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THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Members of a jepta—or singing group—practice a stick dance Wednesday night at Ebeye’s BNJ Church in preparation for their Dec. 25 performance. For more, see page 6.

Photo by Jordan Vinson

Zamperini Dining Facility Dec. 25 Holiday Feast

Meal card holders: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

All other residents: 12:30-3 p.m.

Come out to the ZDF and enjoy an exceptional array of holiday specialities prepared by chefs on Christmas day! Menu items: chilled tiger shrimp, mussels on the half shell, smoked salmon, cheese bar, slow-roasted ribs of beef, hickory maple-smoked ham, festive oriental pork, garlic-seared scallops, rosemary roast cornish game hens, fresh fruit bar, and a spread of pies, cakes and other desserts that will knock your stockings off!

KRS BIDS LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE GOODBYE



Hourglass Reports

Kwajalein Range Services Archeologist Leslie Mead retired last week after 11 years working with the company. Fellow Environmental, Safety and Hazard Waste employees bid a fond farewell to Mead Dec. 12 at a going-away party at the Archeology Lab on Kwajalein. Best known for her unparalleled historical knowledge of the atoll, Mead had been the go-to person for historical WWII tours of Roi-Namur and Kwajalein. She will be missed by her friends and colleagues, and they wish her health and happiness during her retirement.

Kwaj and Roi Hours of Operation Dec. 24-25

Kwajalein	Dec. 24	Dec. 25
Emon Lifeguard	12:30-3:30 p.m.	Closed
All other beaches	Buddy system	Buddy system
CRC	Normal hours	Closed
Bowling Center	Closed	Closed
Golf Course	Normal hours	Closed
Country Club	Normal hours	Closed
Hobby Shop	Closed	Closed
Library	Normal hours	Closed
Adult Pool	Buddy system	Buddy system
Family Pool	1-4 p.m.	Closed
SBM	Closed	Closed
Surfway	11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Closed
Surfside Salon	10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.	Closed
Sunrise Bakery	Normal hours	Closed
Ocean View Club	Normal hours	Normal hours
Post Office	11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Closed
Zamperini Dining	Normal hours	Check store
AAFES Express	Normal hours	Closed
AAFES Pextra	Normal hours	Closed
Burger King	Normal hours	Closed
Subway	Normal hours	Closed
Anthony's Pizza	Normal hours	Closed
American Eatery	Normal hours	Closed
Community Bank	8 a.m.-1 p.m.	Closed
Roi-Namur		
AAFES Express	Normal hours	Closed
Small Boat Marina	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Closed
Third Island Store	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 2-5 p.m.	Closed
Outrigger Snack Bar	11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 5:30-9 p.m.	Closed
Outrigger Bar	5:30-11 p.m.	Closed



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Few issues raised at recent town halls

Article and photo by Sheila Gideon
Managing Editor

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander, Col. Nestor Sadler, held town hall meetings this week for Kwajalein and Roi residents and respective work forces. Kwajalein meetings were held Wednesday and Roi meetings were held Thursday. Lower than normal attendance and minimal issues raised were a hopeful sign that most are content with life and work here on the atoll.

Sadler began each town hall by heartily thanking each attendee for their hard work toward the mission here at USAG-KA. He thanked them for their dedication, team work and support to the Army, command and the community.

Several members of the command took turns updating each group on community-impacted events and future projects.

USAG-KA Operations Director, Maj. Jeffrey Anderson, discussed the Space Fence project and its impact to the island. Planning and design for the Space Fence project is well underway and construction will begin soon. A ground-breaking ceremony by the U.S. Air Force and Lockheed will take place early in 2015. From now until March, Space Fence personnel should only number 20-40 people. Come July through September time frame, that number will grow to the full 250 personnel that will be housed at the camp near Coral Sands Beach. Anderson and Sadler discussed the impact of the camp's proximity to Coral Sands at the Kwajalein town hall meeting.

Safety for residents and their families is Sadler's number one priority. Coral Sands will maintain a family atmosphere, but he urged residents to be cautious of the construction in the area.

Director of Host Nation Activities, Maj. Matt Sova, gave an update on the humanitarian assistance efforts of the Construction Civic Action Detail-Marshall Islands, the U.S. Navy Seabees detachment working here at USAG-KA. They just finished their work on the community center on Ebeye. They have been on Enniburr for two weeks building a new six-stall public restroom facility at the elementary school and repairing the water distribution center. This detachment departs in early January and will be replaced by another, who will split their efforts between islands through August. The next detachment will work on constructing a shelter at the Enniburr Pier and provide renovations at various island schools.

