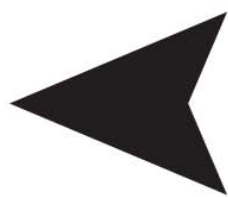


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2013 Year in Review

A look back at another eventful year in the atoll



USAG-KA staff action specialist ends tenure

Hourglass reports

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll staff action specialist Sheila Schlie completed her two-year tenure working with Command at the end of Dec., 2013.

She was awarded the U.S. Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service during a ceremony late last month, where she was joined by a couple dozen friends and coworkers

Between Jan. 2012 and Dec. 2013 she was instrumental in the coordination, planning and execution of a multitude of military and civilian personnel actions related to the transition of base operations from the Space and Missile Defense Command to the Installation Management Command.



Sheila Schlie is awarded the U.S. Army Commander's Award for Civilian Service by Sgt. Maj. David Negron and U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Nestor Sadler during a ceremony in Dec. 2013.

Many Thanks to all of the "elves" who stepped forward to help with the 10th Annual "Stray-Dog" Christmas Party. Whether you brought your favorite food or wine to share; supplied sodas and water; took on tasks as requested; were there when I needed help transporting and moving things; or just stepped in to help with whatever was needed that day, each of you helped to make this the best Christmas party yet.

"Special" thanks to: Elizabeth for turning her kitchen over to me for two weeks of baking (and tasting); Ty for the much needed transportation; and Dan for the Christmas Karaoke to round out the evening.

But to all of you who contributed your time and efforts, thank you so very much and best wishes for a very happy 2014.

—Sabrina Mumma
"Buckminster & Friends"

Thumbs Up!

... to the Post Office workers for getting our holiday packages out in an efficient and friendly manner! We appreciate your extra hard work over the past month.



... to those shift workers who had to work, despite it being a holiday. Thank you for keeping our power running, water flowing, planes landing safely and our bellies full.

... to the staff of the Zamperini Dining Facility for making the 2013 holiday dinner one of the best yet

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January

Café Pacific Dining Room renamed the “Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility”

Kwajalein residents and distinguished guests came together for the unveiling of the new building sign and Zamperini plaque and mural placed inside. Distinguished visitors included: Republic of the Marshall Islands President Christopher Loeak; RMI First Lady, Lieoem Anono Loeak; Minister in Assistance to the President, Tony deBrum; Foreign Minister of the RMI, Phillip Muller, and his wife, Yolanda; Kwajalein Senators Michael Kabua and Jeban Riklon; Chief Secretary Casten Nemra; and U.S. Ambassador to the RMI, Thomas Armbruster.

The ceremony was organized by Lt. Gen. Richard Formica, the previous commander of the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command.

RMI president visited Kwajalein Schools

Republic of the Marshall Islands President Christpher Loeak visited Kwajalein Schools with Lt. Gen. Richard Formica, Commanding General, U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, and the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll command. Kwajalein Schools Superintendant Al Robinson toured the command group around the two campuses Wednesday to give them an idea of what Kwajalein schools offer and a look into the Ri’katak program. There are 52 Ri’katak students at Kwajalein Schools. He told them they are lucky and very fortunate to go to school on Kwajalein. “I wish I had the opportunity when I was growing up on Ebeye. Be good students and be good neighbors to your fellow students.” Before he departed, he said, “I will be thinking of you. I am proud of what you are doing here.”



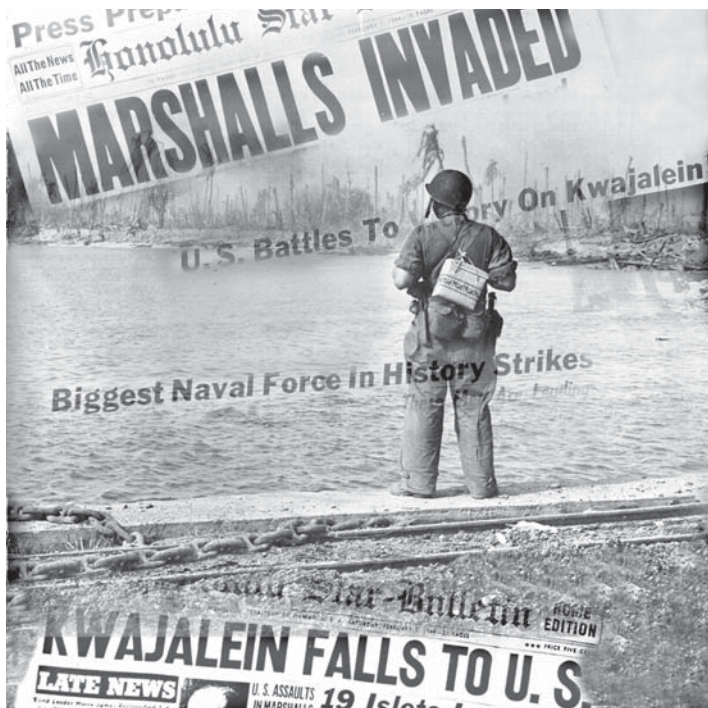
Former NBA coach Tom Newell held clinics on Kwajalein, Ebeye

Basketball fanatics on Kwajalein and Ebeye were treated to a visit from former NBA coach Tom Newell. Newell was an assistant coach with the Seattle Supersonics, New Jersey Nets and the Dallas Mavericks. His visit to the Republic of the Marshall Islands was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Sports Ambassador program. Newell’s first stop was in Majuro from Jan. 3-10. He offered coaches and players clinics on Ebeye Jan. 11-12. His visit culminated with a player’s clinic on Kwajalein Monday morning, followed by friendly neighborhood games that afternoon.

Iwanlani Furgeson and Dori DeBrum chosen to represent teen communities

Furgeson was selected by the Boys and Girls Club of America to participate on a Teen Advisory Council. The council provided feedback and insights related to BGCA’s services to teens, programs offered and much more. The National 4-H Conference chose DeBrum to be a youth delegate at the organization’s event in April in Washington, D.C. She went on to represent Kwajalein 4-H clubs, but was the only delegate at the conference from an Army installation.

February



69th anniversary of Operation Flintlock

Deemed one of the most significant operations in the Pacific campaign by Adm. Chester Nimitz, Operation Flintlock was as daring an assault as it was critical. By dusk on Feb. 4, the battle for Kwajalein and Ebeye was complete. In the whole campaign for Kwajalein Atoll, U.S. forces lost less than one percent of their forces in casualties, a marvel of military history. The enemy, estimates say, lost nearly 5,000, with over 200 more taken prisoner.

The American victory marked the first time U.S. troops had taken pre-war Japanese territory, and it established another key American base in the Central Pacific.

RMI Ambassador visited Kwajalein Schools

Former Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School graduate and Ri'katak student Charles Paul visited Kwajalein Schools Jan. 31. Paul graduated from KHS in 1999 as part of the first Ri'katak class. In 2011 Paul was appointed the Republic of the Marshall Islands Ambassador to the United States.

Flying Doctors of America offered clinics in Marshall Islands

Flying Doctors were brought in by RMI Ambassador to the U.S. Charles Paul to Majuro, Ebeye and six outlying atolls: Ujae, Lae, Wotho, Arno, Jaluit and Wotje. Looking for doctors and bringing them into the RMI was a key objective for Paul from the beginning of his tenure in office. "We have a lot of sick people in the Marshall Islands," he said. "And we just don't have the necessary resources that are needed to bring in top-quality doctors. Working with this organization and developing this program, the Marshall Islands will be the first country in the world to employ such a strategy."

Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day celebrated

Marshallese and American guests gathered together on Ebeye to celebrate the 69th anniversary of Kwajalein Atoll Memorial Day.

At the ceremony grounds, Master of Ceremony Ben "Jerry" Jacklick, announced each distinguished guest, who came forward to shake hands with Iroij/Senator Michael Kabua and Mayor Johnny Lemari. U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Thomas Armbruster traveled from Majuro for the ceremony. Representatives from the USAG-KA Host Nation Office included Maj. Alonzo Garcia, Maj. Matt Sova and Michael Sakaio. Representatives from Kwajalein Range Services included Ben Souther and his wife, Amy, and Harden Lelet.

Delaney Davis performed on Kwaj

Visiting performer Delaney Davis performed a Valentine's Day concert at Emon Beach on Feb. 14. Kwajalein sweethearts packed picnic dinners and got settled in beach chairs and on blankets to enjoy the show.



Davis performed original acoustic music and a few cover songs.

Presidents Day Fishing Derby

Hosted by the Kwajalein Atoll International Sport-fishing Club, the derby's target fish was mahi mahi. Prize monies for the derby were awarded to the teams that landed the heaviest mahi, second heaviest mahi, most number of mahi caught and total aggregate weight of fish caught (including seven different species of fish).

There were a total of five teams that participated in the derby, and a total of \$1,000 was awarded in prize monies.

Kwaj golfers won the Atoll Cup

The 15th year of the Atoll Cup golf tournament was an opportunity for Kwajalein and Roi golfers to get together for a friendly golf competition. But more importantly, it served as a record breaker for an even 7-7 wins for both teams during Atoll Cup tournaments throughout the years.

In 2012 the tournament was held on Roi-Namur, where the Kwajalein team reclaimed the trophy and brought the overall score a 7-7 tie. In 2013 the Kwajalein team hosted and after an afternoon of tough competition, they got to keep the trophy and bragging rights for the next year.





Canvasback Missions surgical teams completed Ebeye outreach

The 11-member ENT team provided 486 examinations and performed 88 surgeries during its operations on Ebeye. The value of the services was in excess of \$832,878. "Canvasback team members are dedicated to providing whatever it takes to help our patients," said Jacque Spence, Canvasback Missions co-founder and team leader. "Our surgery schedule was packed. The team didn't want to turn anyone away. We even missed the last ferry to Kwaj because the surgery went so late."

Lead surgeon, Dr. James Reese, from Sonora, Calif., shared his appreciation for the nurses at the Ebeye Hospital, "We had the overwhelming support from everyone. We asked the hospital staff if they wanted us to cancel surgeries so that they could go home and they said no. Time and time again, they stayed late to support us."

"We get phenomenal support from Ebeye Hospital, ranging from medical to administrative to general support staff," said Janet Burki, orthopedic team coordinator. "We really appreciate everything. They really are willing to do anything to help us. It makes a huge difference."

Japanese bereavement group mourned loss of their ancestors during WWII

Members of the Marshall Islands War-Bereaved Families Association visited Kwajalein and Roi-Namur to honor and mourn their Japanese ancestors who perished during Operation Flintlock in World War II. In February a group of 14 visited the Japanese cemeteries on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. They built a shrine in front of each memorial filled with fruit, beverages, photos and personal letters. They burned incense as they prayed and sang to remember their loved ones. On Roi, they collected sand from the beach and visited the old Japanese Headquarters Building used during the war.

Former USAG-KA Commander Col. Shannon Boehm showed command support by escorting the group to the cemetery on Kwajalein, while Lt. Col. Dean Wiley accompanied the group to Roi.

Residents ran in 33rd Annual "Downwind Dash"

There were 51 runners aged between 6 and late 60s who participated. The traditional 1-mile run took place on a straight line course set up on Oceanside Road adjacent to Kwajalein's runway. Aiding winds were in the 14-19 mph range. First across the finish line was ninth-grader Michael Sykes in 5 minutes, 22 seconds. Next across was the first female finisher, Krystal Peterson, in 5:34. Peterson pushed her 1-year-old son, Jaden, in a jog stroller. In the Jahnke family of long-time participants, ninth-grader Sam beat his dad, Jon, for the first time, 5:52 versus 5:53. In the SSE (Social Security Eligible) division's friendly rivalry, Vic Langhans prevailed over Ray Drefus, 7:53 versus 8:39.

GRMI affirmed commitment to its relationship with USAG-KA

Republic of the Marshall Islands President Christopher Loeak took the opportunity to formally present a check to USAG-KA as full and generous payment for



past humanitarian assistance services provided to the RMI. Loeak presented the check to the Acting USAG-KA Commander, Lt. Col. Dean Wiley.

The president thanked the command for their efforts in assisting the RMI. This meeting and exchange, as well as the payment and services rendered, were seen as symbols from both nations confirming the importance of the enduring commitment to the partnership between USAG-KA and the GRMI.

Kwajalein Swim Team impressed at Saipan

Kwajalein Swim Team members Dash Alfred, Casi Boehm, Jacob Boehm, Leightyn Cossey, Chelsea Engelhard, Colleen Furgeson, Ann-Marie Hepler, Kayla Hepler, Sean Hepler, Philip Kinono, Jacob Long, Ruthie Long and Molly Premo traveled to Saipan on March 21 to compete in the 13th Saipan International Swim Meet and the 35th annual Saipan Open Water swim.

The team, led by coach Amy Lacost, went in hopes of building their reputation on the international level. The Kwajalein team stood out among the masses at the competition, with each team member receiving some type of a ribbon.

Classical music ensemble entertained in Marshall Islands

A U.S.-based trio, Chicago and Friends, visited Majuro, Ebeye and Kwajalein in February as part of a world tour as cultural ambassadors sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Four times a year, the group gets together for two weeks to perform classical music in remote areas of the globe. The group was led by one of Chicago's leading violinists, Elliott Galub, who graduated from the Cleveland Institute of Music with a Bachelor of Music Degree and from the Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University with a Master of Music Degree. Co-founder Marlou Johnston, a concertmaster and soloist with the Kankakee (Illinois) Symphony Orchestra, played the viola and violin. Also part of the group were flutist Laura Hamm, soprano Suna Avci and pianist Susan Chou.



April



Spring Break Music Festival

Local musicians got their best acts together and performed overlooking Emon Beach while eager listeners gathered around the stage. Karen Brady and her Tiny Dancers performed, and people took shots at the dunk tank to try to sink Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau.

The Kwajalein Yacht Club sponsored the Chili Cookoff. 20 contestants competed in three categories: traditional, hottest and most original. Winners were Jim Severson, traditional; Jim Bramblett, hottest; and Samantha Tippetts, original.

Six home brewers stocked the beer garden with 12 varieties of beer and one type of wine. Rene and Susannah Prenoveau took first place with their Serendipity Citra Pale Ale. Jim Hall's Friar Brown Ale took home the silver. And another brew made by the Prenoveaus, Recompoveau, came in third. The beer garden raised a total of \$1,500, which was donated to help with former Kwaj resident David Helm's cancer treatments in Huntsville, Ala.

Divers, snorkelers hunted for Easter eggs in lagoon



The lagoon at Emon Beach was loaded down with around 500 sand-filled plastic eggs for divers and snorkelers to discover for the Kwajalein Scuba Club Easter Egg Hunt. Two pairs of scuba divers hid eggs 15-50 feet down in the scuba area, and one snorkeler hid eggs in the swimming area for snorkelers; some were in shallow depths for the younger, non-swimmers.

