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 Kim Yarnes

COMMANDER'S CORNER

BY USAG-KA COMMANDER COL. MICHAEL LARSEN



"Yokwe" Team Kwajalein!

I hope you were able to attend the historic tree lighting celebration last weekend. The dancing and vocal performances by our youth and visiting band, Suite, were very impressive. And, as usual, our talented Spartan Band was impressive as ever! Moreover, the Christmas parade and arrival of Santa Claus means the Christmas season is officially here.

This issue of the Hourglass contains many pictures from the Tree Lighting Ceremony and other recent events. Yet, there is more holiday fun coming this weekend with the island contest "Light Up The Night" on Saturday, Dec. 10. There will be festive beverages provided by Spartan Espresso, arts and crafts activities and an opportunity to vote for the best decorated home participating in the contest.

Last week, Command Sgt. Maj. Rawlings and I attended the Installation Management Command Garrison Commander Conference in San

Antonio, Texas. It was a great opportunity to meet with all of the other 75 garrison commanders and command sergeants major that come from all over the world. More importantly, it provided the commanding general of IMCOM, Lt. Gen. Kenneth Dahl, an opportunity to provide us guidance on installation management and share his command priorities. You'll be glad to hear that his highest priority is infrastructure. I assure you that we have a solid plan here to get our infrastructure on Kwajalein back on track; yet it will take between five and seven years. Another key topic discussed at the conference was the internal reorganization of some of the U.S. Army Garrisons housing four star functional headquarters. This effort is aimed at improving the readiness, training and sustainment missions of U.S. mainland installations, and it will not affect installations in Pacific and European regions.

However, there have been some internal island changes

recently in the community. After years of degradation to the support beams, it was time for the non-potable water tower next to the Zamperini to come down. Hats off to Tom Lester and his amazing team for a job well done. Bringing a tower of that size safely down is no easy accomplishment.

Of note, with the new year comes a new commanding general of the U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command. After almost three years in command of SMDC, Lt. Gen. David Mann will retire and transition to a much deserved new chapter in his life. He has been a great advocate for all of us in the community, and he will be missed.

The Kwajalein schools' winter break begins Friday, Dec. 16, which means there will be an increase in the number of kids riding their bikes and crossing the street in the middle of the day. Please watch for these young

pedestrians, and observe the posted speed limits. We have had several vehicular accidents lately, and many involved scooters. I realize it is easy to become overly confident while driving a golf cart, but please don't underestimate the potential hazards. It was not too long ago that we had a fatality as a result from a golf cart accident. I ask you to please use caution while driving and to maintain situational awareness of your surroundings at all times. And remember, you can get a DWI while operating a golf cart on Kwaj. Let's have a safe Christmas season!

Lastly, many of you are planning to travel this holiday season to visit family and friends on the mainland and around the world. If you are leaving Kwajalein and Roi-Namur this month, I wish you a safe journey and many great experiences with your loved ones. For those of you who are staying on island this month, I hope you find a way to celebrate the season that is meaningful and memorable for you.

Whatever your plans, Happy Holidays and I'll see you around the island!

Kommol Tata!
—Col. Mike Larsen

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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EOD UXO DISPOSAL OPERATION FOR DEC. 14

EOD will conduct disposal operations at Roi-Namur UXO Disposal Site from approximately 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Dec. 14.

The area will be off-limits until the operation is complete.



THUMBS UP

Thank you to all of the departments, groups, and individuals who contributed to making the 49th Annual Santa's Arrival & Tree Lighting Ceremony a wild success.

Vendors

Aluutiq
Airport Staff
Danny Barthle
Tim Roberge
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Pastor Munson
QOL for sponsoring the band and new Christmas tree

Community Activities Crew

Hobby Shop Staff
Public Works & Planning
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Construction Shop
Fire Prevention
Electricians
Automotive
Performers

It really takes a village to make this happen! —Midori Hobbs

U.S. Army photos by Kim Yarnes



Thumbs up and thank you to the Public Works department for their exceptional support and effort with this year's Tree Lighting ceremony.

