

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS




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 JESSICA DAMBRUCH



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# BLESSINGS

FOR THE KWAJALEIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Family members** and friends in the Ebeye and Kwajalein communities joined together at the Island Memorial Chapel May 14 for the 2023 Baccalaureate ceremony, an interdenominational, faith-based celebration, to bless the graduates before high school commencement exercises later this week.

Wearing matching blue attire, the senior class entered the chapel to The Verve’s popular 1990s rock anthem, “Bittersweet Symphony.” Bearing flowers for moms in the audience, they made their way to the stage as junior classmen read each senior’s prepared personal statement. Many expressed gratitude to loved ones as they get ready to face the challenges of the coming weeks.

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Command Sgt.

Maj. Ernest Miller welcomed guests to the ceremony. He thanked them for the many kindnesses shown to the students over the years and for building a strong, supportive community to help the graduates succeed. He also encouraged the students to keep a positive outlook as they moved forward.

“No one is here because they did it alone or on their own,” Miller said. “By the end of next week, each and every senior will be walking across the stage with an entire community cheering in their corner. This community is amazing. It is my hope and prayer that this week fills hearts and souls with memories that will last a lifetime.”

Miller shared a few words that he hoped will inspire the seniors when times get tough.

“I have a favorite quote from John Maxwell,” he said. “I think that it fits perfectly.



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1) The graduating class of 2023 performs during their baccalaureate ceremony with the Ebeye Good News Choir. 2) Lana Kabua enters the chapel to join her classmates onstage. As they entered, students thanked their parents and handed flowers to mothers in the audience: 3) Carla Warren, left, and Kendal Warren; and 4) Matai McCollum, left, and Masina McCollum. 5) Bishop Conrad Acosta delivers a benediction during the ceremony.

My hopes are that if you ever find yourself struggling in life and looking for direction, you will remember it. ‘The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails.’ Seniors, adjust yourselves, and do the amazing things I know you can.”

In a departure from previous years, instead of hosting guest speakers, the students

delivered their own thank-you addresses to individuals and families who have helped them over the years by opening their homes, showing kindness, and sharing meals. One former island educator, Dave Morrill, was addressed at a distance.

“Mr. Morrill, we know that you’re watching this from afar. We hope that you are living your best life with your

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sweetheart and your family,” read one student. “Thank you for being such an amazing teacher and influence in our lives. We feel so lucky to have been part of the select few who were able to enjoy your teaching and your kind and fun spirit. You are truly missed. We hope we will see you again in the near future.”

The many guests who ascended the stage to accept thanks and a hug included friends, teachers and mentors such as Becca Hiller, Mallory Masciarelli and Sarah Scott; the Phelon family, the Acosta family, the Gerber family and the Corder family; Chelsea Reed; Annie Dowell; and Mark and Masina McCollum.

“Mr. Mark, thank you for encouraging us with the same energy as you would as you would your own kids, and for instilling chivalry in the men of our class by example. Ms. Masina: our class mom. You’ve selflessly sacrificed countless hours of your time for all of us. [You’ve done everything] from arranging class trips, to calling friends overseas to set up activities with them, teaching us about your culture through hula dances, setting up meetings with foreign political representatives, mentoring us to have successful futures, and helping us be to prepare for college and things after high school. We thank you ... for everything you’ve done for us. Thank you, so much.”

To close the ceremony, Miller presented each student with a USAG-KA command coin before the entire graduating class danced back down the aisle and out into the future together. Following the ceremony, families and friends in attendance joined the graduates for an outdoor dessert reception.



1) Members of the Ebeye Good News Choir perform during the 2023 Baccalaureate Ceremony for the graduating class of Kwajalein High School. 2) Island parents Christina Sylvester, left, and Capt. Ron Sylvester receive thanks during the ceremony. 3) USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, left, awards senior class member Andres Alvarez a command coin. 4) Students thanked Floyd Corder, left, and Melody Corder, right. 5) Beautiful flower and palm frond weavings decorated the chapel during the ceremony. 6) Ethan Acosta, left, gives flowers to his mother, Karen Acosta. 7) The seniors make their way off stage to join friends and family at their reception.





BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**The Emon Beach** Park hosted one of Kwajalein's most historic community-driven events on May 7. Wreathed in garlands of ferns and flowers, 150 dancers swayed to the music of a live aloha band before an audience of family and friends in the annual hula revue.

This year's performance continues the dance tradition started more than 30 years ago by Polynesian cultural dancer Palepa Smith. It is carried on today by her daughter, Masina McCollum, and the large following of dancers who join in to appreciate and share in the traditions and cultures of the Pacific through dance.

Smith returned the show this year as a musician for the first time since the Marshall Islands lifted Covid-19 travel restrictions.

Along with ukulele players John Thygerson and Mike Sakaio, Smith performed as Masina's dancers "shared the aloha" in specially choreographed dance numbers.

The evening was full of meaningful moments, as beginning with the littlest hula girls, each dancer portrayed the shapes of shorelines, palm trees, surfing, celestial bodies and simple emotions with the languid grace and high energy which make hula a beloved art form around the world. Smith also performed a song composed for her daughter and grandchildren.

Intermingled with the fast-paced dance routines from two adult groups added an element of fun. McCollum joined in with the dancers of Wiki Wiki, the advanced women's performing group. The Kāne, the men's group, ran to the performance area and unleashed a powerful New Zealand haka, a ceremonial Māori war challenge made through dance and chant.

Following the recital, dancers and family members enjoyed a potluck. Enjoy the photos and come on out to share your aloha spirit during next year's revue.



