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Staff Sergeant Solomon T. Sam
4 March 1982 - 4 December 2008

SSG Solomon T. Sam was born on Majuro in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. He was the son of Harry and Teon Sam. After enlisting in the U.S. Army in October 1999, SSG Sam served honorably as a Construction Engineer in the 64th Engineer Battalion based out of Honolulu, Hawaii.

While assigned to that unit, SSG Sam deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he gave the ultimate sacrifice. SSG Sam was killed in action while engaged with hostile enemy forces in the city of Mosul, Iraq.

SSG Sam was the first Marshallese Citizen killed in action while supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

May his service and sacrifice to the two great nations of the United States of America and the people of the Marshall Islands never be forgotten.

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The family of Staff Sgt. Solomon Sam join USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen and Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings in unveiling a bronze plaque Friday, Dec. 4 during a special ceremony organized to name a USAG-KA ferryboat in Sam's honor.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY USAG-KA COMMANDER COL. MICHAEL LARSEN

Yokwe "Team Kwajalein" and all our visitors. Time is flying by, and I am excited to be in the holiday season!

Many of you are preparing for travel off island to celebrate the season with family and friends back home, and I wish you all safe travels. For those of us remaining on island, there will be plenty of festive events scheduled to keep us busy and entertained (see a list of events on page 14). The holiday season officially kicked off this past weekend with our Tree Lighting Ceremonies on Roi-Namur and Kwajalein. The holiday spirit was definitely in the air while we enjoyed performances by our talented youth and professional musical guests (see photos and highlights on pages 3, 6, and 7). I tip my hat to Community Activity superstars, Kim Yarnes and Midori Hobbs, for making it all come together.

On another note, it was inspiring to see hundreds of people from our community attend the SSG Solomon Sam vessel dedication ceremony last week. We renamed one of our ferries after the only Marshallese Soldier who was killed in action in 2008 in Iraq. It was an honor to meet his parents, widow and children and personally thank them for his service and sacrifice for our freedom. It was a day I will never forget. (You can read more about it and see photos from the ceremony on pages 4-5 of this issue).

I am encouraged by the constructive questions and suggestions we received recently through our garrison Facebook page and the Commander's Hotline. Many of you have brought up some good issues, some that I was not aware of. Thank you for taking the time to do that, and I hope it will continue so we can improve our community together. See our official Facebook address and other contact details below and on page 15.

Thank you for your service through-



out the year, and I wish you the best in 2016! Happy Holidays ... and I'll see you around the island!

Kommol Tata!
—COL Mike Larsen



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ROI-NAMUR LIGHTS TREE

HOURLASS REPORT

The people of Roi-Namur kicked their holiday spirit into high gear with their annual Tree Lighting Dec. 5 in front of Café Roi. Roi Community Activities Supervisor Laura Pasquarella-Swain organized and hosted the event, grilling the 40-or so attendees with holiday themed trivia questions and rewarding correct answers with candy canes. She served up homemade gingerbread cookies and other baked treats along with hot cocoa and eggnog for everyone, and she even recited a few Christmas poems and short stories. When the sun had finally set, Pasquarella-Swain flipped the switch and turned on the islet's Christmas tree to everyone's cheers. Another holiday season has begun for the folks living among the radars at the northern tip of Kwajalein Atoll.

Photo by Jordan Vinson



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP-LEFT: Laura Pasquarella-Swain hits the gang with holiday trivia; Kwaj residents Brandi Mueller and Tim Roberge join the fun; the Roi Rats light the tree; Joe Coleman is awarded a candy cane.

LOGAN, HENKEN & CO. JAM FOR ROI-NAMUR, KWAJALEIN

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Musicians Josh Logan, Olivia Henken, Nate Comp, Paul Costley, Keith Lewis and Simon Adamsson visited U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll for a series of live shows last weekend.

Sponsored by Quality of Life, the pros did three shows on the garrison Dec. 4-6: one Dec. 4 at the Roi Outrigger following the community's Tree Lighting Ceremony, one Dec. 5 after the Kwajalein Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Kwajalein downtown area and one Sunday at the Vets Hall.

Each show was special, front man Logan said Monday before a songwriting workshop the group held for teens at the Youth Center. Playing for such appreciative and supportive crowds on Roi and Kwaj was a treat that the musicians won't soon forget, the singer-songwriter said.

FOR HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BAND'S SHOWS, SEE P. 11.



Josh Logan, Olivia Henken, Nate Comp, Paul Costley, Keith Lewis and Simon Adamsson jam for the Roi crowd at the Outrigger Dec. 4.

Photo by Jordan Vinson



LEFT: The Sam family unveils the name plaque on the SSG Solomon Sam Dec. 4. RIGHT: Sam's mother Teaoi Sam, right, and USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings admire the SSG Solomon Sam.

📷 Jordan Vinson

GARRISON DEDICATES FERRY TO STAFF SGT SOLOMON SAM

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll command leadership dedicated a lagoon ferryboat Dec. 4 to Army Staff Sgt. Solomon Sam, the first and only Marshallese citizen to be killed in combat during the post-9/11 wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Attending the dedication ceremony were Republic of the Marshall Islands dignitaries, U.S. State Department officials, USAG-KA leaders, residents of Ebeye and Kwajalein and, most notably, the family members of Sam, having been flown out from Honolulu by the Army for the occasion.

His mother Teaoi Sam, father Harry Sam and uncle Michael Sam, joined Sam's wife Billa and their three children, Augustine, Jesse and Sharlene, in unveiling two handsome plaques, one bearing Sam's story and another bearing his name.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 Billy Kilgore made the formal announcement, authorized and implemented by USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen, officially dedicating the boat to Sam.

"In accordance with AR 1-33, the United States Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll ferryboat 331 is hereby designated the SSG Solomon Sam in recognition of Staff. Sgt. Solomon Sam's service and sacrifice to the great nations of the United States of America and the Republic of the Marshall Islands," Kilgore told the crowd of about 250 on the windswept pier. As other ferryboats buzzed about the blue waters of the lagoon 200 yards offshore, those in attendance took a long quiet moment to reflect on the significance of the event and impact of Sam's actions on U.S.-R.M.I. relations and the national security of both nations.

Larsen, who gave a six-minute speech in front of the SSG Solomon Sam ferryboat tied to the pier, emphasized both Sam's dedication to family and service and the greater symbolism embedded within naming an inter-island ferryboat after the staff sergeant:

"Today marks a unique day in the history between the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the United



Staff Sgt. Solomon Sam's family join USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen and Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings in unveiling the plaque bearing Sam's name and story.

