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# Hourglass welcomes submissions from community

2011 – a new year, a fresh start. I can't say that I'm sorry to see 2010 go. It was a crazy, hectic year, especially here at the *Hourglass*. We lost our long-time (try 18 years) graphic designer, commentary writer and manager Dan Adler. The old crew of high school seniors that compiled the TV Guide and made slides for the Roller were replaced with new ones. A summer hire came, awed us with her talent, then left. Even I was hard to find, often off-island dealing with medical issues.

But it's a new year and we are back – back with a full staff and fortunately, our health. So welcome to our new and very talented Associate Editor Cathy Layton. Our new high school seniors Melissa and Kyle are proving to be just as talented as last year's bunch. And we would also like to

welcome USAKA'S Public Affairs Officer, Ruth Miskovsky, to the team.

While we are a very capable and ambitious group, we need one more thing to make the *Hourglass* great – YOU. Community submissions are what I think make the *Hourglass* so unique, special and important to our community. There is such an eclectic group of people living here that it makes my jaw drop every time I learn something interesting or fascinating about someone living here. Did that really happen to you? You can really do that? You travelled where?

Over the years we have been fortunate enough to have numerous Kwajalein and Roi residents submit stories, photos and memories to share with the community.

First of all – thank you to every single one of you! Especially this year, I would like to personally thank some of the contributors that have given the *Hourglass* and the community an insight into their wonderful lives and activities either through their stories or photos – Rick Funk, Bob Sholar, Torrey Landers, Dan Farnham, Lynn Leines, James Corder, Julie Alves, Christi and TC Cardillo, Steven Ansley, Tony Stephens, Heidi Rowell, John Breen and anyone else I may have missed.

We would like to continue this

In My Opinion...

Sheila Bigelow,  
Managing Editor



tradition. The *Hourglass* welcomes submissions from the community. Do you have a great fishing story to tell? Did you recently take an amazing vacation and want to share it with the community? Do you have a hidden talent that you think would be interesting to share? Do you have something to say about a topic that is light-hearted, not political or religious? Or do you have an amazing photo you'd like to share? Send them in.

All submissions can be sent to [hourglass@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:hourglass@smdck.smdc.army.mil). All submissions will be edited for content, grammar, Associated Press style and space. Any questions can be directed to me at 52114 or [sheila.bigelow.ctr@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:sheila.bigelow.ctr@smdck.smdc.army.mil).

The greatest thing about living in a place like Kwajalein and Roi is how intimate and personal our communities are. One way to keep it that way is to share our lives and experiences with one another. A great way to do that is to submit to the *Hourglass*.

As we look forward to what 2011 brings us, I'm not sure what to expect – but remaining a close-knit and caring community can only lead to good things. Happy New Year!

## THE RUMOR MILL



Col. Joseph Gaines addresses circulating rumors head on. Rumors can earn from one to five ears. One ear is an unfounded rumor, while a rumor earning five ears is the truth.

**RUMOR:** A policy is going into effect restricting teenagers from areas above 7th Street.

This is false. USAKA has an ongoing policy that restricts portions of the islands during testing. This rule applies to all residents – adults, teenagers and pets. There are no plans to change the rules regarding access for minors. This rumor is unfounded and only gets a two because occasionally parts of the island are off-limits to residents.



## THUMBS UP!



To Darren Moore, KRS Retail Services Manager. Darren went the extra mile to provide us special service for the holiday, even giving up his day off. Our Christmas party on Dec. 29 was enjoyed by all with his catering service – from fresh salad to chocolate cakes. Thank you Darren for making our holiday very special! We really appreciate your time and effort. You bring a difference to our community!

— Community Bank Associates

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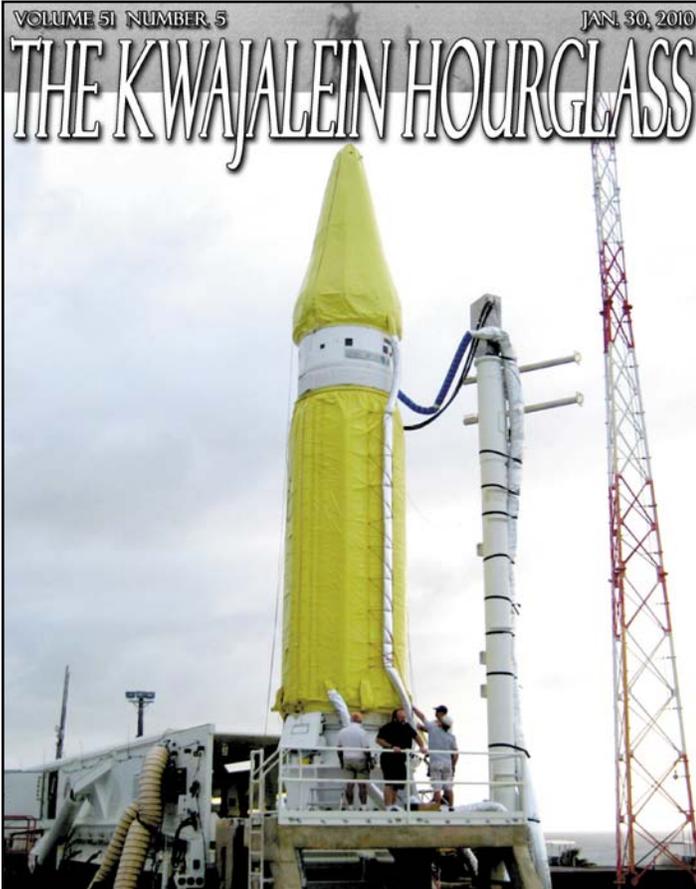
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# YEAR IN REVIEW



## ❧ JANUARY ❧

### **Missile Defense Agency tested new technology**

**L**V-2, MDA's newest and largest intercept target, arrived on Kwajalein Aug. 9, 2009 and was immediately transported to Meck Island. With the arrival of LV-2 on Kwajalein, the logistical part of the countdown ended and the launch campaign began. Mission FTG-06 involved the launch of the LV-2 target vehicle from Kwajalein into space above the central Pacific Ocean away from the U.S. mainland. A ground-based interceptor was launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base to destroy the target 100 miles above the earth. MDA conducted the test using U.S. Army personnel who actually operate the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense system from control centers in Alaska and Colorado.

The Agency tested its new 'capability' technology which included upgraded sensors and software loaded in the interceptor missile designed to intercept the target. The Jan. 5 test was successful and more telemetry tests to verify communications paths were conducted.

### **Cowboy poet entertained Kwaj residents**

**R**oom six at the Community Activities Center was packed with people Jan. 9 waiting to hear a good ol' fashioned story or two told by Joe Herrington, a renowned cowboy poet and story-teller from Texas. Both Joe and his brother, Kwajalein's own Mike Herrington, have been hearing stories since they were little and continue to carry those stories with them.

Joe completely engaged the audience in his heart-breaking stories of kindness and gratitude, bitterness and racism. He painted such vivid pictures with his words that it was easy to laugh at Joe and the people he depicted in his tales learning the hard way about greed, vengeance and the proper way to hold a skunk. It was not just the laughs and the stories that made the evening enjoyable; perhaps it was taking part in one of the few truly American art forms.

### **Reverse osmosis machines arrived on Roi**

**I**n a continuing effort to normalize the fresh water supply on Roi-Namur, two reverse osmosis machines were transported to the island on Jan. 16. They were placed near the water plant.

Each of the machines is capable of producing 30,000 gallons of fresh water daily. Water was processed from the lens wells as the machines are capable of removing higher salinity levels than the island's water plant can remove on its own.

### **KRS Wellness Program designed to introduce healthy lifestyle choices**

**K**wajalein Range Services launched its 'little steps...BIG DIFFERENCE' wellness program in February. The program is run through the Community Services department, led by Torrey Landers, Community Services Manager.

The overall mission of the wellness program is to improve the health and well-being of Kwajalein and Roi residents and employees through health education and activities that support positive lifestyle change resulting in improved productivity, quality of life, morale and health care cost containment.

There were three main goals for year one of the program. The first was to create a culture of health in the Kwajalein community through health awareness programs and services and empower residents to assume accountability for their own personal health. In order to reach this goal, specific objectives included monthly health awareness seminars, a monthly health newsletter, seasonal/holiday wellness challenges, a community-wide health fair and confidential health risk assessment.

Another goal of the program was to provide physical activity opportunities and challenges to engage the eligible population and demonstrate related health



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

The Honorable Martha Campbell, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and members of the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll staff, including Lt. Col. John Eggert, Range Director; Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac; Senior Enlisted Advisor Vanessa Peeden, Public Affairs Officer; Mike Sakaio, RMI Relations Specialist; Christi Bowman of the Host Nation office and Maj. Wesley Huff, Provost Marshall, were in attendance. Representing Kwajalein Range Services were Dave Norwood, KRS President and Cynthia Rivera, Deputy Site Manager.

The observance began with a parade from the Ebeye dock to the Community Center. A color guard carried the flags of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Kwajalein Atoll Local Government and the United States as the Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School played marching music.

The ceremony ended with a benediction by Rev. Kao-uru Kaiouus of the Assembly of God on Ebeye.

**Canvasback medical teams mended bones, eyes and spirits on Ebeye**

A team of eye surgeons, orthopedic surgeons, a dentist, a cardiologist and a physical therapist along with nurses and an anesthesiologist joined Canvasback Mission Director Jacque Spence on another mission of mercy to Ebeye. The teams arrived Jan. 16 and departed Feb. 15.

According to Spence, the ophthalmology team broke a record by completing 192 cataract surgery cases in just nine days at Ebeye’s Leroy Kitland Memorial

benefits. Another important goal of the program was to increase nutrition awareness within the community and encourage employees and their dependents to make sensible food choices to improve overall health.

A 10-week behavior-based weight management class was led by the wellness team. The goal of this course was to teach lifelong skills to maintain a healthy balance between food and physical activity.

