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USAG-KA Commander Col.

Nestor Sadler talks with Roi-Namur residents and RMI workforce during his first town hall there since assuming command. For more, see page 2.

Photo by Jordan Vinson

USAG-KA commander fields questions from Roi, Kwaj communities at first town halls

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U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Nestor Sadler met with the Kwajalein community at a town hall meeting Jan. 24. The event was a forum by which leadership and community members voiced their opinions on a litany of issues impacting Kwajalein—both good and bad. Roi-Namur residents and workforce had taken advantage of a separate Dec. 20 meeting at the Roi Tradewinds Theater. A third town hall took place the following day at the Island Memorial Chapel for Kwajalein's Marshallese workforce.

Sadler began each session with a 20-minute presentation that outlined USAG-KA's overarching mission goals. This was his first such round of town hall meetings since assuming command of the garrison more than four months ago.

"This is your time. One of the things we like is feedback, good bad or indifferent," he said to the folks on Roi-Namur. "Feedback so that we can provide you better services and hopefully make your job easier and get you the resources and attention to get your job done."

He introduced a variety of props during his presentations to help set the tone of the discussions and keep the atmosphere light, yet productive.

"I always see my glass as half-full," he said raising a glass of water for the crowd to see. "There may be some challenges; there may be some difficulties, but at the end of the day I'm always positive."

He qualified that sentiment, how-

ever, admitting that not everyone can be satisfied. The white hard hat he placed on his head acknowledged his readiness to take on the toughest questions contractors and local workers could muster.

And the large translucent glass ball Sadler produced, which he referred to as anything but a magic crystal ball, was a metaphor for explaining that there will always be some questions for which he and his staff would have no answer.

"Just like my crystal ball, I can't look into the future and tell you what's going to happen," he said. "I can't look in the past and change the things that have happened. But what I will tell you is that I will give you straight-up information and the facts as I know them today. And my entire staff will do the same thing."

Central to the discussions was the garrison's fiscal budget, whose future is completely out of USAG-KA hands and currently not fully detailed. Sadler emphasized that, while residents' and RMI workers' concerns regarding a sliding Department of Defense budget were justified, the cuts currently being made to the U.S. defense budget are certainly not abnormal.

In other words, he explained, the budget is merely on its way back to a state of normalcy following more than a decade of steady increases resulting from the post-9/11 engagements in the Middle East. Buildups and drawdowns in troops, equipment and finances are simply part of the Department of Defense's nature as its needs and objectives ebb and flow throughout the years.



USAG-KA Commander Col. Nestor Sadler addresses the RMI workforce community at the Dec. 21 town hall meeting.

"It's going to be a natural decline," Sadler said. "We're going to have to make some hard choices. DoD [the Department of Defense], the Army, the government are going to make some hard choices. Again, I don't have a crystal ball. I don't know what that's going to look like. I don't know where that's going to bottom out at. But it will be somewhat lower. How much lower? I don't know."

But what he did know for sure, he said, was that, out of the approximately 75 Army installations peppered across the planet, USAG-KA's funding levels are doing fine and are no cause for worry.

What Sadler also knew very well are the reasons the communities of Kwajalein and Roi-Namur are where they are. The number one priority, Sadler reminded, is the Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command's overriding mission—operations at the Reagan Test Site.

"We're here to support the war fighter," he told the 160 Kwajalein residents in the MP Room Jan. 24. It doesn't matter if you're a radar

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manager or an RMI construction worker—everyone works to move the mission forward.

He talked at length about the community's second priority, which is the ongoing transition of base operations on the ground from the Army to Installation Management Command in order to improve the quality of life, services and infrastructure available to the community and overall mission needs.

"The transition didn't end on Oct. 1," he said, referring back to the official transfer of authority to IMCOM. "It's still continuing." The shift may cause a few growing pains along the way, he reminded. But the end product will undoubtedly be worth it.

The third priority, Sadler said, was to maintain and improve relations at every level between USAG-KA—and in extension the people and government of the United States—and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

"This community values the family," he told the audience in the MP Room. And he emphasized that the Marshallese employees who live and work among U.S. employees on Roi-Namur and Kwajalein are very much part of that same family.

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Sadler updated Kwaj residents on the latest news of USAG-KA providing high-speed Internet connections on Roi and Kwajalein. He said that USAG-KA, AAFES and KRS are now working on a new arrangement that will allow residents to purchase internet services from AAFES, as is done on many other U.S. military installations. A central theme of Sadler's discussions with residents was the need to understand that the communities of USAG-KA should worry more about ensuring that the process of obtaining internet services is done correctly and legally—not immediately and tarnished with errors that might come back biting in the future.

But that didn't stop about a dozen individuals from taking to the microphone to offer a range of follow-up questions on the issue. They wanted to know everything from why high-speed access has been delayed and whether KRS had an expected date of completion, to whether the service could be provided free-of-charge.

Deputy Garrison Commander Joseph Moscone tackled a few questions during his moment at the microphone, discussing both the intense coordination that has gone on with respect to the Internet issue and the challenges that Command is trying to overcome with the funding tied to this initiative. He stated that although the hurdles have been difficult, he believes that Command and KRS are still very close to finalizing a viable course of action that meets all fiscal and legal requirements. It's something that has been very difficult to do at this location, he said.

