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

Heightened security

Entry/Exit badge changes betters security

By April Brown
Reporter

Since the 9/11 tragedy, security has been at an all time high around the world, and it is no different here on Kwajalein, according to Provost Marshal Lt. Col. Mark Harmon.

The heightened security is one reason why the current system used for identifying residents, employees and visitors on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur is undergoing a drastic overhaul, he said. The command is working to align Kwajalein's operation more closely with other Army installations.

Currently, there are 38 different styles of badges in use within the atoll which allow personnel to gain access to USAKA, Harmon said. With the new system, slated to begin September 1, only eight different badges are issued and everyone 16 and older who wishes to gain access is required to possess picture identification.

"We're trying to stabilize the badge system for the RMI employees, visitors and residents of Kwajalein Atoll," Harmon said. With the new system,



Junior Kare picks up his commuter badge last week from constable Neijab Anjan. As of Sept. 1, commuter badges will no longer be used. Commuters will show photo identification to gain access to USAKA.

(Photo by April Brown)

there will be less confusion and complication for the Kwajalein Police Department and the KRS retail facilities, he said.

All personnel who are currently working for USAKA and have been is-

sued a badge will still have a badge but it may be modified, Harmon said.

Of the eight badges, four will be K-badges for Army personnel, contractors and their family members. The

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Cold Storage Warehouse

Big Chill now 50 percent done



(Photo by April Brown)

Cranes and safety fencing will be a common sight for six more months at the new cold storage warehouse.

By Loren Lindborg
Reporter

Six months before its completion date, construction on the new cold storage warehouse is heating up. The \$9.5 million project, which is estimated to be completed in December, started construction in January 2003, and features nearly triple the amount of current storage space.

"Everything's running along fine. Right now we're about 50 percent complete with an estimated date of completion set for Dec. 4 on the contract," said Dave Smith, project manager for Dick Pacific.

The move from the old building to the new one will occur somewhere within that month and will be a busy time for cold storage personnel.

Afterwards, the Dick Pacific demoli-
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Guest students

Support plan sparks reunion

By April Brown
Reporter

On Friday night, about 65 people, representing a local bridge between two cultures, gathered on Emon Beach

"I had one foot firmly planted in Marshallese culture and one in American," said Charles Paul, a 1999 graduate of the first class through the Kwajalein school system's Guest Student Program.

Music, dancing and good food greeted the first ever Kwaj Kids reunion for graduates of the Marshallese Guest Student Program here on Kwajalein.

Following a prayer by Timothy Samuel in Marshallese, USAKA commander Col. Jerry Brown spoke

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Someone cares enough to do their very best

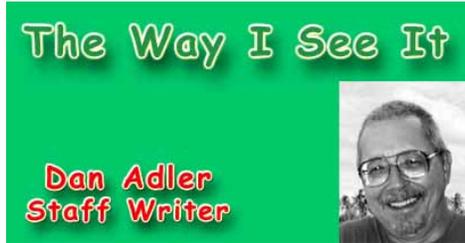
Sometimes it seems like complaining is the National Pastime on Kwaj. Lord knows I've done my share of it.

So when something good happens, I figure I should let that be known too. In this case, it's Dr. Eric Lindborg of Kwajalein Hospital.

Over the past seven months, I've had nagging health issues that at times drove me to my wits end because I was in a great deal of pain every day.

A surgery in Hono didn't go well and that made the problem even worse.

After the surgery, I practically lived in Dr. Lindborg's office and the hospital lab was my home away from home.



Dr. Lindborg did every thing he could to help me. His professionalism, his kindness and caring never wavered. He did research, he consulted with doctors in Honolulu, he spent a great deal of his

precious time on my case. He never gave up even when I was ready to. He wouldn't let me. He helped me keep going and kept my spirits up. I really don't know how I could have got through it without him.

Everyone at Kwajalein Hospital, the front desk personnel, the lab techs, the pharmacy, the great nurses and doctors have always given patients the feeling that they really care.

Sometimes, medical problems can't be fixed, but if the doctors and others do genuinely care, it somehow makes it easier to bear.

