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# ***THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS***





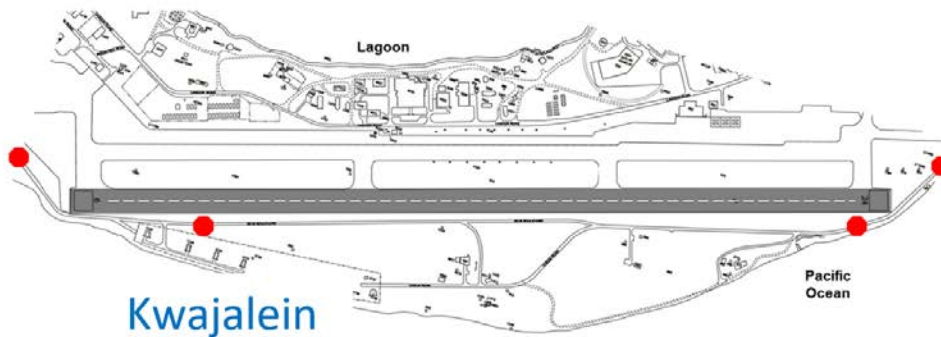


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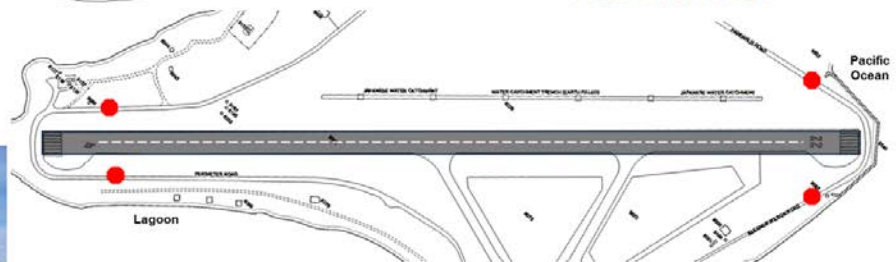


Please remember to stop and look both ways for aircraft on:  
Zeus Blvd., Ocean Rd., Perimeter Rd., Pandanus Rd., Eleanor  
Wilson Rd.

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



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.**



## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# EARN YOUR TEAM KWAJ TAB!

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## COMMUNITY

### KWAJALEIN SENIORS: MILESTONES, MEMORIES, AND MOVING ON (2OF3)

#### HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon, CYS  
Deputy Director

How does living on a small, remote island in the Pacific Ocean prepare a high school senior for “real life”? Many aspects of daily life here are unique to Kwajalein, and the Kwajalein School System recognizes the importance of this in preparing students for the future.

“At Kwajalein Schools we work to provide the students with additional resources, information, and experiences to serve them as they leave Kwajalein,” according to school counselor, Mindi Gerber. In

addition to college and career readiness, budgeting, and socio-emotional lessons, seniors are exposed to real-life situations with cooperation from experts in the Kwaj community including Community Bank, Automotive Department, Kwaj Police and Security personnel, and Kwaj Missile Range personnel, and most recently the Post Office.

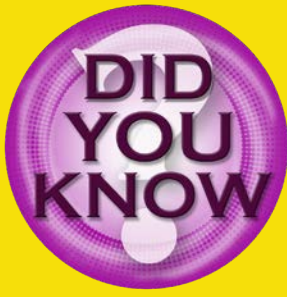
In today’s world, where most communication happens electronically, it’s important to remember the value of the Post Office, especially since many seniors may not be familiar with all

its practical uses. Advisors Ms. Bicanich and Mrs. King recently took a group of seniors to learn some valuable skills, such as how to properly address a letter, which can be useful when sending post-graduation mail. They also covered the differences between flat rate and priority rates, noting that flat rate is often the more cost-effective option for shipping. Additionally, they taught an essential tip for college freshmen—how to send money. It’s crucial never to send cash, but a money order from the Post Office is a secure alter-

native.

One of the great benefits of living in a small, remote community is that everyone is deeply invested in the lives of the youth. Parents play a crucial role in helping seniors navigate the transition from high school on an island to their next adventure. As Gerber explains, “When seniors graduate from Kwajalein High School, they are fully prepared for the next steps in life—whether that’s higher education, vocational programs, or joining a branch of the military.” X

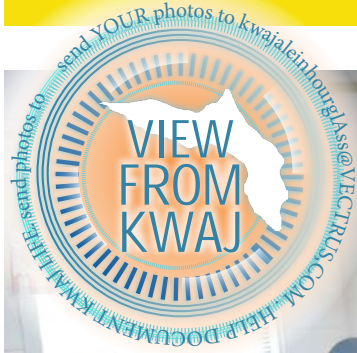




## Did you know that the Post Office can only hold your mail for a specified period? This is for a few reasons:

- **Storage Limitations** – Post offices have limited space to store held mail, so they cannot accommodate indefinite storage.
  - **Delivery Efficiency** – Long-term holds can disrupt mail delivery schedules and increase the risk of lost or misdelivered items.
  - **Security & Accountability** – Extended holding increases the chances of misplacing or damaging mail.
- As always, please remember to stop at the Post Office to see our friendly associates to complete the necessary paperwork to avoid having your mail returned!

