

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



A color guard carries the flags of the Kwajalein Atoll Local Government, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the United States as the Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School Band plays marching music during the Kwajalein Memorial Day parade on Ebeye Feb. 9.

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Photo by Dan Adler

Six servicemembers die in War on Terror

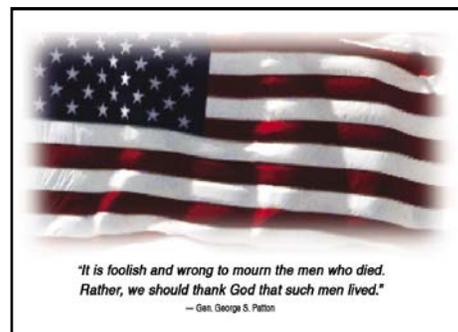
Lance Cpl. Kevin T. Preach, 21, of Bridgewater, Mass., died Feb. 7 from wounds he received Jan. 24 while supporting combat operations in Farah province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Two Soldiers died Feb. 8 in Kabul, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. They were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry Regiment of Marion, Ill. Killed were: **Staff Sgt. Jason E. Burkholder**, 27, of Elida, Ohio and **1st Lt. Jared W. Southworth**, 26, of Oakland, Ill.

Spc. Christopher P. Sweet, 28, of Kahului, Hawaii, died Feb. 6 in Kirkush, Iraq, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 172d Separate Infantry Brigade, Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Sgt. James M. Dorsey, 23, of Beardstown, Ill., died Feb. 8 in Kamaliyah, Iraq, in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. Darrell L. Fernandez, 25, of Truth or Consequences, N.M., died



Jan. 31 in Kirkuk, Iraq, of injuries sustained during a vehicle accident. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo.

Black History Month Activities

COME LEARN how Black Americans have contributed to the world. Grades K-6: 5:30 p.m., Feb. 27, in the Grace Sherwood Library. There will be a coloring and poster contest with prizes, poetry, story telling, music and more. Pick-up contest rules and paper supplies in the library. Grades 7-12: 6 to 8 p.m., Feb. 28, at the Youth Center. There will be pizza, prizes, a poetry/rap contest and a scavenger hunt. Poetry contest rules are available at the Youth Center. Adults: 8 p.m., Feb. 28, at the ARC. There will be an open mic, poetry, pupu potluck and special movie presentation. Contact Community Activities with questions, 53331. A special brunch will be held at Café Pacific on Feb. 22.

Beginning Feb. 14, the Hourglass and the TV Guide will be published on Saturdays and can be found in the gray boxes at the post office and at the Dock Security Checkpoint.



News to Use



Do you have news you would like to share about your club, private organization or work department? Do you have an interesting story and photos of a vacation trip? How about a scuba dive with great photos you took? Have you got a good fish story? **The Hourglass** welcomes submissions of news articles written by members of the community. You can submit articles to the USAKA Public Affairs Officer, Vanessa Peeden, at vanessa.peeden@smdck.smdc.army.mil

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Ambassador talks about U.S. relations with Republic of the Marshall Islands

Land owners have differences with Land Use Agreement

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In a conversation with the *Hourglass*, Dr. Clyde Bishop, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, expressed concerns over the issue of the Land Use Agreement between the governments of the United States and the RMI following the Kwajalein Memorial Day ceremony speeches made on Ebeye Monday.

"I think there was a more conciliatory, pragmatic tone in President [Litokwa] Tomeing's remarks than in some of the others," he said. "Historically, the issue of land use has been problematic."

He added, "What some people fail to realize is that the United States' position on the agreement between the U.S. and the RMI that allows us to use Kwajalein for a military installation has been consistent. And that is, while it is true that the government of the RMI doesn't own the land, the United States negotiates and creates treaties with governments and not

private entities. We negotiated an agreement with the government of the Marshall Islands in terms of appropriate compensation and other provisions to extend the period of time that the military installation can remain here."

He continued, "It is then up to the [RMI] government to achieve a subsequent agreement with the land owners that corresponds to the agreement the U.S. and the RMI have already agreed to. That's where we get into the problem."

Bishop said the land owners contend that the agreement their government entered into five years ago is inadequate.

As a consequence, according to Bishop, they [the land owners] have not signed a land use agreement for more than five years.

Bishop said the way it was arranged, the difference in money, between the compensation in the old compact and the compact as amended (approximately \$4 million per year) was put into an escrow account in 2003 hoping that some time in the future, the government and land owners would come to an agreement. Then the money would be given to the land owners with an inflation adjustment. So at this time, the money keeps growing in that account.

According to Bishop, at the time this was originally done in 2003, it was indicated that if an agreement between the land owners and the government was not reached, then the money in the escrow would go back to the U.S. Treasury. The deadline for that was Dec. 17, 2008.

But in further consultation with the U.S. government and Bishop's interaction with President Tomeing, it was conveyed to Washington, D.C. that there were efforts on the part of President Tomeing's administration to broker a deal. Bishop told Washington that he was encouraged by the legitimate and sincere efforts of Tomeing, and that an opportunity for him to

broker such a deal should be provided as opposed to sending the \$20 million back to the treasury.

Bishop said he indicated to the RMI government and to others that once the money is returned to the U.S. treasury, it's gone. It can't be called back if a deal is reached the day after.

In order to give the Tomeing administration time to get an agreement, the deadline was extended without a specific time according to Bishop. It's expected that an agreement will be achieved before another deadline passes.

"There are two perspectives at work here," said Bishop. "There's the perspective of President Tomeing that the dispute needs to be worked out and resolved, because the consequences of not working it out would be negative to the people of Kwajalein Atoll and to a number of land owners. On the other hand, you have some people repeating demands that have been repeated time and time again for a number of years."

Bishop said that those who oppose the agreement don't believe that the agreement signed by the U.S. and RMI governments in 2003 is non-negotiable. That however, is the position of the United States.

According to Bishop, some of the land owners believe the terms of that agreement are subject to change because there is some historical evidence to substantiate that the United States may have renegotiated in the past. Bishop said he doesn't argue with that, but there is a distinction between agreements made when the RMI was a trust territory versus now when it is a sovereign nation.

"Those are very different situations," he said. "The position of the United States has remained steadfast in that the land use dispute is an internal RMI matter."

He added, "So, where do we go from here? That is up to the RMI



Dr. Clyde Bishop, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, speaks at the Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day observance Feb. 9.

*Remembering
the past . . .*



*Looking to
the future*

Hundreds of Ebeye residents turn out to watch the decorated vehicles in the parade marking Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day Feb. 9. The day was celebrated with the parade, dancing and speeches by various dignitaries. A basketball game was held in the evening at the Ebeye Community Center.

Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day observance held on Ebeye Feb. 9

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Manager

Sixty-five years ago, the battle for Kwajalein between the United States and Japan liberated the Marshallese people and changed their future.

Since then, the residents of Kwajalein Atoll hold a Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day observance every Feb. 9 to remember those who lost their lives in that battle.

Even though Monday was hot and sunny, hundreds of Ebeye residents gathered to observe the day with a parade, some impromptu dancing and speeches by local and national leaders.

Dr. Clyde Bishop, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and members of the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll staff, including Col. Frederick Clarke, USAKA Commander, Maj. Christopher Mills, Host Nations Officer, Sgt. Maj Patrick Kutac, Vanessa Peeden, Public Affairs Officer and Christi Bowman, RMI Relations Specialist, were in attendance.

After the parade to the Ebeye Community Center, the flags of the United States, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Kwajalein Atoll Local Government were raised. The national anthem of the Republic of the Marshall Islands was sung by the Good News Choir and the audience. The national anthem of the United States was played by the Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School Band.

After the flag raising, introductions and welcomes were given by Anjojo A. Kabua, who acted as master of ceremonies, Rev. Lawson Matauto of Ebeye United Church of Christ and Ralik Chain *Iroi*j and Senator Michael Kabua.

