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Army adopts new look on 226th birthday



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

CW3 Ron Kurth, right, helps Maj. Marv Westin adjust his beret for the USAKA/KMR name change and Army birthday ceremony Friday at the Richardson Theater.

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

The past and future took center stage Friday as the Army celebrated a triumvirate of milestones during a hour-long ceremony at the Richardson Theater.

Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano Jr., commanding general of SMDC, headed the list of dignitaries, soldiers and guests who turned out in the mid-morning sun, partly shrouded in clouds, for the Army's 226th birthday. The adoption of the new black beret to the Army uniform added a distinguishing mark to this year's celebration. Senior leaders also used the occasion to unveil the logo that now represents the range — the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site at Kwa-

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Cosumano spells out vision to community at town hall

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano Jr., commanding general for Space and Missile Defense Command, may have set a first when he shared his vision Thursday night in a town hall meeting.

"I think I'm the first commanding general to hold a town hall here," he said later, after the meeting. "It made Col. [Curtis L.] Wrenn nervous having his boss up there in a town hall, but the point of it is, that everyone is important.

In Friday's Hourglass, Cosumano talks more about his visit in a one-on-one question and answer session.

"Things don't happen in an organization unless people make it happen," he told the crowd of around 100 at the MP room, as he outlined his vision and goals.

Described by Wrenn as "a soldier's soldier" with nicknames such as "Ragin' Cajun" and "Smokin' Joe," Cosumano set the tone of the evening, calling on

the audience to hear him out, then ask questions, questions he vowed to answer or seek answers to.



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano, SMDC commanding general, makes a point during Thursday's town hall meeting in the MP room.

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Letters to the Editor

Post Office responds to customer complaint

Recently, USAKA celebrated Organization Day. Organization Day is a day symbolizing the establishment of a unit. It is a day set aside to commemorate that unit's history and also to promote morale and esprit de corps within that organization.

It is tradition for military units to celebrate this day. Obviously, some people aren't big on tradition. But those of us who have served in the military are.

In the past 18 months many changes have been made at the Post Office.

Prior to my arrival, overtime was utilized abundantly; there was a backlog of mail to be processed and delivered to the residents; customers could only pick up their packages five days a week; and whenever there [was] a flight delay the Post Office did not open to the public.

Since Spc. Jovanny Alicea and I arrived on island, overtime has not been utilized since the Christmas holidays; there is no backlog of mail; the parcel pick-up window is now open six days a week; we support special events by staying open past normal operating hours; the Post Office on Roi is now open for parcel pick-up until 6 p.m.; when there is a flight delay we open to the public; we introduced credit card usage to the commu-

nity; and in a few short weeks the Bank of Guam, with our assistance, will begin operating an ATM to service residents and visitors.

To do all this, I spend much of my time juggling personnel hours, ensuring that overtime is not utilized in providing these services. With all we have done to better service the community, it hurts to know that there are some who feel that we do not deserve a *command-directed* day of fun.

Thank you, Ms. Wells, for your thoughtfulness and consideration.

Sgt. 1st Class Maurice C. Robinson

Army birthday builds on last year's traditions

This week, the Army celebrates 226 years of service to the nation. With organizational parties and birthday balls, runs, parades, installation open houses, the donning of new headgear, and a focus on tomorrow's Objective Force, this birthday builds on last year's celebration and establishes a tradition for observing future Army birthdays.

The Army birthday also links our past to our future. The Army is in the midst of an ambitious transformation. By the end of the decade, we will transform the greatest land force in the world into a strategically responsive force — the Objective Force — that combines the best characteristics

of our light and our heavy forces in a way that will be dominant across the full spectrum of operations.

This year, we salute, yet again, the significance of the Army's birthday with another great celebration. We intend to remind soldiers of the great legacy they have inherited from the millions of tough, disciplined, freedom-loving men and women who have soldiered before them. We are SOLDIERS, by God, and proud of it. We are proud of our past and proud of our future.

Finally, the black beret symbolizes and tangibly ties us to the future Objective Force. For 25 years, it has symbolized the speed and agility of Army Rangers. Before that, the black beret represented the lethality and power of tankers, armored cavalymen, and mechanized infantrymen who wore it in the 1970s. On the Army's 226th birthday, we extend the beret's legacy to the entire Army as we change to create a 21st century Army that is more responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable and sustainable than we are today.

