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The final steel beam, carrying RMI and American flags—and an evergreen tree—is raised in place at the highest point of the Space Fence Power Plant during a traditional topping out ceremony Aug. 1 on Kwajalein.

From Deb Crawford

COMMAND TEAM ATTENDS NITIJELA CEREMONY IN MAJURO



ABOVE: On Aug. 1, at the invitation of the government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen and Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings traveled to Majuro to attend the opening of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Nitijela, or Congress. Larsen and Rawlings also took the opportunity to meet with Ambassador Karen Stewart, newly appointed U.S. ambassador to the RMI, whom they accompanied to the Nitijela.

RMI FOREIGN ADOPTION TIPS

NIKKI MAXWELL, USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Each year thousands of U.S. citizens adopt children from other countries, and adopting while serving overseas is a growing trend for military and civilian families. Intercountry adoption is governed by both the laws of the country the child is from and the country in which the adoptive parents live.

There are several necessary steps involved in adopting a Marshallese child, especially for those foreign to the Western Pacific. The prospective family's country of residence, as well as the length of the child's residency with that family in the Republic of the Marshall Islands are also relevant factors. According to the U.S. embassy in Majuro, it is very important to follow each step carefully.

"Adopted Marshallese children must have the proper paperwork to enter the United States," said Autumn Oakley, Consular officer. "Children adopted by Americans do not automatically receive U.S. citizenship."

The Marshallese Central Adoption Authority based in Majuro is the national authority for adoption in the RMI. They maintain the rosters of children available for adoption and families looking to adopt.

"Adoptive parents and children are matched by the Central Adoption Authority," Oakley said.

All adoptions in the RMI are, by definition, open adoptions,

and adoptive parents are usually expected to keep in touch with the child's birth family through letters and photographs.

"What they call customary adoption in the RMI—when a birth parent gives their child to someone else to raise them without documentation—is not a full and final adoption," Oakley said. "The child is not eligible for U.S. immigration benefits if the adoption is not full and final."

U.S. citizens interested in overseas adoption should first contact the U.S. Department of State for more information on the process and how to begin. The adoption experts at the Department of State can be reached by phone at 1-888-407-4747 or email at adoption@state.gov.

For U.S. residents of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, other paperwork including a 480 request is required for the child to reside on Kwajalein until the adoption is final.

More detailed information about the adoption process, a list of attorneys, and other resources can be found at:

Majuro. usembassy.gov and MajConsular@state.gov
Adoption.state.gov and Adoption@state.gov
USCIS National Benefits Center (877) 424-8374;
www.uscis.gov
Central Adoption Authority (692) 625-8240

Adoption is a gift of love and support to a child in need of a family. When prospective families carefully follow the law and each step of the process, it will be a success story for the child and his or her new parents.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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ALLYSSE STRUHS



Allysse Struhs arrived on Kwajalein in 2015 with her four children (three girls and a boy, aged 7-14), husband Chad and valuable expertise. Originally hailing from Idaho, she began her on island career as the KRS executive administrator. In June, Struhs assumed her new role as the School Age Center Director and Training and Curriculum Specialist for CYSS. Prior to her career on Kwajalein, Struhs served as an educator for eight years and a principal for four years. She holds an associate degree in psychology, a bachelor of science in elementary education, a master of arts in education administration and an Ed.S in superintendency. She is currently pursuing an additional degree in law. Struhs enjoys running, traveling and spending time with her family. "I absolutely love working with children," she says. "My favorite part about my job here at CYSS is that I have the opportunity to work with some amazing teachers and children. And together we find new ways to make learning exciting."

MIKE HILLMAN



Mike Hillman, has looked forward to joining to the CYSS staff family for over 10 years. He now serves on Kwajalein as the CYSS youth activities director. "I am happy to finally return home," Hillman says. "Since I am a Kwaj kid from birth, I have always had a special place in my heart for this island, and I look forward to being able to work with the next generation of Kwaj kids." As an undergraduate at Manhattan College, Hillman studied physical education. He holds a master of science in counseling with a concentration in school counseling from Fitchburg State University. Hillman is as enthusiastic about his passion to work with teenagers as he is about music (he plays guitar), sports and anything to do with the water. "I love any and all sports coming out of Boston—the Celtics, Bruins, Red Sox—and obviously the Patriots!"

