

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Kwaj resident Mike Sakaio shows a child how to husk a coconut during Kwajalein's 2015 Manit Day Celebration at Emon Beach Monday. For more, see pages 6-7.

📷 Nikki Maxwell

THIS WEEK

**KWAJALEIN
LIVES**
MARSHALLESE
CULTURE

**COMMANDER'S
CORNER** IS BACK

**PATRICK SIEBEN
TRIO** TELLS ALL

COMMANDER'S CORNER

COMMUNICATION MATTERS

By USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen

Yokwe neighbors and members of Team Kwajalein! This is my first column since taking command in August, and on behalf of my family, thank you for a terrific first two months on island!

I'd like to use this column as a venue for discussing island current events and sharing my views from the Garrison Commander's perspective.

I have been quite impressed with the diverse and unique group of patriots on the island. Moreover, I feel that we are all here for the same reason—to contribute towards our national security. I think it is fair to say that in order to accomplish that mission we must all work together.

In honor of Mani Day, the garrison recently hosted the annual celebration at Emon Beach. At the celebration, some of our Ri'katak students performed traditional Marshallese dances for the attendees. We captured some great photos from the event and have more about it in this issue of the Hourglass [pages 6-7].

Last week we held a Hail and Farewell for DOD personnel on island, welcoming new members and saying goodbye to others. I would like to highlight some of the folks that left or are leaving the team. Ray Drefus and his bride Joanie are leaving us in a few days

to assume a new life and job in Texas. Ray's impacts on the youth in this community will have a lasting positive impact. We also said goodbye to James "Mac" McGuire and his wife Judy that evening. This ended a third tour for them on Kwaj and we wish them the best in their well-deserved retirement home in New Mexico. Mac and Judy will forever be remembered as patrons of this island and great friends to many. Both the Drefus and McGuire families will be sorely missed.

We recently began publishing a Person of the Week feature in the Hourglass. In this issue [page 5] we are profiling Karen Brady, a local teacher and volunteer whose actions directly impacted our Mani Day Celebration this past weekend.

Highlighting outstanding people is very important to me. If you know of someone whose contributions to the Kwajalein community deserve recognition, please contact the Hourglass editor and give us an opportunity to publicize their contributions to our community.

I had the privilege of doing my first "Welcome to the Island" briefing to our newcomers earlier this week. A portion of them were Kwaj "Re-treads" or what I like to amusingly refer to as "Repeat Offenders." It inspires me to see so many people who are willing to return back to our isolated island and continue the



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mission. Welcome to all of our new residents!

No matter who we are or where we work, we are one team here on Kwaj and Roi. As the garrison commander and your neighbor, I look forward to continuing to serve with you all.

Communication is important to me. I want to know when there are problems (perceived or real). It is important to me that we resolve issues that negatively impact morale. I maintain an "open door policy." I define this as an individual being able to approach me regardless of where I am. If you

have a serious issue for me to resolve, then let me know. I'll do my best to find a solution. I will also continue to use the town hall venue to update the community and identify friction on the island. However, I acknowledge the limited value of that technique for more sensitive issues. We will also soon begin using the official USAG-KA Facebook page to provide useful information to the community.

Take care and ... I'll see you around the island.

Kommol Tata!

—Col. Mike Larsen

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USAG-KA HAILS NEW FACES BIDS FARWELL TO DEPARTING STAFF

HOURGLASS REPORTS

WELCOME: MELISSA ENGELHARD

Melissa Engelhard is new to the USAG-KA team. She began work as the automation assistant for the Reagan Test Site in late August. Her last assignment was with Nan, Inc. on Kwajalein. She has a husband, Sam, and daughter, Chelsea. Her hometown is Davenport, Iowa. While's she's new to USAG-KA, she's not new to Kwaj. The Engelhards have been on the island for three years. They enjoy spending time together as a fam-



ily, SCUBA diving, golfing, writing, quilting and watching "Dr. Who."

WELCOME: GARY KOHLER

Gary Kohler is new to the USAG-KA team. He started his new position, lead of Information Assurance, in Late August. His last assignment was as a lead IT specialist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in St. Louis, Missouri. He moved to Kwaj with his wife, Kim, and sons, Roman and Truman. Kohler's hometown is Pevely, Missouri. Outside of work, he enjoys relaxing on the beach and watching the



sunsets. He says the people on Kwaj are great and that he regrets not coming here years ago.

