

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



**Ato Langkio, left, explains the many different types of rope that Marshallese make from coconut husks and their uses to resident Noble Kaluhiokalani during the Manit Day celebration held Monday at the Marshallese Cultural Center. For more, see Page 8.**

Photo by Dan Adler

# Commanding General's safety message

Columbus Day marks the anniversary of the discovery of our great nation. It is also a long holiday weekend. Many of our Soldiers, Families and Civilian employees will set out on their own "voyages of discovery" as they travel and take part in holiday recreational activities. This increases the risk of accidents. We all need to work together to prevent on- and off-duty accidents this Columbus Day holiday weekend.

As we near the end of the year, hours of daylight get shorter, and trips should be planned to minimize travel in darkness. Drivers, whether riding on two or four wheels, should get plenty of rest prior to travel, and plan adequate rest stops during their trips. Commanders will ensure Soldiers use the Travel Risk

Planning System (TRiPS) at <https://safety.army.mil> to access information on travel risk mitigation.

If you walk or ride a bicycle or motorcycle after dark wear reflective clothing to alert others of your presence and give drivers more time to react. You should ensure you and your bike are fitted with all required safety equipment, and that it is in good working order.

Safety must always be top priority. Every member of the USASMDC/ARSTRAT family is a precious resource without whom our mission cannot be accomplished. Set the example by looking out for your "buddies," whether they are friends, family or colleagues.

Leaders will engage Soldiers and civilian employees with "informal counseling" at all times, not just



on holiday weekends. To assist you in developing an effective risk management plan, visit the USASMDC/ARSTRAT Safety website at: <http://www.army.mil/SMDC>.

"SECURE THE HIGH GROUND"

**Kevin T. Campbell**  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding

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](mailto:vanessa.peeden@smdck.smdc.army.mil)

The *Hourglass* apologizes for the inappropriate photo in the Hispanic Heritage article in the Oct. 3 issue. It was totally inadvertent and not intentional and has been replaced in the on-line version.



## THUMBS UP



To James Chong-Gum, Joe Loeak, Banny Danaka and the rest of the heavy equipment crew for the outstanding work on repairing the television antenna.

To Robert Carter and Thompson Tarwoj for their hard work in keeping the Bowling Alley up and going, for organizing the leagues, and for their continued efforts to help some of us learn to bowl well.

## THUMBS DOWN

To the Public Internet that has only been working intermittently for the last two weeks.

To those smokers who are disposing of their cigarette butts on the grounds next to BQs and ocean-side benches. Cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate, not cotton, and they can take decades to degrade.

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# Commander holds Town Hall meetings

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In a continuation of his quarterly town hall meetings, Col. Frederick Clarke met with Marshallese workers, the Kwajalein and Roi communities and junior/senior high school students this past week.

The commander holds the meetings to report on accomplishments as well as ongoing and future challenges to USAKA and the community as a whole.

## Marshallese meeting

Clarke met with RMI workers on Sept. 30 in Island Memorial Chapel. RMI Representative to USAKA, Jelton Anjain, served as the translator.

The colonel began the meeting by telling the audience he had just returned from a month in the states where he attended several meetings regarding future missions for Kwajalein.

"The future looks promising as far as missions are concerned," the colonel said. "The more missions, the more work we have."

The commander added that interest in coming to Kwajalein for missions in the near future has been expressed by many potential customers.

Despite that interest however, there will be a period of time when missions will be at a minimum which means less money will be generated for USAKA.

"I tell my staff that those are 'survival periods.' We have to watch how many people we're hiring and we try to do the best we can with what we've got," Clarke said.

He added that the budget for FY10 was close to normal, but there was still the loss of a few million dollars.

The colonel stated that less money coming to the range affects everyone across the board. "The decisions being made, not only by the Command, but by Kwajalein Range Services, are in the best interests of not only the Command, but of the workers."

Clarke acknowledged that a lot of tough decisions have been made, but the alternatives to those decisions would have been much worse. He also said he did not know of any decision that did not affect everyone on island.

"We don't say we're just going to do this to the Marshallese or we're just going to do this to the U.S. workforce. We look at the situation. We don't make rash decisions. We try to figure out what's best and what will make sense long-term," he said.

The colonel said many decisions

were made in such a way so as not to cut back on services. "When you cut a service, you're cutting workforce and we're trying not to do that as much as possible."

The colonel touched on the subject of H1N1 flu. "We've got to be really careful," he said. "If you are feeling symptoms, I would ask you to do the responsible thing and stay home. We do the same thing at headquarters. If anyone shows symptoms, we ask them not to come to work and to go to the hospital and get checked out. We want everyone to take the time to get better."

Clarke said that bringing the bicycle racks at the dock closer to the Security Checkpoint as had been requested at a previous meeting seemed to be working out well. "I appreciate your efforts in keeping those areas clean. It makes us feel the right decision was made."

Addressing another request that was made at a previous meeting for PIN numbers so Marshallese could use phones at work to call off island, Clarke said that every possible way had been looked at and that unfortunately, there would be no way to track the calls so PIN numbers cannot be provided.

The colonel told the audience that as per a request to repair the LCMs, the tarps had been replaced. He also said that a request to change the 5 p.m. weekend ferry departure from Kwajalein to Ebeye could not be accommodated because of other logistical concerns and needs.

Clarke said the incidents of theft were rising on island. "We started out with little things like bicycles and now it has moved into the stores."

He went on to say that AAFES was setting up elaborate systems in their stores to detect and catch anyone stealing from their facilities.

"Taking from the store is like taking from a neighbor," said Clarke. "Taking something from the store means there's something



Photo by Dan Adler

Workers pack Island Memorial Chapel for the Marshallese town hall meeting Sept. 30.

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that someone can't buy and it could lead to higher prices or running the stores in a different way. I don't want to go that route, so please, everyone be vigilant and everyone do the right thing."

Turning to a post office situation, the colonel stated that USAKA had received admonitions concerning delivery of mail to Third Island. "We have this 'Box 56' which was being utilized to allow people to send mail to Roi and from there to Third Island," he said. During a recent inspection of the postal service, it was brought to the command's attention that the system currently in place to provide mail services to Third Island is illegal. Kwajalein Post Office has been providing Box 56, which enabled delivery of envelopes and small packages to Third Island. However, the privilege has been overused and large boxes have been taking up a lot of space on the metroliners. The command has asked for clarification from the Postal Service and an exception to policy in regards to this issue. The command is also working in conjunction with the Marshallese government to have a legal way to provide mail service to Third Island. After the commander's remarks, the floor was opened for questions.

An audience member commented that some food items at the American Eatery at the Dock Security Checkpoint were more expensive than those at other facilities on island. He further stated that it appeared some of the produce-type items were spoiled when sold to customers.

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An AAFES representative said the situation would be looked into.

Another worker said the weekend ferry schedule has been changed from a 2:40 p.m. departure to Ebeye to a 3:30 p.m. departure. The worker asked if it could be restored to the 2:40 p.m. time.

The colonel answered that he did not know why the schedule had changed and that he would look into it.

The same worker said that he and other C-badge employees have work schedules from Monday through Friday. Consequently, they can't come on island for Marshallese shopping on Saturdays. He asked what could be done so he and others could take part in the shopping day.

Clarke said it was a very good question and one that he had not thought about. He said it was a police issue and that he would take it up with them.

Use of the laundry facility on island is another subject that has been raised at previous meetings. Many of the workers said they have schedules that allow them either no time or very little time to use the laundry during the work week. The colonel said that the possibility of moving the laundry facility to the dock area where Marshallese could use it without actually having to come onto the installation was being looked into. However, Clarke cautioned that such a solution would not happen quickly. Money would have to be obtained to pay for moving the laundry.

A member of the audience asked why Marshallese workers could not purchase items at the DCCB. Clarke explained that due to an agreement in the Compact, the RMI government has the right of first refusal. It is a government-to-government agreement between the U.S. and the RMI. As per the agreement, if items offered to the RMI are not purchased within 30 days of the offer, then those items are made available to anyone who wants to bid on them.

One worker asked why five-pound bags of rice could not be purchased at AAFES.

Kris Kovas, AAFES Manager, answered that AAFES is restricted worldwide on certain items that they can sell and unfortunately, five-pound bags of rice are one of those restricted items. Kovas said they have asked for permission to sell the rice on Kwajalein but that it has not been granted at this time.