Due to Dr. Lindborg's care, I'm doing much better. It's a comfort to know he's on this island. Thanks Eric.

We're not in Muggle-land anymore

I was one of the lucky ones who hit the jackpot last Monday. I was handed my very own copy of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," J.K. Rowling's newest book at the Post Office package window.

Many, as I did, preordered the book in February. So it has been a long wait. A few lucky folks brought THE book back from the states after it was released on June 21.

What is the draw of Rowling's stories

which interests a very diverse crowd of grownups here? To my surprise when I mentioned at work that I was reading it, Dan, the graphics man, was already reading it, while reporter April was not interested at all.

Maybe living on Kwaj or Roi for a while has a Hogwarts School of Magic-type appeal itself. Everything is similar to the "real" or Muggle world, but just half-a-bubble off as in Potter's magical world.

We carry 27" televisions strapped to the back of our rusty bikes from Macy's to home, similar to the unusual magical transportation used in Rowling's books. We substitute five ingredients of a seven ingredient-recipe, like in Harry's Potions class, be-



cause Surfway or Ten-Ten is out of the normal ingredients. Finally, our mail arrives but the timing is off from the Muggle world. It doesn't arrive by owl and it doesn't go on a world tour to Korea anymore, but it does come in on a different schedule than elsewhere.

Printed on the book's package, which I received on July 7, was: "Postmaster, don't deliver before June 21." Not to worry.

Marshallese Word of the Day

kakije - rest or vacation

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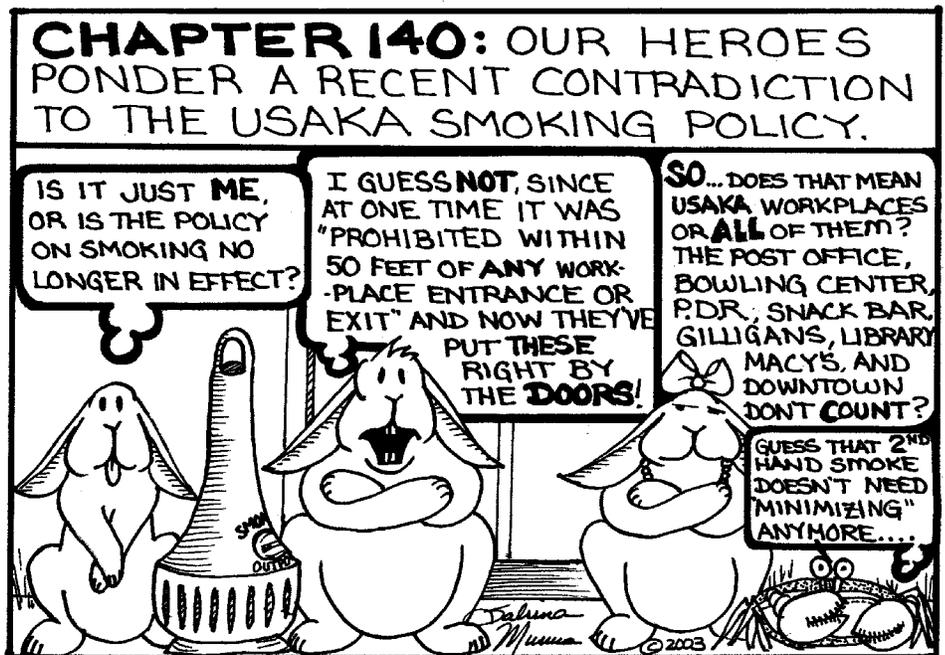
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Buckminster and Friends

By Sabrina Mumma



Guest Student Program

Kwaj schooling changed paths...

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to those present.

"I hope you understand the impact you have had here," he said. "The Guest Student Program has opened the door for so many things in the community."

Paul, born and raised on Ebeye, then spoke candidly of his experiences as one of the first students enrolled in the Guest Program coming from Ebeye to Kwajalein and his plans for the future.

"I want to start a support base for the Marshallese students here," he said.

A Washington College, Md.

graduate with a bachelor of arts in Economics and a minor in Business Management, Paul credits the Kwajalein school system for his successes.