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*Above: Island dance teacher Masina McCollum, far right, performs with the Wiki Wiki, women's advanced dance group, during her annual hula review May 7 at the Emon Beach Park. 1) Dancers wearing flower crowns receive a pre-show peptalk. 2) Island youth perform the ceremonial honor of sounding the conch horn to open the revue. 3) Young dancers perform during the revue.*



1) Members of the wahine, adult women's group, perform for the community. 2) The Kāne, or men's group, perform a traditional New Zealand haka. 3) Masina McCollum, left, and her daughter Maliana, right, guide young dancers in their moves during their performance. 4) Ladies in the high school-aged dance troupe performed a high-energy dance routine with pu'ili. 5) Palepa Smith, mother of hula teacher Masina McCollum, performed with the revue's aloha band. Smith began teaching on Kwajalein more than 30 years ago. 6) Young elementary school-aged dancers perform during the hula review wearing glowing flower crowns.

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Pictured here with teachers, the island's youngest graduates celebrated their commencement at the Corlett Recreation Center last week on May 13. The pre-K graduation for the Child Development Center included a hula performance, and the distribution of diplomas. A reception for families and friends followed.

## COVID-19 TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS LIFTED FOR MARSHALL ISLANDS, UNITED STATES

### PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Press Release by the RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services

As of May 11, the existing Covid-19 travel requirements to enter the RMI have been lifted. This decision takes into careful consideration the global, regional, and national Covid-19 epidemiology, vaccination coverage, and capacity to respond to future outbreaks, as well as positional statements of the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease

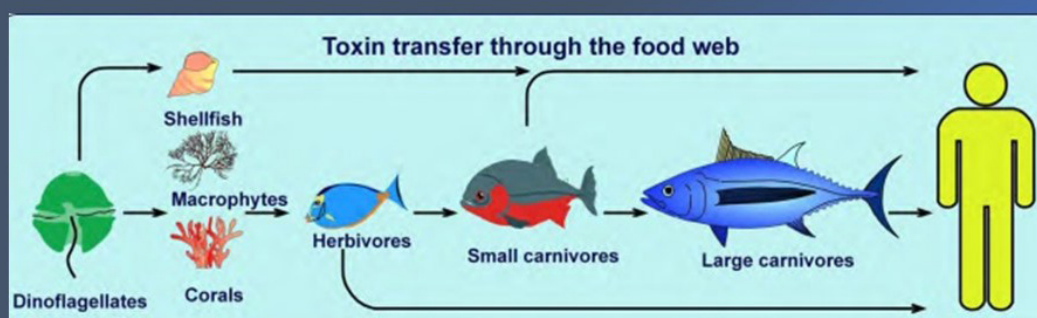
Control and Prevention.

WHO Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, in a statement released on May 5, stated that Covid-19 no longer constituted a public health emergency of international concern, but now has become an established health issue. This does not mean that Covid-19 is no longer a threat to human lives, but most countries are now in a better position to deal with this condition through widespread uptake of immunization and have mechanisms in place to prevent and respond to future outbreaks,

as well as epidemiological trends of very low rates of infection, hospitalizations, and deaths.

Similarly, the United States CDC has announced that as of May 12, all non-citizens traveling into the U.S. will no longer need to present proof of Covid-19 vaccination.

The public is advised of their need to continue to ensure their Covid-19 immunizations remain updated in accordance with the Ministry of Health and Human Services, WHO, and CDC recommendations.



## Attention All Island Residents: Please Read for Ciguatera & Environmental Safety Information

### PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Dredging** and filling operations will commence at Emon Beach on May 18 to cover exposed beachrock on May 18.

Shoreline construction activity can increase the potential for ciguatera poisoning in fish, and residents are advised to avoid consuming fish from this area. Questions? Call 480-0722.

Kójjelā ñan aolep bwe enaj wór jerbal in kób ion bedbed ak bulón lojet eo iturin wót Emon Beach May 18 raan ñan kókmanman lok im pinej drekā ko rewalok.

Enaan in kakkól bwe jerbal kein remaroñ kóllaplok paijin in ciguatera ilo eek ko im jej karoñ aolep bwe komin jab enwód ak móñā eek ko jen area in.

Call e 480-0722 ñan melele ko relaplok.

## MIT LL Summer Institute Returns In July

### HOURLASS REPORT

#### Press Release by MITLL

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory, is now accepting student applications for the fourth summer STEM program on Kwajalein.

Scheduled to run July 5 through 31, the MIT Beaver Works Summer Institute – Kwaj is open to high school students within Kwajalein Atoll who have completed ninth grade and are eligible to apply. Applicants who are visiting for the summer are also welcome to submit their applications.

Up to two courses will be offered this year. Medlytics combines computer science with a focus on medicine, and miniRACECAR will offer students the chance to experience computer science and robotics.

Applications are due by May 23. Students selected will be notified by June 1. Reach out to Dr. Sarah Willis on Facebook to receive a digital copy or to receive more information.

# WE REMEMBER, AND WE HONOR THEM.

*The community is invited to attend the*  
**U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll  
Memorial Day Ceremony**

Monday, May 29 at 6:30 a.m.  
at the Kwajalein Atoll flagpoles  
near the Kwaj Lodge

Inclement Weather Location:  
Island Memorial Chapel



## USAG-KA COMMUNITY TOWN HALL



**Kwajalein—May 23, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Kwajalein High School Multi-Purpose Room**

## What is the most common form of ocean litter?

### EXTERNAL REPORT

**By the National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration**

**Cigarette butts are the most common  
form of marine litter.**

Broken bottles, plastic toys, food wrappers—during a walk along the coast one finds any of these items, and more. In all that litter, there is one item more common than any other: cigarette butts. Cigarette butts are a pervasive, long-lasting, and a toxic form of marine debris. They primarily reach our waterways through improper disposal on beaches, rivers, and anywhere on land, transported to our coasts by runoff and stormwater. Once butts reach the beach, they may impact marine organisms and habitats.

