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# THE KLEIN HOURGLASS







**Ra eo an Navy ej kir tok eok/kom  
NAN AMI BOK KONMAI  
ilo makitkit ko an  
Navy Conventional Prompt Strike Weapon  
System Flight Tests DEP**

Birokiram in kokkelok Mijel eo an US Army koba lok ibben ra eo an Navy emoj aer kebooj juon Draft Document nan Environmental Protection (DEP) ak weween keiparok ilo aer kwalok juon kemlele ikijeer aer kommani makitkit ko kin kommelmel in kokkelok mijel ilo Aelon in Kuwajeleen, weween an naj jelet belaak ko, jekjek in aer naj etale, kojella im riiboot kaki. Ilo kommelmel kein enaj koba kommelmel ko ilo jet jikin ilo lojet, waan ekkeke ko ioon lojet, waan ekkeke ak rakka ko rej jok ilo lomalo, im kein jerpai in tarinae ko jet im ewor tojkeer nan kojerpali ilo eria ko ilo lojet ak ilo jikin kommelmel ko an US Army ilo Aelon in Kuwajeleen, Rebutic in an Majel. Ilo Majel in, makitkit ak jerpai in kommelmel in enaj komman ilo Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile ak jikin kommelmel mijel eo an Amedka (USAKA) im ej bed ilo aelon in Kuwajeleen. Kommelmel ko rej komman ilo mejatoto remaron naaj iook lok jikin ko emoj kalikari ilo lo-kilmeek ak jikin ko remulal ak Kwajalein Missile Impact Scoring System (KMISS) im ilo ene idrik etan Illeginni. Nan jipan ikijeer makitkit in kommelmel kein, imaajaaj in wa im an armej makitkit remaron komman ilo RTS im barenwot ilo ial in itoitak ko ikotaan jikin kommelmel ko im jikin emmaan wa eo ilo Kuwajeleen.

**Ebellok nan an aolep koba tok**

Navy eo ej karuwaineneik eok nan am linri im komman am ennaan ilo Draft ak Elmokot in an DEP. Ennaan ko jen jabrewot remaron ilok ilo online nan <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CPSSea-Based> ak mail e lok nan:  
Environmental Program Manager/SP2521  
Strategic Systems Programs  
1250 10th Street SE, Bldg. 200, Suite 3600  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5127

**Aolep ennaan ko raikuj ilok ilo online ak ilo mail eliktata Eprol 25, 2025.**

Kom maron loe EA/OEA Draft in ilo online website  
<https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CPSSea-Based>  
ak ilo library kein an public enwot aer ellajrak ijin ilal:  
Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library, im Roi-Namur Library.

**The Department of the Navy  
INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE  
in the Public Involvement Process for the  
Navy Conventional Prompt Strike  
Weapon System Flight Tests DEP**



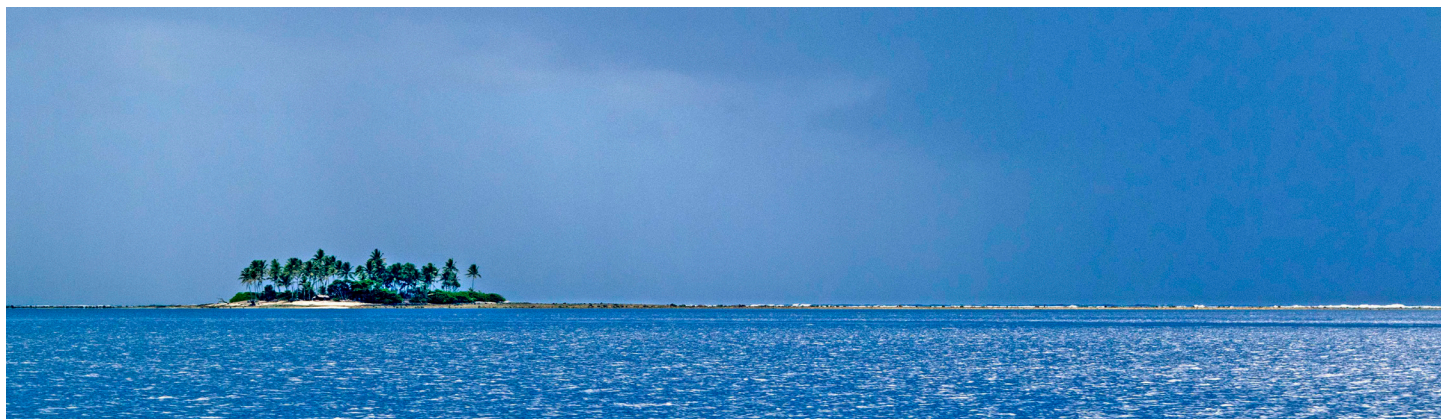
The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) have prepared a Draft Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide a description of proposed missile flight test activities at Kwajalein Atoll, the associated potential environmental effects, and procedures for monitoring, notification, and reporting. Testing would involve flight tests from sea-based launch locations, vehicle flight over the ocean, splashdown of boosters in the open ocean, and payload impact either in broad ocean areas or at U.S. Army test sites at Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Within the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the activity would be located at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS) within the United States Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA). Flight test payloads would impact at target sites within the deep-water Kwajalein Missile Impact Scoring System (KMISS) range and on land at Illeginni Islet. Flight test support activities such as vessel traffic and human activity would occur at RTS as well as within travel routes between test sites and Kwajalein Harbor at Kwajalein Islet.

**Public Involvement Opportunity**

The Navy welcomes your review and comments on the Draft DEP. Comments may be submitted online at <https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CPSSea-Based> or by mail to:  
Environmental Program Manager/SP2521  
Strategic Systems Programs  
1250 10th Street SE, Bldg. 200, Suite 3600  
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5127

**All comments must be submitted online or postmarked by April 25, 2025.**

The Draft DEP is available online at  
<https://www.nepa.navy.mil/CPSSea-Based>  
or at the following public libraries:  
Kwajalein Island's Grace Sherwood Library, and Roi-Namur Library.



**EARN YOUR  
TEAM KWAJ TAB!**

**Front Cover: Audio Visual booth during the KHS Career Day**

**Back Cover: Photo by Hourglass staff**

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ABOVE: The V2X Human Resources team look out over the well-attended career fair.

