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Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau formally relinquishes his USAG-KA duties by passing his sword to USAG-KA Commander Col. Nestor Sadler during his Relinquishment of Responsibilities ceremony Thursday at the Island Memorial Chapel. For more, see page 3.

Photo by Jordan Vinson

USAG-KA officer Douglas Rogers promoted from captain to major



Photo by Jordan Vinson

Maj. Douglas Rogers was promoted from the rank of captain to major in the U.S Army on Wednesday. U.S. Army-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Nestor Sadler, along with Mrs. Rogers, pinned on Rogers' new insignia. Maj. Rogers was joined at the brief ceremony by his family, USAG-KA staff and members of the community.

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Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau relinquishes USAG-KA responsibilities Thursday

Article and photos by Jordan Vinson
Associate Editor

Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau ended his tenure at U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Thursday in a Relinquishment of Responsibility ceremony at the Island Memorial Chapel.

The ceremony, protected from the morning rain by the chapel's wooden A-frame, showcased the passing of a sword between the hands of Prioleau and U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Nestor Sadler. It's a rite of passage steeped in military tradition that signifies the transfer of official responsibilities from the incumbent back to Command, formally ending Prioleau's tenure as the base's highest ranking enlisted advisor.

Sadler welcomed the crowd of nearly 100 people at the chapel, extending thanks to everyone in attendance from fellow enlisted and commissioned Army officers to civilians and contractors. Special visits to the ceremony were made by Republic of the Marshall Islands Iroij Senator Mike Kabua, Irojlaplap (Paramount Chief) and former RMI president Imata Kabua, RMI Post Master General Heran Bellu, KALG Protocol Officer Jesse Riketa and RMI Liaison Lanny Kabua.

"It is only fitting to have so many people here this morning to bid farewell to Sgt. Maj. Prioleau and to recognize the great contributions to the Kwajalein community [he's made]."



Col. Sadler gives the outgoing Sgt. Maj. Prioleau a hug, wishing him luck in his future endeavors.



Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau clasps the ceremonial sword, a symbol of adherence to military duty and honor, during his Relinquishment of Responsibility ceremony Thursday. Sgt. Maj. David Negron, looking on in the background, assisted in the ceremony.

Sadler spoke at length about Prioleau's larger-than-life character and dedication to the job during his 18 months working within Command on USAG-KA. He made it clear that the bonds Prioleau had made on the island were both professional and personal in nature—and certain to endure well into the future.

"Conducting this ceremony is strongly difficult for me," the colonel said. "Because the Command is not only losing a great sergeant major—but I'm losing a great friend."

Prioleau had been instrumental in helping Sadler, who arrived four months ago, get up to speed on the complexities of running a state-of-the-art U.S. Army missile defense installation in a foreign country. But he has also been a smiling face and dependable comrade that the Commander and his wife, Monica, had been so grateful to have while they adjusted to life so far away from home. Sadler told the story of how Prioleau had taken him and his wife under his wing their very first

night on the island.

"The sergeant major said, 'Hey guys, don't worry. I'll make sure to get the colonel and his wife back to their quarters for the night,'" Sadler said. "Unbeknownst to me, that night lasted well through midnight. But during that night ... I paid attention; I listened to everything he had to say; and I took his sage advice. ... During that night we were able to bond, build that trust, caring and mutual respect that was forged forever. You see, I couldn't have asked for a better sergeant major. But more importantly, a friend."

After wishing Prioleau good luck and many blessings during his next assignment at Fort Bliss, Texas, Sadler stepped away to let Prioleau take to the podium under a wave of applause from the crowd.

He began his address by thanking everyone in attendance and giving a brief explanation of what he strove for during his tenure on USAG-KA.

"It has been an honor to be part of team Kwajalein," Prioleau said. "I have tried to do my best to support

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Leaders from both USAG-KA and the RMI pause for a photo after the ceremony. From left to right: Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau; Iroj Senator Mike Kabua; RMI Liaison Lanny Kabua; Col. Nestor Sadler; and Irojilaplap (Paramount Chief) and former RMI president Imata Kabua.

the Reagan Test Site, the mission and its customers. I have tried to do my best to work hard to support our soldiers and ... Army civilians ... contract employees, families and our host nation partners.”

Prioleau expressed gratitude for having the chance to work with Sadler in managing the garrison.

“A special recognition for United States Garrison-Kwajalein Commander—aka Nestor Sadler,” Prioleau said gesturing toward the colonel. “It’s not easy acknowledging that a soldier of my character would get the opportunity to work with a Special Forces airborne ranger. Soldiers in many units dream about working alongside the extraordinary leaders like yourself, sir. ... We dream about being part of your lineage. ... My dream has come true.”

He said that, while it was an honor to serve with the colonel on the job, it was also nice to have Sadler as a friend.

“Thanks for giving me the opportunity to help lead team Kwajalein and being your battle buddy,” Prioleau said. “Along the way, I really enjoyed the talks while cruising around in the [golf] cart doing base ops’. I enjoyed those ocean view cookouts.”

Prioleau discussed the joy he took directing the litany of projects he tackled as USAG-KA’s highest-ranking enlisted advisor. Tasked to manage garrison operations, Prioleau had a hand in anything from planning and managing the RMI Trade Fairs and to handling all the real property tasks on the island. Working with his team to improve base operations is an experience he will take with him on future assignments, he said.

“I am proud of what we have accomplished together. We’ve tackled several tough challenges and made significant improvements to many of our most important programs,” he said. “We have enhanced the access to services and improved the quality of life for our soldiers, Army civilians, contractors and families. In doing so, we have increased the

capabilities and overall readiness of team Kwajalein.”

Looking forward, Prioleau talked about how much he will miss the little things that make Kwajalein special.