❧ FEBRUARY ❧

**SMDC/ARSTRAT chaplain visited Kwaj for two weeks to conduct Protestant services**

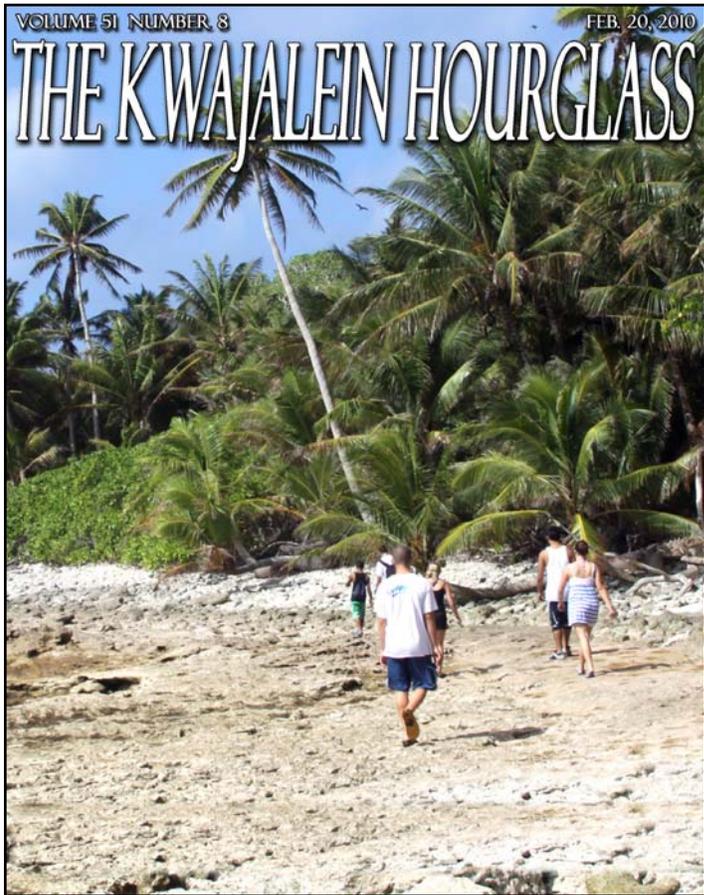
Maj. Kevin Pies, U.S. Army chaplain for U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Strategic Forces Command arrived on Kwajalein Jan. 20 to fill in for Protestant Chaplain Rick Funk for two weeks. He departed on Feb. 2.

Pies’ home base is Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo. He has been in the Army since 1995 and said the Army has been like a “wonderful family.”

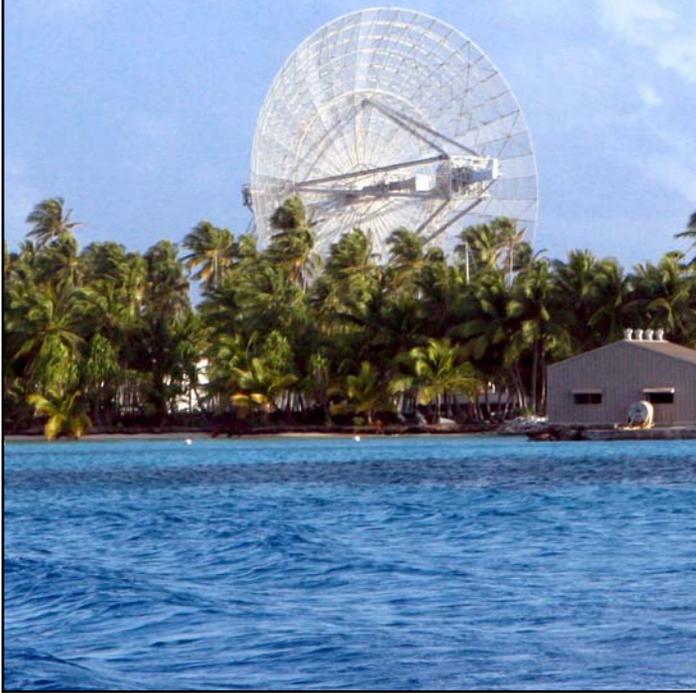
He added, “You guys on Kwajalein have a special place in our heart and we’re glad Rick Funk is out here with KRS. We’re also working on getting a full-time Catholic priest.”

**Residents of Ebeye celebrated liberation and Memorial Day**

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



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Hospital. Spence estimated nearly \$1 million in eye surgery and orthopedic supplies were used during their visit.

The dentist and hygienist helped the Dental Clinic assess how to address the overwhelming dental problems.

There were a total of 14 people on the orthopedic team including two surgeons, a physical therapist, nurses and a physician's assistant. A cardiologist, Alan Jacobson, helped train the Ebeye Hospital internist on doing proper evaluations of cardiac patients so they can get referral off island if they need to.

### Annual Father/Daughter dance transformed multi-purpose room into 'Fairyland Dreams'

The George Seitz Elementary PTO-sponsored event has been a Kwajalein tradition for at least 10 years, if not longer. It is a night dedicated to fathers and their daughters. It is a time for dads to put on their best outfits and dancing shoes and take their beautiful daughters on a fairy tale 'date night.' The girls go all out for this event; they dress up like true princesses, putting Cinderella and Snow White to shame.

This year's theme was 'Fairyland Dreams.' With the artistic direction of Heidi Rowell, the high school MP room was transformed into a stunning castle of dreams.

The dance was for Kindergarten through sixth-grade girls and their fathers. While some dads had the pleasure of escorting more than one lovely daughter all evening, some fathers stepped up and offered to escort daughters whose dads unfortunately were off island for the dance. While the Father/Daughter dance is obviously an opportune time for fathers to get some alone time with their daughters, it is also meant to give the girls some insight into what a po-

tential future date might be like or what to expect at a high school dance.

### Keystone Club held mini Youth Leadership Forum on Roi-Namur

Members of the Keystone Club flew to Roi-Namur Feb. 13 for the annual mini Youth Leadership Forum. The mini YLF is a spin-off of the larger event held by the Pacific Teen Panel.

The Pacific Teen Panel is comprised of teens from military bases in the Pacific region who assemble to discuss current issues involving military youth. Kwajalein was represented by Dane Bishop who presented highlights of the mini YLF to the rest of the Pacific region during a video teleconference.

The Keystone Club members were split into five groups at the mini YLF: Technology, Environment, Teen Issues, Health and Fitness and Character Counts. Each group was responsible for coming up with activities and presentations that conveyed their topic.

Ask any Keystone member and they will tell you the mini YLF was a huge success. It was more than just a fun weekend with friends; it was a chance for members of the Keystone Club to demonstrate their leadership and responsibility skills to their peers.

## ❧ MARCH ❧

### Bye Bye VBrick – new satellite signal improved TV picture and reduced outages

Tom Giedroc is the KRS Range Radio/Armed Forces Radio and Television Service Lead. The Kwajalein TV station and transmitters are under his supervision.

"I called Tom and he told me what the situation was," Craig McCarraher, Defense Media Activity technician, said. "I did a lot of research on the satellite and made sure we had the proper parts for refurbishing the dish."

He added, "Tom did all the legwork. He and Evelyn Smith got the decoders set up and authorized so when I got here we were able to start working right away. The second day we swapped out the VBricks one by one with the decoders and locked each one into the dish. By the end of that day all of the signals were on the air. The whole project went really smoothly and within three days, everything was up and running."

McCarraher arrived on Kwajalein Feb. 20, started working on Feb. 23 and by Feb. 25 the project was complete. He left for home on March 1.

Giedroc summed up the overall success of the project, "Everyone is very pleased."

### Kaleidoscope of Music showcased Kwajalein musicians and dancers

Before the evening's entertainment began, Jenny Norwood, Yokwe Yuk Women's Club President, thanked the audience packing the high school multi-purpose room for helping to raise \$3,500 for the club's Kwajalein High School senior scholarship fund.

Master of Ceremonies Karla Long began by saying the worst of her jokes for the evening were over, but unfortunately, she lied. The groan-inducing jokes lasted all through the program.



Performers included a high-energy tap dance, a dual clarinet presentation, guitar players, impressive singers, garage bands, the rhythmic beat of drums, a 'nerdy' dance, opera singing, a saxophone group, Hawaiian and Polynesian music and hula dancing.

### **Pacific Command representatives from Hawaii toured Kwaj, outer islands**

Representatives of U.S. Pacific Command and Joint Task Force Homeland Defense visited Kwajalein March 4-5. During their visit, they toured Ebeye and Enniburr and were given tours of the Roi-Namur radars and World War II sites. While on Roi-Namur, they also inspected the pier that needs replacement.

The representatives who visited were Navy Lt. Cmdr. Darren Hale, Army Pacific Command Plans Officer Col. David Norton, and Joint Task Force Homeland Defense Chief and Country Director David DeLeo.

Maj. Christopher Mills, USAKA Host Nation Chief said, "We had the opportunity for an orientation tour to give them a good idea of USAKA as well as the surrounding communities. So now when they are working with their staffs they will have a clear picture of how things are here on the ground. Each one of them has a key role in planning for events in this area."

Hale explained, "One of the reasons I came was to take a look at the PACOM projects on Enniburr. It's been about a year since they were completed and we're required to do annual checks to see how things are going and if there are any problems. Being able to see some of the projects we've already

completed gives me a good idea of what we can do in other places as well as do an assessment to see how a particular project is holding up and how the local Marshallese are using it."

## APRIL

### **Kwajalein celebrated Spring Break with beach party, food, dancing and music**

Boredom wasn't an option at the Spring Break Music Fest held March 28 at Emon Beach as there was something for everyone throughout the day. The water slide kept children and teens busy and coming back for more as did the jousting. The dunk tank run by the Kwajalein Swim Team was popular as island 'celebrities' graciously took their turns to get splashed. The dunk tank raised \$201 for KST, which went towards new equipment.

For those who wished to indulge in their wild side (but only temporarily), there were henna tattoo 'artists.' The proceeds went toward the expense of the prom.

Residents who wanted to shop could do so at the Kwajalein Yacht Club and Kwajalein Scuba Club vendor tents.

The chili cook off was one of the highlights of the day. There were a total of 17 entries and donations amounted to \$251 which benefited the Grace Sherwood Library summer reading program for island children.

Taking bows for raising the most money was the homebrew contest which collected \$1,358, used for the summer reading program.

The barbecue and pulled-pork contest provided residents with some tasty treats and raised \$537 for the reading program.

Of course Music Fest included music all afternoon and well into the night.

### **Former Olympic swimmer visited Kwaj, gave swim clinics to adults, children**

Jon Sakovich, a former Olympian and current swim coach, arrived on Kwajalein March 26 to hold swim clinics for Kwajalein Swim Team as well as adults and other children on island. He departed April 1.

All of the clinics were well attended with one adult clinic drawing 24 participants.

Sakovich said, "It's been a great experience coming out here and sharing my swimming knowledge and my ideas and thoughts." He thinks there are a lot of good swimmers on Kwajalein. "I'd love to see some of these kids in real competition. That's hard to do here and most kids really want to compete against different swimmers. I've talked to the coaches here about some different things they might try to keep it interesting. Some of them could go to some really good colleges in the U.S. and compete against some of the top swimmers in the country. I've seen that in all the islands. There are a lot of good, strong swimmers."

### **Army engineers worked on Ebeye to assess island's infrastructure needs**

The 565th Engineering Detachment Forward Engineer Support Team - Advance, commonly referred to as a FEST team, is based out of Hawaii. The

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FEST arrived on Kwajalein April 1 to conduct a survey of Ebeye's infrastructure. The team was on Ebeye until April 15.