Most cigarette filters are made out of cellulose acetate, a plastic-like material that's easy to manufacture, but not easy to degrade. The fibers in cigarette filters

behave just like plastics in our oceans, the UV rays from our sun may break the fibers down into smaller pieces, but they don't disappear.

One solid filter ends up being thousands of tiny microplastics.

Here's what you can do about keeping those cigarette butts, lighters and cigar tips from spoiling our ocean:

- If you smoke, don't flick your butt! Place it in a proper receptacle.
- Organize cleanups in your local community. Make sure you document your findings with the Marine Debris Tracker App.
- Be an environmental steward in your own community. Spread awareness about cigarette butt litter.
- Worried about the smell from cigarettes in your pocket? Purchase a pocket ashtray! These trays can come in the form of metal boxes or vinyl pouches, fit in your pocket, purse, or backpack, and extinguish cigarettes until they can be properly



NOAA PHOTO

- ly disposed of in the trash.
- Recycle your butts! Although it is not common, there are a few places, like the City of Vancouver, and organizations, like TerraCycle, that will actually recycle your filters for you. Check to see if there any programs in your area.



U.S. EMBASSY MAJURO

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U.S. EMBASSY NEW ZEALAND

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**1) U.S. Embassy Majuro:** Personnel from the U.S. Embassy Majuro diplomatic corps and Republic of the Marshall Islands government enjoyed the Good Will Games at the Laura Ballfield on Majuro this past weekend.

The annual event includes games between Team RMI and Team Dip Corps, and the chance to enjoy social dining with family members.

**2) U.S. Embassy New Zealand:** United States Ambassador Tom Udall and personnel from U.S. Embassy New Zealand raised the flags of the U.S. and Progressive Pride in observance of the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia.

The embassy called for a renewal of the global commitment to equality and a united effort to end discrimination in a recent social media post: “This day is observed in 130 countries worldwide, symbolizing the progress made since the World Health Organization recognized the importance of destigmatizing homosexuality in 1990.”

**3) U.S. Embassy Suva:** USAID Senior Development Advisor Michael Glees and Waste Recyclers Fiji learned more about

waste management challenges facing the city of Lautoka, Fiji, during a recent visit with the Lautoka City Council, Collection Pillars of Recycling, and a local women’s group.

**4) U.S. Embassy Australia:** U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy made a first visit to Tasmania this week to visit with local leadership and to check out some of the natural beauty Tasmania has to offer. During her visit, the ambassador toured and met with students at the University of Tasmania. She also met Premier Jeremy Rockliff, toured the RSV Nyina, and visited other cultural sights.

**5) U.S. Embassy Samoa:** This week in Tau-measina, the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band performed alongside the National Orchestra of Samoa, Pacific Music Creatives, and



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the Samoana Jazz Band in a celebration of International Jazz Day. Among audience members were Prime Minister of Samoa, Fiame Naomi Mataafa, Deputy Prime Minister Tuala Ponifasio, personnel from the diplomatic corps, as well as local artists and musicians.

U.S. Chargé d’affaires Noriko Horiuchi commented on the concert in a recent social media post: “Music serves as a universal language, transcending cultural and linguistic differences,” she



**U.S. EMBASSY SAMOA**

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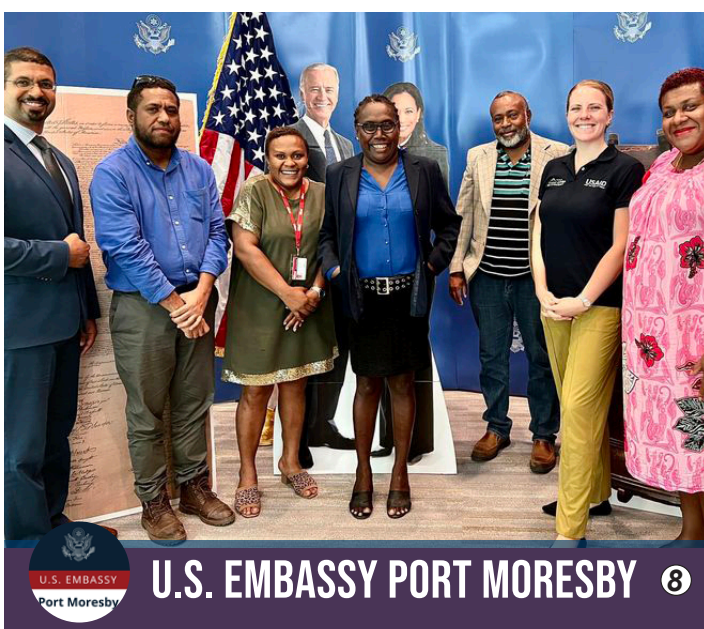
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**U.S. EMBASSY KOROR**

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**U.S. EMBASSY PORT MORESBY**

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said. "This visit by the Pacific Fleet Band provides an opportunity for us to build stronger connections between our nations and to strengthen the bonds of friendship and understanding that exist between our peoples."

6) U.S. Embassy Kolonia: Special Presidential Envoy for Compact Negotiations Ambassador Joseph Yun, Assistant Secretary for Insular and Office of International

trust fund documentation for the COFA agreement. When finalized, the fund will include more than \$6.5 billion dollars in financial assistance over 20 between the U.S. and the three COFA signatories.