International - Inbound / Foreign Origin Mail		
Customs	5 days after receipt of first notice	30 days (unless fewer days are designated by mailer)
Registered Mail International	5 days after receipt of first notice	30 Days
Priority Mail Express International	3 days after receipt of first notice	15 days
International Parcels (including Priority Mail International)	5 days after receipt of first notice	30 Days



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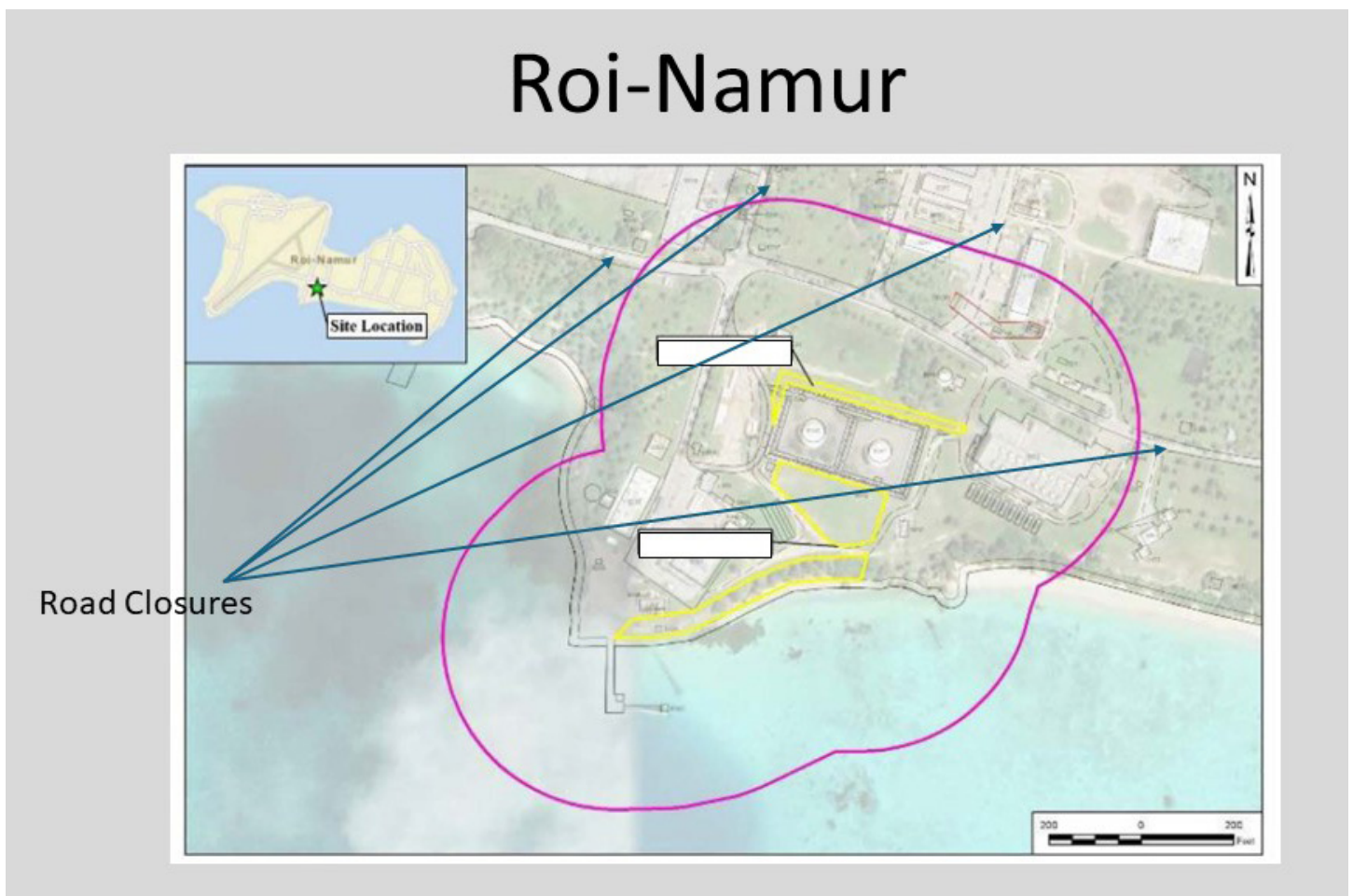
ABOVE: Dr. William Black, our Optometrist, visited Kwajalein School to say goodbye to the students he had seen during his time on the island. As he walked through the classrooms, the students gathered to thank him for his care and kindness. Many shared how much clearer they could see thanks to his eye exams, while others expressed their appreciation for his time and dedication. The teachers also acknowledged his efforts in improving the students' vision and overall well-being. Before leaving, Dr. Black reminded them to take care of their eyes and continue prioritizing their health.

# 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 16, 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.





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ABOVE: Paula and Freddy do a lot of sketching at Northpoint.

## COMMUNITY

### THE MAGIC OF NATURE JOURNALING: MEET PAULA & FREDDY

#### HOURLASS REPORT

*"There are about 65 mature fronds radiating from the top of the trunk to make the circular shape from our perspective."*

A big part of nature journaling is asking questions. Both Paula, a science teacher at the Kwajalein High School for 4 years, and her son Freddy ask questions about the nature they are observing. They write this observation next to their sketches. For example, Freddy says he will pick up a leaf under a tree to see what it feels like. Then he will look at the bark of the tree and notice the texture. On one page

of his sketchbook, Freddy has a sample of a leaf taped to his to a page next to his sketch. In his notebook he details the size of the leaves. Freddy says he's not the best at drawing, but he is getting better. If they are unsure what a plant is they will use the "Picture This" app to identify it.

They observe nature all around them. While sitting on a rock, Freddy was quick to point out a fossil.

While sketching on North Point recently, they saw a crane catch and eat a fish. They have also seen black tip sharks swimming in the wa-

ter.

#### What do you sketch?

**Paula:** We have sketched all sorts of plants. Animals are more difficult since they don't stay still for long, although once a large hermit crab stayed in his shell long enough for me to get a good look at his shell and the claw he was hiding behind.