The cloudy water of the lagoon, normally a nuisance to divers and snorkelers, actually benefited the egg hunt. "It obscured the eggs hidden and made looking for them more challenging and fun," a volunteer said.

RMI flag installed at KHS

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School junior John Sholar succeeded in organizing efforts to install a Republic of the Marshall Islands flagpole and flag in the school courtyard. Prior to the install, the school could only fly the American flag. "I did it as a service to the Marshallese people who live and work beside us, especially the Ri'katak students at my school," Sholar said.



Kwaj residents took part in Earth Day cleanup

Kwajalein residents showed their love for Mother Nature at the Earth Day Cleanup at Holmberg Fairways and the Kwajalein Public Gardens in April.

Some of the volunteers who worked at the golf course included David Scheivert and his sons, Caiden, 6, and Chris, 4; Jayne Cavender and Carmel Shearer. Meanwhile, Jim and Eleanor Talich, along with a cadre of other supporters, tackled the Kwajalein Public Gardens.



May

RustMan Triathlon

There were a total of nine teams and 25 individuals who competed in the 34th annual RustMan Swim-Bike-Run Triathlon.

Chad McGlinn was the overall winner in 2 hours, 10 minutes and 47 seconds—just shy of the men's masters record he set the previous year.

The team section was won by a duo with a long RustMan history. Tom Cardillo and Krystal Peterson joined forces and won the team section in 2:16:28.

First for the ladies was Christina Sylvester in 2:44:15, her second ladies title. Christina's husband, Ron, completed his fifth RustMan, finishing fourth overall in 2:32:10.

The performance highlight was ninth-grader Kendall Westhoff's 2:17:50. He broke the 26-year-old male high school division record; the old record was 2:18:46 set by Kenny Jourdan.

69-year-old Victor Langhans, of the Social Security Eligible division, finished with 3:28:42. Ray Drefus became just the fifth SSE finisher

ever in 4:11:10.

Marshallese celebrated sovereignty with Constitution Day

Marshallese citizens celebrated the birth of their nation-state on Constitution Day at the beginning of the month. It was the RMI's 34th year of sovereignty.

KHS students built, launched rockets with the pros

Visiting National Aeronautics and Space Administration and Orbital Sciences representatives took time to stop by Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School for an educational outreach program in May.

Regena Haugh and Dr. Joyce Winterton, of NASA, and Chris Yanckello, of Orbital, held two presentations and friendly launch competitions with KHS students

Two-weekend tournament brought out more than 60 golfers from Kwaj, Roi

The 44th annual Coral Open golf tournament hosted the largest number of golfers in recent years. More than 60 golfers participated, 10 of them from Roi-Namur, which was also a record.

At the end of a two-weekend tournament, golfers and guests gathered together at Emon Beach for a banquet to recognize the winners and hand out highly anticipated door prizes. First place finishers for each flight were Fred Cunningham, Dino Lakjohn, Helbert Alfred, Malcolm Gowans and Mary Cisler-Long.

Last Ballroom Dinner Dance hosted by the Shields

Dick and Cheryl Shileds hosted their final Ballroom Dinner Dance, an annual event that the couple had put on for 25 years.

The *Central Pacific's Most Dangerous Band*, also known as the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School Stage Band, practiced all year to provide three sets of songs featuring authentic interpretations to the jazz classics by artists such as Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, Glenn Miller and Count Basie.

Kwajalein Atoll saw partial eclipse

Kwajalein Atoll was treated to a celestial spectacle on May 10, when a partial eclipse was visible during the lunch hour. The annular solar eclipse was visible as a "ring of fire" at other locations around the world, including Australia.



June

Memorial Day ceremony honored the fallen

Residents and active-duty military gathered at the flagpoles to recognize and honor our nation's fallen heroes.

Respect was paid for our fallen comrades by the placing of the wreaths. They were placed at the bottom of the Operation Flintlock memorial, in front of the colors of the U.S. and RMI flags and at the base of the Second Raider Battalion memorial.

A moment of silence was offered in remembrance of our nation's fallen heroes, followed by a salute from the American Legion Post 44 rifle squad. "Taps" was played by high school senior Wyatt Jones.

Three months of softball came to an exciting end

The Scrubs defeated Mejen Metak 15-10 in the Women's League championship. Going into the playoffs, it wasn't clear which team would come out on top because they seemed so evenly matched. Scrubs ended the regular season with five wins, one loss and a tie, while Mejen Metak had a record of 4-2-1.

North Camp #2 and Bakai' Erma battled for the B League championship. Even though North Camp held the number one seed in 2013, Bakai' Erma came away with the win and the Coconut Trophy, defeating North Camp 13-12.

Finally, the Lollygaggers dominated the 2013 Coed League, beating out the number two team, Paco Loves the Beaches, 17-2 in the league championship. The Lollygaggers had only lost one game during the entire season.

Scouts raced down Telemetry Hill in derby cars

Choosing between a variety of three derby cars to pilot, as well as which lane they would take, Scouts zoomed down Telemetry Hill in heats based on their ages. They raced side-by-side in pairs using cars outfitted with steering wheels and brake pedals so as to provide maximum control while descending the hill. Cub Scout Leader Mark McCollum started the Scouts before every race, and the boys worked together to push their cars back up the hill after each run.

2013 class graduation

Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School hosted an intimate graduation ceremony for the 2013 seniors.

17 barefoot graduates entered the room, lit only by the candles they carried, and proceeded down a woven mat bearing the motivational message "Follow Your Dreams." As each graduate was handed a diploma, KHS Principal Al Robinson announced their future plans, ranging from attending college, to enlisting in one of the military services, to volunteering with United Planet.

After rounds of applause, Mary Doerries and Shannon Wilkinson took the podium to direct the final tradition of the ceremony, the turning of the tassels, which signified the end of their high school career. This moment brought roars of applause for the class of



2013. The ceremony finished as the graduated seniors walked out to the upbeat song “On Top of the World.”

KYC Sunfish Regatta drew crowd to Camp Hamilton

About 75 people came out to Camp Hamilton to enjoy the Kwajalein Yacht Club’s annual Spring Sunfish Regatta in June. The morning was hampered by a small craft warning but that did not prevent the die-hard beach-goers venturing out to enjoy the sunshine. An extra anchor was all volunteers needed to keep the water trampoline held it firmly in place for the kids to play on until the winds died down.

After the winds subsided and the small boat marina lowered the red flag, the sailing was on. Bruce Premo launched the Hobie Cat Getaway and gave sailboat rides to nearly 60 people throughout the afternoon.

Meanwhile, Tim Cullen and Dan Hopkins worked the Sunfish, taking people out and teaching them how to sail the tandem and then letting them take the boat out on their own.

USAG-KA hosted Command Town Hall

USAG-KA hosted a Command Town Hall meeting on June 20. Deputy Garrison Commander Joseph Moscone talked at length about the transition of base operations to the Installation Management Command (IMCOM) and other stakeholders.

Lt. Col. Dean Wiley provided an update on Range actions and status of mission support and planning. He praised the work going on at RTS and the fact that they are faced with a compressed mission schedule and increasing actions.

Kwajalein Range Services President Cynthia Rivera also addressed the community, affirming that KRS had been awarded a contract through 2018 and that there had been some new direction for the FY13 budget that included money to fund critical equipment and key positions.