"Coming to school here really challenged me," he said. "I had to learn how to communicate in a new language and balance my own culture with the American culture."

The challenges he faced here prepared him for the choices he would make.

"My [life] course would have been different than the one I took," he said. "Coming to school [on Kwajalein] gave me the confidence I needed to compete in colleges and universities. It prepared me for going to school in the U.S."

Besides the confidence he gained, another source of support came from friends and family.

"It was still a culture shock [going to the U.S.] but I had a core group of friends and family to help me get through it," he said

The preparation and support that he received is what motivated him to start a support group for students who are currently in the program and for the community as a whole so more fellow Marshallese can take advantage of the opportu-

nities available, he said.

"[Then] you have a base group here that will be behind you and support you in whatever endeavor you undertake," he said to the audience.

His own support group helped him when he left the RMI.

After talking to Paul about his idea for a support group, Twilyn Sheet, a

2000 Guest Program graduate, and Loanne Bulles, a 2003 Guest Program graduate, organized the reunion in the hopes of motivating graduates to participate in the support group.

Bulles sees great benefit in the support group.

"There was stuff that I didn't think I could do and I succeeded," she said. "I think [the program is] a good opportunity for the others. It gives them the benefit to experience what we've experienced."

Paul's idea of bringing the graduates together also sparked a chord with Sheet.

"When he told me about [his idea], I was shocked and pleased at the same time," Sheet said.

In order to set up a reunion on very short notice, Sheet and Bulles balanced their internship workloads in USAKA's Public Affairs and Host Nation offices with planning the event.

Now that the program is officially off the ground, all three are looking forward to future projects, Paul said.

"I told myself when I left I would always come back and work for my people, for the Marshallese community," Paul said. "This is something I've always wanted to do and I felt it would be well received by the community here and by the graduates."

The reception was well received by all in attendance as graduates stopped to greet friends they hadn't seen in many years as they went through the buffet line filling their

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— Charles Paul
1999 Kwajalein high school graduate,
Guest Student Program

Obituary

Jackie Mahong, 26, of Ebeye, died during a boating accident in waters off of Roi-Namur on Thursday evening.

Mahong, a Marine Department deckhand

assigned to the *Mystic*, attended Ebeye's Queen of Peace High School and the College of the Marshall Islands on Gugeegue.

Before going to work at the Marine Department, July 20, 2000, he

attended Kwajalein Job Corps.

Mahong is survived by his wife, Retini, and three children, Lloyd, 5, Helen, 2, and Simon, 2-months old.

Services will be held on Majuro at a date still to be determined.



Jackie Mahong

plates with steaming hot food.

"They are like my sisters and brothers, we grew up together," Sheet said. "It makes me feel good to see them back."

Sheet, along with several other graduates, led the group in dancing after dinner with the rest of the crowd cheering them on over the music.

Organizing an event like this is a learning experience for all, Bulles said.

"I'm happy that this worked," she said. "I learned new things about how the Americans and the Marshallese work together to make the Marshall Islands better."

All spoke of how the program affected them and changed the path they chose.

"I want to thank our government and USAKA for having this program available for us," Sheet said. "We wouldn't be doing what we were doing now if it wasn't for this."

Larger warehouse will ease labor...

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tion crew will come in and take down the building since remnants of asbestos materials have made the current complex somewhat hazardous.

"Once we get the green light to go from Dick Pacific, we will move into the new warehouse" said Manuel Kapahu, Cold Storage supervisor. "That should be soon as it maintains its temperature."

The new building is 22,000 square feet and contains five chill rooms of varying temperatures to segregate various products, and is large enough to allow fork lifts to operate inside, he said. Right now, workers have to handle products by hand once they reach the loading docks because there's no room for the forklifts or other machinery to operate in the old building.

The new complex will allow workers to maneuver materials inside with folklifts, rather than by hand, he said. It will also cause a reduction of physical labor, improve on stock rotation, and decrease the number of back injuries.



Dick Pacific carpenter Mike Mendiola forms up a floor slab in the new cold storage warehouse office area. The project is 50 percent complete with an estimated completion date of Dec. 4.

(Photo by Loren Lindborg)

"We're not losing any manpower, we're just decreasing the possibility of safety hazards," Kapahu said.