An audience member asked why purchases at AAFES were limited to \$250. The commander answered that \$250 was the limit across the board. He stressed that the limit did not apply solely to C-badge workers, but to TDY personnel as well as military personnel and retirees who were on Kwaj for short stays. Clarke went on to say the limit was put in place to curb black marketing. He referred to a recent article in the *Marshall Islands Journal* that stated local merchants on Ebeye are complaining about black market 'competition' coming from Kwajalein.

On a lighter note, there was much good-natured laughing when one man told the story of how he had to postpone his wedding because the ring he wanted to buy from AAFES cost \$250.50 and he wasn't allowed to go over the \$250 limit.

Kovas said that in such a case customers should contact the store manager.

Continuing on the subject of shopping, a comment was made by a worker that in the past, Marshallese could shop at AAFES during lunch, take their purchases to the dock and give them to relatives to take back to Ebeye. The worker said KPD is not allowing that any longer and wanted to know why it couldn't be done anymore.

Clarke said he understood the employee's question, but one of the concerns of non-workers coming to Kwajalein is the overloading of the LCMs. People who need to get to work may not be able to get on a ferry if it is crowded with people who don't have business on Kwajalein. He said the Marine Department has also voiced concerns about the overcrowding of boats.

Along with the overcrowding concern is the ever present issue of installation security. "We don't

know who is a relative and who isn't," the commander said.

Clarke reminded the audience that the act of transferring goods to someone not authorized to shop on island can be construed as an illegal activity by the police. He said the RMI government is also very concerned about the transfer of goods because of the local merchants and does not look favorably upon it. As a result, regulations for security and the transfer of goods have become more stringent.

Some workers said that for more than a year, there has been only one badge scanner at the DSC and that was creating long lines and long waiting times.

Clarke said that money has been appropriated to replace the scanners and that they should arrive shortly.

The commander closed the meeting by thanking the workers for coming and sharing their thoughts with him. He said he knows that the rules and regulations can be frustrating at times, but they are in place to protect everyone from a variety of concerns. The workers were assured that their issues would be looked into. He encouraged the workers to keep sharing their ideas with him in the future.

### **Kwajalein and Roi meetings**

The commander held the Kwajalein community meeting on

Oct. 1, in the high school multipurpose room and the Roi meeting Oct. 2 in the Tradewinds Theater.

He began the Kwajalein meeting by saying that at this same time last year, shortly after he took command, there was talk of eliminating the Child Development Center, consolidating the schools and running the Bowling Center only until failure and then not making any repairs. He said there were other things on the chopping block such as the Turtle Pond.

"We sat down with our partner, Kwajalein Range Services, and came up with plans and a year later we still have a CDC, not a full-service CDC, but a CDC and we haven't consolidated the schools," said the colonel. "In fact, we have more children [in the schools] this year than last year."

As at the Marshallese meeting, Clarke told the audience he had been off island for conferences on future tests and evaluations. Again, he said more tests and missions would mean more money coming into the community.

"We look at our budget and say 'holy smokes,' how are we going to make it this year?" he said. "At that point we give guidance to KRS and they have to scramble and figure out how we are going to make it based upon that guidance."

The colonel said that even though some money was lost in FY10, Kwajalein is in fairly good shape. However, he said that sac-

rifices had to be made across the board by everybody including the Marshallese workforce.

Clarke made mention of the tsunami warning that was issued early in the morning Sept. 30. He said his first action was to notify key players such as Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac, U.S. Army Pacific Command and Space and Missile Defense Command. A meeting with all necessary personnel was held with the intent not to over react nor under react to the situation. Fortunately, the threat of tsunami to the Marshall Islands dissipated. However, the colonel said that such an occurrence leads to the review of emergency procedures to see if they are sufficient or if changes need to be made. He asked residents to let him know if they had ideas on the subject of emergency procedures.

The colonel talked about the H1N1 flu and told the audience that when the vaccine becomes available, there would be a sufficient supply for Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. He reminded the community that the seasonal flu vaccine is on island and encouraged residents to get vaccinated.

The commander asked residents to be aware and vigilant because theft is taking place at AAFES stores and in places such as Ivey Gym where people are on the honor system. "It's not good for the community to have a problem like that," he said.

Touching on the Public Internet, the colonel said that the wireless Internet in the Adult Recreation Center and the Food Court has too wide of a radius and was 'bleeding' over so that people in the BQs or sitting outside can latch onto and lessen the amount of bandwidth available to the rest of the community. That is making it difficult to access the Internet. At this time, Information Technology is looking at ways to reduce the radius and mitigate the problem.

He added, "I know some of you have been patient for six months, some of you have been patient for 18 years, some of you for 40 years. I ask you to be patient until we get the cable system in."

The commander told the audience that a commercial company would have to provide the Internet



*Photo by Dan Adler*

**Col. Frederick Clarke addresses the audience at the Kwajalein town hall meeting Oct. 1.**

service and that there would be a cost to residents if they wanted the service.

He said that more emphasis is being put on the security of the installation and funding has been obtained to better the security on Kwajalein which would include installation of biometrics.

Clarke touched on pest control. "If you live on a tropical island, you're going to have rats. Even if you leave the lights on all night — the rats will just wear sunglasses. I have a bigger house, so I have bigger rats. Call pest control so we can help you control the problem."

The colonel asked residents to keep their yards clean and free of any brush or stacks of wood or other items where rats can hide.

Energy conservation was also addressed by the colonel. He asked residents to turn off any lights, especially outdoor lights when retiring for the night. "If we spend more money on energy, that's less money I have to spend on something else. It all comes out of the same budget."

Clarke said that formal requests have been made for funding a new hospital and Child Development Center, along with repairing and strengthening the Roi-Namur shoreline.

The colonel asked residents to be more careful when riding bikes. He said some riders have been careless and almost caused serious accidents.

Clarke said he was happy that the incidence of drinking problems has declined recently.

Speaking about the ATI flights, Clarke said that Transportation Command was responsible for the ATI flights and in a cost-cutting measure, it was decided to reduce the flights to Kwajalein starting in October.

"For the last three months, we've been in a discussion about the importance of the ATI flights to the community. The issue is at the three-star level between Transportation Command and the Commander of Space and Missile Defense Command," said Clarke.

He added that right now, there are nine flights per month to Kwajalein and two of those are to

be cut. There would then be seven flights and one of those would be a C-17 which could always be diverted for use in other missions. The concern is that if there is a week with only one flight, that would be seven days without any fresh fruit or vegetables.

"We would like to keep at least two flights a week and as soon as I know the results of the discussions, I will let you know," the colonel said.

The commander touched on the housing issue. "People are put on a waiting list for housing. If you want to move without being forced to, then there will be a coming fee you will have to pay. Most people are happy to do so when a house they are on the waiting list for comes open. If you are forced to move, you will have priority. We understand that it's not an equitable housing system, but it's the most equitable for an inequitable system. We continue to try to do the best with the conditions we are in.

He added, "Money has been put aside for housing next year to do some things to better the situation. We'll have money to do a steady fix on roofing and we'll refurbish some of the bad housing and bring them up to a good standard. We'll continue to put money into housing as we can afford to do so."

The colonel said that the cost of meals at Café Pacific and Café Roi has been lowered by a dollar on a trial basis to see if customer traffic increased.

He asked that patrons of Surfway who take groceries home in shopping carts return the carts to Surfway and not leave them in

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yards.

"The carts are for use at the store," he said. "Please be considerate and leave them there."

The floor was then opened to the audience.

In answer to a question about the Internet, the colonel said that there would be a monthly bill for Internet service provided by a commercial company. He said there was interest by several companies in providing the service. "Within four to six months, we should be able to identify a provider." He added that the cabling system is on track.

AAFES Manager Kris Kovas answered a question about children's bikes saying they were on order.

A resident asked if the X-Ray machines at the airport were going to be repaired and the colonel said new machines were going to be installed.

Alan Stone, Manager of Supply and Automotive, advised residents that the new electric vehicles on island are extremely quiet and people may not hear them when they are approaching from behind. He advised residents to always check for traffic behind them before turning when riding a bike or walking across the street.

Answering a question, Clarke said that the possibility of bringing two wind turbines to Kwajalein was being looked into. He said an environmental and risk analysis was being done. One of the obstacles to installing the turbines is the small size of Kwaj. Since no point on island is far from the airfield, the turbines may pose a hazard to aircraft. That is part of the risk analysis taking place.

An audience member asked a question about DeCA. The colonel answered that discussions with DeCA were ongoing and that the time line for a decision was now in December. "They didn't say no, they just need more information," the colonel said.

