She died of unknown causes early Wednesday, after being found unconscious in her run.

About 20 police officers and an equal number of guests turned out to honor Brenda who, with her brother, DJ, was not only a working dog but also an ap-

pealing mascot for KPD.

"She helped make Kwajalein basically a narcotic-free society," said Police Chief Terry Hardy.

Born in 1991 in Holland, Brenda arrived at Kwajalein in March 1993 as a certified drug detection canine, and went to work immediately. She was the recipient of two service awards.

Her handler, Sgt. Ken Gaymon, said, "She was a hard worker and a great partner. I'm going to miss her extremely."

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet



Sun • Moon • Tides



Tonight: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.

Winds: Northeast to east-northeast at 13 to 17 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Tomorrow: Hazy sunshine with a few showers.

Winds: Northeast to east-northeast at 13 to 17 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 86°

April rain total: 1.58"

Annual rain total: 27.00"

Annual deviation: +10.83"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.

Forecasts available online: www.kmr-wx.com

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday April 18	/1859	1748/		2223, 0.5'
Wednesday April 19	0638/1859	1838/0654	0434, 5.9' 1648, 5.5'	1045, 0.5' 2250, 0.5'
Thursday April 20	0638/1859	1926/0737	0502, 5.9' 1716, 5.3'	1115, 0.5' 2315, 0.7'
Friday April 21	0638/1859	2015/0820 Full moon	0529, 5.9' 1743, 5.1'	1145, 0.7' 2340, 0.9'