Country Club reopened with Summer Soirée

Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau and Tony Savage, KRS Business Operations Supervisor, had the honor of cutting the ribbon, formally completing the Country Club’s round of renovations in June. Savage had recently become the new manager in charge of the bar operations, and preparing for this opening was his first order of business on the island.

“We wanted an upscale venue to host events at,” said Kim Yarnes, KRS deputy Community Services manager. “The Country Club has great potential, it just needed some TLC.”

Moscone appointed USAG-KA Garrison Manager

In June the Space and Missile Defense Command commanding general appointed Joseph Moscone as the U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll garrison manager after an unforeseen change in command on the island.



July

Emon Beach drew crowds with Fourth of July fun

An eager crowd gathered at the CRC July 4 to deck their bicycles in red, white and blue for the annual bike parade, which led its way to Emon Beach where the day's festivities took place. The event included coconut painting by the Kwajalein Art Guild; a Baggo tournament won by Dave Gray and Tony Jones; barbecue by the Jinetipit Woman's Club; vendor sales; crafts by Community Activities; and snow cones from the Kwajalein Swim Team.

Humanitarian assistance came to Ebeye, Enniburr, Carlos

Pacific Partnership, the largest humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness exercise in the Indo-Asian Pacific region, arrived in the Marshall Islands in July. The consortium conducted health fairs and community outreach programs on Ebeye, Enniburr and Carlos as part of a mission that focuses on building healthcare capacities through medical, dental, veterinarian and disaster response training. The partnership's four-month long mission began in Samoa and Tonga and continued onward to the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea after visiting the RMI.

U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander visited Kwaj, Roi

U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Cecil Haney and his team visited Kwajalein July 18. They flew to Roi-Namur where they were given a tour of Kiernan Reentry Measurements Site by MIT and Kwajalein Range Services engineers and US-AG-KA personnel. Haney first visited ALTAIR, where MIT engineer Dr. Aaron Fleet explained to him the capabilities of the radar and the maintenance measures taken to keep the radar functioning in the Pacific climate. MIT engineer Sean Winkler toured Haney around MMW. Finally, Haney visited TRADEX, where MIT engineer Jeff Shultz explained its history and tracking capabilities.



August

Col. Nestor Sadler assumed command of USAG-KA

Col. Nestor Sadler assumed command of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll in a ceremony on Aug. 2 at Island Memorial Chapel. The presiding official was Thomas Webber, acting director of the Technical Center, Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, on behalf of prior SMDC/ARSTRAT Commanding General, Lt. Gen. Richard Formica.

USAG-KA Senior Enlisted Leader, Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau, was also a part of the official party.

MIT hosted RMI interns

Lebon Joash and Nover Juria participated in the sixth year of Massachusetts Institute of Technology/Lincoln Laboratory's technology internship at U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll this summer.

The 10-week internship offered by MIT/LL focuses on networking and computer system administration. It was supported by the MIT Community Outreach program. The objective of the program was to provide instruction, mentoring and motivation to encourage student interns to pursue further education and subsequent employment in the Marshall Islands in a computer or science-related field.

Marshall Islands swimmers earn personal bests at World Championships

Troy Kojenlang got the Marshall Islands competition off to a solid start at the 15th FINA World Championships in Barcelona. He finished the 100 Breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 10 seconds, and 42 tenths of a second, beating his qualifying time by 2.45 seconds.

Kojenlang, who trains in Maui, Hawaii, was happy to have beat his qualifying time and described his first time at the World Championships as "amazing."

Kwajalein resident Colleen Furgeson, meanwhile, lined up alongside Palau's Osi Chilton in the Women's 50 Backstroke, the opening swimming event in the FINA World Championships in Barcelona. The 14-year-old clocked a time of 34.48 seconds, a personal best.

On a very busy morning of heats in the pool on Day 6, Giordan Harris was in the largest field of the week, the Men's 50 Freestyle. The nerves he'd felt before his first race of the championship had clearly gone as he came home with his second personal best time of the week, 26.41, which was enough to give him second place in Heat 3.

SMDC changed command

Lt. Gen. David L. Mann assumed command of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command and the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense from Lt. Gen. Richard P. Formica during a ceremony conducted in the Von Braun III auditorium Aug. 12.

HMS Daring visited USAKA

British Royal Navy ship, *HMS Daring*, arrived at U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll on Aug. 17 for a brief visit. The *Daring* was not only the first Royal Navy ship to circumnavigate the world, but also the first time a Royal Navy ship had visited the Republic of the Marshall Islands.





Tournaments, live music helped raise money for USO at Veterans' Hall

The Kwajalein Veterans' Hall got busy in early September, offering tournaments, live music and barbecue in order to raise money for the United Service Organizations. After expenses, American Legion Post 44 was able to donate almost \$3,000 to the USO.

Golfers raised \$3,000 at tournament to benefit wounded U.S. Soldiers, families

The Kwajalein Golf Association and Community Activities sponsored Kwajalein's participation in Patriot Golf Day, a golfing event that runs nationally across the United States during Labor Day weekend. The nine-hole tournament raised around \$3,000, all of which was donated to the Folds of Honor Foundation, an organization centered on providing educational and other assistance to the spouses and children of service members who are wounded or killed while in service to the United States.

Ebeye team claimed coconut trophy in tennis tournament

Ebeye doubles partners beat Kwajalein doubles partners in the 2013 Kwaj-Ebeye Labor Day Doubles Tennis Tournament. Out of 10 total matches, each pitting Kwajalein's finest against the tennis aficionados of Ebeye, the group from Ebeye won six and took home the Coconut Trophy.

Splash for Trash brought in a big haul

Divers, snorkelers and shoreline walkers came out for Kwajalein Scuba Club's annual Splash for Trash event. The dozens of volunteers collected a massive pile of debris, making it both a fun and productive event.

Prizes were given for a variety of categories. For example, the Botes family won the most unique prize for the fluorescent light and a refrigerator door they gathered up. And the Hess family won the prize for the most real estate covered; they ventured all the way to the Country Club picking up trash.

Japanese general paid respects at memorial

Japanese Maj. Gen. Tutaka Masuko was greeted by U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Nestor Sadler and Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau during his visit at the Japanese Cemetery on USAG-KA.

Assistant Secretary of the Army visited USAG-KA to identify critical installation needs

Katherine Hammack, assistant secretary of the Army (installations, energy and environment) visited U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Sept. 12-13. While here, Hammack toured various infrastructures on both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur and visited the host nation at Enniburr Island. A key objective of her visit was to get the lay of the land prior to the upcoming IMCOM transition, which took place soon after. Energy, infrastructure and environmental challenges were high on the secretary's list of issues to address during her visit.

FTI missions

In September the FTI missions culminated in an impressive series of multinational offensive exercises testing the abilities of the United States and its allies to take down hostile ballistic missiles.



October

USAG-KA base operations officially transferred to Installation Management Command-Pacific

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll headquarters was officially transferred from U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command to Installation Management Command in a ceremony Oct. 2 at the metro hangar. The ceremony marked the official establishment of Garrison Command Kwajalein Atoll as part of the IMCOM organization. The official party consisted of Debra Zedalis, regional director of Installation Management Command-Pacific, USAG-KA Commander Col. Nestor Sadler and Sgt. Maj. Roderick Prioleau.

