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THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



The 2016 Scuba Santa squad gathers for a group photo following the participants' arrival at Emon Beach Sunday, Dec. 18.

◉ Jordan Vinson

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KWAJALEIN BEFORE THE NET

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

We use our experience of popular technology and media to mark the passage of time. "I remember folks promising high speed internet will get here soon," said Neil Dye, of Kwajalein, before internet connections were installed on island. "Back then, I wasn't the DJ. I was the designated driver."

In the past decade, Kwajalein and Roi-Namur first received dialup internet connections and then Wi-Fi hotspots. In-home high-speed internet became accessible only two years ago. And according to some Kwaj residents, that was when things began to change.

But what things? How we measure meaningful experience shared with others is a matter of opinion. Recently, I spoke with some local Kwajalein digital immigrants, residents who predate the arrival of internet connections on the garrison, to learn what they most remember about life back then.

The World Wide Web made online educational resources available to students, who only before had access to a limited supply of local print and video media to use for research. And before getting their hands on free video messaging applications and social media, residents communicated with family members in America the old fashioned way, ringing up sizeable long-distance phone charges. "I ran up phone bills going to college when every phone call cost money," said Floyd Corder.

"I definitely remember crossing my fingers that we'd get a new movie in at the Richardson," added Julie Savage.

These days, the option to "Netflix and chill" often trumps decisions to attend social events or head to the Rich. But before online binge-watching, Kwaj had Tape Escape, the Silver City video and DVD rental service that ended years ago. Doug Hepler remembers the service as a mainstay of Kwaj home entertainment. Masina McCollum remembers residents coordinated with off-island connections to ship in primetime TV shows on VHS cassette to share with local friends. "There was a checklist of people that went along with each video tape so you would know who to pass the tape to next," McCollum said.

In the first decade after 2000, McCollum remembers greater participation in recreational sports leagues, back when the population of Kwaj was nearly double what it is now. She also reminisces about enrichment courses for adults and children. "We used to have community education that offered language classes, cooking classes, sailing classes, sign language, sewing and other things.

NETFLIX

Classes were often full within a few days of registration," she said.

Some things, such as planning an annual leave, were easier with a live helper, as Bruce Premo discovered.

"In the 90's we had a KREMS Travel Group for the technical contract of about three people on Roi that we would set down with to make plane and hotel reservations and help plan our trips," said Premo. "There is more flexibility planning vacation trips with the high speed internet, but I would not say it saves me time. I did like the convenience and help the travel group provided."

Ironically, some things don't change: Kwaj residents are still eager to shop for new cool toys. McCollum and Kim Yarnes both agree that there were more patio sales before the Internet.

"Our sale pages were double the space in the Hourglass before Kwaj Swap and Shop hit Facebook," said Yarnes. Facebook is now a main means to spread news about social gatherings, and even the arrival of fresh produce.

The internet signaled the end of large catalog ordering parties as a big event where families like the Premos could bond with friends and hunt for gifts together.

"For me, good sales catalog books were very valuable before high speed internet," said Bruce Premo. "This was especially true for the boat owner. I had a multiyear catalog set from West Marine and anticipated each year's new release with excitement on new products. It was almost like the Sears Christmas catalog that would come out each year with toys for kids."

Retread Andrea Lenox values her longtime Kwaj friendships among the most valuable she has ever had.

"Because we were more isolated from the people at home, we made quicker friendships here to fill the gap of not having our families in our daily lives," said Lenox. She believes that since we are now able to remain connected to friends abroad with such ease, that we have simply adapted how we socialize. But Yarnes, McCollum, Dye and Laura Pasquarella-Swain also remember people gathering in greater numbers to socialize at dinner parties on the beach, the ARC, Roi's beach shacks and the Outrigger Club—and hope this will continue.

"The internet has been great to have," said Dye. "But sometimes I miss the more personal interaction that we once had out here."