The FEST team consisted of a detachment commander, senior non-commissioned officer and six technical specialists. For this mission, the team came with six of their eight team members. They conducted infrastructure reconnaissance in accordance with Army doctrine. The Army doctrine uses the acronym "SWEAT-MSO" to cover the various aspects of infrastructure survey: Sewer, Water, Electricity, Academics, Trash, Medical, Safety and 'Other' considerations. The infrastructure survey on Ebeye concentrated on sewer, water, electricity and trash utilities.

The group came to Ebeye as a result of discussions between USAKA Commander Col. Frederick Clarke and Lt. Col. Jon Chytka, Commander of the Honolulu District Army Corps of Engineers, in September, 2009.

Maj. Evan Ting, an 18-year veteran of the U.S. Army is the team's Detachment Commander. He explained the purpose of the visit to Ebeye. "We will be conducting an infrastructure reconnaissance in order to survey the existing conditions of sanitary sewage and storm water treatment, drinking water supply and distribution, electrical power generation and distribution, and the trash (solid waste management) systems. For this mission, we narrowed our scope to the S-W-E-T of SWEAT-MSO. As part of the survey, we will identify deficiencies, assess any problems and make recommendations for improvements to the infrastructure. The goal is to assist the people of Ebeye in improving their quality of life. These utilities are so important in the hierarchy of basic human needs."

## Students enjoyed prom at the Kwaj country club

The Country Club at Holmberg Fairways was the setting for the 2010 Kwajalein High School prom. Christi Cardillo, student faculty advisor explained, "Blake Larson, Will McPhatter and Julie Alves were on the Location and Transportation Committee and they decided they wanted to do something different this year." According to Cardillo, the junior class is always in charge of planning the prom and the students chose the country club for a change of scenery.

The theme for the prom was Masquerade Ball. Leia Klinger said the junior class was inspired to do a masquerade ball theme because, "The eighth graders had been reading *Midsummer Night's Dream*, and that's a mythical-type of story and that's where the whole masquerade thing started. Actually, the masquerade theme was something we've wanted to try for a few years."

∞ MAY ∞

## Annual triathlon drew 43 individual competitors, 16 teams

Kwajalein Running Club's 31st Annual RustMan swim-bike-run triathlon was held April 26. The traditional course with an Emon Beach hub was used: one-kilometer swim, 42-kilometer bike and 10-kilometer run.

There were 43 individual competitors and 16 teams of three (with one being just two members). This was the largest number of solo contestants since the team section was introduced back in 1990.

This year's race was characterized by several incredible personal bests and also a number of remarkable first time participations.

Peter Schulz lowered his own men's seniors category (age 50 and over) record from 2 hours, 30 minutes and 15 seconds all the way down to 2:21:43.

Tom Cardillo managed to hold on and chase down Jon Jahnke during the run to win his fourth overall title in 2:18:40, just 30 seconds ahead of second place Jahnke.

The women's winner was Christina Sylvester, who trained diligently and dropped way down from her 2009 time of 3:02:51 to win in 2:37:47.

Alan Calvert's 2:33:26 included the fastest ever bike segment for a solo competitor at 1:07:18.

Mike Savage was the first solo finisher using a Kwaj one-speed bike, lowering his personal best by over four minutes to 2:52:33.

There were six separate husband and wife couples who did the Rustman solo. Jeff and Paula Fluhrer, Kevin and Kathy Skinner, Jen Yezek and Michael Polzer, Ben Bartyzel and Linn Ezell, Mike Savage and Julie Wathen and Tom and Christi Cardillo.

Team section winners were high school boys Shawn Brady, Graham Kirchner and Dane Bishop finishing in 2:09:59.

A visually proud Johnny Hadley did his first ever RustMan in 4:05:17. Hadley lost 60 pounds during preparatory training over the previous year.

## George Seitz students entertained with night of singing, dancing

The show consisted of 23 acts and opened with the fifth grade using sign language for the national

anthem of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

The show had performers that sang and danced, acts that included tumbling, piano playing, high-step dancing, choreographed dancing that included amazing costumes, Michael Jackson remix dancing, acapella singing, hip-hop dancing and even the elementary school teachers joined in on the fun with their dance performance.

The students can really be proud of their performances. As Amy LaCost noted, "It's great their classmates and the audience were very respectful and supportive. It takes a lot of guts to get up there in front of somebody and sing and dance."

### **Marshallese Soldier finished basic training, headed for Afghanistan**

**F**ormer Ebeye resident and Kwajalein Police Department Access Control Officer Wallace Keju finished basic training and headed for Afghanistan.

Keju enrolled in the Recruit Indoctrination Program on Kwajalein in February, 2009 and passed the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test. He decided to join the Army for the opportunities and benefits the service offers. He wanted the chance for higher education, good pay, medical care and housing which will help him provide for his family.

"It's my plan to take advantage of the opportunity to take college courses," he said. "It's an opportunity for me to improve myself."

He found the 14-week infantry basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga. exciting as well as challenging. His company graduated from basic training April 23. He made marksman and got an 'expert' in grenades. When asked how he achieved an expert rating in grenades, he laughed and said, "I don't know. I threw them and hit the target I guess."

His first duty station was at Ft. Drum, N.Y. with the 10th Mountain Division. He reported to Ft. Drum on May 6. Keju said he has been told he will be in Afghanistan by October for a 12-month deployment.

### **New full-time Catholic Chaplain arrived, providing services to Kwajalein residents**

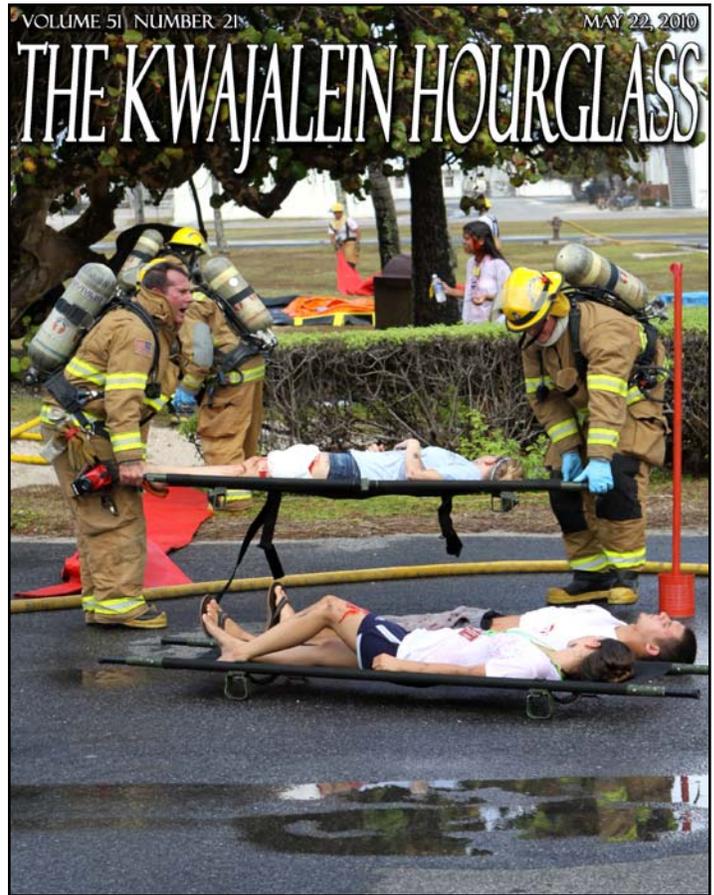
**F**r. Fidelis Lemchi, the new full-time Catholic Chaplain, arrived April 22 on Kwajalein.

Lemchi was born and raised as part of the Ibo tribe in West Nigeria. "I've been in Nigeria since I was born," he said. "That is my country and my nationality." Lemchi is a full-time parish priest. He was ordained Aug. 28, 1993 for the Catholic diocese in eastern Nigeria.

Lemchi began providing weekend and weekday Catholic services for Kwajalein. Since there has been no designated Catholic Chaplain in the past few months, Catholic services were only offered on Sunday mornings. Now that Lemchi is the full-time Catholic Chaplain, he began offering more services according to the community's needs and desires, including more weekend services and services during the week.

### **Kwajalein cyclists contributed to the fight against cancer in a 100-mile bike-a-thon**

**M**ore than 20 residents peddled their bikes in 87-degree weather, 62 percent humidity and 21 mph winds around the Kwajalein airfield, each racking up money towards the fight against cancer.



Jon Jahnke organized a 100-mile bike-a-thon to benefit the American Cancer Society. He did it in collaboration with Freeborn County in southern Minnesota. His hometown is one of the stops on their 100-mile ride in the states. Freeborn County participants held their race May 1 while Kwajalein bikers held their race the morning of May 3. Each biker was sponsored for a certain dollar amount per mile and all proceeds were given to the American Cancer Society.

Participants put in 100 miles any way they could. Some did laps on a one-speed Kwaj bike. Some took turns riding. Some even did a few laps with their young children in tow in their Burley. Some even flew in from Roi-Namur to participate.

The cyclists raised over \$3,000 from this generous community.

### **Over 150 residents participated in the 2010 Rusty Family Mini-Triathlon**

**K**wajalein Running Club held the 2010 'Rusty Family swim-bike-run Mini-Triathlon' with record participation of 60 individuals and 30 teams, making for 150 total contestants. KRC's 'Mini Tri' includes a 500-yard lagoon swim, 10-mile bike (two airfield loops plus out and back to Emon) and a 2-mile run.

The diversity of the contestants made this event unusual in the world of triathlon; hard charging Kwajalein Jr/Sr High students mixed with a larger number of George Seitz Elementary students, the younger ones on kids' bikes with little 16-to-18-inch wheels.

Then there were the 'family mélange' teams with moms and dads escorting, or toting, toddlers and even a few babies, mixing it up over the segments to get it done as a family.

For the girls, adult first timer Brianne McDonald finished in 1 hour, 10 minutes and 37 seconds, about one minute ahead of ninth-grader Mary McPhatter in a personal best of 1:11:29.

The first grade school students were Sam Jahnke, 1:13:40, and Jillian DeCoster, 1:28:29.

The first team was the resident portion of the Step-chew family, with fifth-grader Claire swimming, dad Jim biking and mom Sarah running in 59:37. Their chosen name was "Rachael, where are you?" Well, long time member of this family team, Rachael, was away at college.

### **Mass casualty exercise helped to promote collaboration between different agencies**

Members from the Joint Task Force-Homeland Defense visited Kwajalein May 11-14 to conduct a Field Training Exercise. The purpose of the exercise was to promote collaboration and cooperation between Kwajalein Hospital, the fire department, the police department and other agencies on island in dealing with a mass casualty event. The Joint Task Force members, Mike Machado, Maj. Stanley Garcia and Master Sgt. Paul Price worked with medical and first responder personnel to identify resource requirements and deficiencies in Kwajalein's mass casualty response capabilities.