And so, as we celebrate the first Army birthday in the new millennium, to our soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans and their families — thank you. Thank you for 226 years of magnificent service to the nation.

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff

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Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



A shocking discovery?

National Lightning Awareness Week

Lightning frequent visitor at Kwajalein Atoll

By **Barbara Johnson**
Feature Writer

When CW4 Wes Hedman's plane was struck by lightning last July on a flight to Wake Island, it wasn't the first time. In fact, he thinks he may attract lightning, because his plane has been struck twice in his career as a pilot.

The USAKA Aviation safety officer was struck the first time in 1996, when he was conducting counter-narcotics support missions while stationed in Panama.

"My aircraft was crossing the border between Panama and Colombia ... cruising at 15,000 feet in light frozen precipitation, when I observed a bright flash of light off the left side of the aircraft," Hedman said. "Simultaneously I felt the hair on my arms stand up and a tingling in my ears from the headset I was wearing."

Although the systems were still functioning, they headed back to base, where they discovered that the lightning had entered an antenna on the belly of the aircraft. The shark-fin antenna had been slit wide open, and the plane had more than 30 "hot spots" where the lightning bolt had exited through the skin.

Hedman was first officer on a Dash-7 flight from Kwajalein to Wake Island last July when he was hit again. The plane had climbed to 12,000 feet and had turned to avoid a large storm. Heading back on course just past Roi, lightning struck.

"Again I observed a bright

flash ... This time I heard the bang, but I could not determine a direction for the source," Hedman said. "The hair stood up on my arms, and my ears also had the same tingling sensation with my headset on. We were sure we had been struck so the aircraft was turned about toward [Kwaj] ... The public address system had failed, and later we found out it was because the lightning passed through the wing and down the inside skin of the fuselage, which in turn had damaged the wiring."

"The airplane was down for months," said Dave Kendrick, director of fixed-wing training at Aviation. The plane had to be inspected from head to toe.

"[The lightning] blew a small hole about the size of a nail, and then appeared to come out in about 50 spots on its belly."

Kendrick added that lightning storms are not a big problem in Kwajalein Atoll, explaining that most of the thunderstorms are small and localized and can be avoided.

Most of the detected lightning strikes at Kwajalein occur between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m., according to Jeff Mullins, Aeromet meteorologist. "This may explain why people on the island don't see much of it," he said. "The fewest strikes occur from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m."

At Aeromet, a lightning detection system measures lightning strikes in the area of 6 and 12 degrees north latitude, and 165 and 172 east degrees

longitude, which is about 360 miles by 420 miles.

Four lightning sensors are placed around the atoll, at Meck, Gagan, Illeginni and Kwajalein, which detect where the lightning has occurred, Mullins said. If lightning is detected or there is a potential as indicated by radar, Aeromet issues warnings to critical locations at Kwajalein, Roi and Meck, he said.

Using measurements from 1996 to 2000, several trends can be seen in the area measured. August has the highest incidence of lightning, followed by October and September. Although these are all rainy season months, August is not the rainiest, October is.

Usually the driest months, December through April, are the ones with the lowest incidence of lightning, but, because of El Niño, 1997 was an exception. April 1997 had more than 1,600 lightning strikes, while the other four years measured, 1996, 1998, 1999 and 2000, had a combined total of only 47 strikes during April.

A lightning storm is a display of electrical forces, an effect of electrification within a thunderstorm.

Inside a thunderhead, the developing thunderstorm produces an intense electrical field. The electrical charges become separated into positive and negative, with the positive charge traveling up to the frozen upper layers of the cloud, and the negative charge left at the bottom.

The attraction between the ground and the negative charges in the bottom of the cloud is what creates the lightning stroke, a brief but large current of negative charge traveling from a cloud to the ground.

A lightning stroke has about 250 kilowatt-hours of energy. That's enough to lift a 2000-pound car 62 miles high, according to the Exploratorium website.

In general, tall objects are more likely to be hit. Seeking the easiest path, the negative charges traveling to the ground will head for any piece of elevated ground. On the water, the highest object is usually a boat.