—Tenille De Mello



KWAJ CELEBRATES HOLIDAYS WITH NIGHT LIGHTS AND 'SUITE' TUNES

HOURLASS REPORT

Downtown Kwajalein rocked around the Christmas tree with at the 49th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Dec. 3.

Festivities kicked off with the arrival of Santa Claus at the Kwajalein Air Terminal. Santa was greeted by children, parents and reindeer helpers clothed in red and green. He ascended to his throne on a holiday float and was accompanied by the senior class of Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School, who tossed candy to throngs of kids who chased them all the way from the air terminal to Kwajalein's downtown square.

At the behest of Col. Mike Larsen, Santa and the seniors hit the big red button on a lighting ignition device disguised as a Pacific map to light two holiday trees.

Island residents enjoyed special Christmas musical pieces played by the bands of Kwajalein Schools under the

direction of Kyle Miller. The bands were followed by performances by the Ri'katak dancers, Karen Brady's Tiny Dancers and Michelle Huwe's golden dance team. The crowd enjoyed the soulful singing of the Jam Brothers: Auguston Lelet, Devante Floor and Dash Alfred. And the evening drew to a close with Minnesota band Suite delivering a high-energy set of current and classic tunes.

Many Kwaj residents also paid a special visit to the Kwajalein Dive & Bike Shop for an end of the year raffle, shopped at food and vending stations downtown and took in the lights and sights.

At the end of the evening, a beautiful holiday palm tree and traditional Christmas tree, decked in lights and surrounded by small pallet trees, swayed in the breeze over partygoers. The Christmas season had come to Kwaj.



TOP: Kwaj kids and helpers accompany Santa to the Tree Lighting; **LEFT:** Mia Karlsen checks a stocking for treats; **ABOVE:** Micah Hinton goes for treats as he and Kwaj kids follow Santa to the Tree Lighting Ceremony; **RIGHT:** Santa and his helpers are spotted by excited youngsters on their way to the Ceremony.



TOP: Ri'katak dancers and Michelle Huwe's golden dance team delight Kwaj audiences; **MIDDLE:** Jam Brothers serenade downtown with a medley of traditional carols; Karen Brady's Tiny Dancers prepare to perform; **BOTTOM:** The musicians of Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School bands treats listeners to favorite holiday tunes.

HOURGLASS INTERVIEWS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Cris and Dr. Eric Lindborg lived on Kwajalein for 27 years. Their deep and abiding respect for Marshallese Culture has led them to found the Kwajalein Hospital Diabetes Clinic, Mani Day celebration, the Marshallese Cultural Society and Marshallese Cultural Center, a collaborative educational outreach project sourced with the help of friends, communities and families within the atoll. During an interview with the Kwajalein Hourglass during a return visit to the island last month, the Lindborgs discussed their thoughts on cultural preservation and a precious collection of historical photographs currently on display at the MCC.

Jessica Dambruch: What was your initial vision for the Marshallese Cultural Center?

Eric Lindborg: We had a building [thanks to Host Nations funding] but they were really not sure what they were going to with it. The concept was not [originally for] a museum.

Cris Lindborg: The Yokwe Yuk Women's club began talking, and it was clear that it was a lot of work with no clear mission. We started collecting things here on island and in the Marshalls. And of course from there it grew.

The Center was open in 1997, but the big opening was 1998. The RMI government was there. Traditional leadership was there [and] the colonel; it was a big event. From then on we formed the Marshallese Cultural Society that partnered with USAK. They gave us some funding to operate.

We found out there wasn't much written about the Marshall Islands history and culture except through people who visited and did their studies. Aside from the pics and displays, we were gathering a lot of ethnographies, a lot of information; things kept evolving from there.