📷 Nikki Maxwell

States of America. This afternoon we take time to pay reverence to a true warrior. We pause from our daily, busy lives to officially name a U.S. Army vessel after a son of the Marshall Islands, one who gave what President Lincoln referred to as 'the last full measure of devotion.'

"Staff Sgt. Solomon Sam was a cherished son. He was a precious husband. He was a loving father, and he was a friend to many. Yet, most notably, he was a Soldier. And in my humble opinion, that's quite a noble title. Today, this simple act of naming a vessel in his honor, well it's the least we could do. One could only imagine Solomon Sam's face smiling down on this worthy vessel as it transports every day his brothers and sisters from Ebeye, back and forth to Kwajalein. As they begin and end their commute that contributes to the support of our joint national security, I imagine there will be days when the sun is just right, and at the end of a long work day, the sun's light will rest out there in the western horizon and strike color on the painted name on this vessel or on the bronze



FOR MORE PHOTOS, VISIT THE HOURGLASS FLICKR PAGE. SEE P. 12 FOR MORE INFO.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP-LEFT: Solomon Sam's family and guests look upon USAG-KA's newly christened SSG Solomon Sam ferryboat Dec. 4. The Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School Band performs the R.M.I. national anthem and the U.S. national anthem during the ceremony. Members of Navy Seabees CCAD-Marshall Islands assist with the ceremony at Echo Pier. Ebeye's K.A.U.C.C. Sunlight Choir performs.

plaque in the entrance. To me, that time is when we embody him best. Twilight. It always seems to be the best representation of what is next to come. In this case, each day will provide us a superb opportunity to metaphorically epitomize the timeless relationship between the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the United States of America.

"This fine vessel, now named the SSG Solomon Sam, will forever represent that bond. Each and every one of us who rides this remarkable ferry will do so with a profound sense of gratification. Knowing that our union is stronger than ever, this bond will be so in great appreciation to the sacrifice of honorable men like our beloved Staff Sgt. Solomon Sam."

Acting R.M.I. President David Kabua spoke on behalf of President Christopher Loesak, who was in Paris with other world leaders for the COP 21 climate talks and unable to make the trip back to the Marshalls for the ceremony. He thanked Larsen, U.S. Embassy-Majuro Deputy Chief of Mission Sarah Nelson, R.M.I. Liaison to USAG-KA Lanny Kabua, Kwajalein Atoll Local Government staff, traditional Marshallese leaders, Sam's family members, the Kwaj commu-

nity and the people of Ebeye for coming together to honor the staff sergeant:

"Today is an important occasion to witness as it exemplifies the unique and special relationship that continues to flourish between our two nations, partnering together as true friends and allies. As you all know, in our unique relationship we have exchanged mutual benefits and inspirations, and one of the benefits to the citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands under our Compact of Free Association agreement as amended is being able to serve alongside the U.S. armed forces. I am proud to say that there are many R.M.I. young men and women serving proudly and alongside the men and women of the United States armed forces, fighting and protecting our common interests for a better and peaceful world.

"I wish to take this special opportunity to once again express the gratitude and express the appreciation of the people and government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the family of late Staff Sgt. Solomon T. Sam for his bravery and ultimate sacrifice for world peace."

Sam lost his life at a roadside checkpoint in Mosul, Iraq when an insurgent

detonated a suicide car bomb Dec. 2, 2008; it was his second tour of duty in the war-ravaged country. He had joined the Army in 1999 after completing high school on Majuro and was assigned to the 84th Engineer Battalion at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, where he had a home with his wife and three children.

During his years with the Army, Sam earned a litany of awards and commendations: a Purple Heart, an Army Commendation Medal, three Army awards for good conduct, a National Defense Service Medal, an Iraq Campaign Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, a Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, a Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, an Army Service Ribbon, an Overseas Service ribbon, a Combat Action Badge and a Driver and Mechanic Badge.

Following the ceremony, the Sam family joined USAG-KA command staff and other guests on the first voyage of the USAG-KA SSG Solomon Sam ferryboat through the lagoon.

The dedication ceremony Dec. 4 was organized jointly by USAG-KA and Kwajalein Range Services.



SANTA, CHRISTMAS TREE, MERRYMAKING RETURN TO KWAJALEIN

HOURLASS REPORT

The people of Kwajalein came together Dec. 5 for the 2015 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, a longstanding tradition on the island that brings hundreds of residents together to officially kick off the holiday season on the garrison.

The arrival of ol' St. Nick at the airport terminal and a parade toward the downtown area preceded more than an hour of entertainment outside of the Macy's building. While Santa greeted throngs of adoring fans following his caravan along Ocean Road, his elves tossed out loads of sweets and toys to children who had come out to greet him and his crew. Claus made another appearance the following day at the Grace Sherwood Library, where dozens of Kwaj kids visited the old elf to tell them

what they wanted for Christmas.

A lineup of musical performances and dances by residents of Kwaj and Ebeye hit the stage to kick event goers' spirits into high gear. Mrs. Karen's Tiny Dancers danced to "That Happy Feeling," and the Jr./Sr. High School Band performed "Winter Wonderland," "Let It Snow" and "Jingle Bell Rock." The Elementary School Choir sang "It's All True," "Ev'rbody Can Sing," "Peace On Earth," "Sing We Now of Christmas" and "We Wish You a Swingin' Holiday," and Jambro performed "That's Christmas To Me." Ed and Patrice Kramer performed "Kwaj Christmas" and "Winter Wonderland-Kwaj Version," and Michelle Huwe's Dance Group performed "We Need A Little Christmas." Amber Tippetts & Friends performed "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silver Bells," and The Girl Scouts per-

formed "Make New Friends." The Ri'Katak Dancers brought up the rear of the lineup, lighting up the crowd with a couple of special Marshallese holiday dances.

The honor of lighting the community tree went to a cheery duo: Santa and his friend USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen. Larsen, for whom this was his first Tree Lighting Ceremony on Kwaj, said that it was a true privilege to celebrate the holidays in such a unique way with such a unique community. It is something he'll never forget, the commander told the crowd of hundreds gathered around the tree.

A twist to this year's ceremony was the addition of a special performance by musicians Josh Logan, Olivia Henken, Nate Comp, Paul Costley, Keith Lewis and Simon Adamsson, all of whom flew out to USAG-KA for a series of Quality of Life-sponsored shows on Kwaj and Roi last weekend. The performance downtown was an apparent hit with teens, parents, unaccompanied residents and everyone else in the throng of 300 who stuck around for the duration of the show.

