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A young boy with short dark hair, wearing a light blue short-sleeved button-down shirt and dark blue trousers, is leaning over a large cardboard box. He is looking down into the box, which contains several backpacks. One prominent backpack is bright green with a blue strap and a small blue tag that says "BASIC". Another backpack is purple. The boy's shirt has a circular school logo on the left chest that reads "EBEYE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL" around a central emblem. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and what appears to be an outdoor setting.

An Ebeye Seventh Day Adventist School student selects a backpack filled with new school supplies, Jan. 24, as part of an 11-week donation project coordinated by Kwaj resident Rachael Harris.

Michael Diaz

NEW RMI PRESIDENT TAKES THE HELM

BY JORDAN VINSON

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Nitijela elected Aur Atoll Sen. Dr. Hilda Heine president Wednesday, making her the first female in RMI history to take the position as head of state.

The vote Wednesday in Majuro came only one day after the nation's 33-member parliament removed former President and Jaluit Sen. Casten Nemra from the presidency Tuesday via a vote of no confidence. Nemra himself had won the presidency just under four weeks ago Jan. 4 with a one-vote margin, beating out Kwajalein Sen. Alvin Jacklick to the post. Altogether, Nemra was able to serve only a couple of weeks as president before opposition members introduced the motion calling for the vote of no confidence and followed through with a successful vote supporting the motion.

Wednesday's vote, which earned Heine the support of 24 of 33 RMI senators, is but the latest chapter in the ongoing saga at the Nitijela over who would lead the nation as president during the next four years. Nemra's electoral win as Jaluit senator and then president, and the success of several other young political upstarts during the general election in November, had been seen as a sort of generational shift—a historic moment for the nation's youth to carve out a greater political stake in the RMI. Only time will tell how well the Nitijela's younger bloc will do in achieving their goals now.

Heine, of Aur Atoll, located less than 90 miles north of Majuro Atoll, has a doctorate in education from the University of Southern California and served as the minister of education under former President Christopher Loeak. This is her second term as an Aur senator.

WELCOME VETERANS

HOURLASS REPORT



U.S. Army photo by Jordan Vinson

Operation Flintlock Veterans Bill Mancke, left, and Clyde Hansen and their families arrived at Bucholz Army Airfield Thursday to join in the USAG-KA community's celebration of the 72nd anniversary of Operation Flintlock. Welcomed by hundreds of Kwaj and Roi residents, they'll spend this weekend on Roi-Namur, where they fought 72 years ago and get reacquainted with the islands they were sent to invade in 1944. Check next week's Hourglass issue for full coverage.



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Kwajalein Range Services wants your feedback on how the garrison's Community Services programs are going. Take part in ongoing surveys to voice your opinion on everything from the Kwajalein Hourglass and Mongolian Night at Café Roi, to the golf courses and the Self Help shops. Click on the "We Want Your Feedback" icon on the USAG-KA-Web Intranet home page and type away.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURLASS

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STUDY: JALUIT ISLANDS LANDMASS FULLY RECOVERED

BY JORDAN VINSON

In a new study published in American scholarly journal *Geology*, scientists with the University of Auckland in New Zealand have revealed that the islands of Jaluit Atoll have more than fully regained the landmass eroded away by the vicious storm surges of Typhoon Ophelia in 1958.

It was in early January of that year that Typhoon Ophelia screamed through the island chains and coral atolls of Micronesia, leaving a path of destruction in its wake. Pohnpei, Truk and Yap were wrecked, and low-lying Jaluit Atoll, lying squarely within Ophelia's path, was hit hard. Waves up to eight feet in height, propelled by Ophelia's 140-mph winds, swept over the atoll's islets, ruining fresh groundwater supplies, carrying away entire villages, and killing 16 people.

Aside from the storm's direct humanitarian impact on the villagers, Ophelia's winds and waves cut out large swaths of island topsoil and nearly all trees and vegetation that clung to the sandy dirt. What resulted was a dramatically different coastal landscape than what existed prior to Ophelia's arrival. More than five percent of the atoll's entire land area had been bitten off by the typhoon's storm surges, and on the atoll's northern perimeter, island landmass fell by more than 12 percent.

Nearly 60 years later, however, the new study by University of Auckland geomorphologists Dr. Murry R. Ford and Paul S. Kench, has produced heartening findings. Despite impacts from rising sea levels, the Jaluit islands have fully recovered their pre-1958 landmasses.