**Freddy:** Well, anything in nature: plants, birds, reptiles.

#### What material and techniques do you prefer, and why?

**Paula:** I use a spiral-bound mix media notebook with a

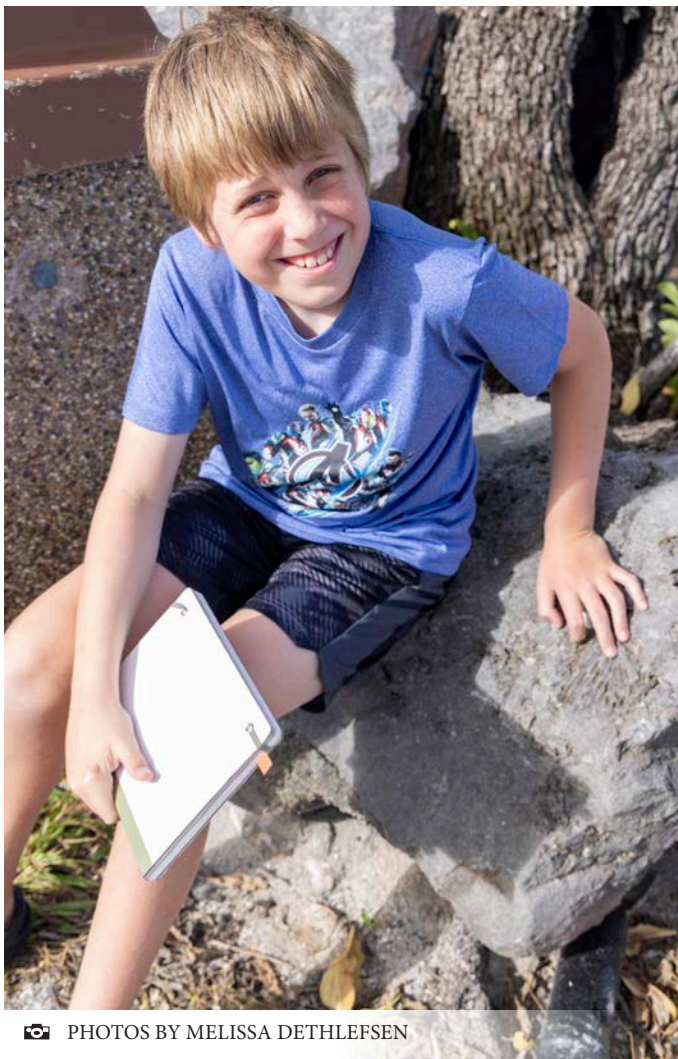
sturdy cover, so it stays open and flat on my lap out in the field. I use a regular #2 pencil to make an initial sketch and record observations. Then I fill in with colored pencils. They blend well enough for me, although I'd like to learn how to use oil pastels.

**Freddy:** Just a plain pencil. I outline it first and then fill it in, and I hope to improve.

#### How long have you been drawing?

**Paula:** Only since we started doing nature study in 2022. I hadn't taken any art classes since 7th grade, so it was intimidating to me. But





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just like learning anything else, the more I practice, the better I get. It's exciting when someone looks at my sketch and says, "Hey! I've seen that plant before!"

Freddy: About two years. How do you approach a new project

Paula: We set up our camp chairs in front of something

we haven't studied before and try to stay quiet and just look at it. After making an overall sketch of the plant, sometimes I'll zoom in on a leaf or the inside of a flower to draw close-up details.

Freddy: Carefully, you do a quick (but nice) sketch and think, "I notice... I wonder... This reminds me of..."



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What on Kwajalein inspires you?

Paula: It's easy to find something to study because we can walk or bike to different microclimates - you find plants on the leeward, lagoon side of the island that can't exist on the windy ocean side. Residents also grow unique potted plants that come from all over the world.

Freddy: Plants, animals, there's just too much to write about!

What is the best or most interesting drawing you have done? Why?

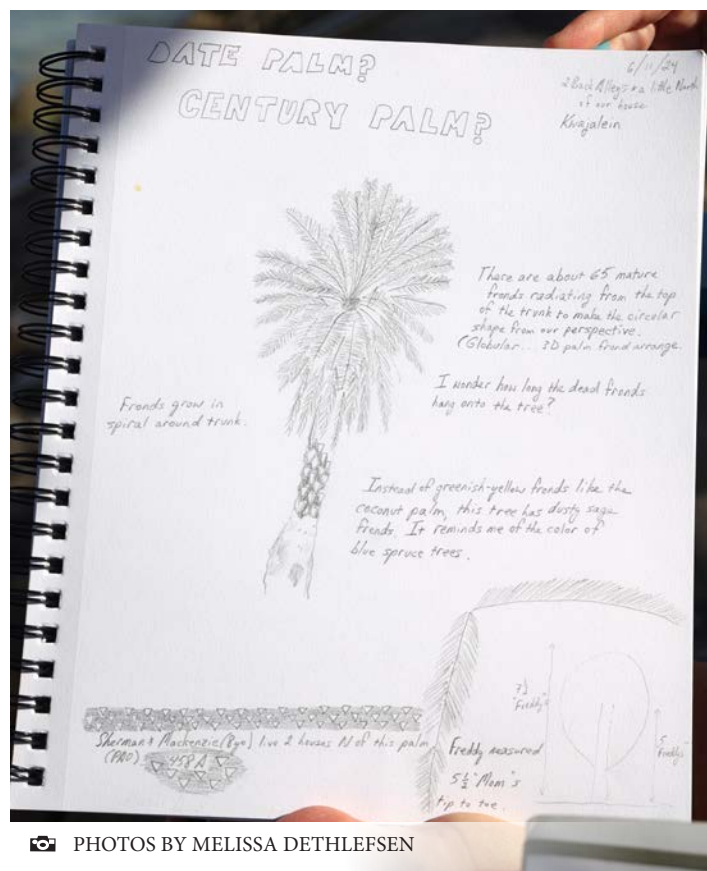
Paula: The drawing of a Portia tree is my favorite, because I suddenly realized that the nearly-dead bush at the corner of our house was the same plant as some tall trees down the street, from the look of its leaves.