“I’ll never forget riding my shiny bike,” he said. “Greased down and looking pretty on Emon Beach while watching a baggo game and divers coming out of the water.” Even walking to the KRS billing office to pay his phone bill and chat with employees there was a treat for him.

He said he’ll miss catching the sunsets with his friends and playing in all the sports leagues that residents occupy themselves with on Kwajalein. Indeed, the volleyball games, softball tournaments and soccer matches will be a bit quieter now with Prioleau gone. His booming voice that had cheered on so many teams during the last 18 months had become quite the staple at these gatherings.

In the end Prioleau’s attitude on USAG-KA, both in uniform and off-duty, reflected the way in which he viewed the folks on USAG-KA: as a family. It wasn’t a group of random U.S. soldiers and contractors he was cheering on and chatting up in the community. He and everyone on the island are part of the same family, he said—“team Kwajalein.”

Prioleau’s next assignment will take him to Fort Bliss, Texas. Informed by the experience he attained serving on USAG-KA, he’ll open the next chapter in his proud military career there, ready to take on new challenges ahead.

Prioleau is speaking at a podium during a ceremony. He is wearing a military uniform with a name tag that reads “PRIOLEAU”. There are flags in the background.



“It has been an honor to be part of team Kwajalein,” Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau said, addressing the crowd of nearly 100 people who attended his Relinquishment of Responsibilities ceremony Thursday at the Island Memorial Chapel.

Kwajalein's first-ever dog park now open

Hourglass reports

Dogs and owners throughout the island are now able to enjoy Kwajalein's first ever dog park. Constructed off Pacific Drive, it is a project that was made possible by work done within the Kwajalein Dog Owners Group (KDOG).

Spread across a half-acre of green grass next to the lagoon, the fenced-in area houses a watering station and waste stations for the dogs, along with a number of park benches for owners and other visitors.

KDOG, the private club that had lobbied for the project for a number of years, said it recently drafted its membership callout letter, reaching out to the more than 80 dog owners across the island to communicate the benefits of the park.

It shouldn't be a tough sell, KDOG said.

The group's leaders said in an interview that the dog park is a project that many of the island's residents, even those who do not have dogs, had eagerly looked forward to.



The vast majority of the work and equipment installations are now finished. The build, seen here in an earlier stage, progressed quickly.

"We have non-dog owners saying they'd go there just to see the dogs," said Cherie O'Brien, the president of the group. "Because they just love dogs."

But the real selling point behind this project is the opportunity to give dogs a place to run free. Because they aren't allowed outside off leash unless they are in residents' fenced-in backyards, this is a privilege that few canines on Kwajalein get to experience.

The purpose of the park is to fill that void, creating a common area that will welcome all dogs on the island, said Tammy Davis, KDOG treasurer. The upshot is more exercise, more interaction with other dogs and more fun in the sun—all of which may positively impact canines' quality of life.

"There are a lot of health issues with

dogs because they're overweight," O'Brien said. "Because there's no place for them to run and play."

The park's building phase went smoothly, said a supervisor with Chugach, the company contracted to handle the build.

"We didn't even know they had started [building] it," Davis said. "And people started telling us. I was like, 'Kenny [Davis' husband] you gotta' take me over there! Bring the camera!'"

"We were thrilled," echoed O'Brien. "Just thrilled."

"Everybody throughout the whole process has been very supportive and excited about it," O'Brien said. "But I think they were feeling like we were. Like, 'Sure you're gonna' get a dog park.'"

But today the park is a reality. All dogs on Kwajalein now have their own special space to stretch their legs, throw off their leashes and run free.

Lastly, anyone can use the dog park free of charge.



Kwajalein students enjoy a day of fun and games during their annual Turkey Bowl

Article by Molly Premo
Media Services Intern

Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School students held their 2013 Turkey Bowl ceremony Nov. 28. The event, an annual treat on the school's calendar, serves as Kwajalein's version of a football homecoming and consists of several team-building activities aimed at promoting school spirit.

Superintendent Al Robinson began the assembly by welcoming guests and introducing the judges of the competitions, Monica Sadler, Gloria Cassiday, Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau, the Rev. Kevin Wilson and the Rev. Victor Langhans. Robinson surprised the students by calling U.S. Army-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Nestor to the front of the room to award certificates to two students, Angelo Lelet and Manini Kabua, who had responded quickly to an emergency situation and helped save the life of a fellow classmate. The rest of the assembly proceeded as normal.

Students spent the first half of the Turkey Bowl participating in a variety of acts and competitions. Coral Sands Beach was their destination for further competitions in the afternoon.

Juniors Mereille Bishop and Molly Premo welcomed the senior class up to the stage for recognition by reciting senior salutes, short poems about each senior and their personalities. Next the class cheers were presented, judges deeming which cheer was the best.

The "EC Crew" executed the first dance, an original hip-hop choreography performed along with a mashup of different tracks.

Improv skits came next. A group of students including Trey Tomas, Angelo Lelet, Arianna Alejandro and Dayna Helper were assigned the roles of characters like Miley Cyrus and Sleeping Beauty. They were to act as though they were these characters, preparing for a thumb war, a performance that elicited an uproar of laughter from the audience.



Photo by Kim Yarnes

The "EC Crew" wraps up its hip-hop dance routine in the MP Room during the 2013 Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School Turkey Bowl Nov. 28.

More than 20 girls showed their hula hoop skills, performing to the song "Mana Mahol'i by Te Vaka. A group of Marshallese students continued the island theme, dancing to "I Wanna' Taki Taki."

Addison Cossey changed the pace of the dance performances, leading a group of girls in an Alabama line dance. After demonstrating the steps the girls pulled up audience members, including Col. Sadler and the panel of judges.

