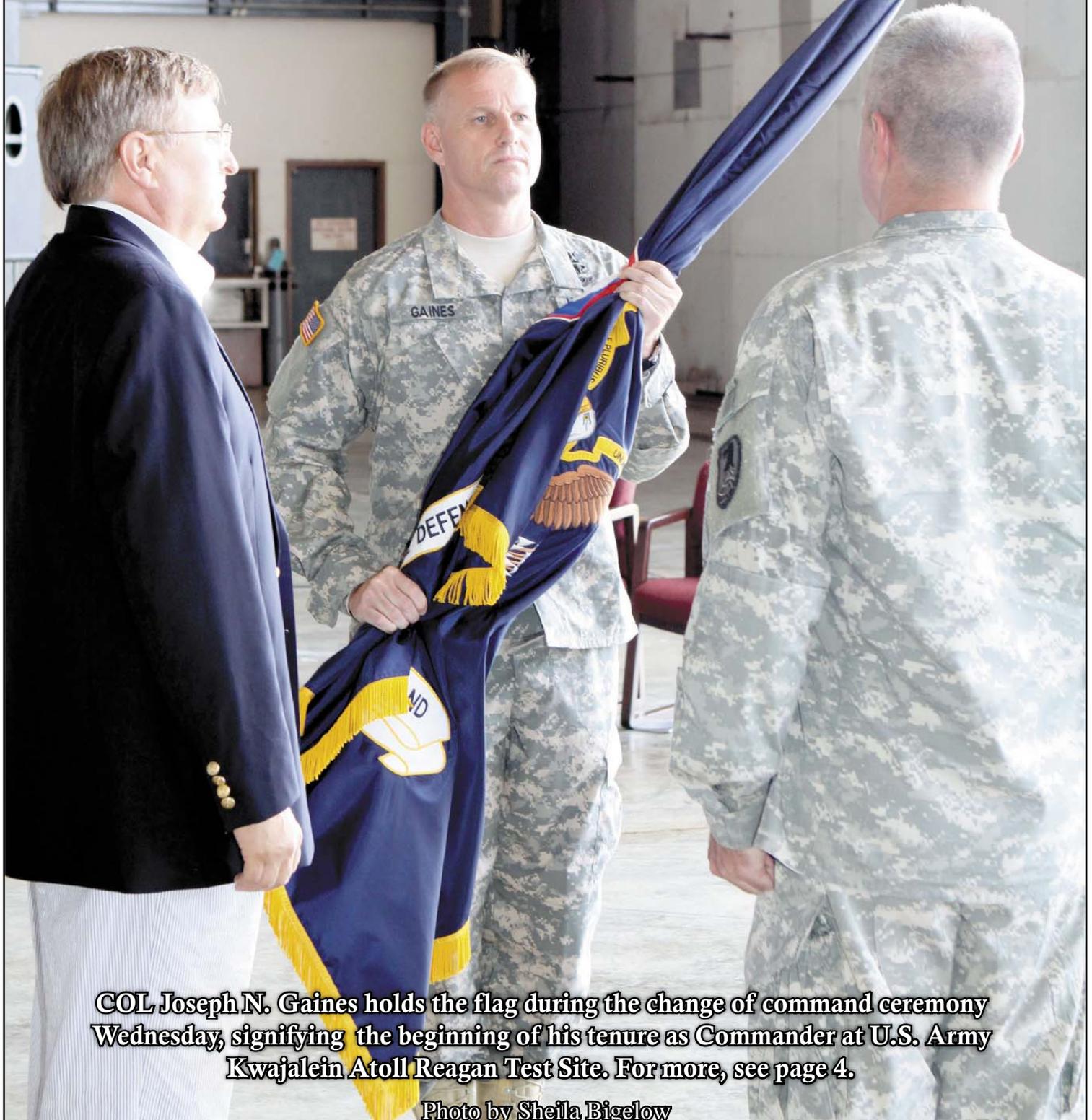


THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



COL Joseph N. Gaines holds the flag during the change of command ceremony Wednesday, signifying the beginning of his tenure as Commander at U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Reagan Test Site. For more, see page 4.

Photo by Sheila Bigelow

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

When I looked out on the beach this 4th of July, the picture made me think of one of my favorite songs, Louis Armstrong's *What a Wonderful World*. Amongst the crowd were friends and acquaintances all gathering to celebrate our Country's birthday and enjoy a day at the beach. This year we had a record setting 17 vendors pawning their wares at the coast – everything from local-made crafts, baked goods and jewelry to novelty shirts, towels and scuba gear was for sale. It was so fun to watch the bike parade flood the street with red, white and blue, the kids flinging themselves down the slippery surface of the Slip-n-Slide and trying their arms at the carnival games. Not many people realize the team effort it takes to pull off a community wide celebration.

For the record I would like to thank: Tom Davis and the Buildings and Grounds team, the Heavy Equipment Crew, the Marina and Small Boat Marina staffs, KPD, the fire fighters, KRS & USAKA Safety, Custodial, EOD, Shipping and Receiving, Hawaiian Pyrotechnics and everyone else that help support the fireworks show. Thank you to the Community Activities team for putting together such a nice event – the behind the scenes effort does not go unnoticed and it is a joy to work with you

all. I would also like to thank all of our volunteers that supported the event, the day of: Shari S., Don H., Ellyann N., Tiffany S., Shelby H., Shannon W., Mary M., Mary D., Renu, Dalton, Allison, Lizzie, Poupei, Nancy G., Jon N., DJ S., Mary Lou, Ray, Tom, Karen, Denise P., Tonya, Chief Dancy, Deb, Torrey, Capt. Ron and the Insane Gecko Posse: Julie, Mike, Will and Dan. If you see any of these folks, be sure to thank them as well.

Volunteers make good events great; they are the heart of the community. At the beach this 4th of July, amidst all the activity I realized how lucky I am to be a part of a true community. I appreciate the way that departments and individuals come together to make things happen – big things like fireworks shows and 4th of July celebrations and little things like BBQs on the beach.

Not taking much of a break, we are already beginning to plan for the Labor Day celebration which will be a joint effort with the ECCF. This year the Roi Chili Cook-off is coming to Kwaj! If you are interested in volunteering please contact Community Activities at 53331.

Truly,
Kim Yarnes
Community Activities Manager

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Our Adversaries
Put The Pieces
Of The Puzzle Together!**

THINK OPSEC



COL JOSEPH N.
GAINES

Introductory Meetings with
COL Joseph N. Gaines

- Kwajalein Community:
6:30-7:30 p.m., tonight, MP Room, Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School
- Marshallese Work Force Community: 1-2 p.m., July 14, Island Memorial Chapel

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COL Frederick S. Clarke awarded for accomplishments at USAKA/RTS

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Managing Editor

Community members and distinguished guests assembled at the fixed wing hangar Tuesday to recognize COL Frederick S. Clarke's achievements during his two-year tenure as USAKA/RTS Commander.

