

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



**Col. Frederick S. Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander, holds a town hall meeting Tuesday evening in the multi-purpose room. The colonel also held meetings on Roi and with the RMI workforce. For coverage, see Page 3.**

*(Photo by Dan Adler)*

# Womacks thank community for caring, condolences

Rick and I would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of the support, encouragement and assistance this community provided to us

due to the loss of our son, Joshua. Everyone truly has touched us and made a difficult time just a little bit easier.

Both of us us fee truly blessed to live and work in a community of such wonderful people.

— Rick and Tammie Womack



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## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# Let's talk

## USAKA commander holds town hall meetings on Kwajalein, Roi-Namur

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Col. Frederick S. Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll commander, held three anxiously awaited town hall meetings this week.

Two meetings were held Tuesday on Kwajalein, one in the afternoon for the RMI workforce and one in the evening for the Kwajalein community. The third was held on Roi-Namur Wednesday afternoon.

### RMI Workforce Meeting

Clarke began the standing room only RMI meeting by introducing himself and saying how happy and proud he was to be on Kwajalein and that his wife and daughter were also happy to be here.

He stressed his command phi-

losophy to the audience. He put emphasis on safety and told the workforce that he wanted them to take care of each other, not only while at work, but away from work also.

He told the gathering that he wants them to understand the big picture — to understand what the mission [of Kwajalein] is.

"Always do the right thing," he said. "Remember, it's all about trust."

He added, "Remember, you are accountable, and that means you are responsible for not only being efficient at work, but also for your actions and those of your guests when you bring them on the base."

Clarke said that from his perspective, he doesn't see any difference in Soldiers, government employees or contractors.

"You are all the same when it comes to dignity and respect," he said. "But don't forget, you fall under different systems."

Clarke said that four things would

get someone in trouble with him and those are: using drugs, being abusive, racism and stealing.

"You are all very important to me," said Clarke. "You are part of the community."

He also told the RMI audience that he knows land is very important and so is culture.

"We will respect your land and your culture," he said.

He added, "Be proud of your contribution to the mission. No matter what you do here, you are all part of the mission."

Clarke told the audience he has noticed the good spirit that Marshallese workers bring to their jobs. He said attitude is very important.

"If you come to work with a bad spirit, and not a good attitude, it brings everybody down," he said.

Clarke added, "When you come to work, think about what you should do and be happy and do a good job."

He told the audience he has seen some things in his first 60 days which are of concern to him.

"Number one is the drinking after finishing work and public intoxication," he said. "Every week I see a police report with several people being arrested for drinking and not behaving properly."

He added, "The second one has to do with people who live in the Bachelor Quarters and smoke. It is a central air system inside the BQs, which means if you smoke in your room it disperses and other rooms are getting your smoke. It's not considerate and it's unhealthy."

The third item on Clarke's list was the issue of children in the BQs. He stressed that children were never allowed in the BQs for any reason.

The last item on the list was identification, Clarke explained how important it was to hang on to ID badges and not to lose them



Col. Frederick S. Clarke, USAKA commander, addresses the audience at the RMI workforce meeting.

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because it causes problems for Access Control, and it causes concerns to the command about security.”

Clarke told the audience the good news is that they are doing a great job. He said that from everything he sees, they come to work and work hard and they come with a good spirit. He said that not only he, but the whole team appreciates it.

Clarke told the audience that he was looking forward to meeting them as he went around the island on business and that he looked forward to working with everyone.

“One more thing you need to know, said Clarke, We’re working very hard at security on this base, so you may see some changes coming about as far as access controls being put in place. It’s all for safety and security and for everyone’s benefit, including you.”

He added that he has received the comment cards many had filled out and was working on getting answers for them. He said that if he couldn’t answer questions right now, not to be discouraged. He reminded the audience that while they had been here most or all of their lives, he has only been here for 60 days.

“It’s more important that I hear the issue and then think about it rather than try to give you a fast answer,” he told them.

The commander then took questions from the audience.

### **Q. Is it possible for humanitarian projects to be done on Ebeye?**

**A.** I went to Majuro last week and spoke to Pacific Command and one of the things we talked about was doing humanitarian projects in other areas of the RMI and if any

of those could be done on Ebeye.

So yes, we are looking at it. The smaller a project is, the more chance there is of getting it done. If you see things you would like to see done, give us the details and keep it as small of a project as you can.

### **Q. Why are employees not allowed to park their bikes at the Dock Security Checkpoint even for a short time to unload items? Why are they forced to park far away? If regulations come out, can they be notified and given the purpose for them?**

**A.** Every time a regulation comes out, you are owed an explanation as to why we are doing it and what we are doing. Remember, we are a military installation and at all military installations, there are certain locations that are considered vulnerable.

The Dock Security Checkpoint happens to be one of those locations. It may not make sense to you, but there are regulations that tell us how far bikes, cars and other vehicles must be from those vulnerable locations. Kwajalein Police Department is doing it for security reasons.

Again, if you’ve lived here for a long time, you may wonder what the security problem is.

From a security manager’s perspective, problems occur when you don’t follow regulations.

So, I guess the question is where else can you park that would be easy for you to unload your goods but still be outside the secure area. We will take a look at it and get back to you.

### **Q. What can be done about transportation from the DSC to the airport since taxis and busses aren’t available any more and C-Badge workers can’t rent vehicles from**

**automotive? In the past, we could call Central Motor Pool and they would provide the service.**

**A.** (from KRS *Automotive*) People needing transportation to the airport from the DSC can call Central Motor Pool at 58294 at least 24 hours in advance to set up

an appointment. Since the island bus was discontinued in March, transportation to the airport is now mainly for island residents. There is no transportation from the airport to the DSC.

(Col. Clarke): We don’t have taxis like in New York City or even Ebeye. You have to do a little bit of planning, know when you need it, and make prior arrangements. You’re not the only ones. My wife asked me the other day what the number for the taxi was.

### **Q. My husband was on a job site and by the time they finished, the last ferry for the night had left and my husband and the others had to sleep on the job site. As a wife, I worried about him. If the job requires him to stay late, how can he catch the ferry?**

**A.** That’s a very valid concern. Let me look into it.

### **Q. First Stop will not provide adequate service and will not give out medicines except to grand fathered Marshallese and contract workers. Why can’t First Stop give service to everyone?**

**A.** I don’t know. That’s a good question. Let me look into it. This is the first time I’m hearing about it. If you can let me know the specifics like what kind of medicines and so forth, that would help.

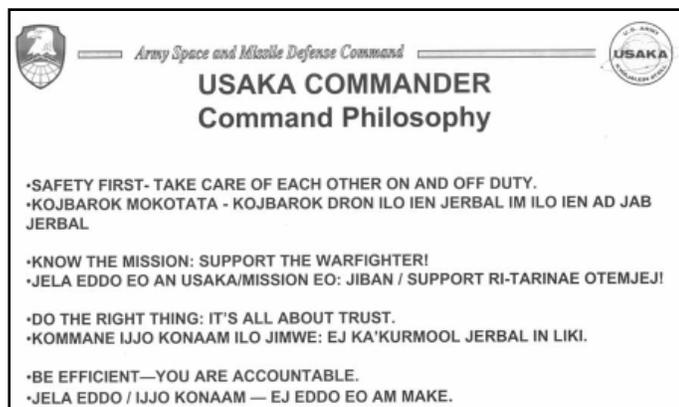
### **Q. Are we expecting layoffs anytime soon or somewhere down the road?**

**A.** I’ve worked with KRS on the budget and we are in the process of negotiating services that can be provided with the money available. I can tell you that the picture is not as bad as it first seemed. But does that mean that somebody is not going to be laid off in the next week? I wouldn’t know right now.

We are still in the process and KRS decides how best to accomplish what is needed and who they need and what type of workforce is needed to do the job. So it’s difficult for me to say that nobody will be laid off, but I can tell you we are working very hard from the USAKA side and the KRS side to make sure that if we have to lay somebody off, it’s because we just couldn’t come up with other ways.