Some residents voiced concerns about the number of flies on Kwajalein and suggested there be a concerted initiative to educate everyone on the island about proper trash disposal. They referenced an article by the Pest Control Department printed in the Hourglass that highlighted problem areas throughout the island where residents have done a poor job of sealing their trash before disposal. All it takes is a couple of seconds of time and a proper plastic bag, they reminded, to cut off flies from potential breeding areas like leftover foodstuffs. Billy Abston, the supervisor of the Pest Control Department, affirmed after the town hall that his department and Hourglass staff will collaborate to get more exposure for both the island's fly problem and the easy solutions residents can employ to crush it.

Switching gears, a KRS Information Services employee asked if there is anything the folks at the power plant could do to cut down on the number of power outages experienced at the his BQ every now and then. Jamie Heidle, the director of USAG-KA Directorate of Public Works, addressed the issue. He explained that between \$12 million and \$15 million in upgrades have been installed at Kwajalein's power plant in a wide-reaching effort to nix outages experienced by Information Services staff. He acknowledged the plant's awareness of the problem



Kim Yarnes, KRS deputy Community Service manager, discusses Post Office issues with Kwaj residents Jan. 24.

and assured the community he and his staff would get to the bottom of it.

The possibility of granting more flexible access to some island facilities was also addressed by residents and Sadler. The Commander took the opportunity to announce that USAG-KA had already begun exploring options regarding putting the CRC gym on a cipher lock system to allow its use after normal business hours. The question of why some children's sports leagues require participation fees while others do not was also acknowledged by USAG-KA staff. They explained that the issue of sports fees will be another aspect of the community that will be streamlined and better understood as the IMCOM transition continues apace.

Other questions raised by community members covered everything from expedited shipping from the garrison and children's use of the Adult Pool to some residents'



Labtak Langrus shares a few lighthearted laughs during the Dec. 21 town hall at the Island Memorial Chapel.

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Roi Resident David Castle addresses USAG-KA Commander Col. Nestor Sadler, KRS leaders and AAFES representatives with questions at the Dec. 20 town hall.

tendency to hoard sought-after items they come across at Surfway.

For every question asked, Sadler emphasized there would be an answer provided by USAG-KA and KRS, adding that a future issue of the Hourglass will print official responses on all the issues and concerns brought up during the town hall meetings.

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Similar questions were raised at the Marshallese work force town hall held at the Island Memorial Chapel. A comment was made about enhancing shopping privileges for Marshallese staff that work on Kwajalein. Many RMI employees, a worker said at one point, are suggesting an increase in the amount of consumable goods they are allowed to purchase at the Kwajalein Exchange and Surfway. Other individuals emphasized they would like the popular Marshallese shopping days to occur a bit more frequently.

Sadler responded that until very recently, C-badge holders living on Kwajalein due to their work schedules couldn't even use Surfway for consumable goods. While there is no guarantee the Commander will be able to settle everyone's shopping desires, he emphasized that he and his staff will do their best to provide more privileges on Kwajalein for Marshallese workers.

And he has already started. For instance, it was only last month, he explained, that he and RMI Liaison to USAG-KA Lanny Kabua had met

with RMI President Christopher Loeak in Majuro to talk through these issues. More meetings will likely occur in the future.

One of the questions fielded by Holly Botes, USAG-KA's attorney advisor, dealt with allowing Ebeye children to once again use Kwajalein swimming pools. She explained that the notion that Ebeye kids had been banned from using Kwajalein's pools was completely inaccurate. She said they are still welcome to come to Kwajalein and enjoy family pool once construction is finished if they do so under the sponsorship of a Kwajalein resident.

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The Roi-Namur residents and workers townhall held on Dec. 20 under the shade of the Roi Tradewind Theater touched on residents' feelings of isolation and lack of access to some the services that Kwajalein residents enjoy.

"I know sometimes you guys feel isolated from the Kwajalein community," Sadler said. "But again, like I said earlier, you guys are the center of gravity for the mission and everything that goes on. And you guys are part of the family, part of the team. And we will do everything that we can to try to make it right and make it better. Again, we're not perfect. But we're going to work to be perfect."

Residents offered the idea of stationing on Roi-Namur the following full-time, dedicated positions to provide greater access to their associated services: postal and finance

clerk; marina mechanic; IT tech; and a Health and Safety employee.

KRS leaders, in turn, offered up promising updates on their efforts to create and fill those positions on Roi.

"We have two open positions with Safety that we've been trying to fill on the KRS side," said Brian Coombe, deputy project manager for KRS Business Services. He also said he'd discuss with other department managers the prospect of stationing a permanent IT tech on Roi.

Lacy Baldy, deputy project manager for KRS Community Services, confirmed that Community Activities is actively searching for someone to serve as a full-time marina mechanic on Roi.

Roi residents also said they would like access to a few more creature comforts every now and then.

Jeff Sweetenburg, the manager of AAFES on Kwajalein Atoll, addressed everything from getting Roi residents more Christmas candy at the Roi Exchange to the absence of a post-Thanksgiving Black Friday sale on Roi-Namur.

He reminded the assembly that part of what makes USAG-KA unique is its relatively small population, a factor that often makes it difficult to get certain items out to both Roi and Kwajalein. Buying small amounts of merchandise for small sites like Kwajalein and Roi, he said, from vendors that are used to normally selling items in bulk is not easy.

Sadler, meanwhile, reiterated that there are certain products or supplies that stores on the garrison simply cannot ship in due to the remoteness of the atoll and the population's small size. But he emphasized his contention that if there is an item that the Kwajalein residents can get, that same product also be available to Roi-Namur residents. He discussed different options that USAG-KA and AAFES could take, such as using metro flights, to ensure Roi has access to the items that the Kwajalein community has.