He added that the Command and KRS took a look at the logistical system for supplying Surfway, Café Pacific and the bakery. It was decided it could be done more effectively using the DeCA vendorship. "You will probably see in the next month or two a change

in the type of items we get in our store," he said. "It allows KRS to buy more efficiently. It's more streamlined. And because they don't have to buy things from a lot of different vendors, it's a cheaper way of doing business. Hopefully, with that cheaper cost of doing business, you'll see some of the prices go down at Surfway."

The colonel pointed out that the situation with DeCA at this point is a 'hybrid' between DeCA and KRS. Since it is not entirely a DeCA operation and because KRS will incur operating costs, the prices of items on Kwajalein may be slightly higher than in a military commissary run solely by DeCA, but should still be less than before.

The colonel said that due to the hybrid situation, the arrangement of Surfway not competing with the AAFES stores by carrying the same products will still be in place.

Answering a question about Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the colonel said that with the coming of AAFES, the installation lost a lot of revenue that had been generated by the old retail stores. AAFES does provide a dividend that goes back into military communities. He added that USAKA is explaining to the 'Big Army' that even though the population of Kwajalein is mostly contractors, there are still Soldiers and DoD civilians here who deserve the four percent dividend that would be utilized for MWR for everybody.

"Hopefully, within the next 30 to 45 days we should have an answer back from the Army Installation Command on whether we'll be able to get our dividends," said the colonel.

Clarke said new missions are scheduled in the upcoming months. Unfortunately, the timing is causing some workers to make adjustments to their holiday schedules. The commander reminded the residents that the missions are important, not only to the range, but also to the nation.

He informed the community that throughout the month of October, residents should expect to see many important people visiting. USAKA will be falling under a new directorate and visitors will be coming out to see how operations



*Photo by Sheila Bigelow*

**Col. Frederick Clarke recognizes Nabi Aneo during the Roi town hall meeting for his dedication to U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll at Roi-Namur. Clarke congratulated Aneo on reaching his goal of becoming the first resident from Third Island to receive his RMI and USAKA boat captain's license.**

are carried out. USAKA will be showing what should be improved and what modernization the range needs.

As always, the colonel concluded the meeting by thanking the audience for attending and encouraged them to share their thoughts, ideas and concerns with him in the future.

### **Roi-specific items**

Clarke told the Roi audience that before wireless Internet can be installed on Roi, some problems that have arisen with wireless on Kwajalein had to be looked into. He related how 'bleed over' in the wireless located at the Adult Recreation Center and the Food Court was causing loss of bandwidth to the rest of the community thereby making it difficult to access the Internet. He said once a solution is found to the problem, wireless will be installed on Roi.

Clarke asked the Roi residents to help with pest control, especially rats, by cleaning around quarters and making sure there weren't places for rats to hide. He also asked residents help conserve energy by turning off lights and

electronics when not in use. He reminded the audience that money spent on energy can't be spent for other things the community might need.

The commander told the gathering that he has signed off on paperwork for a new Kwajalein hospital and the repair of the Roi shoreline. As soon as money becomes available, the projects will begin. In addition, the bidding process has begun for a reverse osmosis system for Roi.

The colonel answered concerns about the Metroliners saying that the contract called for the planes to be ferried back for a deep maintenance check every couple of years and that should improve the quality. He also said the current helicopters will be replaced with light utility helicopters in May or June.

When the floor was opened to questions, The first was in regards to Café Roi. A resident requested that Café Roi's budget be looked at. He feels it is not adequate to meet the community's needs. He also pointed out that there used to be a front-of-the-house manager, an

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Kwajalein residents watch Marshallese women demonstrate the art of Marshallese weaving with palm fronds during the Manit Day celebration Monday.

# Manit Day celebrates and displays Marshallese culture and traditions



Kitlang Kabua and CC Brady are two of the volunteers for Manit Day.

Article and photos by Dan Adler  
Media Services Manager

Marshallese culture and traditions are thought by some scholars and historians to be approximately 4,000 years old. The Marshallese people sailed across the vast Pacific Ocean when Europeans still believed the Earth was flat.

The Marshallese are thought to have been a migratory people who came from Southeast Asia and some of them landed and remained on these islands.

A celebration of that 4,000-year-old history and tradition takes place on Manit Day. The event began on Ebeye in 1986 when the Republic of the Marshall Islands gained inde-

pendent status.

While the influx of foreign influences has caused the near total erosion of the traditional Marshallese ways on Majuro and Ebeye, many Marshallese living on the outer islands still live the traditional ways and have retained the skills of navigation, fishing, weaving, rope making and fire starting that have been handed down from generation to generation for thousands of years.

Manit Day started on Kwajalein when the Marshallese Cultural Center opened in 1998. Since that time, the event has been sponsored by the Marshallese Cultural Society.

Thanks to that sponsorship and volunteers including students from the National Honor Society and the



Allison Hibberts, left, and Claire Grant try breaking open a coconut.



Three Marshallese men look at photos depicting Marshallese history at the Marshallese Cultural Center on Manit Day.

Marshall Islands Club, along with the invaluable and generous participation of our Ebeye neighbors, Kwajalein residents are able to glimpse some of that ancient Marshallese way of life.

The Manit Day festivities began with opening remarks from Pastor Rick Funk, President of the Marshall Islands Cultural Society. "I would like to give great credit to Judy Kirchner, our Director of Exhibits, Sue Ellis, our Secretary and Bob DeJoie, our Treasurer. They're the ones who do all the work."

He added, "Lots of volunteers have also worked hard to put this together. Special thanks to Kitlang Kabua who helped coordinate bringing some of the folks over from Ebeye. Thanks to the weavers, Mr. Ato, who will give

demonstrations on rope and fire making, and to the Jine Tip Tip Club that will have traditional Marshallese food. So welcome everyone."

Funk then introduced the Commander of USAKA, Col. Frederick Clarke. The Colonel extended his warmest regards to everyone and said he was pleased to be sharing the day's celebration with our Ebeye neighbors. He thanked the Marshallese Cultural Society members and all who made the day possible. He thanked all of the participants from Ebeye for sharing the richness of their heritage and the pride they take in their country.

Helbert Alfred then took the podium and explained the significance of Ma-

nit Day to visitors and welcomed all to the celebration.

After the opening remarks, it was time to see demonstrations of Marshallese weaving of mats and baskets, food, coconut husking, rope making and fire starting.

Ato Langkio, who has been giving demonstrations of fire starting and rope making on Manit Day for years, was again on hand to show the traditional skills.

At last year's event, he told the secret of rope making while Helbert Alfred translated. "Get green coconuts, put them in water for several days until they're nice and clean. Then

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A large audience watches the Marshall Islands Club boys dance at the Manit Day celebration Monday.

accomplished cook from off-island and a back-of-the-house manager at Café Roi. For the past two years, there has been no cook employed and he feels that has put a great amount of stress on the Café Roi staff and has decreased the quality of the food. Clarke commented that he and Chief Paul Brown will look into the matter.

A complaint was also made by a resident that he recently renewed his K-badge and now it will not scan at Café Roi, he has to sign in everyday. Clarke said that is an issue on Kwajalein as well. Brown assured the residents that the problem is being worked on.

A request was made by a resident to spray more often for flies. He says flies are an extreme problem on Roi and he has not seen much spraying going on. The command responded by informing residents that they've been shorthanded on pest control labor. They are in the process of training new employees and they will be increasing the frequency of spraying. He assured residents that he will make sure workers are sent to Roi more often to spray. He told the audience he hopes the problem will be alleviated soon. In the meantime, he asked residents to be mindful about keeping their food and trash sealed so as to not provide breeding grounds for flies.

A resident brought up a rumor that there will be an increase in reverse commuters (workers who live on Roi but work on Kwajalein). Clarke stated that there are a few people who live on Roi and work on Kwajalein. He said there is no intent on increasing the number of such people.

A Marshallese employee requested that there be transportation from the Atoll Terminal to the DSC on Kwajalein. Clarke commented that they will look into bus routes and see if they can provide a bus service to and from. The same employee also asked about extending their C-badge shopping privileges. He said at the current time, C-Badge holders are able to shop on Roi, but are unable to shop on Kwajalein. He wanted to know if privileges can be extended to allow shopping on Kwajalein as well.