Guest speaker Debra Wymer, Director of the Test and War Fighter Solutions Center, was the first to discuss some of COL Clarke's accomplishments. "Thank you all for taking time out of your day today to help us as we honor COL Clarke and recognize some of his contributions in the past two years in USAKA/RTS. I've had the opportunity to work closely with Fred since October and it really has been a pleasure to have been a part of the USAKA/RTS team during that time."

Wymer explained some of COL Clarke's responsibilities as USAKA Commander. "For the past two years the range commanders have continued with the tradition of running a top notch, professional organization and I continue to get lots of positive feedback from our range customers on the level of professionalism shown by [Clarke] and [his] team. You [Clarke] have continued to not only meet, but exceed customer expectations for support here, so thank you and your team very much for continuing that excellence here at RTS. On the installation side, every day brought a new challenge and you rose to the occasion. You were very diligent in working the issues. When I was here last October I had a chance to visit with the [RMI] foreign minister and he told me it had been a pleasure working with you. You were a real partner in addressing those issues and that's exactly what we needed the commander to do. Thank you so much."

Wymer also expressed her thanks to Veronique Clarke, stating she made a real difference at Kwajalein. Veronique opened her home to visitors, community members and dignitaries. "It's not just that she had you over to her home, you really felt the warmth that she really wanted the people to be there."

Wymer then asked COL Clarke to join her at the podium so that he could receive his awards.

COL Clarke received a Legion Merit award from President Barack Obama for his service on Kwajalein. The award was given to him for his excellence in leadership and devotion to professionalism. Clarke also received his three-star note and coin on behalf of LTG Kevin T. Campbell.

COL Clarke then accepted an award on behalf of his wife, Veronique. She was given an Outstanding Civilian Service Award for her humility, approachability and caring dedication to the Soldiers and Families.

Ambassador Martha Campbell then took the podium to pay tribute to COL Clarke. She said that last summer while she was getting ready to come to the Marshall Islands as the Ambassador, she was told how great COL Clarke was by numerous people in the military and other agencies. "I had no idea how right they were; he has been just wonderful. He has been a fantastic leader



Debra Wymer presents COL Frederick Clarke his Legion Merit award from President Barack Obama for his service at USAKA/RTS the last two years.

here for the USAKA community. I'm sure I'm aware of only a tiny fraction of all the wonderful things he has done. He has become a warm and supportive friend to the Marshallese community. He and his staff have made wonderful improvements to procedures, to the quality of life here and to the laundry facility. He has been a source of great common sense and wisdom to me personally as we worked together through daily issues that we have conquered. Thank you Fred."

COL Clarke then took his turn at the podium to humbly thank those present for recognizing him. "I personally don't really like to be recognized like this but it makes us recognize the reason why we get awarded is not necessarily for all that we personally do, it's the team that surrounds us." Clarke says that the team at RTS, the Host Nations office, the embassy team and the Marshallese work force are just part of the tremendously talented family that works to make USAKA the best it can be.

COL Clarke voiced that Veronique and Savannah Clarke are an inspiration to him. They both enjoyed being part of the team here at Kwajalein, but grew especially close to the people here, and on Ebeye and En-niburr. Veronique only left island one time during their tenure here and when Clarke would try to drag her off with him more often she would tell him, "you've got to be kidding me, why would we ever want to leave here before it was time to leave?" Veronique and Savannah are in Europe visiting family they have not seen in a long time. "That's the place she should be," said Clarke, "with family. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much for everything everybody has done for us these last couple years. Thank you, komol tata."



The official party, outgoing USAKA/RTS Commander, COL Frederick S. Clarke, Deputy to the Commander for Research, Development and Acquisition, Dr. Steven Messervy, incoming USAKA/RTS Commander, COL Joseph N. Gaines and SGM Hohn Wolf, at the change of command ceremony Wednesday morning in the fixed wing hangar.

COL Joseph Gaines assumes command of USAKA/RTS from COL Frederick Clarke

Article and photos by Sheila Bigelow
Managing Editor

In a traditional Army change of command ceremony, COL Frederick S. Clarke relinquished command of U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll to COL Joseph N. Gaines. Clarke has been the commander of USAKA since July 31, 2008. The ceremony took place in the fixed wing hangar on Kwajalein Wednesday morning with over 200 guests attending.

James Caughie, master of ceremonies, welcomed distinguished guests and ladies and gentleman from the community to the change of command ceremony. The official party marched into the hangar and took their place next to the flag stand. The audience remained standing for the playing of the national anthems of both the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the United States.

Chaplain Rick Funk then read the Invocation. "On this day we honor those with the gift of leadership. Our departing Commander COL Clarke has exercised [this gift] to the benefit of our work and way of life. Commander COL Gaines, we anticipate that his gift of leadership will advance the mission of this command and the welfare of this community. Grant him wisdom and perseverance in this task."

Caughie then explained the mission of the Commander at USAKA to the audience. "The commander of USAKA/RTS is trustee of an internationally significant, three-fold mission. First, he is responsible

for the command, operation and modernization of a world class range – to test strategic and theater missile systems and support space operations. Secondly, he is charged with the responsibility to sustain a strong international partnership with our host nation, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through the promotion of mutually beneficial relations. Lastly, he must oversee and manage a remote, self-sufficient, quality installation and community."

At that time, a traditional Marshallese wut and yellow roses were presented to Dianne Reed, welcoming her to the command and the USAKA community. While not present, Caughie still expressed his thanks to Veronique Clarke for her outstanding support to the USAKA community.

The official party then rose for the exchanging of the flags. SGM Hohn Wolf delivered the SMDC flag to the group. Caughie stated, "The change of command ceremony is a time honored tradition transferring total responsibility, authority, and accountability from one commander to another. Procedures for the transfer of command were established nearly 200 years ago. It represents the orderly transition of power within the military from the outgoing commander to the incoming commander." SGM Wolf then passed the flag to COL Clarke. COL Clarke then passed the flag to Dr. Steven Messervy, Deputy to the Commander for Research, Development and Acquisition. This signified the end of COL Clarke's tenure as the Commander. Dr. Messervy then presented the colors to



Dr. Steven Messervy, right, passes the flag to COL Joseph Gaines, left, signifying the beginning of his tenure as Commander of USAKA/RTS.

COL Gaines, signifying the beginning of his tenure as Commander. COL Gaines then passed the colors back to SGM Wolf for safekeeping, who then placed the flag back in the stand.

The official party was seated and Caughie introduced the first guest speaker of the evening, Dr. Messervy. "It's really an honor for me to be here and participate in this event. It's nice to really take the time to honor COL Clarke and welcome COL Gaines. We just witnessed a time honored tradition within the U.S. Army and the Armed Services and that is to pass the colors from the outgoing Commander to the incoming Commander, which is the symbol of Command responsibility changing from one Commander to the next."

About COL Clarke, Messervy said, "COL Clarke has built a strong team here of Soldiers, civilians, contractors with the government and the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. He's led this organization with passion. In the two years of his Command, it was not always sunny with a tropical breeze. Many of you know the challenges that you face daily here and longer term challenges that we try to work together to solve. COL Clarke has never wavered; he's taken responsibility and COL Clarke's



SGM Hohn Wolf passes the colors to outgoing COL Frederick Clarke, signifying the end of his tenure as Commander at the change of command ceremony Wednesday.

legacy will always be with the many lives which he's influenced here. I can say here at headquarters we wish you, Vee and Savannah every success in the future. We're very fortunate to have COL Clarke stay with us within the SMDC family as he goes to his new assignment in Colorado Springs and he becomes the J3 for the JFCC-IMD."