"Using aerial photographs as well as recent satellite imagery we track the impacts of the typhoon and the multidecadal recovery of islands," Drs. Murray R. Ford and Paul S. Kench wrote in *Geology*. "Between 1976 and 2006, 73 of 87 islands increased in size, with the total landmass exceeding the pre-typhoon area (10.25 km²)."

Interestingly, the process that shed islands of their landmasses is the same that has allowed them to regrow in size, Ford described in an email to the Hourglass Thursday.

"Reef islands are products of the reefs around them," he wrote. "In this case, the storm wiped out a large amount of land area, but set in motion the process for the islands to recover. The storm obviously generated huge volumes of new sand and gravel, which through time worked its way across the reef and added to the volume of the island. So much so that the islands recovered to a greater size than before the storm."

Because the study focused on analyses of aerial imagery over time, instead of on-the-ground topographical measurements, it is yet to be determined whether Jaluit's islets built upward in height—an important feature given the threat of rising seas. Still, Ford wrote that the study's results were unexpected and a valuable addition to the scientific community's understanding of how reef islands adjust to changes in the environment around them.

"I found the magnitude of the changes surprising," he wrote. "We saw entire islands washed away, yet the total land area increased. This was surprising, particularly over what are relatively short time-scales."

Ford's and Kench's work focuses on the evolution and dynamics of reef islands, a field of study called reef island geomorphology. They have conducted extensive field research throughout the Marshall Islands in recent years, from Wotje Atoll and Majuro to Nadikdik (Knox) Atoll and Jaluit.

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AUTOMOTIVE SUPPLY AWARDED DUST PAN PRIZE



U.S. Army photo by Jordan Vinson

Kwajalein Range Services' Executive Safety Committee members award Automotive Supply Warehouse Lead Mel Sanchez the coveted Distinguished Dustpan Award Jan. 26.

HOURLASS REPORT

Kwajalein's Automotive Supply team was awarded the garrison's first Distinguished Dustpan Award this week. On site to accept the prize was Automotive Supply Warehouse Lead Mel Sanchez, a long-time resident and employee on Kwajalein.

The award, a recent Executive Safety Committee creation, was unveiled to commend departments and offices around the garrison that maintain good Lean 5S and housekeeping practices, all of which contribute to safer workspaces.

Sanchez and his team were selected as the January Distinguished Dust Pan winners due to the crew's efforts toward keeping their warehouse in top-notch shape. Meticulously organized, and uncluttered, the workspace is an example for the rest of the departments on the garrison to follow, KRS President Cynthia Rivera said Jan. 26.

The award will stay at the warehouse until the end of next month, when the Executive Safety Committee selects its next winner.



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

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MUSICIANS PLAY ON THE BIG STAGE

BY COLLEEN FURGESON

The Kwaj community went out to the Kaleidoscope of Music Jan. 24, where they enjoyed 16 music performances and contributed toward scholarships for the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School class of 2016.

Announcing the acts were Ursula and Tim Labrie, the mistress and master of ceremonies for the event. Fumiko Kemem, Lelani Alfred, Camille Lelet, Dash Alfred, Logan Lelet and Auguston Lelet from the Jinetiptip group kicked off the night's performances with a beautiful, traditional Marshallese song. They were followed by Pure Polynesia, who gave a feel for Hawaiian music, singing "Island Style" by John Cruz. Later, two seniors from the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School played the piano. Danielle Rivera performed "Elementals," and Addison Cossey followed with "Comptine D'Un Autre Ete L'Apres Midi."

Patrice Kramer and her husband Ed Kramer, regular hits at the annual Kaleidoscope shows, decided to switch things up a bit this year. While Patrice sang "She's Got You," Ed played the guitar, and the audience got an exciting show by the two. Dan Eggers, another regular performer, played and sang " 'cept You and Me, Babe."

Kaleidoscope first-timer Ben Lowe surprised the crowd with a blazing-hot performance of "Bumble Boogie" on the piano keys.

And McAfee Flashback and Friends ended the night's suite of performances, playing a medley of Beatles hits. All of the performers jumped on stage towards the end for an amazing finale, all of them singing "Hey Jude" along with the band and the crowd.



First-time Kaleidoscope performer Ben Lowe wows the crowd with a performance of "Bumble Boogie" Jan. 24 at the Kwajalein High School Multi-Purpose Room.



Dan Eggers, left, joins Mel Sanchez, middle, and Ed Kramer for a performance.