Freddy: I do not have any favorite drawings, I'm not very good, but I hope to improve!

Please add any other thoughts you may have on your nature journals.

Paula: G.K. Chesterton said, "There are no uninteresting things, only uninterested people." Nature journaling has taught me to sit still and notice what's around me. Ordinary plants and trees have turned into a whole new world to explore.

There are two excellent resources that we use. John Muir Laws' "The Nature Connection" series on YouTube introduces the basics of nature study and helps us refine our technique. The "Picture This" app will identify a plant based on a photo and gives its name, look-alike plants, native country, and interesting facts. ❧

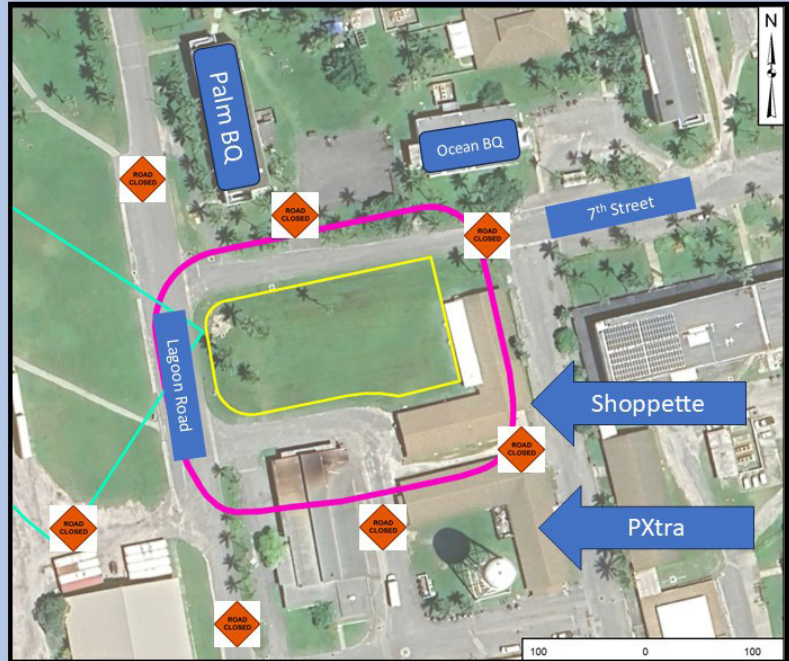


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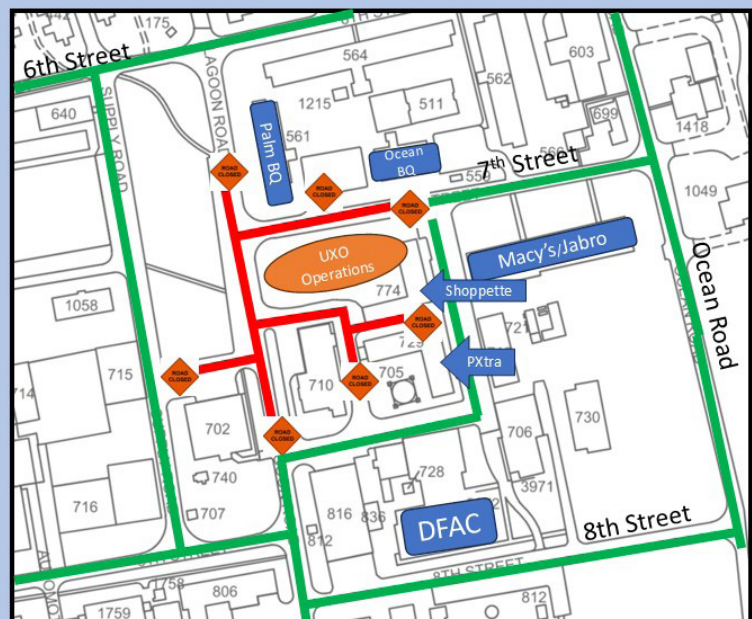
# Public Notice – UXO Clearance Operations

- The following facilities must be vacated NLT 1900 each night Monday-Friday 17 Jan thru 17 May
  - Shoppette – Building 774
  - PXtra– Building 729
- Palm BQ residents should only use the Northern entry/exit doors
- Ocean BQ residents should only use the Eastern entry/exit doors



## Road Closures

- **Do not cross any barriers. If the barriers remain up after 0400, do not cross.**
- UXO Clearance Operations are ongoing in the area overnight
- Lagoon Road and 7<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent as shown will be closed
- Roads in red will be closed each night Monday-Friday 17 Jan thru 17 May
- Roads will be closed from 1900 - 0400
- Ocean road is unaffected
- Any questions reach out to Mike Flinchbaugh at 480-4255





Presented by



# VARIETY SHOW

*Everyone is invited to watch!*

**Sunday, March 30  
6 P.M. - MP Room**

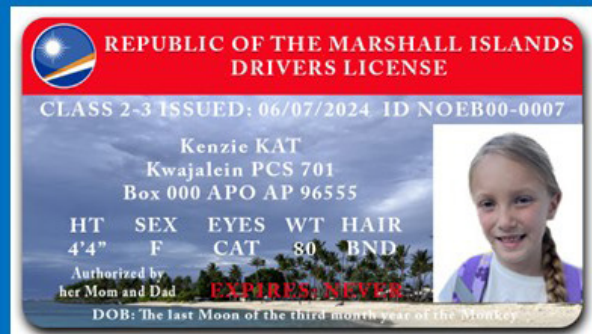
**Social Hour:**  
Popcorn  
**5 - 5:55 P.M.**



**All proceeds from donations  
will go to sponsoring students  
in Ebeye to attend school.**

## Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Driver's License Renewal and New Issue

- Republic of the Marshall Island's Department of Motor Vehicle will visit USAG-KA to process RMI driver's license renewals and new issues on these date and times:



- **Roi-Namur**  
**Venue:** Roi Library  
**Date:** Thursday, 06 March 2025  
**Times:** 9am to 5pm
- **Kwajalein**  
**Venue:** RMI Liaison Office, Down-Town  
**Date:** Monday, 03 March 2025  
**Times:** 9am to 5pm
- If you would like to renew or get a new RMI driver's license, please bring a current picture-identification card (e.g. State-side driver's license, K or C- Badge, passport). Cost for a renewal or new issue is \$20. Please pay in cash only. Questions, please call the RMI Representative to USAG-KA's office at 480-3620/3600 or the USAG-KA Host Nation Office at 480-2103/5325.