FAREWELL: RAY DREFUS

Ray Drefus is the outgoing educational services specialist for USAG-KA. He's also a master resilience trainer, chairman of the Program Review Board, chairman of the Community Health Promotional Council and chairman of the Background Check Coordination Group. He's also been a volunteer coach for basketball, tennis, flag football, golf and soccer. He is the president of the tennis club. From 2013 to 2014, he was the secretary of the running club, and from 2014 to 2015, president of the running club. Since 2010, he has been a coach



or player of the garrison softball team. He is currently a board member of the Protestant Church. His wife Joan has been a volunteer for the Mic Shop and an instructor for the 4H Cooking Club and the Hobby Shop. When asked what things they will miss about Kwaj, Ray and Joan said it would be the beautiful people of Kwajalein.

WELCOME: ANGELA RAWLINGS

Angela Rawlings is the newest high-profile USAG-KA team member to join the force on Kwajalein. She came to the garrison last month to serve as the command sergeant major for USAG-KA for the next two years. Her last assignment was as battalion command sergeant major with the 3rd Cavalry Regimental Support Squadron in Fort Hood, Texas. Rawlings' hometown is Huntsville, Alabama. She is married to Thomas Lewis.



Her first impression of Kwajalein? "Is this Gilligan's Island?" she says. "What's up with all the old buildings?" During her spare time she enjoys reading and watching the sunsets and sunrises.

WELCOME: NIKKI MAXWELL

Nikki Maxwell is another new USAG-KA face on the garrison. She took on the new position of public affairs officer for USAG-KA late last month. Her previous assignment was as command information officer and deputy public affairs officer at Yongsan Garrison HQ in Seoul, South Korea. She moved to Kwaj with her husband, John, and has two sons: Ian and Austin. Maxwell was born in Ontario, Canada but grew up in California. Both



she and John are Navy veterans. During her free time, Maxwell enjoys swimming, photography and travelling. She loves to make jewelry and thinks Kwaj is a very unique community with tons of friendly people.

FAREWELL: JAMES "MAC" MCGUIRE

Mac McGuire finished his third tour of duty on USAG-KA a few days ago. He and his wife, Judy, are retiring to Las Cruces, New Mexico. He worked as the security manager for USAG-KA for three years this time around but has been stationed throughout the United States and in overseas locations. He leaves behind a large gang of friends and coworkers who wishes him and Judy all the best in a blissful retirement in Las Cruces.



📷 Mike Sakaio

THE PATRICK SIEBEN TRIO finished a three-show tour of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Sunday. Consisting of front man Patrick Sieben, pictured middle, bassist Danny Jacobellis, pictured left, and drummer Ryan Martin, the trio hold a residency at the Aria Resort and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip, where they play five shows a week. When they're not playing in Vegas, they tour the country and make a special effort to play out for U.S. and allied military service members, both domestically and abroad. In a brief interview with the Kwajalein Hourglass, Sieben and his team talk a little about their experience performing on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur.

How long have you been playing together as a group?

Patrick Sieben: I moved out to Vegas five years ago, and [Danny and Ryan] started playing with me pretty soon after that. So about four years we've been playing together.

Where do you guys normally play?

PS: We have a residency at the Aria, right at the city center, right next to the Bellagio. We play all over the strip as well, but the Aria is our mainstay; that's where we're at most days of the week. And then we like to travel as much as we can and come to gorgeous places like Kwaj and check out Roi and anywhere we can get to. We love to travel.

How did you guys get booked to come out to USAG-KA?

PS: Shelley Neel, who works with our agent. Her dad and stepmom [Richard and Peggy Basset] live out here on Kwaj, and they put out the word that you guys look for bands. They submitted a proposal, and here we are.

What do you guys think of the islands here?

PS: The islands are amazing. It's ridiculous. It's a part of the world that just feels so untouched. ... The nature just seems innocent, and it feels like that's what the rest of the world was. And it makes you wonder what we've done to parts of it, you know? I mean, I love Vegas, but Vegas is a polar opposite of something like this. It's so built up, which is the amazing part of Vegas. But when you come out here, yeah, it's untouched; it's natural.

What did you think about the audiences out here?

PS: They were a blast. Kind of for the same reason: there's not a whole lot going on out here, you know? I mean there's a lot happening here, but there's not a lot of entertainment here. And you come out and play, and everyone just loves it. They're so accepting and inviting, and they want to party just as much as we want to come out here and party. And that makes the whole show build up. The crowd is just so much fun.

Based on how many people were out on the dance floor at the Vets Hall, it seemed like you guys really hit it off with the audience.

PS: It all starts with the audience. We can't do anything unless the audience wants to be involved, and they wanted to be involved right from the start. They were up dancing right from the start and screaming and shouting. That helps us get the show going.

What type of music do you guys like to play?

PS: Pop rock type of stuff. You know, we love Bruno Mars, Jason Mraz, John Mayer. We love 90s rock like Matchbox 20, Gin Blossoms. And then

play a lot of our original stuff as well.

What did you guys enjoy outside of playing here?