"COL Joe Gaines is highly qualified to take command here today. We are also happy to welcome his lovely wife Dianne." Messervy pledged not only his support, but support from all of SMDC in order to keep Gaines' command on Kwajalein synced with SMDC's mission in order to assure he is successful.

The next guest speaker was Casten Nemra, Chief Secretary, Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. "Naturally we often find ourselves reflective at how things were two years ago and looking forward of what's to come over the next two years," he said. Just a few days before the ceremony, Nemra looked back on the list of projects that were completed in the past two years in conjunction with USAKA

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New laundry facility now open for Marshallese workers to use

Article and photos by Sheila Bigelow
Managing Editor

The grand opening for the brand new laundry facility was held June 2. Representatives from U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Reagan Test Site, Kwajalein Range Services, AAFES and the Republic of the Marshall Islands were present for the ribbon cutting and the tour of the new facility.

“First of all, welcome to the ceremony,” COL Clarke said to the attendees. He described the new laundry facility as a win-win. “We can bring a service closer to the Dock Security Checkpoint and improve it 100 times better than we had before. If you’ve ever been to the old facility, you know that it served its purpose but it was bare minimum. This new facility will be tremendously beneficial to some of the challenges and needs that we have in our community. So many thanks to a lot of people. First of all, let me thank Senator Kabua for coming and joining us for this event. Thank you to KRS for building a world class facility. Thank you to AAFES for agreeing to manage the facility. Without further ado, we will go ahead and



Left to right, Kris Kovas, Iroj Senator Kabua, COL Frederick Clarke and Dave Norwood cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new laundry facility located next to Dock Security Checkpoint on July 2.

cut the ribbon. With that, please feel free to come on in and take a look at the new facility. Thank you.”

COL Clarke, Iroj Senator Kabua, Kris Kovas and

New Laundry Facility



The new laundry facility is spacious and convenient for Marshallese workers. It is now adjacent to Dock Security Checkpoint which will alleviate the need to haul laundry onto USAKA.



A group checks out the new laundry facility July 2.

Dave Norwood then cut the ribbon, signifying the opening of the new laundry facility.

Funding was provided to allow USAKA to build this more secure facility. Also, by moving the laundry inside the DSC area, Marshallese workers are no longer inconvenienced by having to haul their laundry to the facility. They now just have to carry it a short distance from the boat and across the dock.

The new facility is much more spacious and has a significantly larger working area. There are two large tables to fold and sort laundry and over 100 storage spaces to contain laundry at their convenience. There are benches and a seating area, a change machine, phone and a sink to wash your hands.

AAFES has installed two snack and two beverage vending machines along with an entire machine pro-



Mike Sam examines new washers and dryers at the grand opening of the new laundry facility July 2.

viding laundry detergent. A flat screen TV was also provided, courtesy of AAFES. There is a men's and women's restroom and an attendant will be staffed during various hours of operation, both of which are not normally provided at an installation laundry facility, according to Kovas.

There are plans for landscaping around the building and Quality of Life has been asked to fund the construction of a small shaded structure outside the facility for workers to sit or stand under while using the Laundry; neither plan has been finalized at this time.

With the construction of the new facility, the bike racks for the DSC have been moved behind the tennis courts. Access to the Bargain Bazaar has also changed. Kwajalein residents will now have to go through DSC in order to enter the Bargain Bazaar; the procedure is simple and speedy.

Old Laundry Facility



The old laundry facility was far from the Dock Security Checkpoint. Marshallese workers were inconvenienced by having to haul their bags from DSC to this facility. The old facility was too small but the new Laundromat is much more spacious.



Recreation and Programs Manager, Mandie Morris, leads this year's colorful bike parade.

U.S.A. freedom celebrated with food and friends at Emon beach



This volunteer in charge of overseeing Plinko celebrates with his latest winner.

Article and photos by Hannah Fronzak
Associate Editor

It doesn't take a nuclear physicist to figure out just why Independence Day ranks so high in many Kwajalein residents' lists of favorite holidays. Between the beach, games, fireworks, vendors and good ol' Kwaj BBQ, what's not to love?



Insane Gecko Posse gave two well-attended and appreciated performances throughout the day.



Different groups played beach volleyball throughout the entire day.

But as you review your Independence Day weekend, I encourage you to also remember the reason behind the celebration. If not for that fateful day in 1776, and the combined wisdom and bravery of those 56 men who cooked up and signed the Declaration of Independence, our lives would be very different today. As it is now, we are free; free-speaking, free-thinking, free from countless sources of taxation and other limitations, such as taking tea every afternoon. And it's all because settlers in the New World were daring enough to declare our freedom and lay their lives



Community Services Manager Torrey Landers helps children back on shore after an exhilarating banana boat ride.

down in pursuit of that freedom in the war that resulted.

To honor that, hordes of U.S. citizens everywhere glory in a host of traditions every July 4. On Kwajalein this includes the normal wearing and displaying our red, white and blue colors and setting off fireworks, as well

as the more unusual beach party, drum circles, beach volleyball and baggo tournaments.

The day kicked off with Bridget Helm fearlessly singing our national anthem completely a

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Jim Bishop was only one of the 17 vendors who came to the Independence Day celebration to display and sell their wares.



Mike Bertram participates in the competitive Baggo tournament.

I3MP project comes to a successful end

Article and photos by Sheila Bigelow
Managing Editor

The Installation Information Infrastructure Modernization Program initiative at U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll was implemented with the goal of providing increased but secure communications capacity and capability for USAKA. The project implementation began in July 2008. On June 30, members from the I3MP program and their families met to celebrate the end of the project.

"We have successfully come to a completion point as far as the main objective for the Army is concerned," said James Caughie at the end of project ceremony. "The I3MP program is a big Army funded garrison-type project that takes care of the network infrastructure. We're not a normal base as most people know and I want to thank the original IP3 lead for the program and John Bove for working with us here at Kwaj." Caughie also thanked Dave Burtless, the program manager for Verizon, for his team's flexibility and willingness to modify and bend where they could, to help design a network that would help support the mission here at USAKA/RTS.

Verizon Federal Systems was the lead integrator with a support team that included DasNet Corporation, San Juan Construction, Wakelight Technologies and Cannon Construction, with assistance from USAKA and Kwajalein Range Services. "We appreciate the way the teams worked together," Caughie commented. "Absolutely the key to this project was the Verizon team working with COL [Frederick] Clarke and his staff and the KRS leadership; it really took everyone working together to make this happen. We had a number of challenges...but we were able to work through all of that."

John Bove, the Integrated Product Team leader, told the audience that he was both happy that the program had come to a successful end, but also sad they are all about to go their separate ways. "We came together as a team," said Bove.



Brianne McDonald receives her award for Exceptional Performance in the Implementation of the I3MP Project from David Burtless, Program Manager for Verizon, at the end of I3MP project ceremony June 30.