Reconnect with friends over the holidays! Additional open bowling is scheduled for Dec. 29, 2-9 p.m., and for a more scenic outing, visit Cocktails on the Coast, Jan. 2. Cocktails, beer and wine will be available for sale at an Emon Beach cash bar from noon until sunset.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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ROI RATS TAKE TOP HONORS IN PALLET TREE CONTEST

HOURLASS REPORT



First Place: Group Category
Dock Security Checkpoint



Second Place: Group Category
Automotive



Third Place: Group Category
Roi Air Terminal Security



First Place: Individual Category
Kunio Rubon



Second Place: Individual Category
Shelley Easter



Third Place: Individual Category
Rachel Shidler

U.S. Army photos by Laura Pasquarella-Swain and Jessica Dambruch

CHRISTMAS RUN TO ENNIBURR

DELIVERING SPIRIT AND GIFTS

NIKKI MAXWELL, USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The Christmas spirit was in the air for the small community of Enniburr this month. On Dec. 14, the U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll command team delivered more than 300 toys and 120 gift bags to the children of Third Island.

The USAG-KA visitors were greeted at the dock with flowers, songs and smiles. Marshallese volunteers pulled carts carrying large boxes of wrapped toys and shoes, while young volunteers tested out several donated bicycles by riding them ahead of the group to the Third Island School on the far side of the island. Small children hung back shyly near their homes, observing the makeshift parade, later deciding to join in and follow to see what all the fuss was about.

Rounding one last turn, an open field emerged featuring a receiving line of waving hands and smiling faces. Hundreds of children stood single-file along the path leading to the school, and they all wanted to say shake hands with each member of the group bringing them gifts. Above the singing you could hear the words, "Miss Angela, Miss Angela."

The main cheerleader behind this community outreach effort was Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings. She said it all begun about one year ago, when she and Col. Mike Larsen made their first visit to Third Island to deliver some sporting equipment to the school.

"After seeing how many children lived on the island, I decided to organize a Toy Drive and started gathering gifts for them this summer," Rawlings said.

Approximately 30 percent of Enniburr's population (of 1,000 people) are children, and there is not enough funding or resources for all the children to attend school on the island.

"These children are so wonderful," Rawlings said. "They live in such harsh and isolated conditions. I just wanted to make sure they all received something special for Christmas."

The children lined up according to their gender and age group to receive a

U.S. Army photos by Nikki Maxwell



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT: Col. Mike Larsen and Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings join Enniburr residents during the U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Command team's Christmas gift run, spearheaded by Rawlings, co-workers, friends and family. Maj. John Osterson hands out gifts to a group of young boys. Dozens of school-age children storm the field outside the Enniburr Elementary School Dec. 14 to greet the USAG-KA Command team.

toy from the Command team members. There was also a special line for toddlers and infants, where parents with smaller children received plush toys and baby care items.

Each child received an age-appropriate gift and some useful personal care items in the gift bags. Some of the kids tore their presents open right away, while others were seen sitting quietly with their present still wrapped, hugging it close to them as if waiting for the right moment.

"This was priceless and a feeling that

can never be replaced or forgotten," Rawlings said. "I am a firm believer that when God blesses an individual, one should always give back."

Following the mass distribution of the gifts, the children gathered together again and sang traditional Christmas carols for the visitors. Then Larson and Rawlings presented bikes to some children for their academic achievements.

According to the Republic of the Marshall Islands-USAG-KA Liaison Office, this was the largest toy and gift drive



LEFT: Deputy Garrison Commander Jenifer Peterson—aka Ms. Claus—is escorted to Enniburr Elementary School by Third Island children Dec. 14.

BELOW, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Children enjoy dolls and other gifts donated to the cause. An Enniburr girl hugs the newest member of her family. Command Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings hands out gifts to school-age girls at the Enniburr Elementary School.



the island has ever received. The community relations effort involved many logistical hurdles, but they were overcome successfully, making this a holiday to remember for the children and their grateful parents.