The President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Litokwa Tomeing, then spoke to the gathering.

He welcomed the guests, spiritual leaders and traditional leaders to the ceremony and said he was thankful for the opportunity to see his Kwajalein Atoll friends to talk about their common past and their vision for the future.



Republic of the Marshall Islands President Litokwa Tomeing, Dr. Clyde Bishop, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI, Col. Frederick Clarke, USAKA Commander and other dignitaries greet the receiving line on Ebeye pier Feb. 9.

Tomeing noted that for the past 65 years, beginning with the battle of Kwajalein, the people of Kwajalein Atoll have faced many trials and hardships. He said that they had faced those problems with fortitude and resilience on one hand and generosity and open-heartedness on the other.

The President recalled how the U.S. nuclear testing had caused mass movement of many Marshallese from their traditional homes and how the people of Kwajalein Atoll had welcomed them with open arms.

“Through all of that, you have remained united, strong and an undivided people,” he said. “Today you live side by side, not in the hundreds but in the thousands, trying to benefit from USAKA.”

The President said that while many unfortunate things had happened in the past, “We shouldn’t wallow in the mire of bygone days even if they are part of our history. We can, however, chart a new itinerary into the future. We owe it to our children, our grandchildren and our great grandchildren.”

Tomeing said his vision was that

future generations would live on a Kwajalein where the education was the best and where clean water, power and a vibrant economy existed. He said future generations should be able to expect an infrastructure that included affordable housing for all and where children would have venues in which to play healthy sports.

“My firm belief is that having struggled and survived against all odds over the past six decades, Kwajalein’s people deserve no less. When that day comes, how sweet the laughter and joy will be,” he said.

The president further stated that he was planning on putting forth a comprehensive infrastructure development plan in which he wanted projects completed as a whole and not piecemeal as in the past. He said the United States would have to be a player and equal partner in such a plan and that the RMI government stood ready to play its part along with the people of Kwajalein.

He said that although USAKA was primarily a military base, he believed

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Showing the Passion



Above: Australian National Paralympic Swimming Coach, Brendan Keogh, watches advanced Kwajalein Swim Team members during a clinic on Feb. 7.

Australian national swim coach conducts swim clinics on Kwaj

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Manager

“When the e-mail came through asking me to come back here, I was just thrilled. It’s a fantastic place to come and you have a fantastic bunch of kids and a fantastic bunch of coaches. I hope to see the sport here develop more in the future,” said Brendan Keogh, Head Coach of the Australian National Paralympic Swim Team.

Keogh works for Swimming Australia and his visits fulfill an obligation of being part of FINA, a worldwide swimming organization. One of FINA’s missions is to help smaller nations with less resources in developing a coaching and swimming program to compete at the international level.

“The Marshall Islands was lucky enough to get selected for a clinic and I was asked to come back again,” he said.



Swimmers jump into the pool to begin the clinic.

Keogh was on Kwajalein this past week conducting coaching clinics and training clinics for some of the more advanced swimmers on the Kwajalein Swim Team.

He's been a coach for 20 years. He was a competitor between 1984 and 1989 and made it to the finals of the National Championships in Australia, but "I wouldn't say I was a top swimmer," he said.

Even though he wasn't a 'top' swimmer, he was passionate about swimming and decided to stay involved in the sport.

He added, "I was here last year to work with coaches on technique and skills. This trip, I intend to work with them on programming and more of an introduction to sports science. So we will have a progression from what we did last year."

Keogh also noted that some of the Kwajalein teens who are advanced swimmers are involved in the coaching as well as the adults.

"This specific group [of teens] I have this afternoon [Feb. 7] is trying to advance to the world championships," he said, "I will work with them, give them some feedback and maybe enlighten them as to how they can train better and make sure they're doing their day to day skills correctly."

When asked what he looks for in a swimmer and how can he tell if someone could be the next Michael Phelps, he answered with one word — passion.

"Of course, you look for how a swimmer moves through the water. Top swimmers move through the water with minimum effort. They have great body position in the water and are very relaxed which makes it look like they're buoyant. They just glide through the water like they're hardly doing any work, said Keogh. "When I walk into a swim program, I look for those people who are going through the water relatively easy. I look for a good range of motion in their shoulders and a good kick as well as flexibility in their ankles."

He added, "Speed can be natural, but it can be taught as well. Some kids have speed, but need to learn endurance,



Left to right, Judy Kirchner, Coach Brendan Keogh and Sarah Stepchew talk as the swimmers warmup for the training session.



See COACH, Page 9 Swimmers dash to dive in the pool as Coach yells 'Go!'

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artificial barriers should be set aside and that development was a serious concern.

Turning to the land use agreement difficulty, the President said that his government would continue working with land owners to forge an acceptable new land use agreement.

“Our policy on this subject is consistent with our established position. We will continue to pursue an agreement that is rational. I am pleased to say that we have had several discussions with land owners and by all indications, there is a consensus to move the process forward and that with common goodwill an agreement could be reached,” Tomeing said.

He thanked the U.S. that the funds in the escrow account for the land use agreement would not revert back to the U.S. Treasury while negotiations were ongoing. He said he was grateful to the United States for that consideration. He further said his government would continue working with land owners to forge an acceptable new land lease agreement.

The U.S. ambassador, Dr. Clyde Bishop was next to speak. He thanked President Tomeing and the traditional leaders for inviting him to the Kwajalein Memorial Day observance. He said it was one of his most revered duties and he looked forward to participating each year.



Left to right: Dr. Clyde Bishop, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI, Col. Frederick Clarke, USAKA Commander, Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac, RMI Relations Specialist Mike Sakio and Maj. Christopher Mills attend Memorial Day.

He reflected upon how once bitter enemies, the United States and Japan, had fought each other to the death on Kwajalein Atoll, but now were friends and strong allies.

“Here [in the Marshall Islands] we find two nations who fought each other in the costliest war in human history working together to help people living on one of their former battlefields. Cooperation between nations who were once bitter enemies proves that differences can be resolved to improve the lives of others,” he said.

He stated that in his diplomatic career, he had dedicated himself to the idea that conflicts can be resolved or even averted if people took the time to find common ground, recognizing the self worth of all involved.

Bishop said that as ambassador, he was pleased to help the U.S. government fulfill the obligations to the Marshall Islands as promised in the Compacts.

“The United States is fully committed to the Compact and its vision of a strong, prosperous and self-sufficient Marshall Islands,” he said. “While there are differences between us, let no one doubt the belief the United States has in a continued long-lasting relationship between countries that shared the tragedies of war.”

He continued, “The leadership that is assembled here today has a responsibility to ensure for constituents and fellow citizens that all avenues for resolution have been exhausted and the wisdom to assess when the greatest good for its people has been achieved.

In conclusion, he urged that all remember what can be accomplished by cooperation and a willingness to help each other.

“Remember our obligations and hold fast to them,” said Bishop.

Troiylaplap Imata Kabua then took the podium.

He began by expressing his satisfaction with the outcome of the election and



Children from various Ebeye schools participate in the parade.

the establishment of a new Marshall Islands government to champion Kwajalein Atoll.

Kabua expressed pain and worry over the downturn of the global economy, and the rise in energy and food costs. He noted the job losses, not just from USAKA, but throughout the Marshall Islands.

He further said he was pleased with some of the progress that has been made in the last year such as, “The increase in the price of copra and the improvements in Ebeye’s electricity, water, law enforcement and transportation for school children.”

However, he said, “The problems of schools, food programs for schools, the causeway to Gugeegue and housing and the general way of life on Kwajalein Atoll still remain.”

Kabua made mention of the differences in the land use agreement between the United States and the RMI.

He said the land owners, “Did not find the agreement to be acceptable and had rejected it as unfair and insufficient.”

Kabua stated his belief that the new government should not be bound by agreements made by the previous government and that if, “The new government followed the old agreement, it would be a catastrophe.”