The emphasis [in the displays] was to show a brief glance of some of the history and the culture of the Marshall Islands. We used to have tours with the Ebeye students. For a while visiting the Center was part of the training for new employees. It was a great thing to bring them through, to gear them toward cultural sensitivity, so they would understand the history and the culture of the place they were living in.

JD: The vintage photographs here really stand out. They are shots of everyday life. You had mentioned your interest was more culture and less political history. Tell us how about how you salvaged the images that would come to make up the DeBrum Photography Collection.

CL: On one trip to Majuro I went to the Alele Museum. It was pretty active. And I was looking for the source of some old photos we've seen. They showed me some prints. I spoke with the director and the secretary of historic preservation. They allowed me to bring some to copy and to send extra copies back. We started with a few and found out they were original glass plates taken by Joachim deBrum.

Joachim was the son of a Portuguese immigrant that had married a Marshallese woman and started his business with copra. His son ended up being the photographer. These photos were taken from 1890s to 1930s and depict a traditional lifestyle in transition. We got permission from the deBrum family to bring the plates from the Alele Museum and digitize them here. Over 2,000 plates were scanned.

At that time, Sue Rosoff [another Kwaj resident at the time] who worked at the Kwajalein Photo Lab had experience with glass plates and began to scan them at the lab. They were starting to deteriorate. We had to connect with the family, the Alele Museum, and USAKA to try to negotiate to bring the glass plates so we could scan them. We then got a grant from Australia to buy the scanning equipment and house it at the MCC. Sue would come as a volunteer doing really high resolution scans. Eventually USAKA funded her full time to digitize all the plates.

One set of the high resolution scans is stored here. Another set is in a fire proof vaults with the USAG-KA archeologist. And those are the only two copies. I just found out the Alele Museum has lost its copies. It took over five years, from 2000-2005: over 2,000 plates. And they're amazing.

CL: And in the effort of digitizing it became obvious that we needed to collect information to go with the photographs. We found out there had been a Peace Corps volunteer who had taken



Cris and Dr. Eric Lindborg share a photo in the Marshallese Cultural Center during a trip to Kwajalein, Nov. 15.

notes, catalogued then and gathered information about the pictures on index cards.

So we got those and paired the scans with the cards containing information on the plates. We also had several other people trying to collect more information. At that time, the oldest son of Joachim was still alive—Leonard deBrum. He was the keeper and the source of all this information. It was a great effort.

CL: When the project was completed, we ended up having a searchable database of all the information we had compiled. MCC has a copy, it seems that Alele lost theirs. We distributed it to the universities. We were limited by an agreement with the family over what we could do with that.

We were negotiating an agreement to post them online, but it never happened because it didn't get approved before we left. But that was the ultimate idea, to have the database posted online.

JD: So anybody could see it.

CL: Anybody.

JD: That would be great to have available as an open educational resource.

CL: It's still a very political thing, with the Marshallese. The knowledge is so valuable.

EL: One of the real substantial accomplishments of the cultural center was the scanning and the documentation of those photographs. They were captured at still some point of deterioration ... but they're there for posterity with some information associated with it.

On the subject of the things that endure and the things that do not ... there are the two gravel areas out front [of the MCC] where in the first year or so we ended up actually building two traditional huts.

CL: A traditional village—

EL: —With materials] from the outer islands: the pandanus, for the roofing and the sides, as well. It was fascinating to see how it was done. We had not really tuned into the issues of maintenance, and two years into their existence a storm came and blew them over. It was too much effort to rebuild and maintain them.

CL: But we built it twice, though! We brought a team from the outer islands. We worked very closely with the Iroij/Sen. Michael Kabua, the grand chief. He's the one that leads the jobwa dancers.

EL: He ended up loaning many family heirlooms and some of his family photographs.

CL: Kabua is really interested in Marshallese culture. He supported the cultural center from the start, including the effort with the deBrum photographs. That's why we were able to talk to the people who were in charge.