The Exploratorium website also provides some lightning safety tips. In a lightning storm, the safest place to be is inside a large building, as long as you stay away from electrical appliances, phones and plumbing fixtures. A vehicle provides protection by surrounding you with metal, as long as it's not an open car or convertible.

Never stand under a tree if caught outside. The tree acts just like a lightning rod, and you might become part of the conducting rod to the ground.

Jeramon non kom

"Jeramon non kom" is the Marshallese way to say, "Goodbye and good luck friends."

HERB and JAN SCHNEIDER depart Thursday on ATI. Herb was a fixed-wing pilot for Aviation.

In parting, they say, "Where God leads, we will follow."

CG calls for normalizing space, force protection and tech leadership ...

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"My job in Washington D.C. is to get resources, and that's time, money and people," he said. "It's an unusual situation right now [in Washington]. A lot of things are up in the air, but the kind of activities you engage in will continue to be fueled. This administration is committed to the work you do."

With that, Cosumano launched into his vision, saying he hopes to "normalize space," making the use of space by the military easy and routine.

Next, he wants to "provide layered force protection," to troops and civilians.

"The first missile war was fought a decade ago," he said, alluding to the Gulf War. "We have to look to the future."

Finally, the general said he wants to develop soldier and civilian technological leadership skills in SMDC to support the Army's Objective Force, the more mobile and lethal force currently in transition with the Army.

Setting goals, the general said he wants to, within his command, develop world class space support.

"And that space surveillance network on Roi is a big part of that," Cosumano said.

He also said he wants to provide foremost integrated missile defense



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano Jr., SMDC commanding general, right, talks with "the troops" after the early morning Fun Run Friday.

for the nation, warfighter and other national interests, while enhancing workforce excellence and the quality of life for residents.

"This is not Huntsville, Ala.," Cosumano said. "You cannot just go home [and] shut your blinds or go to the shopping mall to get away from it all. This is a small community. It has wonderful attributes, but it is a small community."

In a question from resident Bevan Jacobs about USAKA Vision 2015 and the general's vision, the CG said, "We will interweave that. There is competition for some of your business (Kodiak Launch Facility and Pacific Missile Range, Kauai, for example). Your commander recognized this and developed the Vision 2015 to make this range more affordable."

Visiting Raytheon Senior Vice President Chick Dry asked about competing programs.

"Pacific Missile Range will get more testing with Navy TMD," Cosumano answered. "The only missile system until 2007 is the Patriot and the Army has that. It's wonderful to read about all this other stuff, but don't get programs mixed up with products. There is no such thing as a crowded battlefield. If the Navy can get their stuff together, fine. If the Air Force can get their stuff together, fine. Then we'll all be ahead."

In a follow-on town hall meeting with military and Department of the Army civilians Saturday, Cosumano said he answered similar questions.

"There's a lot of concern about the future of the range," he said. "Specifics and numbers, right now, who knows? But something tells me if the Navy and the Air Force and we are developing all of these systems, who is going to do the testing? There's business out there."



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano Jr., SMDC commanding general, left, and USAKA's Spc. Jovanny Alicea cut the Army's birthday cake as the most senior and most junior soldiers present at the Birthday Ball held Friday night.



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

USAKA/KMR soldiers, led by SMDC Commanding General Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Cosumano Jr., front left, and USAKA/KMR Commander Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., participate in a Fun Run Friday morning as part of the 226th Army birthday celebration.

Range name change ‘honors a man who had a great vision’ ...

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jalein Atoll.

“This name change honors a man who had a great vision,” said Cosumano, keynote speaker for the event, who added that the new name also honors all the people who have worked toward a peaceful future by creating defensive missile systems.

The name change was initiated by the Marshallese *Nitijela*, or congress, in 1999 and officially changed by the U.S. Congress in October 2000. Cosumano acknowledged the contribution of the Marshallese during his speech.

“We do greatly appreciate the Marshallese working with us and sharing their land,” he said.

Alvin Jacklick, RMI foreign minister, representing his government at the event, echoed the warm sentiments during an earlier speech.

“Today’s event is the culmination of [good relations] by both sides over many years,” Jacklick said, stressing the economic importance of the range for the RMI people, particularly those on Ebeye.

Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., USAKA/KMR commander, spoke at length on the history of

the Army, supported by periodic bursts of “Happy birthday, Army!” by the attending soldiers, who also sang “The Army Goes Rolling Along.”

Said Wrenn, “Let us reflect upon our Army heritage. It is a tapestry of rich design, deeply hued with the blood of soldier patriots and embroidered with deeds of bravery, service and sacrifice.

“You men and women represent what is most noble about our nation — liberty, freedom and unity ... Your courage, dedication to duty and selfless service to the nation will remain the hallmark you, the soldiers of the United States Army, carry into the 21st century.”

Wrenn also made mention of the new black beret. “On this, the first Army birthday of the new millennium, as a tangible symbol of our transformation, our unity and our commitment to excellence as the Army, we begin wearing the black beret.”

The new look sat well with Spc. Jovanny Alicea, who said, “They look good. I like it.”

The day’s events got off to an early start with a Fun Run led by Cosumano and Wrenn at 6:30 a.m. around the residential area. More

than 30 soldiers and another 30 civilians of all ages joined the general and colonel for the PT.

“It was fun and nice,” said Michele Babcock, who ran with the soldiers. “I’m always up early in the morning to do my exercises, so this was a chance to do something fun, something social.”

A military ball at the Yokwe Yuk Club capped the day-long celebration.

Maj. Matt Reed served as master of ceremonies, cracking jokes and introducing the people and events of the evening.

Traditional toasts to the Army, the president, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and others led off the dinner, or mess.

Cosumano, the most senior soldier present, and Alicea, the most junior, joined together to cut the birthday cake with a saber.

“We measure this Army not by the caliber of its weapons, but by the caliber of its people,” Cosumano told the crowd of more than 100. “I am continuously impressed by the willingness of soldiers to give up what is dear to them — their homes, time with their family — to go and serve their country.”

(Editor Jim Bennett contributed to this report.)

Classified Ads and Community Notices

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Andrea, 53705.

RETAIL BUYER. Full time. Buyer is responsible for market research, competitive analysis and procurement of retail goods via KEAMS. Candidate should have high-level computer literacy, financial background and knowledge of retail operations. Ideal candidate should have a bachelor's degree, two years related experience and be able to work independently under minimum supervision.

Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.

COLLEGE OF the Marshall Islands is looking for part-time teachers in business, education, math and science for the fall term beginning in August. Bachelor's degree is the minimum requirement. Schedule is flexible. Boat transportation to campus. It's a great experience. Call 51034 or 52188.

WANTED

HOUSE-SITTING for visiting parents mid-December through mid-January. Nice non-smoking people. Plants/cats OK. Call Ivy, 54814, before 9 p.m.

LEFT-HANDED set of ladies golf clubs. Call 56510, after 5 p.m.

FENCE and FENCE POSTS, 5'-6'. Call Bruce, 54434.

LOST

ECKO HAT, red and white, with white rhino on front, in MP room June 14. Call 51419W or 58090H.

PURPLE GLASSES with NEO frames, prescription bifocals. Call 54826.

BLACK NET bag with snorkels, masks, goggles, black fins, adults and kids sandals and kids blue arm swim floaties. Reward offered. Return to Qtrs. 402-A or call Lynn, 53070.

FLEX FIT ball cap, blue, with orange T&C written on the front. No questions asked. Call 54364.

FOUND

CHILDS GLASSES by Emon Beach playground June 14. Call Steve, 56429W or 52211H.

PRESCRIPTION sunglasses in case floating in water near Small Boat Marina. Call Bruce, 56338 or 52379, after 6 p.m.

SWIM FINNS at Emon Beach, June 12. Call 52319.

BRIEFCASE, burgundy with gold in color combination locks; CD of "Labview Technical Resource," volume 8, No. 2. Call 54445.

GIVEAWAY

COMPUTER DESK, Christmas tree, wall shelves with brackets. Call 53535.

FOR SALE

35-40 GALLON aquarium including stand, two filter pumps and lots of extras, \$175 firm; 10" Mead Equatorial Mount telescope with lots of extra lenses and filters, \$500 firm. Call Bob, 52420, after 5 p.m.

PLANT SALE tonight through Friday, 5-7 p.m., Tr. 651. Large selection, \$10-\$50.