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Not all questions raised at the town halls were answered and covered in this article; those that were not answered will be featured in a future Hourglass article.

Musicians dazzle at Kaleidoscope

Article and photos by Jordan Vinson
Associate Editor

About two dozen music acts took center stage during the 2014 Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Kaleidoscope of Music Sunday. Nearly 200 residents enjoyed covers of classics like James Taylor's "Fire and Rain," original singer-songwriter acts and instrumental renditions of classical pieces performed on piano, guitar, drums and more.

Acoustic guitar acts featured most prominently during the three-hour show. Dan "Riverdog" Hopkins, for instance, covered Mumford and Sons' "Where Are You Now," and Brandon McAfee and Mary Stone covered James Taylor hits. Ric Fullerton, Ted Trimble and Kenny Winchester followed suit, singing and playing to a mix of Beatles classics like "Here Comes the Sun" and "Eleanor Rigby." Tony and Melody Cherry teamed up with Ed and Patrice Kramer to play a couple original songs, such as "The Road," "I See You," "Childhood Memories" and "Beautiful Island"—a witty love letter to Kwajalein by Patrice Kramer. Mike Symanski changed up the pace, plugging his acoustic cutaway into a Marshall amplifier and soaking the output in reverb and touches of a delay effect; his song was an original titled "Taken Down." Dan Eggers, meanwhile, jammed his heart out to a guitar riff arrangement called "Kaleido-

scape" he made from spliced Pearl Jam hooks and original Eggers riffs. Kaleidoscope veteran Andy Carden covered Robert Earl Keen's "Feeling Good Again" on his dreadnought, and Sean Winkler impressed the crowd with a spot-on rendition of Heitor Villa-Lobos' "Prelude Number 1" on classical guitar.

The Drum Down the Sun group's Ron Sylvester, Dax Mitchell, McAfee, Tim Roberge and Symanski put on a thunderous drum performance with djembes, bongos and steel drums.

Piano bar veteran, Steven Baptista, covered Claude Putnam Jr.'s "Green Green Grass of Home," crooning softly over the chords he plied on his keyboard. Lisanne Sykes and Danielle Rivera took on a couple complicated classical piano pieces. Sykes played an arrangement of Johann Pachelbel's "Canon in D" at a blistering pace, and Rivera took on French composer Claude Debussy's "Claire de Lune." LeAnn Parker covered "This Masquerade" by Leon Russell on piano, and a harmonized medley of popular songs performed by Annie Hepler, Angelo Lelet and Auguston Lelet brought out the trio's adroit guitar, singing and drum skills.

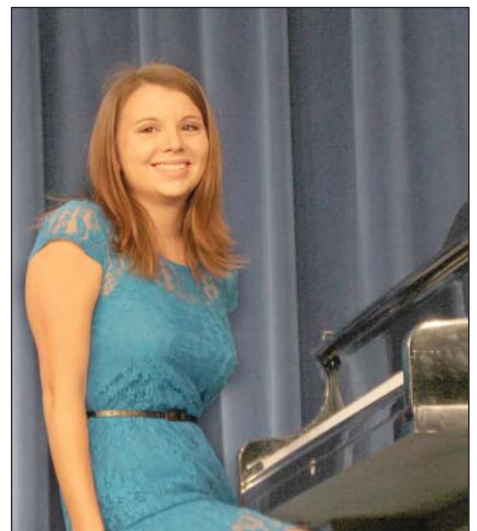
Other singing performances consisted of Christine Abragan's cover of Adele's "Someone Like You." Cynthia Pavia was the front woman for the Kwaj Kwintet's electrifying cover of Don Raye's and Hughie Prince's "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy."



Steven Baptista covers "Green Green Grass of Home" by Claude Putnam Jr.



Master of Ceremonies Jim Cossey regales the crowd between sets.



Danielle Rivera beams during the crowd's applause following her piano performance.

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Ed Kramer, left, joins Southern Karma's Melody and Tony Cherry for a couple original tunes Sunday evening.



Drum Down the Sun's Ron Sylvester and Tim Roberge thump on their djembes.

She was joined by Danny Barthle on drums, Dan Eggers on upright bass, Dale Finley on guitar and Jeff Wrobel on trumpet. And members of the Jine Tip Tip Club also sang.

Wrobel joined Keith Peacock, the other half of the epic Kwajalein brass band Dos Pajaros, for covers of "Dust in the Wind" and Daniel Moore's "Shambala" on the trumpet, flugelhorn and saxophone. And Kyle Miller, the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School music teacher, rounded out the brass performances with Wilson Osbourne's "Rhapsody" on baritone saxophone.

The event was as much a fundraiser as it was a music variety show. In addition to providing local musicians a forum for them to strut their stuff, the Kaleidoscope of Music raised more than \$3,000 in scholarship money for college-bound Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School seniors. The young men and women who were in attendance were recognized with a warm round of applause by



Sean Winkler performs Heitor Villa-Lobos' "Prelude Number 1" on classical guitar.

the crowd as they approach the final bend in their high school careers.

Funnyman Jim Cossey served as the Kaleidoscope's master of ceremonies throughout the evening, bridging the waiting times between acts with some friendly, comedic jabs at friends and coworkers.

To help buy time for the volunteers tasked with setting up and tearing down equipment between performances, Cossey read aloud to the audience many Kwajalein residents' "Only on Kwaj ..." aphorisms, which had been recorded and submitted by YYWC volunteers. Replete with old-timers' and newcomers' unique insights into the quirks of life on the island, they were comedy gold.