PS: Outside of the music, yeah, just pretty much the nature. We went out and dove the Eugen and a coral head off there and swam with some sharks, going down to 60 feet. That was incredible. Snorkeling off of Emon. Just biking down the roads and looking in any direction and seeing the palm trees and the sky and the ocean; the water is ridiculously clear. I mean, it's the most gorgeous water in the world.



What was your favorite aspect of the trip?

Ryan Martin: Playing music. I really enjoyed providing entertainment for everybody. It was a lot of fun, seeing everyone happy and being able to do that.

Danny Jacobellis: The level of appreciation they had was pretty shocking, considering how awesome this trip is for us. And then for them to still be that appreciative on top of it is nuts. But I agree with Ryan. The first two shows were great, but they were moderate. But I was thinking overall this trip is still amazing what with all the other activities and stuff. And then last night's show [at the Vets Hall] just blew my mind. Like that's on par with any crazy party we'd do in Vegas. And it's all because of the crowd. And that's something unique you'd probably never get out of a Vegas crowd, because of the way this crowd is.

And because it was an Oktoberfest party, everyone dressed in their lederhosen, sweating like madmen on the dance floor, was probably a funny sight to you guys.

PS: I feel like you're going to sweat no matter what you wear out here, so you might as well wear it! You might as well rock the lederhosen, have a bratwurst and a pint and have fun!

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HOURLASS REPORTS

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings is new to Kwajalein. Having arrived recently from the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, Regimental Support Squadron, at Fort Hood, Texas, Rawlings says she was surprised to hear she was assigned to this unique garrison.

"I was selected as brigade command sergeant major and was asked to rank some assignments, and Kwajalein was my 10th choice," she said. "I have never heard of it and I did not even bother to look it up, because I knew I was not getting this place that I have never heard of; plus it was my 10th choice. Two months later, I received an email from my regiment command sergeant major that I was going to Kwajalein. Well, I was so surprised that I received my 10th choice. After notification, I look it up and was very surprised. I thought for a moment that the Army had made a mistake because I am not a good swimmer."

As for Kwajalein, she has been taken aback by the generosity of the community, the historical significance of Kwajalein Atoll and the unique "Kwajisms" that set this installation apart.

"The Kwaj family has been very receiving and kind. I do feel like I have an extended family, which is wonderful being away from home," Rawlings said. "Last Monday a kid walked up to me asked if I was getting any better with riding a bike. I was a little surprised that a kid would take the time to make sure I was adjusting. She later assured me that I will get better as the weeks go by. She is my hero."

"Kwaj really is a unique place, a garrison like no other," she continued. "I told my Army buddies that I am living on a battle field, which sparks their interest and it causes them to conduct research on Kwaj. I have never been stationed where I can use different mode of transportation in one day: metro, LUH-72, ferry,



Kim Yarnes

golf cart or a bike. How cool is that?"

Rawlings will have her hands full while handling the duties of the garrison's command sergeant major, one of the most difficult posts on the installation. But it's a challenge she's up for, she said.

Outside of work, she's looking forward to learning more about Marshallese culture and integrating with the local R.M.I. population.

"The R.M.I. people are very friendly and full of culture, so I am looking forward to learning more about them and sharing my experience and knowledge with them, especially the school children," Rawlings said. "I also want to master basket weaving. I have two years to accomplish that mission."



KAREN BRADY

—PERSON— OF THE WEEK

USAG-KA's Person of the Week for this week is Kwaj resident, teacher and community volunteer Karen Brady. A long-time resident of Kwajalein and teacher at George Seitz Elementary School, Brady tells a little about why she loves her job, where she lives and her community outreach activities.

"I love experiences that evoke positive energy. This is one of the reasons why I love my home here on Kwajalein. I have lived here over 10 years and this is my ninth year teaching second grade at George Seitz Elementary school. I absolutely adore children because they are hilarious! They know everything and every day is 'the best day ever.' I also do a variety of volunteer activities around town, one of which is assisting in cultural activities at the Marshallese Cultural Center and also at school. This always seems to allow people to come together when they might not ordinarily, which makes for great synergy! I have only to step outside and view the magnificent ocean, this always makes me feel grateful and blessed for everything in my life!"

KWAJALEIN STUDENTS CELEBRATE MARSHALLESE CULTURE IN STYLE

George Seitz Elementary School students wrapped up their Month of Manit with a huge bash at the MP Room September 26.

Based on the theme “Navigating the Marshall Islands,” the school’s Manit Day celebration featured a theatrical performance of the story of Jebro, one of the most popular Marshallese spoken tales still known and told today. Consisting of an epic race at Ailinglaplap Atoll between Jebro and his brothers, all sons of Loktanur, the story tells the origins of not only Marshallese’ use of sails on vessels, but also the constellation Jeleilon—known to Westerners as the Pleiades—for navigating the ocean at night. Acted out by Jane Premo’s fourth grade class, the play gave the younger students some entertaining insight into this renowned Marshallese story.