SHEER CURTAINS that gather on the top and the bottom of window with spring rod; they came out of Qtrs. 228-A, \$60 for all. Call Leann, 54826, and leave a message.

PHILLIPS CD recorder; Pioneer receiver with surround-sound; speakers; Kenwood five-disc player; Sony DVD player; 27" TV; 19" TV; Giant mountain bike with non-rusting components, excellent condition; full-size bed with orthopedic support; twin-comforter set; full-body wetsuit, small/medium, never worn; rollerblades, women's size 5 and youth size 3. Stop by Surf BQ Room 224 or call 55318 or 58585.

RESIN TABLE and six-chair set, \$100; four green resin chairs, \$50; small and large white outdoor shelf units, \$10-\$25; large wood indoor shelf unit with deep drawers, \$100, available any time; various color rugs; Dust Buster, mint condition; DAK bread machine; dinosaur cake pan; four Kwaj-condition bikes, great for parts. Call

Another
60 Minutes
with
RSE Site
Manager
John Wallace
tomorrow, 7 p.m.
in the MP room.
Talk with Wallace about
"What Unaccompanieds Want."
Topics include Café Pacific,
BQ living, housing, shopping and more.
All RSE employees invited.

52454.

CANISTER VACUUM cleaner, \$50; swim diapers, 32+ pounds, \$10 per package. Call 51815.

20" TV/VCR combo, one year old, \$200; three Oriental rugs, one hallway size and two large, \$25 for all. Call 50900.

BURLEY, five months old, available July 4, \$200; Trek 2000 racing bike, 60 cm, nine months old, \$1,000; golf clubs, \$75. Call 52701.

TWO KWAJ-condition bikes, available immediately, \$25 each, Call 52589.

HEALTH MATE E-Z Rider machine for physical fitness, \$100; Step-A-Sizer Precor 718 machine, \$135. Call 53659.

SAUDER'S computer cabinet, nearly new, paid over \$500 new, will sell for \$250. Call 59940.

TWO HEAVY-DUTY folding plastic beach chairs, \$3 each. Call 53535.

GLASS-TOPPED patio table with four chairs, \$40; three bikes, \$15-\$50; skateboard, \$10. Call 53730.

TV, \$100; VCR, \$25; three adult bicycles, \$10-\$35; one boys bike, \$10; torcier lamp, \$10; dive weights, \$10; tubing tube with sleeve, \$70. Call 51445.

TELESCOPE, \$70; juicer, new, still in box, \$30; under-the-bed storage containers with wheels, \$20 each; Casio QV-link for Windows digital camera, \$250. Call 52295.

CORDLESS TELEPHONE; answering machine; twin-size comforter/sheets; shoes, size 7; clothes, size 4. Call 52785 and leave a message.

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and ball, \$45; high chair, \$45; Dirt Devil, handheld, \$20. Call 54530.

37' BAYLINER, twin 454 engines, radar, large cabin and forward stateroom, loaded with options. Call Jim, 51810.

HOCKEY rollerblades, men's size 5/women's size 7, worn three times, \$80. Call James, 52036.

BLUE RECLINER, good condition, \$40; leather chair with Ottoman, very comfortable, \$85; three Kwaj-condition bikes, \$15 each. Call 55601, after 5 p.m.

20" GIRLS BIKE with training wheels, \$25. Call 52935.

PLASTIC TODDLERS jungle-gym with tower lookout, two slides included. Call Pam, 54434.

PIONEER laser disc player. Call Dale, 52609.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SMALL BOAT MARINA will be open July 1-4, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., in celebration of the Fourth of July. Wow, That's a four-day weekend. Due to these extended hours, the marina will be closed July 5-6. Normal hours will resume Saturday, July 7. Have a wonderful Fourth of July.

VETERINARY SERVICES hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. If these hours are not good for you, we can reschedule a time that is better. Sentinel is in stock at the Vet Clinic.

DURING THE MONTHLY supply barge operation Thursday, all personnel are asked to remain outside the barricaded one-block area around the supply warehouse complex. This area is bounded by Marine Road, Poinsettia Street, and 6th and 8th streets. This request is in the interest of everyone's safety. Questions? Call Shipping and Receiving, 52180.

IF ANYONE needs to schedule the high school MP room through Aug. 2, call the superintendent's office, 53601.