Sova invited all groups to contribute project suggestions for future Seabees detachments. He also asked for any Marshallese labor volunteers who could assist with carpentry, masonry work or the like.

Department of Public Works Engineering Branch Chief, Kelly Busquets, updated residents and work forces of the ongoing and future construction projects on island. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers are finishing the installation of solar panels on the roof of building 993 and repairs to the water treatment facility.



Col. Nestor Sadler addresses the Roi work force during a town hall meeting Thursday at the Tradewinds Theater.

Upcoming USACE projects include work at Echo Pier and Building 602.

The Seabees finished erecting the Coral Sands Pavilion, as well as constructing a shower and locker room for hazardous waste and recycling employees.

Other upcoming construction projects include demolition at the Yokwe Yuk Club, which will eventually serve as the new site for the island dining facility; temporary repairs to Macy's until permanent fixes are funded; and continuation of the windows and doors replacement on hard housing.

AAFES was a hot topic at all meetings. General Manager, Linda Lowry, was present to answer questions. She informed Kwajalein workers that there are four open positions at the Kwajalein stores; any interested applicants can apply at the Shoppette. Marshallese Shopping Days will be held today on both Kwajalein and Roi. Questions at the town hall helped to clear up hours for shopping, access privileges and items available for purchase. Lowry also explained that dairy has been absent from the stores due to a billing issue, but will be regularly stocked in the stores again soon. AAFES is also ridding the Kwajalein stores of excess items that do not sell well to make more space for desired items.

Other topics of note raised at the town halls included:

- The requirement to show your ID at Surfway will now be enforced more strictly.
- Changes to laundry hours at the Roi Small Boat Marina: Non C-badge workers are allowed to do laundry from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on the weekends and holidays. C-badge workers are permitted to do laundry until the last boat of the day.
- AAFES provides maintenance at the Roi Laundromat on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Washers are being overloaded, which requires them to be reset by maintenance personnel. Lowry asked patrons to follow instructions for washer capacity.
- Marshallese Shopping Day on Kwajalein has been extended from 10 a.m. through 5 p.m.

Sadler closed each town hall by again thanking the work forces and residents and wished them all happy holidays.

HOLIDAY DECORATION WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Hourglass Reports

Photos by Jordan Vinson

Kwajalein residents went head to head in a Christmas lights-studded battle last weekend to determine who would be crowned the true champions of holiday decorating on Kwaj for the 2014 holiday season.

Bringing home the first place prize in the hard housing division was the Premo family, whose beaming home—currently visible from space, as seen in the image below—wowed the judges and trounced the other entries. Covered in 9,500 individual, colored lights, the home took about 24 cumulative hours of labor to fully decorate, according to Bruce Premo, who did most of the leg work. Armed with a 10-foot ladder from Self Help and 50 strands of lights, Premo spent evening hours every day leading up to the competition to decorate the home.

“It took me most of the week working on evenings and the weekend to put them up,” he said. “I have at least 24 hours or three days of continuous work to get the lights up. That includes the puzzle of extension cords it takes to light them.”

All that work on top of the ladder was apparently worth the effort, though. Washed in warm light spilling out onto the west end of Lincoln Street where the Premo home is located, each group of judges who



The colorful lights of the Premo family’s festive home impresses residents during a judging round Dec. 13.

passed by Dec. 13 clapped and holed in support. Helping others get into the spirit of the season is what this is about for Premo.

“It can be a bit time consuming at a busy time of the year,” he said. “But I do enjoy seeing the pleasure it adds to the holiday season for my girls and others.”

Premo’s competitors didn’t go down without a fight Dec. 13. The judges—Kwaj residents and Ebeye friends who had gathered at the MP

Room for the Light Up the Night event—passed by eight decorated homes in the contest, singing carols and judging each home’s display. Channeling their inner Clark Griswold in the hopes of besting their neighbors, the competitors took different decorative approaches. Some homes, such as the Flynn and Lana Gideon residence at the northern end of the island, featured gigantic inflatable Santa Claus figures, while others stuck to more traditional lights-only displays. A common

theme shared among all of the decorated homes, however, was easy to point out: the more lights and decorations, the merrier. That principle did not hold true for the BQ division. Awarded the top prize by unaccompanied personnel who gathered at Sunday’s Ugly Christmas Sweater Party, Barbara Bicanich’s window stole the show with a much simpler display. Featuring large light-up snowflakes, trimmed with only a few red lights

A Premo Pro Tip

“The small wires used with the miniature lights corrode fairly quickly,” Premo says. “At some point they become too problematic and need to be tossed. To make the strings last a few years, I normally give them all a bath by soaking them in water before packing them away for next year. **It removes all the salt they collect and slows the corrosion process.**”



Photo courtesy of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

This image, captured by a satellite in middle earth orbit 12,552 miles from the surface of the planet, illustrates the overall brightness of the lights on the Premo home this holiday season.