"This warms my heart and makes me so happy," said one mother as her two sons smiled and ripped wrapping paper off their gifts to discover new matchbox

cars and action figures. "They never have this before. It is so nice!"

"A special thank you goes to all the wonderful people who took time to give and bring a smile to those beautiful children," Rawlings said. "Alone we can do little, but together we can do so much. Thanks to the USAG-KA family, AAFES, Lt. Col. Humberto Jones, Yvonne Braham and friends and family."

Rawlings hopes that others will consider donating their time and talents to people less fortunate than themselves. She said one of her favorite quotes is by Mark Twain: "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear, and the blind can see."



SCUBA SANTA, FESTIVE BOATS ENTERTAIN EMOB CROWDS

HOURLASS REPORT

Jolly ol' Saint Nick returned to Kwaj Sunday, this time traveling via B-boat to Emon Beach. Hundreds of children and adults clustered together at the water's edge to greet Mr. Kringle and help his elf assistants to shore. The crew even brought along their own Christmas tree. After the soggy Santa had a chance to regain his land legs and greet the droves of excited kids at the beach, the annual Parade of Lights kicked off. Organized and performed by Kwajalein Yacht Club members and friends, the parade consisted of personal yachts and a small boat dressed up in Christmas lights. Here are some highlights of another very Kwaj holiday night at Emon Beach.

CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP RIGHT: Caleb Baker, right, and Oliver Enes scan the water for Scuba Santa. Santa and his gang of elves emerge from the lagoon. Bruce Premo's yacht Moonshine cuts through the water during the Parade of Lights. Scuba Santa regales the kids.



U.S. Army photos by Jordan Vinson



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP: Scuba Santa wishes a Kwaj child a merry Christmas. Tom Lester's yacht Genevieve motors down the line during the Parade of Lights. Santa saunters out of the warm lagoon water to greet the children gathered at Emon beach. Cynthia Pavia and Barry Grinter fly their giant octopus wind kite prior to Santa's arrival Sunday. Kwaj resident Jon Sok, right, and visitor Mike Lowry haul the Christmas tree from the water's edge to the Kwajalein Scuba Club shack at the north end of the beach.

RUNNING WITH BELLS ON

HOURLASS REPORT

A few dozen Kwajalein runners tapped into the athletic side of the holiday spirit Dec. 17, during the annual Jingle Bell Run. Organized by Kwajalein Running Club volunteers and Community Activities staff, the leisurely group run around the north end of the island invited garrison residents to don their reindeer antlers and jingle bells and work up a light sweat with friends and family. During a time of year traditionally filled with holiday feasting and partying, the idea of going out and doing a few laps was a no-brainer for these residents.



U.S. Army photos by Colleen Furgeson



CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP: Christi Cardillo and friends; Dan Clabo; the 2016 Jingle Bell Run group; and Barbara Jeffery.

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HAPPIEST PLACE ON ISLAND GETS MERRIER

HOURLASS REPORT

Kwajalein Hobby Shop staff opened up the “happiest place on the island” for a holiday open house Dec. 15. About 50 people came by to sample a sweet suite of sweets and savory pot-luck dishes, while Hobby Shop employees Laura Alves, Evelyn Smith and Alison Sok called up folks for raffle prizes. The Hobby Shop regulars mixed and mingled with several new island residents who came, along with family members, to visit the shop for the first time. Guests received brochures, short tours of the facility and checked out the array of holiday themed projects in the works at the shop.



ABOVE: Hobby Shop hosts greet visitors Dec. 15. From left: Evelyn Smith, Alison Sok and Laura Alves. BELOW: Dan and Caroline Eggers enjoy hot cider and sweets.



LEFT: Laura Alves hands out a raffle prize. RIGHT: Tara Smith goes up to collect her major award. It was not a leg lamp.