The rest of the night was filled with: vendor sales of food and merchandise by island clubs and AAFES; games, face painting stations and inflatables for children; and even a special AAFES Black Saturday sale at the Exchange, where discounted electronics were fast-moving items.



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: 1) Visiting musicians Josh Logan, Olivia Henken, Nate Comp, Paul Costley, Keith Lewis and Simon Adamsson perform for hundreds at the Tree Lighting Ceremony outside the Macy's building on Kwajalein Dec. 5. 2) Kim Yarnes and Midori Hobbs, the masterminds behind the festivities, talk strategy. 3) A lucky winner claims his brand-new scuba regulator prize during Bill Williamson's holiday giveaway at his store downtown. 4) Spencer Anderson, left, and Liz Mefford fight for the pair of scuba fins that Mefford won during Williamson's giveaway. 5) KRS Catering Services serve pulled pork, kabobs and more. 6) The Ri'Katak Dancers blow the crowd away with their festive holiday dance performance. 7) Ben and Ethan Venghaus join Peyton Ellison on Santa's lap Dec. 6 at the Grace Sherwood Library.

OPPOSITE PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Mrs. Karen's Tiny Dancers perform. The Santa parade heads from the airport to the downtown area. The Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School Band perform. Santa and Col. Larsen light the Kwaj community Christmas tree.

📷 Jordan Vinson

TAKE A WALK WITH RAY AND YOU'LL LEARN A THING OR TWO

BY JORDAN VINSON

A country boy from Mississippi with a low, southern drawl, Raymond Stigler is a Mechanic III at the Roi Power Plant. He's spent the last eight years of his career operating the litany of machines buzzing loudly at the plant, performing preventative maintenance, building pumps and more. You know, the expected stuff that keeps the plant pumping out the juice needed to operate everything on the islet, from the KREMS sensors to the Christmas lights at the Gabby Shack.

But Stigler is much more than a mechanic. An experienced metal worker with a knack for problem solving, his real skills lie in making his and his peers' workflows at the plant easier, safer and more streamlined and efficient. Pairing decades of experience in metal work with his unique ability to recognize and cut out the unnecessary, wasteful and riskier fat embedded within work routines at the plant, Stigler has transformed the way many of the jobs at the Roi Power Plant are done.

"The guys come up to me and say, 'Hey, make our job easier, safer. What can we do?'" Stigler says. "I say, 'OK.' They tell me what they want. I think about it and, first of all, [find out] what kind of material we have on and, you know." Using the material he can get his hands on, from new stock at the metal shop, to old, scrap equipment lying around the plant that he can cannibalize, Stigler has transformed chunks of metal into myriad money- and time-saving tools that he and his peers now depend on.

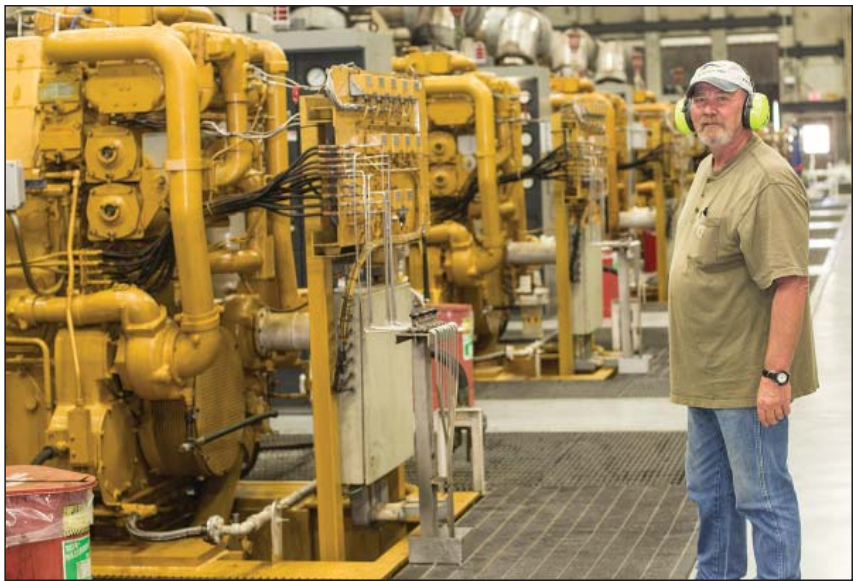
Take a tour of the plant with Stigler, and you'll see why his co-workers think of him sort of as a self-styled metalworking MacGuyver. The place is filled with projects he's completed throughout the years. There are fleets of custom-fabricated metal carts and buggies, each with a specific function that streamlines each job associated with it. Employees use them to transport and work on extremely heavy parts like piston heads for the plant's goliath engines. They use them to house and transport all the tools and parts needed to work on specific machines, cutting out the time they used to waste walking back and forth from parts storage areas or using forklifts to move parts that were once kept on pallets. There's one notable cart called the Super Sucker that Stigler built specifically to help operators pump out fluids from the plant's engines. The job used to be messy, time consuming and risky; now it's a piece of cake that helps keep operators out of harm's way.

Stigler's ability to see and implement safer, easier methods for performing routine tasks has been an apparent breath of fresh air for his co-workers.

"Oh yeah, he make the job a lot more easier," Danny Nabu, a mechanic at the plant, says. "He always says, 'It's better to work smart than harder.'"

Jobs that used to take a toll on Nabu's knees and back are easier than ever. A good example is the small, crane-like boom extension Stigler built from old, decommissioned saltwater pump parts that operators use to swap out bad clutches on motors.

"In order to change the clutches out, the electric motors got to be pulled off and clutches put on and then slipped back in," Stigler explains. "Right there where the motors are ... there's pipes and all right there, and it's really hard for a man to get into and then be down like this, pretty much on his knees on pipes in order to



Raymond Stigler, at the Roi Power Plant, where he's custom built many solutions to improve operators' efficiency, safety and job satisfaction.

pull the motor out."

Now Stigler's improvised little crane support the motors from above, removing the load from the operators' backs and knees and making the job instrumentally more efficient and safe. Seeing it in action, it's hard to see why this device was never part of the process from the start. One gets that impression from most all of the devices the man makes for the plant. Seeing solutions like these before anyone else even realizes they need them is part of his talent—like a southern, blue collared Steve Jobs.

Another example: a large, bright red piston repair rack that allows operators to work on the engines' pistons while standing, eliminating a hunched-over posture that used to come with the job. He's even built ingenious tools fashioned from golf clubs that keep workers from having to get on their hands

and knees and bending over repeatedly to retrieve fallen debris from under grating surrounding the plant's engines. And custom-built sun shades and light swivel fixtures aid the men when they work in their outdoors workshop.