## COMMUNITY

### KWAJALEIN HIGH SCHOOL'S COLLEGE, CAREER & MILITARY FAIR!

#### HOURLASS REPORT

[📷]Photos by Megan Sofge

A crowd of Kwajalein High School kids enthusiastically piled into the Multipurpose Room on Friday, March 21, 2025 to learn everything they could about the many professional organizations who showed up just for them. Dutifully bringing along a list of classwork questions to ask the vendors, some of the students expressed nervousness as they approached the various points of contact from local businesses, recruiters, and others.

The student questions

proved to be excellent ice breakers (the educators definitely knew what they were doing), enabling the crowd to both learn as much as they could about the opportunities presented, as well as practice their oratory and presentation skills.

The business vendors were thrilled to partner with the Garrison to support the kids.

"I chatted with one of the young girls who said she wanted to do something for the environment," said Megan Sofge, V2X Director

Technology Integration "I explained to her that I'm in IT—information technology is connected to EVERYTHING. My goal was to open the children's aperture so they see a greater range of opportunities outside of the typical 'teacher, doctor, firefighter' choices that state-side career fairs are limited to."

A great point considering the size of the island. The MP Room miraculously was able to showcase a uniquely diverse range of potential career choices that the well-travelled Mrs. Sofge particularly

found as impressive as it was touching. "Can you imagine? From a baker, to archaeologist, to desktop publisher to Audio Visual technicians and military professionals! I've never seen this kind of range back home."

The vendors weren't just talking at the students either. many of them brought props/artifacts to provide a high-level interactivity with the kids to make the experience fun from all directions. The local nationals and expatriate community got to meet in a genuinely positive way. ❖



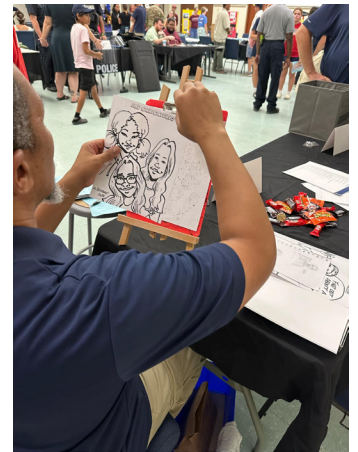


PHOTO BY SCOTT HILL

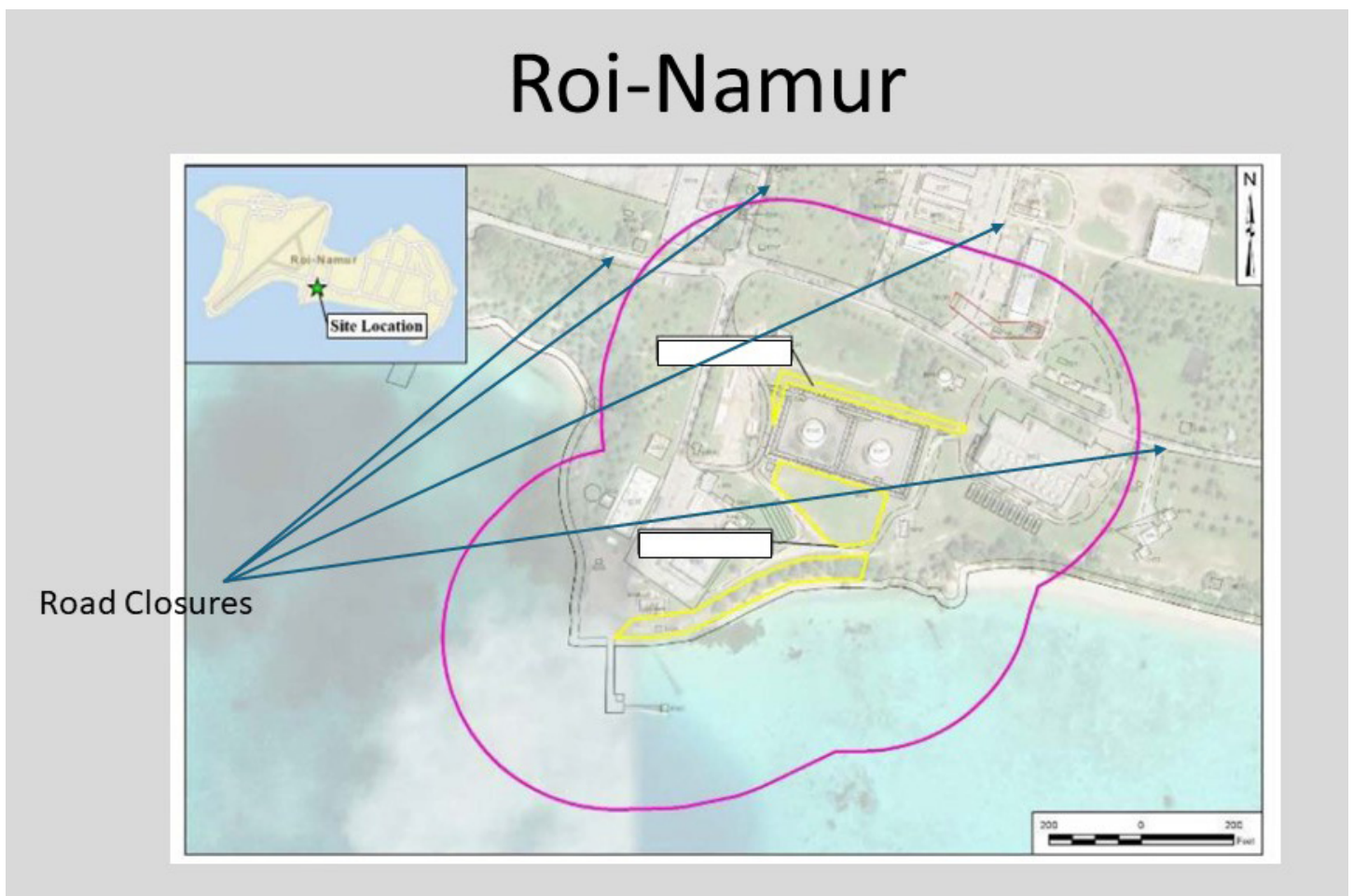


# UXO CLEARING FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT

On Roi-Namur Beginning 21 February Operations will be conducted at night from 2000-0430 Monday-Friday. The following maps show Road Closures, Exclusion Zones, & Operations Overview

## Roi-Namur POL/AST

- Construction operations anticipated to start 21 February
- Operations will be conducted at night from 2000-0430 Monday-Friday
- UXO Techs will conduct clearance operations in identified areas
- Barricades will be placed to signal all pedestrians and vehicles to use alternate routes
- Please avoid traveling or traversing in the indicated areas without a UXO Escort







## LEGEND

- Telecom Route
- Telecom Manhole
- Road Close
- ↔ Detour

# CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

## FY21 KWAJALEIN ARMY FAMILY HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

Nan, Inc. construction company, will be continuing telecommunication construction activities for the FY21 Kwajalein Army Family Housing project as highlighted in blue on the attached map.