BOTTOM-LEFT TO RIGHT: Mike Symanski performs. McAfee Flashback and Friends are joined by other musicians during the show's finale.



Tales From Kwajalein Atoll is a new feature for the Kwajalein Hourglass. It is a blend of historical accounts and anecdotes from current and former residents of Kwaj and Roi. Published irregularly, the series will be a medium for stories that shed light on some of the more interesting chapters in the history of the U.S. military and contractor presence on Kwajalein Atoll and elsewhere in the Marshalls. We kick off the series with a story on glass ball hunting from former long-time Kwaj resident Bill Remick, author of "Just Another Day In Paradise," a history of Kwajalein Island.

BY BILL REMICK

Glass balls. Everybody who has been on Kwaj knows what they are. Fishing net floats from Japanese fishermen that break off the nets float around the Pacific. Pretty much everybody had one on Kwaj, and they are an enduring reminder of our time on the island.

In 1996, a friend of mine, Gordon Jones, hatched an idea to go to an uninhabited atoll to collect glass balls. By that time they were kind of rare on Kwajalein, and the few that were found were quickly snapped up. Gordon and friends made arrangements to hitch a ride on a boat named the Mr. Bill. It carried supplies for the Department of Energy to Bikini, and the crew dropped them off at a small atoll about 60 miles from Bikini called Ailiginiae. The group had a small inflatable boat with them and only one day to explore the islands before the Mr. Bill returned to pick them up. They got busy and managed to scrounge up some 400 glass balls of varying sizes, mostly small ones.

Gordon started asking around and heard about the northernmost atoll in the Marshalls, Taongi (also known as Bokaak), only about 300 miles south of Wake Island. He was told it was littered with so many glass balls that it was like Glass Ball Heaven. Naturally, he started investigating ways to get there. The person who had told him about it had been

THE GLASS BALLS OF TAONGI ATOLL



A member of the crew who made the trip from Kwajalein to Taongi Atoll in 2000 sits on a beach among glass balls the crew set out for.

📷 Courtesy of Bill Remick

there on official business with Space and Missile Defense Command people looking at the feasibility of using one of the islands as a launch site for short-range target missiles. It turned out to be unsuitable. It wasn't the first time the Department of Defense was interested in Taongi. In 1958 they considered using it as a nuclear test site. Eisenhower quickly nixed that, though.

Pretty soon Gordon found that he could charter a 92-foot boat from Charlie Dominick, a Marshallese businessman. 1997 was a washout because of the severe El Niño that occurred that year; plans were made to make the trip in 1998 instead. About a month before I was to arrive, I got a call from Gordon who told me that Charlie Dominick said the boat was broken and that we couldn't go. So we made plans to fly over to Wotje on "Little AMI", the Marshallese government-owned puddle jumper. Everything went well, and we made plans to go to Taongi next year.

1999 rolls around, and Charlie Dominick's boat, called Charlie's Angel, was broken down again. So we decided to return to Ailiginiae, this time in a 27-foot outboard that Gordon and Dennis Baker

owned. Dennis and I drove the boat to Roi-Namur after work while Gordon and another guy flew up and met us. At 0-dark-thirty the next morning we took off. Not as simple as you might think moving around a darkened anchorage that is fraught with coral heads. We cleared North Pass and headed for Ailiginiae 145 miles away using GPS to guide us.

We only spent one night on the atoll and left just before sunset the next day. In a fuel management effort, the guys decided to travel at night on one engine at about 6 knots. With any luck, this would ensure us enough fuel to reach Roi-Namur. It rained on and off through the night, making sleep pretty tough. We had a huge phosphorescent wake behind us. As I was watching it at about 2 in the morning, it suddenly went dark and disappeared all at once. Amazing.

In 2000 the stars finally aligned, and Charlie's Angel was fit to travel. It took two days to cover the 425 miles to Taongi, and we were going to spend four days there then return. Taongi has a pass on the southwest side that is about as wide as an oversized parking space. Re-

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KWAJ RESIDENTS, YOUTH DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO EBEBYE STUDENTS

HOURLASS REPORT

Kwaj residents joined Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School National Honor Society students on Ebeye, Jan. 25, to deliver more than 200 backpacks to the entire student body at Ebeye Seventh Day Adventist School. Filled with brand-new school supplies donated by garrison residents and off-island benefactors, the backpacks were delivered classroom by classroom to SDA students. Each backpack contained binders, filler paper, notebooks, pencil cases, pencils, pens, scissors and crayons. Other donations came in the form of books, scientific calculators, art supplies and sports equipment.