### **Q. What can be done if we encounter racism at work?**

**A.** (from KRS) If you work for KRS,



The poster features the USAKA logo on the left and right. The text reads: "Army Space and Missile Defense Command" at the top, followed by "USAKA COMMANDER Command Philosophy". Below this are five bullet points: "• SAFETY FIRST- TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER ON AND OFF DUTY. • KOJBAROK MOKOTATA - KOJBAROK DRON ILO IEN JERBAL IM ILO IEN AD JAB JERBAL", "• KNOW THE MISSION: SUPPORT THE WARFIGHTER! • JELA EDDO EO AN USAKA/MISSION EO: JIBAN / SUPPORT RI-TARINAE OTEMJEJI", "• DO THE RIGHT THING: IT'S ALL ABOUT TRUST. • KOMMANE IJJO KONAAM ILO JIMWE: EJ KA'KURMOOL JERBAL IN LIKI.", "• BE EFFICIENT—YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE. • JELA EDDO / IJJO KONAAM — EJ EDDO EO AM MAKE."

contact Lisa Armstrong at KRS Human Resources and if you work for Chugach, contact Jeff Bull at Chugach Human Resources.

**Q. Can the Colonel provide cost of living raises for FY08 and FY09?**

A. No. That is outside of my area. Money is tight. If you've been watching the news you know that the United States is having bad financial problems right now and many of us [he said jokingly] are thinking about moving our money to the Bank of the Marshall Islands. Times are tough and the country is at war.

When times get tough like this the money that goes into all types of programs sometimes becomes a smaller amount. At that point, we have to take a look at where money can be saved and you have seen over the past few years how it affects you and how it affects the base.

With the monies that I get, I will work closely with KRS to see how best we can stretch that money as much as we can to provide the services that we need. You have my commitment that I will meet with KRS on a regular basis to discuss this and talk about it.

**Q. Why is it that cost of living raises were given to grand fathered Marshallese and to contract holders but not the RMI workforce?**

A. The short answer is I don't know. I just got here as the year is ending. I don't know why it was done or even if it was done. I don't know if it's a perception or a reality. I will check into it and I will get you an answer.

**Q. Is there a way USAKA or KRS can provide training programs for Marshallese workers?**

A. The answer is yes. The training may be very specific to the jobs the contractor is required to do. A lot of it might be on the job training.

**Q. Can the shoppette and other stores stock more items the workforce can buy and take home?**

A. Identify items that you think should be put on that list and we'll take a look at it and see if it's a possibility. I will tell you this, I've seen something that may just be natural to Kwajalein or because we're in a transition from one store to another. That new store is just beginning. And this is not just Marshallese, this is everyone.

New stuff comes in and people rush in there and they buy it like a hurricane is coming or something, especially the beer. I would ask you that when you shop, you don't shop for the year. Shop as you actually require so that we don't run out and there's enough for the community.

**Q. What can be done to alleviate the hardship of so much time waiting for ferries? Can the schedule be more flexible?**

A. I can't answer that right now. We'll take a look at it and I understand what the concern is.

**Q. Grand fathered benefits and hours have been reduced. Does that not violate the compact?**

A. Whether the reduction of hours violates the compact agreement or not, I will check with our legal folks and get you an answer.

I can tell you that the reason some hours were reduced is because if

concerns. He said he hoped they understood his philosophy and that they would take it to heart, especially by being a better person and making it a better community. He added that he hoped to improve the quality of life. He told the audience that he had heard their questions about community and the future. He continued saying he would share information with them so they wouldn't worry or be stressed over rumors.

"We will try to do this every quarter," Clarke said. "Every 90 or 120 days so we can have a chance to get together and talk and share ideas and concerns. That's my commitment to you. Don't forget, you don't have to wait to ask questions. If you see me, feel free to ask me about your concerns."

**Kwajalein Community Meeting**

As in the RMI meeting, Clarke began the Kwajalein community meeting Tuesday evening by introducing himself to the community.

Clarke related that although the meeting was only his second town hall on Kwajalein, he had held several town hall meetings as a garrison commander in Hawaii.

"This is not an 'I transmit-you receive' type of meeting," he said. "This is my first 60 days here and it's more important for me to understand what the issues are from your perspective than it is for you to get a feeling of how much I think I know after 60 days."

Clarke told the audience not to expect a lot of answers to their questions during the meeting.

"It's more important that I take the question, get a bunch of smart people, and discuss what options are available, and then come back and give you a good answer," Clarke said.

He introduced Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac to the audience saying Kutac was the senior enlisted advisor and his [Clarke's] right hand man.

"He is my eyes, ears and sometimes conscience," said Clarke.

Deputy to the Mission Commander Hugh Denny was also introduced by the commander.

Clarke said that when he is off

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USAKA COMMANDER  
Command Philosophy

•SOLDIERS, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS ARE EQUAL PARTNERS GOVERNED BY DIFFERENT REGULATIONS. ALL PART OF THE EQUATION FOR SUCCESS. UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE AND TREAT EACH OTHER WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT—COMMUNICATE!  
•RI'TARINAE, RI'JERBAL IN KIEN IM RI'JERBAL RO AN CONTRACTOR REJ IBBEN DRON ILO JERBAL IUMIN KAKIEN KO AER MAKE. IJO KE, JOOJ EJ JEMDRON ILO JERBAL KEIN NON EMONLOK / SUCCESS. JEN MELELE KIN OKTAK KO IKOTAAD IM JELA KAUTIEJ DRON — KONONO (NON DRON)  
•DON'T "DART" (NO DRUGS, ABUSE OF FAMILY OR OTHERS, RACISM, THIEVES): IF YOU SEE IT—REPORT IT!  
•JAB KOJERBAL MELELE IN "DART" (DRUGS AK UNO KO RE'KAJOOR, ABUSE AK KAKKURE BAMLE EO IM RO JET, RACISM AK JERBAL IN KALIEKLOK / WEWEIN KO REJJAB JIMWE, THIEVES AK JERBAL IN MON AK KOOT): NE KWONAJ LOE MAKUTKUT KEIN — KOJJELA KAKI!

they were not, jobs would have been lost. Believe it or not, the intent was to save jobs. We will continue to work with KRS on employment issues.

Clarke concluded the meeting by thanking the audience for coming and sharing their

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island, Lt. Col. Harold Buhl is acting commander and Denny is Chief of Staff and another main point of contact.

He told the audience to feel free to approach Denny, Kutac or any member of his staff with their concerns or questions.

Clarke said, "We're all new [the staff]. We all got here about the same time, so we're all learning together."

Smoking in the BQs was raised by the commander again. He told the audience about the air-conditioning system in the BQs and how smoking affected everyone living in BQs. He said smoking in the BQs is a no-no.

"It's inconsiderate and it's unhealthy," he said.

Clarke stressed that children are never allowed in the BQs for any reason. BQs are adults-only period.

He discussed with the gathering some problems of access control and some of the vulnerable areas he sees right now. He said the command was reviewing the access policy.

Clarke stressed the problems created when an ID or a CAC is lost. He said that in the past, the loss of an ID or CAC was treated lightly with only a minimal fee charged to replace lost IDs or cards, but from now on, a more severe administrative fee may be imposed.

He said that several comment cards he had gotten were good feedback and some of them were already being worked on.

He again covered his command philosophy. He said that as far as safety, it seemed the community was really good about looking out for each other. He told the audience to continue to do so, not only at work, but on the beach or anywhere on the island. He told the gathering to be especially careful to watch out for children.

Clarke congratulated the RTS team for a successful mission that took place on Monday. He told the audience that he had just met with a potentially big customer and that they were very excited about coming to Kwaj in the future.

"Successes today means more business tomorrow," he said. "More business means the viability of the island will continue to exist."

Clarke said that even though there was going to be change, he saw Kwajalein as an enduring mission.

"One of the best things people like about the future is

the Kwajalein cable system which will allow distributed operations to move to Huntsville, Ala., and basically taking the range to the customer," he said.

Clarke stated that would mean some employees would live and work in Huntsville and that while customers might still come to the range during missions, it wouldn't be the three or four hundred that would come in the past.

Returning to his philosophy, Clarke talked about doing the right thing, that it's all about trust.