A frenzied session of ocean navigation-themed games and activities followed the play and gave the children plenty of oppor-

tunities to learn about the other atolls in the archipelago that makes up the Marshall Islands. Students also tasted a variety of traditional Marshallese food, such as dried fish, rice balls, breadfruit and coconut. There were displays of hand-crafted boats made by the students earlier in the month (the boat at right, crafted by one student, was made entirely out of material from a coconut palm), opportunities to paint burgees, play Marshallese word games and even enter a Bikini Atoll-themed candy walk abounded.

Finally, to wrap up the celebration, Kwajalein Schools’ Ri’katak students performed a selection of traditional Marshallese dances for the crowd.

For George Seitz Elementary School Teacher Karen Brady, who handled much of the planning and organization for the event, everything was a big success.

“At George Seitz Elementary School we begin each year by dedicating the month of September to Marshallese culture,” Brady said. “This year’s theme, ‘Navigating the Marshall Islands,’ really helped the kids zero in on important aspects of the culture. A big thanks to everyone who helped put everything together. This is a good start to the year.”

Karen Brady: “During the month each student was asked to create their own outrigger boat made from recycled items or anything found in nature. Each grade level got a chance to test out their finished craft at the family pool.”
Featured at left is one made from all-natural materials.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP-LEFT: Jane Premo’s Fourth Grade class performs the legend of Jebro, a traditional Marshallese spoken tale, during the George Seitz Elementary School Manit Day celebration Sept. 26 at the MP Room. A student paints a burgee with her friends. Ri’katak students from the elementary school and the Jr./Sr. high school perform traditional Marshallese dances. Students fish for species of fish found in the Marshall Islands. Keely Baptista tosses tokens into one of 29 cups, symbols for the 29 atolls that make up the Marshalls. Julian Beguhn takes his turn at playing a Marshallese word game.

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KWAJALEIN LIVES LOCAL CULTURE ON MANIT DAY

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Residents of Ebeye and Kwajalein came together Monday for Kwajalein's annual Manit Day celebration at Emon Beach. Part of the communities' efforts to recognize and celebrate the Republic of the Marshall Island's rich cultural heritage and history, the event gave visitors fresh insight into the traditional practices that define Marshallese culture.

After opening remarks from Marshallese Cultural Society President Harden Lelet and an invocation from the Rev. Longin Buhake, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Michael Larsen thanked everyone involved in putting together the event.

"I am grateful for everyone's hard work in making this event possible, to Iroij Senator Mike Kabua and his team of performers," Larsen said. "To Harden Lelet and Karen Brady and the officers of the Marshallese Cultural Society, the Ri-Katak students, the Jinetiptip Women's Club, and residents of Kwajalein, and especially to our guests from Ebeye whose participation enrich our understanding and appreciation of the Marshallese culture."

On behalf of Marshall Islands President Christopher Loeak, R.M.I. Foreign Ministry Liaison to USAG-KA Lanny Kabua, in turn, extended thanks to Larsen and his command staff's support for the annual Manit Day Celebration. He also thanked volunteers Harden Lelet, Karen Brady, as well as the Jinetiptip Women's

Club, the Mon LaMike Band, the Ri'katak students and all performers who came to Kwajalein from Ebeye to celebrate with their neighbors.

Following the speeches, performers from Ebeye treated visitors to a procession of traditional Marshallese dances. Moving to music by Ebeye group Mon LaMike Band, Kwajalein's Ri'katak students performed for a large audience gathered at the main pavilion at Emon Beach. Dance group Kwoj Bok Non Won later followed up with a couple of performances.

Apart from the dance routines, visitors took the opportunity to watch women from Ebeye weave long palm frond leaves together into sturdy baskets and mats, examples of the classic Marshallese craftsmanship for which the islanders are famous. Some visitors got first-hand lessons in weaving.

Dozens of thirsty children and adults also waited in line to have fresh coconuts husked for them. Heaving the heavy fruits down onto 3-foot-long wooden spikes, event volunteers sheared the thick, fibrous husks from the coconuts to get to the hard nuts at the center. It was a good treat for a hot day.

Residents also sampled traditional dishes prepared by the Jinetiptip Women's Club and served by event volunteers. In addition to coconut rice balls and dried fish, visitors sampled aikui, which is soup made from the sprouted coconut; jokkob, breadfruit soup; lukor, raw coconut meat; and ametoma, coconut candies.