Trench excavation activities will start at the Building 806 across the road going to TMH-21 as shown in red. It will still be passable during daytime and **full road close at night** from 1900 to 0400 projected start date March 30, 2025.

Nan, Inc. will secure the area with barriers, safety signage and road plates. Traffic control personnel will be on-site to manage the flow of traffic and ensure safety for both workers and the public.

For inquiries, please contact the project team at 480-2548. Nan, Inc. appreciates the support and cooperation of the community for this transformative construction project.

Mahalo,

Nan, Inc.





WATER STATIONS!



SAFETY MARSHALS!



AND MORE!!!!

# RUSTMAN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE....OR AN ISLAND!

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE RUSTMAN TRIATHLON!!

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

EMAIL BOB AND JANE @ JANESHOLAR@GMAIL.COM

## Kwajalein Reclaimed Water Standard Violation

The US Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) Environmental Standards (UES) requires public notification when the Kwajalein and Roi-Namur Water Treatment Plants (WTPs) turbidity monitoring and testing procedures are not met. Turbidity from each filtration unit at the WTPs are monitored by inline continuous monitoring equipment capable of recording data at least every 15 minutes. The Kwajalein and Roi-Namur inline continuous monitoring systems have been inoperative for several months. Water operators are collecting manual grab samples for turbidity analysis every 4 hours. Repair or replacement projects for the continuous monitors are being evaluated. Turbidity is the cloudiness or haziness of a liquid caused by particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye and by itself does not cause microbiological contamination. Drinking water from several distribution sites are analyzed weekly by the Kwajalein Hospital Laboratory for microbiological contaminants. There is no threat to public health or the environment resulting from the inoperative inline monitoring equipment. No health-based restrictions are necessary for the normal use of drinking water. If you have questions, please contact the V2X Environmental Department at 480-0722.

## Jorraan Eo Ilo Reclaimed Water System Eo Ion Kwajalein

Mottan kakien ko an US Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) Environmental Standards (UES) ej aurok bwe ren karon jukjuk in bed eo ioon Kwajalein im Roi-Namur kon wawein liklik dren ko im etali elane lum in dren eo ejjab jejjot nan wawein etale ko im katak kaki. Lum in dren ko ilo kajojo kein liklik ko an WTPs rej jonok wot im walok aer alikar ilo kein jerbal ko im naaj koman einwot in mae ien data ko renaj alikar aolep 15 minit. Kein jerbal kein an dren ioon Kwajalein im Roi-Namur rekar jab jerbal iumwin jejo allon ko. Rijerbal in dren ro rekar wonmanlok wot im ebok dren nan kamelmel im lale elane elap ejake eo an lum ilo dren ko. Kilen kakomanman lak im tiljek lok jirik kon dren ko ekar bok jikin nan lale im kajeon kajako lum ko ilo dren iumwn kajojo 4 awa. Ejjelok joraan elap im kauwotata enaj jelet ejmour eo ilo juon kabujuknen eo elane ej koman katak kein jen kein jerbal ko an lale dren eo. Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijeen kojerbal dren in non aikuij ko jet. Elane ewor am Kajitok kir V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.





**American  
Red Cross**

Service to the Armed Forces

## Volunteer Opportunity at Kwajalein Atoll

Join the American Red Cross and help bring our Services and Programs to the Kwajalein Atoll community!

**Online & Virtual Training Provided**

**No experience needed!**

We provide all necessary training. Just bring your passion and commitment to helping others!

Contact **Alana Wilson** at [alana.wilson@redcross.org](mailto:alana.wilson@redcross.org)

Let's work together to build a more prepared and resilient community.



## Remember the 3-R's of UXO Safety!



RECOGNIZE



RETREAT



REPORT

Unexploded ordnance are munitions that fail to detonate during live fire training. They are **extremely dangerous** and could explode if tampered with, even though the Kwajalein ordnance is 80-years-old.

**NEVER** touch UXO and report the location of **ANY** suspected UXO to the UXO Team **IMMEDIATELY** at:

Phone: 480-1550/1433

Email: [Darren.r.Wheeldon.ctr@army.mil](mailto:Darren.r.Wheeldon.ctr@army.mil)





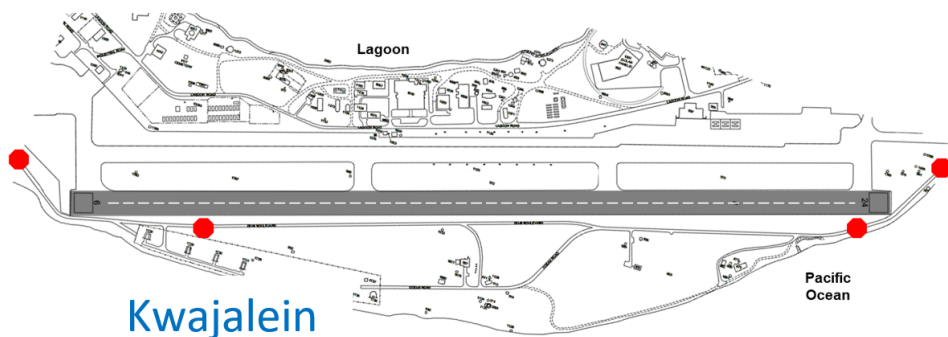


# KWAJALEIN & ROI NAMUR, STOP FOR AIRCRAFT!!



Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:  
Zeus Blvd., Ocean Rd., Perimeter Rd., Pandanus Rd., Eleanor  
Wilson Rd.