"When I get up in the morning and make a decision, I don't do it because it will benefit Fred Clarke and his family or because it will benefit the lagoon side or the ocean side," he said. "I do it for the good of the island as a whole."

He said that in a small community, it's all about trust.

"I know we're all watching each other," said Clarke. "It's the suburbs where people know if you cut your lawn or not."

He said that when we do things, our words have to match our actions. If not, credibility is lost.

The next item of philosophy was 'be efficient — you are accountable.'

Clarke said, "This goes back to setting room temperatures, not being wasteful and doing the right thing as far as recycling and so forth. As far as accountability — you are accountable for your actions, for your children's actions and your guest's actions."

He continued, "I think that sometimes people forget and think that because their child is of a certain age, they feel that it's okay to leave their children at home alone because it's a safe community. But people need to do a reality check and realize that a child seven or eight years old shouldn't be left in the house while the parents go out somewhere. Some might call that neglect. Be aware and understand the rules and regulations here."

Clarke added, "One of the hardest things I had to do in these first couple of months was take action on a couple of teens. It's hard, but I have to do what's best for the community. The message has to be that people can feel safe in this community."

As at the RMI meeting, he said that while Soldiers, government employees and contractors may have different regulations and different systems, everyone has the right to be treated with dignity and respect.

"When people realize that I can give a Soldier a day off, a government employee 59 minutes off, but I can't give a contractor anything, then they understand how it works," said Clarke. "In the big picture of what we do, I want everyone to be treated fairly."

His next philosophy item was 'don't dart.' He said that his pet peeves were drugs, abuse of family members, racism and stealing. He said none of those would be tolerated.

"I can't say that if you commit any of these, that I'm going to hang you high," Clarke said. "But I will tell you that if you commit any of these acts, I will make sure that justice is served."

He continued that the community is very



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### USAKA COMMANDER Command Philosophy

- OUR COMMUNITY IS VERY IMPORTANT.  
-JUKJUK IN BED IN ADWOJ ELAP AN AUROK.
- NURTURING THE CULTURE AND BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF THE LAND IS A PRIORITY.  
-KOJBAROK MANIT EO IM EINWOT JET RO REJ LALI BWODEJ/JIKIN KEIN EJ KONAN IM KOTTOBAR EO ILONTATA IN.
- BE PROUD OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NATION- WE ARE ALL PLAYING A SIGNIFICANT ROLE.  
-KOMIN MONONO IM EN UTIEJ BURUOMI KIN JIBAN / IJJO KONAAM NON LAL IN AD - EWOR ADWOJ EDDO ILO WEWEIN / JOKJOK IN.
- ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING!!!  
-WEWEIN MAKUTKUT IM KOMMON KO AD REJ BEDBED ION MEN KEIN !!!

important and that when he says community, he means Ebeye and other islands beyond the bounds of Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. He added that the land and culture are very important.

“My years in Hawaii have made me more of a tree hugger than many people would like,” he said. “But it’s very important that when we do things here, we take into account the effects it will have on the environment. If you think that people don’t see you throw a can on the ground, you’re terribly wrong.”

He added, “If something happens like an oil spillage, by all means, report it and we’ll clean it up. The worst thing you can do is just not worry about it. The message you send is that you don’t care about the land.”

Clarke stated that he was working with KRS to revitalize recycling on island.

“If you’ve ever been where the dump is at, you would note that for a very small island, we consume a lot and throw away a lot of stuff that could be recycled,” he said. “Perhaps we could get some money out of recycling to buy grills for the beach or benches for the beach.”

Clarke told the audience to be proud of what they do here. He said he always tells his family that. He said the most important person to him at any given time or place is the person in front of him who is providing a service for him. It might be the person at Burger King when he asks for a cheeseburger or a scientist at RTS.

“The teachers in this community are very important,” he said. “I’ve walked into the schools on several occasions and I always see teachers taking extra time to give our children the best education possible.”

Clarke told the gathering that attitude is everything.

“I tell my command team that if you’re having a bad day, take a walk on the beach or something, don’t share it with us please,” he said. “When you’re ready to come back and be part of the team, come back. I’d tell anybody, if you need 10 minutes to go do a walk around, go do it.”

Clarke asked the audience to think about why they liked living on Kwajalein and what kept some of them here year after year. He said he was pretty sure it wasn’t AAFES or great shopping. He suggested people focus on those things that kept them here and not negative things.

Before opening the meeting to questions, Clarke made one more point about pet peeves.

“If you bring a problem to me, be careful how you package it,” he said. “If you tell me something’s for the good of the community as a whole, but I find out it mainly benefits you, that means you’re gaming the system and I have a problem with that. Remember, it’s all about trust and I need to be able to look at you and trust you and that you’re being straight up.”

He continued, “Don’t give me ultimatums. Don’t say, ‘Sir, if you don’t do such and such, I’m leaving.’ I’ll just say all right. All of us think we’re irreplaceable, but really, we are all replaceable. You will get farther by laying something out logically than with ultimatums.”

Clarke added that he has told his command team that they had to live within the regulations and not game the system because ethics starts from the top

down and anyone gaming the system will be found out.

He then opened the floor to questions telling the audience to let him know the good, the bad and the ugly.

**Q. A long-time resident said he was proud of the young people living on Kwajalein and questioned the curfew policy and said it was like a slap in the face when Kwaj teens should be rewarded for their behavior and that it’s not fair to punish all for the actions of a few.**

**A.** We had actually put the curfew in place before we had other issues that happened. The policy didn’t go into effect because of any one or two things that may have happened. There were reports from the police and other adults saying that teens and even younger children were out after midnight on school nights in a place where there’s nothing open after midnight.

So the question became who is watching children at that hour. If children want to go to a friends house, it’s fine as long as the parent takes responsibility to get them there and get them back home. To be honest, I was concerned. I can’t remember a time when I was that age that I wasn’t at home on a school night working on a school project. I did try to loosen the policy for weekends. I don’t see a curfew as punishment. The young people here are great and I would like them to focus on school during the school year.

**Q. What can be done to cut down on the hoarding?**

**A.** We have discussed the problem almost on a daily basis and we also discussed it at the RMI town hall this afternoon. It goes back to being considerate and understanding that after the third break down of the milk and eggs plane, that there’s going to be a milk and egg run on the store. I’ve talked to KRS and AAFES about it. I’ve told them that if they don’t keep the shelves stocked, they are causing the conditions to make people hoard. We are at the end of a long supply line and we have talked about ration cards for certain things. I don’t know if we’re going to do that.

When I was in Germany, it was for some liquor, cigarettes and coffee that were rationed because some of our friends would buy the stuff in bulk because they couldn’t get it in their local economy.

We’ll talk to AAFES about how to keep supplies flowing better and keeping shelves stocked. We’ve had a problem with the synchronization of stores closing and opening. There’s been too much time in between and that doesn’t help.

My big concern is Roi because if you think Kwaj is at the end of a long supply line, they’re even farther out there. So I’m working on making sure that as we get our stores in place and their store closes, we’re not doing food drops up there.

**Q. Many volunteer organizations on island are having a difficult time with the postal regulations. Is it possible to get some help from KRS or USAKA to get needed items delivered? Volunteer organizations don’t have the resources to figure out how to do Continental flights and get boxes on Ebeye. It would be helpful if we knew the right way to go about this.**

**A.** I’ll get Mr. Denny to take a look at that. We’re already looking at some issues with MPS.

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**Q. What are the chances of the bowling alley staying open more often and possibly having adults only nights and family nights?**

A. Good, if everybody uses it. That's one of the places before we got here that was put on a list of budget reductions. I was told not enough people were using it to warrant keeping it in operation.

If you can show that it's one of the things the community wants, then I think we ought to look at it. I made some decisions when I first got here after looking at the budget. The situation is tight, but we're not in a death spiral. Things aren't crashing around here.

Decisions were made based on conditions at the time and I'm sure they were made with the best of intentions. However, now I need to look at it from my perspective about how we will fund things in the future.

I'm going to go back and tell the command in Huntsville that if we aren't proactive in taking care of things on Kwajalein, then the bill we are going to have two years from now is going to be infinitely bigger than if there was a plan to take care of things as they occur.