"Only on Kwaj do you find yourself climbing the breadfruit trees by the Coral BQ under a full moon, going for that big one," Cossey read aloud over the audience's laughter. "Only on Kwaj can you sell a rusty bike for \$100."



Keith Peacock and Jeff Wrobel of Dos Pajaros, play a cover of "Shambala."

He also read short biographies on performers as they prepared themselves on stage.

"[Andy] loves long walks on the beach, the smell of fresh-cut flowers, puppies and kittens," Cossey said, giving Carden a friendly ribbing as he approached the microphone to play to the crowd. "OK, so here's the deal. Andy gave me the shortest bio of anybody in this performance tonight. So I took the liberty to add a few things that I thought personified Andy's personality. Hopefully I wasn't too far off, Andy."

"You forgot the ... wearing women's lingerie," Carden said as the audience roared with laughter.

"It's a family show, Andy," Cossey smiled.

The intermission midway through the night was dedicated to Lindsay Davis, who had been and will forever be a big part of the Kaleidoscope events. She passed away last year. She and her father had performed



Members of the Jine Tip Tip club sing during the event's opening prelude.



Brandon McAfee and Mary Stone collaborate on two James Taylor classics, "Fire and Rain" and "You've Got a Friend."



Cynthia Pavia delights the audience during the Kwaj Kwintet's live act.



Mike Symanski hits the high notes during a performance of his song "Taken Down."



Dan Eggers plays an original composition he aptly named "Kaleidoscope."



Andy Carden sings and strums to a Robert Earl King song.



Lisanne Sykes enjoys the applause following her blistering performance of Johann Pachelbel's "Canon."

together at the Kaleidoscope only a few years prior, and the Multi Purpose Room is actually named after her grandmother.

Cynthia Rivera, Jane Premo and Sarah Stepchew—the co-chairs of the event—took a moment to thank everyone who put their time and effort into making the night a success.

"We are blessed by a community of volunteers that make events like this possible," Rivera told the crowd in the MP Room.

They extended special thanks to the night's many performers and to Dan Eggers, the event's music and staging coordinator, and Danny Barthle, who handled the performers' sound. Carrie Aljure and the volunteer bakers and servers who provided mouth-watering desserts and refreshments during the intermission were also recognized. They tipped their caps to Cossey, whose witticism kept the transitions apace. And Annie Dowell, the Jine Tip Tip Club members and the stage crew—including Mereille Bisho, Leightyn Cossey and Molly Premo—were thanked for their work as well.



Kenny Winchester shocks the crowd, pulling off a head of hair that turned out to be a wig. He joined Fullerton, left, and Ted Trimble for a medley of Beatles hits.



Dan Hopkins covers Mumford and Son's "Where Are You Now."



Kyle Miller plays Wilson Osbourne's "Rhapsody" on the baritone saxophone.



The Kaleidoscope musicians relish the limelight on stage at the end of concert. About two dozen acts performed during the show.

DISPATCH FROM ROI

By Leslie Mead
KRS Archeologist

A ceremony took place this morning to dedicate a plaque to those who made the ultimate sacrifice during the battle for the northern stretch of Kwajalein Atoll in 1944. The plaque was unveiled by U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Nestor Sadler and U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Thomas Armbruster. They were assisted by Burl Sousa and Ted Sonner, the two famed veterans of Operation Flintlock currently visiting Kwajalein Atoll to celebrate the event's 70th anniversary.

The new plaque replaces a plastic encased paper list of the names of the members of the 4th Marines who fell during the battle. The plaque is larger in size than the paper list and is made of polished stainless steel in which the Marines' names are engraved and highlighted with black enamel paint. The plaque will be mounted on the same stand as the previous listing and will now include all the names of those killed in action or died of wounds on Mellu, Ennuebing, Ennibirr, Ennugarret, Ennumanet, Roi and Namur Islands between Jan. 31 and Feb. 2, 1944. There are a total of 194 names on the new plaque.

The names of the fallen were derived from numerous sources, such as graves registration records, after action reports, muster rolls, unit histories and hospital ships' records. Each name was researched and every effort was made to find original documents to verify when and where the men were born; when they enlisted; what company they were in or ship they were on; who their next of kin were; where and when they were killed or wounded; and where their remains currently rest.

The vast majority of the men who died on Roi-Namur were young, between 18 and 22 years of age. If one were to pick a "typical" name from the plaque, a good example might be George W. Pate of Buhl, Ala. He enlisted in the Marines in 1942 at

the age of 19, went to boot camp at Parris Island and continued his training in communications in Camp Lejeune, N.C. He was sent to Camp Pendleton in California where he joined the newly formed 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division. On Jan. 13, 1943 his unit shipped out, heading for Kwajalein Atoll. On D-Day Plus 1 (Feb. 1, 1944) Pate landed on the southern beach of Namur Island west of Yokohama Pier (Green Beach 1).

Shortly after landing, Pate was shot in the neck and killed, becoming



Pfc. George W. Pate, before his death on Namur Island during Operation Flintlock.

ing his platoon's first combat casualty. He was originally buried on Roi-Namur in Grave 19, Plot 2, Row 2 of the Marine Cemetery. In 1947 his remains were returned to his family in Alabama, and he would be buried at Williamson Cemetery in Northport, Ala.