JD: Did anything here pose a significant challenge to display or collect, apart from the plates?

CL: Not really, many items are on loan, like the WWII collection.

JD: How about the drekka-in-nin, in the case, over here at the MCC?

CL: That's a very valuable family piece. It's the pounder. It's made from the clamshell. And it's the pounder that women used for making the fibers for weaving. Everything was done with natural fiber, such as hibiscus, coconut and pandanus. These are family heirlooms. They go from mother to daughter. And of course they don't make these tools anymore; so it is even more valuable now.

EL: [Pointing toward a photo on the wall of the MCC] ... That's one of the classic deBrum photos right there.

CL: Where you see the woman pounding the pandanus. I don't know what they're using now, but it would be interesting to see what they are using in the outer islands. So that's a really valuable thing.

JD: What does a center like this need to grow in the future?

EL: To maintain a real strong link with Marshallese community and leadership, sense what's important to them and draw them in in terms of participation. Beyond that, you need to have a clientele and outreach, a constituency to support and enlighten. Ideally, have people in the community here, who are supportive. You need USAG-KA leadership and support and connection with the Alele folks. At one point there was an exhibit exchange between Alele and the Marshallese Cultural Center. It was an opportunity to [share] something new.

JD: You're talking about, long-term education and outreach.

CL: That was the whole emphasis. I think that's wonderful, that somehow this little bit is being carried on. We used to have another thing. We'd bring the jeta dance groups from Ebeye. It was usually right before Christmas, and we had a huge performance of how they celebrate Christmas in the Marshall Islands. A lot of people come here and they never go to Ebeye. They don't have any idea, but there is a real vibrant, wonderful community there.

JD: What was it like to work with the women's groups here and in the outer islands on the health monitoring trips and as you put the museum together?

CL: We had a lot of contact with the women. There was a huge exchange between the women's clubs and the Yokwe Yuk Women's club, a lot of cooperation back and forth. We established a really good link. Some of those women leaders were working toward trying to get a mammography machine, trying to help people get screened.

JD: Do you think the matrilineal aspect of Marshallese society here helped at all in putting this together?

CL: Oh yeah, the women are the movers and shakers. Anything that's going to happen here, it's the women that usually make it work!

EL: The culture that is here is not the

culture of a closely packed urban community. It's a culture of several families, probably several hundred people, living on an atoll, living off the land. That's very different from wandering down the streets and wondering what you're going to do next.

Traditionally islanders were attached to living off the island, and off the sea and were very much attached to a natural environment. The majority of folks now are part of a kind of work environment.

I was thinking aloud with Cris, what is the Marshallese culture now? We could end up saying some of it is church, some of it is the family obligations. The business of going out fishing or going for a gathering for birds to an outer island. That's not the Marshallese culture these days.

CL: Not the majority.

EL: Of course; my great grandparents were farming with horses; so neither is that our tradition. How do you balance maintenance of the traditions in a meaningful way, and move forward to creating new ones that are your own? Places like this.

Cris can account, time and time again, of some of the Marshallese youngsters who have come in and said, "I've heard about that person!" But there's no book in which there's a picture. They don't have any family photographs or things along that line. This provides a visual, and then it expands to aspects of their history and culture that they don't get at home.

JD: Are there restrictions on printing these photos in the deBrum collection?

EL: There is an agreement between MCC and the deBrum trust to reproduce the photos, but the issue is more about distributing them on a larger basis.

JD: We're here now in the Second Compact Agreement. What would you hope to see the center do as it moves forward?

CL: The thing about Kwajalein is, you realize how impermanent it is. We hoped that it would continue and we are so encouraged that it did and that it is still up and maintained. We are happy with that.

We would like to see it be more available to the Marshallese. That really was a big focus for us. There's nowhere else like our center in the Marshall Islands, even in their own museum. Although it is doing better now, there's not as much information available for them to see and look at.