**Q. What can be done to get better TV reception and programming?**

A. We're looking into it. I really don't want to discuss it more than that right now because it's a long shot. I know people are tired of running around with coat hangers trying to get better reception. As far as programming, I don't know. People tell me there's nothing that can be done about that, but we'll look into it.

**Q. The Post Office says that anytime money changes hands that it's retail sales and materials can't be received by them. I had some badges for the Girl Scouts and trophies for the Swim Team but I was told that was considered selling.**

A. (CWO Paul Brown, Postal Officer) Anything that you gain profit from or any kind of revenue that you actually get back is considered retail sales. If you get books in and give them away without getting any money back, that's okay. But, if you get books in and resell them, even if it's for a good cause, it's still considered reselling. The regulations are very, very strict about using the MPS system.

A. (from Col. Clarke) We're trying to figure out how to do things if we can't do them in a certain way. I know sometimes military regulations get in the way. We need to figure out a way that those type of things can be done legally so the Girl Scouts can have their badges and the Swim Team can have their trophies.

In Germany, we would have book fairs at the school. But it wasn't that you walked in and purchased books at the school, it was done through order forms that would go home to parents with a list of books for sale. We will take a look at it and see what other methods may be available.

**Q. The Craft Fair is coming up and I've heard that as of Oct. 1, all the commercial licenses will be null and void. Where does that stand?**

A. I have no idea what you're talking about, but it sounds serious.

A. (from Vanessa Peeden, Public Affairs Officer) Walter Turner is looking into legal questions with AAFES and the legal department.

A. (from Col. Clarke) Okay, we've got people looking

at it and we'll get you an answer soon.

**Q. I'd like to ask about the library. Last year they were going to close the library. It's such an important part of the community. I'd really like to see some support. Right now, volunteers are keeping open, but I'd like to see more support for it.**

A. That's one of the areas we're looking at in Community Activities. We're looking at all community activities to determine what the right amount of support to make sure the library stays open. I don't think anyone is talking about closing the library.

The bigger picture is in the scheme of things around the community, what can we do to help ourselves so that we don't have to spend money in order to maintain something so that money can go into another activity or need.

You might say you would rather spend the money and hire a librarian. Others would say the volunteers are doing a great job. Please don't raise the temperature to 80 degrees so when we walk into the library the books smell like they're getting moldy.

We are looking at the library and as we budget for the next year, we'll try to figure out the list of priorities and whether we should look at hiring a librarian or ask the community to continue it on a voluntary basis.

**Q. I would like to thank Sgt. Maj. Kutac for helping me. I knocked on the door of the morgue thinking it was the Bargain Bazaar. The Sergeant Major quickly put up a sign when I told him about it.**

A. Thank you for that. I do want some signs put up so that visitors to the island will know where family housing starts and that it's not the wild west around here. I also want to limit the traffic in areas where children are playing. We have to balance that with the reality that some people will come here and need to get around. We do have to be customer-oriented for those customers. You may see a few more signs go up just to point things out to customers.

**Q. Housing is a really sensitive topic. Three-bedroom housing is in short supply and I read in the Hourglass that you were looking into it. Do you have any new information on housing? I've also heard rumors that you are looking at housing to see if people who are in housing should be there and that if not, they may have to move. Is there any information on that?**

A. I live the housing thing on a day-to-day basis. It is a significantly emotional issue and rightfully so. There's limited housing. Before I got here, the decision was made that the trailers were going away and so we were trying to finish that. There's plenty of BQ space, but there's not plenty of housing for families. There's all kinds of regulation and gaming the system.

I receive a briefing on where everybody lives and what their status is. So I know if you're sitting in a two-bedroom place with seven children because you arrived at a time when there was no three-bedroom houses available.

I also know if you arrived here in 1972 with two high school students who are now in their 50s, but you need the house just in case they decide to move back home.

So I know where those groups are. A decision was made before I got here not to utilize new housing any-



**Col. Frederick S. Clarke, USAKA commander, addresses the audience at the town hall meeting Tuesday evening.**

more. So if you would leave new housing, you would either move off island or somewhere else in the community and the vacated houses would be shut down.

We started walking through those new housing areas and some of those blocks that have six houses are in very good shape and some are not.

What happens is that once two or three people move out of them, and no one is taking care of them, it's not a very long time before the mold and rats start coming in.

At the same time, we don't have a lot of housing, so I said not to put new housing off limits because some of those blocks are really well kept by folks and if there's an empty house, perhaps residents in a bad house would do a forced move into a better house on a good block. So maybe we could open up more three-bedroom housing that way.

We've made some decisions about housing and we've moved some folks around and I'm hoping I can do this without having to ask one of those people with 50 year old children to move. I don't want to move somebody who was given a house for some reason at another time. But, if the community is in a crunch and you no longer need to be in a three-bedroom house, then we need to take a look at those houses and we're doing that.

The question is whether we are really at the point that we need to say to someone that they need to give up their house because we have families living in two-bedroom places.

So I will try to get some information out as soon as possible.

**Q. There are very few places for teens to work on island. We have to self-police athletics now and I would think that having officials or referees might help keep down injuries in sports. Could there be at least one paid official for each athletic event?**

**A. (from Hugh Denny)** We're going to be spending

some serious money on community activities, so things like that are in the hopper. I can't make any promises about what will or won't get added, but you'll start to see some positive changes this year.

**Q. There used to be a Rumor Mill in the Hourglass where people could submit rumors and get answers back about what was the correct information. I've heard several disturbing rumors about medical services with new doctors coming in every twelve weeks. We all know the doctors and nurses are extremely overworked. There's a lot of rumors about lots of different things going on. If we had accurate information, we could make an informed decision about whether to stay on here or not. Rumors are stressful and it would be a great help to get the right information.**

**A.** Let me take a look at that. I would tell you that this is a small enough community that if some-

thing is bothering you and you want clarification, true or not, just walk into Building 901 and walk into my office or one of the other offices and ask the question.

If rumors are causing you stress, it's not worth it. So get it cleared up as soon as possible. We'll look at what the best way to do that is, whether it's by e-mail for rumor control and perhaps put answers in the *Hourglass*, we need to consider it. You can also call the Commander's Hotline.

**Q. Why can't contractors use ATI any longer? When I came out here in 2000, I came on ATI. It would be nice to fly ATI and get to Honolulu at a decent hour instead of 2:30 a.m. when there's nothing moving and I have to wait at the airport or pay for a hotel room until my next flight. It's a hassle if I have my little one with me. Someone was going to look into it a long time ago, but nobody ever did. I realize they said by law they can't be in competition with commercial airlines, but they don't have to be so much more than Continental. I'd gladly pay \$50 or \$100 more to get to Honolulu at 7 p.m. instead of 2:30 a.m.**

**A.** I'm going to Huntsville this month and I will get our legal guys to look at it. One of the things KRS asked me to do was to take a look if contractors can go on ATI flights if they are on USAKA business. The response I got back was yes. If you are a contractor flying on official business for USAKA, then there is a process that we put in place for the contractor to get on ATI. We'll try to get that process to the KRS Newline. I try not to make decisions in the first 90 days, but one of them was doing away with the \$15 fee to Roi. Some decisions were being made that were counter-beneficial to the community, so we did away with that one.

**Q. Some people are afraid to call for little repairs on their houses because they're afraid if something is seen, they might have to**

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**move. Can you give us assurance that wouldn't happen?**

**A.** Yes. I can give you all the assurance. Please call it in if there's something wrong with your house. Get it fixed. Our problem is that we have such aging infrastructure that when it rains, we get hundreds of phone calls for leaks. Nobody from this command is going to say because something small happened, it's a good reason to close down that housing. Everyone understands that the houses are going to have different issues.

**Q. Some people have almost been hit by vehicles speeding and we want to stop that. If I see someone speeding, what am I supposed to do? Should I take down a number, call KPD or what?**

**A.** Take down that vehicle number and the time you saw it and call KPD. I've seen folks chase vehicles down and tell the driver to slow down. KPD is doing a good job.