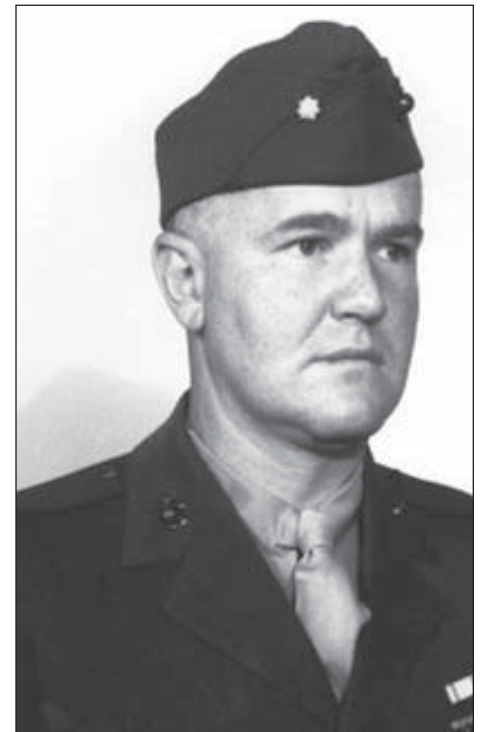
The youngest marine listed was 17-year-old Pfc. John V. Crisp of Buffalo Cove, N.C. He was part of F Company, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marine Regiment of the 4th Marine Division and was killed in action on the first day of the assault, Jan. 31, 1944 during the landing on Ennubirr Island.

After his death, Crisp would be buried in a temporary grave on Ennubirr, and then subsequently



moved to the Marine Corps cemetery on Roi-Namur. His body was then moved along with the other bodies in the Roi-Namur cemetery to a graveyard on Mellu Island. In 1947 all the bodies in Mellu cemetery were transported to a vault in Honolulu. At the request of his family, the remains were transported to Salisbury National Cemetery in Salisbury, N.C. where they rest to this day.

A scattering of older non-commissioned officers are found amongst the list. Most appear to have been career military servicemen, having enlisted in the latter 1930s. One of the oldest and certainly the highest ranking fatality was 35-year-old Lt. Col. Aquilla J. "Jimmy" Dyess. Dyess commanded the 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division in their assault on Green Beach 2. He was killed by Japanese machine gun fire when he climbed to the top of a tank trap



Lt. Col. Aquilla Dyess, one of the higher-ranking officers killed on Roi-Namur.

parapet just to the southeast of the current TRADEX/ALCOR facility's location.

Like young Pfc. John Crisp, Lt. Col. Dyess's remains rested in the Marine Corps Cemetery on Roi before being moved to Mellu in mid-1944. In 1947, his remains were transported to his home in Augusta, Ga. He presently lies in a crypt at Westover Memorial Park.

The sons of five prominent Washington politicians or high-ranking military officers fought in the Battle of Roi-Namur. Two of them would lay down their lives on the island.

When Stephen "Hoppy" Hopkins reported to Camp Pendleton in 1943 he created a bit of a stir. First, he asked to join a regular company as a machine gunner, despite having the opportunity to attend Officers Candidate School. Second, his paperwork listed the address of his father and next of kin as "the White House". Hopkins, it turned out, was the son of Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's secretary of commerce and

you always lose men yourself. One of the Marines we lost here was young Hopkins. He had kept his machine gun going right into the middle of a banzai charge until he took a bullet in his head."

Although Hopkins initially survived and was transported to the U.S.S. Calvert, he died of his wounds on the night of Feb. 2, 1944 and was buried at sea. He is remembered at the Courts of the Missing at the Pacific National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the plaque unveiled today is the lack of names on it. In general, battles in the Pacific were exceptionally one-sided, with far more casualties on the Japanese side than that of the Americans. In most WWII battles in the Pacific, American fatalities averaged about 5 to 10 percent of those seen amongst Japanese troops. But on Roi-Namur, the number of American fatalities was less than .05 percent of those suffered by the



Stephen Hopkins in 1943 before moving out with fellow Marines to push back Japanese imperial grabs in Micronesia during WWII.

controversial personal advisor and friend.

His commanding officer, Capt. Irving Schechter, described the valor Hopkins exhibited on Roi-Namur right up to the last moments of his life.

"We went into the Roi-Namur, part of the Marshalls, around the beginning of February," Schechter said. "Our battalion went ashore on Namur ... whenever you have to kill a few thousand Japanese,

Japanese defenders of the island.

That is one of the most remarkable aspects of the battle. Operation Flintlock demonstrated that a successful amphibious assault on a fortified land-based target was possible with relatively light casualties. It is partially for this reason that Operation Flintlock, which celebrates its 70th anniversary on this day, is considered one of the most successful U.S. amphibious assaults in WWII.

Stephen Hopkins Killed at Namur In Night Battle

NAMUR, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Stephen Hopkins, 18-year-old son of Harry Hopkins, presidential aide, was killed the first night of fighting on Namur islet.

He ran into a crossfire between U. S. marines and Japanese snipers.

Hopkins, a husky youth, had turned down a chance to get a commission at officers training school, preferring to get a crack at combat fighting as a private. He was a light machine gunner and had been in the marines for seven months.

Hopkins was shot through the head. He was unconscious when medical corpsmen reached him. They took him to a hospital ship, where he died.

Stephen Hopkins, reported killed in the Marshalls fighting, was 15 years of age when the picture reproduced above was taken. The photograph was made as he bade goodbye to his father before the latter left for London three years ago as President Roosevelt's personal representative.