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## COMMUNITY HAVING FUN WITH SUDS & SOCCER

### HOURLASS REPORT

By Christy Wagon, CYS Deputy Director

In a collaboration with the Marshall Islands Soccer Federation and Six9too Productions, MWR supported the Suds and Soccer event. Scott Hill, Community Services Senior Director explained, “we have been working on this event for over a year. MISF wanted to broaden it’s reach and recruit players. It also gives the team a chance to play other teams.”

The Majuro team supplemented their roster with local players who are qualified

to represent the Marshall Islands in national matches. The Kwajalein team was made up of Kwajalein High School players. The first goal was made by the Majuro team, however the Kwajalein team was then up 2-1 before long, and the exhibition ended in a 2-2 tie.

After the game the players and fans enjoyed an after party from Six9Too Productions that included Yastamon and DJ Pat and a foam party. The foam party was a huge HIT with children and adults alike dancing in the foam. For those who’ve never experienced a foam party, giant clusters of bubbles are

sprayed onto the dance floor, and everyone dances surrounded by foam. One child was overheard asking if they could have a foam party for their upcoming birthday.

A big thank you to V2X and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation for their support of the event. They were responsible for hyping the event, lining and then relining the soccer fields after the rain, providing concessions, and setting up for the music and foam party. It was a lot of work, but the MWR team saw it as a great opportunity to support the community and eagerly jumped in to help. ❧



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# 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

### KEEP FOLLOWING



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NASA ASTRONAUT ANDREW "DREW" MORGAN



@AstroDrewMorgan

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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 adver-*

*tisements 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 FY21 Kwajalein Army Family Housing project in our community from February – September 2024. 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.

**Driver's Licensing Classes.** Kwaj: Every Wednesday, Bldg. 856, Rm. 101, 9 a.m. for RMI, 1 p.m. for Expats. Preregistration is encouraged. Space is limited. Roi Classes: Every second Friday in C-building. 9 a.m. - RMI, 11 a.m. for Expats. No preregistration required. To register, email [wilson.kaisha@gov2x.com](mailto:wilson.kaisha@gov2x.com), [audrey.hughes@gov2x.com](mailto:audrey.hughes@gov2x.com), and/or [george.parker3@gov2x.com](mailto:george.parker3@gov2x.com), or call 480-3376.



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 jabdewot oil ijelak in drennin air condition eo jen wa eo. Ne elon jabdewot 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; AML: 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 Fri-



day—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.

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. Morn-  
ing 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 ap-  
pointment 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 some-  
thing. All employees on USAG-KA are required  
to receive annual Threat Awareness and Re-  
porting Program training provided by KRO; Re-  
porting: Report suspicious activities to the Kwa-  
jalein Resident Office at 480-9859/1293/8006 at  
Bldg. 1163.

PCS & Vacation Tips. Notify the post office be-  
fore 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 consid-  
ered 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.

Salon Walk-Ins. Surfside Salon Walk-In Appoint-  
ments 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.

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

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 Com-  
munity - Giving you the head start you need to  
thrive! - Open Tuesday through Saturday by ap-  
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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

All-Year Licensing Classes  
Kwajalein: Wednesdays, Bldg 856/Rm 101  
Roi Namur: Every 2nd Wednesday, Bldg C  
• 0900 hrs (RMI) • 1300 hrs (Expats)  
REGISTRATION - None required for Roi Namur.  
Kwajalein registration encouraged as space is  
limited. Call 480-3366 or email:  
George.Parker3@gov2x.com  
Kaisha.Wilson@gov2x.com



**OPSEC  
IS NOT  
RETROACTIVE.**

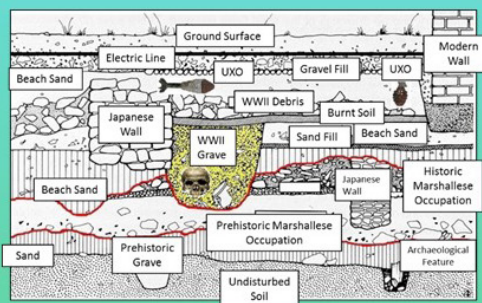
**THINK BEFORE  
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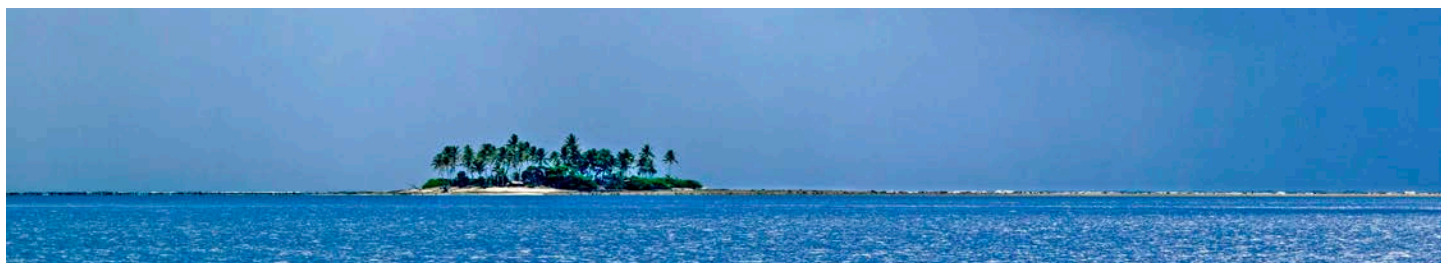
## **E-Wareness:** **Title: Dig Permits**

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ANY excavation more than 6 inches requires a Dig Permit. A signed dig permit must be on site for ALL excavations on USAG-KA. The permit holder is responsible for all stipulations of the permit, such as, marking known utilities and having a monitor on site during excavations. For more dig permit information call V2X Environmental at 480-0722.