He went on to say that if a solution to the land agreement dispute is not found in the coming months, that the Marshallese, “Should prepare themselves for other options such as non-military use of Kwajalein.”

He concluded by asking God’s blessing on Kwajalein and the RMI and thanking America, Japan and Taiwan for their support of the Marshallese people. The ceremony ended with remarks by the Honorable Mayor Johnny D. Lemari.

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and other kids have endurance, but need to learn speed. Speed can come with age and maturity. Boys often develop speed in their late teens or early twenties. I also look at things like reaction time and power and quickness getting off the blocks.”

Keogh continued, “But a lot of it is not how they come off the blocks, it’s where they come up in the water to begin that first ‘breakout’ stroke when they come to the surface. It’s where they are after 15 meters or so. Swimmers can be fast off the blocks but that isn’t always the important thing.”

He emphasized, “But after you see all that, you need to see if they’re passionate about swimming. Once they start training, you can see if the passion is there by the way they train and if they do everything properly. They have to want to swim and they have to want to win. You see someone like Phelps and you can see he loves swimming, but he’s absolutely passionate about winning. That’s the secret. If a swimmer loves the sport and they’re motivated, then passion can be built in them, although sometimes, true passion can take a while. It’s not something you can turn on like a light switch.”

He got into paralympic coaching when a young girl walked into a club he was working at in Brisbane and asked him to coach her. She had cerebral palsy.

“When she told me she had it, I didn’t know what that was,” said Keogh. “So she explained it to me. She also said she wanted to go to the paralympics and I didn’t know what that was either. But in two years, she made the paralympics team [in 1996]. Four years later, she was selected to the team for Sydney and I was lucky enough to get selected for Sydney as well as an assistant team coach. Then one day, the head coach position came open and I threw my hat into the ring and I was the lucky guy



Coach Brendan Keogh gathers swimmers to give instructions.

chosen.”

His coaching job has him traveling five months out of the year. His busy travel schedule involves not only traveling with the team, but giving clinics such as the ones on Kwajalein, for developing countries. However, he said that 99 percent of his focus is on coaching Australians.

In Australia, the swimmers on the paralympic team have minimal disabilities such as cerebral palsy or an arm or leg amputation. Some are blind.

“The government of Australia funds the swimming programs. FINA funds the travel and lodging for international meets,” Keogh said. “It’s really taken seriously by the Australian government. Other countries such as the U.S. and Britain also have full time paralympics coaches and programs. There’s about 15 countries around the world that have such a program. When I started, there were only three countries that had paralympics programs. Right now, there’s actually a lot of money being spent on such programs.”

The next paralympics National

Championship competition in Australia takes place in March. The swimmers will swim in multi-disability events. It’s from this competition that the team going to the World Paralympic Cup in Great Britain to be held this May will be selected. After that competition, the team will travel to Germany for the German Open swim meet.

When asked about getting more Marshallese involved at the local level, he said he saw some young Marshallese children on the Kwajalein Swim Team and he hopes that as those children mature in the sport, that interest will increase among the Marshallese youngsters.

When asked if he saw any of the kids that looked like they had promise, he said that any child he sees swimming is a child with promise.

“Kids have a funny way of living up to expectation,” he said. “If you tell a kid he or she can do something, they just might surprise you and do it.”

Keogh says he plans to coach as long as he can and, “As long as I have passion for it.”

Commandos were mainstay of air supply

Editor's note: This is part seven of a series of articles by Dan Farnham on the aircraft in the 'aircraft graveyard' of Kwajalein Atoll.

By Dan Farnham
Contributor

Designed in 1936 by the Curtiss Aircraft Corporation, the R5C 'Commando' was originally designed to be an airliner, and it had the civilian designation CW-20. The first CW-20 was flown on March 26, 1940, and at that time it was the largest twin-engine transport in the world, with a wingspan of 108 feet and a length of 76 feet. Curtiss had built the CW-20 as a replacement for the Curtiss 'Condor' and other biplane transports, as well as to compete with the Douglas DC-3, which had already entered service with American Airlines. Curtiss wanted a plane that was larger and faster than the DC-3, in order to compete for the lucrative market for civilian transport aircraft.

The attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941, sidetracked the CW-20's civilian career and put it into uniform. The Army Air Force gave the plane the designation C-46, and named it the 'Commando'. The Commando had a reinforced floor that allowed it to carry up to 15,000 pounds of cargo, or 50 soldiers, or 33 litter patients and four attendants. Large twin cargo doors on the left side allowed easy loading and unloading of the plane. The Commando carried a crew of four, which consisted of a pilot, co-pilot, flight engineer, and a radioman.

A total of 3,181 Commandos were built during the war, and almost all of them went to the Army Air Force. But 160 Commandos were given to the U.S. Navy, for use by the Marine Corps. The Navy gave the plane the designation 'R5C', which stands for 'Transport, fifth aircraft type from Curtiss, and the 'C' was the letter assigned by the Navy to all aircraft built by Curtiss Aircraft Corporation.

Commandos gained their greatest recognition during the war as the mainstay of the massive air supply operation between the Assam region of India, to supply friendly



Photo from U.S. National Archives

A R5C 'Commando' in flight.

forces in southwest China. Flying over a notorious region of the Himalayas known as the 'Hump', Army C-46's flew supplies from primitive airfields to keep beleaguered American and Chinese forces supplied at a time when they had been cut off by the Japanese Army.

In the Pacific, two R5C squadrons, VMR-252 and VMR-952, flew from Ewa, Hawaii in 1944 in support of the invasions of the Marshall and Mariana islands. Their duties included flying in supplies and evacuating wounded troops. In March 1945, VMR-252 moved to Kwajalein Island and began supporting the campaign on Okinawa. Other Marine Commando squadrons that operated throughout the Pacific during the war, including the Marshall Islands, were VMR-253, VMR-352, VMR-353 and VMR-953. After the war was over, most of the R5C's were scrapped, although a few remained in service into the 1950's.

The aircraft graveyard near Mellu Island contains one R5C wreck, which I first dove on May 13th, 2007 with James Polan, Leonard Grandbois, and Dan Bogart. It's the easiest plane to find in the aircraft graveyard- just moor at the orange buoy and follow the line down, and the R5C is right in front of you.

Descending down to the wreck, my first impression was "this thing is huge!" The plane is missing its tail, engines, landing gear, and the outer wing sections past the engine mounts. One of the two cargo doors on the left side of the plane is missing, and looking inside the plane is like looking at the inside of an empty warehouse- the interior is massive. The cockpit is home to a lionfish now, and like most of the other planes near Mellu Island, marine growth abounds on the plane.

Marine Corps R5C operations never earned much recognition. This is unfortunate, because without the 'Commando,' hundreds of wounded soldiers would have died before reaching advanced medical care, and many tons of needed supplies would not have been delivered. Even though they weren't given the praise that a lot of other planes received, R5C's nevertheless contributed greatly to the war effort and helped bring about a quicker end to the Pacific War.



Photo by Dan Farnham

A R5C 'Commando' wreck near Mellu Island.

AAFES council meets, discusses community needs

Hourglass Reports

The AAFES council met January 28 and discussed issues raised by community members. The council includes USAKA Sgt. Maj. Kutac, General Manager Kris Kovas, Food Court Manager Chris Taitingfong, KRS Retail Manager David Fearon, USAKA DCA Dean Moore, KRS representative Carl Overman, USAKA at large James Caughie, KPD Lieutenant Carole Roy, San Jose Construction Larry Cotton, and Chugach representative Derrick Lemmie.

Topics discussed were as follows:

Q. What is AAFES policy on expired goods? What should a customer do if they happen to purchase a product which is expired?

A. It depends on the item. Some items have automatic extensions of their expiration dates like frozen cold cuts and soda as determined by the manufacturer and we adhere to those. For other items we make every effort to remove them from the shelves by the expiration date. If you notice an expired product, bring it to the attention of a manager and they will take the appropriate action.