DONNA PIPPITT

📷 Courtesy of Donna Pippitt



Donna Pippitt is the CYSS registration lead. Born and raised in Panama City, Florida, she has been a Kwaj kid since 1992. Pippitt enjoys welcoming newcomers to the school she attended as a child. "A lot has changed here—names, programs, but I love Kwaj life," she says. "You're always learning something new, and I love interacting with everybody and getting to know them; it's just like a big family." Returning to work in the school system has been one of Pippitt's longtime goals; it led her to pursue a Bachelor of Science in human development and family studies, which she earned in 2013 at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. When she is not hard at work, Pippitt works out and frequents the island's beautiful beaches.

RACHEL HORNER



Rachel Horner is the lead school-age instructor at CYSS and a 2015 graduate of Brigham Young University in Rexburg, Idaho. She inspires K-6 children in the before/after school enrichment and summer camp programs and enjoys world dance and cultural performance. Horner enjoys Kwajalein's safe environment. This summer she enjoyed composing a generative and personalized learning experience for each child with her amazing coworkers. "It is their summer camp," she says. "We get them to submit ideas for activities and to own the experience. We can actually go above and beyond and develop their individual interests. ... Working with kids, you learn really fast what matters in life." Past camp themes included art and space camp, and future plans may involve short film and video making. "We're doing the Olympics this year," she adds. "That's been fun, because we can really watch the events!"

DOD TECH DEVELOPMENT LEADERS VISIT KWAJ

NIKKI MAXWELL, USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The deputy assistant Secretary of Defense for Developmental Test and Evaluation (DT&E), and Director of the Test Resource Management Center, Dr. David Brown, made his first trip to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll July 27. Accompanying him were Bruce Bailey, deputy director of the T&E Range Oversight, Test Resource Management Center, and William Colson, director of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and Army Strategic Command.

Brown provides advocacy and strategic guidance for the Department of Defense test ranges, which include the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site located on Kwajalein Atoll. Brown is responsible for DT&E policy and guidance in support of the acquisition of major Department of Defense weapons systems. The purpose of the tour was to gain a better understanding of RTS capabilities and issues to help them better execute their advocacy, oversight and strategic functions.

"We are the OSD advocates for the test capabilities at the

Test Site, and I can't tell you how useful it is having a first-hand knowledge of the test capabilities (and the great people providing that support) for this task," Bailey said.

During their four-day visit, the visitors met with USAG-KA Commander Col. Michael Larsen for a command briefing and discussion about the strategic importance of the island garrison, the community here and its support functions for DoD personnel, contractors, families and the Marshallese workforce.

The visitors flew to Roi-Namur for a closer look at the radars and technicians at the Kiernan Re-entry Measurement Site and later visited the smaller, remote islands making up the test range. They also toured the Kwajalein-based missile range instrumentation ship KMRSS Worthy, the modified Stalwart-class tactical auxiliary general ocean surveillance ship, now operated by the U.S. Army in Kwajalein.

"This is an amazing ship, and a very unique asset for us," Brown said during his tour of the vessel. "Kwajalein [meaning the whole garrison] is much more than I expected it to be, and I am excited to see how RTS and our other space and satellite surveillance elements work together here."



1) Dr. David Brown, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Test and Evaluation and Director of the Test Resource Management Center, receives a command brief from U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Michael Larsen during his first visit to the island July 27. 2) Brown tours the KMRSS Worthy bridge July 29. 3) Between tours of the installation, Brown explores the waters of Kwajalein's lagoon. 4) The visitors share a group photo. Included are: Kevin Nash, Acting RTS Range Director; Marty Sargent, Project Manager, Kwajalein Transition; Brown; Bruce Bailey; William Colson, SMDC Technical Center Director; David Brown, Deputy RTS Director. 5) KMRSS Worthy Systems Engineer T.C. Cardillo, right, gives the group a tour of the ship's top deck.