Aolep ien kob ko remulalak jen 6 inj reaikuj dig permit. Permit ej aikuj bed jikin kob ko ion USAG-KA. Eo ej an permit eo aikuj loori kakien ko enwot, maak e utilities ko ejela kaki im eaikuj wor juon eo ej monitor ilo ien kob. Nan melele ko relaplak ikujeen dig permit, call e V2X Environtmental ilo 480-0722.



## **Monthly tip from the USAG-KA Fire Prevention Office**

### **Smoking Safety**

**Fires have occurred while e-cigarettes were being used, the battery was being charged, or the device was being transported. Battery failures have led to small explosions. Never leave charging e-cigarettes unattended. E-cigarettes should be used with caution.**

**Keep cigarettes, lighters, matches, and other smoking materials up high out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet.**

**Before you throw away butts and ashes, make sure they are completely out.**

**Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as grass, bushes, potted plants, leaves, or other things that could ignite easily.**

**E-cigarettes are considered by the Army to be in the same category as tobacco products and may not be utilized in any government building.**

**Army Regulations provide guidance and enforcement as to where smoking is or is not permitted – **No Smoking within 50 Feet of any buildings Entrance, Exit or Air Intake.****

**All unaccompanied personnel housing (UPH or BQ's) is designated as no smoking.**



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*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.*

## Kwajalein Reclaimed Water Standard Violation

The Reclaimed Water System Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires public notification when the standards for reclaimed water are not met. In January 2025, 92.2% of all reclaimed water samples were above 0.5 mg/L chlorine concentration which is less than the required 95% standard. Chlorine is added as a disinfectant at the Point of Entry into the Reclaimed Water System. On 22 & 24 January 2025, the 7-day rolling turbidity average in the reclaimed water distribution system measured above the 2.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTUs) standard. Turbidity is the cloudiness or haziness of a liquid caused by particles that are generally invisible to the naked eye. No health-based restrictions on the normal use (irrigation, vehicle washing, etc) of reclaimed water are necessary. There is no threat to public health or the environment resulting from this turbidity exceedance. Questions? Contact V2X Environmental at 480-0722.

## Jorraan Eo Ilo Reclaimed Water System Eo Ion Kwajalein

Ekkar non Reclaimed Water Document eo an Environmental Protection/ak naetan (DEP) aikuj bwe en karon jukjuk in ped elane ewor jorraan ko rejolet dren eo ion Kwajalein. Kar January 2025, 92.2 % in sample ko rar ilon in 0.5 mg/L chlorine concentration eo erik jen jonin ej required 95% standard. Ilo 22 im 24 January 2025, 7-ran rolling turbidity average in the reclaimed water distribution system eo ej kalog ke ej ilon lok 2.0 Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) Standard. Menin ekomman bwe en laplok an tap ak ettoon dren in ilo an koman kii ko jeban loi. Ejjab jelet ejmour non karon im rejan ikkijeen ko jermal dren in (non wutdrikdrik, kwali waa ko, im jermal ko eirlokwt) non aikuij ko jet. Jokjok in eban jelet ejmour ak jukjuk bed ilon alik kar ilo ekotak kein. Kajitok kir V2X Environmental ilo 480-0722.



# CINEMA

## Now Showing at the Yuk Theater

**Saturday, MARCH 1**

"Amsterdam" (2022) (R) 134 min.

**Sunday, MARCH 2**

"World War Z" (2013)  
(R) 116 min.

**Saturday, MARCH 8**

"Tommy Boy" (1995)  
(PG-13) 97 min.

**Sunday, MARCH 9**

"An Officer and a Gentlemen" (1982)  
(R) 124 min.

**Saturday, MARCH 15**

"Black Adam" (2022)  
(PG-13) 125 min.

**Sunday, MARCH 16**

"Candyman" (1992)  
(R) 99 min.

**Saturday, MARCH 22**

"The Magnificent 7" (2016)  
(PG-13) 132 min.

**Sunday, MARCH 23**

"The Long Kiss Goodnight" (1996)  
(R) 121 min.

**Saturday, MARCH 29**

"Moneyball" (2011)  
(PG-13) 133 min.

**Sunday, MARCH 30**

"Ticket to Paradise" (2022)  
(PG-13) 104 min.

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



## RICHARDSON THEATER

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9**

"The Boys in the Boat"  
(2023)  
(PG-13) 123 min.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15**

"Soul" (2020)  
(PG) 100 min.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

"Turning Red" (2022)  
(PG) 100 min.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1**

"Luca" (2021)  
(PG) 95min.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

"Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom" (2023)  
(PG-13) 124 min.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8**

"Migration" (2023)  
(PG) 83 min.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

"Wish" (2023)  
(PG) 95 min.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23**

"Wonka" (2023)  
(PG) 116 min.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29**

"E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial"  
(1982) (PG) 115 min.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

"Argyle" (2024)  
(PG-13) 139 min.

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







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## COMMUNITY LOCAL ARTIST KIRSTEN EISELE CLARK

### HOURLASS REPORT

Kirsten Eisele Clark is a Kwaj Kid who grew up exploring the island. Some of her pottery pieces are inspired by marine life in her fish tank. She has a Picassos trigger fish, eel and used to have an octopus. In addition to marine life, she is gets inspiration from Kwaj's tropical foliage. She finds leaves on island and uses them to design large serving platters.

