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KWAJ CY S SOCCER SPORTS EXCHANGE BUILDS COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE

HOURLASS REPORT

Young athletes from Kwajalein and Ebeye teamed up to practice soccer skills in a Kwajalein Youth Sports Exchange event Nov. 24.

The program encourages sportsmanship and fun athletic training as part of Kwajalein's Child, Youth and School Services (CYS) outreach sports program. The program invites students and athletes from Ebeye to Kwajalein to learn sports skills and practice with kids their own age.

Leimamo Wase, Youth Services and Sports director for Kwajalein CY S, says the clinic is a fun way to learn basic skills while having fun.

"This year, I planned to have an outreach soccer clinic and practice for the Ebeye teams for the purpose of teaching them the basic skills of soccer before participating in our league," said Wase after the event.

The exchange takes dedication and logistics to achieve, but the challenge to coordinate the activity creates opportunities for the community to work together. The outreach program relies on regular sponsors to secure passage

through the Kwajalein Dock Security Checkpoint. Many athletes on Ebeye do not have access to soccer fields and personal protective sports equipment. CY S provides shoes and shin guards donated from community members and parents. Misti French's fifth grade class from George Seitz Elementary School put together donated sports packs for the visiting players as a service project. The visiting children walked away from the event that day with neon sports bags containing sunglasses and water bottles.

As everyone on the field saw that day, the effort is worth it.

"The kids from Ebeye had a blast," said Wase. Together, under the guidance of Wase and Tony Ruiz, the volunteer coach during the event, Ebeye and Kwaj kids broke into squads to practice maneuvering and passing the ball to their teammates. Laughter ensued as a player from Ebeye jogged a few paces ahead of a taller youth from Kwajalein, and then flashed a brilliant white smile as he ran circles around the kid and kicked the ball into the goal. The players exchanged high fives and reset their squad to play again.

John Jolley, athletics coach for the

visiting team and Ebeye Public Middle School, smiled at his players from the stands and shouted comments. He's new to soccer, but has a passion for sharing sports with young people on Ebeye and appreciates the effort to bring the islands' kids together to learn.

"While walking back to the dock, one of the kids told her sponsor that she had so much fun playing soccer and that she was happy to have met a new friend," said Wase. The activity also benefits all of the kids and presents a new opportunity for young athletes to build intercultural sensitivity and skills in sports, she said.

"It was so cool seeing the Kwaj soccer players interact with the Ebeye kids and show leadership by leading a warm up or soccer drill," she said.

1) Soccer players from Ebeye and Kwajalein scrimmage at a Sports Exchange event Nov. 24. 2) Antonio Ruiz, Kwaj youth soccer coach, hands out jerseys to practice squads during a sports clinic. 3) Students from Misti French's George Seitz Elementary School fifth grade class distribute sports gift packs to the visiting soccer players from Ebeye.

U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch

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IN MEMORIAM

JAMES VIRGIL SAMUELS JR.

April 16, 1985 - November 10, 2017

EXTERNAL REPORT

James Samuels Jr., 32, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2017 in Honolulu.

He was born to Virgil Samuels, Sr. and Dorothy Jeanette Samuels (deceased) on April 16, 1985 in Cleveland.

James was the life of the party, the jokester of the family—someone who welcomed everybody with a grin and a “Hey, how are you doing?”

He was the genuine definition of a family man, his friends and family said. And he had an uncommon method for keeping his kin together.

James never let the grass grow under his feet. His love for adventure and travel led him to a new job and home on Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. There, he made many new friends at work with Alutiiq in U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll’s Security and Access Control Contract area. On Kwajalein, anyone who passed through airport security before boarding their flights got the opportu-

nity to chat with James and wind up on the receiving end of one his gregarious, infectious smiles.

Despite his overseas posts, James maintained a solid bond with his two sons, Camren and Caisson.

James united with Cynetra McNeill Samuels July 4, 2017, in a union full of love and laughter. James’ life mission on earth was to be happy, a happiness he found with Cynetra.