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USAG-KA thanks band

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USAG-KA Commander Col. Nestor Sadler and Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Gooden expressed thanks to the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School band for their help with the 2014 Veterans Day ceremony on the island.

“In appreciation of your magnificent support provided to our 2014 Veterans Day observance ceremony,” USAG-KA Protocol Officer Shannon Paulsen announced to the students. “Your dedication, superb performance and musical expertise commemorating our service members was exceptional. Your excellent musical performance contributed to the overall success of the 2014 Veterans Day Ceremony. Keep up the good work, and thanks for your selfless support to our community.”



Photo by Jordan Vinson

Members of the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School Band pause for a photo with Col. Nestor Sadler and Command Sgt. Maj. Reginald Gooden at the MP Room Wednesday.

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Barbara Bicanich's winning window in the BQ division. Along the window, her victory—and her \$150 cash prize from Quality of Life—proved that sometimes less is more.

Third-place finisher Jordan Vinson, who went a similar direction with two strands of multi-colored lights to trace his windows, wasn't too bummed that he didn't get the win, he said.

“I'm actually really happy with the results,” he said Tuesday. “With only a couple strands of lights, I came in third. Yeah, there were only three people who actually entered the contest, but who's counting.”

Rounding off the rest of the top finishers in the hard housing division Dec. 13 was the Corder family, who came in second place, and the Breen family who won third place. Dilip Saha came in second place in the BQ division.

While the Ugly Christmas Sweater Party at the ARC was the home base for BQ division judging Sunday, the Light Up the Night event at the MP Room was the home base for the hard housing division judging the night prior. Filled with dozens of parents with small children in tow, the MP Room was a crowded, merry spot that kept attendees busy with holiday-themed crafts, Christmas music and free lattés, espressos and desserts served up by the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School Spartan Espresso crew.

Waiting to load up another group of resident judges onto a tractor trailer, Midori Hobbs, KRS entertainment coordinator, said that she was thrilled so many people turned out to the MP Room.

“A lot of different groups contribute to this event every year: Spartan Espresso, the Elementary School Student Council, students, Buildings and Grounds folks, Public Works workers, Community Activities staff and it's funded by Quality of Life,” she said. “It's a rewarding night of fun, and I'm glad to be a part of it.”



Karen and Dan Simas, two of the BQ decoration contest judges, have a merry time at the Ugly Christmas Sweater Party at the ARC Sunday.

PREPARATIONS IN HIGH GEAR FOR CHRISTMAS DAY ON EBEBE

Article and photos by Jordan Vinson
Associate Editor

Take a nighttime stroll through the neighboring island of Ebeye in the coming days, and you're bound to come across a few of the community's many singing groups—or jeptas—practicing for a major day of celebration next week.

Whether singing together in soft, alluring harmonies or dancing to booming 150-beat-per-minute dance tracks, many Ebeye residents are busily preparing their ceremonial performances for Christmas day—by and large the biggest day on the Christian calendar in the Marshall Islands.

A unique fusion of Christian influence and traditional Marshallese cultural practices, jepta Christmas celebrations boast some of the most exciting displays of singing and dancing that the people of the Marshall Islands have to offer.

Beginning in October with preparatory sessions, each jepta's practice sessions increase in frequency and intensity as Dec. 25 approaches. By the early weeks of December, the groups have shifted into high gear, meeting nightly from about 8 p.m. until sometimes as late as 3 a.m. to hone their performances.

Primarily a means to celebrate the birth of Christ, the performances also encourage a healthy competitive spirit among the community's jeptas, driving the participants' enthusiasm to come up with the most memorable routines. While there is no formal judging of the Christmas day performances at the churches, spectators often determine whose performances are the best from each church. Good dancing, spot-on singing and a knack for bringing the audience to laughter are keys to success. With that success comes bragging rights for being that church's winning jepta for the year.

The Christmas day performances are not limited to Ebeye; they exist throughout the Marshall Islands. On less-populated islands in the country, there may be only a couple of jeptas, to which people may belong due to some type of shared identity, such as having residences on the side of the island facing the ocean, for instance.

What separates the tradition on Ebeye from most of the rest of the island country is the community's high population. Because it has the second highest-populated urban area in the archipelago, a multitude of jeptas exist, many of which have more particular requirements for being a member of the group. Separate families that live on the same parcel of land—or weto—may, for instance, comprise one jepta split into three separate groups: one for men, one for women and one for youth—all tied together by living on the same parcel of land.