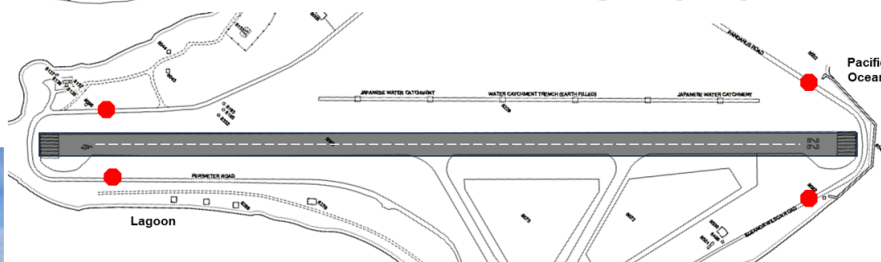
**If aircraft are on approach or taking off, you must hold your  
position and wait!**



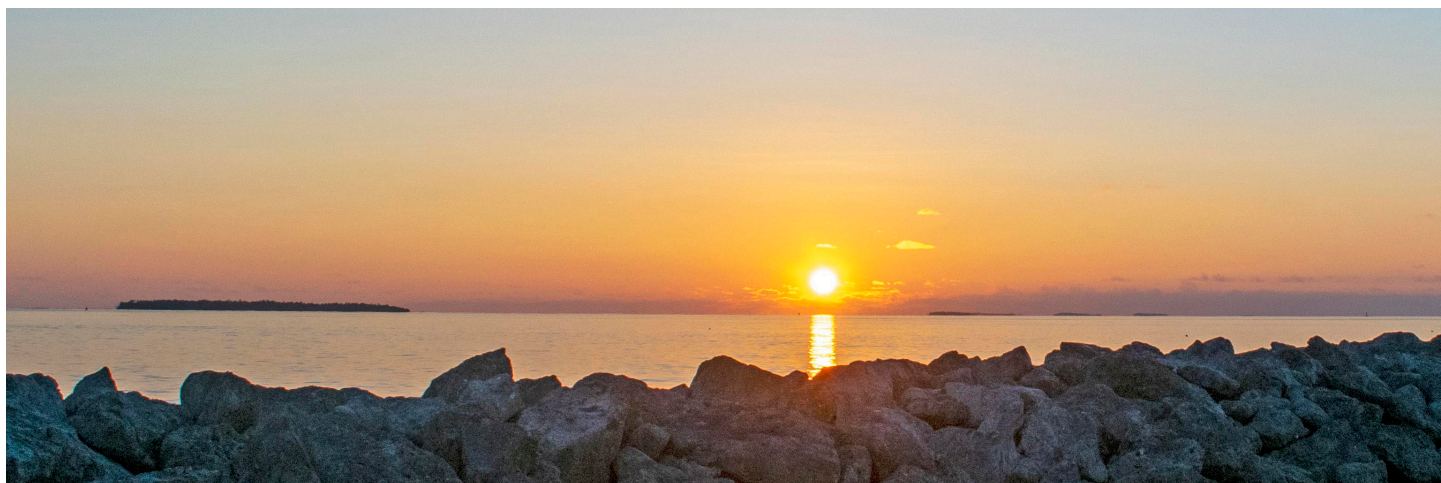
Kwajalein



Roi Namur



**Stop at designated signs and look for aircraft  
landing or taking off. If you see an aircraft, hold  
your position at the stop sign and wait until the  
aircraft has landed or departed before moving.**





# Spring Craft Fair

Monday, April 28 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. @ CRC Gymnasium

Want to be a Vendor?

Email:

1. Zoe King – [alekz\\_zoe@yahoo.com](mailto:alekz_zoe@yahoo.com)

2. Kwajalein Art Guild – [kwajaleinartguild@gmail.com](mailto:kwajaleinartguild@gmail.com)

Complete the Home-Based Vendor Application to receive your vendor number (Available through MWR)



During the dry months here on Kwajalein Atoll, we all need to be diligent in conserving non-potable water. In an effort to control water usage please limit the watering of plants to 30 minutes every other day.

Thank you for your efforts in conserving our precious resources.







PHOTO BY STEPHEN ELSON

ABOVE: The Kakinono band closes the show with a cover of White Stripes' "Fell in Love with a Girl" hit.

## COMMUNITY

# 25TH ANNUAL SPRING BREAK MUSIC FEST

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon, CYS Deputy Director

Despite the rain, nothing could keep the crowds away from the 25th Annual Spring Break Music Fest (SBMF) at the Kwajalein Yacht Club (KYC). The event certainly lived up to expectations. With sixteen incredible performances, the festival showcased a wide range of performing arts from dance to lively musical talents.

The SBF began in 2001. Jim Stepchew recalls that a new band called The Zooks had just formed. One of the

band members reached out to Stepchew, asking if there was still a homebrew group that brewed beer, and indeed there was. The band member suggested they spend the day playing music and drinking beer at Coral Sands Beach—and that's how it all began. As word spread, other bands got involved and proposed a "battle of the bands." The KYC traditionally hosts a chili cook-off, which was held alongside SBF. Word spread quickly, and soon grillers planned a BBQ cook-off, the Swim Team offered shave ice, vendors set up booths, food services provided meals, and a cash bar

was available.

Ultimately, after a lot of planning and coordination with Community Activities, the event was approved to be held at Emon Beach. Since private events require sponsorship according to regulations, the KYC stepped in to become the official sponsor of the SBF.

As the years passed, the event grew into an all-day affair at Emon Beach, featuring helicopter and fire truck displays and plenty of activities for children, including a dunk tank, sunfish rides,

tricycle races, and water balloon fights. Eventually, as the population and number of bands declined, the event was relocated to Camp Hamilton. This move was made to simplify setup and operations for the event planners, making it easier to manage.

Although, SBF has evolved several times since 2001, it is still a fun-filled event for the entire family. ▼







PHOTOS BY EVAN GILL

\$50/ea



37<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Kwajalein H.S. Stage Band Ballroom Dinner Dance

MP Room - Sunday, **May 4 @ 6:30 p.m.**

To purchase tickets, please visit the HS office starting  
**April 16** Between 8 - 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

As a school fundraiser, alcohol will not be served or permitted.

Limit 2 tickets/person OR reserve one full table for 10 for \$550.



# EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB

1. Attend Col. Morgan's TEAM KWAJ brief (either Teammate or Community version), read and adhere to the TEAM KWAJ Teammate Pact, presented at initial town halls, and periodically thereafter.

2. Attend the Island Newcomer's Briefing.

3. Attend at least one group greeting at air terminal for personnel arriving on island. Make them feel welcome and show them we are happy they are on Kwaj with us.

4. Attend at least two garrison after-hours team-building or social events (TEAM KWAJ Happy Hour, Commander's Call, Hail/Farewell).

5. Attend at least two TEAM KWAJ PT/Wellness sessions. Become a regular attendee!

6. Visit Marshallese Cultural Center in last 3 months prior to tab award.

7. Visit Ebeye, Third island or Majuro in last 3 months prior to tab, use a Marshallese phrase or two and visit a store/restaurant.

8. Tell three co-workers how to earn the TEAM KWAJ tab.

9. Swim, snorkel, boat or paddle on the lagoon at least once with a teammate.

10. Complete the TEAM KWAJ Circle-island 6-mile ruck march/walk/bike and read all historic battlefield markers. This is an organized USAG-KA hosted event several times per year.

11. Mission Partner wild card event—discuss with your supervisor any additional organizational requirement. Could be knowledge-based, achievement-based, or physical challenge.

12. Final event, "Board of Review" -- meet with Col. Morgan face-to-face individually or in a small group with all requirements fulfilled. Schedule with garrison front office. Discussion items may include but are not limited to; TEAM KWAJ pact - "Healthy Community of Excellence," Kwaj history, Marshallese culture, military/strategic missions and their significance, and future operational potential.

Once you have the first 11 items completed, contact Terri Wilson at 480-4322 or at [terri.l.wilson20.civ@army.mil](mailto:terri.l.wilson20.civ@army.mil) to set up a date/time with the commander for the final event.



Check out more news and entertainment about Kwaj life on the USAG-KA YouTube Channel, at <https://www.youtube.com/USArmyGarrisonKwajaleinAtoll>.

FOR KWAJ COMMAND  
TEAM INFO & UPDATES



TEAM KWAJ COMMANDER



@TeamKwajCommander

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NASA ASTRONAUT ANDREW "DREW" MORGAN



@AstroDrewMorgan

Kwajalein



MIA Project

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# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

## Submit Announcements to the Roller Channel and The Kwajalein Hourglass

**OPEN CALL FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
*The island community is invited to submit listings for events and for sale items; announcements; department trainings; safety updates; public service messages; and thank-you messages.*

### Preparing Your Message

*For questions about your messaging, please reach out to the USAG-KA Public Affairs Office at 480-4848.*

*Ads should always include a point of contact, phone number and/or email address.*

*Private parties, fundraisers and events requesting and/or accepting donations are typically not allowed for publication per AR 360-1. Fundraisers and support activities for private and schools-based organizations, scouting groups, civic clubs and other listings may be subject to a legal counsel review to determine their eligibility for publication.*

### Formatting Your Listings

*It is recommended that graphical advertisements*

*and announcements intended for the Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel be formatted as PowerPoint slides.*

*Graphic designers are asked to maintain a generous margin (.75-1-inch) around all sides and to size fonts no smaller than pt. 20.*

*If your Roller Channel advertisement requires a special expiration date, please note this for the Roller team in the body of your message.*

### Deadlines for Submissions

*Send advertisements for the Kwajalein Hourglass and the AFN Roller Channel to [kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com](mailto:kwajaleinhourglass@gov2x.com) on Wednesdays by close of business/Thursday morning.*

*Roller Channel ads are accepted on a rolling basis by 4 p.m. for a mid-week and late-week update. Ads received after 4 p.m. will be loaded in the next update. Please ensure you submit ads in good time to ensure timely upload.*

For more information, reach out to the USAG-KA Command team through the USAG-KA Facebook page.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AFH Construction Is Ongoing.** Nan, Inc. Construction is scheduled to commence the telecommunication scope of work for the Kwajalein Army Family Housing project in our community. Residents and commuters should be aware of possible changes in traffic patterns and to plan their routes accordingly. Nan, Inc. Construction is committed to minimizing any inconveniences, and we will strive to ensure a smooth and efficient construction process.

**ArMA.** Log in to ArMa, the Army Maintenance Application, to report issues for all buildings maintained by the Department of Public Works. Contact Public Works at 480-3550.

**CAC Office.** Before your visit to the Common Access Card Office, ensure all paperwork is completed by your human resources representative before making an appointment. Bring two forms of government-issued IDs with you. Walk-in appointments are welcome, but there may be a wait. CAC Office Hours, Bldg. 835, are Tuesday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (Lunch: noon - 1 p.m.). Call 480-8496.

**Demolition at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility.** Phase three of the Zamperini DFAC demo has begun and is projected to be finished March 2026 for the dining and serving area. Be careful around the dining facility during the phases.

**Do Not Take Cultural Artifacts.** It is illegal to remove cultural resources from the atoll. This includes any protected species, unexploded ordnance, WWII-era artifacts and ancient Marshallese artifacts. These resources are protected under U.S. federal and RMI law. Contact the Kwajalein Archaeology Office at 480-8867.



Contact the USAG-KA Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention Victim Advocate

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nate Elkins  
SHARP Victim Advocate  
Work: 480-0660 or 480-3421  
USAG-KA SHARP Pager:  
808-580-3241  
DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247

**Emergency Management.** Visit the USAG-KA Emergency Management webpage, <https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/index.php/my-fort/EM>; 2) Click on "Mass Notification"; 3) Follow the registration instructions.

**E-Wareness:** It is each driver's responsibility to ensure vehicles are not leaking fluids other than air conditioning condensate. Call 911 to report spills and arrange with automotive for routine maintenance. Please call Environmental at 480-0722 with questions. Ej an ri-kator eo eddo non lolorjake bwe wa eo ejjab leak jabdwot oil ijelak in drennin air condition eo jen wa eo. Ne elon jabdwot leak/lutok in oil jen wa eo, Kiir 911 non report- e lutok eo. Ak kiir Environmental ilo 480-0722 non kajitok.

**Fire Safety Tips.** Some pets are chewers. Watch pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords. Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops. Make sure pets are included in your family's fire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household.