Q. Is there any chance to fix the product mix to be more Kwajalein specific? Can AAFES send back for redistribution items which don't make sense?

A. The stock assortment will constantly change and we will constantly be reviewing not only what we carry but our inventory levels to

give the best possible selection. In order to keep prices low AAFES as a whole must standardize assortments, so sometimes some items might not seem to make sense, but several items that folks have commented on, car fresheners, hand warmers, etc, actually are selling. There will be times when we will be out of stock on items, we are making every effort to determine demand for products and we will continue to improve on this as we go along. AAFES does not current(ly) do business with Sun bikes, we will however install parts on Sun bikes that customers bring in.

Q. Can we add a few more selections in a more generic juvenile girls and boys birthday cards? Also need more generic wrapping paper for birthdays for kids?

A. The selection of cards is based on the demographics of the local population and the percentages are set. The card company determines what goes in the selection based on sales.

Q. Other installations have the Make the Grade Program provided by AAFES. Can we get that incentive/reward program on Kwajalein?

A. We are waiting for the coupon books, hold on to your report cards, we will issue them when they arrive. You will be notified in the Buddy List.

Q. We have no children's bikes, and toy choices were few for age groups. Birthday

parties held end up with multiple repeat gifts for the child as that is all to choose from, we need greater variety. Adult bikes selection is brown or red, male or female, or 3-wheeler. Can we get greater toy selection and bike selection with a range in quality, but all aluminum, except maybe a lower end bike? Kwajalein residents will pay for quality.

A. Toys are purchased only 2 times per year, when AAFES was notified we would open Kwajalein it was after the purchases for the Fall/Winter toys were made. While we tried to get toys from other locations, there just weren't enough to spare. We have been added to the Spring/Summer toys purchase, but they will not be in until April/May. We are talking to our manufacturer and buyers to fix the problem with the bikes. We have received our kids bikes and we are looking for alternative bikes for adults. We have available on line 2 bike companies.

Q. If food service ends at 1930 in order to close out/clean/lock up by 2000, then the posted hours should reflect that. Suggest something like; "Orders for food service end at 1930" could be posted.

A. The sign on the front door shows the hours of operation for the entire food court, each food outlet has hours of operations signs posted at the registers.

Q. On several occasions I've been frustrated enough to try to seek out the manager for issue resolution, but the manager is very

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government and the land owners. But because of President Tomeing's efforts, the United States did extend the deadline for an agreement.

As far as some saying a new legal government is not bound by the agreements of an outgoing legal government, Bishop said, "The previous government [under President Note] negotiated for two years with the U.S. and came to an agreement in the interests of both nations. The RMI negotiating team was the legal representative for the people of the Marshall Islands. Getting a new administration does not negate the responsibilities of current agreements. Otherwise, there would be no treaties made anywhere. Treaties are made to be honored. One of the things that makes interaction around the world work is that governments honor agreements that they made whether it was under their current jurisdiction or a previous jurisdiction. If that was the way things were

conducted, the United States could do the same and negate treaties and agreements because we now have a new administration."

Bishop said that if the new RMI government says they will not honor the 2003 agreement, then the wheels would start falling off.

He also cautioned that if the position of the land owners made things untenable, then the U.S. may revisit whether or not it is comfortable to remain [in the RMI].

"We don't envision that," the Ambassador said. "But the worst case scenario would be for the RMI government to say to the U.S. government that they could no longer honor the agreement and abrogate it. That might precipitate an exit from Kwajalein. That would have consequences for us strategically, but the consequences for the RMI in my opinion would be onerous."

For Valentine's Day, the *Hourglass* asked Kwajalein couples how they met each other

Mike and I met on Kwaj in 1986. I was working for Kentron and Mike was working for the police department. We met at a New Year's Eve party at the Country Club. We became friends, but when our contracts were done he went back to Texas and I moved to Seattle. He made a big impression on me and I thought about him a lot. In 1989 I decided to call him. I knew he had been working for the county attorney and found him there. We talked, and I guess he had been thinking about me too because he said he would come visit me in Seattle. He flew to Seattle in December. The last time I had seen him he was in shorts and tennis shoes.

When he got off the plane, I saw this very handsome cowboy in hat, boots and jeans. He had me at hat. I then went to visit him in Texas in February, moved to Texas in March and we were married in April. Come April 9 we will be married 19 years.

— Sandy
Herrington

Jim and I met in Diego Garcia, a British Indian Ocean Territory in November 1988. He was a Lieutenant in the Navy responsible for the Terminal Operations and I was a civil service employee working for the Comptroller/Supply Officer. He and my manager were fishing buddies and Jim would often visit our office to get a glimpse of me. Our first date was on Valentine's Day, 1989 at the Officer's Club; it was very special. We started seeing each other since. He proposed to me three months later, got officially engaged in Hong Kong, and got married in Florida in 1991, a week after Valentine's Day. Now 18 years into our marriage, we have a son and two girls. Valentine's Day is very significant to us because it always reminds us of the day when our hearts were 'entwined'.

— Janette
Bishop

"One man all by himself is nothing. Two people who belong together make a world."

— Hans Margolius



We were "match made" long distance in 1993 by a Kwajalein couple who had moved here from Philadelphia, Steve and Brigid Shank. Steve worked at TRADEX. The Shanks were very active in the Kwajalein Running Club, so I got to know them quite well. Steve was Club President in 1993. After a year or so on Kwajalein, the Shanks decided that I would get along well with their good friend Jane, who Brigid had become close friends with during their MBA schooling at St. Joseph's University in Philly. Jane still lived there. We had our first date in Hawaii in 1993. We met in the middle. Jane's mother and sisters were vocally concerned that she took such a chance. It was based on our independently formed, but mutual respect for the Shanks. It was hard to explain to others our complete trust in their heartfelt sincerity. They would not have made the introduction cavalierly. Jane moved to Kwajalein in mid-94 and we were married in May 1995. So far, so good. Three children to date.

— Bob Sholar

How we met

“My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me.”

— Winston Churchill

“Faith makes all things possible. Love makes them easy.”

— Unknown

“I was nauseous and tingly all over. I was either in love or I had smallpox.”

—Woody Allen

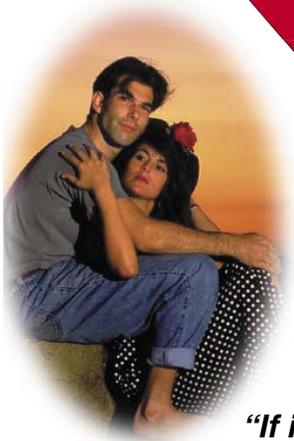
I had just broken up with a girl I was madly in love with and hoped to marry. I was despondent and broken-hearted. I was moping around all the time and a friend of mine got tired of me being so pathetic and suggested fixing me up with the sister of a girl he knew. Blind dates didn't really interest me too much. I knew how those things usually turned out. But he kept on about it and I finally agreed. It turned out that I knew the girl he knew for years, but was never aware she had a sister. I went out to my friend's house on the night of the date where we would all meet up and go out. I wasn't really thrilled about any of it and was almost ready to bolt out the door when she walked in. She was the most beautiful girl I'd ever seen. I then and there forgot what that other girl looked like.

If there is such a thing as love at first sight, then that's what happened to me. I guess she felt the same way because after that first date, when we talked for hours and discovered we were kindred souls, we hardly spent a free moment apart.

We've talked about it over the years and looking back, it seems we both knew we were going to get married from that very first date. There never seemed to be any question . . . it was just meant to be. We'll have our 40th anniversary in April and I thank God every day I went on that date. Carol has been my best friend and greatest strength all these years, and I love her more than when I first married her. No matter what else happens to me in my lifetime, I will always consider myself the luckiest man alive to have her for my wife.