The donation project was spearheaded by Kwajalein resident Rachael Harris, who spent about 11 weeks coordinating with other volunteers and the NHS group from the high school. Having wrapped up the project, Harris said that seeing everyone come together around a common cause for the Kwajalein community's young neighbors to the north was inspiring.

"I am incredibly grateful to the Kwajalein community for their donations," she said. "I am especially thankful to the National Honor Society students for joining me in this effort. Without them, the goal of providing a backpack to each of the Ebeye SDA students would not have been possible."



TOP: Students at the Ebeye Seventh Day Adventist School select backpacks with their names written on them during a donation drive Jan. 25



BOTTOM: SDA students gather for a group photo with Kwaj resident Rachael Harris, who coordinated the donation effort at the school.

📷 Courtesy of Michael Diaz



BELOW: Gene Littlefield gets bike maintenance assistance from Namur's helpful chicken residents last week. **RIGHT:** The Roi community throws a fundraising event last weekend to help cover the visiting Operation Flintlock Veterans' expenses.



📷 From Sandra Garrison



KWAJALEIN | THE GREAT HISTORY | FIX | BATTLE OF GUAM

BY MARY BROWNING

Mary Browning was a frequent Hourglass contributor in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Her pieces covered an array of issues pertaining to Marshallese culture and history, archeology in Micronesia and marine biology. In this article, which first appeared April 7, 1980, she quotes passages from a letter written by a Navy officer, who recounts U.S. forces' initial experiences in taking control of Guam from Spain during the Spanish-American War.

"I SUPPOSE YOU WANT TO HEAR all about the great battle of Guam," wrote Lt. P.H. Mullay, U.S.A., to his brother in 1898.

"Well, we came around the northern part of the island very early yesterday morning, June 20. The [U.S.S.] Charleston went into the bay and fired a shot at the fort, but it did not answer. Soon, however, a boat came from shore bringing a representative of the governor, who made the most profuse apologies for not answering the salute and giving as the reason that he had no powder. That's all, so far, of the battle of Guam. The governor's representative was informed of the existence of the war and that they would have to surrender and come on board the next day at 9 o'clock, also that if they made any resistance we would sack the town. They did not come at the appointed time, so some marines from the Charleston and some Oregon troops from the [U.S.S.] Australia were loaded into boats. Seeing this, the Spaniards agreed to come.

"Shortly after dinner, I went up on the bridge and saw the Charleston signal with a lantern that they would send the prisoners on board our ship. They came aboard shortly afterward, six officers and 54 men. The governor, his secretary and surgeon were in white, the rest—officers and men—wore a light-weight cotton uniform with fine white and blue stripes. The enlisted men wore large, very light chip hats, white cotton shirts and underwear. They are well built, small and very lean.

"They draw \$3 a month, Mexican money, from the government, but had not been paid for a year and a half, yet they all had money. I'll be they are quite surprised with the treatment they are receiving. The officers live the same as we do and the enlisted men the same as our enlisted men. The enlisted men seem very well pleased with their captivity. There is only one American on the island. He hails from Chicago, I believe. He is married to a native woman who is

rather nice looking. He has run in lots of 'joshing' on the natives, and now I suppose he will put himself up as governor. There are a few Spanish civilians in the capital, but it is five miles inland and I did not get to it. There is a Catholic priest on each island and the rest are all natives. All are Catholics.

"This morning we took a boat and rowed in against a strong head wind and tide to a native village. It was a very interesting sight. We had to go way round to get clear of the coral reefs, which we could distinguish by the green color of the water. They had a little covered passageway with steps leading up out of the water for a landing. The first house on the left was the home of the American resident, where we stopped and got a drink of gin, which was awfully strong.

"All the houses are either adobe or wooden structures, bamboo, cane or something or other. I won't go into architecture for fear of being called down. The living room is generally large, with tables, chairs, benches, etc. The floors and a good part of the other woodwork is mahogany, worn very smooth. On the walls are sacred pictures, and boards swung from the ceilings serve as shelves. Off from this room over the archway and to the rear are the bedrooms, pantries, etc. In the bedrooms were little altars, with the everlasting lamp burning, sacred pictures and some candles. The better classes had nice bedsteads of mahogany, with mattresses, blankets and pillows covered with clean pillow cases. They generally have a woven mat over the mattresses, as it would be too warm otherwise, for the mat allows the air to circulate underneath.