IMCOM-P Director Zedalis talked specifics regarding USAG-KA headquarters transfer

Debra Zedalis, regional director of Installation Management Command-Pacific, and Command Sgt. Maj. Phillip Pandey, Command sergeant major of IMCOM-P, conducted a town hall meeting at the CRC for active-duty military, Department of the Army civilians and contractors. The decision to transfer the garrison from SMDC to IMCOM, they said, boiled down to the issue of how to best utilize strengths. While IMCOM's strength lies in running base operations, Zedalis said, SMDC's strength lies in the mission. Handing over base operations to IMCOM, she said, allowed the senior commander to focus on the mission—the very reason USAG-KA exists.

Manit Day celebrated

Manit Day was a celebration of Marshallese culture, and Kwajalein residents were treated to a fascinating glimpse into our host nation's exceptional traditions. Throughout the event, spectators were shown demonstrations of weaving, coconut husking and fire making. Residents also enjoyed snacks like coconut rice balls and pandanus fruits.

Towers taken down on Carlos Island

Sept. 25 marked the beginning of the end to an era. On that day the first of four telemetry towers was taken down on Ennylabegan, or Carlos. The state-of-the-art telemetry and instrumentation network towers were part of what was once the Ennylabegan Telemetry Site. Built in the late 1960s and early 1970s, ETS was designed to provide the capability to collect data for Reagan Test Site customers.

Records broken at Columbus Day run

Kwajalein Running Club conducted the 36th annual Columbus Day Run on the Tuesday holiday, with a 6:15 a.m. start at Namo Weto Youth Center. Nearly 100 runners and walkers participated. Eighteen runners chose the two-island-loop option, 13.04 miles, the rest doing one loop, 6.52 miles. Runners ranged in age from 7-70 years, again representing a remarkably broad swath of the island's resident population.





FC Swollen, Spartans won 2013 soccer championships

FC Swollen defeated Juice 4-2, claiming the title of men's soccer champions for the third time in five years. In the Coed/Women's league, the Spartans beat out the Go Green Gos with a final score of 3-2, giving them the 2013 Coconut Trophy.

10th annual RMI Trade Fair connected Marshallese business to Kwaj consumers

The U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll hosted the annual RMI Trade Fair at the Kwajalein High School MP Room and CRC. A one-day event that exhibited far-flung Marshallese art, handicrafts, fish and other goods for purchase by Kwajalein residents, the fair was a recent highlight in Host Nation relations between USAG-KA and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.



Local artists showcased craftsmanship at annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair

The Kwajalein Art Guild's annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair was one of the best opportunities for local artisans to gain exposure for their work—and make a few bucks in the process. Sporting more than 50 tables of crafts, art pieces, gifts and other wares, the 2013 Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair at the CRC connected local artists and vendors with other Kwajalein residents looking to offload some cash for the perfect gift to send back home to family and friends.



Community Relations Council representatives met to discuss issues affecting USAG-KA, Ebeye

A Community Relations Council meeting between U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and the government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands took place at the USAG-KA Headquarters Building. USAG-KA Commander Col. Nestor Sadler co-chaired the CRC and headed the U.S. delegation.

Veterans honored at flagpole ceremony

Veterans Day was celebrated at U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Nov. 11 at the flagpoles, where members of the community and distinguished guests gathered to pay respect for our country's brave servicemembers, past and present. Maj. Alonzo Garcia acted as the master of ceremonies. He welcomed Kwajalein's veterans and distinguished guests. U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Thomas Armbruster was a guest speaker.

Golfers hit the greens in Kwaj Open Tourney

More than 50 golfers participated in the 2013 Kwajalein Open Golf Tournament held at Holmberg Fairways. After months of little to no wind, gusts finally appeared in the days prior to the first weekend of play. This provided much-needed relief from the Kwaj heat, but it also forced players and golf course staff to undertake a massive effort to clear the course of fallen coconuts and palm fronds.

Kwajalein residents helped Kosrae break into "adventure run" ecotourism scene

About two dozen Kwajalein residents travelled to Kosrae the weekend of Nov. 9 to participate in the first-ever 5.7 mile Kosrae Rock Hopper Adventure



Trail Run. Situated in the municipality of Lelu on the northeast tip of the island state, the course began with about three miles of double-track jeep trail that snaked through dense tropical forest peppered with small villages and impressive vistas of the island's mangrove canal. The remaining two miles took runners along a paved road sweeping along the municipality's eastern coast until they reached the finish. It was Kosrae's first foray into adventure runs, but the event's organizers promised that more would certainly come in the future.

Kwajalein first responders, hospital staff execute mass casualty exercise

Doctored up with fake wounds and groaning in pain, nine students from Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School played the roles of "victims" in a drill during the morning of Nov. 15 designed to simulate the chaotic conditions of a mass casualty accident on the island. Described as pedestrians having been struck by a large truck, the teens lay scattered among the palm trees off Pacific Drive near the high school in an exercise meant to test the abilities of first responders and Kwajalein Hospital staff in responding to an incident leaving more victims than the hospital has beds for.



Divers braved downpour during 2013 Underwater Turkey Hunt

Nearly 75 Kwajalein residents young and old came together under torrents of rain to take part in the Kwajalein Scuba Club's annual Underwater Turkey Hunt. One of the most significant events on the KSC's calendar, the event brought out a total of 44 divers who pushed off the shore of Emon Beach in search of a variety of prizes hidden under rocks and coral and inside cavities in the reef stretching along the coast.



Kwajalein's first dog park opened

Beginning in late November, dogs and owners throughout the island were able to enjoy Kwajalein's first dog park. Constructed off Pacific Drive, it is a project that was made possible by work done within the Kwajalein Dog Owners Group (KDOG). Spread across a half-acre of green grass next to the lagoon, the fenced-in area houses waste stations for the dogs, along with a number of park benches for owners and other visitors.



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

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



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

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

December

Holidays on the Atoll

The 45th annual Tree Lighting was one of the most highly anticipated community events of the year, and it had its own quirks. Santa arrived in an outrigger canoe. Instead of a sleigh, he rode into town on a trailer pulled by a tractor.



The community gathered downtown and watched performances while everyone waited for it to get dark enough to light the palm tree.

Finally, Deputy Garrison Commander Joseph Moscone took the stage to welcome the community and call Santa up on stage. Santa, Sgt. Maj. David Negron and Monica Sadler pushed Rudolph's nose and lit the tree.

RTS engineers awarded for landmark weapons test

Reagan Test Site engineers Floyd Corder III, Andrew Hall, Mike Savage and Keith Peacock were recognized by the Missile Defense Agency in a special awards ceremony transmitted throughout the world by videoconference. They were part of the team that assisted in what the MDA dubbed Flight Test Operational-01 last

autumn on Kwajalein Atoll and in surrounding areas in the western Pacific. U.S. Army Lt. Col. Dean Wiley issued their awards on behalf of the agency at the MDA building at the Reagan Test Site on Kwajalein

Kwaj runners hit the pavement for Paupers' Marathon and Relay

Nine runners ran a full 26.2 miles at Kwajalein Running Club's 32nd annual Paupers' Marathon and Relay in the early morning hours Dec. 9. The individual runners, according to their 'beat the heat' preferences, chose from starting blocks slated to begin at: 1 a.m., 3 a.m. and 4:30 a.m.

The course consisted of 10 loops that wrapped around Kwajalein Island north of 9th street. The event allowed the creation of teams consisting of between two and 10 runners, and there were a total of 10 teams that hit the pavement, including a George Seitz Elementary School team and a Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School team.