Stephen Hopkins Killed As He Ran Into Cross-Fire

NAMUR, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Stephen Hopkins, 18, youngest son of Harry L. Hopkins, friend and adviser of President Roosevelt, died getting what he wanted—combat action.

Stephen, who preferred fighting as a Marine private to a chance to go to Officer's Candidate School, was killed the first night of the battle for Namur islet. A light machinegunner, he was shot through the head as he ran into a cross-fire between U. S. Marines and Japanese snipers, and died aboard a hospital ship.

One brother, David, is an officer on an aircraft carrier, and the other, Robert, is with the Army in Italy.

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 full-time Benefits Administrator. Responsibilities include coordinating and administering health and welfare plans for KRS, CMSI and BAI employees; managing daily operations of the benefits area; researching and responding to benefits questions and issues; act as an intermediary between benefit providers and employees; ensuring data integrity; analyzing financial premium reports; developing and implementing benefit processes. Requirements include a Bachelor's degree or three to five years related benefits or employee benefit administration experience; strong interpersonal and communication skills; the ability to obtain a CAC (Common Access Card) 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.

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.

LOST

LADY'S WATCH, silver, on Ocean Road between the chapel and Kwaj Lodge. Call 52370.

SUUNTO VIPER dive computer at Emon Beach dive shack, on or about Jan. 20. Call 51689.

WANTED

LATTICE MATERIAL to put around deck. Call 54168.

REFRIGERATOR and a full- or queen-sized mattress. Leave a message at 50010.

HOUSE for four missionaries from Guam visiting Kwajalein March 7-15. Two adults and two teenagers. Help Robin Beale achieve her dream of visiting her 1980s island home! Call Cheryle Johnson at 51684.

PATIO SALE

TODAY, 4-6 p.m.; and Feb. 3, 7-11 a.m. Quarters 137-B. PCS Sale, everything on sale.

FOR SALE

GIRL'S princess bike, 16-inch, \$20; three new Ikea lamps in boxes, \$35 each; two Wii remote rechargeable batteries, \$10. Call 52370.

WATERPROOF armband/adjustable waistband/headphones for all generations of iPod nano and other medium size mp3 players, H2O Audio Amphibix brand, for running, swimming, kayaking, surfing and kite surfing, paid over \$100, will sacrifice for \$50. Call Kathy at 52517.

FUJI 18-speed racing bike, model S12-S, \$150; Scubapro Knighthawk XXL BCD, Atomic B2 regulator, Air2, bag, more, \$400; Logitech MOMO racing wheel and NASCAR game, \$25; two hose reels with hose, \$15 each. Call Bob or Jane at 53704.

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, three solar panels, wind generator, autopilot, new cabinetry, flooring, plumbing, upholstery and much more, \$75,000. Contact mnast@hotmail.com or call 54203.

DIVE GEAR: Seaquest GD PRO BCD, size large, Aqualung regulator, Apex Buddy with compass, Aqualung Slingshot fins, size 10 boots, large gloves, mask, snorkel, two large rashguards, \$1200. Call Harry Alanzo at 52520 or 52222.

PORTABLE DISHWASHER, \$100; men's left-handed TaylorMade Burner irons, 580 driver, putter, new umbrella, glove, tees, balls, nice bag, pull cart, \$150. Call 52785.

RUSTMAN racing bike, alloy frame and wheels, carbon fiber forks, weight 24 LBS, start training now, \$250. Call 52642.

BURLEY TRAILER; blinds for 400-series housing; plants; two sit-on kayaks; scuba gear (BCs, weights, etc.); Rubbermaid 24-inch x 6-foot-high plastic storage; gas grill; Sun Cruz bike, yellow, good condition; Sun Cruz bike, Kwaj condition; miscellaneous rugs; violin. Some items not available until after mid-February. Call Ken at 51293 after 5 p.m.

ONKYO TX-SR705 home theater receiver, \$250; Onkyo 2-channel amplifier, \$50; Skullcandy Aviator headphones, \$75; Call Travis at 53936 or 51550.

LARGE analog (tube) TV, 30-inch, works fine, too heavy for me to deliver, \$50. Call 53793 and leave a message.

GIANT MOUNTAIN BICYCLE, 18-speed, \$300. Call Steven at 54526 or 54339.

DELTA ANCHOR, 88 LB recently galvanized, in great shape, \$375; Walder boom vang, \$40; underwater camera, canon A95 and underwater case, \$100; women's Zeagle scuba BC, small, \$75; dive lights, Kinetics SL4, \$10 each. Call Geoff at 51849 or 54747.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NEW POSTAL RATES are now in effect. Visit <https://www.usps.com/new-prices.htm> for details. First-Class letter Mail is now \$0.49.

KWAJALEIN ATOLL International Sportfishing Club is sponsoring the Sunday Series Fishing Challenge to be held every Sunday starting Feb. 2. Challenge will continue until all fish categories are caught/won. For more information, call Trudy at 55987.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S Fellowship would like

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility**Lunch**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Feb. 8
Carved Beef	Basil Lime Chicken	Grilled Pork Chops	Teriyaki Short Ribs	Meatloaf	Coconut Chicken	Tuna Melt
Eggs Benedict	Quiche	Turkey and Dumplings	Hoisin Cornish Hen	Pizza	Fish du Jour	Corned Beef and Cabbage
Ham Marco Polos	Beef Pot Pie	Beans	Fried Rice	Mashed Potatoes	Brown Rice Pilaf	Vegetarian Mostaccioli

Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Feb. 8
Maple Pork Loin	Oven Fried Chicken	Minute Steak	London Broil	Honey Stung Chicken	Pancake Supper	Beef Stew
Szechuan Chicken	Beef Stir-fry	Thai Chicken Stir-fry	Pasta Alfredo	Baked Spaghetti	Sweet and Sour Pork	Chicken Fajita Wraps
Garlic Couscous	Macaroni and Cheese	Garlic Mashed Potatoes	Baked Potatoes	Vegetarian Stir-fry	Chicken Nuggets	Refried Beans

to invite all ladies to join us for our monthly luncheon at noon on Sunday in the REB. You don't need to bring anything, just come and enjoy lunch and fellowship. Our speaker will be Karen Simas sharing what it was like "Living in Antarctica" Questions? Call Judy McGuire at 51157.