#### What sort of art/craft do you make?

I work primarily in ceramics, using hand building techniques to make things with clay. I also do hand embroi-

dery, mainly mounted on 6" embroidery hoops.

I am so grateful to the amazing women who run the Kwaj Hobby Shop, especially Jenny, Barb, and Michelle, for their skill in teaching me how to play with clay and their patience in answering the hundreds of questions I've pestered them with.

My art is often influenced by my background as a birth worker; I have worked as a birth doula for almost a decade and am a student midwife. Female anatomy often pops up, from uteruses to

pelvic bones.

#### What on Kwajalein inspires you?

I am so inspired by the natural beauty of Kwaj. I'm a Kwaj kid and grew up walking the reef catching ocean critters; getting to do that as an adult has been so fun. I began making a series of octopus-themed serving dishes in honor of a dwarf algae octopus named Hank who I found on the reef and brought home to be an aquarium buddy.

The beautiful greenery on this island has also been a centerpiece of my work. In-

spired by other hobby shop artisans, I've made a series of serving platters using fronds from the traveler palm trees that are found in just two places on Kwaj (one set of these trees is out by the Vet Hall).

#### How long have you been making art/ crafts?

I've always loved creating things and art has been a lifelong pursuit. Creativity brings me so much joy and the hobby shop has become my therapy!

#### Can you describe your creative process?



Between midwifery school, being a stay at home homeschool mom, and doing non-profit work, my creative work often happens in bursts and bits of stolen time. I'm grateful to my husband for helping prioritize my time at the hobby shop. ❏



## WEEKLY TROPICAL WEATHER THREAT OUTLOOK

### RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

#### **Discussion:**

Through yesterday, we have received 1.58 inches of rain for February, which is 1.48 inches below normal for the month. So far in 2025, we have only received 3.32 inches of precipitation, which is 3.75 inches below normal for the year. Typical dry season conditions will continue through the rest of the workweek with an increase in shower coverage for Kwajalein Atoll on Monday as a result of trade-wind speed convergence. 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 Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is currently across the southern part of eastern Micronesia, but it is expected to become disorganized, and transition to a zone of trade-wind convergence over the coming days, affecting the central RMI some on Monday into Tuesday. The Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO) is transitioning into its negative phase for the western Pacific, which will work to temper shower coverage. The El Nino

Southern Oscillation (ENSO) is in mild La Nina conditions, with the sea surface temperatures (SST) in the central Pacific (ocean to the east of the RMI) at about 0.4C below normal. Cooler temperatures in the Pacific to the east of the RMI work against shower activity, and are the main reason for the lower-than-normal precipitation so far this year, as almost all of our rain producers come from the east. These cooler temperatures are having a disproportionate effect on the central Pacific compared to their normal impacts on the eastern Pacific. Cooler surface ocean temperatures in the central Pacific also tend to work against tropical cyclone development to the east of the RMI, where it could pose a threat to our region. We are also out of the tropical cyclone season as a whole for the western Pacific with the northern winter now climatologically in place.

#### **Tropical Cyclones:**

No significant tropical cyclone activity expected to affect anywhere in Micronesia, the Mariana Islands, Wake Island or Hawai'i. We are in climatological winter for the northwest Pacific, which gen-

erally bring a considerable decline in tropical cyclone activity.

#### **Damaging West Winds / Westerly Swell:**

None expected. Micronesia is northeast trade wind dominant.

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

The New Moon will be tomorrow, and it will be a more of a Perigean spring tide with the Moon closer to Earth, bringing a tide situation with high tides of five feet or more from the today through the 1st of March. Winds will stay mostly in the 12 to 16 knot range until Monday and Tuesday, when a well-positioned subtropical high-pressure will steepen the pressure gradient and increase our winds to sustain in the upper teens with gusts routinely into the low 20s, higher on the open lagoon, and on the second half of Tuesday winds will most likely sustaining for periods in the low 20s, especially on the open lagoon and ocean. The issuance of a Small Craft Advisory (SCA) on Tuesday remains a good possibility, but a High Surf

Advisory (HSA) is not expected for the next seven days, though on Saturday there will be northerly swells, that we will be keeping our eyes on for Roi-Namur, especially considering the five feet high tides. At this time the swells are expected to stay below HSA levels.

**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. ❏



## Annual Hazardous Materials, Wastes, and Petroleum Product (HMWPP) Training (ENV-100), Spill Response Awareness Training (ENV-110), and PCB Management Training (ENV-190) on Roi-Namur Island

Training is required for tenants on Roi that manage HMWPP storage areas (i.e., facilities that store an aggregate quantity greater than 55-gallons of HMWPP) or deal in PCBs.

### **Roi-Namur (The TRADEX Conference Room):**

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 (HMWPP Custodian Training)

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 (PCB Management Training)

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Pre-register is not required to attend trainings.