The next act was unique only to Kwaj. Mereille Bishop asked KHS students if they were true "Kwaj Kids." She explained many scenarios that only Kwaj residents would understand, such as getting a wet butt from bike seats, rejoicing over wifi at the snack bar and referring to the Exchange as "TenTen" and the snack bar the "food court."

Annie Helper, Angelo Lelet and Auguston Lelet wrapped up all the round of dance productions, singing a mix of songs including "Gang Of Rhythm", "Gone Gone Gone" and "Bulletproof."

The judges tallied up class scores, announcing that the sophomores won the class cheer category and the juniors won the poster competition. Students were

dismissed and told to meet at the beach at 12:45 p.m.

At Coral Sands Beach, students enjoyed a variety of activities. Many chose to participate in a game of volleyball or throw footballs back and forth. Others decided to relax on the beach or hop in the water. There were also a number of contests in which to compete, the first being a short relay.

Every class recruited five members to navigate a gauntlet of tasks: sorting M&Ms into colors, shooting tennis balls into a bucket, finding seven pennies in a pile of sand and, finally, passing an orange to one another without using their hands. Juniors proved victorious in this competition.

A sandcastle building competition was held later. The seniors managed to grab first place with a detailed reproduction of the head of the KHS mascot, a Spartan.

The final contest of the day was a bracketed tug of war tournament that the sophomores dominated.

The day ended with a clean up session. Event organizers announced to the students that the winner of the 2013 Turkey Bowl will be announced during the following school week.

Local heroes recognized by USAG-KA Command, Emergency and Fire Services

Article and photos by Jordan Vinson
Associate Editor

Two Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School students were recognized Nov. 28 by U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Command and Fire and Emergency Services personnel for the actions the young men took in saving a fellow classmate's life earlier in the month of November.

Facing nearly 150 cheering residents crowded in the MP Room for the high school's annual Turkey Bowl, USAG-KA Commander Col. Nestor Sadler, Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau, Staff Sgt. Geraldine Turituri and Fire and Emergency Services personnel called Manini Kabua and Angelo Lelet front and center to be publicly honored.

"Not only are these two guys both heroes," Sadler said, welcoming the two to the front of the room under waves of applause from the crowd. "They seem to be the most popular kids in the school right now."

But the jovial atmosphere of the event belied the seriousness of the situation two young men found themselves in three weeks prior on Nov. 6.

On that day Kabua, a freshman, and Lelet, a junior, were upstairs getting lunch. It was bound to be

another typical Wednesday. But the calls for distress they heard in another part of the building changed everything.

"Downstairs they heard a panic-stricken group of kids and classmates," Sadler said, addressing the crowd with Kabua and Lelet at his side. "They took off and ran downstairs to see what was happening. Manini [Kabua] took charge."

They found a female student with her hands clasped around her neck, giving the universal choke sign. A piece of food had become lodged in the young lady's trachea, starving her lungs of oxygen, and she had begun to panic. As she struggled for air Kabua told everyone to calm down and had Lelet run to the office to call 911. Kabua grabbed the young lady, wrapped his arms around her abdomen and immediately began performing the Heimlich maneuver. Exerting pressure on the bottom of the student's diaphragm, he forced the obstruction from the young lady's airway at about the second or third abdominal thrust, Sadler said.

"She was saved," he said. "Literally saved."

Right after the rescue, however, no one but the students involved knew exactly what took place. A Fire and Emergency Services team had come to Lelet's call for help, and she checked out OK. But the two young men hadn't clamored for attention for having saved the young lady's life. Everyone essentially went about their business. Back to the run-of-the-mill school day.

"But about six days later, Manini's mother called John [Finley, Assistant Fire Chief] and said, 'Hey, do you guys really know what happened, what took place on the 6th of November?'" Sadler said, describing the conversation between Finley



Manini Kabua, left, and Angelo Lelet stand before a crowd of nearly 150 Nov. 28 while Col. Sadler tells everyone in the room of the young men's life-saving actions Nov. 6.

and Kabua's mother. "My son told me the whole story."

Having heard what happened to the female student and the actions Kabua and Lelet took to save her life, Finley contacted Al Robinson, the school's superintendent and principal, and secured an interview with the young men in Robinson's office.

"When they got to the principal's office, they were kind of quiet," Sadler said. "They didn't know what they were there for, so they didn't want to say too much. But more importantly, they were humble. Because they were doing exactly what any one of you guys would have done. Taking quick action to save a fellow classmate's life."

In the end it took a little goading, but Kabua and Lelet finally opened up about what they had done.

"They truly saved someone's life. So with that, I thank you," Sadler said. "The family thanks you. The Kwaj community thanks you. We are proud to call you part of the Kwajalein family. So thank you very much."

The ceremony ended with riotous applause and cheering erupting from the crowd as Sadler, Prioleau, Turituri and Fire and Emergency Services staff presented awards to Kabua and Lelet.



Fire Chief Tony Flower congratulates Angelo Lelet Nov. 28 for the award he and Manini Kabua, middle, received in the MP Room.

Kwajalein residents help Kosrae break into “adventure run” ecotourism scene

Article by Jordan Vinson
Associate Editor

About two dozen Kwajalein residents travelled to Kosrae the weekend of Nov. 9 to participate in the first-ever 5.7 mile Kosrae Rock Hopper Adventure Trail Run. Situated in the municipality of Lelu on the northeast tip of the island state, the course began with about three miles of double-track jeep trail that snaked through dense tropical forest peppered with small villages and impressive vistas of the island’s mangrove canal. The remaining two miles took runners along a paved road sweeping along the municipality’s eastern coast until they reached the finish line at the Kosrae Nautilus Resort.

Kwajalein’s own Krystal Peterson came in second place overall with a time of 45:00, beating out the next-fastest lady in the women’s division by more than five minutes and winning an entry in the 2014 XTERRA Guam Championship next March. Her husband, Brent, came in third place overall with a time of 45:04, just four seconds shy of his wife.