U.S. Army photos by Nikki Maxwell



Space Fence construction workers are photographed during a traditional topping out ceremony Aug. 1 at the location of the Space Fence Power Plant, currently in construction.



From Deb Crawford

SUMMER CAMP DETECTIVE WEEK



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP: Summer Camp Detective Week participants Marina Dethlefsen, Athena LaBrie, Connor Karlsen, Mason Finley, Ellie Miller and Otto Shultz enjoy a cell tour at the Kwajalein Police Department Aug. 5; campers receive a K-9 demo led by Staff Sgt. Sheryl Armbruster and Staff Sgt. Nate Poole; campers pose in front of a police car display with Sgt. Gregory Bush, Sgt. Bob Stack and Sgt. Angel Bolton.



Photos by Sgt. Angel Bolton

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Visit USAJOBS.GOV to search and apply for USAG-KA vacancies and other federal positions.

The following U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll positions are currently listed on USA JOBS:

- Police Officer - GS-7
- GS-8 Secretary (Office Automation)
- GS-13 General Engineer (Two Positions)
- GS-13 Supervisory Community Services Specialist

For more information and to apply, go to www.USAJobs.gov. Type in "Kwajalein" for geographic area, and select "Federal Employees" under "Who may apply."

AAFES is hiring for an office assistant. Job description: Does payroll, works and manages concessions, sends messages and other items per General Manager, Makes reservations, and other job duties as needed. Contact Holly Elliott at the Kwajalein Exchange office for more information: 53542.

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 Bldg 700 and on the "Kwaj-web" site under Contractor Information>KRS>Human Resources>Job Opportunities. Listings for off-island contract positions are available at www.krsjv.com.

Community Services Administrative Assistant II HR Req.# K051755 Provides administrative and program support for KRS Community Services and the community at large. Adheres to company Policies, Procedures, Values, Covenants, and Business Ethics. Must have excellent communication skills, computer skills, and the ability to multitask. For more information contact the KRS Human Resources Office, Bldg #700 at 54916.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CYSS Youth Basketball. Register now-Aug. 29. Season runs from Sept. 9-Oct. 20. Cost is \$40 per child for K-6 grade league and \$20 per child for Start Smart. Questions? Contact Michael Hillman or Jason Huwe at the Teen Center at 53796.

B-Boat Orientation Class. 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Aug. 16-18, in CRC Room 1. Participants must attend all three nights for the full time to pass. Cost is \$40, paid in advance. Register at the Small Boat Marina during hours of operation.

Adult Soccer Season Registration. Aug. 16-26. Season runs from September 7-October 21. \$100 team fee. Separate men's and women's leagues. Limited team slots available so register fast! Questions? Call Derek at 51275.

2016-2017 George Seitz Elementary School Kindergarten Registration is now-August 17. Children eligible for Kindergarten must turn 5 by September 1, 2016. Please contact the elementary school office at 53601 to register your child.

Bingo. 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Vet's Hall. Card sales begin at 5:30 p.m.; Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. Packet price is \$25. Seating is limited; first come first serve. Must be 21 to enter and play, ID required.

Kwajalein Yacht Club Monthly Meeting. 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Yacht Club. Happy Hour begins at 5:30pm and dinner at 7pm. Questions? Contact Ursula LaBrie 51951. Guests Welcome!

Night Golf. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Kwajalein Golf Course. 7:30 p.m. check-in; 8 p.m. shotgun start. \$35 per person -- two person teams. \$5 Mulligans (max two per person).

Registration is full at this time and we are placing people on an alternate/standby list. Questions? Contact Carmel Shearer at carm1022@yahoo.com or 51407.

Water Safety Instructor Class. Saturdays and Mondays, Aug. 30-October 3. Registration: Aug. 16-27. Cost is \$200 (includes books and certification fees) and is due after the first class. Participants must be at least 16 years old. Contact Cliff Pryor at 52848.