U.S. Army photos by Jordan Vinson and Kim Yarnes

UNDERDOGS TAKE CHAMP COCONUTS

HOURLASS REPORT

The 2016 Kwajalein Volleyball Season came to an exciting end Dec. 15 and 16 during championship matches that pitted rivals in four different leagues against one another. Not a single first-seed team won its respective championship this year. In some cases, such as the Blacksmiths, one of the team's few wins earned all season came during the playoffs. Talk about a Cinderella story. The underdog teams featured here are the squads that bested their rivals, surprised fans and earned the right to take home a coveted coconut trophy.

2016 Kwajalein Volleyball League	A LEAGUE	WIN	LOSS
	Spartans	8	1
	That's What She Set	7	2
	Mon Kubok	2	7
Final Standings	Corder Pounder	1	8
	B League	WIN	LOSS
	Dazed and Confused	6	2
	A Motley Crew	6	2
	Wolf Pak	4	4
	Sets on the Beach	2	6
	Sideout	2	6
	High School League	WIN	LOSS
	Posers	9	0
	Wildcats	5	4
	Ohana Koa	4	5
	Freshmen	0	9
WOW!	Jr. High League	WIN	LOSS
	Nation White	7	2
	Attackers	6	3
	Serve's Up	4	5
	Blacksmiths	1	8



A League champs: That's What She Set



B League champs: Wolf Pak

U.S. Army photos by Colleen Furgeson



Jr. High League champs: Blacksmiths



High School League champs: Wildcats



Roi Community Activities



Roi Power Plant



Kwajalein Housing Services



Chugach



Kwaj military and DoD civilians



Roi C Building staff



Hospital staff



KRS Huntsville Procurement team



The Kwajalein Hourglass



Huntsville Human Resources



Great Bridge crew



Domestic assistants on Kwaj

AEGIS TEST KILLS MEDIUM-RANGE BALLISTIC MISSILE IN MDA TEST

EXTERNAL REPORT

MDA News Release

HAWAII, DEC. 14—The **Missile Defense Agency** and sailors aboard USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53), an Aegis baseline 9.C1 equipped destroyer, today successfully fired a salvo of two SM-6 Dual I missiles against a complex medium-range ballistic missile target, demonstrating the Sea Based Terminal endo-atmospheric defensive capability and meeting the test's primary objective.

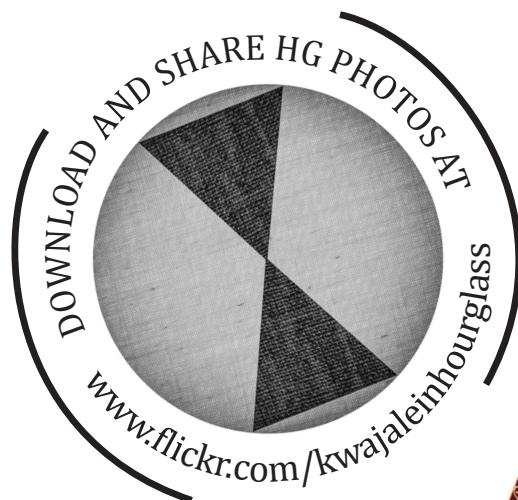
The test was conducted off the coast of Hawaii just after midnight on Dec. 14.

"This test demonstrated the capabilities MDA and the Navy are delivering to our fleet commanders," said MDA Director Vice Adm. Jim Syring. "The SM-6 missile and the Aegis Weapon System continue to prove that they are critical components of our nation's multilayered, robust ballistic missile defense system."

The SM-6 missile uses an explosive warhead to defeat ballistic missile threats, differing from other missile defense interceptors, such as the Standard Missile-3, which use non-explosive hit-to-kill technology.

Program officials will continue evaluating system performance based upon telemetry and other data obtained during the test.