OPERATION FLINTLOCK 70th Anniversary Celebration. 5 p.m., Sunday, at the Country Club. Put on your best 1940s get-up and join us for an evening of big band music with a live DJ, drink specials and special guests, veterans Ted Sonner and Burl Sousa. Must be 21 years or older.

SUPER BOWL BRUNCH at the Vet's Hall! Kick off your celebration with breakfast before the game. \$15 includes eggs, biscuits and gravy, bacon or sausage, coffee or juice and pupus to snack on during the game. All proceeds will be added to the Don Serra fundraiser we are having in February. We open at 10 a.m., Monday. Must be 21 or older to participate. Questions? Contact Jan Abrams or Mike Woundy.

SUPER BOWL PARTY! 9 a.m., Monday, at the Country Club. Check out the big game on the big screen with your friends! Drink specials and appetizers. Wifi now available. Must be 21 or older.

ADULT POOL NOTICE: Beginning Monday, Kwajalein Swim Team will be using the Adult Pool while construction continues at the Family Pool. KST will use three lanes for team members. Three lanes will remain open for Adult Pool patrons. All facility policies and patronage rules still apply. Practice times are Mondays 8:30-11:30 a.m., Wednesdays and Saturdays 5-8 p.m.

DATE CHANGE: Kwajalein Running Club's February Fun Run will be at 5:30 p.m on Feb. 24, instead of Feb. 3. Questions? Call Bob or Jane Sholar at 51815.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND University College announces 2014 Spring Mid-Session registration is now open! Register through Wednesday. Session dates: Feb. 10-April 14. Schedules can be viewed at <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.

SMOKING CESSATION for the Roi community on Wednesday. Call the EAP at 55362 to register.

WANT TO DRIVE a power boat or sail the seas? Join us for the Basic Boating Class at 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at the the CRC. Cost is \$40. Stop by the Small Boat Marina to sign up.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT group meets at 4:45 p.m., Thursday, in the hospital conference room. Topic: Stress and Overeating. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

KWAJALEIN AMATEUR RADIO Club Meeting. 7 p.m., Thursday, at the Ham Shack just south of the Adult Pool. Information and study materials available for HAM licenses. After the meeting we will be using the Echolink System with a VHF Radio.

PARENTS Make a Difference support group will meets at 4:45 p.m., Feb. 8, in the hospital conference room. Topic: "Belief Systems are formed throughout life, but especially during the time from birth through early childhood". Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION! 8 p.m., Feb. 8, at the Ocean View Club. Come enjoy Fat Tuesday on a Saturday, complete with beads, feather masks and featured drink specials.

DATE CHANGE: Kwajalein Running Club's 4X1 Sweetheart Relay will be at 9 a.m on Feb. 17, instead of Feb. 10. This is a no-fee event, but pre-registration is required. Questions? Call Bob or Jane Sholar at 51815.

BARIATRIC SURGERY Support Group meets at 4:45 p.m., Feb. 11, in the hospital conference room. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

COOKIE EXCHANGE. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Feb. 12, at the Grace Sherwood Library. Make and bring your favorite baked goodies to exchange with others! Questions? Call 53439.

ATTENTION DEFICIT Support Group meets at 4:45 p.m., Feb. 13, in the hospital conference room. Topic: Where do I go from here?" Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

RESILIENCY PRESENTATION to the community: "Avoiding Think Traps." 4:45 p.m., Feb. 15, in the hospital conference room. Presented by Ray Drefus. Questions? Call the EAP at 55362.

HOSPITAL NEWS

The hospital has received its order of flu shots for people who are allergic to eggs. Supplies are very limited, so come as soon as possible to have your shot done if you are allergic to eggs.



If you are travelling off island, please consider getting your fly shot ASAP. The influenza season is taking a huge toll on people in the United States, so protect yourself and your family now. Immunization is recommended a minimum of two weeks before you travel, but don't let that stop you for getting your shot even if you leave tomorrow.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB, Project Aware, Harbor Clean-up. 1-3 p.m., Feb. 16. Divers: this is a rare chance to dive the Kwajalein Harbor. Sign-in starts at 12:30 p.m. at the Small Boat Marina. Bring gloves. Contact Bill Williamson for details.

SMOKING CESSATION for the Kwaj community on Feb. 22. Call the EAP at 55362 to register.

SAFELY SPEAKING: Place boards or ramps on both sides of an extension cord to protect it when the cord is placed on a floor, in an aisle or across a road.