FROM BOTTOM-LEFT TO TOP-RIGHT: Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School Ri'katak Program students gather for a group photo with friends and family during the 2015 Manit Day Celebration at Emon Beach Monday. Ebeye dance group Kwoj Bok Non Won dances to the music of the Mon LaMike Band. Delicate handiwork goes into weaving traditional Marshallese baskets, mats, decorations and more. Angela Rawlings gets a hands-on lesson from an Ebeye volunteer on how to properly weave palm frond leaves. Chloe Bowers, right, and Alana Leines, left, play with pin wheels weaved from palm frond leaves.

Nikki Maxwell

ROI RATS TREAT THIRD ISLAND STUDENTS

Community Connection: By Bridget Rankin

Roi-Namur residents helped Ennubirr students start the school year off right last week.

Lannie Carroll, Shirley Simon, Bridget Rankin and Ricky Everett took the ferry over to the small islet, carrying T-shirts and treats to pass out to the school's students.

T-shirts for the kindergarten class were followed by milk and cookies for the entire student body. Donated by Shelley Easter and Stacey Helt, the T-shirts read "Little People—Big Dreams—Bright Future—Ennubirr Elementary School." Also featured on the shirts were custom-made images of TRADEX, designed by Kelly Ko-

beney, a Roi-Namur employee of the Kiernan Reentry Measurement Site.

Afterward, all students were treated to homemade cookies and milk provided by Carroll, Simon, Rankin and Everett. The students also received foot bags donated by Roi Fire Fighter Ivan Leon Marrero Amador.

This was the third year that Roi residents provided T-shirts, milk and homemade cookies to the Ennubirr School students. Both the Ennubirr students and the Roi residents look forward to the event each year and see it as a great way to kick off the school year.



TOP: Roi residents gift some new T-shirts to Ennubirr Elementary School's kindergarten class. BOTTOM: All students are treated to cookies and milk by the Roi Rats.

TOWN HALLS



USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen invites you to his first round of town hall meetings later this month.

ROI RESIDENTS

1-2 p.m., Oct. 16 at the Trade Winds Theater

ROI R.M.I. WORKFORCE

2-3 p.m., Oct. 16 at the Trade Winds Theater

KWAJ R.M.I. WORKFORCE

1-3 p.m., Oct. 20, at the Island Memorial Chapel

KWAJ RESIDENTS

6:30-8 p.m., Oct. 20, at the MP Room

CHUGACH BOOSTS LUNCH PROGRAM

HOURLASS REPORTS

Chugach donated \$5,000 to the Kwajalein Range Services Ri'katak Lunch Program Tuesday.

Program volunteer Janette Bishop stopped by the office of Alan Stone, deputy project manager for logistics at USAG-KA, to pick up the check.

Stone said that when the company learned that the Ri'katak Lunch Program needed help to meet its \$30,000 goal this year, Chugach was more than glad to help out.

The Ri'katak Lunch Program provides healthy lunches for students who live on Ebeye but attend school on Kwajalein. It's a worthwhile cause that has a direct impact on local R.M.I. students' education and health. If you wish to donate, please email Janette Bishop at juanita.a.bishop.ctr@mail.mil



Jordan Vinson

METROS EXCEED 10,000 FLIGHT HOURS

Community Connection: By Ed Kramer

On September 23, 2015, during the last flight of the day from Roi to Kwajalein, the Berry Aviation Metro fleet passed 10,000 hours of flight operations in support of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and the Reagan Test Site. That's 36,597 flights and counting.

The Fairchild Metroliner has proven itself capable of handling a demanding, high-cycle marine environment. It was just a couple of years ago— March 2013— that the aircraft reached 10 years of continual service on the garrison, eclipsing its predecessors and earning the distinction of the longest serving airframe on Kwajalein.

To put it into perspective, the Metro has completed 99.7 percent of its flight assignments—a remarkable statistic that is a tribute both to the Metro and the quality and dedication of the Kwajalein-based mechanics that maintain them.

The Metro's use on the garrison got its start in late 2002, when Berry Aviation was contacted by Airscan and asked if the company would be interested in providing fixed wing aviation support in M7 Aerospace Metroliners at Kwajalein. Airscan had been contracted by Kwajalein Range Services to provide all aviation support at Reagan Test Site, and a late contract modification required the fixed wing aircraft to be operated by an FAA-certificated air carrier approved by Air Mobility Command's Commercial Air-lift Review Board. The CARB is a board of general officers that must approve all air carriers that will transport uniformed and non-uniformed Department of Defense personnel.

In February 2003, a subcontract was negotiated whereby Berry Aviation would provide all of the aircraft, pilots, mechanics and parts necessary for the operation of the Metros. Because the fixed wing aviation support provided by the garrison's previous prime contractor, Raytheon, was winding down, mobilization was required as soon as possible.