Regardless of their makeup, with so many Christian churches on Ebeye—each with its own array of singing groups—there is a small army of jeptas gearing up for the big day Dec. 25. Some of the groups are also equally large in size.

"We have almost 100 people in our jepta," said Asmont Are-

long, a former Kwajalein Range Services employee and current jepta member affiliated with the Jesus Christ Church of Latter Day Saints. Sitting next to a DJ fine-tuning the connections to his keyboard under a dark, starry sky, Arelong greeted children trickling into a walled courtyard for practice. He said that while it would be another late night for his group, the large, festive crowds that are sure to come to the church Dec. 25 will make all their work worth the effort.

While the Christmas day performances bring thousands of residents together at their respective churches, the practices themselves can also be quite public, crowd-drawing affairs.

A couple of blocks away from Arelong and his group, another jepta, this time with the BNJ Church near the north end of the island, busily practiced its routine—part of which consisted of the famous jobwa stick dance, an honorary dance typically performed only in the presence of high chiefs. Led by a DJ playing a loud, fast-paced dance track replete with horns and accordions, teens and children swung short, wooden sticks and stomped and danced together in patterns. Dozens of residents, young and old, flocked together onto the street outside the churches to watch the dance, and more trickled in as the practice went on.

Meanwhile, a few blocks south, under the soft fluorescent lights inside the sprawling congregation hall of the New Beginnings Church, another group practiced together in a completely different atmosphere. Singing together in soft, high-pitched chords, one of the church's jeptas for women practiced a lineup of songs slated for their hour-long performance at the church Dec. 25. Upstairs another group, this time a men's jepta, practiced their own songs as well.

Pastor Hone Patrick, leader of the New Beginnings congregation, said that on Christmas day up to 10 separate jeptas will perform at the church and that they'll each take the stage for about one hour. Finding practice space for everyone as Christmas day approaches requires both patience and the energy to practice late into the night.

"We are sharing the church, and [each jepta] has one or two hours to practice," Patrick said. "Another group comes in and then a new group. Other groups are coming, and they practice all night."

It's a lot of work, but come Christmas day the church will be brimming with people eager to see each jepta's performance. As each group enters the church, dressed in matching attire, dancing together like well-oiled machines and throwing out candies and handicrafts to the audience, their months of labor and many late nights will have paid off in spades.

As for those outside the Ebeye community who might be interested in seeing what all the fuss is about, Patrick said that everyone is invited—especially those who have never witnessed a Christmas jepta dance in real life.

"I would like to invite the Kwajalein community, our friends, to come," Patrick said. "Join us for Christmas."



Women of a jepta belonging to the New Beginnings Church on Ebeye practice songs together in the church's large congregation hall Wednesday night.

QOL enacts rental vehicle program changes on Kwaj

Hourglass Reports

Kwajalein residents may have noticed a few new Quality of Life scooters and trucks being operated over the last couple of weeks. Roi residents, your vehicles are on the way!

These new vehicles are what your rental fees have been going towards, and more vehicles are on the way. As we bring new vehicles into the program we will retire some of our aging fleet and expand the number of vehicles available for rent.

To prevent the raising of the fees to cover the cost of operations, the QOL committee has enacted some changes to reduce administration costs of the program. The main changes are that we are moving to a full pre-payment system, will be enforcing late fee penalties and are now charging a flat rate for time renters keep vehicles beyond 7 p.m. Below is a list of key points of the reformed

QOL rental program you'll need to be aware of.

- Reservations for QOL vehicles for Jan. 1 and beyond are required to be pre-paid at time of reservation for the entire rental period.

- Persons who have reservations already scheduled for Jan. 1 and beyond have been notified of the change and the necessary actions.

- Rentals that are not returned by 7 p.m. are subject to a \$15 fee, which must be paid prior to any further reservations or rentals.

- There is a \$15 flat rate for any time period in which the vehicle is kept past 7 p.m. For example, if you hold the vehicle until 11 p.m. (failing to return it at 7 p.m.), you'll be charged one \$15 fee. If you return the vehicle at 8 p.m., again, the \$15 fee applies.

- No call/no show reservations have a one-hour grace period. At that point they forfeit their fee, and the vehicle becomes available for rent.

- If you return a cart any later

than five minutes after it is due, you are subject to a \$25 fee, which must be paid prior to renting again. This does not apply to vehicles due at 7 p.m.

- Refunds will be issued up until time of reservation.