And I will always be grateful to what's her name for dumping me.

— Dan Adler



“If it all falls apart, I will know deep in my heart, the only dream that mattered has come true, in this life, I was loved by you.”

— From the song, *In This Life*, by Israel Kamakawiwo'ole

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“You don’t marry someone you can live with — you marry someone you can’t live without.”

— Unknown

“I’m not rushing into love. I’m finding fourth grade hard enough.”

— Regina, age 10

“Love is foolish . . . but I still might try it sometime.”

— Floyd, age 9

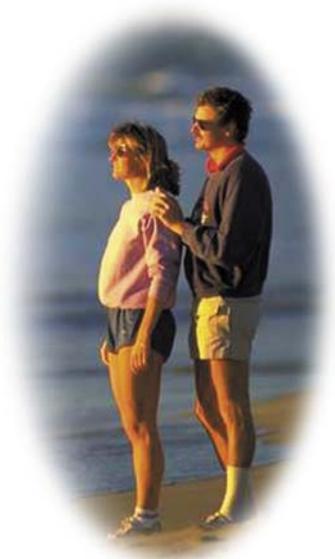
Kathy Ann and I met at West Point which we attended from 1976-1980. We really didn’t know each other our freshman year. The next summer we were in a training company together and I thought Kathy Ann was hard charging and Kathy Ann thought I was lazy. Sophomore year we had a history class together and our first impressions were confirmed. In our junior year, Kathy Ann wanted a prayer partner and I volunteered. After meeting together, I recognized that we valued the same things, and that I really enjoyed being with her. So I decided to ask her out on our first date. It was a disaster. Not to be dismayed, I asked her out on a second date at which I said, “What do you think about marriage?” Not suprisingly, Kathy Ann didn’t want to talk about marriage right away, but she did agree to go on a third date. After much persistence and several more months of dating, she agreed to marry me. It’s been the best decision of our lives.

— Rick Funk

There once was a radar transmitter engineer named Bill North. Bill recently passed away, but his legacy continues and will continue for many years. I first met Bill while he was teaching the high-power transmitter course at George Washington University. At the time, I was tasked with redesigning the transmitter modulators at the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System at Clear Air Force Station in Alaska. Bill suggested that I contact, as he put it, “the prettiest transmitter engineer,” named Donna, who worked at the Millstone Radar in Westford Massachusetts for assistance. As chance would have it, the modulator that I was designing would also work at the Millstone Radar. I inquired whether he meant the prettiest transmitter engineer in the country or the prettiest in the world. He replied — as far as he knew — the world. I must admit, after seeing her for the first time, I agreed with his assessment. Together, we co-designed the transmitter modulators for both the Millstone Radar and the BMEWS transmitters and continue to work on joint projects to this day. The rest as they say is history. I can confidently say that we are the only husband-wife transmitter couple in the world. It has been almost twelve years now since we’ve been married and I still thank Bill for introducing us.

Rest in peace Bill.

— Monty Grimes





Honor roll



for first semester ending Jan. 24

High honor roll (3.6667 and higher) Grade 7: Lindsay Cochran, Leightyn Cossey, Elizabeth Elkin, Maddy Greene, Jennifer Hibberts, Stephanie Hibberts, Alexis Martin, John Scholar*, Andrea Tiffany; Grade 8: Emma Conrad*, Mary Doerries, Kori Dowell; Grade 9: Jonathan Bishop*, Connor Daggett, Gilson Hogan, Jacob Jahnke, Graham Kirchner, Colby McGlinn; Grade 10: Alyssa Ammons, Cayley Corrado, Aaron Mathieson, Melissa Peacock, Leimamo Wase; 11: Clarissa Brady, Coleen Engvall, Kaitlynn Phillips, Christine Woodburn, Alexis Yurovchak; Grade 12: Cassia Griswold*, Monica Peters, Bret Young.

Honor roll (3.5 - 3.7) Grade 7: Eltina John, Bokean Kemem, Angela Kendrick; Grade 8: Malkie Loeak, Mary McPhatter, Shannon Wilkinson; Grade 10: Julie Alves, Coty Davis; Grade 12: Matthew Elkin, Michael Hillman, Andrew Hogan, Adam Struppeck.

Merit roll (3.0 - 3.49) Grade 7: Keith Brady, Scott Davis, Ann-Marie Hepler, Kauluwehiokala Kahuhiokalani, Mason Malloy, Daniel Murillo, Jefferson Wase, Rosalynn Ysawa; Grade 8: Mariah Moore-deVile, Michael Pedro, Natasha Tomas; Grade 9: Shawn Brady, Tyler DeCoster, Jarem Erikson, Michelle Fore, Maggie Fronzak, Tiffany Scofield; Grade 10: Kyle Cassiday, Danielle Gilmore, Shelby Hadley, Delania Klinger, Robin Loeak, William McPhatter, Tyler Stepchew, Daniel Valles, Jake Villarreal; Grade 11: Andrew Conrad, Kelly Grant, Kitlang Kabua, Emma Peacock; Grade 12: Robert Alves, Ashley Cochran, Christopher Horner, Anram Kemem, Curtis-Jorju Kemem, Jessica Lojkar, Jeffery Saunders, Cody Villarreal.

* 4.0.

Putt putt event great hit with children

Hourglass Reports

A family putt putt golf event was held at Holmberg Fairways Golf Course Jan. 25 and it was a great time for all who attended.

When the course opened at 1p.m., more than 30 children and their parents had already arrived. The weather was beautiful, breezes abundant and from the sounds that could be heard, everyone was having fun. Adults helped their children with the putting.

Children lined up to take their turn jumping in the bounce castle again and again.

Kim Scruton-Yarnes, Supervisor of Entertainment for Community Activities said, "This is the first putt putt community event to my knowledge."

It was such a huge success that by the end of the event more than 200 participants had walked the fairways. Consequently, plans are already underway to hold a quarterly putt putt event.

Contact Bob Butz, 53768, or Community Activities, 53331, to make reservations for a private birthday putting party the day before or after a public putt putt event. The next quarterly events are scheduled for Feb. 23, April 12 and Aug. 23.



Bob Butz, golf course supervisor, shows a young customer how to putt.

You've got mail

Three Kwajalein residents receive special inauguration invitations

By Cheryl Robinson-Stewart
Media Specialist

Kwajalein residents Kezin Lotte, David Martin and Sabrina Mumma recently received special mail. It's common to get bills and junk mail, but it's not every day that mail is historical and life-changing. If you have not guessed by now, all three received an invitation to attend the Inauguration for the 44th President Barack H. Obama Jan. 20.

Though Lotte's invitation arrived on Jan. 15, he did not open it until the 18th. The envelope read Inauguration Committee, Washington, D.C., but he thought it was a hoax, advertisement, or just junk mail. When he finally opened the letter he saw the request for him to attend the Inauguration. He wishes he had opened it up immediately and had enough time to attend. For those wondering how he received such an important invitation he said "Perhaps it was because of the donations I made to the campaign and my correspondence with the Obama web site."

This was his first time getting involved in politics and it has made him more aware of opportunities to make a difference. He was glad to be able to share in a part in history and hopes to get involved in the future as well. He plans to remain in contact through the Obama website and submit ideas as well.

Sabrina Mumma also received her invitation on Jan. 15 and did not initially know what it was. She said when she opened it she was "Shocked, very pleased, and wishing I still lived close enough to Washington, D.C. to be able to make the trip."

She has never been involved in political campaigns before but "After the past eight years, something needed to change drastically and I felt that Obama was the one who made sense in what he was saying."



Photo from www.beta.bloglines.com

President Barack Obama gives his Inaugural Address.

She also noted that she felt "He could both inspire people to move towards positive change in the country and improve our standing in the world-community." Mumma added that Obama's call for all to do their part is a 'strong catalyst' because no matter how small, "We can all do something to contribute to the greater good. Whether it's conserving energy, recycling, being involved with charities and volunteer opportunities-it all feels great".