James is survived by: his wife Cynetra McNeill Samuels, his father Virgil Samuels Sr. of Tennessee; two sons, Camren Samuels of New York and Caisson Samuels of Tennessee; two sisters, Sheanna Perkins and Lustreama Markey, both of Indiana; a brother Virgil Samuels Jr. of Tennessee; grandfather Robert L. Bobbitt of Tennessee and a number of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins and friends.

Adapted from
www.rawlsfuneralhomes.com

A few words from Jay's friend and colleague, Don Muse: "Jay was a person that always had a smile on his face. Between his smile and engaging personality, he was a perfect fit for working at the Airport. I've had the pleasure of knowing Jay since his first time on Kwaj in 2012, when he first arrived and was working at the Dock Security Checkpoint (DSC). Over the years, Jay worked at the Patrol Station, DSC, the airport, and security posts for various Missions. Jay was a dedicated professional and friend. Jay will be missed."



James with friends on Kwajalein





KWAJALEIN CELEBRATES 50TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

HOURLASS REPORT

The Kwajalein community celebrated the holidays Saturday, Dec. 2 at the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the community event. The festivities began with the arrival of Santa Claus at Bucholz Army Airfield. There the jolly elf, a regular visitor to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, boarded a tractor flatbed. He was joined by Community Activities staff and the senior class of Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School, who threw candy and treats into the crowd of delighted parents and children all following along in the golden light of the sunset from the airport toward downtown.

A spirited program of holiday performances delighted the festive spectators who awaited Santa and the official beginning of the Tree Lighting Ceremony. The community's favorite dance teams, Karen Brady's Tiny Dancers and Michelle Huwe's Seventh-12th Grade Dance Group performed to upbeat popular tunes. They were followed by students from Kwajalein Schools music programs. The Ri'Katak students treated the audience to dances and back-to-back Christmas carols, tossing candy, toys and glow sticks by the handful to children in the audience.

USAG-KA Commander Col. James DeOre took the stage to deliver an official holiday greeting. He was joined by Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Shirley and Santa Claus, who attempted to light Kwajalein's holiday palm tree with the help of a young volunteer.

Under the warm glow of downtown storefront lights, the community enjoyed the remainder of the evening under the stars, serenaded by music provided by the Quality of Life Committee special guests the Hot Tamales. Residents and guests shopped at local vendor gift stands and enjoyed beverages and snacks purchased at food tents provided by KRS Dining Services and the Ocean View Club bartending staff. Children and families took holiday photos around the downtown area near creative pallet tree decorations and several jumbo picture frames provided by Community Activities Hobby Shop staff.

The lone holiday palm tree, bedazzled in green and white lights danced in the wind under a pale full moon: The holiday season had officially arrived on Kwajalein.



ABOVE: Karen Brady's Tiny Dancers take center stage at the downtown Kwajalein Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 2. 1) U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. James DeOre and Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Shirley address the audience. 2) Kwaj kids reach for candy and treats tossed into the crowd from Santa's tractor from the Kwajalein airport to the downtown area. 3) Michelle Huwe's Seventh-12th Grade Dance Group gathers for a photo at the end of their final dance number. 4) The soundman of the holidays, Danny Barthle, mans the mixer during the performances. 5) Thompson Tarwoj and the Community Activities crew ensure Santa and his followers have a clear, safe path to the downtown area. 6) Hot Tamales singer Adam Fithian takes a photo of his bandmates during their cover of U2's "With or Without You." 7) All is merry and bright at the Tree Lighting as the community enjoys live music, shopping and treats.

U.S. Army photos by Allison Homuth and Jessica Dambruch



HOLIDAY SECURITY TIPS

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

By Brad Reed, USAG-KA physical security officer

During the holiday season we tend to share more photos and communicate more with friends and family. As you do so we'd like to remind you to practice good OPSEC. Be aware of what is in the background of your photos, don't take photos of restricted areas and remember that sharing the following information is prohibited.