**Q. Some Roi residents complain that they can't afford to take a whole day off work to come down to Kwaj for a 10-minute medical or dental appointment. Is there any way the flight schedule could be looked at to accommodate them?**

**A.** A new flight schedule starts tomorrow (Oct. 1).

**Q. When will AAFES open up and will RMI Shopping Day continue?**

**A.** I'm looking at whether shopping days will continue. My biggest concern goes back to hoarding. If you don't have enough stuff on the shelves, then you don't open a store for everyone to come in and buy everything up.

At the same time, I want to be fair and equitable about how we allow folks to shop in the future.

To AAFES' credit, when they missed some logistical planning, they probably spent about \$170,000 to get stuff out here and back on the shelves.

**Q. I have a question about medical insurance. I'm really upset that they [the hospital] no longer file for you. I used to work for doctors and every year we sent people who did any kind of coding to a class to learn how to code efficiently so we brought more money back in. I feel like the hospital no longer has a vested interest. Most people don't have a clue how to code these things.**

**And now, we have to pay up front and submit the bills. It was stupid to fire somebody who had that responsibility because they no longer submit for us.**

**A.** It's one of the things we're currently looking at. I was told the amount of man hours it takes to do that job is one of the reasons they stopped doing it. I will tell you that from a community perspective, I'm concerned that people are going to make bad decisions because they can't afford to send their children in for something. That's my biggest concern.

I talked to Hugh Denny about thinking out of the box and we'll work with KRS looking at options. I know some places out source some of their paperwork.

I know not everybody here is at the \$200,000 and above line of income. When someone has to pull \$400 or whatever out of their pocket to have a mammogram or get their child looked at, that's a lot of money. I'm concerned some people will look at their child and say they don't really look all that sick.

That's the reality of what could happen with this system. If you ever walk into my office, you will see hot button issues for the community and medical is one of those I hear about on a continuous basis. So I know there's a concern and thank you for bringing it up.

An audience member brought up the subject of children riding their bikes up and down Bunker Hill and how that could be a dangerous situation and parents need to be aware of it.

As at the RMI meeting, Clarke stated that he intended to hold town hall meetings every 90-120 days and to communicate and share information with the community. He told the audience that he would get them answers to questions and comments as soon as possible. He also said the answers may not be what people want to hear, but he promised that the community would get answers.

"If it's a question of quality of life, then it's not a quick yes or no," he said.

Clarke thanked the audience for attending the meeting and that it showed how much they cared about the community and the issues.

"Please keep communicating," he said. "Don't let the rumors get to you. Let us know what's bothering you. Maybe it would be a quick alleviation. Take care of each other and enjoy your time on Kwajalein. It's a wonderful place. Keep telling us how we can improve it."

### Roi-Namur Meeting

The commander traveled to Roi-Namur Wednesday to hold a town hall meeting with Roi residents.

As at the RMI and Kwajalein meetings he began by introducing himself.

He told the audience that he wanted to tell them what he has seen in the last 60 days.

Clarke said he wanted to share information and discuss issues as he had at the earlier meetings.

He again said that he did not want to see public intoxication. He also said he wasn't aware of a problem on Roi, but he wanted to touch on the subject anyway. He touched again on smoking in the BQs and said it was a no-go.

He again stressed the importance of securing IDs and CACs and how losing them caused great security concerns. He again said that there would be more severe penalties for losing those items.

He also discussed hoarding with residents and asked them to refrain from it. Furthermore, he said that when he made a decision, he always thought about how it would affect Roi.

Clarke stressed that the command was well aware of the difficulties of living and working on Roi.

The commander told the audience that transformation was moving forward and that it was challenging, but things were not spiraling downward. He said the budget was being looked at and things were being re-prioritized.

As he had at the other meetings, he went through his 10 points of command philosophy with the gathering. He said he was very pleased at how Roi residents kept the island clean which showed concern for the environment.

He then opened the meeting for questions.



Col. Frederick S. Clarke watches a crowd gather for the meeting at Roi Theater.

**Q. Why do KC-badge holders do the same work as K-Badge holders, but don't get the same privileges?**

A. I will take a look at it and get you an answer.

**Q. A question was asked about Space-A priorities for people on a tight time schedules. A resident's wife had a problem catching a flight from Kwajalein to the states because of flight schedules and could helicopters be used for that purpose if fixed wing aircraft was not available.**

A. There are some government regulations about family members traveling on helicopters. They are very strict. I do have a concern that if someone from Roi goes to Kwaj to do banking or other business and they went when they were off-duty, and somebody looks at you and says the Metros are broke, so good luck. It doesn't make sense. It makes more sense to put that person on duty status because he or she has to get back to work and we could get the person on a helicopter to get back to work. I'm taking a look at that to try to get it straight.

What's going to take some time to figure out is if you go to Kwajalein to pick up a family member to come back to Roi and then you get in a situation that the Metros break and then the only mode of transportation is a military helicopter, that's one I'm going to have to see if there's any possible way that we can do that.

My commitment to you is that I will check it out. And unless there is a legal reason that I can't apply some common sense to getting you back to work, then I'm going to try to make that happen.

**Q. Are the planes still in consideration for next year or will they be cut.**

A. If we get rid of the planes, then we would have to buy some fast boats. By the time you hire new people and get new equipment and everything else, then we would have to look at it and see what we were actually saving by not having the planes. The preferred course of action is to keep the Metroliners. But that's still being looked at.

The least preferred course of action is to put somebody on a boat for three or four hours. It wouldn't be long before that person stops riding the boat and figures out they want to do something else. If you're not a seafaring person, that's not the way you want to travel.

**Q. With AAFES coming up here, how will we handle our meats and produce?**

A. (from Kris Kojis, AAFES manager) : AAFES will buy from Surfway and sell items on Roi for the same price as Kwajalein.

**Q. Are there any priorities for mail getting up here? I talked to the post office at Kwaj and they said there was priority to put it on a plane to come up here. However, on one occasion when I was on Kwajalein, I saw mail taken off the plane and they put some**

**VIP's golf clubs and stuff on the plane instead. I know the post office says mail has priority, but the post office doesn't load the mail on the planes.**

A. Mail does have priority. I don't know why they did that. Your point is well taken and we need to check that out and make sure people understand that mail is a priority. If we're taking off mail, it better be because we're on our third broken flight trying to get milk and eggs up here. Only food has a higher priority than mail. We'll make sure that doesn't happen again.

**Q. We don't feel good about the airplanes. How did it get to the point that the corrosion is so bad? Doesn't anybody look at the planes? This is**

**our safety.**

A. Nothing made me feel worse than getting a phone call telling me all three of my aircraft were down.

Then I had to start thinking about how we would get people back and forth. Especially that night when there was a storm and I sure didn't want to put helicopters up in that.

KRS got in touch with the sub-contractor and they flew in an executive team to have discussions a few days after all three aircraft had gone down.

Because of the corrosive state around here, it's very problematic.

They flew in extra mechanics from all over the world and they put extra mechanic teams on the aircraft. The aircraft were supposed to be down for three or four weeks. But about a week later, we had our first aircraft back up and the second shortly thereafter.

That contract is coming back up and I know that KRS is talking to them about potentially new aircraft or a different type of aircraft. Something more up to date that hasn't been sitting at Kwajalein for five years.

Clarke concluded the meeting saying that he appreciated the work Roi residents do and thanked them for sharing their thoughts and concerns. He promised to communicate with them often.

# Simple safety tips can prevent fires

## Hourglass reports

*National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on Oct. 8, 1871. This tragic conflagration killed some 300 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 structures. The origin of the fire has generated speculation since its occurrence, with the fact and fiction becoming blurred over the years. However the massive fire began, it swiftly took its toll, burning more than 2000 acres in 27 hours. The city of Chicago quickly rebuilt, however, and within a couple of years residents began celebrating their successful restoration to memorialize the anniversary of the fire with festivities.*

When President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 4 -10 in 1925, he noted that in the previous year some 15,000 lives were lost to fire in the United States. Calling the loss 'startling,' President Coolidge's proclamation stated, "This

waste results from the conditions which justify a sense of shame and horror; for the greater part of it could and ought to be prevented."