"We built ourselves up together as a team. We overcame all of the hurdles as a team and we delivered the I3MP infrastructure here at Kwajalein." Bove thanked COL Clarke, commending his staff's dedication and time they put in on the project.

COL Clarke addressed the audience and expressed his thanks for all the hard work that was done. "This is not my first I3MP program and it's never easy. We really appreciate that your team was able to work so well with our team. I think we significantly improved the infrastructure on this installation. We not only provide a better capability for the range, but we also provide better capability for the quality of life on Kwajalein, which is just as important. So from the Command to you all, thank you, we really appreciate it."

Bove represented COL David Thompson at the ceremony to recognize key contributors and give out award letters. "He [COL Thompson] sincerely appreciates the effort that everyone put forth," Bove told team members.

The first recognition went to James Caughie. "On behalf of COL David Thompson, I would like to

take this opportunity to express my appreciation and commend Mr. James Caughie for his outstanding support as USAKA point of contact. He played a central role that led to the successful implantation at USAKA." Bove stated that Caughie provided exemplary technical support to the team, helped to resolve conflicts and overcome challenges. His leadership skills and dedication to the project were greatly appreciated.

Dave Gibbons, the on-site program manager, was honored next. "I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and commend Mr. Dave Gibbons for his extraordinary efforts and outstanding job performance," Bove read aloud. "He demonstrated the superb project management and leadership skills needed to successfully implement and integrate a highly sophisticated and technically challenging information and communications technology solution at USAKA."

Next, Brianne McDonald was presented with her award letter. "Her contributions enabled the Integrated Product Team to complete Kwajalein's product on schedule and under budgetary constraints."



Left to right, COL Frederick Clarke, Jeff Beavers, Dave Salley and David Burtless listen as John Bowe reads aloud a letter of recognition for Jeff Beavers, Quality Assurance technician, for his work on the I3MP project.

McDonald was also given an additional plaque for Exceptional Performance in the Implementation of the I3MP Project.

Caughie added that, “Brienne will be out here for the next two years, carrying on and supporting the system and helping the folks out here with any issues that they might have. She has a reach back to Verizon and to Wakelight should you need any assistance out here.”

Bowe next recognized Hatim Azzam. “Mr. Azzam and his team were instrumental in bringing the I3MP project to a successful conclusion. I would like to commend Mr. Azzam for a job well done.”

Bernard Berja, Network Engineer for DasNet, was recognized next by Bowe. “I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr. Berja for his outstanding job performance. As a member of the Integrated Product Team, Kwajalein Atoll, Dasnet Corporation’s network engineer demonstrated superb technical ability ensuring that the networks were configured for high performance and compliant with various system technical security guards. His technical expertise and workmanship...led to a successful conclusion.”

Rob Scofield was the Lead Engineer for the I3MP project. “Rob is a key guy here,” Bowe explained to the audience. “His leadership reflects great credit on the Integrated Product Team, United States Army information systems engineering activity. He was really great at trying to bring everything together. It was really above and beyond the regular things he was called to do for us.”

Jeff Beavers was given his award letter next. “In recognition of exceptional support and unwavering dedication to United States Army Kwajalein Atoll I3MP program, as Quality Assurance technician, Mr. Beavers’ application of knowledge and technical expertise ensured that all installed equipment and systems performed to desired and product specification.”



COL Frederick Clarke congratulates Bernard Berja, network engineer, on a job well done for the successful completion of the I3MP project.

Caughie added that, “We had a full-time QA person on this project which is not typical for I3MP. Having someone like Jeff [Beavers] here...for the past two years has just been fantastic.”

James Hall was not present but his award letter was read aloud and accepted on his behalf. “We had a lot of hurdles we had to overcome. James knew the business, helped us through it, worked with our people and helped us get to the end.” Hall helped with the redesign and with security issues.

Caughie explained where the program is to go from here. “There’s still a bit more that we need to do here at Kwaj to optimize the network and really make us where we want to be as far as the mission data network is concerned. We’ve had some challenges as we always do with anything out here on Kwaj and we’ve been able to work through things and really it’s one of the better projects I’ve been involved with.”

Now that the infrastructure has been installed, USAKA will now look to provide increased and secure communications capacity for the whole of Kwajalein.

Bargain Bazaar seeks continued support

By Jenny Norwood
Contributor

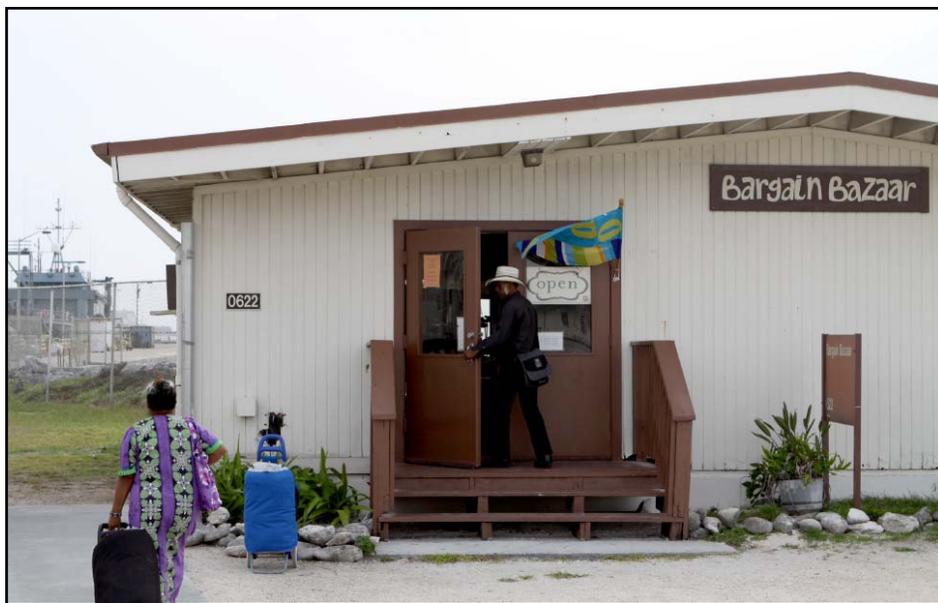
The Bargain Bazaar wants everyone to know that we are still open for business. Now that we are part of the newly fenced area near Dock Security Checkpoint, it will just take a little more effort to reach us, but we are asking the Kwajalein community to continue with the same great support you have given us in the past. Please remember the profits from the Bargain Bazaar go to help schools on Ebeye through the educational grants of the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club.

We are actually anticipating an increase in the number of our RMI shoppers now that we will be neighbors with the new Laundromat. We are appealing to the Kwajalein community to continue to provide the gently-used items we need to stock the store.

Here's how you can reach us to drop off your donations:

If you have a load that is easy to carry, simply take it into the DSC, pass through the security screening and turn right outside of the building to enter the fenced corridor that leads to the Bargain Bazaar and new Laundromat area. Come right on into the store and drop off your donation.