1. Current, Ongoing and Future Operations Details

Examples: Mobilization, deployment schedules, stationing, logistical shortfalls, readiness levels, rosters

2. Critical Infrastructure

Examples: Location, capabilities, weakness, airfields, communications

3. Force Protection

Examples: RAM measures, emergency response, new or emerging technology, access control, gaps, physical security

4. C4I Locations, Capabilities and Vulnerabilities

Examples: COOP, disaster plans, nodes

5. Organizational Capabilities, Limitations and Vulnerabilities

Examples: inspection results, AAR, surveys

6. General Officer and VIP Itineraries

Examples: Schedules, locations, special protective measures, visitors

7. Budget and Resource Information

Examples: Allocation, prioritization, shortfalls, contract specifics

8. Threat Details to U.S. Forces, Agencies, Partner Nations

Examples: Assessment, government control

9. Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Examples: HIPPA, FOUO, LE-Sensitive, hiring actions, alert roster

10. Detailed Casualty, Damage or Incident Reports

Examples: SIR, police, Report of Survey 15-6 results

In addition to protecting your work environment we encourage you to protect yourself. Monitor your bank accounts, your social media and email accounts, and any other personal identifiable information that could be used against you. USAG-KA hope that you have a safe and happy holiday season.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE DECEMBER MEETING

December 13, 2017

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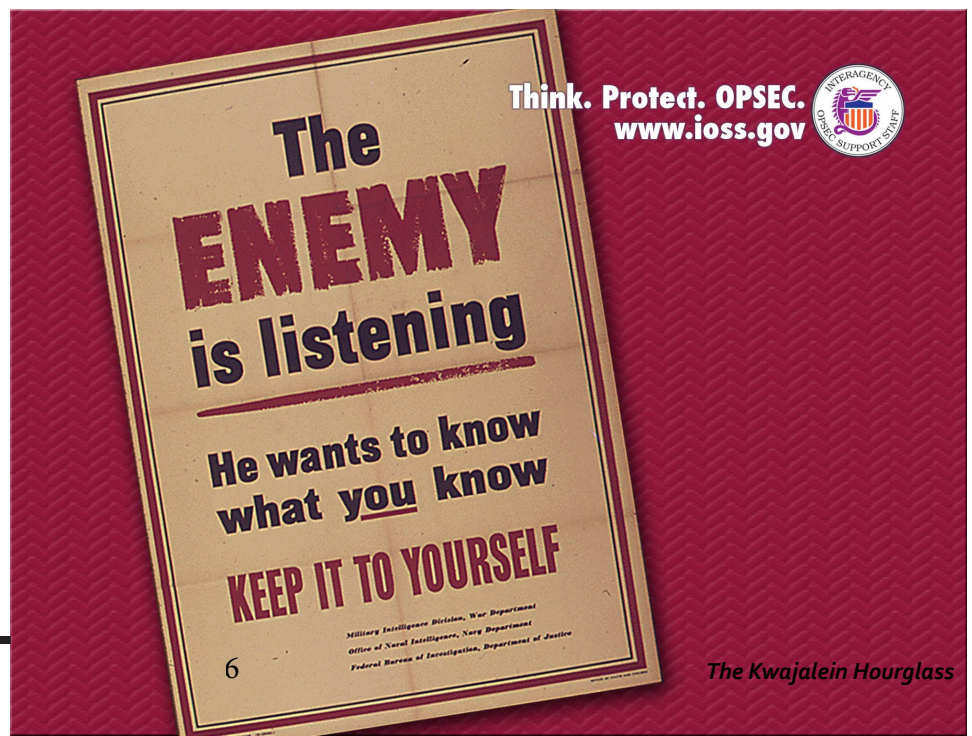
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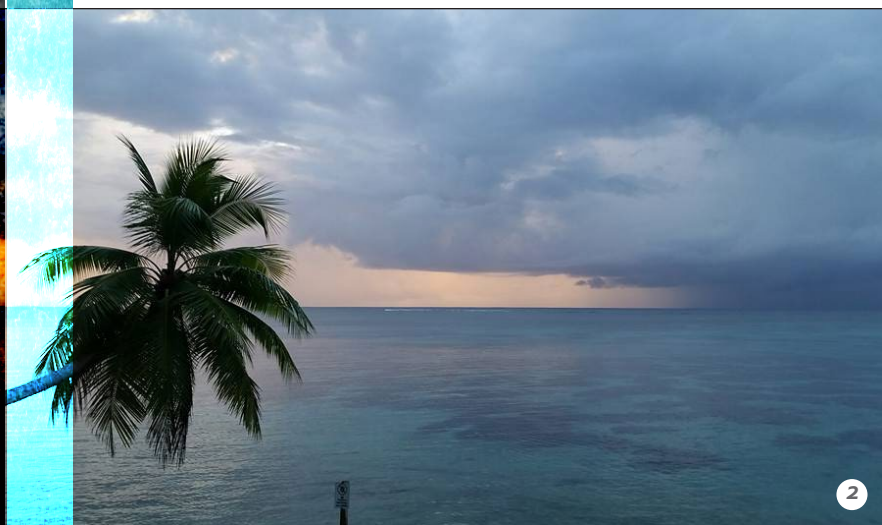
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1) Roi rat Jay Linderer enjoys a Surf Shack sunset on Roi-Namur late last month; photo courtesy of Sandra Garrison. 2) Menacing rain clouds sail west of Roi, as seen from the deck of the Gabby Shack last weekend; photo courtesy of Laura Pasquarella-Swain.