Clarke answered that C-badge

shopping privileges are given on Roi because it is more remote than Kwajalein. If workers live on Ebeye but work on Roi, their shopping privileges are for use on Roi, not on Kwajalein. Clarke gave examples of how residents and workers on Roi can sometimes be more privileged than those on Kwajalein because of Roi's remoteness. He told the employee that instead of trying to expand his shopping privilege, he should be grateful that he has it at all, because those on Kwajalein do not.

The last question concerned 480 privileges. Marshallese who live on Ebeye but work on Roi are allowed to have their immediate families (spouse and children) stay over on Roi. The employee had concerns with this because some of them have family but are not married, so they do not have the same last name and are not allowed access to Roi. Clarke said that he will check on the traditional versus formal marriage rules to see what can be done about the issue.

One resident requested that the carpets in the common area be cleaned; they are heavily stained, mostly from water leaks. Clarke said he would absolutely get somebody to come in and clean them.

Another request was made to hook up a couple of computers in the C Building since the public Internet has been so unpredictable; it would be helpful to Roi residents if there were a couple computers in the C Building for their use. Clarke said he will look into resolving the issue.

A concern about when bicycles and bicycle parts will be brought into AAFES was voiced.

Kris Kovas responded that bicycle parts are already available with the exception of chains. If more parts are needed in Roi AAFES stores, they can be brought up there. Kovas admits that AAFES has handled the bicycle situation badly, but that they have been in talks with their headquarters and the containers with the ordered bicycles in them have finally been released. AAFES will be flying some of the bicycles in and a portion of those will be flown directly to Roi. Residents should expect to

see Sun bicycles stocked in stores by the end of October or mid-November.

A Marshallese employee asked if prices at the Snack Bar could be lowered as at Café Roi. Clarke said he will have to discuss pricing with KRS. He stated the reduction of costs at Café Roi and Pacific were done to try to create more business by reducing prices. Clarke said KRS will wait to see how that plays out before making any decisions regarding reduction of prices in other areas on-island.

The same employee also asked if the LCM schedule Tuesday through Friday could be changed so that the 5 p.m. ferry departure back to Third Island can leave at 4:30 p.m. instead. He said that at present, workers are waiting a long time at the DSC between ferries. Clarke said that he will look into the issue.

A question was raised regarding shelf space in AAFES. A resident wanted to know why such large quantities of certain items were offered in stores when they seem to never be sold or needed by residents on island. He gave the example that there are three different kinds of curling irons in Roi AAFES stores that take up shelf space and are never bought. He wanted to know why AAFES can't get rid of or reduce the amount of those products available in order to make room for other items that are needed and wanted more. The same resident also complained that AAFES seems more like a convenience store and only sells small-size packages, which end up being much more expensive than if customers could buy the regular, large packages.

Clarke responded that there are many items in the stores that some residents don't need or want, but others in the community do.

He urged residents to tell AAFES which items they do want and need, not the ones they don't that are already in the stores. He said AAFES is run by a business model and over time builds historical data that will help management learn what is needed and what is not. Clarke stated that over time,

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use the fibers that are on the husks. Take out the strands and then roll them into rope. Then, depending on the job you want to do, make your rope to the size and strength needed. This is how fishing line is made also.”

Helbert said that there are quite a few Marshallese on the outer islands who still know how to do such things in the traditional ways, but on Ebeye and Majuro those skills have faded, although Ebeye has managed to stay more traditional despite the outside influences.

Young Marshallese believe very strongly in keeping their culture alive and vibrant.

Ric Fullerton, Kwajalein High School teacher and President of the Marshall Islands Club, had special praise for high school senior and Ri-Katak student Kitlang Kabua. “She’s been a great help to Judy Kirchner and a major player in getting this set up.”

Kabua said, “I thought it would be a good idea to work with my culture and I thought it would be a blast. I was born on Ebeye and lived there all my life.”

Kabua has been attending Kwajalein schools since kindergarten and hopes to go to American University in Washington, D.C.

She explained some of the hardships the Ri-Katak students must overcome to attend school on Kwajalein and do well in their studies.

“There are times when I just cannot stand getting on the boat again,” she said. “Waking up extra early to catch the ferry is hard.”

Kabua said that Ri-Katak students must get up around 6 a.m. in order to catch the ferry so they can be at school on time. Some have no breakfast or make do with soup or donuts from a takeout on Ebeye which they eat on the boat. Sometimes, breakfast is a few pieces of bread.

“I got used to not eating breakfast because of the rush,” she said. “We don’t really have time to eat healthy



Children and teens try their hand at coconut husking.



Tim Kirchner and daughter, Julianne, enjoy some coconut.

breakfast food.”

Ri-Katak students have a long day when they come to school. Many stay past 6 p.m. and some until 10 p.m. in order to have computer access at the schools or for extra help from teachers. “We don’t have computers to use on Ebeye,” Kabua said.

When asked if she was glad she was in her senior year and will probably be going to college soon, she paused

and said, “Actually no, I’m going to miss this. It’s very unique. I’ve been living in paradise.”

Kabua’s words paint a picture of the fortitude and tenacity of the Marshallese people and how they have survived against long odds for so many years. As one Marshallese man said, “The secret of our survival is that we took whatever the environment gave us and we learned how to use it.”

residents will see items in the stores change. New items will be added while others, like car air fresheners, will be taken off the shelves. He added that AAFES has only been here for one year, so they are still building the historical data needed to effectively order for the community.

Kris Kovas added that AAFES stocks stores using "Plan-o-grams". They've been adjusted to the average demand across a worldwide scheme. So based on the demographics on Kwajalein and Roi, that Plan-o-gram should fit most of the customers serviced here. Certain products are grouped into set assortments. So curling irons, blow dryers and other products of the same sort are grouped into one set assortment and based on our demographics here, the Plan-o-gram tells us the quantity that should best fit our community. AAFES understands that not all products in a set are going to sell at the same rate, but they are trying to give the community the best selection, and having those Plan-o-grams is what gives you the best selection. AAFES is in the process of looking to see if different set assortments may work for our community. Roi is about one month behind Kwajalein, so they should expect to see changes in products in the upcoming months like they are seeing on Kwajalein now. AAFES also has the availability to special order products from Surfway and they urge the Roi community to take advantage of that option and let management know what they require.

Clarke also introduced the new Roi AAFES manager, Sue Maddox, and assured residents that she will be working hard to make Roi residents happy. Clarke also said that he will try to arrange another AAFES community meeting soon so that all issues concern-

ing AAFES can be aired and looked into.

One resident said that similar issues with AAFES have been brought up at the last town hall meeting and residents were told to fill out the special order forms at the store to request items they needed that were not currently available. They were also told that they could get items from Surfway every Wednesday. She further stated that both of those things do not happen on a regular basis and that she's attempted to e-mail AAFES management several times and has received no response. The requested items were never brought into Roi AAFES stores. Clarke said to bring the paperwork to him so that he could follow up on it.

A questioner asked if there was a way to allow private boats to leave Roi and go back to Third Island at a later time, past 9 p.m. The resident is a single father who works until 5 p.m. and then wants to stay and do laundry near DSC, but the regulation does not allow him to stay past sunset. He thinks it is too hard to find time to do his laundry before he has to leave to go back to Third Island.

Clarke said he will take a look at the regulation, but that DSC closes at 9 p.m., so all boats will have to be gone by that time.

Clarke made a point to tell Roi residents that if they have an issue, they need to bring it up in a timely manner and not dwell on it until it overwhelms them. He does not want community members to have to wait three months until the next town hall meeting to bring up issues that concern them. But he also asks residents to give the command an acceptable amount of time to work on the problem before picking up the phone and calling the Commander's Hotline.

# Beer, Brats & Bowling

Oct. 17

7-11 p.m.

Free admission

\$2.25 per bowling game

\$1.50 shoe rental



Beer and brats will be available for purchase. Adults only, please.

# Commander holds first teen town hall meeting of new school year

By Kaitlynn Phillips  
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Media Specialists

With a light-hearted introduction, Al Robinson, Kwajalein School Superintendent, kicked off the first teen town hall meeting of the year on Oct. 3. After the introductions, the high school multi-purpose room was cleared of all adults, except for Col. Frederick Clarke and his command team. That ensured the students could openly speak their minds.

The Colonel began the meeting with a brief summary of the financial situation of the island and how the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are affecting Kwajalein. He then introduced Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac and the newest members of the USAKA command team, Lt. Col. John Eggert and Master Sgt. Charles George.

The Commander spoke about the recent tsunami warning and he assured the students that all appropriate measures had been taken to deal with the tsunami had it become a real threat.