Berry Aviation immediately started work in San Marcos, Texas to prepare the first two Metros (N680AX and N691AX) for duty at Kwajalein. Dual GPS navigation systems certified for oceanic navigation had to be installed, in addition to dual high frequency radios for communicating in oceanic airspace. A special ferry-fuel system had to be installed to cover the vast distances between the continental United States and Kwaja-



During a phase inspection, Berry Aviation mechanic Matt Martine works on the control wheel of one of the Fairchild Metroliners that the company operates on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. The garrison's small fleet of Metros just reached the 10,000 flight hours mark.

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lein. After modifications were complete and operational approvals for the Pacific were obtained from the FAA, N691AX departed for Kwajalein on March 3, 2003 and arrived on March 6, 2003. After the ferry-fuel system was removed and orientation flights performed, the first flight with passengers was performed by Capt. Wallis Silvestrini March 8. N680AX followed, arriving one week later March 13, 2003, and started flying Roi commuters the very next day.

The subcontract for the Metros was expected to be short in duration, as the desired airframe was the Beechcraft 1900D. The initial Metro sub-contract was three months long but was extended as discussions continued regarding other types of airframes that might do well on the garrison. Viking Air Twin Otters entered service at Kwajalein in May 2003 but left Kwajalein in October 2004 due to speed and range limitations. After almost two years of one short term extension after another, it was decided that there was no airframe that could compete with the Metro in terms of efficiency and cost effectiveness.

A subcontract between Airscan and

Berry Aviation was made for the Metros through February 2009. As Airscan pilots and mechanics were trained and gained experience with the Metro, Berry Aviation staffed Kwajalein with fewer and fewer Texas-based TDY employees until the operation was entirely staffed with Kwajalein resident Airscan employees.

In late 2008 Airscan announced it was leaving Kwajalein. Negotiations ensued between KRS and Berry Aviation, a key aspect of which was the necessity of rotating each aircraft off of Kwajalein every three years for a major inspection as part of a larger corrosion prevention and control program. On March 1, 2009 Berry assumed responsibility for Kwajalein aviation services.

A few things changed over the years. A third Metro, N697AX, joined 680 and 691 in February 2005, after sustaining a lightning strike between Kwajalein Honolulu. It departed in July 2011 as part of cost reduction efforts but has returned several times for temporary service for the Missile Defense Agency. Enhanced Freon air conditioners were installed to deal with the heat and humidity at Kwajalein.

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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.

A number of positions are available in the Community Services group, including teachers, clubs supervisor, nurses and more. Please see Human Resources for the file of available on-island positions or www.krsjv.com for contract slots.

KRS is searching for available, on island licensed registered nurses, individuals with medical billing and coding experience and dental hygienists. For more information, please contact HR/Julie Gooch at the Temp Pool at 50777.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Family Pool will close at 2:30 p.m., Oct. 4, for a swim meet.

Come on down to the Vets Hall for Karaoke Sunday October 4 starting at 7:30 p.m.. Sing your heart out and have some fun.

Fire Prevention Week Kick-Off. 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Oct. 5, at the AAFES Food Court. Come enjoy half price on kids meals; \$0.50 Ice Cream Cones; lunch

with Sparky the Fire Pup and more; Bring your camera for great photo ops!

The Flu vaccines will be available at the hospital starting 6 October. Vaccines will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. No appointments are necessary."

Quizzo at the Vets Hall. 7:30 p.m., Oct. 9. Your host with the most will be Neil Dye.

Back by popular demand—it's Radar Love, live at the Vets hall! 8:30 p.m., Oct. 10.

Kwajalein Atoll International Sportfishing Club is sponsoring the "18th Annual Hanapa'a Fun Fishing Tournament," Oct. 11- 12 (Morning B-boat sessions only). Tournament is open to all Community Members. Tournament rules posted at SBM, Kwajalein. For more information, contact Andy Carden at 52878.

Kwajalein Running Club will conduct the 38th Annual Columbus Day Run starting at Namu Weto Youth Center at 6 a.m., October 13. Distance options are 6.52 and 13.04 miles. Pre-registration by October 10 is required. Custom T-shirts are available; don't forget to order!

A Kwajalein Hospital Diabetic Clinic will take place at 12:30 p.m., Oct. 14, in the hospital lobby. Participants must come

to the clinic for blood work anytime between 6-11 a.m. on Oct. 7 or Oct. 8. Please refrain from eating and drinking (with the exception of water) after 9 p.m. the night prior to testing.

2015 Indoor Volleyball Season. Registration open October 14-24. Season play is November 5 - December 18. Cost is \$100 per team. Space is limited, so don't wait until the last minute to register your team! For questions and registration, call Mandie at 51275.

The Vet Clinic is closed until November 16. For pet emergencies in the meantime, contact Kwajalein Hospital at 52223.