Stigler's efforts result in more than just less strain on workers' bodies, though. His creative solutions have netted the Roi Power Plant serious savings in time and cash. Before he got on the job, for instance, the plant's operators would have to throw out pricey reusable fuel filters when the inner brackets holding the filters to the engines would start to give out. The units' ability to filter the diesel fuel entering the engines was, of course, unharmed—each \$200 unit, being reusable, can be cleaned and used over and over—but because the brackets went bad, the units were regularly scrapped and replaced with brand-new filters. Not anymore.

"Scott [Maddox, the Roi Power Plant supervisor] wanted me to come up with something," Stigler says, thumbing a ring-like chunk of metal in his hand. "So I built these washers." In his hand are two doughnut shaped slices of metal welded together to serve as a replacement—and much more durable—bracket fixture to pair a filter to a motor. These fixtures slip down into the filters, fit the filters to the engines and greatly expand the lifespans of the units. He's built 20 of the fixtures, and they're in use in each engine now.

Stigler's solution to the once-cumbersome and pricey job of replacing the exhaust systems on the plant's engines is also eye opening. Each large, macaroni-shaped component pipe making up an engine's exhaust used to have to be disassembled, even if operators wanted to replace just one gasket joining two pipes together. It was time consuming and pricey, Stigler says.

"Each one of those pieces get gaskets and bolts, and it's pretty expensive," he says. "Like 98 dag-gone bolts to put the whole thing together." But a long metal rack system Stigler made now allows workers to remove the entire exhaust pipe in one fell swoop. "We can pick up that whole exhaust and move it away from the engine without busting those other seals, see? And that saves money. That saves time. ... Now we can take it off as one piece. You're saving time and money on parts."

Perhaps Stigler's most significant contribution was the solution he helped devise and implement when the plant's new exhaust stacks were installed more than two years ago. When crews installed the stacks, they discovered that a handful of the plant's concrete structural support beams blocked the path of a series of vents needed to funnel the exhaust from the engines to the stacks.



1) One of six offset connectors that Stigler helped devise and implement after crews installed the plant's new exhaust stacks two years ago. 2) The custom piston repair rack allows operators to work on pistons more comfortably. 3) A \$200 diesel fuel filter and one of the 20 custom-built washer inserts that Stigler is using greatly extend the life of the filters. 4) Stigler wheels the Super Sucker to one of the plant's engines, demonstrating how the unit has made the job of draining fluids from the machines quicker and safer. "The Super Sucker and the tank that we pump our [fluids] is all in one component now. And all we have to do is wheel the Super Sucker over, with the pump on it, get an air hose, hook the air hose up to it ... open up to valves, do a quick connect and boom. You're ready to pump." 5) The mark of one of Stigler's creations. This sticker is on all types of tools he's built throughout the plant. 6) Roi Power Plant Supervisor Scott Maddox shows off only one of many buggies that Stigler has built to make it easier for operators to work on and transport a wide range of components, from piston heads to small tools needed to work on the engines.

📷 Jordan Vinson

Stigler again stepped up to apply his ingenuity, the result being a series of custom-built offset connectors that allow the exhaust system to sidestep those structural beams and connect the stacks with the engines.

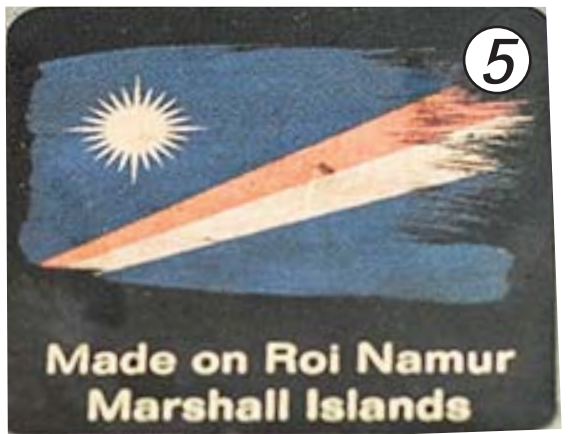
"That saved a lot of time," Maddox, Stigler's boss, says. "That saved weeks."

One could easily say that all the time and effort Stigler has put into improving the Roi Power Plant's operations goes above and beyond what is required of him. But say that to Stigler, and he'll quickly shoot you down. He's not in it for a fancy award he can frame and pin to the wall. He simply gets satisfaction from making everyone's jobs easier, more efficient and safer, he says.

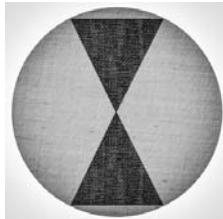
"It ain't what the power plant can do for you, but what you can do for the power plant," he says laughing.

Sure, there's a degree of sarcasm there, but when you spend as much time at the Roi Power Plant as Stigler—think six days a week, every week for the past two years—you want to make your work life as smooth, safe and efficient as possible. Plus, he seems to really enjoy the place.

"It's a good job," Stigler says, stepping outside into the sunshine where he keeps an outdoors workshop. "It's kind of like a home away from home. Can't complain."



HOURLASS INTERVIEWS



JOSH LOGAN, OLIVIA HENKEN, NATE COMP, PAUL COSTLEY, KEITH LEWIS AND SIMON ADAMSSON flew out to USAG-KA for a series of shows last weekend on Roi-Namur and Kwajalein. In an interview with the Kwajalein Hourglass this week, the musicians talk a little about the highlights of their trip, their music interests and their future plans.

Jordan Vinson: Olivia, besides your shows on Roi and Kwaj, what was a cool highlight during your trip to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll?

Olivia: Definitely the helicopter ride here was a highlight. I got to fly in a helicopter for the first time. That definitely was the best way to see the islands. Props to Billy [Kilgore].

JV: The show Saturday night was pretty energetic. There are some folks who've lived here for decades, and they say this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony on Kwaj was the grandest they've ever seen.

Paul: That was my favorite. Out of all of the show's we've done, that was one of my favorites. Keith: It's in the top shows ever for me. It was just so awesome. Paul: It's nice to be outside, getting involved with all the kids. And then the adults got involved. Nate: When we were here last time, it was Josh and Paul and I. Our Saturday gig was at the Yacht Club, which wasn't really done. There were maybe 300 people there. This time around, Timmy [Roberge] is like, "No, no no, you're going to be downtown for the Tree Lighting." We didn't know what to expect. We certainly didn't expect that. It was unbelievable. Olivia: We had an awesome new stage and equipment. Josh: Yeah, the stage setup and all the work that people put into that was amazing, like to just see that come together.