"At the end of the street was the church, a typical tropical mission church, with a large wooden cross in front and a bell on the side. There was no furniture inside, except the lamp, a little altar and railing. The natives are very pleasant people and seemed glad to see us. They were very pleased at getting rid of the Spaniards."

*From "Our New Possessions," by Trumbull White, published in Chicago and Philadelphia, 1898.



U.S. Navy

The U.S.S. Charleston, photographed rests in Manila Bay, in 1898, shortly after taking Guam as an American possession during the Spanish-American War.



THE NUMBER OF CASES OF INAPPROPRIATE VEHICLE USE HAS STEADILY INCREASED ACROSS THE GARRISON, and USAG-KA wants all personnel to be aware of the proper and legitimate use of vehicles to prevent waste of resources and abuse of privileges. Other than the QOL rental vehicles, all vehicles on USAG-KA are restricted to official use only. Use of work vehicles to travel between your home and place of employment, to transport non-personnel, to run personal errands, to

pick up personal mail at the post office, to travel to retail establishments, dining facilities, the gym, the bank, or the food court is prohibited. Transportation of personnel or dependents to or from the airport is also prohibited, unless the traveler is on official business or is PCS'ing. Transporting alcohol in a work vehicle is also prohibited. Personnel who misuse vehicles may be subject to adverse personnel action by their employer or adverse administrative action by the Command.



BY JORDAN VINSON

This company of ruddy turnstones (*Arenaria interpres*) was photographed on the ocean side of Kwajalein by Kwaj resident Jordan Vinson. The ruddy turnstone is one of 106 species of birds officially reported in the Marshall Islands.

A highly migratory species, ruddy turnstones often fly extremely long distances each year to and from breeding sites located in the arctic tundra of Eurasia and North America. Calling the top of the world home during the northern hemisphere's warmer months, they pack up and seek out warmer climates during the winter. Turnstones generally migrate southward along the coastlines of the nations they traverse to reach their winter-over destinations, which can range from the coastlines of Florida, Central America and Europe, to Australia, the Pacific island nations and southern Africa. Generally speaking, the turnstones that are found in the Marshall Islands and other Pacific locations during the winter are visitors from northern Alaska. They may remain on Kwajalein Atoll, for instance, until they head back north, or they may make a



📷 Ruddy turnstones by Jordan Vinson

temporary stop, part of a longer trip comprising stops along California, Hawaii, Micronesia and ultimately New Zealand or Australia.

The species is part of the sandpiper family, which consists of two large subordinate prongs: waders and shorebirds. Turnstones are waders and are at home along the coastline, where they eat mollusks, crustaceans, barnacles and insects. A social species, turnstones have been known to work together to flip over large objects like rocks (hence their name turnstones) to get at prey. They have a metallic yet musical quality to their calls.

According to the RMI Office of Environmental Planning, the Marshallese term for the ruddy turnstone is "kotkot" and has been, on one hand, a source of food and income for the islanders and, on the other hand, a source of entertainment through use as pets and through competitive fighting between captive birds.

WHAT IS ZIKA VIRUS AND WHO IS AT RISK?

Zika is contracted through a bite from the Aedes mosquito. Those at risk are people traveling to South Americas; Barbados, Brazil, Colombia, Panama, Puerto Rica and Venezuela to name a few. The CDC reports that an outbreak in Brazil led to reports of a Guillain-Barre-like syndrome and pregnant women giving birth to babies with microcephaly, birth defects, and poor pregnancy outcomes. This virus is only a concern if you are PREGNANT, otherwise the virus will run its course of fever, headache, rash and possibly pink eye.

The following precautions should be implemented if traveling to affected areas:

- Bug Repellents containing DEET, use as directed. Spray clothing, not skin under clothing.
- Wear long sleeved shirts and long pants, if weather permits.
- Use mosquito bed net, with open windows use screens.
- Reduce mosquitoes inside and outside your home, by removing standing water from containers around your household.
- Check travel advisory from the CDC web page prior to traveling.
- Currently Kwajalein Hospital reports that there are no reports in the Marshall Islands of this virus.
- For complete travel detail restrictions please to go to the CDC website at: www.cdc.gov/zika

————— Content provided by Kwajalein Hospital staff

"TAONGI," FROM PAGE 5

ally, it is maybe 20 feet wide and has a dogleg halfway through the reef, forcing the boat captain to anchor Charlie's Angel to the reef with the boat in the ocean. There was a storm around Saipan at the time, and while the local seas were very calm, there were huge rollers coming from the west. We would get into the pass with our little inflatable with its 4.5 horsepower outboard, and a wave would start coming in. At full throttle we were moving backwards and down into a coral canyon. Disconcerting sure, but not quite as scary as the millions of sharks in the very shallow lagoon. The engine quit on us one day in the middle of the lagoon, and before the boat stopped moving we were surrounded by hundreds of sharks.