NOTE: Usage of "USAKA" and "USAG-KA" consistent with historical references.

SELFIES WITH SANTA AT KWAJ LIBRARY

HOURGLASS REPORT

Santa Claus has a busy schedule. He arrived just in the nick of time to light the holiday palm tree during the Downtown Tree Lighting Dec. 3. On the morning of Sunday, Dec. 4, children and families visited Santa in the Grace Sherwood Library to share their hopes for holiday gifts.

Despite the 75 degree weather outside, Santa dutifully wore his classic red and white suit and received his guests in a large gingerbread house erected in the library by Community Activities' Alison Sok and Phaylina Taganas in honor of his visit.

The afternoon's festivities included crafts, candy, crying kids and a visit from the Kwajalein Fire Department—no doubt, to ensure that Santa practices fire safety as he visits local homes.



ABOVE: Taruru Naut and young library patrons personalize stockings at a crafting station; **TOP MIDDLE:** Aaron Lescalleet and Wylie Savage visit Santa; **TOP RIGHT:** Caleb Baker decides Santa Claus is an alright kind of guy; **BOTTOM RIGHT:** You're never too old to visit Santa. Saint Nick shares a photo with some of the staff of the Kwajalein Fire Department.



TOP, LEFT TO RIGHT: A festive Grace Sherwood Christmas tree reminds visitors that books are presents that can be opened again and again; Mike Ellison and son Brody are on the first of many visits to Santa Claus; Nick Yarnes and son Ryland chill together at the library before visiting Saint Nick; **BOTTOM, CLOCKWISE:** Heather and Ellie Miller make stained glass window crafts; Santa and a local family strike a Christmas card pose; Santa delivers a candy cane to a happy visitor.

WEEKLY WEATHER OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER TRENDS: The Intertropical Convergence Zone is now located along 3-4 North latitude, well South of Kwajalein. The transition to the dry season has come a few weeks early. The subtropical high pressure system is established creating a broad area of sinking air north of Kwajalein, extending from Guam to nearly Hawaii. Sinking air becomes drier and even though this is the tropical Pacific, relative humidity is somewhat lower. It doesn't feel quite so hot outside, especially with the breeze.

We are not expecting much to change in the current pattern over the next 7 days. Moderate ENE trade winds will persist from 12-17 knots. We expect slightly higher shower coverage over the atoll Saturday night and Sunday morning. However, even that will be widely scattered. We don't expect any areas to receive significant rainfall. There are hints of the trade winds increasing to near small craft advisory levels 7-10 days from now, however confidence is low as not all indicators agree.

CAUTION-OUTLOOK: The week La Nina, or cooler sea surface temperatures along the equator, has peaked and we will transition to an ENSO neutral period. This supports a trend of stronger than normal easterly trade winds for December back to near normal trades and precipitation in January and February.

COMMANDER'S HOTLINE

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COMMANDER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

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HOTLINE AT 51098 TODAY!



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

FINAL 2016 BOWLING STANDINGS

1st Place Bowling Thunder!
2nd Place The Replacements
3rd Place Shine My Ball



ABOVE: Bowling Thunder teammates John Maxwell, Nikki Maxwell, Ray Arsenault and Bethany Arsenault revel in their first place victory at the close of the 2016 Kwaj Bowling Season.