Aegis BMD is the naval component of the Ballistic Missile Defense System. The MDA and the U.S. Navy cooperatively manage the Aegis BMD program. Additional information about all elements of the BMDS can be found at <https://www.mda.mil/system/system.html>



HOLIDAY HOURS

Kwajalein

Emon Lifeguard
CRC
Bowling Center
Golf Course
Country Club
Hobby Shop
Library
Family Pool
Small Boat Marina
Surfway
Surfside Salon
Sunrise Bakery
Ocean View Club
Post Office
AAFES Express
AAFES Pxtra
Food Court
American Eatery
Community Bank
Theaters

Dec. 25

Buddy system
Closed
Closed
Sunrise to sunset
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed

Dec. 26

Noon-4 p.m.
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Closed
Sunrise to sunset
Normal hours
1-6 p.m.
Closed
9 a.m.-3 p.m.
1-6 p.m.
Normal hours
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
*Check facility
*Check facility
Closed
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
10 a.m.-4 p.m.
*Check facility
*Check facility
*Check facility
Closed
Normal hours

Dec. 27

12:30-3:30 p.m.
Closed
Closed
Sunrise to sunset
Closed
Closed
Closed
1-6 p.m.
8 a.m.-6 p.m.
1-7 p.m.
Closed
*Check facility
*Check facility
Normal hours
Normal hours
Normal hours
*Check facility
*Check facility
*Check facility
Closed
Normal hours

Roi-Namur

AAFES Express
Small Boat Marina
Third Island Store
Outrigger Snack Bar

Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed

Normal hours
Opens at noon
Closed
Opens at 5:30 p.m.

Normal hours
8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Closed
Noon-2 p.m.
5:30-9 p.m.

Outrigger Bar
Post Office
Salon

Closed
Closed
*Check facility

Opens at 5:30 p.m.
Closed
*Check facility

5:30-9:30 p.m.
Closed
*Check facility

Third
Island
Store
will be
open
Dec. 28.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



RANGE OPERATION NOTICE

HOURGLASS REPORT

A special joint Reagan Test Site-Kris Kringle Test Site range operation is scheduled for Christmas Eve at Kwajalein Atoll.

In connection with this operation, caution areas and TAKE-COVER requirements exist for all children on the islands of Kwajalein, Ebeye, Enniburr and other islands north of Ebeye.

Unless specifically authorized, all boys and girls must take take shelter UNDER THE COVERS when directed by their parents or remain out of the living room caution area between the hours of 2100 DECEMBER 24 and 0600 DECEMBER 25, or until reindeer hoofs are heard leaving their respective roofs.

Direct all concerns or questions to the RTS-KKTS Safety Directorate by sending letters to the North Pole, addressed to "Santa."



An intercontinental ballistic santa launches from the Kris Kringle Test Site at the North Pole during a run-through of a joint KKTS-RTS operation schedule to impact Kwajalein Atoll Dec. 24.

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.



QUESTIONS? WANT TO HELP? CONTACT SABRINA AT 5-4498
(LEAVE A MESSAGE, BUT IF A RABBIT ANSWERS - HANG UP)

WEEKLY WEATHER OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER TRENDS: A surface wave came across the northern RMI Thursday bringing us some needed rain. Our rainfall to date is now about 0.75 inches below normal for the month. lightning was observed in the area with Thursday's storms.

Northeasterly trade winds will increase in the wake of this wave. We are expecting wind speeds to be near Small Craft Advisory levels again for Christmas weekend. Fast moving widely scattered showers will be in the area for the weekend. Appears next week will have an increase in shower coverage, but still scattered in nature.

Elsewhere in the tropical Pacific, Tropical Depression 30W has formed 250 nm southeast of Yap. This storm is expected to increase to nearly Typhoon strength and impact the Philippines on Christmas day, then move into the South China Sea.

Caution-outlook: Intra-seasonal climate drivers remain weak to neutral. We are still expecting rainfall to follow climatological averages for December into January.

COMMANDER'S HOTLINE

HAVE SOMETHING THE USAG-KA
COMMANDER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

CALL THE COMMANDER'S
HOTLINE AT 51098 TODAY!