- The person reserving and signing for any QOL vehicle is responsible for damages and actions of all vehicle operations.

- All USAG-KA motor vehicle operation and control regulations apply.

- Only one reservation may be made at a time. You must return your vehicle before you can place another reservation in the book.

- QOL vehicles cannot be used to supplement work vehicle shortages.

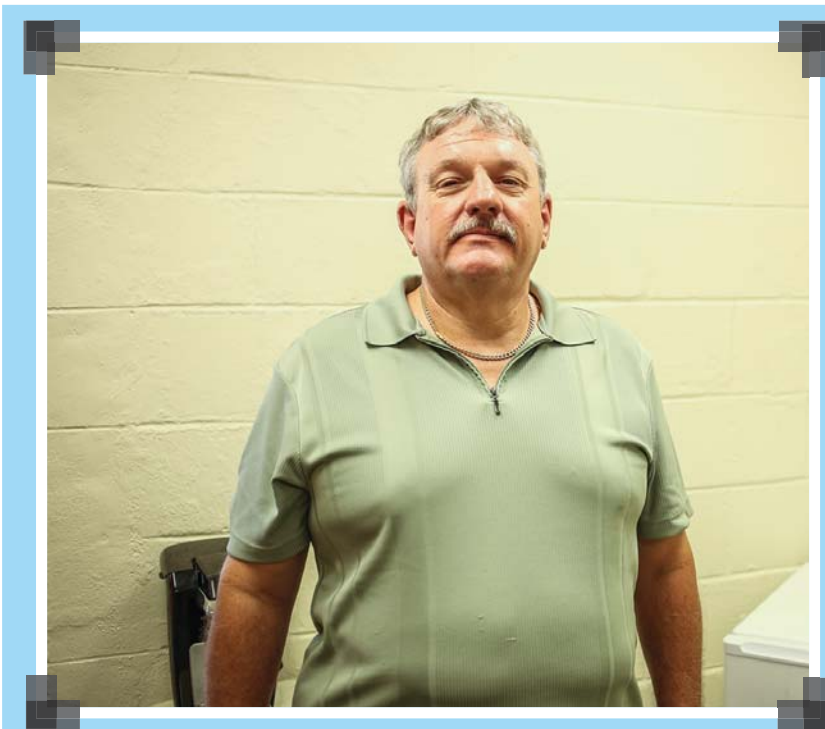
- Failure to adhere to rules of the QOL rental program may result in suspension of renting privileges.

These changes were directed by QOL, not the Automotive Department. Please send questions to Tommy Ryon at richard.t.ryon2.ctr@mail.mil, or ask your QOL representative.

Yokwe

Gary Larose is new to Kwajalein, where he's taken the role of supervisory community support specialist, or USAG-KA director of Community Activities. He moved to the island with his wife O Cha Larose from Guam after having heard about Kwajalein on the federal government's www.usajobs.gov website. What's he looking forward to while here?

"The chance to experience a new culture while learning and growing from the experience," he said. "I also am looking forward to the different water sports afforded by being on a tropical island. The third thing is golf. While I enjoy the game and challenges it brings, I'm a certified hack at it."



DISPATCH FROM ROI



From Deb Crawford



From Sheila Gideon



From Sheila Gideon



Roi Rats save an empty chair in remembrance of Wally Hoo, the famed Roi bartender who passed away earlier this year. "Wally stories" were abundant at their Christmas party.

From Laura Pasquarella-Swain

View from Kwaj



From Molly Premo



From Karen Brady



From Jason Huwe



From Karen Brady



From Jordan Vinson



From Bert Ferreras

HELP WANTED

KRS and Chugach listings for on-island jobs are posted at: Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Checkpoint locations; outside the United Travel Office; in the Roi Terminal/Post Office; at Human Resources in Building 700 and on the USAG-KA webpage under Contractor Information>KRS>Human Resources>Job Opportunities. Job listings for off-island contract positions are available at www.krsjv.com.

LOST

IPOD TOUCH 5, red, in gray, rubber case. Call 55176.

FOR SALE

64GB APPLE IPHONE 5 (unlocked), \$300; Panasonic 55-inch LED TV, \$600. Call 52597 or can be seen at quarters 222-B.

USED SAILRITE Yachtsman sewing machine, \$300 or best offer. Call Dale at 53470.

50 GROLSCH BOTTLES, \$25 or best offer. Call 52439 with any questions.

SCHWINN FITNESS treadmill, with 12 percent incline and 12 mph max speed, \$450 or best offer. Call 51469.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FIRST JINGLE BELL Fun Run & Rich Theater Double Feature will be held at 5:30 p.m., to-

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.