JV: For a lot of those kids at the show, it was their biggest concert.

Olivia: Two of the kids asked us how famous we are back home. I was like, "How famous do you want us to be?" Josh: We are very famous. We're kind of big deals. [laughing] Keith: We have dozens of fans.

JV: How did all of you guys meet?

Through other bands? Craigslist?

Olivia: Tinder. We all met on Tinder. [laughing] Paul: Where we come from, the musical community is very small. So I was working as an agent with Josh when he was very young—Nate too—and then Simon and I played in another band. And ... it just kind of all works out organically. Keith: We all know each other in New England.

JV: And you two, Olivia and Josh, met on "The Voice," right?

Josh: Yeah, we were on the same team, team Christina [Aguilera]. Olivia: It was two years ago. JV: So was it love at first sight? Olivia: I had to fight Christina for him. Paul: For Nate and Josh it was love at first sight. Josh: Yeah, as soon as I saw him. Actually it was hate at first sight. It's like a love-hate thing, but we tell each other. Nate: We still don't like each other. [laughing]

JV: Josh and Olivia, you live in Louisville, and the rest of you live in New England. How often do you get together and play out? And where do you play out?

Keith: It's sporadic. Josh: New England. Paul: We'll be going to LA again in January, which we've done before; so we have to travel. And, of course, Josh and Olivia are in Kentucky, so it's all mixed and matched. Josh: Whatever works for the situation. When I came off "The Voice," we put some big shows together back in New Hampshire and Boston, and Liv came out with another contestant. And we put some big shows together, and these guys backed up. So we just had a big variety show of, you know, different singers. Paul: Sometimes Josh will come through and do a college kind of tour. So if he comes out our way, he'll come meet up with Keith and Simon, and they'll play. Or he'll come our way. ... We make room when he's coming out, that way we know we all can play out. Josh: And the same, if they come down to Kentucky we try to put some shows together. That's what we want

Interview and  by Jordan Vinson

BELOW, FROM LEFT: Nate Comp, lead guitar and vocals; Keith Lewis, bass; Josh Logan, lead vocals and guitar; Olivia Henken, lead vocals and guitar; Paul Costley, percussion and harmonica; and Simon Adamsson, drums.



to do in the near future is have them come down. ... In Kentucky, there's a venue called Fourth Street Live. Keith and Simon came down there before.

JV: What do you guys think of Louisville? It's a small big city with a great music scene.

Olivia: That's how I'd classify it. If it wasn't for the [Kentucky] Derby, we probably wouldn't be a big city at all. I have my own band back home. So they're awesome, and we just gig around town a lot as much as we can without oversaturating.

JV: Your band is called?

Olivia: Just my name Olivia Henken. We're very creative. [laughing]

JV: You do country, and Josh does pop and rock mostly.

Olivia: Yeah, we're Donny and Marie [Osmond]. We do a little bit of country, a little bit of rock 'n roll. I've got Josh finally starting to listen to country music. Josh: Yeah, I never thought that would ever happen.

JV: What country artist are you into now?

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BAND COVERAGE, CONTINUED FROM P. 3.



LEFT TO RIGHT, FROM TOP OF PAGE: A teen boogies down during the band's performance Dec. 5 at the Kwajalein downtown area. Olivia Henken sings during the Dec. 4 show at the Roi Outrigger. Paul Costley plays a harmonica solo. Josh Logan sings and jams on the flat top at the Outrigger. Throngs of teens join adults in a cluster in front of the stage Dec. 5. Roi band Smells Like Fish joins the visiting musicians for a group photo; thoughts on the name of their band, should they join together, resulted in the following: Smells Like Josh Logan. Ricky Everette and Stacey Helt dance during the Roi show. Billy and Lauren Traweek dance together during the downtown Kwaj show. Lead Guitarist Nate Comp plays a face-melting solo during the show on Roi Dec. 4.



HERO OF THE WEEK

USAG-KA'S Hero of the Week for this week is Carl Hatten. An electrical apprentice, he spent about three months working for Samson Electric at the Space Fence construction site. He and his team focused on rerouting the main line that will supply the power to Space Fence sensor. Having completed his job, he departed yesterday, heading back to his hometown of Soldotna, Alaska.

At 22 years of age and having travelled little outside of Alaska, Hatten said that his experience on Kwajalein was a trip in several ways. "There are so many people from so many different parts of the country, and even the world, here that sometimes different slang and lingo created difficulties in communication." The heat and humidity was also a drastic change for Hatten.

On the plus side, he learned a lot about Marshallese culture during his stay. The friends he's made on Ebeye and the \$400 in Marshallese handicrafts he packed up to give to family and friends back home are a testament to that fact. He's also taken advantage of the great networking opportunities on Kwaj and is planning the next step in his professional jobs: a contract in either Las Vegas, Dubai or Antarctica, for instance.

Safe travels, Carl!

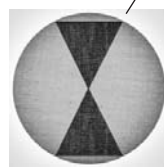


Jordan Vinson

HOURLASS FLICKR PAGE

Kwajalein Hourglass staff recently set up a Flickr page for uploading and sharing photographs taken for use in this publication. Ever wonder if you can get that cool photo of your kid ripping down the slip and slide at the Spring Break Music Fest? Or that one shot of you crossing the finish line at the end of the RustMan Triathlon? Now you can—all from the comfort of your weathered, hand-me-down Kwaj couch.

Go to www.flickr.com and search "Kwajalein Hourglass," selecting "people." See this icon? That's us.



Staff will upload new photos each week and, when time allows, also upload archived photos taken in the past. It will take time for our online photo collection to grow; your patience is appreciated.

SEC CARTER: FULL INTEGRATION OF WOMEN INTO MILITARY REQUIRED

MESSAGE FROM ARMY COMMAND

Last week, the Secretary of Defense directed the full integration of women in the Armed Forces following a thirty-day review period required by Congress. The purpose of allowing all Soldiers, regardless of gender, to serve in any Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) for which they are qualified is to increase our military effectiveness. The Army will provide our final, detailed implementation plan to the Secretary of Defense no later than January 1, 2016. Subject to his approval, we will begin implementing our integration plan to open all MOSs, career fields, and branches for accession by women as soon as practicable following January 2, 2016, but not later than April 1, 2016.

Our best qualified, regardless of gender, will now be afforded the opportunity to serve in any MOS. Our detailed and deliberate implementation plan will maintain the readiness of our force and ensure we remain a standards-based Army. This methodical plan will establish and enforce MOS-specific and gender-neutral standards based on the rigors of ground combat. Done properly, the integration of women into all MOSs will improve combat readiness and make our Army better. Readiness is our top priority.