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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

From Dec. 23, 1988 Kwajalein Hourglass



SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:01 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	3:27 a.m. 3:33 p.m.	1:47 a.m. 2.7' 2:17 p.m. 3.5'	7:48 a.m. 0.5' 8:41 p.m. 0.5'
MONDAY	7:01 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	4:13 a.m. 4:16 p.m.	2:32 a.m. 2.9' 2:53 p.m. 3.8'	8:28 a.m. 0.3' 9:17 p.m. 0.2'
TUESDAY	7:01 a.m. 6:39 p.m.	5:01 a.m. 5:01 p.m.	3:10 a.m. 3.1' 3:26 p.m. 4.1'	9:04 a.m. 0.1' 9:49 p.m. -0.1'
WEDNESDAY	7:02 a.m. 6:39 p.m.	5:49 a.m. 5:48 p.m.	3:44 a.m. 3.3' 3:57 p.m. 4.4'	9:37 a.m. -0.2' 10:21 p.m. -0.4'
THURSDAY	7:02 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	6:38 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	4:17 a.m. 3.5' 4:28 p.m. 4.5'	10:09 a.m. -0.3' 10:51 p.m. -0.5'
FRIDAY	7:03 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	7:28 a.m. 7:27 p.m.	4:49 a.m. 3.6' 4:59 p.m. 4.6'	10:40 a.m. -0.4' 11:22 p.m. -0.6'
DECEMBER 31	7:03 a.m. 6:41 p.m.	8:17 a.m. 8:18 p.m.	5:20 a.m. 3.6' 5:30 p.m. 4.6'	11:12 a.m. -0.4'

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

*MENU CURRENT AS OF DEC. 23

LUNCH

Sunday
SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS
DINNER!

Monday
Cacciatore chicken
Egg casserole
Augratin potatoes

Tuesday
Chicken wings
Patty melts
Roasted potatoes

Wednesday
Honey mustard chicken
Tuna casserole
Chef's choice

Thursday
BBQ pork ribs
Turkey wraps
Vegetable saute

Friday
Taco bar
Refried beans
Rice

December 31
Spaghetti
Garlic toast
Chef's choice

DINNER

Sunday
*Limited menu

Monday
Mancotti
Pasta carbonara
Vegetarian medley

Tuesday
Grilled chicken
Beef pot pie
Three cheese macaroni

Wednesday
Steak Night
Picante chicken
Vegetarian pasta

Thursday
Mongolian BBQ
Garlic marinated chick.
Chef's choice

Friday
Chicken fried steak
Mashed potatoes
Fish du jour

December 31
Oriental pork steak
Broccoli stir-fry
Parsley potatoes

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/FOUND

Found pair of clear prescription glasses on elementary School grounds. They can be claimed at the school office Bldg. 368.

FOR SALE

Osprey, 21-foot catamaran sailboat. \$7,000. Includes 5hp motor, solar power, VHF radio, stereo, shower, mast (new as of May, 2013), all extras (misc supplies and tools). Needs some repairs (starboard center beam and trailer). Call DJ on Roi: 5-6313 daytime, 5-6056 evening.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Kwaj Hospital will be providing "Emergency Services Only" on the 24th and 31st of December. The Roi Dispensary will continue normal operating hours on these dates. Both clinics will be observing KRS Holidays on 27 December (Tuesday) and 3 January (Tuesday). Two (2) RNs and the Medical Staff will be on call, 24/7, as usual. Happy Holidays!

Reminder: Island Orientation, is held the last Wednesday (Dec. 28 this month) of each month in Building 365, CAC room 6. If you cannot attend or find a representative in your stead, please call ES&H at 5-1134/5-9817.

Kwajalein Yacht Club's monthly meeting is on Friday Dec. 30, 6:30pm at the

Yacht Club. Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

Kwajalein Running Club will lead the New Year's Eve midnight run/walk and celebration. The 2-mile course starts and ends at Emon Main Pavilion, the party hub. Pre-registration is required, but of course the roads are public. DJ Neil Dye will be back! This is a kid friendly event. Get forms at Qtrs. 473-A or Mini-Mall bulletin board. Questions? Bob & Jane H:5-1815.