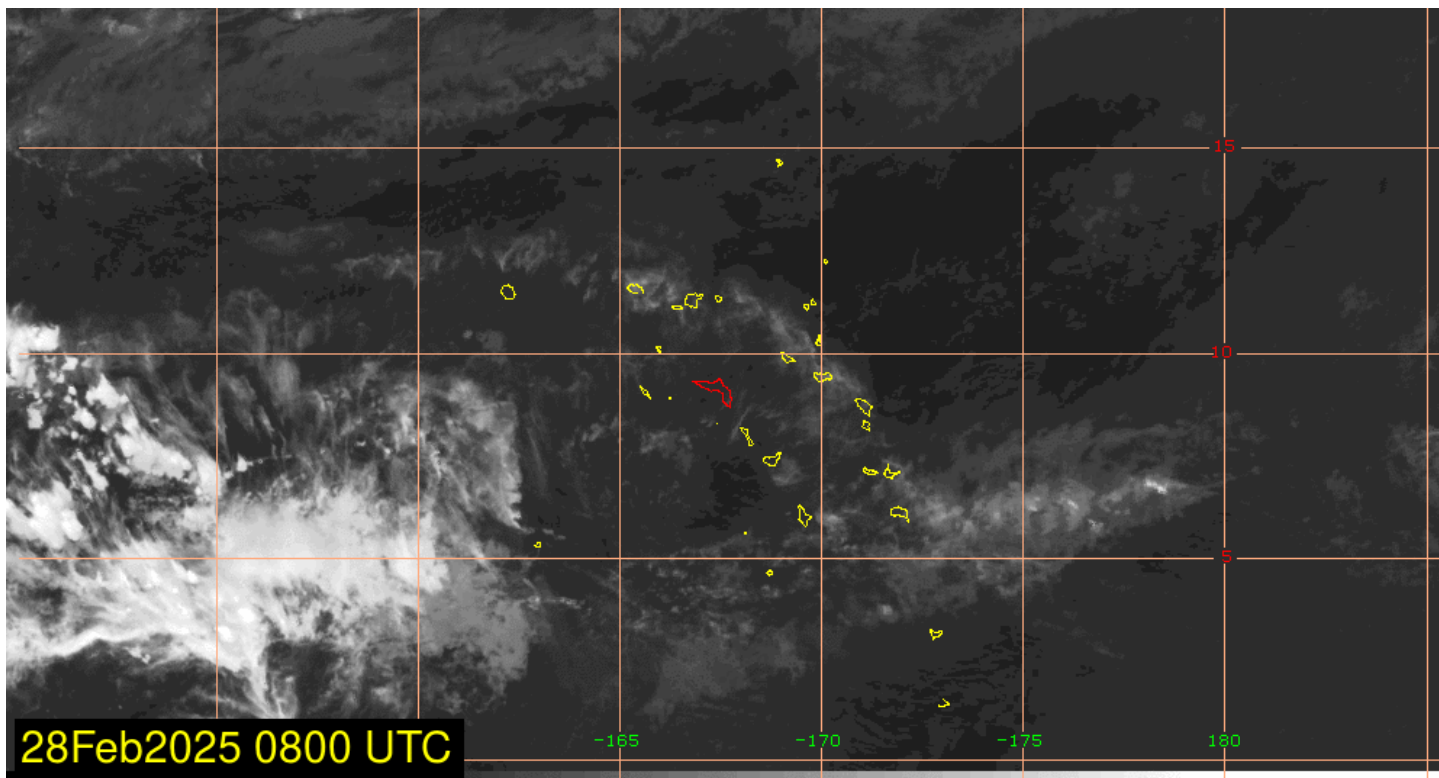
Questions? Please Call the Environmental Department at 480-2633.



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.





# WEATHER

## RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

### WEATHER DISCUSSION

Generally dry conditions and moderate breezes are expected across the Kwajalein Atoll for the end of the week and the first half of the weekend, with somewhat wetter weather possible on Monday. Given a lack of surface forcing mechanisms and the expected presence of dry air throughout the atmospheric column, no more than stray showers are expected on Saturday and Sunday. Sunday night into Monday, the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) looks to shift northward somewhat and push a weak atmospheric wave through the RMI, leading to a modest increase in shower activity during

that time period. The lack of a well-organized subtropical high-pressure system to the north will lead to a loosened pressure gradient across the RMI, leading to wind speeds being somewhat lighter than usual for the dry season. Sustained wind speeds will generally be in the mid teens, with some higher gusts near showers. Wave heights are expected to increase rapidly during the day on Monday, but they are expected to remain below High Surf Advisory (HSA) criteria.

### SATURDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts near showers.

### SUNDAY

Partly sunny with

stray showers. NE-E at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

### MONDAY

Partly sunny with isolated to widely scattered showers. NE-E at 13-18 knots with higher gusts near showers.

### NEXT WEEK

Dry conditions look to resume for most of next week. The only shower chances will be generated by occasional areas of trade wind convergence passing through the Atoll throughout the week. Strengthening subtropical ridging to the north will tighten the pressure gradient across the RMI, resulting in wind speeds increasing to the upper teen and potentially as high as the low 20s at times next week. ⚡

## SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:02 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	8:31 a.m. 9:01 p.m.	5:42 a.m. 4.7' 5:54 p.m. 4.9'	11:45 a.m. -0.8' -----
MONDAY	7:02 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:17 a.m. 9:57 p.m.	6:15 a.m. 4.7' 6:27 p.m. 4.5'	12:06 a.m. -0.9' 12:22 p.m. -0.6'
TUESDAY	7:01 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10:05 a.m. 10:56 p.m.	6:49 a.m. 4.5' 7:00 p.m. 3.9'	12:35 a.m. -0.6' 1:01 p.m. -0.2'
WEDNESDAY	7:01 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10:57 a.m. 11:56 p.m.	7:25 a.m. 4.1' 7:34 p.m. 3.1'	1:05 a.m. -0.1' 1:44 p.m. 0.4'
THURSDAY	7:01 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	11:52 a.m. -----	8:07 a.m. 3.6' 8:13 p.m. 2.4'	1:34 a.m. 0.4' 2:38 p.m. 1.0'
FRIDAY	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	12:50 p.m. 12:58 a.m.	9:11 a.m. 3.1' 9:46 p.m. 1.8'	2:05 a.m. 0.9' 4:42 p.m. 1.4'
MARCH 8	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	1:50 p.m. 1:59 a.m.	12:06 p.m. 2.8' -----	3:03 a.m. 1.5' 8:11 p.m. 1.1'

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!*