The new building has two large chill rooms along with five master boxes off the loading dock that are

completely enclosed. For ice customers, there will be an ice dispensary available 24 hours a day.

"This new building is going to bring us up to the 20th century," Kapahu said.

Photo IDs for everyone are a must...

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fifth style of badge will be TDY badges. The sixth badge is a C-badge.

All RMI employees will hold a C-badge including domestics who currently hold D-badges, said Maryanne Lane, Host Nation Office acting chief.

The seventh badge is a new badge used for all persons commuting between the Dock Security Checkpoint and Entry/Exit for flying in and out of Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, Harmon said. The eighth badge is for distinguished visitors from the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The RMI special access program for distinguished visitors is currently under modification to meet current security requirements, Lane said. As soon as the plan is complete, the Host Nation office will inform the RMI national and local governments of the program changes.

The un-posted facilities or UPF commuter badge for Ebeye and Enniburr residents will go away completely in lieu of photo identification from the

RMI government.

RMI photo identification cards are available through the mayor's office on Ebeye, Lane said. More information about photo identification is available through the USAKA Host Nation office,

"For security reasons, it will be 100 percent better. Everyone on island needs a picture ID."

— Lt. Christie Bowman
Dock Security Checkpoint
officer-in-charge

54848, or the Kwajalein RMI office, 53620.

"Individuals who don't have proper identification will not be allowed entry into USAKA," Harmon said.

Access programs, including the community exchange, sports programs, religious and educational programs, will remain unaffected by

these badge changes. All participants will still gain access to the island, with proper identification, Harmon said.

It is currently each program sponsor's responsibility to maintain a participant list at the DSC, he said. With the new program all participants must show photo identification before they may come on island.

"For the 10 access programs, people need to start getting ID's now," Lane said. "Because come Sept. 1, they won't be allowed on island without it."

This new system will go into effect Sept. 1, 2003 and at that time everyone just arriving on island or already here has to have proper identification.

The new identification procedure is a fairer system, said Lt. Christie Bowman, Dock Security Checkpoint officer-in-charge.

"For security reasons, it will be 100 percent better," she said. "Everyone on island needs a picture ID."

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Sports figures and movie stars are not real heros...

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past conflicts.”

The general called addressing these family members the most difficult speech he has ever given. “I’m not a Vietnam veteran — the family members are. I’ve not suffered the loss of a loved one — ... you, the family members have,” Redmann said. “I’ve not waited years and years for answers — unfortunately, you, the family members have.”

He thanked them for being loyal Americans and for keeping POW/MIA organizations accountable. The general emphasized that the fullest possible accounting mission is now a permanent part of DoD, the State Department and the nation.

“Those wearing the uniform today owe the family members a great debt of gratitude for your intense dedication, staunch loyalty and continuing commitment to our fullest possible accounting mission,” Redman said. “You have given more than most Americans ever will; you’ve lost your loved ones in service to our nation.”

Through several changes in administration, government policies and DoD practices over the years, “you’ve remained steadfast in your hopes and anticipation that answers, comfort and closure would come,” Redmann said.

He noted that over the years, the remains of a few missing servicemen have come home. “You continue to wait,” Redmann continued. “Sadly,

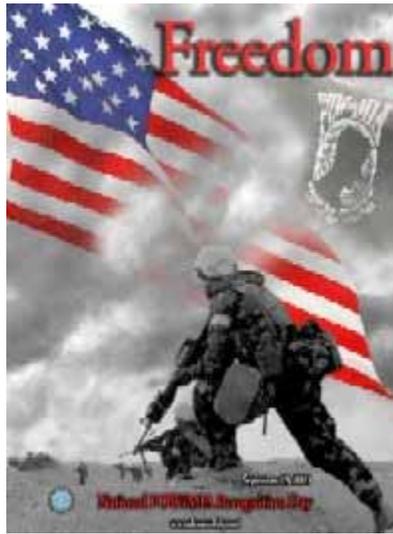
1, 874 Americans still remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.”

Calling sports figures, movie stars and recording artists heroes is a “bankrupt philosophy,” Redmann said.