Catholic Christmas Week Schedule

- 5:30 p.m., Dec. 24, Children's Mass
- Midnight Mass, Dec. 24
- 9:15 a.m., Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass

Protestant

- 8 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel
- 9:15-10:15 a.m., REB, Sunday School
- 11 a.m., Sunday, Island Memorial Chapel
- 6 p.m., Thursday, Christianity Explored, quarters 203-A (Robinson's).
- 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.

night, beginning at Emon Beach. Bring your bells and enjoy an easy two-mile run ending at the Rich Theater. The double feature, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and "Home Alone" will begin at 7:30 p.m. Questions? Call 53331.

SIX-MONTH (Jan. 1-June 30, 2014) Greens and Locker Fees are due by Dec. 31. Payment options: six-month greens and locker fee, \$250; six-month locker fee only, \$50; one-month green fee only, \$60; one-month locker fee only, \$10. Daily and Monthly Greens Fees are required for locker only payments. Payment can be made at the CA Main Office (Bldg 805, located inside the library) or by mailing a check to: KRS: Community Activities, Attn Golf Fees, APO, AP 96555. Make checks out to KRS.

THE ISLAND MEMORIAL Chapel Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday. It will include a performance by the Hand Bell Choir, a Children's Dance, a Christmas "Stick Drama" and a TED talk by Zacchaeus! Questions? Call Pastor Kevin 53505.

11TH ANNUAL Stray-Dog Christmas Party will be from 4-9 p.m., Thursday, at the ARC. Unaccompanied—don't spend Christmas alone, come down and join the fun! There will be Christmas movies, snacks, grab-bag gifts and door prizes. Water and soda provided, but BYOB and pupus welcome. Questions, call Sabrina at 54498.

THE KWAJ LODGE front desk window will be closed on Christmas and New Year's Day for both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur so our employees can enjoy the holidays with their families. The front desk will be open on Thursday so please make sure to pick up any housing or billeting room keys that will be needed for any visitors or new island residents arriving on the holidays. Housing management appreciates your understanding and a pager number will be posted at Kwaj Lodge for any emergencies. Call 53201 with any questions and Merry Christmas!

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB will hold its monthly meeting Dec. 27 at the Yacht Club. Happy Hour is at 5:30 p.m., meeting is at 6:30 p.m., and dinner is at 7 p.m. Entree will be provided, so bring a side dish to share. Questions? Contact Tim Cullen at yeoman@kwajyachtclub.com.

EOD WILL CONDUCT disposal operations from 2:45-4:15 p.m., Dec. 30, at the south end of the runway. Glass Beach will be off limits and the road will be blocked until completion. Questions, call 51433.

KWAJALEIN RUNNING CLUB will hold its annual New Year's Eve midnight run/walk and celebration Dec. 31. The 2-mile course starts and ends at Emon Main Pavilion and the goal is to be the last finisher before midnight. Pre-registration is required. Custom T-shirts will be passed out as sign ups come in. This kid-friendly event is for the whole family. Get forms at quarters 473-A or Mini-Mall bulletin board. Questions? Call Bob and Jane at 51815.

POOLS AND BEACHES Winter Break Hours begin Sunday and end Jan. 5. Family Pool is open from 1-6 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday (closed Thursday for cleaning) and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Monday. Emon Beach lifeguard hours are from 12:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday and noon-4 p.m. on weekends.

JOIN THE ISLAND Memorial Chapel in a unique opportunity this Christmas by donating new or lightly used clothing and shoes for those on Wotje Atoll. The ship sails Jan. 10 so bring your donations to the church office by Jan. 9. Questions? Call Bob Greene at 50165.

THE BARGAIN BAZAAR and Jimjera are asking for donations of new or gently used toys for the holidays. Two drop-off locations are available: the Elementary School and the Pxtra.

NOW THROUGH JAN. 27 Quality of Life is accepting requests for live entertainment for the 2015 calendar year. A limited number of live entertainers will be selected. Request forms can be obtained from a QOL member or on the USAG-KA intranet. Requestors will need to present at the January 2015 QOL meeting.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES is now accepting equipment rental reservations for 2015. If you have a party planned, a club event, or some other special celebration, come by Community Activities to make your reservation!

DUE TO A COMPUTER meltdown at Surfside Salon, we need anyone with an appointment in the month of January to call the shop or stop in to let us know the time and date it's on. Call 53319.

2015 BASKETBALL SEASON registration will be open Dec. 30-Jan. 10. Season play is Jan. 21-March 6. Cost is \$100 per team. Limited number of team slots available, so register early! For questions and registration, contact Carlos at 51275.