There was an estimated 530,500 structure fires reported to fire departments in 2007. Of the structure fires, 414,000 were residential fires, accounting for 78 percent of all structure fires. Of the residential structure fires, 300,500 occurred in single family dwellings, accounting for 57 percent of all structure fires. In all, fires in homes resulted in 2,865 deaths. The number of deaths represents an 11 percent increase from the previous year. With home fires accounting for 83 percent of civilian deaths, fire-safety initiatives targeted at the home remain the key to any reduction in the overall fire death toll. This year's campaign focuses on preventing all the leading causes of home fires — cooking, electrical equipment and smoking materials. There are three main strategies that can help. One, widespread public fire-safety education should be incorporated teaching everyone how to prevent fires in homes and how to avoid injury or death. Secondly, smoke alarms must be utilized and maintained. Lastly, home fire escape plans must be developed and tested.

While the number of home fires is daunting, the good news is that many fires are easily preventable when residents take simple steps to increase their safety from fire. The following information can help keep your home safe from fire hazards.

- **Cooking:** Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

- **Electrical:** Replace cracked or damaged electrical cords and use extension cords for temporary wiring only. Have a professional electrician add additional circuits or receptacles.

- **Smoking:** If you are a smoker, smoke outside. Wherever you smoke, utilize deep, sturdy ashtrays.

Here are the basics of home fire escape planning:

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

- Replace smoke alarm batteries at least twice a year.

- Develop a fire escape plan that identifies at least two ways out of each room and a family meeting place outside.

- Make sure that your plan allows for specific needs in your household. If everyone knows what to do, everyone can get out quickly.

- Practice using your plan at least twice a year. If everyone knows that everyone else is ready to exit quickly, no one will lose precious time trying to help someone who doesn't need help.

In a perfect world, we would be able to prevent all home fires. In reality, we can be vigilant, but with no guarantees. Emergencies can affect one's ability to think clearly, but during a fire, other physical factors literally inhibit your ability to react. Preparing for the unexpected is difficult. When it comes to home fires, minutes and seconds can mean the difference between life and death. We should all take this needed information and take the appropriate actions to keep our homes fire and life safe.



**Kwajalein community: Please come and celebrate the end of another fantastic Fire Prevention Week at the Fire Department Open House. The open house will be held at the Fire Department, 1-4 p.m., Oct. 12. Activities will include an obstacle course, dunk tank, smoke house, and fire truck and equipment demonstrations. Parents, bring your cameras. Children who bring their completed My Fire Inspection Checklist to the Open House will be awarded a certificate signed by the fire chief, a hat and a special sticker.**

# George Seitz PTO ready for new school year

By C. Robinson-Stewart  
Contributor

The George Seitz Elementary School PTO held its first meeting on Sept. 24, to a nearly standing room only audience.

During the meeting which was presided over by outgoing President Karen Brady, the budget was reviewed and the mission of the PTO

was discussed.

Parents were provided with a handout from the last PTO meeting on April 23 and descriptions of upcoming PTO activities as well. New officers were elected and they are as follows: co-presidents: Lisa Ansley and Heidi Rowell, treasurer: Stacey O'Rourke and secretary: Jane Premo.

The PTO welcomes new ideas and

encourages parents to sign up to volunteer to help with the upcoming activities. The first activity scheduled is the Mother/Son event in October. Volunteers are still needed to plan this event.

For a list of other program and activity descriptions, contact Heidi Rowell, 51576. The next PTO meeting is to be held at 6:30 p.m., Oct. 22 in the Coconut room.

# Kwajalein students enjoy Mani Day On Ebeye

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The fifth and sixth grade students at George Seitz Elementary School were invited by the Queen of Peace Catholic School on Ebeye to participate in Mani Day activities on Sept. 25.

Marshallese celebrate Mani Day to give thanks for the ability to make goods with their hands. The students were able to tour the school and learn more about the Marshallese culture. They visited each classroom and were greeted by beautiful smiling faces and songs.

The George Seitz students experienced hospitality from the teachers and students at Queen of Peace School and the community, too. While they were not

able to spend the entire day on Ebeye at the Mani Day festivities, they were able to see a traditional Marshallese dance performed to traditional Marshallese music. Children from Queen of Peace would perform the dance later in the day at an event on the beach.

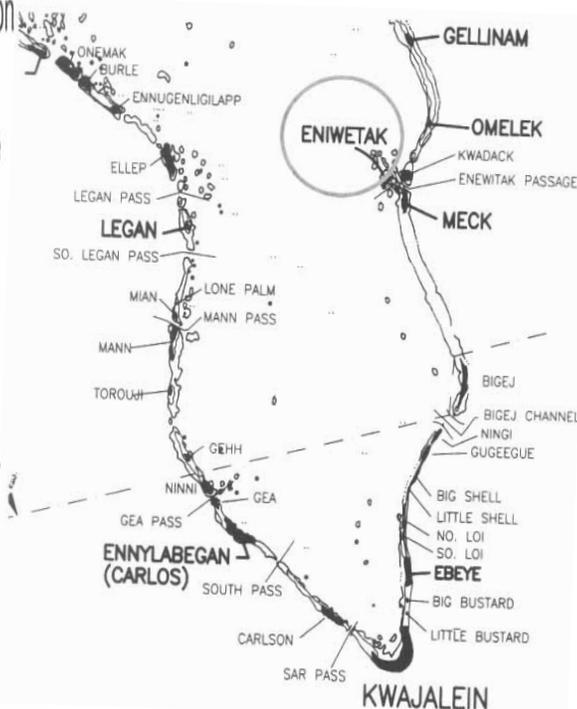
When the master of ceremonies played more familiar music, it was an icebreaker. Students from George Seitz began to dance, inviting students from Ebeye to join in, and all had a wonderful time.

It was an educational and exciting experience for the students and for the parents who volunteered as chaperones.

They all had a marvelous Mani Day with the Marshallese and learned that music is truly the universal language.

USAKA Policy 200-1 has established the Eniwetak Conservation Area to promote conservation of wildlife and coral reef resources within Kwajalein Atoll, as referenced in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the RMI and the landowners of Eniwetak Islet. No visitors are allowed on Eniwetak without the consent of USAKA. Questions, please contact KRS Environmental Office.

Emoj kalet Eniwetak en mo an jabdrewot komakiti ak boki jabdrewot menin mour ko ilo mejatot enne im lojet kab keinikan ko ie. Ewor juon kon ikotan RMI im landowner ro bwe USAKA en kejaroke Eniwetak im men ko ie. Emo bed ion ak iturin Eniwetak elane ejjelok melim jen USAKA. Ne ewor kajitok, kir lok Obj eo an KRS Environmental.



**HELP WANTED**

**KRS and CMSI Job Listings for On-Island Positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job Listings for Contract Positions will be available at [www.krsjv.com](http://www.krsjv.com), on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at [www.krsjv.com](http://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 Aides, Medical Office, Media Services Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and HR Temp Pool Office Support. Questions? Call 54916.

**U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll**

OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANTS, GS-0326-6. Temporary position not to exceed two years. The employee provides clerical support to ensure efficient office operations. The employee accomplishes various duties to provide essential office automation support and production. The employee performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of various database software packages. The employee prepares varied documents with complex formats using the advanced functions of word processing, desktop publishing, and other software types. The employee performs systems maintenance functions for electronic mail systems. The employee performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of one or more spreadsheet software packages. The employee performs a variety of secretarial and other clerical and administrative functions, using judgment to answer recurring questions and resolve problems. Apply at <https://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil>.

**VETS' HALL**

BARTENDER AND BAR BACK. Call Brianne, 53074 or 52279.

**AIRSCAN PACIFIC**

AVIATION SAFETY TECHNICIAN. Entry level position assisting in the administration of the aviation safety program, in accordance with Army, FAA and environmental safety and health procedures. Duties include assisting with investigations, safety and health surveys, conducting safety and orientation training for aviation personnel and other duties, as directed by the

aviation safety official. Bachelor's degree in related field desired. Note: This position is subject to regular drug and alcohol testing as required by the Department of Transportation and local procedures. E-mail résumé to: [lydia.thompson@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:lydia.thompson@smdck.smdc.army.mil). No phone calls.