Café Roi

Lunch

Sunday

Baked Ham
Chicken Piccata
Wild Rice Pilaf

Monday

London Broil
Catfish
Pinto Beans

Tuesday

Hot Dogs
Meatloaf
Cornbread

Wednesday

Grilled Reuben
Bombay Chicken
German Potato Salad

Thursday

Fish Sandwiches
Chicken Fricassee
Onion Rings

Friday

Pizza
Baked Ziti
Cheesy Garlic Bread

Feb. 8

Philly Cheesesteak
Roasted Kibi Ribs
Macaroni and Cheese

Dinner

Sunday

Roast Chicken
Beef Stew
Stuffing

Monday

Chicken Parmesan
Beef Ragu Pasta
Garlic Bread

Tuesday

Barbecue Chicken
Smoked Sausage
Sweet Potatoes

Wednesday

Grilled Top Sirloin
Baked Chicken
Baked Potatoes

Thursday

Roi Fried Chicken
Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes

Friday

Hamburgers
Chicken Breast
Tater Tots

Feb. 8

Sausage and Peppers
Chicken Pesto Alfredo
Pasta Marinara

Ready and Resilient Wellness Calendar Feb. 1-8

Sponsored by the Community Health Promotional Council

2 Christian Women Fellowship Luncheon, 1200, REB.	3 Circuit Training, 0800-0900, Ivey Gym	4	5 1. Circuit Training, 0500-0600, Ivey Gym. 2. Smoking Cessation Group (ROI), 1100, KEAMS Room. (Call 5-5362 to register) 3. Zumba, 1730-1830, CRC, Rm 6.	6 1. Weight Management Group, 1645 – 1730, Hospital Conference Room. 2. Yoga, 1845-1930, CRC, Rm 6	7 Circuit Training, 0500-0600, Ivey Gym. Zumba, 1730-1830, CRC, Rm 1	1 1. Sunrise Yoga, 0600-0645, Rich Theatre. 2. Body Pump, 1030-1120, Cardio, Yoga Mix-Up CRC Rm 7. 8 1. Sunrise Yoga, 0600-0645, Rich Theatre. 2. Parents Make A Difference Group, 1645 – 1800, Hospital Conference Room.
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BASKETBALL

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Yokwe def. SJC	48-25
USAG-KA def. Auto	38-29

Thursday, Jan. 23

Fun'da'mentals def. REMIX	40-38
Icy Hot def. Ebeje Boran	56-55
Regulators def. Spartans	34-32

Thursday, Jan. 23

Dribblers def. Alley-Oops	43-36
BreakFast def. The Federation	58-41
SJC def. The Other Guys	41-10
Yokwe def. Auto	57-39

WEEK 3 SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Icy Hot vs. REMIX
 Spartans vs. Ebeje Boran
 Fun'da'mentals vs. Regulators

Wednesday, Feb. 5

Dribblers vs. BreakFast
 The Federation vs. Space Jam
 SJC vs. USAG-KA
 Yokwe vs. The Other Guys

Thursday, Feb. 6

Fun'da'mentals vs. Icy Hot
 REMIX vs. Spartans
 Ebeje Boran vs. Regulators

Thursday, Feb. 6

Alley-Oops vs. BreakFast
 Dribblers vs. Space Jam
 USAG-KA vs. Auto
 Yokwe vs. SJC

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Youth League

Dribblers	1-0
BreakFast	1-0
The Federation	0-1
Alley-Oops	0-1

A League

Fun'da'mentals	1-0
Icy Hot	1-0
Regulators	1-0
Remix	0-1
Ebeje Boran	0-1
Spartans	0-1

B League

Yokwe	1-1
USAG-KA	1-0
SJC	1-1
Auto	1-0
The Other Guys	0-1

Weather

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Day	Skies	Chance of Rain	Winds
Sunday	Partly Sunny	10%	NE-ENE at 12-17 knots
Monday	Partly Sunny	20%	NE-ENE at 12-17 knots
Tuesday	Partly Sunny	20%	ENE-E at 13-18 knots
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny	10%	NE-ENE-E at 17-21 knots
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	10%	NE at 16-22 knots
Friday	Mostly Sunny	10%	NE at 15-20 knots

Yearly total: 3.78 inches

Yearly deviation: +.03 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit www.rts-wx.com.

	Sunrise Sunset	Moonrise Moonset	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	8:47 a.m. 9:09 p.m.	5:51 a.m. 4.4' 6:04 p.m. 5.1'	11:50 a.m. -0.9' -----
Monday	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	9:36 a.m. 10:04 p.m.	6:28 a.m. 4.3' 6:40 p.m. 4.6'	12:22 a.m. -1.0' 12:28 p.m. -0.6'
Tuesday	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	10:25 a.m. 10:57 p.m.	7:05 a.m. 4.1' 7:15 p.m. 4.1'	12:56 a.m. -0.6' 1:07 p.m. -0.2'
Wednesday	7:10 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	11:12 a.m. 11:50 p.m.	7:43 a.m. 3.7' 7:50 p.m. 3.5'	1:30 a.m. -0.2' 1:47 p.m. 0.3'
Thursday	7:10 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	11:59 a.m. -----	8:25 a.m. 3.3' 8:27 p.m. 2.8'	2:04 a.m. 0.2' 2:33 p.m. 0.8'
Friday	7:09 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	12:46 p.m. 12:41 a.m.	9:20 a.m. 2.9' 9:22 p.m. 2.3'	2:42 a.m. 0.7' 3:43 p.m. 1.3'
Feb. 8	7:09 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	1:34 p.m. 1:32 a.m.	10:56 a.m. 2.7' 11:46 p.m. 1.9'	3:40 a.m. 1.1' 6:12 p.m. 1.4'