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:53 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	3:56 p.m. 3:39 a.m.	1:43 a.m. 3.5' 2:18 p.m. 4.3'	7:52 a.m. -0.1' 8:38 p.m. -0.2'
MONDAY	6:54 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	4:51 p.m. 4:38 a.m.	2:37 a.m. 3.7' 3:03 p.m. 4.7'	8:40 a.m. -0.5' 9:26 p.m. -0.6'
TUESDAY	6:54 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	5:50 p.m. 5:39 a.m.	3:25 a.m. 3.9' 3:46 p.m. 5.1'	9:24 a.m. -0.7' 10:10 p.m. -0.9'
WEDNESDAY	6:55 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	6:50 p.m. 6:42 a.m.	4:10 a.m. 4.0' 4:27 p.m. 5.2'	10:06 a.m. -0.8' 10:53 p.m. -1.0'
THURSDAY	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	7:52 p.m. 7:45 a.m.	4:52 a.m. 4.0' 5:08 p.m. 5.2'	10:46 a.m. -0.8' 11:35 p.m. -0.9'
FRIDAY	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	8:52 p.m. 8:45 a.m.	5:34 a.m. 3.8' 5:48 p.m. 5.0'	11:26 a.m. -0.6' -----
DECEMBER 17	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	9:50 p.m. 9:42 a.m.	6:15 a.m. 3.6' 6:27 p.m. 4.6'	12:15 a.m. -0.7' 12:05 p.m. -0.3'

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	December 17
Baked Chicken w/Gravy	Grilled Turkey Reuben	Grilled Chicken Breast	Grilled Cheese Sandwich	Beef or Chicken Tacos	Malibu Chicken Sandwich	Chicken Alfredo
Beef Pastitsio	Sweet & Spicy Meatballs	Chef's Choice Entree	Sausage & Peppers	Black Beans	Fish Du Jour	Baked Ravioli
Vegetable Frittata	French Toast Casserole	Mac & Cheese	Chef's Choice Entree	Mexican Rice	Rice Pilaf	Pasta Aglio e Olio

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	December 17
Old Fashioned Pot Roast	Kwaj Fried Chicken	Pancake Supper	Steak Night	Pork Pot Roast	Hamburger Bonanza	Beef Pad Thai
Fish Du Jour	Meatloaf	Hawaiian Ham Steak	Roasted Chicken	Chicken Veggie Stir-Fry	Chicken Marsala	General Tso's Chicken
Boiled Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Vegetarian Saute	Baked Potato	Roasted Potatoes	Onion Rings	Chef's Choice Veggie

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

*MENU CURRENT AS OF Dec. 7

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

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

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.

LOST AND FOUND

One Amazon Fire tablet, 10.5" and one blue personal size cooler. Left Dec. 2 at Emon Beach Pavilion. Please call if found, 5-1725.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Live Christmas trees still available for pre-purchase. Stop by the High School office during normal work hours. Questions? Call 5-2011.

Package Delivery Service. Automotive services is offering a package delivery service at the Post Office now through Dec. 23. A delivery sled and elves will be available during all package window hours of operation. Take your boxes to the van, count them with driver, provide your quarters number and we'll do the rest. Someone must be home to sign for and accept the package delivery.

2017 Golf Greens Fees and Locker Registration. Dec. 1 - Dec. 31. Annual and Bi-Annual greens fees and locker registration now available for the golf course. Sign up now to ensure you will be golfing in 2017! Questions? Call Derek Finch at 5-1275.

Kwaj Pallet Holiday Tree Judging. Dec. 3-10. Take a tour of the island and vote online for your favorite tree at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/636QD9R>.

Bargain Bazaar Annual Holiday Toy Drive. Now through Dec. 12. Accepting new and gently used children's toys. Drop box locations are high school office, Mic Shop, Beauty Salon, Dive & Bike Shop, KRS Finance Bldg. 702 or donate from home Mondays, 9-11 a.m. Questions? Contact Shelly Day at 5-2680 or Alexie Mcelhoe at 5-2630.

Light Up The Night Tours. 6:30-9 p.m., Sat., Dec. 10 at the High School MP Room. Enjoy an evening of fun accompanied by food and snacks. There will also be crafts and goodie bags! Voting for houses takes place this evening. Fun for the whole family! Sponsored by Quality of Life in conjunction with Community Activities, National Honor Society, Student Council and Spartan Espresso.