The full scale mass casualty exercise was conducted May 13. At approximately 9 a.m., there was an 'explosion' in front of the beauty salon in the downtown area initiating the exercise. The 'blast' site was littered with injured 'victims' who were Kwajalein High School students and volunteers from the community. Prior to the exercise, the volunteers were told what their 'injuries' were and what to do during the event. They were also made up with fake blood and limbs to add reality to the exercise.

Once the site had been surveyed and hazards had been identified, KFD personnel entered the scene and began to triage victims using a color code system. Colored tags indicated the extent of patient's injuries.

While some KFD personnel tended to the victims, others set up decontamination areas for patients to pass through before they were transported to the hospital for further treatment.

Dr. Cory Mazour thought everyone did a good job keeping their goals and priorities in line. Overall, the mass casualty exercise was a success and helped to facilitate a positive interagency working relationship that increased their effectiveness and efficiency and validated and enhanced their level of response support.

### **Keystone Kids shared their talents to benefit family of Kaiya Kapahu**

Nothing could be more tragic than the death of a child, especially under the circumstances that took the life of little five-year-old Kaiya Kapahu.

When word of Kaiya's death spread though the Kwajalein community in February, residents who knew the Kapahu family during their time on island were shocked and saddened by the news. Kaiya's older brother, Aisa, had been a student in the tenth grade at Kwajalein High School before the family left the island.

It's been said that tragedy will, every now and then, bring out the best in people. The death of Kaiya brought out the best in the Kwaj kids who belonged to the Keystone Club, sponsored by the Child Youth and School Services.

The variety show was presented in the high school multi-purpose room and consisted of various acts including singing, dancing, comedy, Saturday Night Live skits, hip-hop dancing and hula dancing.

All of the students involved in the show thanked the community for their support which brought in \$1,700 that went directly to the Kapahu family.

## ❧ JUNE ❧

### **Memorial Day reminded community to honor fallen servicemembers**

On Kwajalein, a ceremony was held at the flagpoles on the morning of May 31. All flags were flown at half staff in honor of our fallen comrades.

Capt. Michael Quigley acted as master of ceremonies and welcomed all to the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site Memorial Day ceremony. The audience stood for the playing of the national anthems of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and United States by the Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School Band, directed by Dick Shields.

Protestant Pastor Rick Funk read the Invocation.

Next, respect was paid for our fallen comrades by the placing of the wreaths. Brian Scofield and James Rowell of Boy Scout Troop 314 brought the wreaths



forward so that Col. Frederick Clarke and Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac could place them.

Quigley then introduced guest speaker Dave Norwood, President of Kwajalein Range Services, a retired colonel of the United States Army and a veteran of the Gulf War.

The audience stood to offer a moment of silence for those who fell to defend our heritage. A 21-gun salute was fired by the American Legion Post 44 Rifle Squad. The audience continued to stand as *Taps* was played by Kwajalein High School senior Ryan DeCoster. Fr. Fidelis Lemchi closed the ceremony by reciting the Benediction.

### Senior class of 2010 took another step toward graduation at Baccalaureate

Barefoot seniors entered Island Memorial Chapel May 30 for the Baccalaureate. As each 2010 senior slowly walked down the center aisle of the chapel, juniors Julie Alves and Jake Villarreal read aloud their letters of thanks to family, friends and mentors.

Protestant Chaplain Rick Funk was the master of ceremonies for the evening. He introduced the Class of 2010, triggering a boisterous cheer from loved ones in the audience. Funk then read aloud the Invocation.

The Queen of Peace Choir sang a special song selection to the seniors and the audience.

Gloria Cassidy was the first spiritual speaker of the evening. After an arriving jet turned off its engines at the airport, the audience was given a special performance of *Here You Me*, sung by CC Brady and Ryan DeCoster, accompanied by Kelly Grant on the guitar. There were not many dry eyes in the audience.

Once everyone collected themselves, motivational speaker Lee Allas addressed the students. Next, the audience was gifted with a dance by senior Azure Nelson. Jason Kettenhofen, Youth Sports Director, was the final inspirational speaker of the evening.

The ceremony came to a close with the reading of two poems by senior Christine Woodburn and the Benediction by Fr. Fidelis Lemchi.

The seniors' family and friends were either smiling, crying, taking pictures or all three as the students walked one by one back up the aisle through the chapel. They formed a line outside under the bright stars and moon as members of the Kwajalein and Ebeye community walked through and congratulated them as they headed toward graduation.

### Change of Responsibility held June 2 to honor Sgt. Maj. Kutac and Sgt. Maj. Wolf

Distinguished guests and community members gathered in Island Memorial Chapel June 2 to take part in the Change of Responsibility ceremony for outgoing Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac and incoming Sgt. Maj. Hohn Wolf.

Command Sgt. Maj. Ralph Borja from United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command/United States Army Forces Strategic Command, Master Sgt. Charles George, Kutac and Wolf rose from their seats and stood in a diamond shape with George across from Borja and Kutac across from Wolf. George held the NCO sword horizontally at chest level. As Sgt. 1st Class Robert Anderson spoke, George passed the sword to Kutac. Kutac passed the sword to Borja, who then passed it to Wolf, and was finally passed back to George.

The official party each took a turn addressing the audience. Anderson asked the audience to again stand for the playing of the *Army Song* and the departure of the official party. Audience members formed a line to say goodbye to Kutac and his wife Karen as they exited the chapel. A small reception was held in the Religious Education Building afterward.

### New UH-72A helicopters are safer, fly longer and are also attention-grabbing

USAKA was recently fielded four new, bright orange UH-72A Lakota helicopters which are not only sleeker and more attractive than the old UH-1's, but function at a much higher level and are safer. Though the technical nomenclature for the helicopters is UH-72A, they are more commonly called LUH, which stands for 'Light Utility Helicopter.'

### Deputy to the commander Joe Moscone arrived

Joe Moscone first came to Kwajalein in the early '90's with his wife and three children, when he served as the Community Services Director. He and his family left in 1996. After they left Kwajalein they made their way to Fort Bliss, Texas, and also did a tour in Germany. While at Fort Bliss, Moscone served as Deputy Garrison Commander and managed one of the largest installation expansions in DoD as a result of Army transformation. That experience, along with his 29-year federal career in installation management, made a return to Kwajalein in his words "seem like a good fit."



**Community recognized Col. Clarke's achievements during his two-year tenure as USAKA/RTS Commander**

Col. Frederick Clarke received a Legion of 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 Lt. Gen. Kevin T. Campbell. 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.

**Col. Joseph Gaines assumed command of USAKA/RTS from Col. Frederick Clarke**

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 had been the commander of USAKA since July 31, 2008. The ceremony took place in the fixed wing hangar on Kwajalein on July 7 with over 200 guests attending.

James Caughie, master of ceremonies, 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."

Both Col. Clarke and Col. Gaines held a receiving line so distinguished guests and community members could express their farewells, welcomes and well wishes.

**Grand opening for the USAKA/RTS laundry**

On July 2, the long awaited opening day of the new USAKA laundry facility finally arrived. The facility provided a brand new, spacious facility located directly adjacent to the Dock Security Checkpoint. The Laundromat location and design relieved the need for the laborious task of hauling laundry bags all around USAKA as was previously necessary for RMI employees. With the facility now open, laundry bags are no longer authorized to come onto USAKA; however, for convenience, sufficient storage spaces were provided to allow workers to store their laundry bags.

**I3MP project came to a successful end**

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.



**Col. Gaines visited Roi-Namur, Enniburr**

Even though Col. Joseph Gaines had only been in command of U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site for three days, he toured Roi-Namur and Enniburr so he could get a feel for each community and seek out any challenges they may have. The Roi-Namur workforce supports the four essential radars on island and their happiness and comfort is a chief concern for Gaines. Enniburr is the population center for much of the Roi-Namur USAKA workforce, so their needs are important as well.

**Col. Gaines held introductory meetings**

Col. Joseph Gaines held meetings on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur to introduce himself and field questions from the communities. "It's important to me that the community gets to know who I am. I didn't want to wait two or three weeks until I knew a bunch of information about Kwaj. I wanted to come out right up front and say 'hello, I'm here and this is what's important to me.' I have a lot of Army experience," Gaines explained. "What I don't have is a lot of Kwajalein experience, so I'll be relying on all of you to help me with that. Everybody here – contractors, civilians, Marshallese and Soldiers – has an equal say in what goes on in the community. Everyone here is equally important to the mission. So that's how I'm going to approach things in the next 24 months," Gaines said. "One of my primary concerns here is Families; the spouses, the children and other dependents that might be here. The Army has a covenant with Families; a covenant where we're agreeing to take care of Families, to support them and provide a safe environment for them where they can grow. I'm committed to that."

Gaines brought up concerns people had voiced about upcoming changes to USAKA. The transition in question, which had already begun, required certain local positions be transferred to Huntsville, Ala. Gaines encouraged the audience to not worry about the move. "We still have a viable mission here. All we're doing is remoting operations to make the range more accessible to our customers. Initially some people might move, but in the end I think it's going to make the range more accessible and I think you're even going to see some new activities coming out."

**Roi Coconut Cup was creativity for a cause**

On July 5 a small group of people on Roi-Namur gathered together at the Surf Shack for the 10th Annual Enniburr Children's Christmas Fund Coconut Cup Race. This event is a yearly event on Roi to raise money for ECCF. The main headliner was the race itself. Coconuts were painted brightly with numbers while others decide to paint their coconuts as fish, sandals, whales, sailboats, and more. There was a different class which consisted of more elaborately designed coconuts. One coconut was powered by Alka-Seltzer while another was powered by wind using an umbrella fixed to it with a keel made from a golf club. The object of the race....the first to cross the finish line in either category wins.

**Visiting Colonel inspected hospitals on Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye**

Col. John Albano listened intently as someone explained an aspect of the Ebeye Hospital. His mission was to improve both the physical and administrative work environments so that both the medical and range communities can exercise their respective trades without barriers or distractions. Albano planned to factor in the uniqueness of the Kwajalein community and its mission, and to pursue the new paradigm in which the Army goes to war with not only Soldiers, but also Department of the Army civilians and contractors.

**Col. Mack visited islands around Kwajalein atoll**

Col. Lorenzo Mack, Space and Missile Defense Command Deputy Chief of Staff G3, visited Kwajalein and surrounding islands. After years of hoping, Mack was finally able to travel to Kwajalein Atoll to tour different islands. Mack arrived on Kwajalein July 20 and was greeted by Col. Joseph Gaines, Lt. Col. John Eggert, Sgt. Maj. Hohn Wolf and Master Sgt. Charles George. He spent time at RTS, then flew to Roi-Namur for the day. While there, he was shown some of the historic locations on island, visited KREMS and traveled to Enniburr, where Chief of Police and Marshallese Representative, Julius Lejjena, gave him a tour of the island, showing him everything from the Catholic church to recently installed solar panels to ruins from the war.