Our Army exists to fight and win the Nation's wars. An incremental and phased approach by leaders and Soldiers who understand and enforce gender neutral standards will ensure successful integration of women across the breadth and depth of our formations. We are honored to serve with all of you who have taken an oath to support and defend our Constitution and demonstrate the values which make our Nation great.

ARMY STRONG!

Daniel A. Dailey
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Sergeant Major of the Army

Mark A. Milley
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General, United States Army
Chief of Staff

Eric K. Fanning
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Acting Secretary of the Army

NEW HOSPITAL MEDICAL BILLING PROCEDURE

The Kwajalein Hospital business office has implemented an improved billing service for our Kwajalein Atoll and Roi Namur customers. The hospital billing office now handles filing your claims directly with your insurance company and applies the insurance payment against your account at the hospital. Statements will be issued to customers quarterly, or upon request from the hospital business office. Customers will no longer be required to settle medical bills at the KRS Finance Office. As we transition over to this improved process, we have had customers receive checks from the insurance company that should have been sent to the hospital. If you have received an insurance check, please bring it in to the Hospital Business Office or mail it via MPS. Payments are also accepted via credit card. We will apply payments directly to your account in the hospital system. There have been no changes to the Pharmacy Medication payment process. Thank you for allowing us to serve you!



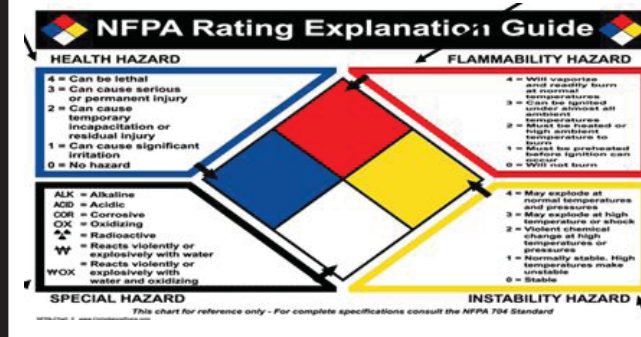
APPROVED FLAMMABLE STORAGE CONTAINERS

What is a secondary or portable container, you may ask. A portable container is one that is used to transfer a chemical from its original container, usually of a large quantity, to one for general use. According to SPI 1436, a secondary container can only be for immediate use by a worker during their shift, and its contents must be labeled.

The label must contain the following information:

- 1) Identity of hazardous chemicals
- 2) Appropriate hazard warnings to help employees protect themselves from the hazards of the substance
- 3) Name of the chemical manufacturer, importer or other party responsible for the chemical and from whom more information about the chemical can be obtained.

Labels can be found in GSK stock codes. If you need more information, contact the Environmental, Safety and Hazards office.



REMEMBER!

- 1) Labels must be placed on all containers that are not in their original packaging.
- 2) Secondary containers must be used within the same working day.
- 3) Storage of secondary containers is not allowed. This includes storage in a flammable storage cabinet or in lockers
- 4) Should you need assistance in completing the tag, feel free to contact your nearest safety professional.

UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL THIS PARTY'S FOR YOU!
DON'T SPEND CHRISTMAS DAY ALONE ~ COME DOWN AND JOIN THE FUN

AT THE

12TH ANNUAL "STRAY-DOG" CHRISTMAS PARTY

SPONSORED BY "BUCKMINSTER & FRIENDS"

FRIDAY DECEMBER 25TH AT THE ARC

4:00 – 9:00 pm

CHRISTMAS MOVIES! ~ HOME-MADE SNACKS!
GRAB-BAG GIFTS! ~ DOOR PRIZES!

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS & MAKE NEW FRIENDS!
START A POOL GAME OR SHOW OFF YOUR PING-PONG PROWESS.

COFFEE, WATER, AND SODAS WILL BE AVAILABLE,
BUT FOR SOMETHING MORE "ADULT" IT IS B.Y.O.B.



PUPUS AND SNACKS ARE WELCOME!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SABBINA AT 5-4498

(LEAVE A MESSAGE, BUT IF A RABBIT ANSWERS – HANG UP)



Thumbs Up to Navy Seabees CCAD-Marshall Islands for all of that you've done to support the Scouts' fire pit project at Coral Sands. Also big thanks to Glen McClellan for your help and, of course, Quality of Life. The project would not have been a success without all of your support. — *Jane Sholar*

Thumbs Up to Tom Lester, Chuck Frechette and crew for their outstanding work in quickly repairing the windows and walls in the elementary art room. You are fabulous! — *Jane Christy*

Thank you! Santa's Arrival and Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony was a huge success this year, and it couldn't have taken place

without the hard work and effort from various departments, private clubs, organizations and individuals. It really is an island-wide effort to make it happen. Big thanks to the following groups and individuals: Community Activities crew; Public Works and Planning; Buildings and Grounds; Pest Control; Construction Shop; Fire Prevention; electricians; Automotive; performers; vendors; Security and Access Control; airport staff; KRS Catering; seventh and eighth Grade Classes; 4H Club; Jimjira Club; Kwajalein Sports Association; AAFES; Eric Corder; Tim Roberge; Danny Barthle; Col. Larsen and Sgt. Maj. Rawlings. — *Entertainment Supervisor Midori Hobbs*

Want to thank an awesome community member here? Send an email to the Hourglass editor at jordan.m.vinson3.ctr@mail.mil

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.

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.

FOR SALE

Samsonite expanding luggage. One 30-inch checked piece and one 21-inch carry-on piece. Both have 360-degree spinning wheels. Excellent condition, used once. Selling for \$250; purchased for \$620. Call 53759 and leave a message.

PATIO SALE

7-11 a.m., Dec. 14, at the back of Qtrs. 136-E. 7-feet Christmas tree, tree stand, Christmas decorations, king-size sheet sets, women's and men's clothing, miscellaneous items.

7:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 14, at Qtrs. 471-A.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Due to the corrosion control and repainting project on the Potable Water Tank, which is located in between the PXTRA and the Bakery, the surrounding laneways will be affected. Two laneways will be fenced off to one-way traffic only Dec. 10-March 12. Drivers are asked to be cautious, as there will be heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area.

Light Up the Night on Kwaj. Dec. 12: 6:30-9:30 p.m., at the Multi-purpose Room at the high school.

Roi Island Potluck Christmas Party. Dec. 13: 7 p.m., at the Roi Outrigger.

‘Cranky’ Holiday Double Feature. Dec. 13: 7:30 p.m., at the Rich Theater.