Martin's invitation came less than a week before



Photo by Dan Adler

Kezin Lotte shows his invitation to the 2009 inauguration.

the Inauguration and he had no idea what it was initially. When asked to describe how he felt when he opened the letter he said, "Ah, I have a part of history!"

While he had never been involved in a political campaign before, he liked Obama's attitude and was just completely fed up with the non-leadership from the outgoing administration. Though the invitation did not include a request for a donation, Martin said he will continue to send financial support if asked and answer any questions from the website.

"We have had enough of out-sourcing, sky rocketing medical costs, and increasing national debt. Now finally, the American people can look to the future for a better life" Martin said.

When Mumma first saw Barack Obama on television during the 2004 Democratic National Convention she was channel surfing. While she missed the beginning of his speech, when she heard him she turned off the iron and sat down to listen. She remembers saying to herself "That young man is going to be president one day. I'm just glad it was sooner than later and I was here to see it happen." she said.

Kwaj 'All-Stars' take on RMI team



Photos by VBruce Premon

Lekre teammates and Kwaj 'All-Stars' fight for the ball under the basket during Tuesday night's game at the CRC Gym.

By Cheryl Robinson-Stewart
Media Specialist

A standing room only crowd attended the basketball game between the Kwaj 'All-Stars' and a Marshall Islands team, Lekre, from Majuro, featuring some of the players from the RMI national team, Tuesday evening. The exhibition game was the brainchild of Patrick Amos who is a co-worker of Lynn Leines.

"Patrick Amos was hosting the team from Majuro to play in the Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day festivities and he sent an e-mail looking for help in getting them on Kwajalein and arranging for a game on island," said Leines.

Once he had received the list of players from Amos, Kenneth Leines contacted Mike Sakaio, RMI Relations Specialist for USAKA for help. Sakaio, along with the Host Nations Office, the Provost Marshall and Community Activities made it possible for the team to come.

Leines formed a Kwajalein 'All-Star' team made up of players who had league play experience of five years or more. The game ended with the Kwaj All-Stars prevailing over Lekre, 87 to 52.

"We thank everyone for this wonderful community exchange between the Kwajalein community and Marshall Islands community," said Leines. "We hope to take this team and the Kwajalein High School team to a tournament on Majuro in March or May."

Team roster for the All-Stars: Dave Gray, Nathan Goyne, Kenneth Leines, Mark Yurovchak, Jose de-Brum, Bruce Premo, Vince Cardillo, Jason Kettenhofen, Chi-Chi Kemem, Chad McGlenn, Rich Erekson and Tom Cardillo.

Team roster for Lekre: Mouj Lewi, Allen Tareo, Jotai Jotai, Ueki Lan-ki, Derek Anjain, Hemilito Boboy Digno, Kalani Nil, Peter Kios, Lloyd Mea, Carlton Nakkol Mea, Hackney Anitak, Johniton Langmoir, Bobby Biten, Luke Arelong, Sandy Boaz, Joseph Bingo Gordon and Terry Tnji.

The referees were CJ Kemem and Amy Hansen with scorekeeper Lexi Yurovchak.



Bruce Premo and his team mates watch the action on the court during the Lekre versus Kwaj 'All-Stars' basketball game Tuesday.

HELP WANTED

KRS and CMSI Job Listings for On-Island Positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job Listings for Contract Positions will be available at www.krsjv.com, on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com.

NEED EXTRA MONEY? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for Casual Positions in the Community Services Departments, Medical Department and the HR Temp Pool. Some of the Casual positions are: Recreation Aides, Medical Office, Media Services Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and HR Temp Pool Office Support. Questions? Call 54916.

WANTED

HOUSE SITTING SITUATION for a mature adult visiting from March 5 to March 31 who is willing to housesit for any part of the time and is happy to care for pets or plants. Call Judy, 54494.

A USED WII Fit and/or Wii games. Call John, 53290.

COLOR TV with built in DVD player, 15-inch to 27-inch screen preferred. Must be fully operational. Call 52642.

LADIES BCD, size x-small or small and a regulator with an octopus. Call 52540.

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.

Jewish services

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

PEOPLE INTERESTED in forming a writers' group. Call Steve Golly, 55519.

PATIO SALES

SATURDAY, 8 a.m.-noon and MONDAY, 7-10 a.m., inside quarters 128-D.

SUNDAY, MONDAY, and TUESDAY from 8 to 10 a.m., Quarters 463-A (in back). Kitchen goods, kayak, surf board, sheds, curtains, household items, and plants.

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Quarters 473-A. Two-family sale. Lots of items so stop by and check it out.

MONDAY, 8 a.m.- noon., Quarters 451-B (in back). PCS sale. A wide variety of items are available for purchase including a brand new 26-inch women's bicycle, furniture, electronics and household goods.

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-noon, Quarters 428-A. Clothes, baby toys, shoes. Rain cancels.

FOR SALE

FUTON, good condition, \$100; VCR with movies, \$40; roller blades, mens size 11, \$30 and other miscellaneous items. Call 55666 or stop by Coral 107 anytime after 3:30 p.m. from Feb. 15 until Feb 21.

MATCHING BEDROOM SET, king size bed with high corner post, frame only, two night stands, one large dresser with seven drawers and two cabinet doors opening to shelves, \$600; old golf clubs with bag, \$10; old cart golf bag, \$5; golf club drink dispenser, new, \$15; motorized float, used once, \$50 and a couch, chair and ottoman, \$600. Call 52332.

WALL-HUGGING recliner loveseat, \$150. Call 52788.

30GB APPLE IPOD video, black, in great shape, has a few scratches on the case. Paid \$250 new, would like to sell for \$90. Call Justin 51324.

FANTA-SEA PLASTIC underwater housing unit for the Nikon Coolpix 4100, 3200, 2200 and 5100 models, new and unused, depth limit of 130 feet, Paid \$120, asking \$100. Call 56447 and leave message.

KING SIZE FEATHER mattress topper, like new, \$50 and Rubbermaid bike trailer, needs wheels, \$50 or best offer. Call Kim, 53680.

WOMEN'S K2 ROLLERBLADES and complete padding set, excellent condition, \$75. Call 51597.

PERFORMANCE BOAT, 21-foot fiberglass hull, 225 HP Johnson outboard, 8 hp outboard backup motor, internal 50 gallon fuel tank, VHF radio, safety equipment, trailer, passenger carrying potential and boathouse on lot 800, \$7,699 for all. Call 59662.

37-INCH RCA HDTV, LCD, flat screen, surround sound, \$750; Sennheiser Wireless headphone system for TV or stereo, \$75; roller blades, full set of pads and helmet, size 7 mens, \$20; Sonicare toothbrush heads, A-series, fits advance standard, \$5; electric drink mixer, \$5; small decorator table, \$15 and a folding two-step stool, \$20. Call 55606.

24-FOOT GRADY White Offshore powered by new

Yamaha 4-stroke 115 hp engines, range of almost 300 miles on inboard tanks. Comes with an aluminum trailer, Lee outriggers, GPS, VHS radio, stereo, and depth finder, \$45,000. Call Dennis, 54489 or 51850.

TEEN GIRLS FORMAL and semi-formal gowns, perfect for Valentine's Day parties. Two tea-length dresses, size 8, \$5 each. Two full-length dresses: one pink, size 11-12 and one red, size medium, \$10 each. Call 53759.

SANSUI 32-INCH MTS stereo television with remote control and owner's manual, like new, only 15 months old, paid \$559, asking \$400. Call Mike, 52674. On weekdays, call after 4 p.m.

LAZY BOY RECLINER, \$50; Eureka vacuum cleaner, \$10; Unidive dive knife, \$15; Dive Rite pressure gauge, \$40; Dacor Eagle regulator, \$70 and 17-inch TV, \$25. Contact Joe, 55959 or 52222.