**UXO education extended to Marshallese citizens**

On July 22, members of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal team and other supporting departments went over to Gugeegue to conduct an unexploded ordnance presentation and demolition opera-

tion. Though this trip was standard practice for the team it ended up yielding unexpected results, and revealing the true value of UXO education. The trip was organized when the local police force approached the EOD squad while they were doing a UXO consult with the KRS dive team over on Gugeegue. One of the locals had found what was identified to be a five-inch projectile and the EOD squad was commissioned to dispose of it. The presentation proved effective when immediately upon its completion one of the residents was able to identify a second projectile.

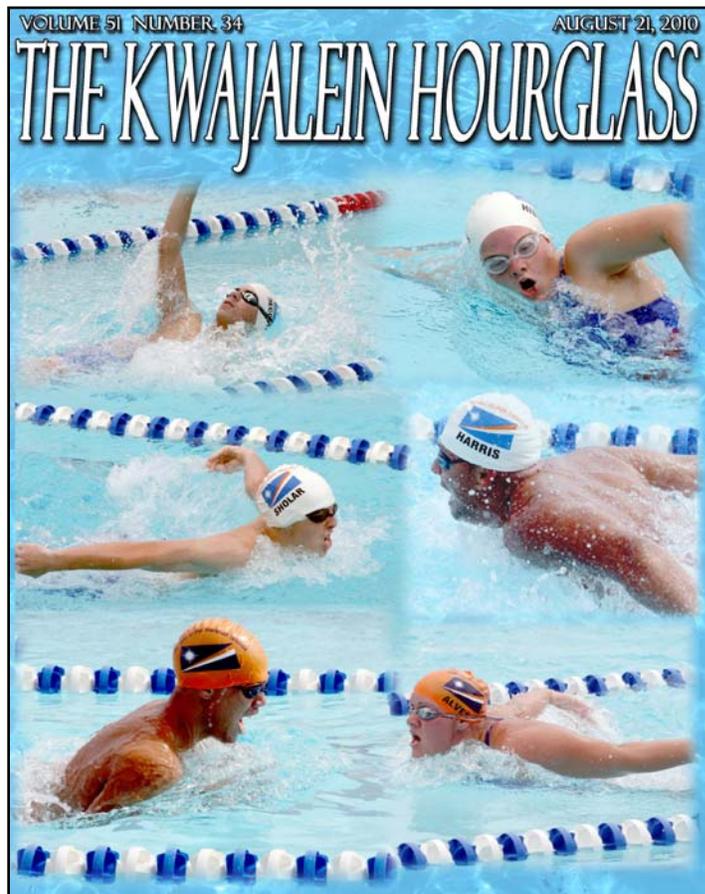
**Col. Gaines visited Kwajalein Atoll leaders**

On July 23, Col. Joseph Gaines paid courtesy visits to Ebeye to meet with the Kwajalein Atoll leadership. He was accompanied by USAKA Director of Host Nation Activities, Maj. Christopher Mills; USAKA RMI Relations Specialist, Michael Sakaio, and RMI Liaison to USAKA, Jelton Anjain. Gaines was warmly welcomed by Iroj/Senator Michael Kabua at his residence at South Loi. Kabua is one of three senators representing Kwajalein Atoll in the RMI national government.

∞ AUGUST ∞

**Two students from Kwajalein high school attended Youth Leadership Forum for Pacific Region**

Dane Bishop and Maggie Fronzak represented the youth of USAKA/RTS at this year's Pacific Youth Leadership Forum sponsored and hosted by



Installation Management Command-Pacific Region. The forum was held from July 12-17 at the Hawaii Army National Guard Regional Training Institute at Bellows Air Force Station on Oahu.

### Two Kwajalein volunteers showed giving back really does have its rewards

Robert Carter and Don Swanby were accepted in the special citation category for their volunteer work for the Armed Forces Recreation Society at the National Recreation and Parks Conference held in October. AFRS is a joint services organization that includes all the services Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Swanby has volunteered his time over the last two years to enhance the recreation program at USAKA. He has taken the lead in not only maintaining and rehabbing the theaters, but also in training other projectionists in how to troubleshoot issues and keep things running smoothly. Carter brought with him the unique skill set of a bowling alley mechanic, though that was not his job. Over the last two years, Carter brought the bowling alley back to life, fixing the machines, developing bowling leagues and supporting special programs.

### The Marshall Islands Swim Federation competed in the Micronesian Games held in Palau Aug. 1-10.

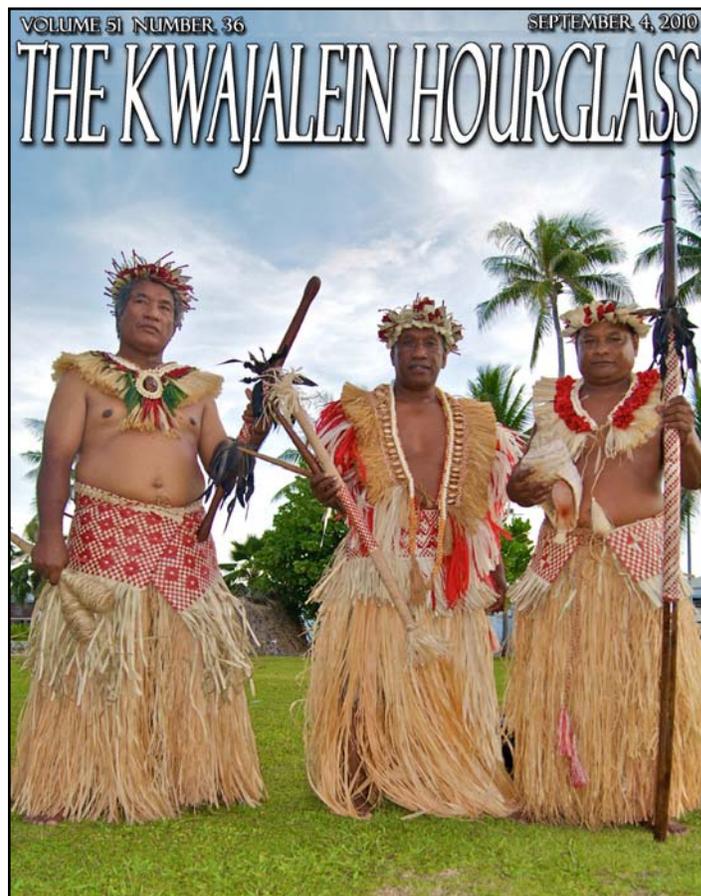
The 13 competing swimmers from the Marshall Islands brought home 30 medals this year. Team members were Jake Villarreal, Dane Bishop, Clarissa Brady, Hagar Kabua, Shawn Brady, Jennifer Hibberts, Annie Hepler, John Sholar, Angela Kendrick, Leightyn Cossey, Giordan Harris, Julie Alves and Ryan DeCoster, along with coaches Amy LaCost and Glenn Hibberts. The team brought home an impressive six gold, 13 silver and 11 bronze medals.

### Property staff achievements recognized

Personnel in the Kwajalein Range Services Property department had been busy furthering their education in their field and three individuals achieved levels of certification in property management. Reni Langrine has worked in the Property department on Kwajalein for almost nine years. Recently, he took the initiative to become a Certified Professional Property Specialist through the National Property Management Association certification program. Langrine is the first known native Marshallese citizen to earn a CPPS designation. Leilani Hubshman has also worked to achieve her CPPS. She and Langrine studied and worked together to prepare for the certification exam and on July 29 they both passed with flying colors, each earning their CPPS designation. Malcolm Gowans reached even further, working to become a Certified Professional Property Administrator. This is the second level of the NPMA certification program.

### RMI citizens graduate from MIT program

Since the whole enterprise first kicked off in 2008, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology training program has literally had a perfect record in terms of producing capable, computer-savvy trainees. The program was created with the



intent of taking two Republic of the Marshall Islands citizens per year and putting them through a rigorous 10-week Information Technology training course that enables participants to expand their horizons and boost their chances of getting an IT-related job in the future. It is much like a summer internship, except instead of fetching coffee and doing menial tasks, the participants of this program are thrust directly into the learning process.

## SEPTEMBER

### USAKA/RTS important assets to senior DoD leaders

While Kwajalein is used to sometimes hosting high level senior Department of Defense leaders, it's not every day the four-star general in charge of Strategic Command visits. Gen. Kevin Chilton visited Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, taking time to examine Reagan Test Site, community facilities, radars and receive some technical and operational briefings. Chilton's visit was important; he is one of the combatant commanders in the U.S. military.

### Eric Watnik of U.S. Embassy in Majuro visited Kwajalein, Ebeye

Erik Watnik traveled to Ebeye along with Edward Bayron, United States Customs and Border Protection; Mike Sakaio, Republic of the Marshall Islands Relations Specialist; and Jelton Anjain, RMI Liaison to USAKA. The U.S. Embassy in Majuro offered a

\$3,000 grant to the Marshall Islands Council of Non-Government Organizations. They contracted with Mela Langibelang, a deaf student attending Galludet University in Washington, D.C., to give American Sign Language classes on Ebeye. Watnik also came to Kwajalein to present the 'Democracy in the Marshall Islands' historical display to Chaplain Rick Funk, President of the Marshallese Cultural Society. Watnik also came to Kwajalein to show embassy support to Edward Bayron while he was here on Kwajalein conducting classes on detecting fraudulent travel documents.

### **USCGC *Sequoia* performed aid to navigation at Kwajalein**

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Sequoia* Coast Guardsmen told Kwajalein residents about their mission during a tour of their ship for community residents. They were here to perform maintenance and repair of buoys in and around the Kwajalein Harbor.

## ❧ OCTOBER ❧

### **High-speed internet on Kwajalein and Roi expected to be completed by midyear 2011**

Many residents have asked where we were with the new high-speed internet project. It was reported the project end goal of midyear 2011 is on track. Funding to build the residential DSL system has been transferred to Kwajalein Range Services. KRS finalized the material lists to be used to order components. The new system will provide the choice of dial-up, medium and high-speed DSL internet access to residents on Kwaj and Roi.