The first team to cross the finish line was the "Tortoise & Hare" duo consisting of Jeffrey Fluher and Wes Kirk. Alternating between running and resting every lap, the two completed the 26.2 miles in a total of 3:40:15. Rich Ereksen, Jay Lord and Ben Bartyzel, who also took turns running the course, crossed the finish line with a time of 3:51:25. Taking 3rd place with a time of 3:54:16 was "Lift and Drag," a duo comprised of George Gansel and Matt Sova.



DISPATCH FROM ROI

Year In Review

January



New safety plan implemented for San Juan Crew

Jeff Paquin, San Juan Construction site safety and health officer implemented in early 2013 a progressive incentive plan to promote and educate the San Juan crew in safe work practices. The crew began earning a "safety feed" and raffle prizes for every 30 days worked without safety incidents. The longer they went without incidents, the better the lunch and the better the prizes.

The group began using a Japanese calligraphy symbol for "without incident" as their new motto and new year's resolution. They hung it from a tool shed on the jobsite to serve as a reminder.

SMDC/ARSTRAT officials toured Roi

U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command leadership toured Roi during a visit to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Jan. 17-22. Ronald Chronister, deputy to SMDC/ARSTRAT commanding general Lt. Gen. Richard Formica, and Debra Wymer, with the SMDC/ARSTRAT Technical Center, visited TRADEX, ALTAIR and other assets on the island with USAG-KA and KRS personnel.



February

Sewer outfall repair project began

San Juan Construction began work in Feb. to replace Roi's sewer outfall system. The project called for replacing some 1,100 feet of decaying pipe. Because the old pipe was trenched in over the reef bed, it had been subjected to years of wear and tear from currents and the tide.

Roi-Namur crew marked 60 days without incident

San Juan Construction's Roi-Namur fuel pier crew

enjoyed a barbecue lunch, games and prizes in Feb. as part of a celebration marking 60 days without incident. Prizes included an iPod, snorkel gear and Gerber multi-tools.

The lunch was part of San Juan Construction Site safety and Health Officer Jeff Paquin's recently implemented incentive plan to promote, educate and reward the San Juan crew for safe work practices.

Roi residents enjoyed sold-out Valentine dinner

Café Roi and Community Activities sponsored a dinner at the Roi-Namur Scuba Shack on the evening of Feb. 16. Delaney Davis, a singer-songwriter from the United States, played an acoustic set, which was complemented by decorations set up by the Café Roi women and Community Activities.

Café Roi Manager Jim Bell, Café Roi Supervisor Carol Rivard and their staff put together the menu for the evening. The dinner started out with homemade crab-stuffed ravioli made in the shape of hearts. A tomato and onion salad, steak and shrimp and a medley of roasted vegetables came next.

A few eagle rays and a turtle even decided to join the Roi Rats at cocktail hour. Guests were delighted to see the rays playing about in the water, attendees said.

March

Smells Like Fish debuted on Roi

Smells Like Fish played their one and only show on their Tastes Like Chicken world tour at the Outrigger Club on March 9. Roi residents, visiting Kwaj friends and even a few National Aeronautics and Space Administration TDY guys came out to enjoy the show. The band played two sets that lasted about two hours. Bandmembers are radar engineers, a firefighter, an automotive supervisor and an IT geek.



WorldTeach teacher reflected on experience on 3rd Island

Stephanie Stretch, a WorldTeach teacher on 3rd Island, spoke with Hourglass staff in March about her experience living and working on Enniburr. Having graduated from Syracuse University in 2011, she began her 200-day service on the island in August 2012.

Stretch taught grades 3-8 English and grades 7-8 girl's health.

Even though Enniburr is small and she had been there for eight months, she said she still experienced something new every day.

"Because my day is filled with new experiences," she said, "it doesn't really seem like life is so small." She visited Roi on Saturday mornings to go online and call family. She would also stay on the island one weekend each month. "Hot showers—so great!" she joked.

Despite the challenges, Stretch knew the experience was worthwhile.

"I think the most important lesson I've learned from the Marshallese is their compassion for each other. Something as simple as sharing, they take to a whole new level," she said. "They will put you first before themselves always. I really admire that about them."

April

New Roi vessels embarked on maiden voyages

On Easter Sunday, a few yachters on Roi launched their hand-built boats off the boat ramp. After many months of hard labor and love, Steve and Janet Golly, along with Steve Shidler, launched their small prams into the water with great success. Both boats sailed successfully.

The boats were made from a set of designs that both the Gollys and Shidler had purchased online. They basically used the hull design and then modified the rest of the plans to their own liking. The materials were bought on-island as well as off-island. They spent every weekend for about five months working on their project.



Earth Day cleanup crews hauled in trash

A crowd of about 25 people gathered on Roi for Earth Day Cleanup in April and cleaned up several areas on the island. The Roi-Namur Dolphins Scuba Club sponsored the event.

There was a team of divers at the Small Boat Marina pier pulling trash from the lagoon along with others walking the perimeter of Roi-Namur collecting trash. 55 bags of trash were collected between the various cleanup spots, including the marina pier, oceanside by TRADEX towards Sally Point, oceanside by the theater, lagoonside by Surf Shack and lagoonside by the pavilion. The Scuba Club hosted a barbecue afterward at the Surf Shack for all who participated.

May

NASA missions were big success

National Aeronautics and Space Administration scientists, engineers and researchers spent time on Roi-Namur and other islands on the atoll in the summer of 2013 to perform missions using special sounding rockets designed to help better understand and predict electrical storms in Earth's upper atmosphere.

The EVEX and MOSC missions were a success thanks in part to Roi's adroit team of engineers and other personnel working the island's high-tech assets.

June



July

Coconut Cup Race

Jenna Ivey won the annual Roi-Namur Coconut Cup Race, earning first place in a field of about 25 participants. Jim Friedenstab took second place, and the third-place coconut was raced by Laura Pasquarella-Swain. Raymond Stigler beat out the competitors in the modified class with his mylar turtle-coconut combination.

August

Community Activities took over new areas on Roi and began offering new programs

Community Activities' Laura Pasquarella-Swain took over management of the Outrigger Bar and Grill in the summer of 2013, adding it to an expansive list of assets, clubs, buildings and activities currently under her supervision. As manager of the Kwajalein Range Services department on Roi-Namur that is specifically tasked with giving Roi Rats the highest possible qual-

ity of life, Pasquarella Swain oversees the golf course, Small Boat Marina, chapel, Tradewinds Theater, tennis/racquetball/basketball/volleyball courts, library, pool, gym, Hobby Shop and the litany of community parties and special events that Roi hosts every year.

September



First Roi-Namur Veterans Day Rib Festival raised cash for vets

Roi-Namur's first Rib Festival brought Roi and Kwaj residents together to celebrate Veterans Day in style. Part-barbecued rib cookoff and part-homebrew craft beer competition, the event drew more than 100 festival goers to the Roi Outrigger Bar and Grill to munch on more than a half-dozen barbecued rib recipes, sip on 17 different local craft brews and donate more than \$1,200 toward the Wounded Warrior Project and the Paralyzed Veterans of America support group.

October



December

Comedians toured Roi

A small cadre of comics swept onto Roi and Kwajalein in November to regale service members and contractors with comedy acts sponsored by the Quality of Life Fund. Having flown in from New England and Las Vegas, comedians Gary Caouette, Mike Koutrobis, Steve Scarfo and Kyle Crawford entertained a crowd of about 80 people at the Outrigger Bar and Grill. They tested out some of their latest material, recounted personal musings on the unique communities of Roi and Kwajalein and told amusing stories from their pasts.