**Flights.** Please note that all flights are subject to change. For the latest update on your flights on United, ATI or Air Marshall Islands: ATI: 480-2169; AMI: 480-3469; United: 480-4852 or 1-800-UNITED1; Air Terminal Services: 480-2660; Flight Information Recording: 480-3589

**UA Schedule Effective Now:** Monday and Friday—UA 155 (HNL); Check-in 2 – 4:50 p.m.;



Wednesday—UA 133 (HNL); Check-in 2 – 4:15 p.m.; Tuesday and Saturday—UA 154 (GUM); Check-in 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

FlyRoi Reservations. To schedule reservations and for correspondence related to flights, email [LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@versar.com](mailto:LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@versar.com).

How to dress in the RMI. Out of respect for the Marshallese culture, residents are asked to dress appropriately when visiting Ebeye, Third Island, or anywhere within Kwajalein Atoll. Women should wear clothing to cover shoulders and knees. None are permitted to wear shorts when visiting churches on Ebeye. Men should wear long slacks to church.

Kwaj Small Boat Marina hours are 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday through Monday, and on holidays, excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas. Morning boat reservation times are from 7:30 a.m. – noon. Afternoon boat reservations are from 1 – 5 p.m.

Not Feeling Well? Call 480-2223 to make an appointment for a COVID-19 test, Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you are not feeling well, please wear a mask when you are around others in the community.

Operational Security. See something, say something. All employees on USAG-KA are required to receive annual Threat Awareness and Reporting Program training provided by KRO; Reporting: Report suspicious activities to the Kwajalein Resident Office at 480-9859/1293/8006 at Bldg. 1163.

PCS & Vacation Tips. Notify the post office before leaving for 30 days or PCS'ing. Per DOD 4525.6-M, mail is only allowed to be held for 30 days with or without prior notice. Mail is considered unclaimed on day 31 and will be returned to the sender. Email the post office to authorize pick up for your mail and packages. When PCS'ing, provide a forwarding address. Contact James Smith with questions at 480-3461 and [james.e.smith2295@army.mil](mailto:james.e.smith2295@army.mil).

Salon Walk-Ins. Surfside Salon Walk-In Appointments are available on Fridays from 1:30 - 6 p.m.

Smoking. USAG-KA, smoking is permitted in designated smoking areas only. Smoking and cigarette butt receptacles must be at least 50 feet from the entrance of facilities.

Taxi Service. Call 480-TAXI (8294) or 3341 to

book your ride at least 24 hours in advance of check-in time.

Millican Family Pool Hours. Closed for cleaning on Thursdays. Open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and Mondays.

The NEC Testing Center Is Open to the Community - Giving you the head start you need to thrive! - Open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment  
Authorized Pearson VUE Test Center. Schedule A test Today!  
NEC testing Center, 480-4344, FN 1008-131  
ACUITY International  
Job Postings for this contract have "Marshall Islands" in the job title.  
<https://acuityinternational.com/careers/>  
Anyone interested please reach out directly to [Melani.Gebhardt@acuityinternational.com](mailto:Melani.Gebhardt@acuityinternational.com)

Kwajalein / Roi Namur Licensing  
Classes on Kwajalein are every Wednesday @0900 Marshallese @1245 Expats (by appointment only as class size is limited)  
Classes are in Bldg. 856 Rm 101, Vehicle Maintenance Compound  
Roi classes every 2nd Friday in Bldg. C, timed based on flight schedule  
No registration needed for Roi classes.  
To register, send email to either of the following:

[Audrey.Hughes@gov2x.com](mailto:Audrey.Hughes@gov2x.com)  
[Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com](mailto:Wilson.Kaisha@gov2x.com)  
...or stop by Bldg. 856, Rm 101



# HELP WANTED

For employment with contractors  
within the  
U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll  
please check  
contractor company  
websites  
for employment opportunities.

A poster with a background image of a soldier in silhouette against a sunset. The text is in yellow and white. It includes the US Army logo and the text: "OPSEC IS NOT RETROACTIVE. THINK BEFORE YOU SHARE INFORMATION. ONLINE AND OFFLINE." and "Like and share @USArmyOPSEC".

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# C I N E M A

## Now Showing at the Yuk Theater

**Saturday, APRIL 5**  
"Finding Nemo" (2003)  
(G) 100 min.

**Sunday, APRIL 6**  
"Joy Ride" (2023)  
(R) 95 min.

**Saturday, APRIL 12**  
"Puss in Boots" (2011)  
(R) 90 min.

**Sunday, APRIL 13**  
"Face Off" (1997)  
(R) 138 min.

**Saturday, APRIL 19**  
"Ice Age: Collision Course"  
(2016) (PG) 94 min.

**Sunday, APRIL 20**  
"The Blackening" (2022)  
(R) 97 min.

**Saturday, APRIL 26**  
"Ralph Breaks the Internet"  
(2018) (PG) 112 min.

**Sunday, APRIL 27**  
"No Hard Feelings" (2023)  
(R) 103 min.

**All showtimes start at 7:30 p.m.**



### RICHARDSON THEATER



**Due to equipment issues, there will be NO movies screened at the Richardson Theater until further notice.**

**We apologize for the inconvenience.**

**Family friendly movies will now be featured at the Yuk Theater on Saturdays. And mature audience movies will show on Sundays.**





## UXO DISPOSAL OPERATIONS --- SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2025

UXO demo team will be conducting operations at  
UXO Disposal Site Kwajalein 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The area indicated in the map will be off-limits until operation is complete.



## Road Closures

- **Do not cross any barriers. If the barriers remain up after 0500, do not cross.**
- UXO Clearance Operations are ongoing in the area overnight
- Lagoon Road as shown to the right will be closed.
- Please use the dirt road closest to the lagoon.
- Roads in red will be closed each night Monday-Saturday 03 April – 17 April
- Roads will be closed from 1900 - 0500
- Any questions reach out to Mike Flinchbaugh at 480-4255







ABOVE: PFC Juda poses with his family.

## COMMUNITY

# KWAJALEIN PROFILE | SAMMY JUDA

### HOURLASS REPORT

Before I introduce myself, I would like to pause, recognize God, and thank him, knowing that he is everything.