CYSS Youth Sports: Baseball/Tee Ball Season Registration Open Dec. 11-Jan. 15. Season Dates: Jan. 24-March 9. Cost is \$45.00 per player. Open to all CYSS Youth Kindergarten-Grade 6. For registration info, contact the Central Registration, Building 358 at 5-2158. Questions? Contact Mamo Wase at 5-3796.

Roi Island Christmas Party Potluck. Dec. 11 at the Outrigger. Bring a dish to share!

Karaoke. 8 p.m., Sun., Dec. 11 at the Ocean View Club. Must be 21 years of age or older. Questions? Call 5-3331 or 5-2828.

Kwajalein Running Club's 35th Annual Paupers' Marathon & Relay. Mon., Dec. 12. Meet in front of the Youth Center.

Hobby Shop Holiday Open House. 6-8 p.m., Dec. 14. Please join us for an evening of fun, food and holiday cheer. Come see how we can help you bring out your creative side! Everyone on the island is welcome! Questions? Call 5-1700.

School Advisory Council (SAC) Public Meeting. 7 p.m., Wed., Dec. 14 at the Elementary School, Coconut Room # 29. Questions? Call 5-3601.

Mic Shop Special Holiday Hours. 4-6 p.m., Dec. 16 and 5-7 p.m., Dec. 23.

Quizzo. 7:30 p.m., Fri., Dec. 16 at the Vet's Hall. Special guest host Cliff Pryor will host the last Quizzo of 2016! Questions? Contact Neil Dye or Jan Abrams.

Roi Pallet Tree Judging. 5:30 p.m., Dec. 17 in front of AFFES on Roi. Vote online for the best tree!

Jingle Bell Fun Run. 5:30 p.m., Dec. 17. Emon Beach Main Pavilion. Bring your bells (limited bells and "jingles" also provided) and get jingled up before heading out for an easy 2-mile run through housing.

Scuba Santa Arrives. 6:30 p.m., Dec. 18 at Emon Beach.

Pools and Beaches Winter 2016 Hours (Dec. 20 - Jan. 2). Millican Family Pool: 1-6 p.m. Weekdays and Sunday; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday; Closed Thursdays and Christmas Day. Emon Beach: 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Tues. - Sun.; Noon - 4 p.m. Sun. - Mon. (beach not guarded Christmas Day). Adult Pool: Open 24/7 (buddy swim recommended).

E-Talk: Incandescent bulbs and halogen bulbs do not contain toxic materials can be thrown in the regular trash. Fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) are considered household hazardous waste because they contain mercury. Light-emitting diode (LED) bulbs contain phosphor powder. These types of tubes/lamps/bulbs can be turned-in to Self-Help and will be forwarded to HazWaste for proper disposal.

PASSPORTS ARE IN!

If you renewed/applied for passports, please stop by the USAG-KA HQ Bldg 730, Host Nations Office, Room 133, to claim passports, Tues. to Sat., 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applicants must bring old passports at time of new passport pickup.

Safely Speaking: Gloves can be dangerous if worn around rotating parts. With this type of equipment your hands can be pulled into the piece of machinery and severe injury or amputation can occur. When using rotating equipment keep in mind the type of work you are doing and recognize when a potential glove hazard exists.

UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL

THIS PARTY'S FOR YOU!

DON'T SPEND CHRISTMAS DAY ALONE - COME OVER AND JOIN THE FUN!

13TH ANNUAL "STRAY-DOG" CHRISTMAS PARTY

SPONSORED BY "BUCKMINSTER & FRIENDS"

SUNDAY 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.