RESIDENTS OF housing and trailers should remove landscaping items such as gravel, rocks, concrete blocks, plastic sheeting, timbers, planters and flower pots before vacating your quarters. Questions? Call 53662.

SUMMER HOURS are in effect for the family pool and Emon Beach as follows: Family pool, Tuesday-Friday, 1:30-6 p.m.; Sunday-Monday, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Emon Beach, Tuesday-Saturday, 12:30-3:30 p.m.; Sunday-Monday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

MARSHALLESE Cultural Center is looking for volunteers to help with staffing and gardening. For more information, call Cris, 52935.

GRACE SHERWOOD Library request that all materials be returned before you go on



Beginning Friday, the FOM pavement work group will start sealing Kwajalein roads. FOM requests that everyone observe traffic cones and avoid using sealed roads until cleared to do so.

**Pavement sealing schedule is as follows:
June 22-23, Interior golf course roads
June 26-28, Ocean Road, Mount Olympus to terminal
June 29-July 3, Lagoon Road, Finance to Mount Olympus**

vacation or PCS.

THE MIC SHOP has received a shipment of "Kwaj Remembered." Stop by the shop and pick up a copy now. Saturday hours are now 10 a.m.-noon.

THE DOMESTIC Chef Cooking Class with executive chef Mark Sevars begins Sunday, 1:30 p.m., in the Yokwe Yuk Club dining room. Cost is \$25 per class or \$200 for the entire eight-week course. To register, call 58196.

MASONIC FELLOWSHIP meets tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the Yokwe Yuk Club Kabua Room. All Master Masons welcome.

WHAT TO KNOW before you go to Summer Fun first day of class. All kindergartners and first-graders meet at CRC 1 at 8:30 a.m. All second-graders and up meet at the designated facilities listed on the brochure. All activities and games require shoes and socks. All swim classes require proper swim attire. Skatepark classes require all equipment and pass. Bowlers need socks. Four outdoor classes, we recommend hats, sunglasses and sunscreen. All participants should bring water bottles. Questions? Call Amber, 53331.

SELF HELP has just received a shipment of

new plants. Get yours today before they run out.

SUMMER FUN adult volleyball managers meeting is tomorrow, 5:30 p.m., in CRC Room 7. The volleyball scorekeepers, 5:30 p.m., and officials, 6:30 p.m., clinics are Friday, in the CRC main gym. Questions? Call Audra, 53331.

ARE YOU PCSing soon? Have you just arrived at Kwaj or Roi? Call the *Hourglass* at 53539 or 52114 and let us know, so that we can share your news with the community. Or come by our office next door to library and fill out a welcome or farewell form. Also available outside our door 24 hours a day.

OPSEC REMINDER: Providing our military forces with uncompromised defense systems is necessary to minimize risks and enhance our potential for the successful termination of a conflict. Apply OPSEC.

**Classified Ad Deadlines
Tuesday issue: noon Friday
Friday issue: noon
Wednesday**

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Flight of the Navigator (PG, 1986)

Twelve-year-old Joey Cramer is knocked unconscious while playing in the woods in 1978. When he awakes, it's 1986, and he's been officially missing for eight years. NASA scientists determine Joey had been abducted by aliens and want to study his brain. However, Joey has other plans: Using a mysterious spaceship he tries to return to his own time period. (David Freeman, Paul Reubens) (90 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Enter the Dragon (R, 1973)

Considered one of the best kung fu movies ever. Bruce Lee stars as a martial artist determined to help capture the narcotics dealer whose gang was responsible for his sister's death. Naturally, the villain lives on a fortified island populated by crack martial artists. Lee manages to infiltrate the compound by entering a kung fu competition a la Robin Hood. (98 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

South Pacific (NR, Classic)

Adapted from James A. Michener's best-selling novel "Tales of the South Pacific," this musical stars Mitzi Gaynor as WAVE officer Nellie Forbush, who while stationed overseas during World War II falls in love with wealthy French planter Emile De Becque. Prejudice and war separate the lovers. (Rossano Brazzi, John Kerr) (167 minutes)
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

South Pacific (NR, 1958)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Enter the Dragon (R, 1973)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Flight of the Navigator (PG, 1986)

Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Monday

Flight of the Navigator (PG, 1986)

Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.