Vets Hall New Year's Eve 1st Annual Ball Drop. Ring in the New Year at the Vets Hall and enjoy the Vets Hall's first annual midnight ball drop and champagne toast! Dance the new year in listening to the hits DJ Gus Garcia will be spinning. If you have a request for that special song let Gus know early so he can get it in the lineup. Doors open 7p.m., with music starting at 9 p.m. There will be a shuttle running all night starting at 7:45 p.m. Bus will stop at Surfway, Oceanview, Country Club, Vets Hall and Space Fence so park your bike and ride safely to and from the celebrations!

ATTENTION COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES VENDORS. Commercial Activities licenses will expire Dec. 31, 2016. If you are a current vendor you should have received a reminder letter and a 2017 application by email. If you would like to become a vendor please contact Community Activities at 5-3331 to receive a 2017 Vendor Application and a letter that explains the process.

Beach Bar: Cocktails on the Coast. Co-sponsored by Community Activities and the Ocean View Club Mon., Jan. 2. Rain date: Tues., Jan. 3. Come out to Emon Beach and celebrate the New Year with frozen drinks and beach classics from noon to sundown. Beer and wine are also available. Cash sales only.

2017 Adult Basketball Registration Dec. 27 - Jan. 6. Basketball registration will begin for the 2017 season. Registration fee is \$100 per team. The season will run from January 18 - March 3. A&B Leagues. Team slots are limited, so register fast! Questions? Email or call Derek at 5-1275 or 5-3331.

Want to learn how to dance? Come join us Wednesdays CRC Room 6 and Saturdays at CRC room 1 both times at 7:30-9 p.m. We will be teaching swing, blues, Latin, and everything ballroom. Beginners always welcome. For questions contact Josh H 52423 W 57266.

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).

Beginning Jan. 1 the Island Sponsorship program will be experiencing changeover in managing personnel. To ensure timely completion of sponsorship requests, please ensure that you submit all forms regarding the following sponsorship related forms two weeks in advance whenever possible: 480 -55R -Community Exchange -Badging or Rebadging Requests -Unofficial Day Guests. If you have any questions please contact the PMO office at 5-2109 or email at us-army.bucholz.311-sig-cmd.mbx.usag-pmo@mail.mil.

2017 Inner-Tube Water Polo Season is almost here! Registration Dates: Jan. 3-13, 2017. Cost: \$100. Limited number of team slots available so register early! Session Play: Jan. 24 - March 11, 2017. For registration, contact Cliff at 5-2848.

2017 Winter Bowling League Registration January 3 - 13. League games on Friday nights from January 20 - March 17. Team slots are limited so register fast! \$70 with shoe rental, \$60 without shoe rental. To register, call or email Derek Finch at 5-1275. Adults only.

Remember this holiday season ... rules for electric safety. Don't overload outlets or extension cords. It could damage the electrical system or even cause a fire. Make sure all electrical cords are tucked away, neat & tidy. Pets might chew on electrical cords, and Santa might trip and fall! Never yank an elec-

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

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

Safely Speaking: Hand protection is not simply putting some gloves on; it is finding ways to eliminate the task that may put our hands at risk; or using tools rather than hands to complete the job. If a glove is the last option for safely completing the task; ensure you are using the right glove for the job.