The optometrist, Dr. Chris Yamamoto, will be on Kwajalein and will see patients on Oct. 23-Nov. 3. Please call the Hospital for an appointment at 52223/52224 for eye exams or ES&H at 58855 for prescription safety glasses.

Come learn to Swing Dance. 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays, in CRC Room 6. Get ready for the Kwaj Ballroom dance in May. No Fee.

Dog Owners, please pick up after your dog in the dog park. Having the dog park is not a right but a privilege that can be taken away if we do not take care of it.

Boaters, your vessels must be parked in their designated lo-

cations. Parking in the vicinity of the boat ramp is strictly prohibited. Trailer parking is allowable for day use only.

Alcoholics Anonymous is here on Kwajalein. If you were in AA in the US or were a member of AA in the past or think you have a problem with alcohol, join our AA is meeting every Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the REB library, located on the second floor.

It's beginning to look a lot like Xmas.....well maybe not yet. But start thinking about your holiday party, and make your reservations for the Vets Hall early. Questions? Call Mike Woundy or Jan Abrams.

2016 Quality of Life Live Entertainment Requests are being accepted now through September 22. A limited number of live entertainment will be selected. Request forms can be obtained from a QOL member or on the USAG-KA intranet under Community - What's Going On. Requestors will present at the September QOL meeting. For questions, contact Tommy Ryon or Midori Hobbs.

Storytime Celebrity Readers Wanted. 10 a.m., Wed., at the Grace Sherwood Library. Want to volunteer? Please call 53439.

As a reminder, all skaters MUST WEAR required safety gear including helmet, elbow pads, wrist guards, and knee pads. Spectators are not al-

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

*MENU CURRENT AS OF OCT. 1

Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 10
Sauteed beef tips	Beef pot pie	Fish sandwich	Honey roast chicken	BBQ spare ribs	Taco Bar	Lasagna
Citrus pork	Baked chicken	Wings of fire	Stuffed cabbage	Turkey wraps	Chicken quesadillas	Italian chicken
Mashed potatoes	Augratin potatoes	Roasted potatoes	Brown rice pilaf	Potatoes romanoff	Refried beans	Garlic toast

Dinner

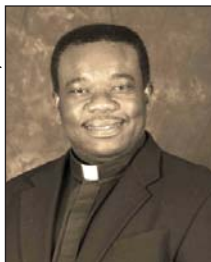
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 10
Meatloaf	Spaghetti	Grilled chicken	Grilled top sirloin	Mongolian BBQ Night!	Beef teriyaki steak	Chicken fried steak
Fried chicken	Chicken alfredo	Beef broccoli stir-fry	Picante chicken	Garlic marinated chicken	Fish du jour	Mashed potatoes
Roasted potatoes	Garlic bread	Three cheese macaroni	Baked potatoes	Veggie egg foo young	Parslied potatoes	Seafood gumbo

WHO'S THAT CHAPLAIN?

There have been some changes in the Chaplain office while we're waiting for our permanent chaplains to arrive on island. For those who are interested in religious services or are in need of spiritual support, please consult the following information: service times, chaplain contact info and office hours.

Catholic Priest: Longin Buhake (departing Oct. 5)

Kwaj Mass: Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 9:15 a.m.
Confessions: By appointment
Roi Mass: Second and fourth Friday of each month
Contact: Day, 53505, nights 54490
Email: longin.buhake.ctr@mail.mil
Office hours: Wednesday through Friday
Next Chaplain: Fr. Victor Langhans (arrival Oct. 17)



Protestant Chaplain: Heather Ardrey

Kwaj Service: Sunday 11 a.m., Sunday 8 a.m. (Plan is to resume in November)
Kwaj Sunday school: Sunday 9:15 a.m. (in REB)
Roi Service: First and third Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in Roi chapel
Phone: Day 53505, night 53925
Email: heather.ardrey@gmail.com
Office hours: Tuesday and Saturday 8:30-11:30 a.m.



LDS Branch President: Jon Sok

Service: Sunday at 10 a.m. in CRC Rm 1
Phone: 53990
Email: jon.a.sok.ctr@mail.mil



lowed in the Skate Park without proper safety gear.

Vets Hall Halloween Bash—Start looking for your Halloween costumes now. The Vets Hall will hold its annual Halloween Bash November 1. We will have a costume contest with cash prizes. DJ Dyvurse will be cranking out the tunes. Questions call Mike Woundy or Jan Abrams

E-Talk: KRS Environmental

provides training to KRS employees and USAG-KA residents. Managers should ensure their employees obtain the environmental training required by their jobs

Safely Speaking: Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

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 available after dinner.

Protestant

- 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.



Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Contact Information

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Sharnta' Adams
SHARP Victim Advocate

Work: 805 355 2139

Home: 805 355 3565

USAG-KA SHARP Pager: 805 355 3243/3242/3241/#0100

USAG-KA SHARP VA Local Help Line: 805 355 2758

DOD SAFE Helpline: 877 995 5247

A consular from U.S. Embassy-Majuro will be on Kwajalein and Ebeye to handle passport requests and other U.S. citizen services.

- 1) 3:30-6 p.m., Oct. 6, at the KALGOV Conference Room on ebeye
- 2) 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 7, at USAG-KA Headquarters, Building 730
- 3) 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 8 at the KALGOV Conference Room on Ebeye
- 4) 8 a.m.-noon, Oct. 9, at USAG-KA Headquarters, Building 730

Please come prepared with all documentation that may be required for your service. Questions? Call the USAG-KA Host Nation Office at 52103.

Café Roi							*MENU CURRENT AS OF OCT. 1
Lunch							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 10	
Apple glazed chicken	Pepper steak	Corned beef on rye	Sauerkraut	Stir-fry beef	Bacon and swiss sand.	Island style shoyu chick.	
Indonesian pork	Glazed pork loin	Roast chicken	Chili	Chicken and broccoli	Sauteed trout	Hawaiian chopped steak	
Eggs benedict	Cheese quiche	Boiled potatoes	Meatloaf	Ginger rice pilaf	Mac and cheese	Spicy Asian noodles	
Dinner							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Oct. 10	
Chicken fried steak	Chicken and dumplings	Stir-fry chicken	Roast beef	Fried chicken	Caribbean Night!	Grilled bratwurst	
Herb baked fish	French braised beef	Korean steak	Chick. w/ mustard sauce	Meatball subs	Jerk chicken	Baked chicken	
Mashed potatoes	Beef au gratin	Fried rice	Baked potatoes	Hot and sweet tofu	Cuba libre	Mashed potatoes	



LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

September 22

Spartans II def. KAT 1-0
Spartans I def. Go Green Go 1-0

September 23

Kwaj Rejects def. Garrison Beast 4-0
FC Swell tied Spartans I 2-2

September 24

Spartans I def. KAT 1-0
Go Green Go def. Spartans II 2-1

September 25

Spartans I def. Kwaj Rejects 7-1
KFC def. Spartans II 7-2

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

October 6

6 p.m. Go Green Go vs. Spartans II
7:30 p.m. KAT vs. Spartans I

October 7

6 p.m. KFC vs. Kwaj Rejects
7:30 p.m. Spartans II vs. Spartans I

October 8

6 p.m. Spartans I vs. Spartans II
7:30 p.m. Go Green Go vs. KAT

October 9

6 p.m. Spartans II vs. FC Swell
7:30 p.m. Spartans I vs. Garrison Beast



From Jordan Vinson



	Sunrise Sunset	Moonrise Moonset	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:37 a.m. 6:39 p.m.	----- 12:10 p.m.	7:58 a.m. 2.6' 8:28 p.m. 3.2'	2:05 a.m. 0.5' 1:49 p.m. 0.8'
Monday	6:37 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	12:14 a.m. 1:02 p.m.	9:16 a.m. 2.1' 10:03 p.m. 2.8'	3:20 a.m. 1.0' 2:56 p.m. 1.3'
Tuesday	6:37 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	1:06 a.m. 1:52 p.m.	12:05 p.m. 2.1' -----	5:38 a.m. 1.1' 5:35 p.m. 1.4'
Wednesday	6:37 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	1:56 a.m. 2:38 p.m.	12:17 a.m. 2.8' 1:34 p.m. 2.5'	7:17 a.m. 0.9' 7:17 p.m. 1.1'
Thursday	6:37 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	2:45 a.m. 3:22 p.m.	1:31 a.m. 3.1' 2:14 p.m. 2.9'	8:03 a.m. 0.5' 8:06 p.m. 0.7'
Friday	6:37 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	3:32 a.m. 4:04 p.m.	2:14 a.m. 3.4' 2:43 p.m. 3.3'	8:34 a.m. 0.2' 8:41 p.m. 0.3'
Oct. 10	6:37 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	4:18 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	2:47 a.m. 3.7' 3:09 p.m. 3.7'	9 a.m. -0.1' 9:11 p.m. 0.0'

WEATHER

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Day	Sky	Rain	Winds
Sunday	Mostly Sunny	15%	WSW at 20-23 knots
Monday	Mostly Sunny	10%	WSW at 17-21 knots
Tuesday	Partly Sunny	20%	WSW at 9-12 knots
Wednesday	Partly Sunny	10%	W-WNW at 9-12 knots
Thursday	Partly Sunny	40%	WSW at 12-16 knots
Friday	Mostly Cloudy	40%	WSW at 180-22 knots

Yearly rainfall total: 105.54 inches
Yearly rainfall deviation: +42.85 inches

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