Of the meeting, Yun said: "This package is more than money, it's about friendship, and ties that bind, and values." A formal signing ceremony was planned on the margins of the second U.S.-Pacific Islands summit in Port Moresby for next week.

al Affairs Carmen Cantor and Chargé de affaires Alissa Bibb attended a May 15 ceremony for the Compact of Free Association. Yun and Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning Chief Negotiator Leo Falcam, Jr. of the FSM, and had initialed a Title II Amendment and

7) U.S. Embassy Koror: On May 16, Minister Udui accepted two COFA grant awards presented by Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Carmen Cantor of the Department of the Interior. The grants were comprised of \$4,000,000 in U.S. contributions to a maintenance fund for Palau's infrastructure, and \$507,390 for continued support of the country's new finance management system, according to [social media reports](#).

8) U.S. Embassy Port Moresby: The U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section met with journalists from the Post Courier and the National in a showing of support for a "free and fair media." In the words of U.S. President Joe Biden on 2023 Media Freedom Day 2023, "a free press is a pillar of democracy. It allows our government and our society to be self-critical and self-correcting. It educates, illuminates, exposes, and uncovers. It serves as a guardian of truth."

Reports compiled from embassy media.

# U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

On May 18, 1987, the Institute of Heraldry authorized a distinctive unit insignia for the U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command.

Then commander, Lt. Gen. John Wall, worked with the institute to design the crest which proudly proclaimed Ne Transean “They Shall Not Pass”.

The design depicts the earth (green), its atmosphere (blue) and outer space (black). The mission of the SDC is

shown through the rays and the spearheads. The rays symbolize the threats from outer space (e.g. intercontinental ballistic missiles) which are countered by the spearheads, our missile defense program, which protects the world. In heraldry the green color relates to growth and life.

The star in the sky represents hope. Together these symbols “allude to the quest for world peace and the mission of the U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command.”



# SEABEES AT WORK



U.S. NAVY PHOTOS BY CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICIAN FIRST CLASS FLOYD DAVIS

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U.S. NAVY PHOTOS BY BUILDER FIRST CLASS EDGAR PEREZ

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U.S. NAVY PHOTOS BY UTILITIESMAN SECOND CLASS RYAN TUCKER

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1) Steelworker Second Class Andrea Hutcherson of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 measures and cuts sound dampening matting for the speaker enclosures of Richardson Theater. 2) NMCB 5 Builder Second Class Jacob Simpson Jenkins paints the exterior walls of the Richardson Theater on May 9. (U.S. Navy

photo by Builder First Class Edgar Perez/Released). 3) Construction Mechanic Third Class Alex Mendoza of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 works on the starter for the Detail's forklift in hopes of getting it running to use on the Richardson Theater on May 11.



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FIRST DAY OF CLASSES



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SPRING TRIP

# IT'S TIME FOR THE NEXT ADVENTURE.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KWAJALEIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023!

*-The Kwajalein Hourglass*



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**Step 2:** Click search

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**Thank you!**



The image shows a series of four screenshots from the ICE website. The first screenshot shows the ICE Home page with a search bar. The second screenshot shows the search results for "USAG-KA Post Office". The third screenshot shows the "General Site Comment" form. The fourth screenshot shows the "Submit" button.

**PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# THE CLASSIFIEDS

## MOVIES

The community wants to hear from you. Email announcements and advertisements to [kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.com](mailto:kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.com) Wednesdays by close of business. Ads received after deadline will be published in the next issue of The Kwajalein Hourglass.



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[drwtblack@aol.com](mailto:drwtblack@aol.com)

### ACTIVITIES

**MILLICAN FAMILY POOL** Hours of Operation Starting Sunday May 28: Closed for cleaning on Thursdays. Noon - 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Sundays and Mondays: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**MEMORIAL DAY EMON BEACH BASH.** Monday, May 29. Enjoy bounce houses, water slides, games and food and beverage sales from 5 - 6 p.m. If you would like to perform in this year's edition of Kwajalein Idol, please contact MWR at 480-3331. Special performance arrangements can be accommodated.

**QUIZZO.** Beginning May 10, every second Wednesday at the Ocean View Club is Quizzo night. Bring a friend and get ready for mind-bending, face-melting trivia!

### 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 to your appointment. Walk-in appointments are welcome, but there may be a wait. CAC Office Hours, Bldg. 835, are Tuesday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (Lunch: noon - 1 p.m.); Sat. 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Questions? Call 480-8496.

### EAP SERVICES

To island's Employee Assistance Program counselor, Kenneth Thomas, can be reached at [kenneth.thomas@internationalsosgs.us](mailto:kenneth.thomas@internationalsosgs.us) or 480-5362. Clients can expect education about mental health disorders from a multicultural perspective with the goal of moving toward acceptance and ultimately to mitigate symptoms.

### E-WARENESS: DRUM LABELS

Contact Environmental at 480-0722 for more information.

Labels provide vital information about chemical hazards and help prevent accidents. All hazardous materials and waste drums must be properly labeled. Hazardous Waste is now translated to Marshallese. Contact Vectrus Environmental with questions.

Label ko rej letok melele ko raurok ikijeen ta eo ej bed ilowan drum eo im remaron in bobrae kij jen jorran. Ao-lep container ak drum ko ewor men ko rekauwotata ie rej aikuj in wor aer label. Kojerbal label in Marshall, "kwobej ko rekauwotata" Kir Vectrus Environmental kin kajitok.

### FACILITIES

**RACQUETBALL COURT CODE.** Residents can obtain the door code from the MWR Desk at the Grace Sherwood Library. The code will not be given out over the phone. Contact MWR at 480-3331 with questions.