PLEASE HOLD DOORS when entering or exiting vehicles to avoid the wind catching the door and causing damage. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 27
Korean Roast Beef	BBQ Spare Ribs	Vegetarian Quesadillas	Baked Meatloaf	Christmas Feast	Chili Dogs	Grilled Pork Chops
Shoyu Chicken	Chicken Cordon Bleu	Country Fried Chicken	Chicken/Dumplings	Chilled Seafood Bar	Savory Pot Roast	Pepperoni Pizza
Crab Benedict	Vegetarian Quiche	Hawaiian Chop Steak	Vegetarian Pasta	Prime Rib, Ham	Fish du Jour	Veggie Pizza

Dinner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 27
BBQ Chicken	Fish Sandwich	Spaghetti/Meatballs	Roast Pork Loin	Limited Menu	Baked Potato Bar	Beef Tips in Burgundy
Mac and Cheese	Roast Beef	Alfredo/Marinara Sauces	Garlic Roast Chicken	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Lemon Pepper Chicken	Chicken Strips
Beef Stew	Taco Pizza	Vegetarian Stir-fry	Beef/Broccoli Stir-fry		Sloppy Joes	Vegetarian Beans

Ready and Resilient Wellness Calendar

Events are sponsored by the Community Health Promotional Council and are free of charge to the community.

Sunday 1. Spiritual Resilience, see page 10. All welcome. 2. Smoking Cessation Classes, open enrollment, call 55362. 3. Flu shots available 1-4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday at hospital.	Monday 1. Pick-up Soccer, 6 p.m., Brandon Field.	Tuesday 1. Cross Fit, 5:15 a.m., Adult Pool. 2. Pick-up Tennis, 5:30 p.m., Tennis Courts.	Wednesday 1. Zumba, 5:30 p.m., CRC Room 1. 2. Children's Christmas Eve Mass, 5:30 p.m., Chapel. 3. Christmas Eve Service, 7:30 p.m., Chapel. 4. Christmas Midnight Mass, Chapel.	Thursday 1. AA Program, 7 p.m., REB Library.	Friday	Saturday 1. Cross Fit, 5:30 a.m., Ivey Gym. 2. Pick-up Tennis, 5:30 p.m., Tennis Courts.
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REMINDER: ALL exterior holiday electrical decorations and lights must be turned off at midnight each night.

RULES FOR ELECTRIC SAFETY. Don't overload outlets or extension cords. It could damage the electrical system in your house or even cause a fire. Make sure all electrical cords are tucked away, neat and tidy. Pets might chew on electrical cords and people might trip and fall. Never yank an electrical cord from the wall. Pulling on a cord can damage the appliance, the plug or the outlet.

E-TALK: Santa could recycle, his workshop all clean. Even in a red suit, Santa can be green! He liked this idea, and I won't be surprised, if by this time next year, his waste is minimized!

SAFELY SPEAKING: The exclamation mark is a new OSHA symbol you'll start to see on workplace chemicals. The exclamation mark means the product will irritate the skin, eyes and lungs if not used properly.

THUMBS UP!

... to the Edwards family for hosting an outdoor movie night for the kids on North Point Street.

... to Spartan Expresso, the Elementary School Student Council, students, Buildings and Grounds folks, Public Works workers, Community Activities staff and Quality of Life for helping pull off a great Light Up the Night event.

TOMORROW

6:30 p.m., Emon Beach: Scuba Santa

7 p.m., Emon Beach: Parade of Lights



Café Roi

Lunch

Sunday

Apple Glazed Chicken
Pork Chops
Eggs Benedict

Monday

Pepper Steak
Glazed Pork Loin
Cheese Quiche

Tuesday

Ham/Cheese Sandwich
Meatloaf
Stir-fry Vegetables

Wednesday

Beef Tacos
Chicken Enchiladas
Beans/Rice

Thursday

Christmas Feast
Carved Turduken
Pork Loin, Steak

Friday

Bacon/Cheese Sandwich
Hamburger Steak
Mac and Cheese

Dec. 27

Grilled Bratwurst
Baked Chicken
Sauerkraut

Dinner

Sunday

Shoyu Chicken
Hawaiian Chop Steak
Spicy Asian Noodles

Monday

Chicken/Dumplings
Braised Beef
Au Gratin Potatoes

Tuesday

Thai Beef/Veggies
Chicken/Peanut Sauce
Pad Thai

Wednesday

Roast Beef
Chicken/Mustard Sauce
Baked Potatoes

Thursday

Limited Menu

Friday

BBQ Pork Ribs
BBQ Chicken
Beans/Potato Salad

Dec. 27

Chicken Fried Steak
Herb Baked Fish
Pasta Florentine



VOLLEYBALL RESULTS

A LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10
Mixed Plate def. Spartans 1 25-23, 17-25, 15-12