### **Manit Day was opportunity to celebrate, display, share Marshallese traditions**

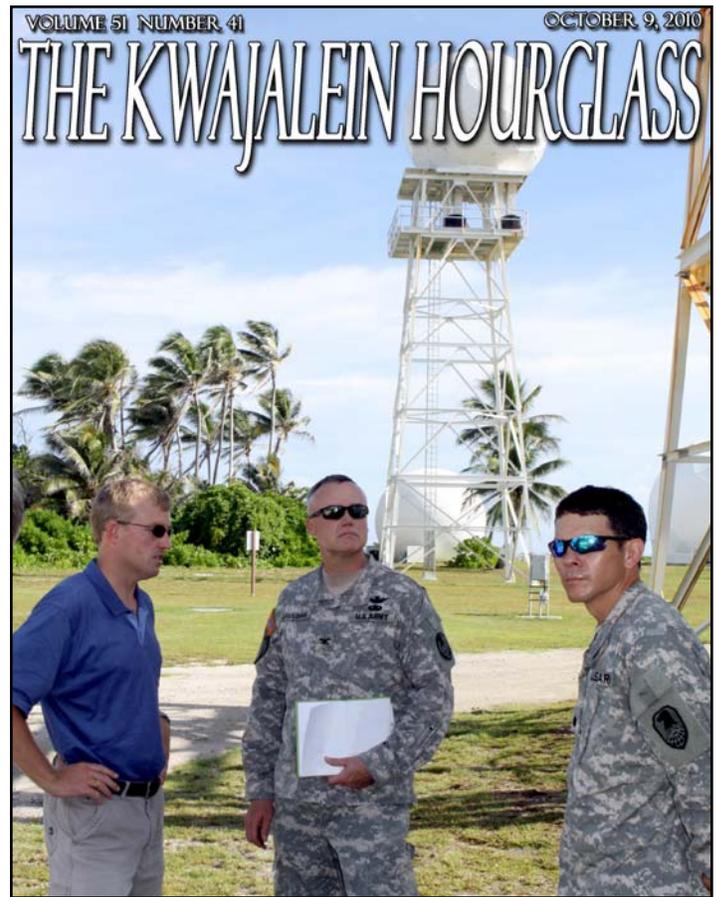
Manit Day has been celebrated on Kwajalein since 1998 when the Marshallese Cultural Center opened. The event is sponsored by the Marshallese Cultural Society with volunteers by several other organizations including the Marshall Islands Club at Kwajalein High School, Ri'katak students and the Jine Tip Tip Marshallese Women's Club; they all assisted with the planning and the execution of Manit Day at the Cultural Center.

### **Grandfathered RMI employees thanked for their years of service on Kwajalein**

Grandfathered Republic of the Marshall Islands employees that were affected by the Reduction In Force were celebrated for their years of hard work and service on Kwajalein. Certificates and coins were handed out to the six employees as a sign of gratitude for their years of work. Marok Lalimo, Embi Anej, Waness Loek, Even Majjon, Ben Aisen and George Luther were thanked.

### **Col. Shanahan, Col. Jones tour operations on Roi-Namur, Kwajalein**

Within the first 90 days of taking command, units within the Space and Missile Defense Command conduct an inspection of all departments and opera-



tions. When Col. Joseph Gaines came to his 90 day mark at U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, an inspection team arrived to perform the examination of departments on both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. Col. Daniel Shanahan, Chief of Staff, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and Col. Harvey Jones, Deputy Chief of Staff for Engineering, SMDC/ARSTRAT, led the inspection team and toured facilities at both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur.

### **Kwajalein, Roi-Namur laughed it up with Armed Forces Entertainment comedians**

The New York Underground Comedy Festival All-Stars III visited Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. Armed Forces Entertainment brought five very talented and hysterically funny comedians to the Holmberg Fairways Country Club and Outrigger Club Oct. 9-11. The group was well diversified and each had jokes to suit any resident's taste.

### **Col. Joseph Gaines met, talked with communities about issues, concerns, introduced IMCOM**

Town Hall meetings hosted by Col. Joseph Gaines were held for the Kwajalein and Roi-Namur communities and RMI workforce. Gaines discussed several 'hot-topics' in his opening comments and then took open questions from the attendees. FY11 budget reductions, boat usage, high speed Internet and the transition to Installation Management Command were the first issues to be addressed, while questions included concerns about the AAFES/MWR money, food quality at the Café Pacific, the possibility of a DoD school system and housing deterioration. Roi-Namur topics included differences

in the stores at Roi and Kwajalein, why RMI Roi residents must fly space available when they work on Kwaj, Roi golf fees and the number of medical personnel. RMI workers voiced their concerns about the laundry facility and American Eatery hours, and requested the ability to rent scooters and availability of tables and outdoor, overhead cover at the laundry facility. They had questions about the 2009 bonus as well as life insurance.

### **Fire-Muster Obstacle Race a big hit at Fire Prevention Week finale**

**F**ire Prevention Week was Oct. 3-9. The U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll fire fighters spent the week visiting various classrooms at Kwajalein schools to teach fire safety. Sparky and the fire fighters explained to the youngsters about the importance of smoke alarms, how they sound and what to do when you hear one go off. At the Child Development Center, fire fighters taught the kids how to 'Stop, Drop and Roll.' They were also taught 'What is Hot, What is Not,' by playing a game with the firemen. Fire Prevention Week ended with a community-wide Fire-Muster Obstacle Race at the Richardson Theater.

### **Toothbrushes, toothpaste donated to Enniburr, Ebeye third-grade students**

**O**ctober was Dental Hygiene Month and Kwajalein Range Services Dental Hygienist Judy Shimamoto and Dental Assistant Daleaina Chong-gum have taken trips over to Enniburr and Ebeye to educate third grade classes on the importance of dental hygiene. This year, Shimamoto and Chong-gum were accompanied by Heather Little and high school students Lauren Amador, Dori deBrum and Yomoko Kemen. The team

visited seven schools on Ebeye and visited morning and afternoon classes on Enniburr; in total, the team spoke to and educated around 400 Marshallese students.

### **41st Annual Kwajalein Open held Oct. 10-18 at Holmberg Fairways**

**U**nlike previous years, the women played with the men instead of in a separate category. Still they managed to steal some spots in the top three and plenty of prizes during the special events throughout the week. USAKA personnel also did well this year. With the donations from Kwajalein Range Services, Chugach, Berry Aviation, Matson and Continental, even those that didn't do great still had a chance to win big at the banquet dinner held at the Vet's Hall.

### **Shaving Cream Social one of the oldest traditions on Kwajalein**

**T**he Shaving Cream Social was the kick-off for Halloween celebrations. The social was directed by Mandie Morris, Recreation Manager, who dressed in her skull t-shirt and funky purple wig, really getting the kids into the Halloween spirit. Halloween and dance music was also played to keep the momentum of the event in high gear. This year over 250 Kwajalein youths came out in their bathing suits, rash guards, goggles and hats, ready to be covered from head to toe in white, frothy lather.

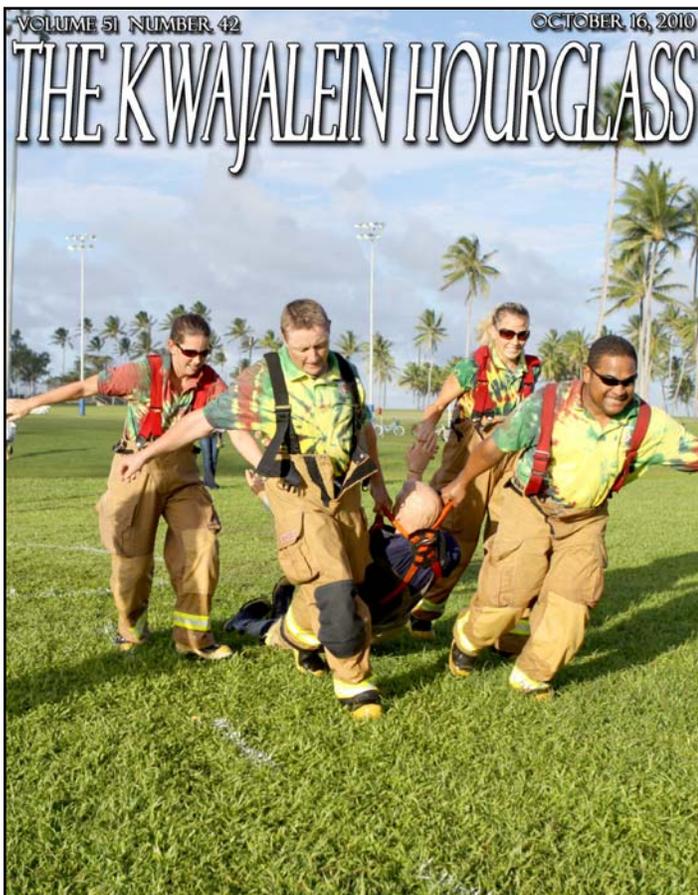
## **NOVEMBER**

### **Joint Telecommunication Board met at USAKA for the first time**

**T**he document that structures the relationship between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia is called the Compact of Free Association. The Compact states there will be a bilateral, or joint, telecommunication board meeting with each of these countries at least once per year. This year, the JTBs were hosted at U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site for the very first time. Representatives from the U.S., RMI, Palau and FSM attended. Delegates from each country began arriving at USAKA/RTS from Oct 21-26. There is only so much radio frequency spectrum available, and if its usage is not planned, interference could occur. That was the main topic at this year's JTB.

### **Veterans were honored, remembered for their sacrifices and dedication to U.S.**

**I**sland residents, distinguished guests and veterans past and present joined together to recognize Veterans Day. Maj. Stephen Parrish acted as host for the ceremony and began by welcoming guest keynote speaker Ambassador Martha L. Campbell, Senator/*Iroij* Michael Kabua, acting Mayor of Ebeye George Luther, USAKA/RTS senior leaders and their spouses, KRS president Dave Norwood and his wife Jenny, veterans of the United States of America and the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the day's celebrations.



### **Marshallese Trade Fair and Kwajalein craft fair provided opportunity to shop, share culture**

The first two Mondays in November provided residents some retail therapy, just in time for Christmas. The Marshallese Cultural Fair gave the Kwajalein community the opportunity to purchase unique gifts, handicrafts and island produce and seafood not normally available here. The Kwajalein craft fair brought out local artists and hobbyists to show off and offer their creations for purchase.

### **YYWC basket auction raises money to assist outer islands**

The Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Silent Basket Auction has been a tradition on Kwajalein for years and years and for a good reason. All proceeds from the auction go to benefit the Outer Island Christmas which too has become a Kwajalein tradition looked forward to by many. This year was no different. The Silent Basket Auction was held in the Davye Davis Multipurpose room at Kwajalein High School. Kwajalein residents donated baskets of goods or services to be auctioned off for charity. In the end, the evening raised over \$11,000.

### **Ambassador Martha Campbell visits Kwajalein, Carlos, Ebeye**

United States Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the honorable Martha Campbell, visited Kwajalein Atoll last week and accomplished numerous endeavors during her visit. Campbell served as the guest keynote speaker for the Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11. That afternoon, she and several USAKA staff members visited the island of Carlos. That was Campbell's first visit to that island. While on Kwajalein, Campbell took the time to unveil the 'Democracy in the Marshall Islands' historical display democracy posters at the Marshallese Cultural Center.