Clarke turned to the hazards of the H1N1 flu virus. Addressing the concerns of the unavailability of vaccines he assured students that seasonal flu vaccinations are currently obtainable at the hospital and the H1N1 vaccine is on the way.

Switching topics, the Colonel warned the teens of the increased level of theft at the Ivey Gym and in the AAFES stores. He stressed the fact that AAFES has top-of-the-line security systems.

The Colonel spoke next about a topic that seemed most prevalent in the students' minds. In regards to the television and Internet quality, he said, "By June of 2010 we will be fiber optically connected back to the mainland." Such a connection would mean Kwajalein would have access to more TV channels and faster Internet. As to the current situation, he made note of Information Services' attempts to prevent "bleed-over" from the ARC and the Food Court the surrounding areas including the BQs where some residents have been 'latching' onto the bandwidth causing others difficulty in accessing the Internet.

The Colonel asked students to keep an eye out for excess clutter around the island to help in reducing the rat infestation on Kwaj. The cleanup effort extends to housing repairs, primarily to the restoration of leaky roofs.

Clarke also gave reminders that lights should be turned off when not in use and people should be aware of their surroundings, especially when in traffic.

He briefly mentioned the reduction of Café Pacific prices by one dollar. The Colonel also told the students about negotiations that are ongoing concerning the frequency of ATI flights to Kwajalein.

After his opening remarks informing the students on the matters of the island, he opened the floor for



Photo by Coleen Engvall

**Col. Frederick Clarke speaks to high school students at the teen town hall meeting.**

questions.

A student asked if the *Great Bridge* was going to be used for the yearly trip to Bigej. The Colonel answered that the vessel is a mission asset and cannot be used for any other purpose other than official use.

Other questions asked were:

**Q. Are there regulations preventing teens from working at AAFES?**

A. The Compact signed between the Republic of the Marshall Islands Government and the United States ensures that RMI citizens have the right of first employment for any jobs they are qualified for, thus they are able to do all the jobs at AAFES.

**Q. Can driver's education be given on Kwajalein?**

A. Driver's education is not feasible with Kwajalein's limited vehicle resources. The high school is looking into developing a book course that would assist in education.

**Q. What is being done with availability of bike parts?**

A. Bike parts are re-stocked regularly.

**Q. Will there be a limit placed on items in the stores to prevent hoarding?**

A. Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac answered that there are no plans to limit items at this time, but it is requested that residents be considerate of each other.

**Q. What is the status on re-stocking school supplies at AAFES?**

A. Kris Kovas, AAFES Manager, said the store is re-stocked when every barge arrives. For particular items, she suggests seeing the store manager.

# National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

## *Survivor stresses importance of mammograms*

By K.L. Vantran  
American Forces Press Service

After a two-year battle with breast and ovarian cancers, once again I find myself sitting in a doctor's office, waiting to get a mammogram.

The office is empty; I'm the first appointment of the day and I can't seem to keep from nervously tapping my feet on the floor.

My mammogram checkups are in October — National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. I didn't plan it that way, it just happened.

Statistics show that early detection increases a person's chance for survival. So, although it may seem uncomfortable and inconvenient, I encourage everyone to schedule their annual mammogram.

Without one, I'm not sure I'd still be here to share my story.

Before my diagnosis, a routine mammogram was just that — routine. In October 2007 that all changed. I had no symptoms, no lumps, but the doctors discovered cancer in my left breast. Subsequent tests found ovarian cancer throughout my abdomen.

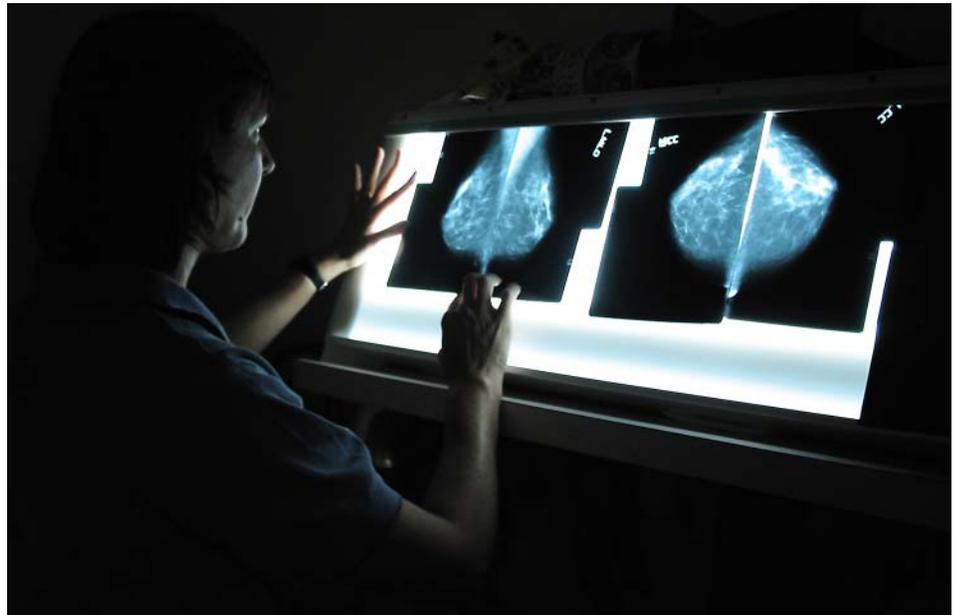
I've been on quite a rollercoaster ride since — battling both cancers. I've had a dozen surgeries, two rounds of chemotherapy, radiation, a colonoscopy, numerous imaging scans, blood transfusions and weekly blood work.

Since the conventional chemo has weakened my body and there's still evidence of ovarian cancer, the doctors are working to get me into a study with a new drug — Avastin — through the National Institutes of Health.

To that end, last week, the surgeon put stents between my kidneys and bladder to improve my kidney function — a prerequisite for the NIH study.

Today is a routine follow up. My breast cancer has been under control since after the first round of chemo and radiation — it's the ovarian cancer that we're still fighting. I hope there are no surprises, but over the last 24 months I've learned to expect the unexpected.

When I first heard "you have cancer," my whole world changed.



File photo

**Mammograms can give early detection of breast cancer and increase the chance of survival.**

I was no longer invincible, but I had become one of the many women with this debilitating disease.

Even when I beat this dreaded disease, I'm bound to wonder if/when it will rear its ugly head again.

The last two years have been full of doubts, fears, tears and uncertainty. But, I've also learned a lot about myself, family and friends.

Since I was first diagnosed, family and friends have rallied by my side providing love, support and encouragement. I am so very fortunate and count my blessings often.

There have been many days when I felt terrible and couldn't get out of bed. I've come to begrudgingly accept my limitations and rest when my body tells me to.

On the other hand, I've learned to not take life for granted. When I'm feeling well or even not so well, I want to get out, to explore, to see family and friends. I'm fortunate that I still can.

Since I'm a cancer survivor, the doctors now order a "diagnostic mammogram." This means once the films are taken, I wait until a doctor sees them. If there's something that looks suspicious, then

I'd have to undergo further testing.

Back to the doctor's office, and I've just filled out my form. You'd think they'd have the answers to these questions somewhere in my file already. And here's the technician to call me back. I put on my gown (opening in front) and then sit back in a chair to wait for the machine to boot up — perks of being the first patient of the day.

The technician says the machine is up, so I follow her back to the room. She apologizes for the delay and her cold hands as she positions me and my breasts for the X-rays. We chat as the machine squishes my breasts and takes the images. She's a new grandma of a little girl. And I tell her about my recent trip to Alaska. Once done, she says to sit in the chair while she runs the pictures back to the doctor to read.

I start to count the tiles on the ceiling as I wait for the technician's return. She rounds the corner, smiles and says, "Everything looks fine. We'll see you in six months." I let out a sigh, change my clothes and head home to call my loved ones with the good news.

# Petraeus cites need to reverse insurgency

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

As the president reassembles his national security team today as part of his ongoing review of the strategy for Afghanistan, the commander of U.S. Central Command said the decision is likely to hinge on one of three approaches to reversing the insurgency's gains.

Army Gen. David H. Petraeus cited three basic ways to "change the equation in an area where insurgents have made progress," as he conceded they have in Afghanistan.

"One, you can turn bad guys into good guys, or at least neutral guys," an effort referred to as "reintegration of reconcilables," he told attendees at the annual Association of the U.S. Army conference here. "You can increase the number of host-nation security forces. Or you can increase the number of coalition forces."