We were a crew of 11 Americans and five Marshallese. I don't think I have ever sweated so much in my life. I calculated that one day I had taken in more than three gallons of wa-

ter, soda and beer. We also got a close-up look at a Japanese fishing boat that had run aground. At the end of the trip we figured we had collected about 5,000 balls, which were sold to cover the expense of the boat charter, although everybody got to keep a few for themselves. I think that pretty much all of them were unloaded and are in the pile in the photo below. While this was the first successful trip to Taongi, we called it "Taongi 3" recognizing the first two failed attempts.

The Pacific has currents that circle the ocean. Two of them seem to collide about where Taongi lies. This sort of creates a conveyor belt of glass balls and other debris that keeps replenishing the atoll with new material. Three subsequent trips yielded just about as many balls each time. All of these excursions to other atolls were made with the blessings of the local landowners and chiefs.



The extent of the Taongi team's bounty is revealed in 2000 at Echo Pier. Thousands of glass balls were gathered by the crew.

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.

FOR SALE

Sectional couch set with end recliner and sleeper sofa with pull-out bed, good condition, \$200. Dining room set with thick glass table top, dark wood base, four upholstered chairs with high backs, good condition, \$200. Call Rose at 53731 to view.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kwajalein Yacht Club monthly meeting. 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30, at the Yacht Club. Guests welcome. Questions? Email Ursula LaBrie at yeoman@kwajyachtclub.com

Birthday bash at the Ocean View Club. 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 30. Join us in celebrating August birthdays. Enjoy drink specials and Top 40 hits. Must be 21 years or older.

Blind Date With a Book. Feb. 1-16 at the Grace Sherwood Library. You shouldn't always judge a book by its cover! Put your trust in fate and choose a book without knowing the title, and maybe

you'll fall in love, or win a prize! The more books you read, the better your chances at winning a Valentine's gift basket. Open to young adult and adult readers. For questions, call 53439.

The family pool will be open Monday, Feb. 1, at 2:30 p.m. following the Kwajalein Swim Team meet.

Kwajalein Running Club monthly fun run. 5:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1, beginning at the bowling center. Show up by 5:25 p.m. to sign in. The community is welcome. Questions? Call 51815.

Weight and bariatric class. 4:45-5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 2, at the hospital conference room.

Wellness Wednesday Heart Skate Night. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3 at the Corlett Recreation Center Gym. Questions? Call 51275.

February Merebabes Swim Class. 9-9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 6. This is a FREE American Red Cross parent-child swim lesson that is designed for children six months of age to three years of age. All participants must be accompanied by an adult in the water, and swim diapers are required for children not yet potty trained. This class meets the first Saturday of every month. Questions? Call Cliff at 52848.

The community is invited for a hail and farewell party for incoming Father Patrick McCormack and outgoing Father Vic

Langhans. 6 p.m., Feb. 7, at the Religious Education Building. Potluck dishes welcome.

Party Gras at the Ocean View Club. 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6. Celebrate Fat Tuesday on a Saturday with New Orleans music and drink specials.

Christian Women's Fellowship luncheon. 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Religious Education Building.

Karaoke at the Ocean View Club. 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 7. Must be 21 years of age or older.

Vets Hall Superbowl Party. Starts at 10 a.m., Feb. 8. Come early to grab a seat and watch the game. Breakfast available at 10:30 a.m.

Super Bowl party at the Country Club. 9 a.m., Feb. 8. Drink specials and pupus available.

Wine and cheese tasting benefit for Kwaj resident Stan Edwards. 6 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Vets Hall. Tickets available at the Vets Hall or from American Legion members. Must be 21 years or older to participate.

Anti-Valentine's Day party at the Ocean View Club. 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13. We'll have heart-breaker specials and music.

Valentine's Day Smells Like Fish Performance. 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 14, at the Vets Hall.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Library.

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.

Small Boat Marina users: Please take care of our new Quality of Life coolers. Clean them after use, and DO NOT drag them on the ground.

Teach our kids to be green. Turn off your lights, computer, and TV when not in use. Don't let the water run continuously when brushing your teeth. Use cotton or recycled material bags instead of plastic. Recycle or reuse your plastic bags and used paper.