HELP WANTED

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

FCE BENEFITS has an opening for a part-time Benefits Assistant. Duties include customer service, meeting coordination, filing, preparation of benefits documents, etc. Must possess strong organizational and computer skills. Requirements include a high school diploma, two years administrative experience, strong interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to obtain a CAC and network access. Visit the Human Resource Office (building 700) for an FCE Benefits employment application, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday, or contact Chris Hadley at chris.t.hadley2.ctr@mail.mil or 50939.

LOST

SILVER IPAD with black leather case, taken from bike basket Sunday night in front of Palm BQ, \$100 reward if found. Call Dilip at 51294 or 53743.

Religious Services

Catholic

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Small Chapel
9:15 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel
Roi-Namur service, 4:45 p.m., Second and Fourth Friday of each month. Appointments with Fr. Vic available after dinner.

Protestant

8 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel
9:15 a.m., Sunday School
11 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel
6:30 p.m., Friday, Roi Chapel

Latter-day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, CRC Room 3
Contact the chaplain's office at 53505 for more information.

FOUND

MEN'S RING, at Emon Beach after King-of-Beach tournament. Call David at 52322 or 50625.

PATIO SALE

SUNDAY, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., quarters 135-D. PCS sale. Call Brian at 51081 or 51433.

FOR SALE

PENN INTERNATIONAL II 130H 2-speed reel, pristine condition, serious reel for serious fishing, bought as a refurbished floor model, has never seen line or water, \$800. Call 56572.

NEW ORANGE SUN BIKE with upgraded seat, \$350; Kala Travel Uke with gig bag, \$125; Hondo electric 8-string mandolin with Fender amp, \$850; Garmen eTrex 10 GPS, \$75; Able Planet noise-canceling headphones with case, \$75; Acer laptop computer, \$250; external disc drive with driver disc, \$10; four Sterlite 24-quart (6-gallon) plastic cans with snap closure lids, \$10 each; Magnavox DVD Player, \$30; 24 DVD noxed set, complete series, \$100. Call Dale at 56828.

1987 BENETEAU 432 *Kailuana*, 43x14-foot, draft 5-foot 10-inch, new Yanmar 53HP diesel, three bedrooms, two heads, galley with 4-burner stove, large fridge, major refit from Nov. 2009-April 2011, new electrical, solar and wind generator, autopilot, new cabinetry, flooring, plumbing, upholstery and much more, \$75,000. Contact mnast@hotmail.com or call 54203.

56 kbps modem, \$20; GE cordless phone, \$25; electric clock, \$15; 30-inch flat-screen TV, \$200; vacuum cleaner, \$35; lawn chair, carrying bag, \$7; two Ugly Stik fishing poles, tackle, \$70; new work boots, size 11; \$30; black suit jacket, size 48r, \$45; Garmin GPS for car, \$35. Call Robert at 1752

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE SOCIAL LIFE of the unaccompanied on Kwajalein can be confusing and complex. Let's make a difference and help each other. A "what to do when ..." roundtable will be held at 5:30 p.m., tonight in the hospital conference room. Roi residents: To participate, send the EAP a telephone number for call-in on speakerphone. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S Fellowship would

like to invite all ladies to join us for our monthly luncheon at noon on Sunday in the Religious Education Building. You don't need to bring anything, just come and enjoy lunch and fellowship.

WOODSHOP SAFETY Orientation. 6 p.m., Monday, at the Hobby Shop, \$10. Wear closed-toed shoes. Call 51700 to sign up.

ATI'S NEW SCHEDULE begins Tuesday with new days of arrival and departure. Check-in time on Jan. 8 will be from 8-9 a.m. and Space-A roll call at 7:45 a.m. Contact LeAnn Parker at 52169 or leann.parker.ctr@mail.mil with questions.

THE BARIATRIC SURGERY Support Group meets the second Tuesday of each month from 4:45-5:30 p.m., in the hospital conference room. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

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

BINGO! 6:30 p.m., Thursday, at the Vet's Hall. Packet price is \$20. Card sales begin at 5:30 p.m. Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Blackout completion at 54 numbers with \$1,400 payout. Windfall completion at 24 numbers with \$1,400 payout. Shuttle transportation from the Ocean View and tennis courts. No outside alcoholic beverages permitted. Must be 21 to enter and play, bring your ID. Questions? Call Midori Hobbs at 53331.

KWAJALEIN AMATEUR RADIO Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Thursday, at the Ham Shack, just south of the Adult Pool. All members and interested parties are encouraged to attend. Information and study materials available for HAM licenses.

THE ARMY VETERINARIAN will be on island through Jan. 14. Call Jenny at 52017 to set up an appointment.

LIFE CAN BE a balancing act for any adult, but if you find yourself constantly late, disorganized, forgetful and overwhelmed by your responsibilities, you may have ADD/ADHD. Help is available and learning about ADD/ADHD is your first step. The ADD/HD support group will meet from 4:45-5:30 p.m., the second Thursday of each month beginning Jan. 9, in the hospital

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 11
Carved Steamship	Basil Lime Chicken	Grilled Pork Chops	Teriyaki Short Ribs	Meatloaf	Coconut Chicken	Grilled Tuna Melt
Eggs Benedict	Quiche	Turkey à la King	Wing Dings	Mashed Potatoes	Fish du Jour	Corned Beef and Cabbage
Ham Marco Polos	Beef Pot Pie	Biscuits	Fried Rice	Gravy	Brown Rice Pilaf	Vegetarian Casserole

Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 11
Maple Pork Loin	Kwaj Fried Chicken	Minute Steak	Grilled New York Strip	Oven Fried Chicken	Pancake Supper	Beef Stew
Szechuan Chicken	Beef Stir-fry	Thai Chicken Stir-fry	Herb Roast Chicken	Baked Spaghetti	Pork Adobo	Chicken Fajita Wraps
Couscous	Macaroni and Cheese	Peas and Carrots	Baked Potatoes	Vegetarian Stir-fry	Chicken Nuggets	Cajun Dirty Rice

conference room. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

RESILIENCY: Emotions and Reactions. A very special presentation for the community by USAG-KA Resiliency Coordinator Ray Drefus. 4:45-5:30 p.m., Friday, in the hospital conference room. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

"PARENTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE" group will begin the second Saturday of every month beginning Jan. 11, from 4:45-5:30 p.m., in the Hospital Conference Room. Teach your kids calmer, more constructive ways to express their anger, disappointment, fear, frustration and much more. For parents of elementary age students. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

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

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

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

GREAT KWAJ SWAP MEET. 9-11 a.m., Jan. 13, at Emon Beach. One complimentary table per household, additional table is \$10. Pick-up services provided—ask for the pick-up when registering. No oversized items. Call the CA office at 53331 to reserve your table. Space is limited.

KWAJALEIN ART GUILD meeting is at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 14, in the Art Annex. All members and interested individuals plan to attend to vote for the new 2014 Board Members.

WINTER BOWLING LEAGUE. 4-person teams, runs from Jan. 15 to March 5 on Wednesday nights. Limited to 24 bowlers. You will bowl each team once and two position rounds. 7-point scoring for the night. All are welcome to sign up. Don't have a team? Sign up and bowl with new friends. Have fun in the winter bowling league! Register with Community Activities. Call 53331.