**AAFES**

Roi-Namur STORE MANAGER. Apply at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com) <<http://www.aafes.com>>

**WANTED**

TWO BED rails for child's bed, to purchase. Call 51459.

LOFT BED. Call Denise, 52589 or 51356.

WORKING ON A CAL 20. Need to buy flammable locker, epoxy and or cloth, kayak or dinghy, Cal 20 parts, plywood, 5/32 316SS 1x19, rope, sails and deck paint. Call 53910 or 55024.

USED WORKING computer for school on Ebeye. Call Judy, 51444.

DONATIONS OF children's swimsuits, goggles and running shoes. Call Judy, 51444.

KWAJALEIN RESIDENTS willing to sponsor an American World-Teach teacher who lives and works on Gugeegue/Ebeye. Sponsorship is needed only one Sunday afternoon per month during the school year. Call Jane, 54876.

EMPTY BABY FOOD jars, will pick up. Call Sandy, 54152 or 58990.

**LOST**

SOMBRERO, purple, pink and yellow, between Palm BQ and 5th Street. Call 51472.

GOLD ANKLET with palm tree, flip-flop and basket charms, Wednesday. Call Rue, 54173.

SMALL, BLUE, REI daypack with stainless steel water bottle. Call 51472.

**FOUND**

SILVER WATCH at adult pool. Call 53331.

**PATIO SALES**

TONIGHT and SATURDAY, 3-6 p.m., and MONDAY, 8 a.m.-noon Trailer 582. Household goods and clothes. Rain or shine.

**FOR SALE**

LIFE FITNESS exercise bike, in functioning condition, \$50. Call 51444.

**Religious Services**

Catholic

Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small chapel.  
Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m., in the main chapel.  
Mass on Roi is only on the first Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m., in Roi Chapel.

Protestant

Sunday  
8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and 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 Corlett Recreation Center, Room 3.

Church of Christ

10 a.m., Sunday, in Quarters 442-A.

Jewish services

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

MICROWAVE, \$25 and card table with four folding chairs, \$40. Call Danny, 59135, work or 52853, home.

A BACH BEGINNER'S trumpet, \$100. Call 52589 or 51356.

TV, 23-INCH, with built-in DVD player and VCR, remote, front inputs and headphone jack, works great, \$200; Dell Dimension 3000 desktop computer-Pentium 4, Windows XP Media Center, DVD ROM; DVD/RW burner, 17-inch flat monitor with built-in speakers one year old, \$550; computer desk and matching shelves \$40 and bike trailer with all bike connections, \$35. Call 54106, after 5 p.m. or leave a message.

SONY PLAYSTATION 2 excellent condition, two controllers, memory card, Eye Toy, and 14 games included, \$300. Call 51704.

SUN RED/BLACK BIKE, \$140; dehumidifier, six months old, \$25; twin bed in bag set, \$15; over-the- toilet organizer, \$5 and free awning, must pick up yourself. Call Toni, 52813 or 52222.

GARMENT BAG, new, \$10; used garment bag, \$5; children's games, all parts included, Apples to Apples Junior, \$3; Scrutinize Junior, \$3; tropical silk flowers, new, still in shipping box, \$15; queen-size tropical print bed ensemble and matching shower curtain, \$20. Call 51444.

PLANTS AND ORCHIDS. Call 52788.

*Café Pacific*

**Lunch**

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Oct. 10
Roasted Iowa chop	London broil	Hamburger steak	Meat lasagna	Fried chicken	Mambo pork roast	Corned beef/cabbage
Sesame tofu	Salmon croquettes	Sweet-and-sour pork	Spinach lasagna	Barbecued spareribs	Jerk chicken wings	Irish lamb stew
Chicken nuggets	Pork pimento	Bacon/cheese quiche	Chicken stir-fry	Mac and cheese	Sesame tofu	Tuna casserole
Grill: N/A	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Italian burger	Grill: Cajun burger	Grill: Ham stackers	Grill: Grilled cheese

**Dinner**

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Pancake supper	Minute steak	Grilled short ribs	Tostados	Swiss steak	Top sirloin of beef	Herb chicken
Beef brisket	Chicken stew	Chicken divan	Beef pot pie	Chicken nuggets	Chicken Monterey	Beef stew
Szechuan stir-fry	Marinated salmon	Vegetarian tofu	Ahi casino	Vegetarian lentils	Vegetable chow fun	Quesadillas

PAIR OF ATOMIC split fins with Apollo 'C' stainless steel spring straps, paid \$250, will sell for \$100. Call 52110, work, or 52342, home.

MOTORCYCLE BICYCLE, new, boy's 12-inch bike with training wheels, never used. Call 52680.

CALLAWAY X 18 TOUR 2006 golf clubs, full set including a 2-Ball putter, 3-SW irons, Big Bertha Driver, 3 and 5 fairway clubs, with a stand bag, make an offer. Call 52540, after 4:30 p.m., or leave a message.

TAP SHOES, size 8, one black one-inch heels, one beige one-inch heels, new, still in box, \$10 each; jazz dance shoes, size 7½, black, in good condition, \$10. Call 53633.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE KWAJALEIN DINNING Committee is seeking participants. The committee meets the first Friday of each month, 5:30 at the ARC. Our next meeting is 5:30 p.m., tonight. Our Mission is to serve as a conduit for communication between Food Services and Kwajalein Café Pacific dining patrons to voice concerns. Our focus is sanitation, food quality and menu items to include quality, selection, nutrition.

BOWLERS. Come to the monthly bowling event, 1-4 p.m., Sunday. This month is red pin bowling.

JOIN UNACCOMPANIED RESIDENTS for a monthly barbecue, 6:30-8p.m., Monday. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Feel free to bring something to share. No alcohol please.

CYS FLAG FOOTBALL Registration for Grades 4-6 coed teams runs Tuesday through Nov. 4. Season Dates are Nov. 8 - Dec.18. For volunteer coaching opportunities call 52158. For registration information, come to Building 358 or contact Jason, 53796, for sports program questions.

THE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL will hold the first meeting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in the elementary school music building (coconut room). This meeting is closed to the public. However, on Oct. 15, a SAC meeting will also be held and it is open to the community. Future Meetings are as follows: second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the coconut room (CLOSED MEETING); third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the coconut room (OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY). For questions or concerns, call Dianne, 53601 or Al Robinson, 53761.

THE JUNIOR/SENIOR high school choir and band concert will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, in the multi-purpose

## KRS/Chugach/AirScan Pacific, Inc. Health Benefits

**Aetna announces a new member advocate to better serve our members. If you are having difficulty obtaining an answer or receiving a resolution to your claims issues after speaking with an AGB customer service representative, then contact the new Aetna member advocate, Donna Wetherington. Donna will provide further support and answers to your questions or claims issues. Donna may be reached from 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or via e-mail at [KwajaleinInquiry@aetna.com](mailto:KwajaleinInquiry@aetna.com). Contact AGB at 1-800-231-7729. When you call, have your Aetna ID card available. Claims may be faxed to 1-800-475-8751 or e-mail [agbservice@aetna.com](mailto:agbservice@aetna.com). The maximum size for e-mail sent through AGB servers is 10 mgs. Aetna is working hard to provide quality services and help alleviate the problems some members have experienced with the claims process. Claim forms can be found on: USAKA Intranet (HR and Medical Services web pages); KARDS; KRS K-drive; and HR, Kwajalein Hospital, and Dental Clinic.**

room. The concert will feature the concert band and choir, the junior band and the stage band.

UPCOMING JEWISH SERVICES: 5 p.m., Thursday, Yom Kippur services. Break-the-Fast to follow service; 9:30 a.m., Sunday, in the Religious Education Building: presentation by Rabbi Elson on the Dead Sea Scrolls. For more information, call Cindy Brooks, 52395.

OCTOBER OPEN RECREATION events for all CYS registered youth in Grades K-6: 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, Golf Course Excursion. Registration runs until Wednesday; 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 23, Bowling Night. Registration is Oct. 15-22. These activities are open to all CYS registered youth. You do not have to be in the School Age Services program to attend. To find out how to register for CYS and sign your children up, please go to the Central Registration Office located at the Child Development Center. For more information, contact Susannah at 5722 or [susannah.jones@smdc.smdc.army.mil](mailto:susannah.jones@smdc.smdc.army.mil)

WALK-IN DAYS for hair cuts at Surfside Salon are on alternate Fridays. The next walk-in day is Oct.10. Questions? Call 53319.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES is not taking reservations for tents, tables or chairs until Oct. 10. The staff will be busy installing flooring at Small Boat Marina.