If you have larger items or too much to carry, just go into the DSC and ask one of the dock security workers to unlock the gate to the fenced area for you. That will give you easy access to



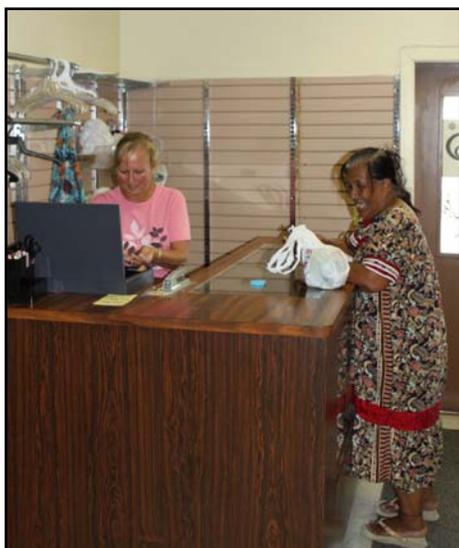
The renovation near the Bargain Bazaar and Laundromat still makes it easy for patrons to shop and drop off donations.

the Bargain Bazaar. You can unload and be on your way again in just a short time.

If you just want to shop at the store, you will also need to enter through the DSC. Note that the Bargain Bazaar has an open sign and flies a flag in front of the shop when they are open.

The store is open fewer hours in the summer due to the limited number of

volunteers available for staffing. The Bargain Bazaar is in need of more volunteers to work at the store. The store is staffed by members of the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club. Newcomers to Kwajalein are encouraged to contact Ruth Quigley, the YYWC President, at 55607 for more information about volunteer opportunities available through the club that benefit schools on Ebeye and throughout the RMI.



Volunteer Teresa Young helps a customer make a purchase at the Bargain Bazaar.



Volunteer Barb Fronzak walks through the newly fenced area by the Bargain Bazaar.



A customer looks through books at the Bargain Bazaar last week.

World War I veteran awarded Purple Heart 101 years later

By SPC V. Michelle Woods
DoD News

In April 1917, President Woodrow Wilson called on Americans to face the freezing, muddy trenches and deadly chemical weapons of the Great War in an effort to make the world safe for democracy. With courage and bravery, American citizens left the peaceful U.S. soil to engage an enemy thousands of miles away.

CPL Gus Bishop, then a 20-year-old Kentucky native, chose to fight beside his fellow countrymen. He was severely injured by gunfire during the Meuse-Argonne Campaign, Sept. 26, 1918.

Through the efforts of his grandson, nine decades later, Bishop was awarded a Purple Heart for his injuries sustained in the largest American-led offense of World War I.

MAJ Donald Bishop, officer in charge of communications, 1st Sustainment Brigade, grandson of CPL Bishop, said he began searching for his grandfather's military records in an effort to find out about his military history.

"A couple years back I started digging around trying to find his records", said Donald. "I didn't get them for the purpose of getting him a Purple Heart. It was something I wanted, just to try and dig in and try to find some stuff about him."

Through the help of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, Donald said he was able to obtain Gus's records.

The records stated Gus enlisted in the Army in September of 1917, and arrived in France in May of 1918. He was attached to the 39th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Division and Company E, 318th Infantry Regiment, 80th Infantry Division.

He was credited with serving in the Fort-le-Fere engagement, Battle of Saint Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne Campaign. He left France in May of 1919, and was honorably discharged in June of 1919.

Donald, a Kentucky native, said while going through Gus's records, he realized Gus was not awarded the Purple Heart for his injury.

The Purple Heart is awarded to servicemembers who are wounded while conducting combat operations. The award wasn't created until after World War I, however, all military servicemembers who were wounded after April 5, 1917 are eligible to receive the award.

After doing research, Donald said he learned his grandfather was qualified to receive the Purple Heart and, regardless of how long ago his service was, felt he deserved it.

"I think you ought to take care of Soldiers regardless of how long it's been," said Donald. "The fact that the grandson could do it, I thought was a pretty big honor."

Donald said he didn't remember much about his grandfather because he died when he was 8-years-old.

"He was pretty quiet," said Donald. "My mom says he was always a really nice man and good to everybody. I just remember him always pretty calm, sitting back enjoying life."

"I can remember him talking about being shot but not any of the details," said Donald.

Donald said his grandfather was known for telling stories and embellishing, so he wasn't sure if his World War I story



MAJ Donald Bishop, with the 1st Sustainment Brigade, holds the picture of his grandfather CPL Gus Bishop who was severely injured at the battle of the Meuse-Argonne in World War I. (Photo by CPT Y. Daniel Hosaka)

was exaggerated. "Until a few years ago I never knew if he was just telling tall tales or not," said Donald

Donald said he was happy once he was able to verify his grandfather's story by reviewing his military records.

Although his grandfather wasn't boastful, Donald said he believes he was proud of his service during World War I.

"I know he kept all of his stuff," said Donald. "I can remember seeing his uniform and even his little doughboy helmet. The fact that he kept it hanging in the closet makes me think he obviously had some pride."

After pursuing his grandfather's award for two and a half years, Donald was notified by his wife that his grandfather's certificate, orders and Purple Heart had arrived to their Fort Leavenworth, Kan., home on June 18, 2010.

Donald said he would like to put his medal with the rest of his grandfather's Army-issued gear from World War I and frame the certificate. He is considering donating it to a museum.

Donald said he wants his grandfather to get recognition for his services and wants to make sure his grandfather isn't forgotten.

"I would hate that, after my generation, for it to just be stuck in a locker in an attic somewhere," said Donald. "There's a World War I museum in Kansas City. I would like to get it put in there."

More than 92 years after getting wounded, CPL Gus Bishop was rightfully awarded the Purple Heart, and thanks to his grandson's efforts, will forever be remembered as an American hero.

"It makes me proud that I could do that for him," said Donald. "It makes me happy to do it for my grandfather this many years later. It is pretty special."

under Clarke's command and he was pleased at how long the list was.

"COL Clarke, thank you for your generosity, professionalism and excellent leadership. Thank you for consulting with us on issues of mutual interest. We greatly appreciate your time, your listening and more, your understanding. We also thank you for applying what is a basic common sense and fair approach. We are very grateful for all the support and assistance you have provided. On a personal note, as someone who often meets and sits on the other side of the table with you, COL Clarke, you have my utmost gratitude and respect as a fellow human being. Our best wishes to you and your family. To COL Gaines, we wish to welcome you and your family to the Marshall Islands. We look forward to working with you. I want to assure you of our commitment to you and your team in the spirit of a strong partnership. Simply put, what is good for USAKA is good for the RMI and its people and what's good for the RMI and its people is good for USAKA."

COL Clarke then took the podium to express his thanks and well wishes to those he had worked with over the past two years and those he's only had the privilege of working with for just a short time. He thanked SMDC for their support and fellow USAKA staff for their hard work and guidance on day to day issues. He thanked PACOM for their projects they brought to Ebeye and Enniburr. Clarke expressed gratitude to the school administrators and teachers. "You bring hope to our children's futures. Nothing brings our communities closer together than your efforts with our children." Clarke thanked the medical staff for "taking care of us in less than favorable facility conditions. With direction from SMDC and some of the leadership that is sitting here today, \$2.5 million will be programmed for interim repairs to our facilities as we continue to work toward a new hospital."