Photo courtesy of Lindsey Vail

Adam and Lindsey Vail run through the off-road section of the race, muddying up their shoes.

Out of a total of 60 people that participated in the run, more than one-third flew in from Kwajalein. The lead event organizer, Eric Tydingco, said that was by design. A friend of his that had lived and worked on Kwajalein had mentioned last summer that Kwajalein could be a prime target for drawing in

people for the event. She cited the community’s strong athletic culture, not to mention the fact that Kosrae and Kwajalein aren’t too far away from one another.

“I actually really advocated for that because of the proximity. And I was even telling the Kosrae Visitors Bureau that this is what we should concentrate on,” Tydingco said. “There’s a lot of military [personnel], as well as a lot of civilian federal employees, there. Let’s target that market.”

A marketing professional based out of Guam who has developed advertising campaigns for United Airlines, Tydingco called on some of the contacts he had already met during prior projects for the company to help sweeten the deal for interested runners living outside of Kosrae.

“I approached United Airlines as soon as we got the contracts agreed upon,” he explained. “And I said, ‘What can we do to really make this event, you know, successful?’”

What the airline settled on was a discounted airfare rate for people flying out of Kwajalein, a gesture that Kwajalein residents took advantage of in force.

Tydingco explained that he



Photo courtesy of Lindsey Vail

Kwajalein’s own Lindsey Vail, Krystal Peterson and Stephanie Los-Trimble take a breath after crossing the finish line at the Rock Hopper Nov. 11 on Kosrae.

and his cadre of event planners were not only satisfied with the turnout—they were thrilled. The truth is, he said, because they only had about two months between the signing of contracts and the date of the race, he and his planners didn't want to get their hopes up. Time wasn't on their side.

"I sat down with ... [Grant Ismael, the administrator of the Kosrae Visitors Bureau] ... and I said, 'I don't know how this is going to turn out. We don't have much time,'" Tydingco said. "I mean, if we get two people, three people, I don't know. I guess that would be a good first time maybe."

Instead, 60 runners showed up for the race. That may not sound like a big deal, but it is.

"Think of it like this," Tydingco explained. "Kosrae has about 70 hotel rooms. So if we even get 10 people over there, it's significant. So to get 23 people coming over ... just from Kwajalein," was great. "They were over the moon."

The Kwajalein residents who flew off to the island state emphasized the success not only of the adventure run, but also the overall experience on Kosrae.

"The nice part about it is it's such a short trip there," Kwaj resident Dawn Gray said, explaining her experience on Kosrae. She was one of the 23 residents who flew out together on the same flight that Saturday. She said the Rock Hopper was the prime selling point that prompted her and her husband to make the trip. But there was a lot more to Kosrae than an adventure

race, she added.

On the Saturday and Sunday leading up to the competition the following day, for instance, groups went snorkeling and took the opportunity to hike throughout Lelu Island, a small satellite of land that hugs the northeast fringe of greater Kosrae Island. Others went with local landowners on a hike up to the Menke Ruins lying in the heart of the island state's tropical rain forest.

Tydingco said that Kosrae's attempt to branch out into more forms of ecotourism activities like these is a recent development. Being traditionally a destination for divers, leaders there are now looking at competitive foot races and triathlons as a means to diversify what the island may offer to its visitors. The latest foray into Kosrae's experimentation with adventure runs, the Rock Hopper is likely a sign of things to come for the small island state.

Tydingco explained that this kind of enthusiasm for events like these didn't sprout overnight.

"There's protocol that you have to go through," Tydingco said. "You can't just go through and do anything you want to. You have to talk to certain people and get their permission."

There was a palpable sense of hesitancy, Tydingco said, on the part of the Kosrae government, local mayors and villagers on the island. Branching out and away



The current Rock Hopper course covers both an off-road section and a paved section. The 5.7 mile route was situated on the northeast tip of Lelu Municipality.

from the island's tried-and-true international diving events and into unknown waters wasn't something they were keen on immediately supporting.

But now that they have warmed up to the idea, he said he admires the willingness of local officials and residents to step outside their comfort zone and explore the possibilities.

"I mean they have a lot to lose," Tydingco said. "But they have a lot more to gain."

The experience Tydingco has in managing events like the Rock Hopper in the past had a major hand both in winning over local officials and ensuring the race's overall success. Having directed the XTERRA Guam Championship, a major stop in the international XTERRA triathlon circuit, and the half-marathon Guam Ko' Ko' Road Race, he helped show local officials that Kosrae could perhaps come to emulate Guam. The island could, indeed, prove to be more than a destination mainly for scuba enthusiasts.

In the end, the surprising turnout for the Rock Hopper on the weekend of Nov. 11 was just what local officials needed to stoke their enthusiasm for further experimentation with competitive races and other events along similar lines. The chairman of the board of the Kosrae Visitors Bureau, Tydingco said, was already looking to create longer, more challenging races on the island and developing a long-term strategy in which to implement them.

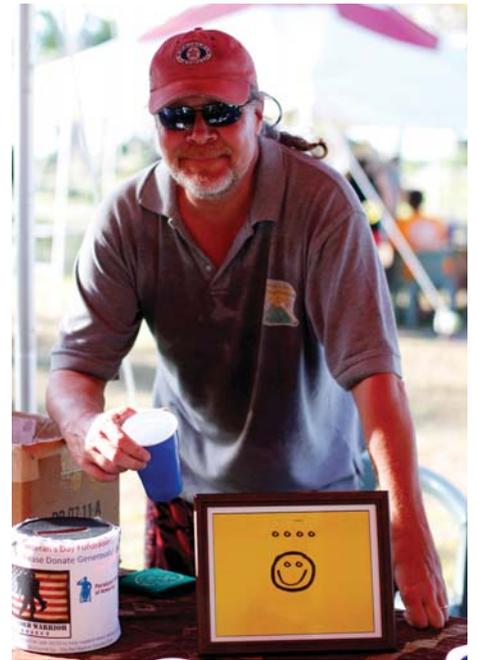
"I mean, so many of these things are on the board now," Tydingco said. "Because they see the possibilities."