“These people are not heroes in any sense of the word, but simply people that have gained the public spotlight.

“A hero is one noted for nobility of purpose, one with great courage and strength, or one celebrated for bold exploits,” Redmann said. “That definition could have been written about you. You are an immense source of pride and encouragement for soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines, and government civilians who go to Southeast Asia in search of your loved ones.”

He noted that task force recovery team members jump from hovering helicopters and climb steep slopes in triple-canopy jungles in Vietnam to find a single witness to the fate of a



The poster, left, designed for POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sept. 19, 2003, was unveiled June 26 during a meeting of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. There are still more than 88,000 servicemen still unaccounted for from past conflicts, according to Jerry D. Jennings, deputy secretary of defense for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs.

(Poster courtesy of DoD Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office)

missing American. Among other things, they have rappelled on a rope 600 feet down the side of Phou Pha Thi Mountain in Laos to find Americans’ remains.

“They do this mission because of you and for you — you the family members,” Redmann noted.

Family members will never hear a “thanks” from every service member or civilian employees at DoD and State Department, “but you should,” he said.

“You ensure that we do it right,” he said. “You ask the tough questions, present new ideas and hold us to task by questioning how and why we do things. You’re the government’s watchdogs. And quite frankly, that’s precisely what is needed.”

Access programs unaffected...

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With the current system, anyone can gain access to the islands without a verification of who they are, Bowman said. It will require a little bit more work from the DSC staff to maintain the program lists but she believes the system will work better.

Both the RMI local and national governments will soon be notified of all the procedure changes by letter, Lane said.

Just before Sept. 1, English and Marshallese announcements will be

distributed via the media and by flyers to remind both residents and commuters of the identification requirement deadline, she said.

The Provost Marshal’s office will also provide instruction to all Kwajalein and Roi-Namur retail personnel on the changes, Harmon said.

The Provost Marshal’s number one goal is guaranteeing that highest security measures are maintained for USAKA’s mission. The upcoming badge changes will support that, Harmon said.

Letters to the Editor

Keep letters to less than 300 words, and keep your comments to the issues. This would be a no-libel zone. Letters must be signed. We will edit for AP style and, if you exceed the word limit, space. Please limit yourself to one letter every 30 days.

Send your letter to:
The Hourglass, P.O. Box 23, Local;
or e-mail:
BennettJ@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUBMIT A TEAM now for Summer Fun Basketball League July 30-Aug. 23. Bring a \$10 registration fee and team roster to the mandatory managers' meeting July 22, 5 p.m., in the library conference room. Questions? Call Kaya, 53331.

KWAJALEIN RESIDENTS: Be advised that any air-

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- Format:** The player builds his/her 18-hole total over the time period by posting his/her lowest score on each hole.
- Scoring** is on a gross basis with the field divided into flights.
- Registration deadline** is July 18 at the Pro Shop. For information, call Bob, 53768.

Effective July 21, Continental Travel will be closed Sundays, Mondays and holidays. We will be open Tuesday-Saturday, 8-5 p.m. Effective September 1, E-tickets will be available at no charge. Paper ticket service charge is \$50 per ticket. Questions? Call Yvonne, 51013.

conditioned enclosures recently added to quarters are in violation of the USAKA regulations and must be removed. The quarters must be restored to standard condition. There are no exceptions. At this time, no fences, decks, patio covers or other structures are allowed to be constructed. If you have constructed any such structure in the yard or attached to the government quarters in which you live without a build permit, you must contact the Housing Office, 53662, for an inspection. Specific violation notices will be issued in the near future.

GEORGE SEITZ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL administrative office is open 7:30-11:30 a.m. through July 19 and July 22-26. Regular office hours, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, resume July 29.

KWAJALEIN POLICE Department is conducting an auction of all impounded bicycles Friday, 4:30 p.m., in front of the police station. All sales are final. Cash buyers only. All proceeds are donated to Community Activities. Questions? Call Cpl. Robinson, 54452.

AMERICAN LEGION Post 44 general membership meeting is tomorrow, 6 p.m., in the Vets' Hall.