### FLIGHTS

**\*\*Please note that all flights are subject to change.\*\*** For the latest update on

### Kwajalein Yuk Theater

Saturday, May 20  
"Lightyear"  
(PG) 100 min.

DIVE-IN MOVIE  
NIGHT. Sunday,  
May 21, 7 p.m.  
at the Adult Pool,  
enjoy "Creed III" (R)  
117 min.

Sunday, May 21  
"Creed II"  
(PG-13) 130 min.

Monday, May 21  
"Cocktail"  
(R) 104 min.

Saturday, May 27  
"Penguins of Madagascar"  
(PG) 92 min.

Sunday, May 28  
"The Mask of Zorro"  
(PG-13) 136 min.

Monday, May 29  
"The Mechanic"  
(R) 93 min.

Saturday, June 3  
"Finding Nemo"  
(G) 100 min.

Sunday, June 4  
"Ant-Man and the Wasp"  
(PG-13) 118 min.

Monday, June 5  
"Knock at the Cabin"  
(R) 100 min.

Saturday, June 10  
"The Nut Job"  
(PG) 85 min.

Sunday, June 11  
"Armageddon"  
(PG-13) 151 min.

Monday, June 12  
"The Many Saints of Newark"  
(R) 131 min.

### Roi-Namur C-building

Saturday, MAY 20  
"Geostorm"  
(PG-13) 69 min.

Sunday, MAY 21  
"Thank You for Your Service"  
(R) 109 min.

Saturday, MAY 27  
"The 15:17 to Paris"  
(PG-13) 114 min.

Sunday, May 28  
"Instant Family"  
(PG - 13) 119 min.

Saturday, June 3  
"Escape Room II"  
(PG-13) 109 min.

Sunday, June 4  
"Once Upon Time In Hollywood" (R)  
160 min.

Saturday June 10  
"Glass II"  
(PG-13) 129 min.

Sunday, June 11  
"The Possession of Hannah Grace"  
(PG - 13) 86 min.

Unless otherwise indicated, all movies begin at 7:30 p.m. Contact MWR at 480-3331 for more information. Show times may vary for special "Movies Under the Stars" events.

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 Through June  
Monday and Friday  
UA 155 (HNL)  
Check-in 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday and Saturday—UA 154 (GUM)  
Check-in 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

### JOBS

To apply for government employment

opportunities on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and worldwide, visit [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov). Email [kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.com](mailto:kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.com) to remove a listing.

AKIMA is hiring for the following on-island positions: Communications Clerk (ID: TRU01101); Communications Specialist (ID: TRU01100); and Fiber / Cable Technician (ID: TRU01099). Applicants must reside on USAG-KA and possess a valid passport. For information and a list of required qualifications, visit [https://akima.taleo.net/careersection/akimallc\\_cs/jobsearch.ftl](https://akima.taleo.net/careersection/akimallc_cs/jobsearch.ftl). Apply online or send resume to Jeannette McIlwain at [jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com](mailto:jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com).

CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES is hiring a facility director (req. 31990) and lead teacher (req.31991). All required background checks must be successfully completed and maintained. A health assessment is also required. Apply online at [www.vectrus.com](http://www.vectrus.com).

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGER. KFS LLC is accepting resumes for a Health and Safety Manager to support an upcoming Environmental Project on Kwajalein. Visit <https://honuservices.jobs.net/en-US/job/health-and-safety-manager/J3N1RL6KDG9RWPTYQDF> for additional information, including the full job description, qualifications, and resume submission instructions.

NAN, INC. seeks a project engineer, welder, welding inspector, quality control manager, and site safety and health officer. To apply, visit [www.nanhawaii.com](http://www.nanhawaii.com) and contact Clint Ueatari at 480-2632, 480-4995 or 480-4996.

TRIBALCO is hiring for multiple positions. Applicants must meet job requirements. Apply online at [tribalco.com/jobs](http://tribalco.com/jobs), [www.kaihonua.com](http://www.kaihonua.com), and [www.akima.com](http://www.akima.com). Contact Tribalco Human Resources at 480-4344. Visit [www.tribalco.com/careers.html](http://www.tribalco.com/careers.html). An active security clearance is required.

QUANTUM DYNAMICS, INC., is accepting resumes for positions on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur in the following areas: vehicle maintenance, transportation motor pool, movement control and custodial; and Apply at <https://qdyncorp.com/home/careers/>. You may also visit the HR Office in Bldg. 700. Contact the

Human Resources manager at 480-0782 or administrative assistant at 480-4916 for more information.

RGNEXT, LLC seeks qualified candidates to fill open positions on Kwaj and Roi in engineering, technical, COMSEC and other areas. For information and to apply, visit [rgnext.com](http://rgnext.com).

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS. Kwajalein School System is hiring part-time substitute teachers for on-island hire with no guaranteed hours. Minimum requirements: confidentiality, 4-year degree and love of working with kids. Teaching certificate preferred. CNACI background check must be completed after receipt of job offer. Apply at [careers.vectrus.com](http://careers.vectrus.com), or send resume and letter of application to [uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com](mailto:uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com).

TRUESTONE is hiring for multiple positions. Contact Tribalco Human Resources at 480-4344 and visit <https://www.akima.com/careers/>. Visit [www.tribalco.com/careers.html](http://www.tribalco.com/careers.html).

**NOTICES**  
**CHAPEL CLOSED MAY 21.** To accommodate a planned power outage, all services and activities at the Island Memorial Chapel and Religious Education Building are cancelled Sunday, May 21. For questions, please contact 480-3505. JOIN US for Saturday Mass at 5:30 p.m. May 20, 2023.