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?
BRING IT TO THE ARC FOR THE MUSIC JAM THAT EVENING

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

Café Roi

*MENU CURRENT AS OF Dec. 7

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	December 17
Roasted Cornish Hen	Beef Fajitas	French Dip Sandwich	Beef Stew	Char Siu Pork Sandwich	Tuna Casserole	Meat Lasagna
Fish Florentine	Chicken w/Orange Sauce	Grilled Chicken Breast	Corn Dogs	Beef Stir-Fry	Yankee Pot Roast	Spaghetti Marinara
Ham & Cheese Quiche	Breakfast Burrito	Ranch Style Beans	Italian Greens	Veggie Fried Rice	Vegetable Medley	Cheesy Garlic Bread

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	December 17
BBQ Pork Ribs	Jambalaya	Fried Pork Chop w/Gravy	Roast Beef	Fried Chicken	Fish & Chips	Asian Style Pork Roast
Roasted Chicken	Cajun Roast Pork	Chicken Curry	Herb Baked Fish	Beef Pot Pie	Corn Beef & Cabbage	Teriyaki Chicken
Baked Beans	Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Corn on the Cob	Mashed Potatoes	Toad in a Hole	Potato Wedges

RESULTS LAST WEEK

NOVEMBER 30

Serve's Up d. Attackers	14-25/25-19/15-8
Nation White d. Blacksmiths	17-25/30/29/15-11
Spartans I d. That's What She Set	25-13/25-23
Mon Kubok d. Corder Pounder	26-24/25-23

DECEMBER 1

Posers d. Ohana Koa	25-19/25-10
Wildcats d. Freshmen	25-11/12-25/19-17
Wolfpak d. Sets on the Beach	25-17/25-13
Dazed and Confused d. Sideout	25-17/20-25/15-2

DECEMBER 2

Attackers d. Blacksmiths	25-22/14-25/15-13
Nation White d. Serve's Up	25-17/25-17
That's What She Set d. Corder Pounder	25-22/25-13
Spartans I d. Mon Kubok	25-19/25-17

DECEMBER 6

Posers d. Freshmen	25-10/25-11
Wildcats d. Ohana Koa	22-25/25-17/15-3
Dazed and Confused d. Sets on the Beach	17-25/25-11/16-14
A Motley Crew d. Sideout	26-24/25-16

A LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Corder Pounder	1	7
Mon Kubok	2	6
That's What She Set	6	1
Spartans I	6	1

B LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Wolf Pak	3	4
A Motley Crew	6	1
Sets on the Beach	2	6
Sideout	2	5
Dazed and Confused	5	2

SCHOOL LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Posers	9	0
Wildcats	5	4
Ohana Koa	4	5
Freshmen	0	9
Nation White	4	3
Serve's Up	3	4
Attackers	6	1
Blacksmiths	1	6



When Not To Wear Gloves

Our hands are involved in almost everything we do, from the work of construction personnel maintaining our facilities, to mechanics working on our QOL scooters, to even in writing this Safely Speaking article. It is inevitable that we will use our hands to work throughout the day.

Most of our hand movements are completed without any direct thought or out of repetition; and the safety of our hands is an afterthought. We have all been reminded that gloves can keep us from getting cut or burned on the job. But what about someone telling you to remove gloves for safety?

Gloves can be dangerous if worn around rotating parts;

this type of equipment can catch gloves and pull your hands into machinery, resulting in severe injury or amputation. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics injuries to the hand account for 23% of the workplace injuries. When using rotating equipment keep in mind the type of work you are doing and recognize when a potential glove hazard exists.

Let's look at the following examples and decide if you should wear gloves.

1. Should a worker using an angle grinder? Gloves or not?

—Yes! Both hands should also be on the grinder at all times: one hand on the grinder itself, and one on the stabilizing handle.

2. A worker is using a lathe to turn a piece of wood. Gloves or not?

—No! Lathes are known for catching gloves and causing injury.

3. Should workers wear gloves when using a drill press?

—No! A glove may get caught on the chuck or bit and cause serious injury.

As we can see there is an appropriate time to wear and not to wear gloves for safety. This safely speaking topic has also added a video for you to watch to show the dangers associated with gloves located on the EH&S web page.

Should you have any questions as to when you should or should not, please contact your friendly safety professional.

1. Angle Grinder



2. Lathe



3. Drill press