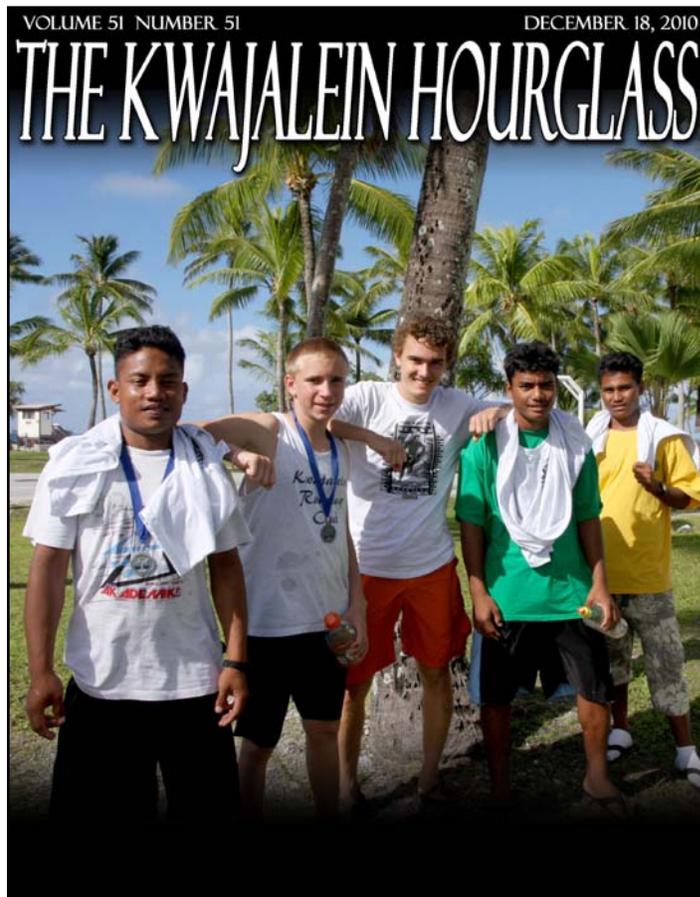
## ❧ DECEMBER ❧

### **Roi-Namur welcomed new physician assistant Michael Carney to the island**

Roi-Namur welcomed its newest hospital staff member, Michael Carney, who became the full-time physician assistant on Roi. He arrived Oct. 6. Carney is from New York and his last post was in Saipan where he worked for three years as a physician assistant.

### **Quality of Life funded various proposals for Kwajalein, Roi-Namur communities**

The Quality of Life Fund is one of the unique benefits here on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. The Fund is managed by a QOL Committee made up of representatives to the various demographics on Kwajalein and Roi. The committee meets monthly and considers recommendations from all their constituents for potential funding. QOL vehicles are probably one of the most visible and utilized items funded by QOL. In total, QOL has funded the pur-



chase of seven golf carts and one pick-up truck that are available for rental use on Kwajalein and Roi. QOL has also funded equipment for the installation of public internet access to facilitate shared-usage of a non-mission internet network. This project included the DSL equipment needed to connect the homes to the fiber network for high speed internet access due in 2011.

### **Turkey Bowl was Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School's 'homecoming,' spirit week**

Turkey Bowl is an annual tradition for Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School, one that simulates a homecoming for the small school. The week preceding Turkey Bowl Day was a spirit week when students dressed up in ways not usually allowed by school rules. The spirit days designated this year included Pajama Day, Tacky Day, Superhero and Sports Day. On the day of Turkey Bowl, students wore their class colors. The day was filled with songs, danced, hilarious skits and plenty of fun.

### **Australian Ambassador to RMI, Susan Cox, visits Kwajalein, Ebeye**

Australia has continued a positive relationship with the Republic of the Marshall Islands, striving to provide grants and aid to help supplement quality of life projects on islands throughout the atoll. The honorable Susan Cox, Australian Ambassador to the RMI, Palau and Federated States of Micronesia visited Kwajalein and Ebeye Dec. 4-7, to examine and discuss possible projects that could be supported by Australian grants.

### **Santa arrived by boat for 43rd annual tree lighting ceremony**

Dec. 4 was the 43rd annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Kwajalein. The festivities began at the Small Boat Marina where a crowd of eager children chanted Santa's name and squealed with excitement, waiting for the big man's arrival. After several minutes of anticipation, the red suit finally appeared as Santa was escorted up the dock by USAKA Commander Col. Joseph Gaines, Sgt. Maj. Hohn Wolf and Recreation Manager Mandie Morris. The evening ended in the downtown area with hula dancing, hip-hop dancing, Polynesian music, holiday music by the Kwajalein High School Band and Community Band, singing by the Girl Scouts and of course, the all-important tree lighting.

### **Kwajalein moms and sons dance the night away at GLOW event**

The George Sietz Elementary School Parent/Teacher Organization sponsored its annual mother/son event in the multi-purpose room. Most of the boys were covered head to toe with glow necklaces.

### **Col. Gaines held teen town hall on Kwajalein**

Col. Joseph Gaines held a town hall meeting with the USAKA teens at the Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School MP Room on Nov. 18. In addressing the teens questions, Gaines emphasized he would like to underpromise but deliver more. Additionally, he conveyed to the students he has to make the right decision even though it may not necessarily be the popular decision. He pointed out Army assets are for mission related tasks and not for recreational use.

### **Ebeye All-Stars hosted USAKA softball championship game**

In an endeavor to continue positive relations with our Marshallese neighbors and friends, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site staff arranged to have an international softball championship game between the best of USAKA and the Ebeye All-Stars. The game was hosted on Ebeye Dec. 11. USAKA brought home the win, but all were happy with the camaraderie.

### **Record number of runners finished KRC Paupers' Marathon this year**

Kwajalein Running Club conducted the 29th Annual Paupers' Marathon and Relay. A record 16 individuals completed the 26.2 mile course solo!

### **What Do You Do While Passing Through?**

Rick funk bid farewell to the USAKA/RTS community in his final "It was one of those days" editorials.

### **Marshall Islands Club spreads the joy of Christmas on Carlos**

The Marshall Islands Club began as an effort to socialize Kwajalein students with the Marshallese students on Ebeye. The club has blossomed over

the years and now is host of one of the most looked-forward to events of the school year – Christmas on Carlos. Christmas on Carlos has been a tradition for the Marshall Islands Club for 18 years. The club delivered toys, food and other goods to the Carlos community and spent the day mingling with their friends.

### **Marine Department repaired the Syncrolift**

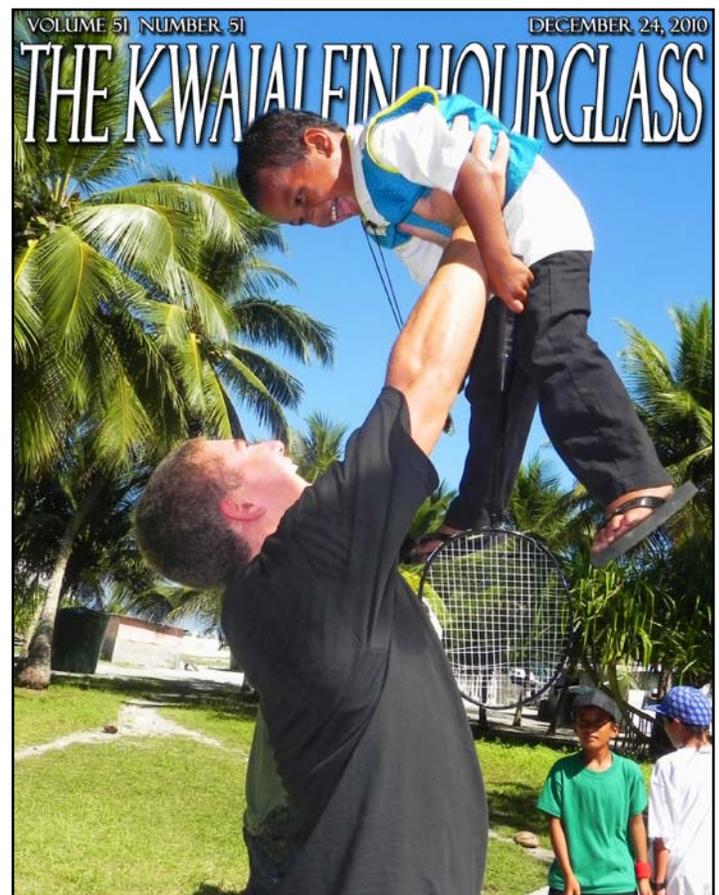
After nearly two years, some repairs, a few upgrades and a lot of sweat, the Marine Department's Syncrolift system went back to work, pulling two ailing vessels out of the water and on to dry land where repairs could be done. The system is over 15 years old, and is a vital component for the Marine Department, especially in this remote locale.

### **Kwajalein welcomed new Protestant chaplain, Jon Olson, and his family**

Kwajalein welcomed its new Protestant Chaplain, Jon Olson, and his family Dec. 16. The Olson family came from Puyallup, Wash.

### **A Fortunate Voyage - Cherokee sailed around the Marshall Islands**

Current and former Kwajalein residents took advantage of the unique location in the world and sailed, surfed, fished and snorkeled around the 29 Atolls of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. In August, TC and Christi Cardillo and Paul McGrew began an enviable four-month adventure that took them to Majuro, Jeh and Imrodj Islands, just to name a few. They had visitors, met new friends and had the adventure of a lifetime.



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 Terminal/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at [www.krsjv.com](http://www.krsjv.com).

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

**WANTED**

CAT SITTER for approximately three to four weeks. Zephyr comes with his kennel, litter and food. Call 54876.

SUBSTITUTE teachers. Contact the HR office if interested.

RIGID Hull Inflatable Boat hard bottom dingy, with or without engine, prefer without. Contact Ken Winchester at home, 51293, or work, 51384.

**Religious Services**

Catholic

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

Protestant

8 and 11 a.m., Sunday, on Kwaj.  
Roi-Namur service at 7 p.m. on Friday

Baptist

9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school Music Room.

Latter-day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, in CRC, Room 3.

Jewish services

Second Friday of the month in the REB. Times will vary.  
Contact the Chaplain's office, 53505, for more information.

**FOUND**

SMALL leather Canon camera case. Call 52698.

PLASTIC bag with clothes in front of the high school. Call 52011 or stop by the high school office to claim.

BODY Glove dive bootie, size three. Call 53398.

**FOR SALE**

DELL all-in-one printer with wireless connection, \$30; Baby Bjorn carrier, \$25; baby sling carrier, \$15 and Mini-Co sleeper, \$50. Call 52332.

CHRISTMAS tree, very easy to put up or take down, come see it while its still up, \$40; Christmas lights, \$5 each and men's shirts, sizes medium and large, like new. Call 52544.

TWO SUN bikes, one Kwaj condition, one good condition and tricycle, kwaj condition, \$150 for all three; pots, \$5 for large and \$2 for all others and IKEA bedframe, solid pine, \$125. Call 51160.