Clarke recognized Reagan Test Site and LTC John Eggert. He expressed appreciation to the Host Nations team and the numerous groups who consistently reach out to the community and volunteer for charitable events. "You are what makes a great community for neighbors to Kwajalein and Roi."

Clarke ended by giving credit to the incoming commander and his family. "Joe and Dianne Gaines are no strangers to SMDC. There is no one more confident and committed than Joe Gaines. He is not only one of the best in his field of expertise but a Soldier that is known for his love of country and the people that he serves. I wish the Gaines family, the Command and the community the very best. From my family and from my heart, komol tata."

Lastly, incoming Commander COL Gaines addressed the audience. "It's an honor and a privilege to be selected to command such a special base with a unique mission of national importance. It's a charge I promise to take very seriously over the next two years. It's also a privilege to be working with the most talented and dedicated work force of Soldiers, civilians, contractors and host nation personnel anywhere in the Department of Defense. I can tell you that the



COL Frederick Clarke receives well wishes from Doreen Matsunaga and Vic Angoco at the change of command ceremony Wednesday morning.

team here in Kwajalein has a well-earned reputation for getting the job done despite the challenges thrown in their path. That's something that I really want to be a part of. I'm especially excited to be working with the Marshallese leadership and the community. I look forward to building a strong partnership that COL Clarke has fostered during his tenure here."

COL Gaines then took the time to recognize COL Clarke for his exceptional support during the transition of commanders. Upon being informed Gaines would take command at USAKA, Clarke invited Gaines to tour the facilities and meet some of the staff he would be working with. "You might think this is the norm in the Army, but let me assure you it's not," Gaines stated. "Fred Clarke is an exceptional guy. For the last year Fred has done his best to keep me informed of the actions going on here so I'd be better prepared for this command. I look forward to meeting and working with each and every one of you and your families in the upcoming months. I promise you all my best effort for you and your families as we move forward in the future."

At that time, the audience rose for the playing of the *Air Defense Artillery March*, the *Army Song* and the departure of the official party. Both COL Clarke and COL Gaines held a receiving line so distinguished guests and community members could express their farewells, welcomes and well wishes.

cappella. After the applause had finally died down, keynote speaker COL Frederick Clarke took the stage. He thanked everyone for coming and encouraged them to enjoy the weekend. "Summer's in full swing and it's time to enjoy a few days off," he said.

After praising the Kwajalein workforce for their contributions, Clarke reminded the audience of the history of the day and the resulting legacy of the citizen-soldier. He then gave a

few safety reminders, echoed by Community Activities Manager Kim Yarnes, and set the crowd loose to enjoy the day.

This year's celebration was unique in that party-goers could look through the wares of no less than 17 different vendors, who sold everything from pottery to jewelry to scuba gear and novelty t-shirts. The Swanby family was kept on their toes the entire day as people lined up for their beloved red, white and blue

themed shaved ice.

An intense Baggo tournament was held next to the large pavilion (tournament results are on page 17) and volleyball was played by different groups throughout the day. On the whole, this Fourth of July was yet another fun, flawless and well-planned event by Community Activities with the help of many volunteers and organizations island-wide.



This player throws a well-aimed softball at three heavy metal bottles in an attempt to knock them over and win a prize. This was just one of the many games at the Independence Day celebration.



These children were seized with the spirit of giving and celebration on this holiday.



COL Clarke was the keynote speaker at the opening ceremony for the Fourth of July.



Diane Swanby gives a delicious red snow cone to her visiting father while passing a napkin to another customer. The Swanby family was kept busy the entire day serving red, white and blue snow cones to customers.

Kwajalein Amateur Radio Club members acquire new licenses

Hourglass Reports

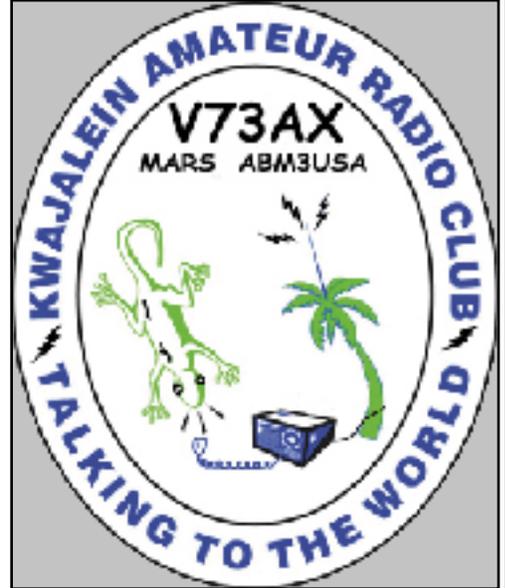
The Kwajalein Amateur Radio Club takes pleasure in congratulating our amateur radio operators who obtained new licenses or upgraded their operating license privileges:

- Adam Struppeck – Technician Class
- Dave Kemper – Technician Class
- Michael McLaughlin – Technician Class
- Chuck Corway – General Class
- Bob Swanson – General Class

Special thanks to volunteer examiners Jack Carey, Rob Struppeck, Ivy Springer and Jack Bolen, who administered the exam.

The Kwajalein Amateur Radio Club has existed since the 1960's and truly does "talk to the world," as their logo proclaims. In the past, they have bounced ham radio signals off the moon to talk to people as far away as France. If a natural disaster such as a typhoon or storm surge wiped out all communications on Kwajalein, the Ham Shack would be the only means of talking with the outside world.

So if you're tired of the same old AFN programming, searching for a DVD at the store or surfing our molasses-like Internet, take a look through that window to the world and check out the Radio Club. Contact Chuck Corway at 51481 (office) or 52819 (home) if you're interested in becoming an amateur radio operator.



Sam Gorham and Jack Bolen listen to radio signals during a Kwajalein Amateur Radio Club meeting (photo by Dan Adler).



SUMMER SOFTBALL LEAGUE



TOURNAMENT RESULTS



PLAYOFF GAME

BENCHWARMERS 8
BRET 5

CHAMPIONSHIP
GET ALONG GANG 15
BENCHWARMERS 5



Independence Day Baggo Tournament Results



Champions: Jon Robello and Dave Gray
Runners-up: TC Cassiday and Mike Bertram

NOTABLE ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS



Brent Peterson aced the Par 3 6th hole July 5 on Kwaj with a Pitching wedge in 25-knot winds.

Witnesses were Dave Norwood, Rick Young, Larry Cavender and Jeff Fronzak.

Brian Masumoto aced the Par 3 7th hole July 4 on Roi with a 9-iron. It has been eight years since a hole-in-one on Roi-Namur.

Witnesses were Dale Sponseller, Marty Bazar, Val Bazar, Stanley Lomae and Jerry Wilken.

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 Terminal/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.

LOST

LADIES SUNGLASSES, large black frame, Maui Jims. Call Kim 53680

TIGER COWRIE from plant from Quarters 410-A. Please return to back patio, no questions asked.

ROXY IPOD speakers, pink and brown, zips with two IPODs inside. Belongs to two sad teens. Please call 54520.