Photo courtesy of Katrina Adams

A total of 60 runners take off from the start/finish line Nov. 11. Matt Rott, a Kosrae local, finished first place with a time of 42:07.

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View from Kwaj

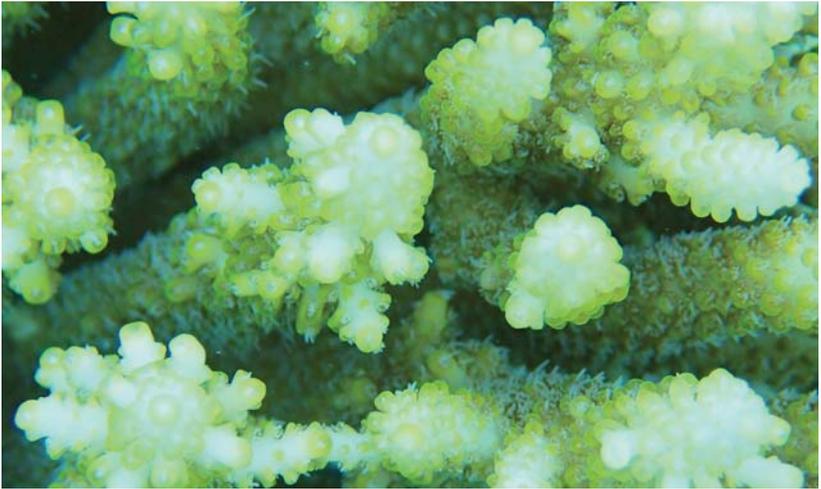
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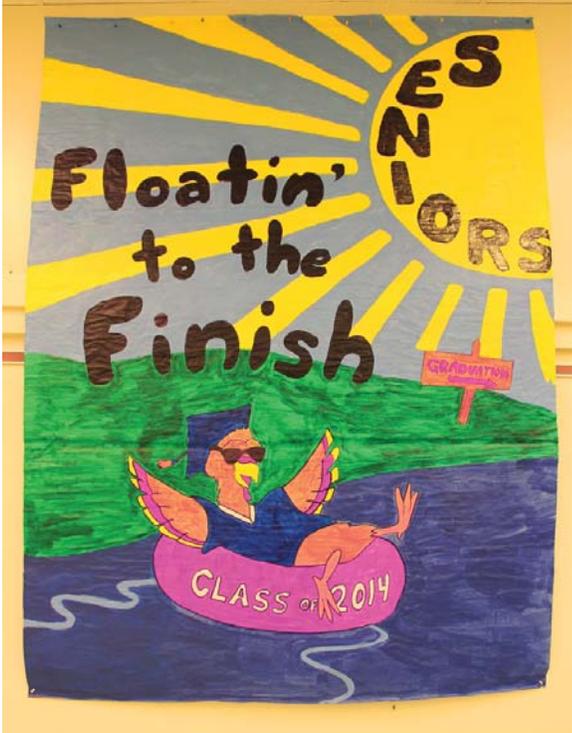
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Kwajalein Christmas Events 2013



46th Annual Santa's Arrival & Tree Lighting

Saturday

5:45 p.m. - Santa arrives at the Small Boat Marina.

Remember bikes, rollerblades, scooters, & skateboards are not allowed in the parade.

5:50 p.m. - Santa's Parade

Follow along with the Santa Mobile to the downtown area for the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

6:00 p.m. - 45th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

7:30 p.m. - Vendor Sales, Photo Ops, Crafts and more!

Sunday - Visit With Santa

12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. at the Grace Sherwood Library. Come take a picture with Santa, enjoy a festive craft and get into the holiday spirit. Parents—don't forget your cameras.

Hobby Shop Holiday Open House

Thursday 5 – 8 p.m. Mark your calendars and join us for a fun filled evening, with food, drink, music and prizes.

2nd Annual Christmas Island "Light Up the Night" and Caroling Event

Dec. 14, 6 – 9 pm in the MP Room. Enjoy a caroling tour of all of the decorated houses lead by NHS, a concession dinner prepared by the Student Council, a Spartan Espresso beverage and holiday entertainment by Community Activities. Winners of the contest will be announced at the end of the event. Everyone is welcome!

Holiday Double Feature

Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Rich Theater. The movie schedule for the evening will be announced at the Tree Lighting.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Dec. 21, 5 p.m. at the Country Club. Get out your ugliest holiday sweater and join the festivities! Music, drink specials, and ugliest sweater contest. Must be 21 years of age or older.

Scuba Santa and Yacht Club Parade of Lights

Dec. 22, 7 p.m. at Emon Beach

Disinfection byproducts in drinking water on Meck Island

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The Meck Island water tests performed during fourth quarter FY13 showed Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) levels in the drinking water greater than the maximum contaminant level (MCL). Trihalomethanes represent a group of chemicals generally referred to as “disinfection byproducts”. They are formed when chlorine is used to disinfect water to make it safe for drinking. They result from a reaction between the chlorine and naturally occurring organic compounds in the raw water. Mandatory public notification is required when a contaminant exceeds the MCL. Poten-

tial health effects from long-term consumption of water with elevated levels of TTHM include liver and kidney problems or increased risk of cancer. However, potential short-term exposure by healthy adults has not been shown to lead to adverse health effects. Potential exposures to Meck personnel can be considered short-term due to the limited time the MCL has been exceeded.