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY SERVICES SCHEDULE



Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

- 10 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 25, at the Community Activities Building

Protestant/Interdenominational:

- 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 24, at the main chapel
- 8:15 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 25, at the small chapel
- 11 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 25, at the main chapel

Catholic

- 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 24, at the main chapel
- 9:15 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 25, at the main chapel

Café Roi

*MENU CURRENT AS OF DEC. 23

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	December 31
SPECIAL	Lemon baked chicken	Ham and swiss sandwich	Chicken parmesan	Vegetable quesadillas	Tuna melts	Chicken fajita wrap
CHRISTMAS	Baked fish	Roast turkey	Roast pepper steak	Glazed pork loin	Country meatloaf	Parker ranch stew
DINNER!	Egg and cheese sand.	Stuffing	Mashed potatoes	Parsley potatoes	Mac and cheese	Corn on the cob

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	December 31
Spaghetti	Swiss beef steak	Chicken enchilada casserole	Carved roast beef	Fried chicken	Breakfast at Night	Corned beef/cabbage
Rice	Pork adobo	Refried beans	Thai-style coconut chick.	Stuffed cabbage	Eggs to order	Pulled BBQ pork
Chef's choice	Brown rice stir-fry	Spanish rice	Baked potatoes	Mashed potatoes	Pancakes	Roasted potatoes

KWAJ HOLIDAY THROWBACKS

By: Anonymous

Twas the night before Christmas, the atoll was dark,
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a shark.
 The stockings were hung on the bookcase with care,
 In lieu of a chimney, which just wasn't there.
 The children were finally asleep in their beds,
 While visions of Toyland danced in their heads.
 Mama in her muumuu and I in my cap,
 Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,
 When out on the reef there arose such a clatter;
 I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window, my go-aheads flopping,
 I drew back the curtain to see what was popping.
 The moonlight a'glitter on white coral sand
 Looked almost like snow in this tropical land.
 When what to my wondering eyes did appear
 But an outrigger canoe and eight tiny reindeer.
 With a little old driver so lively and quick
 I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick.
 More rapid than Spartan his coursers they came
 And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.
 "Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixen,
 On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner, on Blitzen,
 Fly over the palm and pandanus tree,
 To each trailer and house that's waiting for me."
 And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof.
 Before I could move to turn myself 'round
 Old Santa appeared in the room with a bound.
 His holiday clothes really brightened the scene—
 An aloha shirt in bright silky green
 With red plaid bermudas—a colorful set—
 And the bag for his toys was a huge fishing net.
 Sandals he wore instead of his boots,
 And he puffed on a pipe made of monkey pod roots.
 A jaunty straw hat he wore perched on his head,
 And his rosy red cheeks had a tanned look instead.
 He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
 And he filled all his stockings, then turned with a jerk.
 He smiled, then he turned and gave me a bow,
 And disappeared quickly, I don't know quite how.
 Then through the window I managed to view
 Santa speeding away in his flying canoe.
 And I heard him exclaim as I took a last look,
 "Merry Christmas to all, and to all Yokwe Yuk."

Kwajalein Christmas

We haven't got rooftops all covered with snow,
 Or horse-drawn sleighs with our families in tow,
 Our windows aren't frosty from wintry winds,
 We do have sand castles, but we haven't snowmen.
 The carollers we see wear shorts and T-shirts
 Our fake Christmas trees have never seen dirt.
 Nothing is sacred here anymore,
 I mean Santa Claus barefoot! Now that's really poor
 O K, let's be honest, we dream now and then
 About a white Christmas, but well then again
 When we've finished with presents
 And all those great things
 We couldn't go diving or water skung
 Or go to the beach to work on our tan
 Or take kids to Emon to play in the sand.
 And how could we miss the day-after barbecues
 Or a Commander who plays Father Christmas, not Scrooge,
 And where else can you ride your bike in a tux
 To go have pupus at a place called the Yuk?
 Now why would you want all the ice and the snow,
 The hustle, the bustle with folks on the go
 With no time for stopping your bike for a spell
 To chat with a neighbor to see if he's well?
 And what would happen to your Christmas mood
 If you shopped in a mall crowded with people who're rude?
 So stop thinking how sad to be stuck in the sun
 People pay thousands for our Kway Christmas fun!
 anonymous

From Dec. 24, 1992 Kwajalein Hourglass

From
 The
 Hourglass
 Staff
 Joyeux Noel



From Dec. 23, 1976 Kwajalein Hourglass