NOTARY AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY SERVICES will not be available between June and August 2023. Those who may need a Power of Attorney (e.g., for childcare, household goods, real estate closing, etc.) or have been delayed in notarizing something are advised to make an appointment with USAG-KA Legal Counsel David Creed at [david.m.creed.civ@army.mil](mailto:david.m.creed.civ@army.mil).

BARGAIN BAZAAR Summer Hours. June 1 – Aug. 30, Wednesday only, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Jino Jen 1 ran in June nan 30 ran in August. Wenje Wot, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Not feeling well? Call 480-2223 to make an appointment for a COVID 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.



  
**CONTACT THE USAG-KA SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE AND PREVENTION VICTIM ADVOCATE**

**Sgt. 1st Class Effie Banks**  
**SHARP Victim Advocate**

**Work: 480-0660 or 480-1419**

**USAG-KA SHARP Pager:**  
**808-580-3241**

**DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247**

COVID TESTS. Get free at-home COVID-19 tests this winter. Every US household is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. Need help placing an order for your at-home tests? Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

RMI ENTRY REQUIREMENTS. Updated entry requirements for the RMI by air or seaport include the following requirements: Adults aged 18-years-old and up must have completed one primary COVID-19 vaccine series. Primary series: Johnson & Johnson single dose; Pfizer completed series (two doses); or Moderna completed series (two doses) Boosters are not currently mandated. There is no vaccination requirement for children under age 18.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE. The oceanside perimeter road will close to pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic 20 minutes prior to heavy aircraft arrivals and departures. Contact Airfield Operations at 480-2131 with any questions.

ISLAND ORIENTATION and Newcomer's Briefings occur in the REB, behind the Island Memorial Chapel. To register, email [KWAJ\\_OSO\\_Ops@Vectrus.com](mailto:KWAJ_OSO_Ops@Vectrus.com) or call 480-3511.

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.

AUTOMOTIVE LICENSING. The Automotive Licensing Office has moved to Bldg. 808. Visit during regular hours of operation to complete license testing and documentation.

DON'T TAKE CULTURAL ARTIFACTS. It is illegal to remove cultural resources from the atoll. This includes any pro-

# Memorial Day Emon Beach Bash

## Monday, May 29

### Bounce Houses, Water Slides and Games

### Food & Beverages available from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

7 p.m.  
Kwajalein

**If you would like to perform, please contact MWR @ 5-3331 (Karaoke, Acapella and special arrangements can be accommodated)**





tected species, unexploded ordnance, WWII-era artifacts and ancient Marshallese artifacts. These resources are protected under U.S. federal and RMI law. Do not remove these pieces of atoll history from Kwajalein. For questions contact the Kwajalein Archaeology Office at 480-8867.

**NOTIFY THE VET.** Pet owners must notify Kwaj Vet Services before taking vacation. A pet sitter authorization form for treatment is required prior to departing the island. Reach Veterinary Services at 480-2017 Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**POST OFFICE.** Customers must 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.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.** If an emergency or disaster occurred, would you and your family be notified?  
1) Visit the USAG-KA Emergency Management webpage at <https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/index.php/my-fort/EM>  
2) Click on "Mass Notification"  
3) Follow the registration instructions.

**MAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS**

Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. However, pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

- 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.
- Fact: Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring and candles.

**PASSPORTS**

\*\*\*Passport services are temporarily on hold until the U.S. State Department approves a new head of facility for Kwajalein. The community will be notified when services resume. Questions? Contact Mike Sakaio at 480-2103.\*\*\*

**PASSPORT SERVICES.** Complete the passport application at [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov). Print completed forms and ensure you have a copy of your existing passport and other documents, including parents' identification cards, and birth certificates. Photos must not be older than six months. Applicants should not wear eyeglasses in the photo. Free passport photos are available. Contact Host Nation Activities at 480-2103 for details.

**Covid-19 Vaccine Boosters Available For Ages 65+**

Those 65 years and older may now receive a bivalent Covid-19 booster if it has been over 120 days since their initial bivalent Covid-19 vaccine dose.



To register, please email [Seanholbrook@internationalsosgs.us](mailto:Seanholbrook@internationalsosgs.us), or call 480-2223 to make an appointment



June 25 at the Adult Pool

Enjoy food and music at 8 p.m., and stay for the drag show at 9 p.m. Guests must bring their own beverages. This event is for guests aged 21+

**PASSPORT FEES.** Adult passport renewal: \$130; Adult passport (first application): \$165; Minor passport (15 and younger): \$135; Adult Passport Card: \$30 ; and Minor Passport Card: \$15. Only money orders and cashier's checks payable to "U.S. Department of State" are accepted and can be purchased from Community Bank or the post office.

**REGULATIONS**

**TOBACCO USE.** USAG-KA Policy Memorandum 600-8 protects others from the negative impact of tobacco use. On 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.

**NOT ALLOWED ON USAG-KA:** bow and arrow, air guns, paintball and other projectile weapons.  
**VEGETATION.** Per USAG-KA Regulation 420-1, vegetation may not be planted in the ground without approved permits. Residents may be asked to remove items if planted without approval. Do not place sprouted coconuts in yards.  
**CANDLES** and open flames are not permitted in BQ rooms. The Kwajalein Fire Department thanks you for keeping your neighbors safe.

**TAXI**

CALL 480-TAXI (8294) or 3341 to book your ride at least 24 hours in advance of your check-in time for United Airlines and ATI flights. The Automotive Department thanks you.

**ROI SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
 Registration June 14 – 28  
 Managers Meeting July 5  
 Season Begins July 11

For more information, please visit us at our Kwajalein Community Sports Facebook Page, Community Activities Office - ROI, or call 480 – 6580.