BEAUTIFUL GIRLS DRESS, empire waist, pink satin on the top, fluffy pink material on the bottom, size 14, perfect for Father-Daughter Dance, \$20. Call 50165.

GAMECUBE GAMING system, \$50; Cardioblades (arm exercise), \$5; women's 1mm wetsuit, size 14, \$20; Octopus holder, \$1; two air vent deflectors, \$2; two fishing books, \$5; wood cassette storage box, \$5; board games: Battleship Command, \$10; Pizza Box Football, \$5; Twister Dance with DVD, \$5; Battleship, \$5 and Star Wars Episode I Galactic Battle, \$10. Call 52517.

PLANTS, very reasonably priced; lawn furniture; bike trailers; wood shelves end tables; two drawer file cabinet; stereo and small curio cabinet with glass doors. Call 59020 or stop by 135-F.

41-FOOT HANS Christian cutter, cruise ready. Call Steve or Janet, 55519.

ROUND METAL PATIO TABLE, glass top. Comes with three chairs and four chair cushions, \$40. Call 59846.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PRIVATE BOAT OWNERS and lot custodians: private boat registrations and boat lot fees are due during the month of Feb. 2009. Stop by the Small Boat Marina to pay your registration/boat lot fee(s).

THE Wii HAS ARRIVED at the ARC. They have *Rock Band* and *Guitar Hero* with a collection of games including *We Ski*, *ACDC Live Rockband*, *Mario and Sonic at the Olympic Games*, *The Price is Right*, *Family Game Night*, *Game Party Trivia*, *Carnival Games*, *Dancing with the Stars*, *Super Smashbros Brawl*, and *American Idol Encore 2* Come play today. The ARC attendant will have the games, just ask.

CYS YOUTH ACTIVITIES: Ice cream social, 5:30-7 p.m., Feb. 18. Register from Feb. 10-14. Bingo night, 5:30-7 p.m., Feb. 25. Register from Feb. 18-21. 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 or one of these events, call Micah at the Central Registration Office, 52158. For More Information on the specifics of the events, contact Susannah at susannah.jones@

Café Pacific

Lunch

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Feb. 20
Meatloaf with gravy	Carved top round	Breaded pork cutlet	Porcupine meatballs	Country fried steak	Kwaj fried chicken	Bombay chicken
Chicken peapod stir-fry	Tandouri chicken	Vegetarian pasta	Apple glazed chicken	Kung Pao chicken	Beef tips in Burgundy	Vegetable Ragu
Caramelized onion pot	Baked cod	Huevos rancheros	Vegetarian quiche	Southern potatoes	Vegetable stir-fry	Bread sticks
Grill: Mini taco bar	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Green chili burrito	Grill: Grilled cheese	Grill: Greek vegetarian sandwich

Dinner

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Build-your-own pizza	Breaded pork chops	Roast pork butt	Teriyaki beef steak	Herb baked chicken	Carved flank steak	Salisbury steak
Spaghetti	Spicy chicken curry	Spicy buffalo wings	Sweet/sour chicken	Beef curry	Pasta ala pesto	Chicken stew
Italian mix grill	Red beans in broth	Chef's choice entrée	Ginger rice pilaf	Au Gratin potatoes	Chicken Monterey	Macaroni and cheese

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BRIANNE AND DAVID'S 29th birthday will be a 80's themed delight starting at 7 p.m., Feb. 15, at the Vet's Hall. The Insane Gecko Posse will be playing at 8 p.m.

THE FIRST SWIM meet of 2009 will be held at 4 p.m., Feb. 15, at the Family Pool. Swimmers 13 and over arrive at 3 p.m., swimmers ages 12 and younger should be there at 3:15 p.m. Come support your favorite team and cheer them on to victory.

THE CUB SCOUTS will have a bike wash from 10 a.m. to noon, Feb. 16, behind the AAFES Shopette. Get your bike shiny, lubed and tires pumped. Donations accepted.

THERE IS a public SAC board meeting at 7 p.m., Feb. 18, in the Elementary School Coconut Room. All are welcome.

KRS/CHUGACH/AIRSCAN health benefits: the Health Benefits Administrator (Grace McDiffett) will pilot a program to deliver HR benefits information to employees on Roi-Namur. Grace will be located in the Keams Training Room located at the Roi Terminal Building from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Feb. 19. She will be available for walk-in questions during these hours or you may call to schedule an appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 51888 or 50939.

THE ADULT Recreation Center will be closed Feb. 19 for a deep cleaning. Normal hours will resume Friday afternoon. Questions? Call 53331.

THE ADVANCED SCHOOL Accreditation Team will share their exit report at 3:45 p.m., Feb. 20, in the Coconut Room at the elementary school. Please join us to learn about the team's overall impression of the schools and what lies ahead as we strive toward continuous improvement.

THE GIRL SCOUTS would like to invite the community to attend their World Thinking Day presentation about the critical importance of water in our lives. The event will take place on at 4 p.m., Feb. 22, in CRC room 1.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in participating in a Mardi Gras parade, either by designing a "float" or walking in a costume, call Kim Scruton Yarnes, 53331. The parade would be an adult event held on Feb. 24, Fat Tuesday. We would like to offer both department and individual divisions. We must have 10 committed participants to make the event viable.

TICKLE YOUR FUNNY bone with Armed Forces Entertainment Comedy Troup "Base Humor" at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 24, after the Mardi Gras parade in the Public Gardens. Questions? Call Kim, 53331.

THE QUALITY of Life Committee is considering making improvements to the tool inventory and art supplies in the Hobby and Wood Shops. If you have a suggestion for an upgrade, a replacement or a new tool or supply, e-mail Kim Scruton Yarnes or call 53331.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES Pools and Beaches is going to start the Spring lifeguarding class, dates TBD. If you are interested in becoming a lifeguard, please call the Family Pool, 52847, or Community Activities, 53331, and Sandy Lummer, Pools and Beaches Coordinator, will get in touch with you.

THE KWAJALEIN SWIM Team will be using the Adult Pool through mid-July to train for the World Championships in Rome, Italy. Their practice times are Fridays 6-7 a.m. and Saturdays 5-6:30 p.m. They will always make room to accommodate adults wishing to use the facility during these times. Questions? Call Community Activities, 53331.

IN SUPPORT OF the Feb. Community Activities sponsored singles tennis tournament, the Koenig Jabar Tennis court will be reserved for scheduled tournament matches. The tennis schedule is posted at the tennis court. Questions? Call 53331 or email Amy Hansen, hansena@smdck.smdc.army.mil.

THE GREAT KWAJ Swap Meet is March 16. If you want to sell your junk, tents and tables will be provided along with a "you-load" pick-up service. No oversized items please. Sign-up now to ensure a space in the shade by calling Community Activities, 53331 or e-



The Kwajalein Golf Association's Sadie Hawkins Fun Tourney will start at 10 a.m., Feb. 16. Teams must consist of one woman, or the Sadie and four guys. Cost for KGA members is \$25 and cost for non-KGA members is \$35. Beverages and a meal will be provided.

mailing Kim Scruton Yarnes.

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT of Homeland Security and the US Coast Guard are requiring all U.S. Licensed Mariners to apply for and possess a Transportation Workers Identification Card (TWIC) by April 15, 2009. Applying for the card and receiving it is a two step process. The cost for the card is \$135. If you have a U.S. Coast Guard License and you do not have a TWIC card, call Amy LaCost, Marine operations at 52182. She is putting a list together to submit to the TWIC Center to see if a mobile TWIC unit can be dispatched to Kwajalein.

THE FEDERAL analog-digital conversion only affects the 50 United States and will have no effect on the community here.

THERE IS a sick turtle at the turtle pond and the vet tech is treating her. While this is going on, it is important to observe all posted rules on turtle care and feeding.