FRIDAY, DEC. 12
Old School def. Spartans 1 25-17, 22-25, 15-7

B LEAGUE

TUESDAY, DEC. 9
Fifth String def. NANSense 25-19, 9-25, 15-12
Wigglers def. Sets on the Beach 25-18, 25-23

THURSDAY, DEC. 11
Wigglers def. NANSense 25-12, 27-25
Sets on the Beach def. I'd Spike That 25-19, 26-24

SCHOOL LEAGUE

TUESDAY, DEC. 9
Sophomores def. White Lightning 25-15, 25-19
Juniors def. Freshmen 25-22, 22-25, 15-12

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10
Sophomores def. Seniors 20-25, 25-20, 15-13
Juniors def. White Lightning 25-22, 25-12

FRIDAY, DEC. 12
Black Attack def. White Lightning 25-13, 25-13
Seniors def. Freshmen 25-20, 27-26

TEAM STANDINGS (WIN-LOSS)

A LEAGUE

Mixed Plate	8-1
School 'Em	6-3
Old School	3-6
Spartans 1	1-8

B LEAGUE

The Wigglers	7-0
Sets on the Beach	5-2
Fifth String	4-3
I'd Spike That	1-6
NANSense 2.0	1-7

SCHOOL LEAGUE

Sophomores	10-0	Black Attack	5-6
Juniors	7-3	Freshmen	3-8
Seniors	7-4	White Lightning	0-11

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE: COME CHEER ON YOUR TEAM!

Tuesday

4:30 p.m.: Sophomores vs. Black Attack
5:30 p.m.: Juniors vs. Seniors
6:30 p.m.: Wigglers vs. I'd Spike That
7:30 p.m.: Sets on Beach vs. Fifth String

Wednesday

5:30 p.m.: School League Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner
6:30 p.m.: Mixed Plate vs. Spartans 1
7:30 p.m.: School 'Em vs. Old School

Thursday

6:30 p.m.: I'd Spike That vs. NANSense
7:30 p.m.: Sets on Beach vs. Fifth String

Friday

6:30 p.m.: B League Seed 1 vs. Winner of Game 1
7:30 p.m.: A League Game 1 Winner vs. Game 2 winner

Weather

Courtesy of RTS Weather

<u>Day</u>	<u>Skies</u>	<u>Chance of Rain</u>	<u>Winds</u>
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE-E at 13-18 knots
Monday	Partly Sunny	30%	ENE-E at 10-15 knots
Tuesday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE-E at 11-16 knots
Wednesday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE-E at 11-16 knots
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE-E at 11-16 knots
Friday	Mostly Sunny	10%	ENE-E at 11-16 knots

Yearly total: 117.09 inches
Yearly deviation: +27.04 inches

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

	<u>Sunrise</u> <u>Sunset</u>	<u>Moonrise</u> <u>Moonsset</u>	<u>Low Tide</u>	<u>High Tide</u>
Sunday	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	5:46 a.m. 5:49 p.m.	9:29 a.m. -0.4' 10:16 p.m. -0.7'	3:34 a.m. 3.5' 3:51 p.m. 4.8'
Monday	6:59 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	6:44 a.m. 6:47 p.m.	10:08 a.m. -0.6' 10:54 p.m. -0.9'	4:14 a.m. 3.7' 4:29 p.m. 5.0'
Tuesday	6:59 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	7:42 a.m. 7:47 p.m.	10:47 a.m. -0.7' 11:34 p.m. -0.9'	4:54 a.m. 3.9' 5:08 p.m. 5.1'
Wednesday	7 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	8:40 a.m. 8:47 p.m.	11:27 a.m. -0.6' -----	5:34 a.m. 3.9' 5:48 p.m. 5.0'
Thursday	7 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	9:35 a.m. 9:46 p.m.	12:14 a.m. -0.8' 12:08 p.m. -0.5'	6:15 a.m. 3.8' 6:29 p.m. 4.8'
Friday	7:01 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	10:28 a.m. 10:43 p.m.	12:56 a.m. -0.6' 12:52 p.m. -0.1'	6:59 a.m. 3.7' 7:12 p.m. 4.4'
Dec. 27	7:01 a.m. 6:39 p.m.	11:19 a.m. 11:39 p.m.	1:40 a.m. -0.3' 1:42 p.m. 0.3'	7:47 a.m. 3.4' 7:59 p.m. 3.9'