LIVE SHOWS from rock band *Prospect Hill*! Jan. 17 at the Roi Outrigger. Jan. 19 at the Vet's Hall. Special show for high school students Jan. 20 at the MP Room. Band sponsored by Quality of Life. Questions? Call Community Activities at 53331.

PROSPECT HILL youth songwriting workshop. 6:30 p.m., Jan. 21, at the Youth Center. Interested in learning to write songs? Have a work in progress you want feedback on? This workshop is for you. Bring a pen, paper and an instrument, if you choose. Questions? Call Nick Langley at 53796 or Midori Hobbs at 53331.

NOT SURE where to start with your New Year's resolution? The library can help! Whether you're taking on a new hobby or a little self-improvement, we've got the resources to get you started! Check out self-help materials, cookbooks, workout DVDs, travel guides and more. Open Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; and open until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Call us today at 53439!

THROWING A PARTY? Looking for something to do on the weekends? The Kwajalein Sports Association has a Banana Boat and Laser Tag available for rent. If interested, call Tarah Yurovchak at 52280.

AFN-KWAJALEIN will soon make the transition from analog to digital broadcast for all 10 TV channels. The transition will likely be finalized on or before 31 January 2014. Residents with newer, digital TV sets will only need to reprogram their current TV set to receive all the digital channels. Residents with older, analog TV sets will need to obtain a DTV converter box to receive the digital TV Channels. These converter boxes are available for purchase online from various vendors. For information on how to use DTV converter boxes with an analog TV, see the PBS webpage explaining the process: http://www.pbs.org/digitaltv/converter_boxes.php.

WWII VETERANS to visit Kwajalein and Roi. Two veterans who fought in Operation Flintlock,

Military Casualties

Capt. David I. Lyon, 28, of Sandpoint, Idaho, died Dec. 27, 2013, from wounds suffered when his vehicle was attacked with an improvised explosive device in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 21st Logistics Readiness Squadron, Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

the battle for Kwajalein Atoll in January and February 1944, will be returning to Kwajalein in January for the 70th anniversary of the battle. Several events are being planned for their visit, which is being sponsored by American Legion Post #44, the Kwajalein Scuba Club and the Quality of Life committee. For more information, contact the event coordinator, Dan Farnham.

E-TALK: Most household batteries can be recycled! Tape over the battery terminals and place them in the recycle bin for pick up, or turn them in at AAFES.

E-TALK SPECIAL NOTICE: Jellyfish have spotted on Roi and can be expected near other islands. The sting of some jellyfish can be harmful. The poison usually causes a sharp, burning sensation that may last from minutes to hours. If stung, wash the wound with vinegar. Don't rinse with fresh water that could release more poison.

SAFELY SPEAKING: Avoid slippery areas. If you must walk through a slippery area, take small steps and use handholds, when they are available, to stabilize yourself.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2013 Indoor Volleyball Season a huge success. It took a lot of effort by many different people, and everyone involved did an excellent job. Special thanks to Drew Hall, Miguel Busquets, Andy Estacion, Thompson Tarwoj, KSA, the Hobby Shop and all the coaches and managers.

Congratulations to Grade 12, The Outsiders and Older Than School, who were this year's Champions.

—Kaylee West

Café Roi

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 11
Pasta Primavera	Roast Cornish Hen	Monte Cristo	Roast Beef Sandwich	Chicken Sandwich	Sausage Hoagies	Chicken Quesadilla
Cheesy Italian Chicken	Chorizo Casserole	Dry-rub Roast Beef	Honey Mustard Pork	Beef Stroganoff	Chicken Cacciatore	Beef Tacos
Breakfast Frittata	Souther Benedict	Corn on the Cob	Stir-fry Vegetables	Roasted Potatoes	Onion Rings	Pinto Beans

Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Jan. 11
Barbecue Pork Chop	Chicken Pasta Olivetti	Grilled Burgers	Grilled Steak Night	Roi Fried Chicken	Deli Sandwich Night	Tuscan Roast Turkey
Fried Fish	Pasta	Homemade Chili	Huli Huli Chicken	London Broil	BLTs	Beef Stew
Dirty Rice	Fresh Bread	Three-cheese Pasta	Baked Potatoes	Cornbread	Hot Brown	Ratatouille

Eugene "Gene" C. Sims

—1927-2013—

Gene Sims died over Thanksgiving this past year.

Gene is known by current and former Kwajalein residents for his many articles in both the Hourglass and Jody Ragan's "Kwajaleinletter" about the history of Kwajalein. His 1993 book, *Kwajalein Remembered*, is a prerequisite for anyone wishing to delve into WWII and post-WWII history of the island.

Gene completed three tours on Kwajalein. In 1945-46 he was there with the Navy and saw Kwaj in the aftermath of the battle to capture it.

He did two stints as a civilian. During 1965-1972, he was chief engineer for Global Associates. And between 1983-1986 he was Global's assistant site manager.

After a long career, he retired to Coos Bay, Ore., from where he and his wife, Betty, toured the country in their RV.

Gene had met and married Betty in Berkeley, Calif. in 1947. Betty passed away in 2001.

Gene is survived by three children, Candice, Deborah and Doug, and a sister and brother, Janice and Alan.

Like many of us, Kwaj held a special place in Gene's heart. But unlike many of us, he decided to write about his memories and share them with the rest of us. And those articles, chapters and pages he dutifully researched and recorded over the years will live on forever.

—Bill Remick and Candice Brown



Weather

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Day	Skies	Chance of Rain	Winds
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	<10%	ENE at 18-23 knots
Monday	Mostly Sunny	<10%	ENE at 16-21 knots
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	<10%	ENE-E at 15-20 knots
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE-E at 14-19 knots
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE at 16-22 knots
Friday	Mostly Sunny	<10%	ENE-E at 16-22 knots

Yearly total: 63.83 inches

Yearly deviation: -28.32 inches

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	Sunrise Sunset	Moonrise Moonset	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	7:05 a.m. 6:43 p.m.	10:10 a.m. 10:28 p.m.	6:49 a.m. 3.9' 7:01 p.m. 4.6'	12:45 a.m. -0.8' 12:43 p.m. -0.3'
Monday	7:06 a.m. 6:44 p.m.	10:59 a.m. 11:23 p.m.	7:33 a.m. 3.6' 7:43 p.m. 4.0'	1:26 a.m. -0.5' 1:28 p.m. 0.1'
Tuesday	7:06 a.m. 6:44 p.m.	11:46 a.m. -----	8:21 a.m. 3.3' 8:28 p.m. 3.4'	2:09 a.m. 0.0' 2:19 p.m. 0.6'
Wednesday	7:06 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	12:31 p.m. 12:15 a.m.	9:20 a.m. 3.1' 9:25 p.m. 2.9'	2:56 a.m. 0.4' 3:24 p.m. 1.0'
Thursday	7:07 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	1:17 p.m. 1:06 a.m.	10:41 a.m. 2.9' 10:53 p.m. 2.4'	3:56 a.m. 0.7' 5:04 p.m. 1.3'
Friday	7:07 a.m. 6:46 p.m.	2:03 p.m. 1:56 a.m.	----- 12:19 p.m. 2.9'	5:19 a.m. 0.9' 7:01 p.m. 1.2'
Jan. 11	7:07 a.m. 6:46 p.m.	2:49 p.m. 2:46 a.m.	12:44 a.m. 2.3' 1:34 p.m. 3.2'	6:46 a.m. 0.9' 8:14 p.m. 0.8'