FOUND

BOSE REMOTE at Emon Beach last weekend. If

Religious Services

Catholic

5:30 p.m., Saturday, in Island Memorial Chapel
9:15 a.m., Sunday, in Island Memorial Chapel.

Protestant

8 and 10:45 a.m., Sunday, on Kwaj.
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 CRC, 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.



KPD will conduct a public auction at 2 p.m., July 19, at the Kwajalein Police Department. Items to be actioned are: 34 bicycles, three bicycle trailers, six bags of laundry, Japanese fishing beacon, vacuum cleaner and iPod Touch. More detailed information regarding the items for auction or the auction process is available by contacting the Property Custodian, Officer Joe Lagman, between 6 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at 54445.

this belongs to you please contact me at 59810 for its return.

WANTED

80 VOLUNTEERS needed for the Roi-Namur Chili Cook Off at Emon Beach on September 6. To volunteer, contact Laura Pasquarella-Swain at 56638 or Joe Coleman at 55130. If we do not get volunteers, there will not be a chili cook off. Please volunteer!

OUTBOARD MOTOR, 25hp to 40hp. Call 55391 or 59056.

KWAJALEIN SCHOOLS is soliciting bids for an on-island photographer to take individual and class pictures for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. If interested, please pick up the specification of requirements at the high school office. Questions, call Anne at 52011.

FOR SALE

VIZIO 22 INCH Widescreen LCD TV (VA220E), 2 HDMI inputs, VGA connection for computer, remote, \$270; custom built computer 3GHz CPU, 500GB HD, Windows XP, Office 2003 Professional, \$300. Call Bob or Connie at 50937 or 50165.

MICROWAVE OVEN, \$40. Call William at 50944.

BLACK SUN CHOPPER, raised handlebars, rear basket, decent condition, \$225. Call 52434.

MEN'S BIKE; ladies rollerblades, size 7-8); 400 series blinds, five each; Burley and Rubbermaid bike trailers; four-slice toaster; nautical shelf with matching curtain/valances and upright vacuum cleaner. Call 55590 in the evening or 53417 in the daytime.

RED 2002 SEADOO and boat shack lot 30, Ryan Wagner's old shack, \$2,500; Lamborghini female

bike, \$75; 2008 male Sun bike, \$100. Call 52279 or 54488 or e-mail Brianne.l.mcdonald@gmail.com.

SUN BIKE, \$50 and plants \$2-\$5. Call 54586.

SET OF THREE matching lamps, one floor and two table lamps, \$35; fit ball, \$8 and set of two decorative pillows, 14x14 inches, gold with black pattern, \$15. Call 52853.

32" SONY TRINITRON TV, \$150; 10x10 feet tan sunshade with mounting hardware, never used, \$75; microwave, \$25; Blue La-z-boy couch with dark brown slip cover, \$150 and custom chopper bike, \$250. Call 54322 or 52623.

BENCH FOR shower/bathtub and rails that attach to your toilet, \$20 for both. Call 52525 and leave a message.

PLANTS, \$3, \$5, \$10. Quarters 465-A.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, black metal single bed with storage and pillow top mattress, five CD/cassette stereo, black adjustable metal shelving desk, matching black cloth chair, bookcases. Call 54184 before 9 p.m. PCS sale.

ELECTRIC YOGURT MAKER, \$25; wake board, \$50; ladies three ml Pinnacle wet suit new with tag size 12/14, \$100; iPod classic, like new, \$150 and three-shelf wood bookcase, \$30. Call 53680.

GOLF CLUBS, irons (3 thru PW, Big Bertha Hawkeye Driver, 3W, 5W, crazy 2Gi Ping Putter) and Ba, \$75. Call 52927.

SONY TV, 27 INCH, \$200; free blinds for 400 series housing and dish washer, \$200. Call 55464.

CAL 20 SAILBOAT, good condition, includes sails, storage shed with tools, and outboard kicker motor, new mooring lines recently installed,

Café Pacific

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	July 17
Carved sauerbraten	Chicken fried steak	Monte cristo wrap	Breaded pollock	Mexican Fiesta	Salisbury steak	Sweet & sour pork
Chicken schnitzel	BBQ chicken	Spaghetti	Braised short ribs	BYO burrito/tacos	Chicken stew	Chicken cordon bleu
Bratwurst/sauerkraut	Quiche lorraine	Eggplant parmesan	Indonesian pork	Chorizo enchiladas	Vegetable stir-fry	Pepperoni/cheese pizza
Grill: brunch station open	Grill: brunch station open	Grill: N/A	Grill: hot dog	Grill: N/A	Grill: N/A	Grill: Ranchero burger
Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Short rib stew	Minute steak	Cajun roast beef	Roast pork	Beef with Au Jus	Beef lasagna	Pancake supper
Fajita chicken	Chef's choice entrée	Island jerk chicken	Thai chicken	Onion rings	Mushroom lasagna	Fried chicken
Chef's choice entrée	Chicken sukiyaki	Savory island rice	Vegetable egg foo young	Char broiled chicken	Ratatouille	Scalloped potatoes

THUMBS DOWN

To the boaters that threw their Bud Light cans overboard at beautiful Bigej. Scuba divers picked them up for you.

\$5000. Call 51357 or 50617 for more information.

WOMEN'S & MEN'S clothes, \$2; sheet sets, \$5; shoes, \$1; ice cream machine, \$5 and kids Wii games, \$10. Call 50165 or come to Dome 165.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

COME DANCE and enjoy Variety Night Music from 7-10 p.m., tonight, at the Ocean View.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB meeting, 7 p.m., July 14, in CRC Room 1. This is a Dues and Constitution Meeting. Read the proposed constitution posted on the Kwajalein Scuba Club website under the Forms tab and be prepared to vote on the changes. "Why We Need Nitrox" presentation by Lisa Shier. Bring your Dive Computer to the meeting for an extra point.

BINGO NIGHT at the Pacific Club is July 15. Card sales begin at 5:30 p.m., Bingo play begins at 6:30 p.m. Blackout completion; 54 numbers \$1,400 payout; Windfall completion at 31 numbers \$2,000 payout. Must be 21 to enter and play; bring your ID. Come out and have some fun with us. Questions, contact Erik Wills 53338.

KARAOKE NIGHT FRIDAYS at Ocean View 8 p.m. Come join us for drinks, singing and pupu's. Questions, contact Erik Wills at 53338.

BEGINNING JULY 16 the ARC will be operating with a cipher lock system. Hours of availability will be 9 a.m.-midnight. Please call the CA Office at 5-3331 for lock combination and further questions.

'UNDER THE SEA Shrimp Boil Buffet' Country Club 17 July 6:30pm. Menu to include Shrimp Boil, Garden Salad, Jalapeño Cheddar Biscuits, Crab Cakes and Chocolate Chip Pecan Cream Horns for dessert. Bus Service will be provided from Ocean View starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for meal card holders and \$30 for non-meal card

Vacation season is upon us! Please fill out a vacation slip for the post office OR sign a PS3801 form authorizing someone to pick up your mail in your absence. Failure to do so could result in return of mail over 30 days old.