Petraeus resisted defining exactly how many U.S. forces he believes are needed to support the mission — an issue under intense discussion within the administration. About 68,000 U.S. forces will be on the ground there by the end of next month, and Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the U.S. and NATO commander on the ground, reportedly has asked for about 40,000 more.

The president will convene his national defense team again today, and later this week, to discuss this and other options for Afghanistan. Petraeus said he and his fellow uniformed participants have had "ample opportunity to provide our best professional military advice."

McChrystal and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry, who previously served as the ground commander in Afghanistan, are participating in the sessions by video teleconference. Anne Patterson, ambassador to Pakistan, also is participating. "So this has been a very substantial endeavor," Petraeus said. "It is moving quite rapidly. There is a recognition of the need to move through this."

Although views of appropriate U.S. troop numbers vary widely, Petraeus said there's little debate about two general principles: "Afghanistan obviously requires a sustained, substan-

tial commitment" and more Afghan national security forces are needed.

The general resisted putting a precise timeline on when the United States will be able to declare its mission in Afghanistan completed, noting that it depends largely on how quickly Afghan national security forces can become fully developed.

That's expected to occur by 2013 or 2014, he said, when Afghan security forces will assume the lead for security responsibility. But to be prepared for that transition, the Afghan National Army likely will need to grow to about 400,000 members, he said, more than initially projected.

Building the Afghan security forces isn't a process that can be rushed, Petraeus told the group. "No question about the need to develop the Afghan national security forces as rapidly as possible, and likely to higher numbers," he said. "But we have to keep in mind that there are limits to how fast you can accelerate that development," particularly of commissioned and noncommissioned officer leaders.

Whether that happens as planned depends largely on the security situation, he said, recalling problems he encountered as commander of Multinational Force Iraq.

When violence spiked there in mid-2006, "the Iraqi security

force effort nosedived," he said.

Petraeus said he's committed to preventing a replay of that situation in Afghanistan. "It is hugely important that the security situation not undermine the Afghan security force effort," he said.

Yet security has deteriorated in several key areas, he acknowledged. Taliban, al-Qaida and other extremist elements that had been defeated and left the country, reconstituted over time and returned to Afghanistan, putting down roots and increasing insurgent activity.

Petraeus said he shares McChrystal's assessment that the situation is "serious," but that turning it around is "doable." Additional troops that have arrived in Regional Command South in recent months already have made some tactical gains, he said.

"Reversing that cycle of violence, arresting the downward spiral in some of these key areas [is] very important," Petraeus said.

Turning yesterday's discussion to Iraq, Petraeus cited "very substantial progress," with violence down to about 15 to 20 attacks a day, compared to a high of 180 in mid-2007.

He attributed the progress to the surge in U.S. troops that helped quell violence and laid the foundation for other progress to take place.



U.S. Army photo by Spc. Tia P. Sokinson

**U.S. Army Spc. Zackery Cely provides security from a tower on Forward Operating Base Lane in the Zabul province, Afghanistan, Oct. 5. Cely is assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment.**

Soccer  
Season



2009

**Wednesday, Sept. 30**  
**Spartans Boys vs. Boys 2 Men**

FINAL SCORE: 9-1

Keith Brady (Boys 2 Men): 1 goal  
Devin Vinluan (Spartans): 3 goals  
Chris Saunders (Spartans): 3 goals  
Josh DeBrum (Spartans): 2 goals  
Dane Bishop (Spartans): 1 goal

**Friday, Oct. 2**  
**K.A.T. vs. Green Flash**

FINAL SCORE: 0-1

Christina Sylvester (Green): 1 goal

**Friday, Oct. 2**  
**FC Swell vs. Spartans Boys**

FINAL SCORE: 6-3

Josh DeBrum (Spartans): 2 goals  
Jake Villareal (Spartans): 1 goal  
Matt Creswell (Swell): 1 goal  
Mike Turner (Swell): 1 goal  
Jared Johnson (Swell): 1 goal  
Ron Tanner (Swell): 1 goal  
Mike Saltzman (Swell): 1 goal  
Chad McGlenn (Swell): 1 goal

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**  
**Spartans II Coed vs. Green Flash**

FINAL SCORE: 3-4 (OT)

Annie Hepler (Spartans II): 2 goals  
Daniel Grimes (Spartans II): 1 goal  
Krystal Peterson (Green): 3 goals  
Christina Sylvester (Green): 1 goal

**Wednesday, Sept. 30**  
**FC Swell vs. Ek**

FINAL SCORE: 4-7

Jared Johnson (Swell): 2 goals  
Kenny Leines (Swell): 1 goal  
Mike Saltzman (Swell): 1 goal  
Brendan Greene (Ek): 1 goal  
Paul McGrew (Ek): 5 goals  
Tom Cardillo (Ek): 1 goal

**Friday, Oct. 2**  
**Boys 2 Men vs. Ek**

FINAL SCORE: 0-4

Dante Roccatani (Ek): 3 goals  
Brendan Greene (Ek): 1 goal

**Tuesday, Oct. 6**  
**K.A.T. vs. Spartans I**

FINAL SCORE: 4-2

Sheila Bigelow (K.A.T.): 1 goal  
Kathy Ann Funk (K.A.T.): 1 goal  
Annie Robinson (K.A.T.): 2 goals  
Christi Cardillo (K.A.T.): 1 assist  
Yael Baels (K.A.T.): 1 assist  
Mary McPhatter (Spartans): 1 goal  
Mamo Wase (Spartans): 1 goal

**Team Standings**

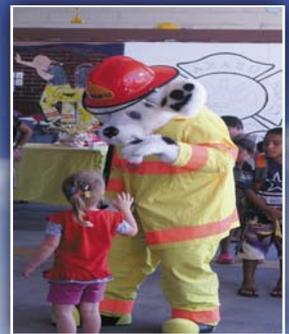
(as of Oct. 6)

WOMEN'S LEAGUE		MEN'S LEAGUE	
K.A.T.:	5-1-1	Ek:	5-0-0
Green Flash:	5-1-1	FC Swell:	4-1-0
Spartans I:	2-5-0	Spartans Boys:	1-4-0
Spartans II Coed:	1-6-0	Boys 2 Men:	0-5-0

*Making a Splash!*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT  
OPEN HOUSE**

USAKA Fire Department invites the community to their Open House, 1-3 p.m., Oct. 11. Check out the fire trucks, bunker gear and equipment, smoke house, displays and fun activities. Parents, be sure to bring your cameras.



# Thirteen servicemembers die in Iraq, Afghanistan

**Spc. Kevin J. Graham**, 27, of Benton, Ky., died Sept. 26 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 17th Infantry Regiment, 5th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

**Lance Cpl. Jordan L. Chrobot**, 24, of Frederick, Md., died Sept. 26 while supporting combat operations in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Spc. Ross E. Vogel, III**, 27, of Red Lion, Pa., died Sept. 29 in Kut, Iraq, of injuries suffered from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 67th Signal Battalion, 35th Signal Brigade, Fort Gordon, Ga.

**Staff Sgt. Alex French IV**, 31, of Milledgeville, Ga., died Sept. 30 in Kwhost, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit using an improvised-explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, Lawrenceville, Ga.

**Spc. Russell S. Hercules Jr.**, 22 of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died Oct. 1 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. He was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 159th Combat Aviation Brigade,

101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Sgt. Ryan C. Adams**, 26 of Rhinelander, Wisc., died Oct. 2 in Logar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his vehicle using rocket-propelled grenade fire. He was assigned to the 951st Engineer Company (Sapper), Wisconsin Army National Guard, Rhinelander, Wisc.

**Sgt. Roberto D. Sanchez**, 24 of Satellite Beach, Fla., died Oct. 1 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Hunter Army Airfield Ga.

Two Soldiers died Oct. 2 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked their unit using small arms fire. Killed were: **Sgt. Aaron M. Smith**, 25, of Manhattan, Kan. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y. and **Pfc. Brandon A. Owens**, 21, of Memphis, Tenn. He was assigned to the 118th Military Police Company, 503rd Military Police Battalion, 16th Military Police Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Staff Sgt. Thomas D. Rabjohn**, 39, of Litchfield Park, Ariz., died Oct. 3 in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of



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

— **Gen. George S. Patton**

wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated during an attempt to disarm it. He was assigned to the 363rd Explosive Ordnance Detachment, Coolidge, Ariz.

**Spc. Paul E. Andersen**, 49, of Dowagiac, Mich., died Oct. 1 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his camp using indirect fire. He was assigned to the 855th Quartermaster Company, South Bend, Ind.