Final approval has been granted for a granular activated carbon (GAC) filter system, which is scheduled to be installed on Meck in the late spring or early summer of 2014. This GAC filter system will treat the entire Meck drinking water system to remove those naturally

occurring organic compounds before the water is disinfected with chlorine, effectively reducing the resulting TTHMs to minimal levels.

In the mean time, an activated carbon point-of-use filter will be installed on the tap outside the water treatment plant to filter out TTHMs and provide safe drinking and cooking water for Meck personnel from this tap only. Showering and face-washing at other locations will have no negative effects. These activities may continue at any shower or potable water tap.

If you have any further questions, please contact Leigh Pinney, Kwajalein Range Services ES&H at 55374.

Kwajalein reclaimed water standard violation

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The Reclaimed Water Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires public notification when reclaimed water standards are violated.

The reclaimed water system exceeded the Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD). Per sampling requirements, the samples were collected at the reclaimed water system’s point of entry between Sept. 27 and Nov. 11, 2013.

BOD levels are used as an indicator of bacteria levels. However, regular bacteriological sampling within the reclaimed water system showed no increase during this time. No health-based restrictions on the normal use (irrigation, vehicle washing, etc) of reclaimed (non-potable) water are necessary.

Additionally, there was no threat to public health or the environment as a result of this BOD exceedance.

If you have any questions, please call ES&H at 51134.

Dates and locations

USAG-KA

Town

Hall

Meetings

Roi Residents

Dec. 20

1 - 3 p.m.

Tradewind Theater

RMI Work Force

Dec. 19

1 - 3 p.m.

Island Memorial
Chapel

Kwajalein Residents

Dec. 20

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

MP Room

HELP WANTED

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

LOST

RED RAIN JACKET, "Red Ledge" brand, lost at Mustache Bash at Country Club. Call Ross at 52499.

FOUND

DIVE LIGHT. Call 52456.

WANTED

CRIB. Call TC or Christi at 54824.

PENN SENATOR 10/0 parts. Call Josh at 52184 or 52222.

FULL-SIZE MATTRESS, refrigerator, plastic patio chairs. Leave message at 50010.

GIVEAWAY

LAPTOP COMPUTER, Toshiba 2590CDT, CD drive, floppy drive, Windows 98, Office 97. Call 52379 evenings.

Religious Services**Catholic**

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Small Chapel

9:15 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel

Roi-Namur service, 4:45 p.m., Second and Fourth Friday of each month. Appointments with Fr. Vic available after dinner.

Protestant

8 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel

9:15 a.m., Sunday School

11 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel

6:30 p.m., Friday, Roi Chapel

Latter-day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, CRC Room 3

Contact the chaplain's office at 53505 for more information.

PATIO SALE

SUNDAY, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., quarters 229-A. PCS sale.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., quarters 135-D on Raik Rd in New Housing. Shelving, 3-piece breakfast table and other useful items, especially for new residents. Call Brian at 51081.

MONDAY, 9 a.m.-noon, quarters 135-C on Raik Rd. Early birds welcome after 8 a.m. during setup. Final PCS sale with new items added including DVD player, MP3 players, computer with monitor, portable TV, bookcase, lumpia fryer, pressure cooker, queen size bed and more; all clothing has been reduced to \$2 or less per item.

DEC. 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., corner of 6th Street and Lagoon. Multi-family sale, household items, children's clothes, toys, adult clothes and other miscellaneous items. Rain cancels.

DEC. 14, 2-6 p.m., quarters 415-B. Lots of Christmas gift ideas, ladies watches, designer purses, Waterford crystal, etc.

FOR SALE

YAMAHA ALTO SAX (YAS23), good condition, no dents, some scratches, in hard case, \$300 (originally \$585); Yamaha tenor sax (YAT23), very good condition, no dents, in hard case, \$1200 (originally \$2400). Call Lynx or Glen 54641.

LADIES 3-SPEED ELECTRA CRUISER with high handlebars and large back basket, Kwaj condition, \$100; men's LaJolla single-speed aluminum frame, kwaj condition, \$75. Call Tammy at 51229 or 52501 evenings.

KWAJALEIN COOKBOOKS available for \$5 at the Chapel office. These make a great Christmas gift. Questions? Call Judy at 51157.

SPEAKERS, JBL powered 350W subwoofer and pair of black ADVENT speakers, \$59. Call 52379 evenings.

IKEA LOFT BED, natural yellow pine, fits twin mattress (not included), includes built-in student desk below, great condition, \$125. Call David at work at 50618 or at home at 54698.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FROM NOV. 15 until Jan. 15 there is an embargo on perishable items for standby passengers and United Pass riders.

VISIT WITH SANTA from 12:30-3:30 p.m., Sunday, at the Grace Sherwood Library. Come take a picture with Santa, enjoy a festive craft and get

into the holiday spirit. Parents, don't forget your cameras! Questions? Call Community Activities at 53331.

THE VETS HALL will be closed for a private party on Sunday. Questions? Contact Mike Woundy.

2013 PAUPER'S MARATHON and Relay is Monday. By consensus, most of the full marathoners start at 3 a.m. to avoid the sun. A later start time option will likely be established also. The standard team section start time is 6:30 a.m. Course maps are available at quarters 473-A (Sholar), near the tennis courts. The course is ten loops of the paved perimeter of Kwajalein north of 9th Street. Teams can have anywhere from 2 to 10 members. Questions? Call Bob at 51815.

IF YOU ARE READY, the American Legion will host a roundtable discussion for combat veterans from all wars, including their spouses, at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Vets Hall. Come talk with your brothers and sisters in a safe, non-judgmental environment. Coffee and snacks will be served. Questions? Contact Mike Woundy.

KWAJALEIN ART GUILD meeting at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, in the Art Annex next to the Hobby Shop. If you are interested in becoming a 2014 board member or would like to join the Guild, please plan to attend. Community welcome!