THE MOBILE KITCHEN presents 'That's Italian' Night Oct. 11. Menu includes Italian garden salad, garlic bread, spaghetti with meatballs, chicken Parmesan, vegetable and rum cake. Cost is \$30 for meal-card holders, \$35 for non meal-card holders. For payment, see Maria Pimenta at the Retail Services office in Building 805 next to the

Bowling Center.

KWAJALEIN RUNNING CLUB'S Annual Columbus Day Run will be at 6:30 a.m., Oct. 14. Distance options are 6.5 and 13 miles. Entry forms are available on the mini-mall bulletin board or at Quarters 123-C. They are due by Oct. 11. Questions? Call Bob or Jane, 51815.

THE \$15 ADMINISTRATIVE fee for Space A travel between Kwajalein and Roi Namur will no longer be charged. This policy has been rescinded by the USAKA commander. All customers that need a refund for unused coupons and all Roi residents that need refunds for FY08 travel can do so at the Kwajalein and Roi Namur cash offices through Nov. 27.

THE KWAJALEIN ART GUILD is now accepting table reservations for the 2008 Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair to be held 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Nov. 3, in the CRC gymnasium. Reservation forms can be found on the downtown community bulletin board. Cost of tables is \$10 each for KAG members and \$15 for non-members. For more information contact Bruce Johnson, 53217, home or e-mail: [KwajaleinArtGuild@yahoo.com](mailto:KwajaleinArtGuild@yahoo.com).

NEW COMMERCIAL SERVICES cargo hours. Cargo will be accepted by the cargo agent during the following hours only: Flight 957, 9-10 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. (Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday; Flight 956, 12:45-3:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday. Cargo will be released to the consignee during the following hours: Flight 957, 9-10 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday; Flight 956, from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Monday/Wednesday/Friday. Shippers/consignees are responsible for all transport to and from the airport. No exceptions. Questions? Call 58660 or 52660.

WOULD YOU LIKE to receive program and event information sponsored by Child and Youth Services? You can now by adding your name to our CYS distribution list. Contact us at [CYS@smdc.smdc.army.mil](mailto:CYS@smdc.smdc.army.mil) or look us up on the Global Network and leave us the following information: Your first and last name; indicate what age group your children are in or interest area: Child Development Services; (18months-5 years); School Age Services, (Grades K-6) and/or Youth Services (Grades 7-12). Most of our programs and events require a CYS registration membership. To get registered, stop by the Central Registration office in Building 356 at the Child Development Center to pick up a packet. Registration is free.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES staff is pulling up pool tiles at the family pool. Use extra caution when at the pool. Adult pool tiles will be pulled up once Family Pool is complete.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND is offering SPCH 101, an overview of the principles of communication, Oct. 26-Dec. 20. The instructor is Susannah Jones. For more information, contact Jane, 52800 or e-mail: [jrussell@asia.umuc.edu](mailto:jrussell@asia.umuc.edu).



## Kwaj Open Golf Tournament

**Schedule of events:**

- Oct. 11: Tee-off social
- Oct. 12-13: First round play
- Oct. 13: One-club tournament
- Oct. 14: Obstacle course putting/longest drive/chipping/putting
  - Oct. 15 Mixed Horse Race
  - Oct. 17: Men's Horse Race
  - Oct. 18: Match play putting contest
- Oct. 19-20: Second round play

**KGA members, \$110. Non-members, \$145. No payments accepted after Oct. 11. Call Larry Cavender, 52406, for tee times.**

# Seven servicemembers die in Global war on Terror

**1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown**, 26, of Burke, Va., died Sept. 23 in Salman Park, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his patrol came under small arms fire during dismounted operations. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

**Staff Sgt. Ronald Phillips Jr.**, 33, of Conway, S.C., died Sept. 25 in Bahbahani, Iraq, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga

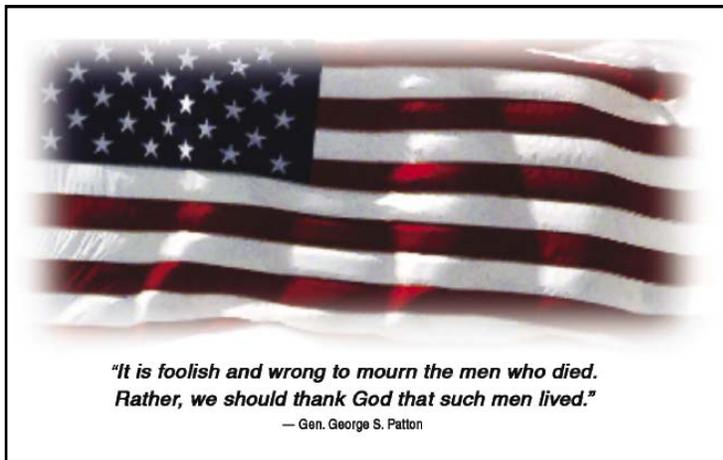
**Pfc. Jamel A. Bryant**, 22, of Belleville, Ill., died Sept. 27 in Baghdad, Iraq, of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident while on patrol in Wahida, Iraq. He was assigned to the 40th Engineer Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st

Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

**Spc. Christopher T. Fox**, 21, of Memphis, Tenn., died Sept. 29 in Adhamiyah, Iraq, of wounds suffered when he encountered small arms fire while on patrol. He

was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo

Three Soldiers died Sept. 29 in Yakhchal, Afghanistan from wounds suffered when their vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device during mounted



*"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."*

— Gen. George S. Patton

operations. They were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C. Killed were: **Capt. Richard G. Cliff Jr.**, 29, of Mount Pleasant, S.C.; **Sgt. 1st Class Jamie S. Nicholas**, 32, of Maysel, W.Va. and **Sgt. 1st Class Gary J. Vasquez**, 33, of Round Lake, Ill.



## Manit Day

A celebration of Marshallese culture

3-5 p.m., Monday, on the grounds of the Marshallese Cultural Center.

Volunteers are needed to attend displays, serve meals and clean-up.  
Call Judy, 51444.

### Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 5 knots.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 5 knots.  
**Monday:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 5-10 knots.  
**Tuesday:** Partly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 5-10 knots.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly cloudy, 60 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 10 knots.  
**Thursday:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 6-12 knots.  
**Oct. 10:** Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 6-12 knots.

Annual total: 61.40 inches  
Annual deviation: -9.60 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit [www.rts-wx.com](http://www.rts-wx.com).

### Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:29a.m./7:03 p.m.	10:16 a.m./10:05 p.m.	6:07 a.m., 3.2' 6:22 p.m., 3.9'	12:15 a.m., 0.1' 12:00 p.m., 0.0'
Sunday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	11:08 a.m./10:55 p.m.	6:31 a.m., 2.8' 6:49 p.m., 3.5'	12:44 a.m., 0.3' 12:20 p.m., 0.4'
Monday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	11:59 a.m./11:46 p.m.	6:57 a.m., 2.3' 7:24 p.m., 3.0'	1:18 a.m., 0.7' 12:41 p.m., 0.8'
Tuesday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	12:49 p.m./	7:33 a.m., 1.9' 8:29 p.m., 2.6'	2:10 a.m., 1.1' 1:04 p.m., 1.2'
Wednesday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	1:36 p.m./12:28 a.m.	12:10 a.m., 1.7' 11:42 p.m., 2.5'	5:05 a.m., 1.4' 3:16 p.m., 1.7'
Thursday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	2:21 p.m./1:29 a.m.	1:33 a.m., 2.2' 6:51 p.m., 1.4'	7:14 a.m., 1.0' 6:51 p.m., 1.4'
Oct. 10	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	3:05 p.m./2:19 a.m.	1:09 a.m., 3.0' 1:59 p.m., 2.7'	7:49 a.m., 0.6' 7:42 p.m., 0.9'