Kwajalein Diabetes Clinic. 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 31, in the Kwajalein Hospital lobby. All participants need to have labs drawn prior to the clinic (now through August 17). Questions? Contact Linda Reynolds at 5-2223.

September Learn To Swim Registration. Aug. 23-Sept. 3. Session runs Wednesdays and Fridays, Sept. 7-30 (8 sessions). Levels III, IV, & V 3:45-4:15 p.m.; Levels I & II 4:30-5 p.m. Cost: \$50 per participant. Participants must be at least 4 years old. Questions? Contact Cliff Pryor at 52848.

Photographer Wanted. Kwajalein Schools is soliciting bids for an on-island photographer to take pictures for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. If interested, please pick up the specification of requirements at the high school office. Bids are due by August 13. Questions? Call the High School office at 52011.

Travel Books Wanted. Finished with your summer trip? Done with the travel books? Donate them to Grace Sherwood Library! Questions? Call 53439.

Road Closure. The elevated dirt road between the Space Fence Power Plant Annex construction site and the Kwajalein Power Plant is closed to all traffic, including bikes, until

further notice. Please use caution if in the area.

Safely Speaking: Explosives. The following materials will have this pictogram:

- Explosives
- Self-reactive
- Organic peroxides

If you find something marked with this symbol, the response is the same as the response for UXO.

- Mark the area
- Retreat the same way you entered
- Report the material to EOD

E-talk: Shoreline Protection. Any activity with the potential to impact areas within 50 ft of the shoreline (facility demolition, construction, vegetation removal...etc.) require Environmental (5-1134) review and approval.

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.

Pools and Beaches School Hours (Lifeguard on Duty) Aug. 21-Dec. 17

Family Pool:

Tuesday and Saturday
3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.,
Wednesday and Friday
3:30 p.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday 11:00am - 6:00pm
Monday 12:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday Closed for Cleaning

Emon Beach:

Sunday and Monday
11:00am - 6:00pm
Tuesday - Saturday
Buddy Swim

****As a reminder, children under 10 years of age must be accompanied and watched by a responsible person aged 15 years or older in any approved swimming area.****