THE ADULT POOL will be closed Wednesday through Friday for intake pipe cleaning. Pool will reopen Dec. 14. Questions? Call the Recreation Office at 51275.

THE DECEMBER Kwajalein School Advisory Council public meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Wednesday, in the Elementary School Coconut Room. The public is invited to attend.

HOBBY SHOP HOLIDAY Open House is from 5-8 p.m., Thursday. Mark your calendars and join us for a fun-filled evening with food, drinks, music and prizes!

KWAJALEIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB meeting, 7 p.m., Thursday, at the Ham Shack, just south of the Adult Pool. Information and study materials available for HAM licenses. Amateur Radio testing will be administered directly following the meeting. RMI operating license applications are available.

COME TO EMON BEACH at 6:30 p.m. on Friday to help us "Drum Down the Sun!" Everyone is welcome, young and old. If you don't have a drum, bring a bucket!

ELEMENTARY STUDENT Council is collecting gently-used toys to be donated to Bargain Bazaar for the annual Holiday Sale on Dec. 21. Dona-

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility**Lunch**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 14
Eggs Benedict	Basil Lime Chicken	Grilled Pork Chops	Teriyaki Short Ribs	Meatloaf	Coconut Chicken	Bratwurst
Ham Marco Polos	Bacon Cheddar Quiche	Chicken Divan	Wing Dings	Pizza	Fish du Jour	Pot Roast
Potato Romanoff	Beef Pot Pie	Baked Beans	Fried Rice	Mashed Potatoes	Brown Rice Pilaf	Mostaccioli Casserole

Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 14
Maple Glazed Pork Loin	Kwaj Fried Chicken	Minute Steak	Grilled London Broil	Baked Spaghetti	Pancake Supper	Chicken Fajita Wraps
Szechuan Chicken	Beef Stir-fry	Thai Chicken Stir-fry	Pasta Alfredo	Vegetarian Stir-fry	Liver and Onions	Refried Beans
Couscous	Macaroni and Cheese	Garlic Mashed Potatoes	Baked Potatoes	Cauliflower	Chicken Nuggets	Cajun Dirty Rice

tions can be dropped off at student classrooms, the elementary school office, teen center or the Shoppette through Dec. 14. Call Karen Brady with questions.

CHUGACH QUARTERLY 401(k) Open Enrollment Notice: Start the New Year with a resolution to save for your future! Make retirement saving a part of your New Year's resolution. Your 401(k) plan at Chugach can be a great place to start. If you are interested in enrolling in the 401(k), contact Prescilla at 50788. If you are currently deferring into the Chugach 401(k) plan and wish to increase your deferral percentage, open enrollment will be through Dec. 14. Any changes will be effective Jan. 1.

THE KWAJALEIN ATOLL International Sportfishing Club will be sponsoring the "Wahoo-Mahi" Fishing Derby on Dec. 15. For more information call Trudy at 55987.

COME MEET THE TWINS! Help us welcome the Cardillo twins to the island. T.C., Christi, Iji, and the newest additions, Alonzo and Berkeley, will be guests of honor at a potluck from 3:30-6 p.m. on Dec. 15 at quarters 208-B. Stop in whenever you can and bring a pupu if you are able. We'll be taking donations to help them purchase a jogging double stroller and cloth diapers.

SAY FAREWELL to the Souther family at 6 p.m., Dec. 15, at the Emon Beach main pavilion. Hot dogs, water, juice and soda will be provided. Bring along your memories and your favorite dish for a potluck or food to throw on the grill.

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER PARTY. 5 p.m., Dec. 21, at the Country Club. Get out your ugliest holiday sweater and join the festivities! Music, drink specials and ugliest sweater contest. Must be 21 years of age or older.

THE KWAJALEIN ANNUAL BOAT Parade of Lights will be held on Dec. 22. The parade will depart Kwajalein Harbor at 7 p.m. and make its way through the Ski Boat Area to Emon Beach. It will then make several loops in front of Emon Beach after Scuba Santa's arrival. The Small Boat Marina has boats available for use in the parade. Monday is a backup day in case of poor weather conditions. Contact Bruce Premo at 52379 for details.

THE BARIATRIC SURGERY Support Group will move to the second Tuesday of each month beginning Jan. 7, 4:45-5:30 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

"PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE" group will begin the second Saturday of every month begin-

ning Jan. 11, from 4:45-5:30 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. Teach your kids calmer, more constructive ways to express their anger, disappointment, fear, frustration and much more. For parents of elementary age students. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

ISLAND MUSICIANS: The YYWC will present Kaleidoscope of Music Jan. 26. This is an island event with proceeds contributed to the YYWC scholarship fund. Here's your chance to perform for an appreciative audience and support a great cause. Contact Jane Premo at jane@premo.org or 52379, or Sarah Stepchew at Stepchew2@hotmail.com or 53500 by Dec. 15 to be included.

LIVE PINE CHRISTMAS WREATHS still available for purchase from Cub Scouts Pack 135. Delivered to your door in early December. Call Angela at 52084 or email angelamitchellslp@att.net to reserve one now.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND University College announces 2014 Spring 1 Session registration is now open! Register through Jan 8. Session dates: Jan 13-March 9. Schedules can be viewed by visiting the website <http://www.asia.umuc.edu>/Need help? Email the Asia office at deasia@umuc.edu or call or visit the Kwajalein office at 52800, Coral BQ, Room 1.

CYSS YOUTH SPORTS Tennis League. Register through Jan. 11. Season dates: Fridays, Jan. 24-March 14. Cost is \$30 per individual. All players are required to have an updated sports physical on file. Late registration fee is \$5. Open to all CYSS registered youth ages 7 through Grade 6. Space is limited. Questions? Call Michelle Huwe at 53796.