My name is Sammy Juda, I'm a Private first class (pfc). I am from Majuro, Wotho, Namdik, and Mejit. I was born and raised on Majuro and moved to Ebeye in 2010. Since then, I have considered myself an Ebeye resident. I'm stationed in Fort Carson on Colorado, spring.

I maintain and drive a tank.

I'm also man of family, and I have three kids: two boys

and a girl. I just want to share my experience of returning home to Ebeye, Marshall Islands. I thank God that lifestyles here are still the same. We get together to play sports such as baseball. Shapewe enjoy playing baseball, able to see our families, and carrying bucket of water. I can be able to join my friends who were my friend before I left. My experiences in the military are different from those I have had in the civilian job sphere. I have spent 13 years living on Ebeye and working on Kwajalein.

I'm going to make a com-

parison between the two different jobs.

In the military, there are things that I've learned, which are how to be patient and to collaborate with others. The other things that I've had experienced which really pushed me forward.

Because sometimes in life, there are difficult things that we don't need to panic about. I was surrounded by a lot of people who always talked about the military, but I'm mentioning two people whom I know they push me on how to speak and action.

The first one is Manini Kabua, and the second one is the former Kwajalein Command Sergeant Major Kenyatta Gaskins. They gave lots of advice, but I'll offer a few that I know.

First, to all Marshallese, for what I know a thing that we are afraid of is 'komman oktak,' or "make a change." I am always conversing with the majorities of the young Marshallese to "do not be afraid to make a change." If you are planning to join military and move from here, that's a change, too. Some people might say "I don't want to be



away from home.” From what I experienced; you can always come home whenever you want. I never forget what I did before I left because this is our home.

And my second advice is don't stop. In case you fail the attempt once or twice, just don't stop. Failure does not mean the end of everything. Fail means “first attempt in learning.” I believe if you push yourself not to stop, you will succeed in making it.

As I conclude, I want to share a Marshallese proverb with you: “Ek mouj jab meloklök kũlõñe,” which means, wherever you go, it doesn't matter which place you go, you will still return to our islands. And you will still be the Marshallese people. Lastly, fearing God is the beginning of wisdom.

Thank you and God bless you. ❧



*Kwajalein Atoll is a significant archeological location. If you find anything, take a photo, remember where it is and notify the Public Affairs officer at [Sherman.hogue.civ@army.mil](mailto:Sherman.hogue.civ@army.mil) but do not pick up, or remove the object.*

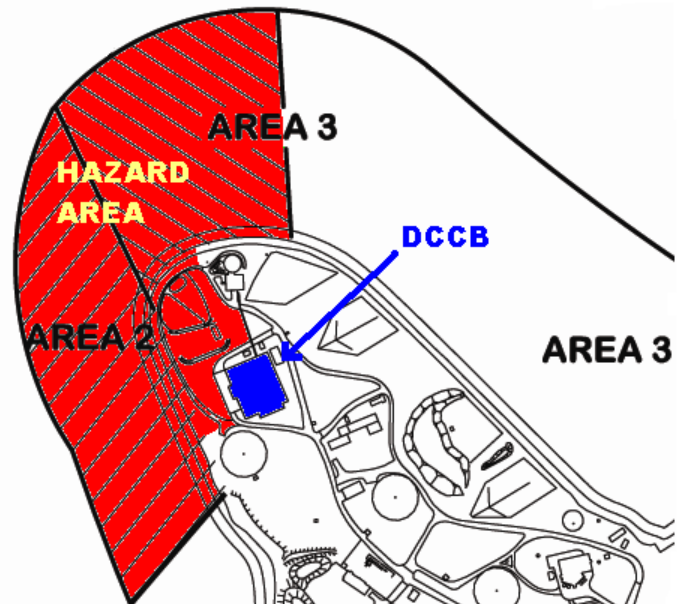






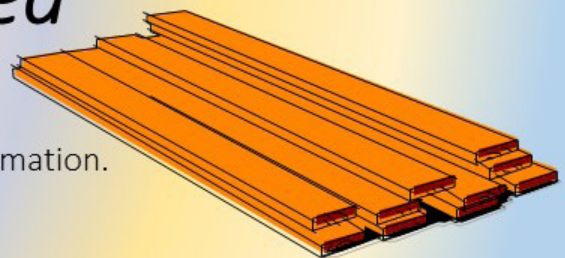
USAG-KA Police will be conducting a small arms range on 15 April 2025 from 1000 hrs to 1500 hrs.

Please observe the **RED FLAG** hazard area. If you have any questions, please contact LT Harig at 480-2109.



## *E-wareness: Treated Lumber*

Contact Environmental at 580-0722 for information.



Chemicals used to treat lumber can be hazardous to humans and wildlife, pollute water, and pollute the air and create hazardous ash (if burned). Take extra precautions when handling treated lumbers.

### **E- Wareness: Alal Ko Rej Treated**

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KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS PHOTO

ABOVE: V2X Videographer Stephen Elson captures a game subject's interview for an upcoming episode of the Kwaj Current.

## COMMUNITY

# VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY | KWAJ CURRENT

### HOURGLASS REPORT

Twice a month, the Kwajalein Atoll community gets to experience a special treat as episodes of the local news show are made available for their viewing pleasure. A product of USAG-KA, the Kwaj Current as it is called, contains in-house produced content including local events, local personalities, and service announcements to keep residents safe and informed. The episodes are made available on the Garrison YouTube channel, and shared throughout the formal social media footprint, and farther with the help of affiliate page managers.

First appearing in 1999 known then as "Window on the Atoll (WOTA)," the pur-

pose of the show has always been to educate and entertain the local populace, though individual episodes may vary in exactly how much in each direction they may lean. The original WOTA version lasted until 2008, where there was a nine year lull in production. The show resurrected in 2017 with its modern name, with fun but shaky legs under it as the new staff sought to find the Kwaj Current's voice with wild and creative experiments that tested the boundaries of what was possible with a limited technological reach.

Although a bit larger than the original staff, the new team is game to also find the show's ultimate voice with fresh new ideas—brain-

stormed regularly at the weekly story meeting—and encouraging one another to break through the boundaries of whatever has been done before. Please note that the Kwaj Current staff are also open to story ideas from the community and would love to hear what you would like to see produced by your friendly-neighborhood Audio Visual team who would jump at the chance to bring your concepts to wonderful life.