Two Soldiers died Oct. 2 in Murcheh, Afghanistan, from wounds suffered when they were attacked by a suicide bomber. They were assigned to the 422nd Civil Affairs Battalion, Greensboro, N.C. Killed were: **Capt. Benjamin A. Sklaver**, 32, of Medford, Mass. and **Pfc. Alan H. Newton Jr.**, 26, of Asheboro, N.C.

## Postal Service requires zip code updating

### Hourglass Reports

The U.S. Postal Service is always updating zip codes or deleting zip codes or adjusting codes in some way. The attached is a way to fine tune the processing of military mail. It will help make processing in the distribution centers quicker and more efficient.

Kwaj and Roi have been assigned a CMR # (consolidated mail room-which identifies us more readily throughout the military). Kwaj is CMR #701. Roi is CMR #702.

All 'official mail' (meaning companies) will be using the zip+4. Kwajalein will be 9998 and Roi will be 9997.

The following is an example as to how mail to

Kwajalein and Roi residents should be addressed from now on:

Resident  
CMR #701 PO Box 691  
APO, AP 96555-0007 (Varies with P.O. Box #)

KRS  
Atten: Finance Department  
APO, AP 96555-9998

Residents are to advise persons and companies who send them mail on a frequent basis of the update in the resident's zip code. That will help with mail processing.

**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.

**PAYROLL LEAD, GRADE 8,** Berry Aviation seeks a motivated individual to perform the following responsibilities: management of all aspects of payroll and timekeeping including data entry, auditing, training, preparation of allotment checks, tax records/payments and the submittal and reconciliation of health insurance deductions. Other responsibilities include the arrangement of all company travel and the preparation and submittal of travel expense reports. Proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook. Delteck and ADP experience a plus. Interested individuals should submit a resume to Kathy Bull at [Kathy.Bull.ctr@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:Kathy.Bull.ctr@smdck.smdc.army.mil) or contact 54547 for additional information.

**WANTED**

**WORLDTEACH VOLUNTEER** seeking a sponsor for admission to Kwajalein facilities. As a retired professional chef, I can promise you some great meals in exchange for your kindness. Please contact Bill at [wbridgeford3@gmail.com](mailto:wbridgeford3@gmail.com).

**ADULT TRICYCLE** to borrow for visiting parent Oct 20-29. Please call Stephanie or John at 51596.

**GOLD-RIMMED GLASSES** with a Roi-Rat logo on them for ex-Kwaj residents Clarke and Louise Heon. Call Janis, 52319.

**WORKING PRINTER** and computer monitors, mice (hopefully laser) and keyboards for donation to Third Island school. This is a great opportunity to do something nice, upgrade your equipment and pass the old ones on to those who can use them. Contact George at 56268.

**HOUSE/BQ SITTING** for visiting family member Dec. 31-Jan. 15. Call Mike or Sandy, 54152 or 58990.

**FOUND**

**DRUM,** after Drum Circle Oct. 3, call to identify, Bill Williamson, 53068.

**POWERSHOT A530** digital camera at the Atoll Terminal on Kwaj. Camera secured at Airport Base Operations.

Contact 52131.

**SCUBA BOOTS** at Camp Hamilton. Call David at 50625 to identify them.

**PATIO SALE**

**MONDAY, 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,** Quarters 488-A. Children's clothes, adult clothes, luggage and dive suit.

**FOR SALE**

**PEBBLES FLINTSTONE** Halloween costume, brand new in the package, adult size regular, paid \$35, sell for \$25. Call 54168.

**SUN BIKE,** women's, excellent condition with basket and gooseneck, \$325; Burley bike trailer, aluminum frame, in good shape, fits two children, \$200 and microwave, \$50. Call 52642 and leave a message.

**KING SIZE PILLOW TOP** mattress, excellent shape, kept covered, bought new for \$760 in March 2009 and selling for \$500. Call Bob at 54612.

**CAPE DORY 19-foot** sailboat with mooring, \$1500; Schwinn, men's 26 inch bike, \$60; inflatable water wheel, four feet diameter, 2 feet width, used once, \$40; Columbia sandals, women's size 7, like new, beige, \$20 and Teva sandals, women's size 7, like new, blue/black, \$20. Call Charlie or Janis, 52319.

**KETTLE BBQ,** \$10; five-drawer filing cabinet, \$20; single folding chair, \$4; small two-drawer desk, \$20 and rolling microwave cart, \$20. Call 51421.

**OLD UPRIGHT PIANO,** \$100 or best offer. Call Lora at 54186.

**LARGE FISHING WEIGHTS,** hooks and leader for bottom fishing, one large downrigger weight, \$30 for all; big, beautiful potted plants, \$10 per pot and large wooden desk with storage shelves and drawers, good condition, \$20. Call 52823.

**FIBERGLASS, HIGH performance** boat, 21 feet, 225 HP Johnson plus 8 HP, boathouse 800 and trailer, includes lot with planted corn and pumpkin, \$6,790 and crown line fishing cruiser, 27 feet, 350 CU 5.7 mercruiser, plus 15 HP, boathouse 309 and trailer, \$19,700. Call 59662.

**SURFBOARD,** seven feet, two inches long, \$300; George Foreman grill, \$10; HP printer, \$10; Sun Bike Frame, \$50; waterproof housing for iPod Nano, second generation, \$20 and 40GB iPod Photo, \$50. Email [briannew1@hotmail.com](mailto:briannew1@hotmail.com).

**DVDS, FIREPLACE,** appliances, Playstation 2 with 50 games, best offer for all. Call Ron or Melissa at 52348.

**WATERFORD CRYSTAL,** six hocks/goblets and one Ship's Decanter, pattern Lismore. Call 55945.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS** FOR 2009-10 are now available to view online. Order forms will be sent home with students or are available on the website. Please call the school for user name and password or questions, 52011.

**THE VET'S HALL** is celebrating Oktoberfest at 7 p.m.

**Religious Services**

Catholic

Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small 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

Oct. 11. It is all about the beer! Special brews mixed with so much lederhosen, great music and good friends it will make you yodel! Home Brew contest with cash prizes! To sign up email [vets.hall@gmail.com](mailto:vets.hall@gmail.com).

**OCEAN VIEW 'Reggae Night'** from 7 p.m.-2 a.m., Oct. 12, following the Columbus Day Celebration at Emon Beach. DJ Shaggy will be playing reggae and dance music. Menu will include Jerk chicken wings, dirty rice and hot wings. Drink special of the night will be Rum Runner. Come out with your best Tie-Dye attire. Questions? Contact Eric Wills at 53338.

**KPD WILL BE CONDUCTING** a Pistol Range from 8-11 a.m., Oct. 13. Please observe the red flag hazard areas. If you have any questions, contact KPD Training at 54448.

**THE CHAPEL PRAYER QUILT** Ministry is holding a quilting workshop at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 13, in the REB. Learn the basics of quilting as well as how to "strip quilt". Ladies are welcome to sew on their own or help assemble prayer quilts. Fabric, most supplies and batting are available for prayer quilts, but if you have a portable sewing machine, please bring it. If you have any questions, please call Lora Kendrick at 54186.

**KSC MEETING** will be on Oct. 14 at the Pacific Club. The SCUBY-Snacks will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. Please come for the special feature after the meeting where Ben and Linn will share secrets for Galapagos island vacationing. Desserts and beverages to be served before the presentation. Questions, contact John Pennington 53290.

**JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH** Choir and Band Concert will begin at 7 p.m., Oct. 15, in the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room at the high school, featuring Concert Band, Choir, Junior Band and Stage Band.