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

*MENU CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 9

LUNCH

Sunday

Roasted Chicken
Baked Ziti w/ Sausage
Lyonnaise Potatoes

Monday

Boneless Chicken
Chef's Choice Entree
Herb Roasted Potatoes

Tuesday

Sweet & Sour Pork
Chicken Chopsuey
Fried Rice

Wednesday

Baked Chicken
Roasted Potatoes
Vegetables

Thursday

Beef Stroganoff
Chicken Caesar Wrap
Parslied Noodles

Friday

Coconut Chicken
Fish Du Jour
Roasted Potatoes

August 20

Spaghetti
Garlic Bread
Vegetables

DINNER

Sunday

Fried Chicken
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables

Monday

Taco Bar
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice

Tuesday

BBQ Chicken
Three Bean Chili
Hot Dogs

Wednesday

Steak Night
Crispy Garlic Chicken
Baked Potatoes

Thursday

Huli Huli Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes
Vegetables

Friday

Salisbury Steak
Mediterranean Chicken
Parslied Potatoes

August 20

Herb Baked Chicken
Shepherd's Pie
Three-Cheese Macaroni

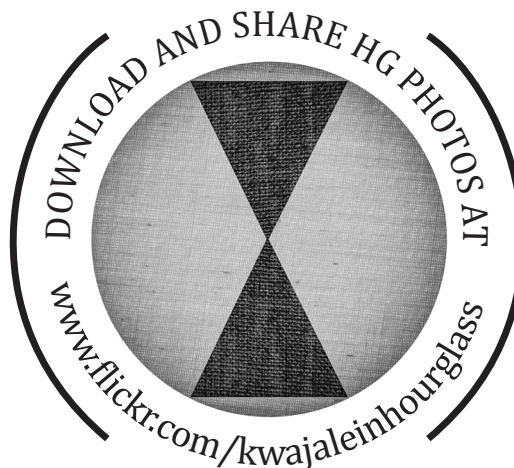
SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:41 a.m. 7:06 p.m.	3:28 p.m. 2:38 a.m.	1:17 a.m. 3.0' 1:55 p.m. 2.5'	7:59 a.m. 0.8' 7:43 p.m. 0.7'
MONDAY	6:41 a.m. 7:06 p.m.	4:19 p.m. 3:28 a.m.	2:11 a.m. 3.5' 2:42 p.m. 2.9'	8:43 a.m. 0.3' 8:32 p.m. 0.3'
TUESDAY	6:41 a.m. 7:05 p.m.	5:11 p.m. 4:20 a.m.	2:53 a.m. 3.9' 3:19 p.m. 3.3'	9:19 a.m. -0.1' 9:12 p.m. -0.1'
WEDNESDAY	6:41 a.m. 7:05 p.m.	6:02 p.m. 5:14 a.m.	3:30 a.m. 4.4' 3:54 p.m. 3.7'	9:52 a.m. -0.5' 9:49 p.m. -0.4'
THURSDAY	6:41 a.m. 7:04 p.m.	6:53 p.m. 6:09 a.m.	4:05 a.m. 4.7' 4:28 p.m. 4.1'	10:25 a.m. -0.8' 10:25 p.m. -0.7'
FRIDAY	6:41 a.m. 7:04 p.m.	7:44 p.m. 7:04 a.m.	4:40 a.m. 4.9' 5:02 p.m. 4.3'	10:59 a.m. -1.0' 11:01 p.m. -0.8'
AUGUST 20	6:41 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	8:33 p.m. 8:00 a.m.	5:15 a.m. 5.0' 5:37 p.m. 4.4'	11:32 a.m. -1.0' 11:39 p.m. -0.8'

COMMANDER'S HOTLINE

HAVE SOMETHING THE USAG-KA
COMMANDER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

CALL THE COMMANDER'S
HOTLINE AT 51098 TODAY!



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

Capt. David Rice
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

DOES YOUR TO-GO BOX LOOK LIKE THIS?



Patrons are expected to follow the
portion control guidelines as written
in DI 1019 that authorize the follow-
ing food items.

2 portions, main entrée
2 portions, starch
1 portion, vegetable side
1 portion, salad
1 portion, soup

If patrons continue to
ignore the guidelines,
take-out privileges could
be revoked.



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

Café Roi

*MENU CURRENT AS OF AUGUST 9

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	August 20
Roasted Cornish Hens Hamburger Steak Vegetable Frittata	Roasted Pork Loin Chicken Sandwich Southern Benedict	Jamaican Patties Baked Chicken Vegetable Pasta	Pork Chops Stir-Fry Vegetables Wild Rice	Roast Beef Sandwich on a Bun Roasted Turkey	Salmon Cakes Cuban Sandwich Vegetable Quiche	Meat Lasagna Spaghetti Marinara Cheesy Garlic Bread

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	August 20
Beef Enchilada Casserole Chicken Chimichanga Borracho Beans	BBQ Chicken BBQ Spare Ribs Corn on the Cob	Italian Sausage & Peppers Chicken Cacciatore White Clam Sauce Pasta	Grilled Steak Huli Huli Chicken Baked Potatoes	Fried Chicken London Broil Mashed Potatoes	Shrimp & Chicken Étouffée Fried Catfish Dirty Rice	Hamburgers Hot Dogs Three Cheese Pasta

HERO OF THE WEEK

HOURLASS REPORT



USAG-KA's Hero of the Week is Officer Bob Stack of the Kwajalein Police Department. Officer Stack began work on Kwajalein in 2015 after 10 years of service in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He has worked in law enforcement around the globe since 1988. When off duty, Stack is an avid sportsman. He is often in the ARC or the gym where he organizes weekly racquetball games. He also enjoys snorkeling, running and bowling; his team has won the last three consecutive bowling championships. He resides on island with his wife Theresa and their golden labrador. Stack enjoys working in the pleasant and safe Kwajalein community. He recommends newcomers to the island cultivate a positive outlook. "Be flexible, and be outdoorsy," he says. "We work and live in a paradise."



U.S. Army photo by Jessica Dambruch