Thus far, Kwaj Current subject matter topics have included the dangers of unexploded ordnance (UXO), MWR events like the ever-popular shaving cream social, and special features. The latter part of the show has

featured military personnel stories, the ASL word-of-the-episode, school milestone event traditions, and PSA skits with a comedic flare designed to help the viewer retain the message as well as want to see the clip again and again.

Stay tuned in to join us on our journey! X



Sample YouTube channel thumbnail of the Kwaj Current episodes in the modern era.



# WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## Discussion:

Through yesterday, we have received 1.96 inches of precipitation in the month of April, which is 0.10 inches above normal for the month. So far in 2025, we have only received 6.26 inches of precipitation, which is 6.47 inches below normal for the year. The central RMI remains in a moderate drought, although a wetter pattern over the last week or so helped bring some much-needed rainfall. A drier pattern has once again taken hold and looks to remain in place for at least the next week and likely beyond that. However, some shower chances may still be possible, generated by periodic areas of localized trade wind convergence passing through the Atoll. The thunderstorm risk appears low over the next week or so. No thunderstorm days occurred over the past seven days. A thunderstorm day is defined as an "in situ" lightning strike within five miles of the weather station. The Madden-Julian Oscilla-

tion (MJO) has returned to its negative phase for early-mid April, which is responsible for the drier weather conditions. It is expected to remain in its negative phase for at least the next week and possibly beyond that as well, which should maintain a drier pattern. The El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is still in la Nina conditions with the sea surface temperatures (SST) in the central Pacific between the RMI and the Date Line below normal. Cooler temperatures in the Pacific to the east of the RMI tend to work against increased shower activity, and are one of the main reasons for the moderate drought conditions affecting Kwajalein Atoll and the northern RMI for first part of the year, but there now seems to be changes that are starting to appear in the eastern Pacific, which are acting to erode the la Nina conditions across the whole of the tropical Pacific. ENSO-neutral is favored to develop by the end of April, and persist through the Northern Hemisphere summer.

## Tropical Cyclones:

No significant tropical cyclone activity expected to affect anywhere in Micronesia, the Mariana Islands, Wake Island or Hawai'i. We are coming out of climatological winter for the northwest Pacific, still working against tropical cyclone activity along with increased shear and the cooler sea surface temperatures (SST) between the RMI and the Date Line.

## Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:

None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

## Swell / Tide Inundation for Kwajalein Atoll and Wake Island:

We are moving toward a full-moon on the 13th, and will experience spring tides around that day. Winds look to vary between the low and mid-teens throughout the next week, although they may reach into the upper teens periodically, especially this coming weekend. Winds will be higher on the open

lagoon. Not expecting Small Craft Advisory (SCA) conditions nor High Surf Advisory (HSA) is anticipated for the next seven days. There may be gusty winds from showers into the 20s.

**Purpose:** This weekly briefing is delivered Thursday mornings to island leadership. The intention of this briefing is to provide situational awareness of weather events that may interrupt operations and transportation around Kwajalein, to/from Hawaii and Guam, and in the Wake vicinity. The main threat assessed in this brief is existing and potential development of tropical cyclone activity. This brief also provides an outlook of abnormal winds, sea state, and precipitation guidance for next 7 days around the Kwajalein Atoll. The distribution list will also receive updates on any developing tropical cyclone activity in the Kwajalein region that occur between the weekly outlook product. ❏

## Kwajalein Pet Parents

Bring your Kwaj pets to the vet clinic and meet our veterinarian that will be on island from April 18<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>.

For appointments, please call 480-2017







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## WEATHER

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

### WEATHER DISCUSSION

Generally limited shower activity is expected this weekend, with winds likely to increase by later in the weekend. Subtropical ridging to the north will continue to promote dry, sinking motion throughout the atmospheric column, suppressing shower activity. A couple of weak atmospheric waves will move through which may bring modest increases in shower activity on Saturday and again on Monday, but these showers should generally be on the lighter side. Thunderstorms

appear unlikely due to a lack of instability or areas of stronger low-level convergence needed to generate deep convection. Winds will increase somewhat, going from the low-mid teens on Saturday to the mid to sometimes upper teens on Sunday and Monday.

### SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray to isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

### SUNDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 13-18 knots

possibly increasing a knot or two overnight, with higher gusts near showers.

### MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray to isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 12-17 knots with gusts in the upper 20s possible near showers.

### NEXT WEEK

A dry pattern appears likely to be in place throughout much of next week. The only shower chances will be generated by occasional areas of trade wind convergence. Winds look to decrease somewhat as the week progresses. ⚡

## SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:41 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	7:06 p.m. 6:30 a.m.	4:24 a.m. 4.5' 4:34 p.m. 4.2'	10:33 a.m. -0.3' 10:36 p.m. -0.4'
MONDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	7:51 p.m. 7:07 a.m.	4:47 a.m. 4.6' 4:59 p.m. 4.0'	11:00 a.m. -0.4' 10:58 p.m. -0.3'
TUESDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	8:39 p.m. 7:47 a.m.	5:11 a.m. 4.6' 5:23 p.m. 3.8'	11:26 a.m. -0.3' 11:20 p.m. -0.2'
WEDNESDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	9:29 p.m. 8:30 a.m.	5:35 a.m. 4.5' 5:48 p.m. 3.5'	11:54 a.m. -0.1' 11:42 p.m. 0.0'
THURSDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	10:21 p.m. 9:17 a.m.	6:00 a.m. 4.3' 6:13 p.m. 3.2'	12:23 p.m. 0.1' -----
FRIDAY	6:38 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	11:15 p.m. 10:07 a.m.	6:28 a.m. 4.0' 6:41 p.m. 2.8'	12:05 a.m. 0.3' 12:55 p.m. 0.5'
APRIL 19	6:38 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	----- 11:01 a.m.	7:01 a.m. 3.6' 7:17 p.m. 2.4'	12:31 a.m. 0.6' 1:37 p.m. 0.8'

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ISLAND LIFE AND ARMY REGULATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE COMMANDER'S HOTLINE AT 480-1098. FOLLOW THE USAG-KA FACEBOOK PAGE TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND UPDATES REGARDING SAFETY INFORMATION, EVENTS, AND OFFICIAL COMMAND ACTIVITIES.



*Until Next Week!*