Remember it is your responsibility as an APO mail box holder to check your mail on a daily basis. This is an inspectable item for us and old mail becomes an issue. Please help us maintain our compliance by checking your mail on a regular basis.

Any questions please call 53461



Reduce Your Need for Air Conditioning

- Control solar heat - keep windows shaded to keep out direct sun
- Make sure ducts aren't blocked by furniture or drapes
- Replace air filters monthly; available at Self Help
- Use a programmable thermostat; contact Service Desk
- Keep thermostat at 78-80 degrees; set 2-3 degrees higher if you'll be away for several hours
- Seal up air leaks around windows and doors
- Turn off all unnecessary lights and appliances - they add heat
- Use compact fluorescent lamps instead of traditional light bulbs
- Turn off exhaust fans after use

holders. Gratuity is included. Seating is limited. For payment see Maria Curtiss (58228) at Retail Services Office, building 805 next to the Bowling Center.

THE ZOOKS "Take No Prisoners" Tour, 10 Year Anniversary at the Vet's Hall at 8 p.m., July 18. Billy and Jamie's Last Musical Blast with special guests Randy Razook, from the Zooks - Alabama Chapter; Rich Feagler, the historic "Voice of Kwajalein"; and Paul Brown, the man who gave The Zooks their name.

THE FAMILY POOL will be closed July 13-20 for concrete repairs. Sorry for any inconvenience. Emon Beach is lifeguarded on weekdays from 12:

30-3:30 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 53331 with questions.

IF YOU HAVE any UXO, ammunition or expired flares please notify EOD immediately at 51433 or type in "Bomb_Squad" on the Global. EOD will gladly remove these items from your premises under the Amnesty program with no questions asked. These items can cause serious injury or death.

TO MAKE a reservation for CRC/CAC, please contact the CRC staff at 52491. Reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Community Activities Office does not accept reservations for these facilities.

Café Roi

Sunday Roast pork Roast salmon Florentine quiche	Monday Dijon roast beef Coconut basil chicken Eggs benedict	Tuesday Turkey/roast beef sandwich Pork chops Mashed potatoes	Wednesday Chicken roll up Coca-Cola ham Steamed yams	Thursday PB/banana sandwich Grilled chicken breast Roasted potatoes	Friday BBQ spare ribs Mahi Mahi Vegetable stir fry	July 17 Beef pasticcio Spinach/feta pie Ratatouille
Tonight Beef tortellini Chicken parmesan Spaghetti marinara	Sunday Shoyu chicken Pork adobo Asian noodle sautee	Monday Chicken stew Boiled brisket Au Gratin potatoes	Tuesday Roast pork Grilled salmon Garlic mashed potatoes	Wednesday Steak nite Grilled top sirloin Mahi Mahi	Thursday Café Roi fried chicken Pork medallions Cole slaw	Friday Marinated Tri-Tip Huli style chicken Marinated vegetables

Thirteen servicemembers die in War on Terror

Staff Sgt. Eric B. Shaw, 31, of Exeter, Maine; and **Sgt. David W. Thomas**, 40, of St. Petersburg, Fla. died June 27 in Konar, Afghanistan of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their unit with small arms fire. They were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Staff Sgt. Brandon M. Silk, 25, of Orono, Maine, died June 21 of injuries sustained when the helicopter in which he was travelling made a hard landing. He was assigned to the 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Combat Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Spc. Matthew R. Hennigan, 20, of Las Vegas, Nev., died June 30 at Forward Operating Base Shank, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered earlier in Tangi Valley, Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with machine gun fire. He was assigned to 173rd Special Troops Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Bamberg, Germany.

Cpl. Larry D. Harris Jr., 24, of Thornton, Colo., died July 1 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine

Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Sgt. 1st Class Kristopher D. Chapleau, 33, of LaGrange, Ky., died June 30 at Forward Operating Base Blessing, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Spc. Morganne M. McBeth, 19, of Fredricksburg, Va., died July 2 in Al Asad, Iraq, of wounds sustained July 1 in a non-combat related incident in Khan Al Baghdadi, Iraq. She was assigned to the 1st Special Troops Battalion, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

SGT Johnny W. Lumpkin, 38, of Columbus, Ga., died July 2 in Balad, Iraq, of wounds sustained July 1 in a non-combat related equipment incident in Taji, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Pfc. Ryan J. Grady, 25, of Bristow, Okla., died July 1 at Bagram, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised-explosive device. He was assigned to the Special Troops Battalion, 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Bradford, Vt.

Capt. David A. Wisniewski, 31, of Merville, Iowa, died July 2 of wounds sustained June 9 in a helicopter crash near Forward Operating Base Jackson, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 66th Rescue Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

Spc. Louis R. Fastuca, 24, of West Chester, Pa., died July 5 at Abdulhamid Kalay, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his vehicle with an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Camp Ederle, Italy.

Spc. Clayton D. McGarrah, 20, of Harrison, Ark., died July 4 at Arghandab, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device and rocket-propelled grenade fire. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Pfc. David Jefferson, 23, of Philadelphia, died July 2 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 13-18 knots.

Monday: Mostly sunny, <10 percent showers. Winds: E at 14-19 knots.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, <10 percent showers. Winds: E-ESE at 12-17 knots.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, 10 percent showers. Winds: NE-ESE at 11-16 knots.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent showers. Winds: ENE-ESE at 10-16 knots.

Friday: Mostly sunny, <10 percent showers. Winds: ENE-E at 11-16 knots.

Annual total: 27.52 inches

Annual deviation: -12.57 inches

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

Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:33 a.m./7:13 p.m.	01:31 p.m./12:56 a.m.	03:42 a.m., 4.6' 04:13 p.m., 3.5'	10:14 a.m., -0.6' 10:02 p.m., -0.4'
Monday	6:34 a.m./7:13 p.m.	02:24 p.m./01:42 a.m.	04:25 a.m., 4.9' 04:54 p.m., 3.8'	10:54 a.m., -0.8' 10:45 p.m., -0.6'
Tuesday	6:34 a.m./7:13 p.m.	03:19 p.m./02:29 a.m.	05:06 a.m., 5.1' 05:34 p.m. 3.9'	11:34 a.m., -1.0' 11:27 p.m., -0.6'
Wednesday	6:34 a.m./7:14 p.m.	04:14 p.m./03:18 a.m.	05:47 a.m., 5.1' 06:15 p.m., 4.0'	12:12 p.m., -0.9' 12:09 a.m., -0.5'
Thursday	6:35 a.m./7:14 p.m.	05:10 p.m./04:10 a.m.	06:27 a.m., 4.9' 06:56 p.m., 3.9'	12:09 a.m., -0.5' 12:51 p.m., -0.7'
Friday	6:35 a.m./7:14 p.m.	06:06 p.m./05:03 a.m.	07:08 a.m., 4.5' 07:40 p.m., 3.8'	12:53 a.m., -0.3' 01:30 p.m., -0.4'
July 17	6:36 a.m./7:14 p.m.	06:59 p.m./05:58 a.m.	07:50 a.m., 4.0' 08:28 p.m., 3.6'	01:40 a.m., 0.1' 02:11 p.m., 0.1'