BASE THEATER PROTOCOL

All U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll residents are reminded that it is military base movie theater protocol to stand and pay your respects during the playing of the National Anthem in the movie theaters.



Courtesy of Jordan Vinson

HERO OF THE WEEK

HOURLASS REPORT

MAJOR KUDOS goes to Kwaj kid Mason Finley for recovering a money-filled wallet and turning it into authorities this week. A domestic worker had unknowingly dropped the wallet on her way to the Dock Security Checkpoint on Kwaj one day after getting paid. Finley, on his way home from a trip downtown, found it near the corner of Sixth Street and Heliotrope Street. After meeting up with his father John, the two rode over to the DSC so Mason could turn the wallet over to authorities.

DSC Lt. Angel Bolton, who was able to contact the owner of the wallet and return it, reported the owner was ecstatic.

"After I gave her the wallet and she realized the money was still inside she grabbed me in the biggest bear hug," Bolton wrote Mason's family. "[She] was beyond happy she did not lose her earnings."

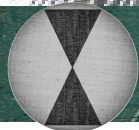
This story could have ended a lot differently were it someone else who found the wallet. Fortunately, Mr. Mason Finley, a true Kwaj hero, was there to save the day.

THUMBS UP TO YOU



Thumbs up and thank you to the Kwajalein community for all the support over the last year. Without your kindness, our year would have been much harder than it already was. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

-Greg, Ona, Ava
and Emerson Moore



THIS WEEK IN KWAJALEIN HOURLASS HISTORY CHRISTMAS IN THE RMI

By the Rev. Elden Buck, as told to Pat Cataldo

This column, which details the history of Christmas traditions in the Marshall Islands, originally ran in December 2003. Americans who observe a Marshallese Christmas celebration gather memories to last a lifetime. It is an occasion of excitement and gaiety, of surprises and delights, and of generous—even lavish—gift-giving, in which the whole community enthusiastically participates.

The Rev. Elden Buck, who shared his knowledge of Marshallese customs in this reprinted article, was the Protestant chaplain at Kwajalein from 1968 until 1981. Before that, he and his wife, Alice, served as missionary advisers on Ebeye for five years and on Kosrae for four years.

Preparation for Christmas in the Republic of the Marshall Islands begins in October, when singing groups, called *jebta* (chapters, in Marshallese; alternate spelling: *jepta*), are called together. These groups are mostly gathered around the landowner on whose land they live, although on Ebeye there are also island chapters, made up of people from Ailinglaplap, Jaluit or Kapinmeto — the western and northern islands of Lae, Ujae, Bikini, Wotho, Rongelap, Eniwetok and Ujelang. Kapinmeto means “those at the edge of the sea.”