Adult Pool reminder: In order to host a party or a class at the pool, you must make a reservation through Community Activities by calling 52848 or by emailing Cliff Pryor.

E-Talk: This week marks the anniversary of Operation Flintlock, the World War II invasion of the Marshall Islands. Learn more about the Operation Flintlock in this week's E-talk.

Safely Speaking: When dealing with chemicals, ask the following questions to determine what type of glove you may need. 1. What type of chemicals will I be handling? 2. What is the nature of contact? Is it total emersion or only splashes? 3. Is it just my hands that need protection or does it include the forearm an arm as well? 4. What kind of grip do I need?

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

*MENU CURRENT AS OF JAN. 26

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Feb. 6
Roasted chicken	Sauteed boneless chicken	Egg drop soup	Grilled tuna sandwich	Beef stroganoff	Clam chowder	Chicken picatta
Lemon garlic fish	Spinach quiche	Oriental pork steak	Crispy garlic chicken	Chicken caesar wrap	Coconut chicken	Ministrioni soup
Southern benedict	Baked spaghetti	Beef broccoli stir-fry	Beef and veggie soup	French onion soup	Fish du jour	Spaghetti

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Feb. 6
Hawaiian ham steak	Taco bar	BBQ chicken	Carved steamship	Sub sandwich	Salisbury steak	Roasted cornish hens
Fried chicken	Refried beans	Onion rings	Round of beef w/ aujus	Huli huli chicken	Fish du jour	Shepherd's pie
Mashed potatoes	Chimichangas	Three bean chili	Ravioli	Augratin potatoes	Parslied potatoes	3 cheese macaroni

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Members of the Kwajalein and Roi communities have many opportunities to ask questions, provide feedback and address issues with garrison leadership. Col. Larsen and the garrison team are available to address any issues that may impact the community via the official U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Facebook page, quarterly town hall meetings, the Commanders Hotline (51098), and the Commander's Open Door Policy. KRS employees may also address issues with KRS leadership at quarterly sensing sessions. Sensing session meeting minutes are updated quarterly and are available on the USAG-KA-Web intranet site in the "Community" drop-down box at the bottom of the list of options.



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

COMMANDER'S HOTLINE

HAVE SOMETHING THE USAG-KA COMMANDER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

CALL THE COMMANDER'S HOTLINE AT 51098 TODAY!

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE FOR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, CLASSES, AND PARTIES AT THE ADULT POOL. RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 5-2848 OR EMAILING CLIFF PRYOR.

WEATHER

Courtesy of RTS Weather

Day	Sky	Rain	Winds
Sunday	Partly Sunny	10%	NE-ENE at 14-19 knots
Monday	Partly Sunny	10%	NE-ENE at 14-19 knots
Tuesday	Mostly Cloudy	10%	NE-ENE at 16-21 knots
Wednesday	Mostly Cloudy	20%	ENE at 15-20 knots
Thursday	Mostly Cloudy	20%	ENE at 15-20 knots
Friday	Mostly Cloudy	10%	ENE at 15-20 knots

Yearly rainfall total: 2.02 inches

Yearly rainfall deviation: -1.47 inches

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

SUN—MOON—TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	LOW TIDE	HIGH TIDE
SUNDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	----- 11:54 a.m.	1:56 a.m. 0.4' 2:11 p.m. 0.9'	8:11 a.m. 3.1' 8:12 p.m. 2.9'
MONDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	12:27 a.m. 12:35 p.m.	2:33 a.m. 0.7' 3:08 p.m. 1.2'	9 a.m. 2.8' 9:01 p.m. 2.5'
TUESDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	1:14 a.m. 11:19 p.m.	3:28 a.m. 1.0' 5 p.m. 1.4'	10:23 a.m. 2.6' 10:45 p.m. 2.2'
WEDNESDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	2:02 a.m. 2:05 p.m.	5:09 a.m. 1.1' 7:14 p.m. 1.2'	12:20 p.m. 2.8' -----
THURSDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	2:52 a.m. 2:53 p.m.	6:56 a.m. 1.0' 8:19 p.m. 0.7'	1:02 p.m. 2.2' 1:40 p.m. 3.2'
FRIDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:56 p.m.	3:44 a.m. 3:45 p.m.	8:02 a.m. 0.6' 9:02 p.m. .2'	2:13 a.m. 2.6' 2:31 p.m. 0.2'
FEB. 6	7:10 a.m. 6:57 p.m.	4:37 a.m. 4:39 p.m.	8:49 a.m. 0.2' 9:38 p.m. -0.3'	2:59 a.m. 3.0' 3:12 p.m. 4.2'