**OUTRIGGER BAR TOURNAMENTS**

**BAGGO**  
 7 P.M.  
 SATURDAY, MAY 27

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US AT THE MWR OFFICE - 480-6580

**QUIZZO OUTRIGGER BAR**

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

**SATURDAY, MAY 20 at 7 p.m.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US AT THE MWR OFFICE, BLDG 8224, (480-6580)

**SUMMER SLAM 2023**  
 EACH GAME WILL LAST 2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING ONTO THE NEXT GAME UNTIL GAMES ARE OVER

Team roster of not more than 15 members. Final standings per event will go towards an overall 2023 Summer Slam Champion Award.  
 Teams must play in each event.  
 Happy Summer Slam & may the best team win!

Weeks 1-2	Weeks 3-4	Weeks 5-6	Following Weekend
Water polo	Volleyball	Basketball	Kickball

**Yuk Theater**

**MOVIE NIGHT WITH DAD**

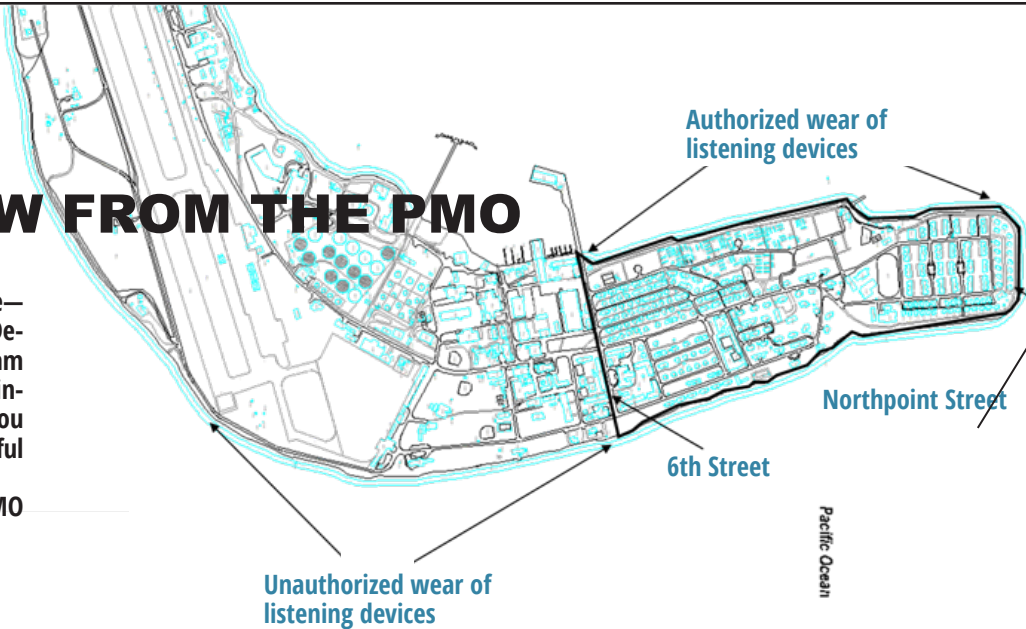
**JUNE 03 @ 7:30 P.M.**

**The Movie "Hotel Transylvania (2012)"**  
 (G) 90 min.

## GOOD-TO-KNOW FROM THE PMO

The Kwajalein Provost Marshal's Office—better known as the Kwajalein Police Department—is located in Bldg. 806. The team welcomes the chance to help you and maintains an active Facebook page where you can private message questions and helpful information.

Read on for a few updates from the PMO about safety and island life.



### REGULATION UPDATE

USAG-KA Regulation 56-4 Motor and Non-Motor Transportation, Vehicle Operation and Control, was signed into effect April 26. (This action rescinds USAG-KA Regulation 190-5, Motor Vehicle, Non-Motor Vehicle and Bicycle Traffic Supervision, and consolidates its contents into USAG-KA 56-4).

If you enjoy listening to music or audio-books while walking or doing physical fitness activities around Kwajalein, this regulation applies to you.

- Wear of portable listening devices is authorized only while walking, running, jogging and cycling on USAG-KA roads between 6th Street and Northpoint Street, so long as the device is not “noise canceling.”

- Wear of listening devices south of 6th Street is unauthorized.
- Bicycles and/or riders are required to operate a form of lighting in use while operating on USAG-KA roads between sunset and sunrise. Headlamps on the rider and/or flashlights affixed to the bicycle are acceptable.
- Wear of protective helmets while cycling is a Sponsor's decision. However, helmets are required when conducting “speed training.”


For more information, email [usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd-mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd-mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil)

### HOW TO SUBMIT GUEST SPONSORSHIP FORMS

The Provost Marshal's Office will no longer accept hard copy forms. Only forms sent digitally will be accepted. All 55R's, Community Exchange, 480's and Day Guest forms will be sent to [usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd-mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd-mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil).

All documents must come from your servicing Human Resources representative. **All forms must be received 14 days prior to the beginning of travel of the sponsored.**

Questions regarding forms can be directed to the 5-4416 or 5-3739.