**HIGH SCHOOL** volunteers are needed for the elementary school's Star Wars Night on Nov. 9. A meeting will be held at 5 p.m., Oct. 16 for volunteers. Questions? Call Amy LaCost, 52681, or Heidi

*Café Pacific*

**Lunch**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 17
Carved porkloin	Whole roast chicken	Chicken with mushroom	Chuckwagon sandwich	Southern fried chicken	Roast turkey with gravy	Roasted Iowa Chop
Herb chicken	Beef tips in Burgundy	Beef/peapod stir-fry	Stuffed cabbage	Short rib stew	Sage stuffing	Sesame ginger tofu
Meat/Cheese pizza	Ham Marco Polo	Eggs Benedict	Chicken Pot Pie	Red beans in broth	Beef/broccoli stir-fry	Chicken nuggets/BBQ
Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: N/A	Grill: N/A	Grill: Tuna melt	Grill: Chef's choice

**Dinner**

Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken fried chicken	Spaghetti	Meatballs Stroganoff	Sweet & Sour pork	Top round of beef	Roast pork	Pancake supper
Parker ranch stew	Veal Alfredo	BBQ chicken	Chicken Hekka	Caribbean coconut chicken	Beef/chicken enchiladas	Smoked beef brisket
Potato djour	Garlic seared Mahi	Spicy tofu with veggies	Korean Beef Steak	Baked pot/condiments	Texas style chili	Szechuan chicken stir-fry

# REGGAE ON THE ROCK **Oct. 12**

**9 a.m. - noon: Make your own tie-dye t-shirts**

**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Jamaican themed lunch provided by KRS Retail Services**

**Noon: Hacky Sack Challenge**

**1 p.m.: Kite flying & Volleyball pickup games**



Rowell, 51576.

BEER, BRATS AND BOWLING is 7-11 p.m., Oct. 17 at the Bowling Center. Free admission. \$2.25 per game. \$1.50 shoe rental. Adults only.

COME AND JOIN us to say farewell to Dr. Ron Ruggiero at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 18 at Emon beach Pavilion one. Bring a pupu to share and something to drink. Paper products will be provided.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 21, in the Coconut room of the Elementary school. The public is welcome. Questions, contact Lora Kendrick at 52011.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND, it is time to start discussing our theater program for the coming year. Join us for a meeting at 7 p.m., Oct. 22 in CRC Room 1.

CYSS YOUTH GOLF, new program open to boys and girls, ages 8 through grade six. Registration is open Sept. 29-Oct. 24. Program dates are Nov. 4-Dec. 18. Limited space available. START SMART GOLF open to boys and girls ages three to seven. Registration is open Sept. 29-Oct. 24. Program dates are Nov. 4-Dec. 9. Contact 52158 for registration information and 53796 for sports program information.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in joining our writers group, please contact Steve Golly at 55519.

THE NEXT KWAJALEIN Drum Circle will be Nov. 15.

AAFES IS SEEKING names and addresses of deployed family members and loved ones from the Kwajalein Community for our Patriot Tree to be unveiled on Nov. 11. If you would like to honor a family member or loved one serving our country in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, please submit their name and address at any AAFES Retail or Food Facility on Kwajalein or Roi Namur. You may also send us an email at [kovaskristina@aafes.com](mailto:kovaskristina@aafes.com), [mamarila@aafes.com](mailto:mamarila@aafes.com), or [sudderths@aafes.com](mailto:sudderths@aafes.com) Subject: Patriot Tree.

WEIGHT LOSS/MANAGEMENT class will be held at 4:30 p.m., every other Friday beginning Oct. 2 in the hospital conference room. Questions, call 55362.

FIBROMYALGIA/CHRONIC PAIN support group meets at 4:30 p.m., every first Thursday of the month in the hospital conference room. There is no charge. If you have questions, please call 55362.

AA MEETINGS on Roi-Namur are now being held at 1:30 p.m., every Wednesday, in the KEAMS Training Room at the Terminal Building. Call Bill, 52338 or Marion, 55362.

ATTENTION CANCER survivors. Are you interested in a monthly support group? Call Marion at 55362.



## hours of operation Tuesday, Oct. 13

### Kwajalein

Emon Beach.....	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
All other beaches.....	Buddy system
CRC/Raquetball Courts.....	7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Golf Course.....	Sunrise to sunset
Driving Range.....	Closed
Country Club.....	Closed
Hobby Shop.....	12:20 p.m.-5 p.m.
Ivey Gym .....	Cipher lock
Library.....	Closed
Adult pool.....	Buddy system
Family pool.....	11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Skate Park.....	Buddy system
Small Boat Marina .....	8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
ARC.....	noon-10 p.m.
Surfway.....	11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Shopette.....	7 a.m.-6 p.m.
Px and Pxtra.....	7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Laundry.....	Closed
Beauty/Barber.....	9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunrise Bakery.....	7 a.m.-noon
Ocean View Club.....	4:30 p.m.-11 p.m.
Post Office Kwaj... 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-5:30 p.m.	
Roi Post Office.....	Closed
Community Bank.....	Closed
Burger King.....	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Anthony's Pizza.....	11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Subway.....	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Baskin Robbins.....	noon-5 p.m.
American Eatery.....	9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Café Roi

### Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 17
Carved whole beef haunch	Grilled carne asada	Smokey BBQ beef	Turkey/cheese croissant	Tacos and burritos	Pork stir-fry	Cuban sandwich
Crispy fried chicken	Southwest chicken breast	Spicy buffalo wings	Lemon roast whitefish	Chicken fajitas	Hunan style fish	Ropa Vieja beef
Seared garlic salmon	Huevos rancheros	Brunch station open	Hamburger steak	Arroz Rojo	Hibachi chicken	Cuban pork stew

### Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 17
Beef/sausage lasagna	Whole roast chicken	Lamb and beef curry	Grilled flank steak	Lime cilantro pork	Roast pork	Braised beef shoulder
Spinach/mushroom lasagna	Beef Bourginonine	Orange chicken	Feta/herb stuffed chicken	Asian chicken	Roi fried chicken	Chicken parmesan
Pork cutlet picatta	Penne with vegetables	Spicy ginger cod	Butternut squash	Curried noodles	Cheddar cheese grits	Pasta ala Fiorentina



Photo by Sheila Bigelow

## A job well done

Back row, left to right, Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac, Sgt. David Neary, Pfc. Andrew Damon, Staff Sgt. Brian Haldeman, Pfc. Wesley Wilson, Spc. Britton Hall, Pfc. Robert Russell, Pfc. Kyle Steffic and Master Sgt. Charles George. Front row: Col. Frederick Clarke, Staff Sgt. John Geffert, Spc. Jeramy Bays, PV2 Anthony Varas, Spc. Christopher Mazerolle, PV2 Patrick Morales, Spc. Steven Martinez and Lt. Col. John Eggert. Col. Clarke presented the divers with Certificates of Appreciation and Commander's Coins for their work they did while on Kwajalein and Roi.



"The Midwest's all original hard roots Rock Reggae & Dub band."

## Armed Forces Entertainment presents: Natty Nation

8 p.m., Oct. 31 at the Roi Outrigger Club

7:30 p.m., Nov. 1 at the Richardson Theater

Be sure to attend Reggae on the Rock Oct. 12 at Emon beach to make your very own tie-dye t-shirt to wear to the show!

## Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NNE at 8-12.  
 Monday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: S at 5-8 knots.  
 Tuesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. Winds: ESE at 5-8 knots.  
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: E at 8-12 knots.  
 Thursday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: Light and variable.  
 Friday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: Light and variable.  
 Oct. 17: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. Winds: ENE at 5-8 knots.

Annual total: 48.27 inches  
 Annual deviation: -24.58 inches

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

### Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:38 a.m./6:45 p.m.	12:43 a.m./1:39 p.m.	8:31 a.m., 2.1' 4:15 p.m., 4.6'	2:43 a.m., 0.8' 2:07 p.m., 1.1'
Monday	6:38 a.m./6:45 p.m.	1:42 a.m./2:30 p.m.	11:19 a.m., 2.0' 11:37 p.m., 3.1'	4:58 a.m., 1.0' 4:40 p.m., 1.3'
Tuesday	6:38 a.m./6:44 p.m.	2:39 a.m./3:18 p.m.	1:04 p.m., 2.6'	6:46 p.m., 0.6' 6:43 p.m., 0.1'
Wednesday	6:38 a.m./6:44 p.m.	3:34 a.m./4:04 p.m.	1:04 a.m., 3.5' 1:54 p.m., 3.2'	7:41 a.m., 0.2' 7:46 p.m., 0.5'
Thursday	6:38 a.m./6:43 p.m.	4:27 a.m./4:48 p.m.	1:58 a.m., 3.9' 2:32 p.m., 3.8'	8:20 a.m., 0.2' 8:33 p.m., 0.1'
Friday	6:38 a.m./6:42 p.m.	5:19 a.m./5:33 p.m.	2:40 a.m., 4.2' 3:06 p.m., 4.3'	8:45 a.m., 0.5' 9:12 p.m., 0.4'
Oct. 17	6:38 a.m./6:42 p.m.	6:12 a.m./6:19 p.m.	3:17 a.m., 4.4' 3:38 p.m., 4.7'	9:26 a.m., 0.7' 9:49 p.m., 0.7'