Water Safety Instructor Course registration is open Dec. 15-26. Session dates: each Saturday and Monday between Dec. 29-Jan. 25. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Cost is \$200 per person. Call Cliff Pryor at 52848 to sign up.

Mandatory Island Orientation. 12:30-4:30 p.m., Dec. 16, at Community Activities Center Room 6. This orientation session is a requirement for all new island arrivals, including dependents. Children under the age of 10 are not required to attend. Questions? Call the Environment, Safety and Hazards Department at 51134.

Roi Christmas Concert Movie. Dec. 16: 7 p.m., at the Trade Winds Theater.

Kwajalein Atoll International Sportfishing Club monthly meeting. 7 p.m., Dec. 16, at the Pacific Club. All anglers welcome. Questions? Call Andy at 52878.

Dentist will be off-island from Dec. 16-Jan 8. If you have a dental emergency, please visit with a physician at the hospital.

Kwaj Hobby Shop Holiday Open House. Dec. 17: 6-8 p.m., at the Kwajalein Hobby Shop.

Roi Christmas Ornament Making. Dec. 17: 7 p.m., at C Building on Roi.

EOD UXO Disposal Operation. 1-2:30 p.m., Dec. 18, at the UXO Disposal Site “Shark Pit.” Access to area will be restricted to unauthorized personnel until completion.

Quizzo. 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18, at the Vets Hall. This is the last Quizzo event of the year. Quizzo will resume in mid January.

Jingle Bell Run. Dec. 19: 5:30 p.m., at the Emon Beach main pavilion.

AUTO ELVES AT YOUR SERVICE

Automotive Services is once again proud to offer a package delivery service at the Post Office through Dec. 24. Delivery van and elves will be available at the Post Office

during all package pick up window hours. You must sign for the number of boxes being loaded on the van and be available at your quarters to sign for and receive your packages. The drivers will not be authorized to leave packages unattended at your quarters. —Your friends at Automotive Services

Calling all Ice People and Ice Wannies! First annual Antarctic Support Group “Meeting.” 6 p.m., Dec. 19, at the fire pit at Coral Sands. BYOB and finger foods. Call Amy Vogel at 51478 for info.

Roi Christmas Carols and Door Decorating Contest. Dec. 19: 6:30 p.m., beginning in front of the Roi AAFES Exchange.

Holiday Coffee and Cookie Exchange. 7 p.m., Dec. 20, at the C Building on Roi. Be part of the Cookie Exchange. Bake grandma’s and grandpa’s best ginger bread cookies, fruitcakes and more, and share them with friends. You provide the treats, and CA provides the coffee, milk and tea.

KSC Scuba Santa Arrival and KYC Parade of Lights. 6:30 p.m., Dec. 20, at Emon Beach. Come out to the beach to witness an annual miracle: the arrival of Kwajalein Scuba Club’s Scuba Santa on Kwaj. The Kwajalein Yacht Club folks follow up with their holiday yacht/boat parade in the water off Emon Beach. Bring your beach chairs coolers and grub to grill for this popular community-wide event.

Holiday Skate Night. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Dec. 23, at the Corlett Recreation Center Gym.

Due to the holiday schedule, the Adult Pool will be closed for cleaning Thursday, Dec. 24 and be open for swim Friday, Dec. 25.

Annual Gabby Shack Christmas Eve Yankee Swap. 6 p.m., Dec. 24, at the

ley Anderson at 54991.

Please do not move the beach chairs at Camp Hamilton onto the sand. The chairs, although heavy, will float away if the tide reaches them. Questions? Call Cliff Pryor at 52848 or the CA Office at 53331.

Attention Family Housing residents. The new trailer-mounted insecticide sprayer is 11-inches wider than the old one. The Pest Management department will not be responsible for damage to private property left in or near the fire lanes during night time spray operations. Please keep the fire lanes clear.

The Macy’s Structural Rehabilitation Project is starting. Subcontractor AIC International is on Island and preparing to start the repair work. The project involves repairs to the exterior concrete columns, concrete ceilings and floors and interior finishes. The anticipated duration of the repair is estimated at seven-eight months.

Recent sightings of small Portuguese Man-of-War (dime size) have been identified at Emon Beach, take extra precautions when you are in the water.

Notary Public services available by USAG-KA Paralegal in building 730 legal office. No appointments necessary. Hours are: 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday.

New hours for the Roi Dispensary, beginning Dec. 1, 2015. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 7-11 a.m. Wednesday: 7-11 a.m.; noon-4 p.m.

Weight loss and bariatric surgery class, taught by Dr. Paulette Galbraith and EAP Specialist Marion Ruffing. 4:45-5:30 p.m., on the first and third Tuesday of every month, in the Kwajalein Hospital conference room. Begins Jan. 5. Questions? Call EAP at 55362.

E-Talk: The KRS Environmental Policy expresses a commitment to conducting operations in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

Safely Speaking: The single most important action we can take to keep from getting sick and spreading illness to others is to wash our hands.



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
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USAG-KA SHARP VA Local Help Line: 805 355 2758
DOD SAFE Helpline: 877 995 5247

COMMANDER'S
HOTLINE

Have something the USAG-KA commander should know about?
Call the COMMANDER'S HOTLINE at 51098!

WEATHER

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Day	Sky	Rain	Winds
Sunday	Cloudy	<10%	NE-E at 13-18 knots
Monday	Mostly Cloudy	<10%	NE-E at 12-17 knots
Tuesday	Cloudy	<10%	NE-E at 13-18 knots
Wednesday	Partly Sunny	10%	NE-E at 13-18 knots
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	<10%	NE-E at 13-18 knots
Friday	Mostly Cloudy	<10%	NE-E at 12-18 knots

Yearly rainfall total: 129.38 inches
Yearly rainfall deviation: +41.43 inches

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

	Sunrise Sunset	Moonrise Moonset	Low Tide	High Tide
Sunday	6:54a.m. 6:32 p.m.	8:07 a.m. 8:09 p.m.	11:01 a.m. -0.5’ 11:45 p.m. -0.6’	5:08 a.m. 3.7’ 5:21 p.m. 4.7’
Monday	6:55 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	9 a.m. 9:03 p.m.	11:35 a.m. -0.3’ -----	5:44 a.m. 3.6’ 5:56 p.m. 4.6’
Tuesday	6:55 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	9:52 a.m. 9:58 p.m.	12:22 a.m. -0.5’ 12:13 p.m. -0.2’	6:22 a.m. 3.5’ 6:34 p.m. 4.5’
Wednesday	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	10:42 a.m. 10:53 p.m.	1:03 a.m. -0.3’ 12:55 p.m. 0.1’	7:04 a.m. 3.3’ 7:16 p.m. 4.1’
Thursday	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	11:32 a.m. 11:47 p.m.	1:49 a.m. 0.0’ 1:45 p.m. 0.5’	7:55 a.m. 3.1’ 8:07 p.m. 3.8’
Friday	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	12:21 p.m. -----	2:44 a.m. 0.2’ 2:53 p.m. 0.8’	8:59 a.m. 3.0’ 9:12 p.m. 3.4’
Dec. 19	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	1:09 p.m. 12:41 a.m.	3:54 a.m. 0.5’ 4:27 p.m. 1.0’	10:24 a.m. 2.9’ 10:39 p.m. 3.1’



Check out daily news and community updates on the official U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/usarmykwajaleinatoll

For command information questions, please contact Public Affairs at 54848.