UNITED 							
Effective: June 25, 2023							
KWAJALEIN (KWA)							
INFO	SUNDAY NO FLIGHT	MONDAY UA155	TUESDAY UA154	WEDNESDAY UA133	THURSDAY UA132	FRIDAY UA155	SATURDAY UA154
ARRIVING FROM		Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae	Honolulu, Majuro	Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei	Honolulu, Majuro	Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae	Honolulu, Majuro
CHECK-IN COUNTER CLOSES NINETY (90) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE							
*CHECK-IN COUNTER HOURS		2:00PM - 4:50PM	10:30AM - 11:15AM	2:00PM - 4:15PM	11:15AM - 11:55AM	2:00PM - 4:50PM	10:30AM - 11:15AM
ARRIVAL TIME		5:40PM	12:05PM	4:45PM	12:25PM	5:40PM	12:05PM
PASSENGER SCREENING		2:00PM - 5:00PM	10:30AM - 11:25AM	2:00PM - 4:25PM	11:20AM - 12:00AM	2:00PM - 5:00PM	10:35AM - 11:25AM
BOARDING BEGINS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CABIN INSPECTION IS COMPLETE							
DEPARTURE TIME		6:20PM	12:45PM	5:45PM	1:25PM	6:20PM	12:45PM
DESTINATION		Majuro, Honolulu	Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Guam	Majuro, Honolulu	Pohnpei, Chuuk, Guam	Majuro, Honolulu	Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Guam
*Passenger must be checked-in NO LATER THAN NINETY (90) minutes prior to scheduled departure time.							
Cargo must be booked 48 hours prior to tendering day of flight							
TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE							



Effective June 25, the Island Hopper will resume full service to Kwajalein Atoll.

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	7:25 a.m. 8:27 p.m.	4:54 a.m. 4.7' 5:12 p.m. 3.5'	11:19 a.m. -0.2' 11:01 p.m. 0.0'
MONDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	8:18 a.m. 9:22 p.m.	5:24 a.m. 4.5' 5:44 p.m. 3.2'	11:53 a.m. -0.1' 11:30 p.m. 0.2'
TUESDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	9:11 a.m. 10:15 p.m.	5:55 a.m. 4.3' 6:17 p.m. 3.0'	12:28 p.m. 0.2' -----
WEDNESDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	10:04 a.m. 11:04 p.m.	6:28 a.m. 3.9' 6:54 p.m. 2.7'	12:01 a.m. 0.5' 1:05 p.m. 0.5'
THURSDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	10:56 a.m. 11:50 p.m.	7:05 a.m. 3.6' 7:38 p.m. 2.5'	12:34 a.m. 0.8' 1:48 p.m. 0.8'
FRIDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	11:45 a.m. -----	7:51 a.m. 3.3' 8:41 p.m. 2.3'	1:13 a.m. 1.1' 2:45 p.m. 1.0'
MAY 27	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	12:32 p.m. 12:33 a.m.	8:55 a.m. 3.0' 10:20 p.m. 2.3'	2:09 a.m. 1.4' 4:04 p.m. 1.2'

## WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

### WEATHER DISCUSSION

A relatively dry trade wind pattern will remain situated over Kwajalein Atoll this weekend with periods of partly to mostly cloudy skies and stray to isolated showers, making for great sunrises and sunsets.

There is a monsoonal trough placed well to the southwest of the region that is firing off deeper convection and is aiding in the potential for a significant tropical system to impact Guam over the next several days.

Although locally, conditions will remain rather pleasant through Monday with weak surface waves expected to bring only stray to isolated showers to the area.

### SATURDAY

Partly sunny with stray

to isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 5-10 knots, with occasional higher gusts near showers.

### SUNDAY

Partly to mostly cloudy with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 6-11 knots, with occasional higher gusts near showers.

### MONDAY

Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 5-10 knots, with occasional higher gusts near showers.

### EARLY WORK WEEK

Partly to mostly cloudy with periods of showers. Some showers may be heavy at times as deeper moisture moves into the region, along with stronger surface convergence.

Trade winds will be NE-E at 6-12 knots on Tuesday increasing to 9-14 knots by Wednesday with higher gusts near showers.

# UXO SAFETY REMINDER

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Unexploded ordnance** should be treated like dangerous sea creatures: Look, but do not touch.

You can play an important role in keeping Kwajalein safe by knowing what to do when you spot unexploded ordnance.

- **Remember the three R's of UXO:**
- **Recognize** an item as possible unexploded ordnance;
- **Retreat** from the area of the UXO;
- **Report** suspected UXO immediately.

If you discover an object that could be UXO, notify Kwajalein Explosive Ordnance Disposal immediately by calling 480-1433. You can also call CPS at 480-4445. Provide the following information about what you found:

- Location. Note helpful details like the building number, GPS coordinates and any prominent landmarks
- Size of the UXO as compared to common items like a football or scuba air cylinder

For a detailed refresher on UXO safety, attend the new island orientation or call Kwajalein EOD at 480-1433.

### Kemejmej R ko 3:

- **Recognize** (kile) juon kwopej bajjok emaron Bokutan ak kein kabokkolok (UXO).
- **Retreat** (Jenliklik) bed ettolok im jab kepaak UXO eo.
- **Report** (Ripoot e) boktun ak kein kabokklok eo ien eo emokajtata non EOD ilo nomba kein (480-1433) ak CPS (480-4445).

Ken melele kein: Ia eo (nomba in ijo, GPS, kakolle in ijo, etc.); Jonan (jonan e ibben jet kain mweik - football, taan in turan, etc.).

Tiljek kon UXO kein einwot am kojparok menin mour in lojet ko rekauwotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakemejmej eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemjej.



**Tune in to local live radio, 7 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m., on AFN 99.9 and 97.9.**



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SAFE

**BETTER SAFE  
THAN SORRY.**

**HOBBIES SHOULDN'T  
COMPROMISE OPSEC.**

Visitors and residents on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll must abide by applicable physical security regulations for island photography. Please contact an island security representative for more information about how you can do your part to take great pictures while supporting the mission of the U.S. Army.