BARGAIN BAZAAR appreciates the community's support. We request that donations not be dropped at the store when we are closed. Donations may be taken or scattered about if left unattended. Hours are: Mondays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. For donation pickup, call 53686 during store hours or 54691 after hours. Donations are picked up on Mondays.

DENTAL CLINIC is open tomorrow, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m., for Roi, Meck and school teachers. There is no morning sick call that day.

ORTHODONTIST is on island July 23-24. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL reminds residents they are required to clear their family's account when they PCS. Every effort will be made to minimize the resident's out-of-pocket expenses when time allows for verification of insurance payment for services provided. Call 52220 or stop by the hospital cashier's office early in your planning process.

FAMILIES PCSing this summer are asked to request copies of their medical records from Kwajalein Hospital two weeks before their departure date. Early notice ensures the medical records department can fill your request. There is a nominal fee for this service.



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WEDNESDAY, 8 P.M., AT GILLIGAN'S
THURSDAY, 7:30 P.M., AT ROI OUTRIGGER**

See you at the movies!

Note: The Richardson Theater is closed due to technical difficulties.

Friday

Biker Boyz (2003, PG-13) Two generations of radical bikers face off. (Laurence Fishburne)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Jungle Book II (2003, PG) Mowgli, the "man-cub," returns to the jungle after living with humans. Mowgli soon learns that jungle life isn't all carefree.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Legend of Bagger Vance (2000, PG-13) World War I shatters a gifted golfer's confidence until he is helped by a mysterious caddie. (Matt Damon)

Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Frida (2002, R) The turbulent life of Frida Kahlo, one of Mexico's prominent artists, is recounted. (Salma Hayek)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

40 Days, 40 Nights (2002, R) A young man vows celibacy for 40 days and nights. (Josh Hartnett)

Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Monday

Jungle Book 2 (2003, PG)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Old School (2003, R) Reliving their care-free college years wrecks havoc with three men's brain cells. (Will Ferrell)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Tears of the Sun (2003, R) Saving one American doctor from a South American country on the verge of war turns into a mass rescue. (Bruce Willis)

Adult Recreation Center, 7 p.m.



Working with crystal-clear sentiments

Master cutter James Buckley etches "Merry Christmas 2003," on one of Barbara Wilhelmi's Waterford crystal bowls at Macy's on Friday morning.

Visiting Macy's, courtesy of Waterford Crystal, Buckley etched 210 crystal pieces for residents during his 3½ day stay.

Buckley, from Waterford, Ireland, has worked for Waterford Crystal since 1970.

(Photo by KW Hillis)

MIA/POW families wait

By Rudi Williams

American Forces Press Service

ARLINGTON, Va., - Families of service members still missing from the Vietnam War are "the essence of America's strength," according to the general in charge of finding those missing troops.

"Without your determination, we wouldn't be here today,"

Air Force Brig. Gen. Steven J. Redmann told members of the National League of Families, an organization for family members of those still missing, during the group's recently completed annual conclave here. The group is

dedicated to bringing every service member home.

Redmann is commander of Joint Task Force Full Accounting, the Hawaii-based organization responsible for searching for and identifying remains of missing service members.

He told the family members that without their dedication "many Americans would still be missing and unaccounted for from our nation's past conflicts. The National League of Families has been the voice of America for finding the missing from the Vietnam War and, subsequently, all of our nation's

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WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with scattered showers.

Winds: Northeast-east at 12-18 knots, gusts to 30 knots near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny with scattered showers.

Winds: Northeast to east at 12-18 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 87°

July rain total: 2.97"

Annual rain total: 39.46"

Annual deviation: -2.94"

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Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday July 15	0637/1913	2040/0740	0500, 6.0' 1730, 4.8'	1130, 0.5' 2320, 0.8'
Wednesday July 16	0638/1913	2129/0838	0540, 5.9' 1810, 4.7'	1210, 0.6' 2400, 0.9'
Thursday July 17	0638/1913	2213/0931	0620, 5.7' 1850, 4.6'	1250, 0.8'
Friday July 18	0638/1912	2254/1021	0700, 5.3' 1930, 4.5'	0040, 1.1' 1320, 1.0'