USB MODEM, \$30; SeaLife underwater camera with external flash, \$300; king-size mattress and box spring, \$100; outdoor speakers, \$20; Brother printer/scanner/fax/copier, \$25; mahogany corner table, \$50; mahogany coffee table, \$70; mahogany console table, \$50 or all three tables, \$150; kitchen table and four chairs, \$90; Garmin GPS Forerunner, \$100; plants, \$10; rugs, \$10; black diaper bag, \$10; VCR, \$10 and wine cooler, \$25. Call Stephanie at 51189.

FULL-SIZE mattress, box spring and frame, by Jamison Bedding, \$75; Euro-Pro seven-quart programmable slow cooker, \$35; Coleman 100-quart white marine cooler, very clean, \$80. All items in very good condition. Call 52517. If no answer, please leave a message.

HITACHI rear projection TV, 53 inch, \$500. Call 54876.

WOOD FENCE, 100 feet, has been removed from the ground for easy movement to your quarters. Call 51185 for further information.

PHILLIPS flat screen LCD TV, 22 inch, \$180 and flat screen LCD TV, 20 inch, \$100. Both televisions can be used as computer monitors. Call 50165.

ROCKBAND 3 with microphone; Guitar Hero wireless guitar controller; AC/DC Live track pack for RockBand; Lego RockBand; The Beatles RockBand; The Sims 3, used; Dante's Inferno and Mass Effect 2, special edition; EA Active and Monster Hunter Tri, used, for Xbox 360. Unless otherwise mentioned, all items are for Wii and are unopened. Contact Dan Hopkins at [shiremaus@hotmail.com](mailto:shiremaus@hotmail.com) or call 52349.

PHILIPS IPOD boom box, \$80; Waterpick showerhead, \$2; Wii Fit bundle, board and game, \$75; Vito alto saxophone, \$250; wood-backed movie posters of Scarface, Taxi Driver and more,

**The deadline for all ads and community announcements is Wednesday at noon. E-mail all requests to *hourglass***

**@*smdck.smdc.army.mil***

\$50 each; instant pop-up tent, \$50 and Xbox 360 elite, 120GB, two wireless controllers, recharge station, extra battery packs, recharge wires and nine games, \$400. Call Jeremy at 52525.

LADIES SUN bike, already assembled, few weeks out of box, light blue, three-speed, sold on island for \$379, asking \$335. Call 52737 and leave a message.

GE 6.0 CORDLESS telephone with digital answering machine, \$40; brown desk lamp, \$10; JVC TV, 32 inch, \$150; Sabra DVD player, \$20; floor fan, \$30; Optima eureka bagless lightweight vacuum cleaner, \$30; women's knee-high brown boots, size 10, flat heel, \$5 and US Robotics external modem for Windows XP, \$20. Call 52588 after 5 p.m. on weekdays or after 9 a.m. on weekends.

CANON PowerShot A570IS 7.1MP digital camera with 4x Optical Image Stabilized zoom, never used, \$150; Fujifilm Finepix S5200 5.1MP digital camera with 10x Optical zoom, like new, \$140; Garmin Serial Port Cable for eTrex Compact GPS (010-10206-00), \$15; Garmin eTrex Compact GPS, same type used by the SBM, \$75; Sherwood Brut regulator, Genesis Ocoto and PSG Console combo, \$350; Sherwood Brut regulator, \$200 and NERO 7 Ultra, never used, \$30. Call 51081.

MAYTAG wood block top dishwasher, perfect for 400 housing, \$150; Wii Fit, \$50; Gateway LT31 Netbook with 1.2Ghz AMD Athlon processor, 2Bb RAM and Windows Vista, \$150; new Reef flip flops, size 10, \$30; 22 inch TV/DVD/VCR combo, \$10; Sony DVD player, \$10; Kenwood AM/FM stereo receiver, \$10 and Seaquest Diva XLT Women's BCD XLarge, \$300. Call home, 52493, or work, 53496.

PULSE DRUM set, full kit; Chopper bike and electric drum set with amp, can use headphones to make for a quiet house. Please call 53124.

BAYLINER Trophy, 1990, 23 feet; Twin Yamaha, 2006, 115HP, four-stroke engine, 140 gallon internal fuel tank and new trailer, \$35,000. Call 58240 or 59252.

FISH TANK, 40 gallon, complete with everything you need except the water and fish, two lights, new Magnum 350 filter with extra parts, power heads

*Café Pacific*

**Lunch**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 15
BBQ Beef Brisket	Herb Pork Cutlet	Porcupine Meatballs	Green Chili Burrito	Gyro Bar	Grilled Pork Chop	Kwaj Fried Chicken
Tandouri Chicken	Marco Polo	Stir-fry Vegetables	Country Fried Steak	Mousaka	Blackened Flounder	Beef Tips in Burgundy
Battered Fish	Wheat Pasta/Herbs	Broiled Chicken Breast	Kung Pao Chicken	Bombay Chicken	Vegetarian Penne	Buttered Egg Noodles
Brunch Station Open	Brunch Station Open	Onion Gravy	Black-eyed Peas	Vegetable Ragù	Mashed Potatoes	Brown Rice Pilaf

**Dinner**

Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breaded Pork Chops	Roast Pork Butt	Teriyaki Beef Steak	Herb Baked Chicken	Carved Flank Steak	Salisbury Steak	Stir-fry to Order
Spicy Chicken Curry	Spicy Buffalo Wings	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Beef Curry	Pasta ala Pesto	Chicken Stew	Spicy Pork Roast
Red Beans in Broth	Vegetable Casserole	Stir-fry Vegetables	Tofu/Pineapple Stir-fry	BBQ Chicken	Macaroni and Cheese	Huli Huli Chicken

and bottom filter, custom built oak stand, lots of food both dried and frozen, nets, air pumps plus lots of extras, \$200. Call 53500.

AQUALUNG Kronos regulator, nearly new, \$295; AquaLung Legend regulator, used, \$275; XL SeaQuest Balance BCD with only 10 dives, \$225; Atomic Split fins with steel springs, lightly used, medium, \$75; dive boots, medium, large and extra large, \$10 each; spear-gun for amateur fun, \$25; new Garmin eTrex GPS like SBM uses, \$75 and DVDs, \$5 each or \$25 for six of your choice. Call John at 53290 to see.

**GIVEAWAY**

VINYL record albums, good condition, different genres, mostly 70's and 80's. Call Pam at 54678 in the evening.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

COME HELP US celebrate Rosa Capelle, who is retiring after 44 years supporting Kwajalein at 7 p.m., Jan. 9, at Emon Beach Pavilion. Meats supplied, bring a side dish and BYOB.

KRC WILL BE hosting a Fun Run at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 10. Meet in front of the library. Distances are 1/2, two and four miles. Runners, joggers and walkers are welcome.

KWAJALEIN School Advisory Council meeting is at 7 p.m., Jan. 19, in the elementary school Coconut room. The public is invited to attend.

THERE WILL be a road trip at 6 p.m. on Jan. 19. New island residents come find out what Community Activities is all about. Call 53331 or E-mail Kim Yarnes to register by 4 p.m. on Jan. 15. Take a guided tour of Adult Recreation Center, Adult Pool, Family Pool, Bowling Center, Grace Sherwood Library, Richardson Theater, Hobby Shop, Wood Shop, Rentals, Yuk Theater, Ivy Gym, Tennis Courts, Golf Course, Camp Hamilton, Emon Beach, Coral Sands and C.R.C. Meet at the Hobby Shop, building 815 across from Café Pacific.

KWAJALEIN Drum Circle will be at 6:30 p.m., Jan. 20, at Emon Beach. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun as we "Drum Down the Sun" at the beach. Bring your drum, cowbell, tambourine, or water bucket to join the fun. You don't have to be a drummer, just bring something to beat on. Beach chairs recommended, dancers welcome. For more information contact Bill Williamson 54103.

THE GREAT Kwaj Swap Meet will be 8-11 a.m., Jan. 24, at Emon Beach. One complimentary table per household; one additional table is \$10. Pick-up service provided, no oversized items please. Bargain Bazaar will be accepting donations. Call the Community Activities office at 53331 to reserve your table; space is limited.

THE MANDATORY Island Orientation begins at 12:30 p.m., Jan. 26, in CAC Room 6. It is required for

# Upcoming Kwaj Sports Seasons

## **Basketball**

Registration ends Jan. 14. Fee is \$200. Manager's meeting is at 5 p.m., Jan. 15, at the CA conference room. Season dates are Jan. 25-March 11.



## **Bowling**

Registration ends Jan. 19. Get your four-person team together or register as an individual. League play will begin on Jan. 25 and run for eight consecutive weeks, until March 15. The league fees are \$100 for those who own their shoes and \$110 for those who need shoes.



## **Inner-tube Water Polo**

Register Jan. 11-21. Fee is \$200. Manager's meeting is at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 26, in the Community Activities conference room. Season dates are Feb. 1-March 18.



**Register for all sports at the Community Activities Office in building 805. Call 53331 with questions.**

all new island arrivals. The Island Orientation is not recommended for dependent children under the age of 10. If you have any questions, please call the KRS ES&H facilitators at 51134.

JANUARY Birthday Bash at the Ocean View Club is at 8 p.m. on Jan. 29. Sign up at the Retail Sales Office by Jan. 26. Must be 21 years old. Complimentary drinks, D.J., and cake. Contact Maria Curtiss at 58228.

OPEN Recreation Photo Scavenger Hunt with the Youth Center is Jan. 29 in the SAS room at the elementary school. Registration dates are Jan. 18-22. Visit CYSS Central Registration to sign up. Open to all CYSS registered families.

TOBACCO free classes are at 5 p.m., Jan. 28-March 4 at the Hospital Conference Room. Call the Hospital at 52224 and schedule your free physical. Free quit tobacco aids available. Questions, call 55362.

## *Café Roi*

### **Lunch**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 15
Breakfast Pizzas	Roast Chicken	Chicken/Avacado Sand.	Grilled Cheese Sand.	Chicken Quesadillas	Sausage Hoagies	BBQ Beef Sand.
Pasta and Meatballs	Southern Benedict	Boiled Brisket	Beef Stroganoff	Beef/Fish Tacos	Chicken Cacciatore	Baked Chicken
Italian Grilled Chicken	Black Beans/Sausage	Pinto Beans	Mushroom Stroganoff	Refried Beans	Onion Rings	Marinated Vegetables

### **Dinner**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 15
BBQ Pork Ribs	Fried Cod	Missile Burgers	Steak Night	Roi Fried Chicken	Egg Rolls	Beef Tortellini Alfredo
Panko Fish Fillets	Stuffed Chicken	Turkey Chili	Huli Huli Chicken	Beef Stew	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Chicken Parmesan
Turkey Casserole	Corn on the Cob	BBQ Baked Beans	Three-Cheese Pasta	Cornbread	Mongolian Beef	Spaghetti