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility							*MENU CURRENT AS OF DEC. 10
Lunch	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 19	
Sunday							
Oven fried chicken	Malibu chick. sandwich	Chicken enchilada cass.	Pork pot roast	Braised short ribs	Pot roast	Spaghetti	
Cheeseburger casserole	Sweet spicy meatballs	Fish tacos	Chick. vegetable stir-fry	Grilled chicken breast	Fish du jour	Marinara	
Eggs benedict	Oven roasted potatoes	Black beans	Roasted potatoes	Mac and cheese	Boiled potatoes	Chicken alfredo	
Dinner	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 19	
Sunday							
Bangers and mash	Cajun beef saute	Fried chicken	Grilled top sirloin	Roast chicken	Hamburger Bonanza	Beef pad Thai	
Steak and ale pie	Buffalo style chicken	Meatloaf	Chicken cordon bleu	Country fried steak	Sauteed chicken breast	General Tso's chicken	
Steamed red potatoes	Rice pilaf	Mashed potatoes	Baked potatoes	Mashed potatoes	Beans in broth	Chinese fried rice	

Café Roi							*MENU CURRENT AS OF DEC. 10
Lunch	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 19	
Sunday							
Roast pork loin	Lemon baked chicken	Ham and swiss sandwich	Chicken turnover	Vegetable quesadilla	Grilled cheese	Chicken fajita wrap	
Turkey ala king	Egg and cheese sandwich	Roast turkey	Beef stroganoff	Roasted pork butt	Country meatloaf	Hamburger steak	
Eggs a la lucio	Stewed okra	Stuffing	Noodles	Parsley potatoes	Tofu stir-fry	Mixed roast potatoes	
Dinner	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 19	
Sunday							
Italian meatballs	Korean beef steak	Beef tamales	Carved roast beef	Fried chicken	Mix Your Own BLT	Beef stir-fry	
Fish casino	Adobo chicken	Chicken enchilada cass.	Chicken pot pie	Stuffed cabbage	Tuna melt	Chinese spiced chicken	
Marinara pasta	Brown rice	Refried beans	Potato bar	Mashed potatoes	Slider hamburgers	Vegetable fried rice	

Josh: I don't really have any favorites. ... I like that Kenny Chesney. I think Kenny Chesney was the first thing I really kind of dug. I learned a cover. I like Blake [Shelton]'s stuff a little. But mostly, yeah, [Chris] Stapleton's really kind of my style. It's like that crossover of southern blues and country thing.

JV: What do you think about Marshallese music? You heard some during the Tree Lighting Ceremony when the Ri'Katak kids came up to dance.

Olivia: That was really cool. I loved it. It was so energetic. Josh: First thoughts? Tribal, techno, hip hop thing. It's world. Paul: Those kids, you could tell, were one of the crowd favorites. Because as soon as they came, the energy just went up and up.

JV: I hear some of you randomly met people on Kwaj and Roi who have some wildly particular connections to you.

Paul: We were just leaving Roi, and we ran into a guy that went to the same high school as Nate. Nate: Yeah, he was like, "I went to Me-

morial [High School]," and I was like, "What? What are you doing here?" Paul: And then Allan [Foreman] with the Roi Smells Like Fish band. I used to work with him over 20-something years ago. Josh: And I have relatives here. Actually, are they Marshallese? Tim: Partial Marshallese. Josh: It's the Corders.

JV: No way. You're related to the Corders?

Josh: I ... I don't think so. Actually, yes, yes I am. Tim: His last name is Corder. Josh: My middle name's Logan, yeah.

JV: Josh Logan Corder. Amazing.

Keith: I have one final quote for you: The Marshall Islands don't suck.

JV: Well that's certainly an understatement. But we'll go with it. I see a headline now. "The Marshall Islands don't suck, says bearded bass player." Anyway, you guys fly out soon. Anything you'll miss?

Josh: It's tough to leave once you come here. I'm just glad I got to do it with all my buddies and my girl.



Marshallese society unique. Land is a focal point for social organization in this island nation. All Marshallese have land rights as part of a clan, or jowi, that owes allegiance to an Iroij (chief), is supervised by the Alap (clan head), and supported by the Rijerbal (workers). The Iroij have ultimate control of such things as land tenure, resource use and distribution, and dispute settlement. The Alap supervises the maintenance of lands and daily activities. The Rijerbal are responsible for all daily work on the land including cleaning, farming and construction activities.



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 & tidy.

Pets might chew on electrical cords and people might trip & fall.

Never yank an electrical cord from the wall.

Pulling on a cord can damage the appliance, the plug or the outlet.



USAG-KA SPORTS

Volleyball

LATEST RESULTS

NOVEMBER 25

Set It & Forget It def. School 'Em 25-23/25-8
Spartans def. Corder Pounder 25-14/14-25/16-14

DECEMBER 1

Black Attack def. Jr. High 3 25-17/25-12
Little Giants def. Sets OTB 27-26/23-25/15-10
431 def. Los Chingones 25-20/26-27/15-11
Kwaj Rejects def. RTS 25-11/25-9

DECEMBER 2

Posers def. Jr. High 3 25-13/25-21
Little Giants def. Sets OTB 27-26/23-25/15-10
431 def. Los Chingones 25-20/26-27/15-11
Kwaj Rejects def. RTS 25-11/25-9

SCHOOL LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Posers	5	1
TR16E	4	1
10th Grade	3	1
Black Attack	3	3
White Lightning	1	3
Jr. High 2	0	3
Jr. High 3	0	4

A LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Spartans	5	1
Set It & Forget It	3	3
School 'Em	2	4
Corder Pounder	2	4

B LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Little Giants	8	0
Kwaj Rejects	5	3
431	5	3
Los Chingones	3	5
RTS	2	6
Sets on the Beach	1	7