CYSS YOUTH SPORTS Baseball, Softball, T-ball League. Register through Jan 11. Season dates: Jan. 23-March 13. Cost is \$40.00 per individual. All players are required to have an updated sports physical on file. Late registration fee is \$5. Open to all CYSS registered youth Kindergarten-Grade 6. Questions? Call Michelle Huwe at 53796.

START SMART T-BALL. The Start Smart program teaches children ages 3-5 the basic motor skills to play T-ball, working one-on-one with their parents. Registration: Dec. 3-Jan. 11. Cost is \$20 per individual. All players are required to have an updated sports physical on file. Late registration fee of \$5 per child. Program dates: Jan. 22-Feb. 26 Questions? Call Michelle Huwe at 53796.

WWII VETERANS to visit Kwajalein and Roi. Two veterans who fought in Operation Flintlock, the battle for Kwajalein Atoll in January and February 1944, will be returning to Kwajalein in January for the 70th anniversary of the battle. Several

events are being planned for their visit, which is being sponsored by American Legion Post #44, the Kwajalein Scuba Club and the Quality of Life committee. For more information, contact the event coordinator, Dan Farnham.

E-TALK: Prepare your shop for the November Environmental (EPAS) Audit by cleaning up chemical storage areas, ensuring drums are labeled, employees are trained and spill supplies are adequate.

SAFELY SPEAKING: Safety is no accident. Look for problems before you start a job. Follow all safety procedures. Use your training. Stay alert ... accidents happen when you are careless.

2013 Tree Lighting snack options

KRS Holiday Pupus

Chicken wings
Pork Eggrolls
Buffalo wings

4-H

Tacos in a bag

Kwajalein Swim Team

Shaved Ice

Jinetiptip Club

BBQ Chicken w/ rice
and salad

Café Roi

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 14
Smoked Sausage	Garlic Roast Beef	Pasta	Grilled Cheese	BLT Sandwich	Fried Fish	Chicken Fajita Sandwich
Baked Chicken	Egg Muffins	Garlic Bread	Egg Foo Yung	Macaroni and Cheese	Grilled Chicken Thighs	Stuffed Peppers
Vegetable Medley	Roasted Potatoes	Vegetable Quiche	Candied Yams	Home Fries	Cornbread	Onion Rings

Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 14
Turkey Schnitzel	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Salisbury Steak	Grilled Top Sirloin	Fried Chicken	Mongolian Grill Night	Southwest Chicken
Beef Stew	Hoisin Short Ribs	Herb Roast Turkey	Chicken Cordon Bleu	Meatloaf	Noodles and Rice	Nacho Bar
Noodle Romanoff	Stir-fry Vegetables	Mashed Potatoes	Corn on the Cob	Collard Greens	Egg Rolls	Fiesta Rice



VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

A LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 27
 Older Than School def. Some Spike It Hot: 25-18, 25-17
 We Can Dig It def. Spartans 1: 25-17, 25-21

B LEAGUE

TUESDAY, DEC. 3
 Outsiders def. Island Warriors: 25-20, 22-25, 15-6
 Sets on the Beach def. Jokers: 7-25, 25-15, 15-9

SCHOOL LEAGUE

TUESDAY, DEC. 3
 Grade 9 def. Jr. High 3: 25-12, 25-14
 Grade 10 def. Jr. High 2: 25-16, 25-16

TEAM STANDINGS (WIN-LOSS)

<u>A LEAGUE</u>		<u>B LEAGUE</u>		<u>SCHOOL LEAGUE</u>			
Older Than School	4-1	The Outsiders	4-2	Grade 12	5-0	Jr High 1	1-4
We Can Dig It	4-1	Sets On The Beach	3-3	Grade 11	4-1	Jr High 2	1-4
Spartans 1	2-3	Jokers	3-3	Grade 9	4-2	Jr High 3	0-5
Some Spike It Hot	0-5	Island Warriors	2-4	Grade 10	3-2		

Weather

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Day	Skies	Chance of Rain	Winds
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	10%	NE-ENE at 13-18 knots
Monday	Mostly Sunny	10%	NE-ENE at 13-18 knots
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE-E at 14-19 knots
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE at 15-20 knots
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE at 15-20 knots
Friday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE at 15-20 knots

Yearly total: 61.63 inches
 Yearly deviation: -25.01 inches

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

	Sunrise Sunset	Moonrise Moonset	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:52 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	11:28 a.m. 11:44 p.m.	7:53 a.m. 3.2' 8:06 p.m. 3.8'	1:48 a.m. -0.1' 1:42 p.m. 0.4'
Monday	6:52 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	12:17 p.m. -----	8:57 a.m. 2.9' 9:08 p.m. 3.3'	2:44 a.m. 0.2' 2:48 p.m. 0.9'
Tuesday	6:53 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	1:03 p.m. 12:37 a.m.	10:20 a.m. 2.8' 10:31 p.m. 2.9'	3:51 a.m. 0.5' 4:19 p.m. 1.2
Wednesday	6:53 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	1:48 p.m. 1:28 a.m.	11:52 a.m. 3.0' -----	5:10 a.m. 0.7' 6:06 p.m. 1.1'
Thursday	6:54 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	2:33 p.m. 2:19 a.m.	12:04 p.m. 2.8' 1:05 p.m. 3.3'	6:26 a.m. 0.6' 7:28 p.m. 0.9'
Friday	6:54 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	3:18 p.m. 3:09 a.m.	1:20 a.m. 2.8' 1:57 p.m. 3.6'	7:25 a.m. 0.5' 8:23 p.m. 0.5'
Dec. 14	6:55 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	4:04 p.m. 3:59 a.m.	2:15 a.m. 2.9' 2:39 p.m. 3.9'	8:11 a.m. 0.3' 9:05 p.m. 0.2'