Enter the Dragon (R, 1973)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**What's playing?
Call the Movie Hotline, 52700.**

2002 Relay for Life event off and running

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

Last month, five residents ignited a spark in the war against cancer, a spark they hope will turn the Kwajalein Atoll community into an army of walkers, runners, strollers and even sleepers.

Relay for Life, an overnight community event to fight and prevent cancer, will be held Feb. 17, 2002.

"The main purpose is to raise money for the American Cancer Society," said Beverly Schmidt, Relay for Life treasurer. "Every penny we make over the cost of running it goes to them."

Individuals form teams, raise money and plan how to decorate their assigned area inside the track, which will be the roads that circle Brandon and Dally Fields—Lagoon Road, 9th

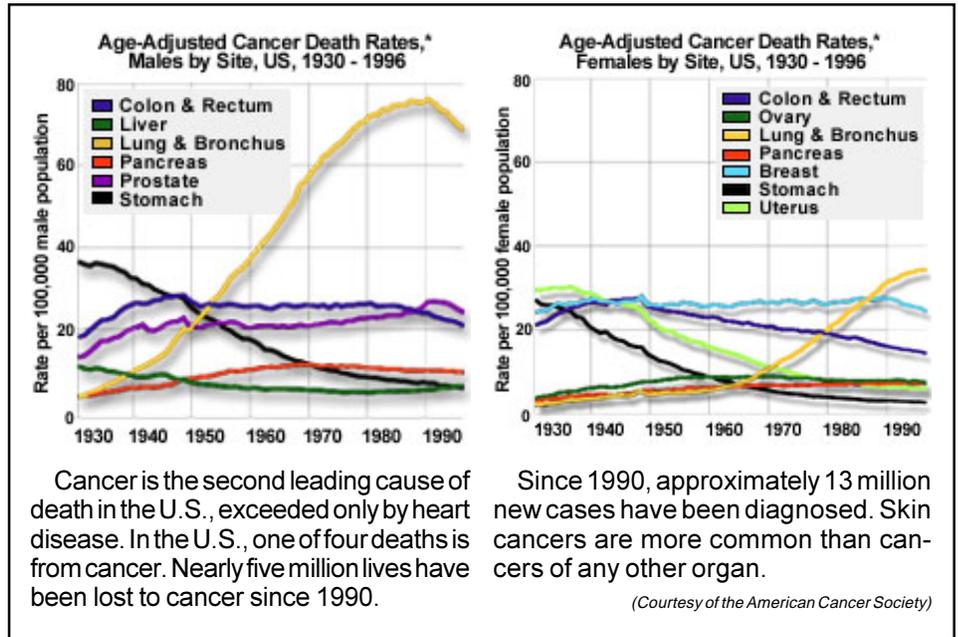
Street, Ocean Road and 8th Street. The ball fields will be used for team tents, games and vendors.

During the event, team members take turns running, walking or strolling while teammates play games, eat, visit or even sleep.

"Some people pull decorated wagons with their kids in them around the track," Schmidt said, adding that in honor of survivors and those who have lost the battle with cancer, luminarias decorated with individual names will line the track at night.

Even though the actual event is eight months away, it is not too soon to start getting a team together and lining up pledges, Schmidt said.

For more information, call Anne Louise Jeffrey at 52710.



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Tonight: Variable cloudiness with isolated showers.
Winds: East-northeast to east-southeast at 8 to 14 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny with isolated showers.
Winds: East-northeast to east-southeast at 7 to 12 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 86°
June rain total: 2.46"
Annual rain total: 15.72"
Annual deviation: -19.47"
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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday June 19	0631/1909	0410/1654	0237, 5.2' 1454, 4.6'	0858, 1.2' 2052, 1.0'
Wednesday June 20	0632/1909	0459/1752	0316, 5.6' 1537, 4.7'	0940, 0.9' 2131, 0.8'
Thursday June 21	0632/1910	0554/1852 New Moon	0354, 5.9' 1618, 4.8'	1021, 0.6' 2210, 0.7'
Friday June 22	0632/1910	0654/1955	0434, 6.1' 1700, 4.8'	1103, 0.5' 2249, 0.7'