KRS CATERING has a new e-mail address in Global. It is KRS_Catering@smdck.smdc.army.mil. Please use this e-mail address to inquire about Mobile Kitchen events, private party planning, company parties, pricing, and dinner on the beach. The KRS Catering phone number is 53338.

I.S. TRAINING is pleased to announce the addition of many new training classes for the February and March schedule. These include a Keyboarding class that does not require a CAC and a very beginning computer class for the non-user. This class will be taught with an assistant, Boene Bwijrok. In addition, PowerPoint, Excel, Word and Outlook classes are being offered. All island members are welcome to participate in the classes. For more information, contact Cindy Brooks at cindy.brooks@smdck.smdc.army.mil or 50787. You can visit the I.S. Training website on the USAKA intranet at <http://ws/it/training>.

President's Day Hours of Operation

Kwajalein Beaches

Emon Beach.....	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
All other beaches.....	Buddy system at all times
Library.....	Closed
Hobby Shop.....	12:30-5 p.m.
CRC/Raquetball Courts.....	7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Golf Course.....	Sunrise to sunset
Ivey Gym	Cipher lock
Family pool.....	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Skate Park.....	Buddy System
ARC.....	Noon-10 p.m.
Surfway.....	1-6 p.m.
Beauty/Barber Shop.....	Closed
Laundry.....	Closed
Sunrise Bakery.....	7-11 a.m.
Ocean View Club.....	4:30-11 p.m.
Roi Outrigger.....	5-11 p.m.
Country Club.....	7 a.m.-12 p.m.
Post Office Kwaj.....	Closed
Post Office Roi.....	Closed
Community Bank.....	Closed
ATM, telephone and online banking will be available	
AAFES	
PX/PXTRA.....	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Shopette.....	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Main Street Food Court.....	7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Roi Shopette.....	11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Recall Notice:

Recall Notice for CANDY, CHOCOLATE COVERED PEANUT CLUSTER EJ BRACH, 7-OZ BG UPC #11300-74706. This product potentially has been contaminated with Salmonella bacteria. This product was sold at Surfway. Product was not sold at Gimbels or 3rd Island Store. Please return any opened or unopened product to Surfway for a full refund. If you have a Question contact Ray Denham, 53607, or David Fearon, 55599.

frequently off site. Staff isn't left informed of where the manager is or when they'll be back. There doesn't seem to be any accountability at all. I tried to file a written complaint once since no manager was available, but no staff (I asked about ten different people) was informed about the complaint process. It turns out that there is actually a comment box on the wall in the PX, but no one knew about it. Obviously, if no one knows its there, then it doesn't get checked either. Need to have a box (and slips) for comments at each of the AAFES stores. One issue that seems to happen often too is that the price on the shelf doesn't match the price you get charged at the register. I have had this happen to 2 friends and it was quite a difference in price.

A. These issues should not occur we will refocus with the staff.

Q. I have been at the AAFES BX & Shoppette a few times when a manager or supervisor is reprimanding their Marshallese employees which it is okay if done in the proper manner. However the way they do it is not within the professional work ethics. I don't believe that people should be treated badly and I see a lot of bad treatment of the Marshallese employees. If you need to reprimand your employee do it in a professional manner and in private. Don't belittle your Marshallese employees by yelling at them in front of the customers because it makes both the employee and the customer uncomfortable.

A. This isn't tolerated and the specific instance needs to be brought to the attention of the General Manager.

Q. Why does AAFES not have to be inspected like KRS Dining Services? Their manager's walk around the kitchen with no hairnet, the employees don't wash their hands when changing gloves, all employees walk thru the

kitchen without a head covering.

A. We are inspected as prescribed by Army Regulation? As a manager of a food establishment if you see an infraction you should bring it to the attention of the management staff on the spot.

Q. Why is Anthony's pizza not open until 11:30 when a lot of people try to go in there early before the crowd hits?

A. You can call ahead to have it ready. Lunch delivery is now open.

Q. Why does AAFES require a social security number to rent movies?

A. The Social Security Number (SSN) is the number used by the Department of Defense (DOD) to identify service members and their authorized dependents in all financial transactions. Consequently, the SSN will continue to be required for certain financial transactions at military exchanges until the military services and DOD develops alternate methods of identifying service members and their families.

Q. Why is AAFES charging a \$10 fee for delivery services? I feel that this charge is outrageous. Why can't they charge the same as Surfway does which is a 2% fee of the total bill or a flat rate fee of \$2 for purchases over \$50 and have delivery services available just like Surfway does?

A. AAFES delivery charges cover only the cost of the delivery with no mark up. Adding 2% to every purchase is much more expensive to the customer over the span of your shopping than \$10 per delivery. We do not charge those who do not use the service so that those folks who take home their own goods are not

paying for those who don't.

Q. Can AAFES extend the delivery hours so that people don't have to take time off from work to be at their house for a delivery item?

A. Delivery hours are determined by our ability to access the merchandise. Some of our items are stored in warehouses we do not always have access to. If there is a special need, please see a manager.

Q. Surfway as a grocery store should not be prohibited from selling items just because AAFES already carries them. Surfway is not competing with AAFES. I thought the main objective of these two stores was to provide the community with all their essential needs. I don't particularly like the idea of having to buy everything in bulk just so that I can have the brand name items I like.

A. This is a USAKA tasker

The following product suggestions were also made: summer items like beach chairs, sandals, and men's shorts, garden pots and potting soil, aquarium tanks and supplies, more soda and chips, copy/printer paper, bike supplies like stainless steel chains, baskets, lubricants, and bearings, and small household appliances. The next meeting will be held April 29.

AAFES is aware officials are urging consumers to protect their SSNs by being careful with whom they give it to. AAFES will continue to safeguard the confidentiality of this data. Family members are now given the choice of having or not having their SSNs on their ID Cards. Those who choose not to have their SSNs on their cards will have to present their Social Security cards or official documents (showing SSN) when writing checks.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE at 16-21 knots.
 Sunday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 18-22 knots.
 Monday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 18-22 knots.
 Tuesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 13-18 knots.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 14-20 knots.
 Thursday: Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 18-23 knots.
 Feb. 20: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-E at 13-18 knots.

Annual total: 3.59 inches
 Annual deviation: -3.0 inches

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

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	7:08 a.m./6:59 p.m.	11:47 p.m./10:58 a.m.	6:58 a.m., 4.1' 7:03 p.m., 3.8'	12:47 a.m., -0.5' 1:02 p.m., 0.0'
Sunday	7:08 a.m./6:59 p.m.	/11:43 a.m.	7:27 a.m., 3.8' 7:27 p.m., 3.2'	1:11 a.m., -0.1' 1:34 p.m., 0.4'
Monday	7:07 a.m./6:59 p.m.	12:39 a.m./12:30 p.m.	7:58 a.m., 3.4' 7:49 p.m., 2.6'	1:33 a.m., 0.3' 2:09 p.m., 0.9'
Tuesday	7:07 a.m./6:59 p.m.	1:30 a.m./1:19 p.m.	8:35 a.m., 3.0' 8:11 p.m., 2.1'	1:54 a.m., 0.7' 3:00 p.m., 1.4'
Wednesday	7:07 a.m./6:59 p.m.	2:22 a.m./2:09 p.m.	9:51 a.m., 2.6' 10:11 p.m., 1.6'	2:17 a.m., 1.1' 7:31 p.m., 1.5'
Thursday	7:06 a.m./7:00 p.m.	3:12 a.m./3:00 p.m.	3:48 a.m., 1.5' 8:46 p.m., 1.1'	1:10 a.m., 2.6' 8:46 p.m., 1.1'
Feb. 20	7:06 a.m./7:00 p.m.	4:01 a.m./3:51 p.m.	2:38 a.m., 2.0' 2:21 p.m., 3.0'	7:45 a.m., 1.3' 9:08 p.m., 0.7'