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Feb. 6
Roast pork loin	Chick. w/ bacon	Sloppy joes	Grilled cheese	Tuna melt	Sandwiches w/ Aus Jus	Mushroom Swiss
Veggie medley	Egg muffins	Honey mustard chicken	Pork pimento	Hamburger steak	Apple glazed chicken	Roast pork
Mashed potatoes	Roasted potatoes	Cheesy potatoes	Spicy sweet potatoes	Mac and cheese	Scalloped potatoes	Onion rings

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Feb. 6
Fried chicken	Chicken marsala	Pork chop	Steaks	Fried chicken	BBQ spare ribs	Southwestern chicken
Beef stew	Stuffed peppers	Herb roast	Fried fish	Meatloaf	Fried fish	Fish tacos
Green bean casserole	Stir fry veggies	Mashed potatoes	Baked potatoes	Mashed potatoes	Baked beans	Fiesta rice

Café Roi

*MENU CURRENT AS OF JAN. 27



HOURLASS REPORT

CHEMICAL RESISTANT GLOVES

When handling chemicals, it is important that you protect your hands. With so many chemical resistant glove choices such as ones made of different kinds of rubber or plastic such as natural. Butyl, neoprene, nitrile, and fluorocarbon. Or plastic gloves such as polyvinyl chloride, polyvinyl alcohol and polyethylene. You must understand these are used for different types of chemicals or combined together for better chemical resistance and can become thick and hard to use.

When dealing with chemicals ask the following questions to determine what type of glove you may need.

1. What type of chemicals will I be handling? 2. What is the nature of contact? Is it total immersion or only splashes? 3. Is it just my hands that need protection or does it include the forearm an arm as well? 4. What kind of grip do I need?

TYPES OF GLOVES

- Butyl gloves are made of a synthetic rubber and protect against many chemicals, such as peroxide, rocket fuels, highly corrosive acids and strong bases. These gloves also resist oxidation and abrasion, and stay flexible at low temperatures.
- Natural (latex) rubber gloves are comfortable and feature outstanding tensile strength, elasticity and temperature resistance. In addition to resisting abrasions from grinding and polishing, these gloves protect against most water solutions of acids, alkalis, salts and ketones. Hypoallergenic gloves, glove liners and powderless gloves are alternatives for workers who are allergic to latex.
- Neoprene gloves are made of synthetic rubber and offer good pliability, finger dexterity, and high density and tear-resistance. They defend against hydraulic fluids, gasoline, alcohols, organic acids and alkalis, and generally have chemical and wear-resistance properties superior to gloves made of natural rubber.
- Nitrile gloves are made of a co-polymer and provide protection from chlorinated solvents such as trichloroethylene and perchloroethylene. They offer protection when working with oils, greases, acids, caustics and alcohols, but generally are not recommended for use with strong oxidizing agents, aromatic solvents, ketones and acetates.

HERO OF THE WEEK

HOURLASS REPORT

USAG-KA'S Hero of the Week for this week is Roi resident April Simon. A native of Mejet Island on Majuro Atoll, Simon has lived and worked on Roi-Namur for many years, most recently as the Roi-Namur Small Boat Marina manager.

Hard at work managing the marina's challenged group of boats—maintenance of the vessels is always a test, he says—and vending ice and gas to the people of Roi and Enniburr, he's got a lot to keep him busy. It's a job that he enjoys, he says.

"My job is the best," he says. "I like to know everybody, and because of my job, I talk to and meet everybody that comes through. I have lots of friends that way."

During his free time, Simon is out on the water fishing for the next big catch with his friends. He has a wife named Shirley and three sons, Daniel, Jerry and Jonathan, and two daughters, Diane and Torres.



U.S. Army photo by Jordan Vinson

THUMBS UP



Thumbs Up to all the wonderfully talented musicians and community volunteers who worked to make the Kaleidoscope of Music a success. This local scholarship fundraiser could not be produced without you. Special thanks go to Danny Barthle, our Master of Sound who worked tirelessly and

exactly to produce the best performances possible, and to Dan Eggers who put in countless hours organizing and staging the program, as well as performing himself. Gentlemen, your contributions were essential and greatly appreciated!

— Yokwe Yuk
Women's Club