Everyone is involved in the singing groups, with old people and small children included in the same *jebta*. On Ebeye, the groups may have as many as 40 or 50 members.

By the time of the first rehearsal, songs will have been selected by the *iroij* (chief), *alap* (landowner) or appointed director. Some of the songs are new and original each year; some have new words for old tunes. 20 or 30 years ago, all the songs were new every Christmas, and there were no traditional Marshallese Christmas songs.

Americans would have a hard time recognizing written Marshallese music. There is no clef, no staff — in fact, there are no notes. Instead, the four-part harmony is written in a number system: Do=1 and 8, Re=2, Mi=3, and so on. The singers sight-read.

All through November and December, the *jebta* rehearse almost every evening, meeting from about 9 p.m. until as late as 2 or 3 a.m., at any available location.

Rehearsals don't much resemble an American choir practice. It is common to see some members sleeping, others conversing, and children playing noisily, while some people study the numbers and others learn from the better sight-readers. The cacophony doesn't seem to disturb the director or those concentrating on the music.

Selection of the songs is carried on in great secrecy, but rehearsals are not. In fact, there is exciting competition, and it is considered special fun when two groups can hear each other while rehearsing. Each group is eager to have the best songs, and the more verses, the better. Often one *jebta* learns 10 songs.

Early in the rehearsal schedule, the *jebta* appoints a committee to decide upon and purchase material for uniforms, dresses and shirts, all made of the same fabric. Often, a *jebta* will have three or four uniforms.

Each *jebta* decides early—usually in October—upon a theme for its presentation in church on Christmas Day. The themes frequently seem to have little to do with Christmas. In fact, they may be on a subject such as firing a missile. And yet, they are

always ingeniously brought around to a spiritual Yuletide application. Scripture verses are often repeated in unison, and verses of scripture and prayers are included in each presentation.

A member is assigned to oversee the building of props to carry out the theme. The props can be elaborate and inventive, with moving parts, break-aways, small explosive devices and many surprises for the audience. For example, a group might bring in a large cross, march around it singing, and, at a given signal, pull a wire that causes the cross to split into halves, from which a Christmas tree rises to the ceiling.

While all of the plans and props are being made, another committee decides what gifts the chapter will bring to the church and collects money for the cash gift. On Ebeye, it isn't unusual for a chapter's cash gift to the church to reach \$800 or \$1,000, in addition to cases of soda, 100-pound bags of flour, 10-pound sacks of sugar and rice, cases of soya or laundry soap, bolts of material and island handicraft. The group also decides what small presents they will throw to the audience during their performance.

On the outer islands, chapters give gifts centered around food.

During the Sundays of Advent, chapters sing following morning worship service, as a hint of what they will perform on Christmas Day. On Ebeye, one chapter or *weto* (section of property) is chosen each Sunday in December to sing at the church. On its Sunday, the group cleans up, decorates, and prepares food



U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch



1) A jebta performs at Ebeye Calvary Church. 2) Spectators enjoy a children's Christmas music performance in December 2016.

for after the service. This is also the day the group's gift to the pastor is presented.

Sometime during the two weeks before Christmas, each group dresses in its uniforms and goes out, seldom before midnight, to sing and present gifts to the iroij, pastor, missionary and other village or island dignitaries.

One Sunday—usually the last Sunday before Christmas—is designated “singing Sunday,” and all or most of the groups sing at church. It is a sort of dress rehearsal for the main performance on Christmas. But the big surprises in the presentations will be kept secret until Christmas Day. The groups have a uniform for “singing Sunday” and another for Christmas.

On Christmas Eve, the pastor and one or two church elders are expected to visit each chapter; to sample the whole program, make suggestions as to propriety and see that the dances are not too lively.

At this time, the chapters draw straws for order of appearance. No chapter wants to be first—in fact, the later, the better.

After this final rehearsal, the chapters march around the island singing. On outer islands, this is done on foot by lantern light. On Ebeye, it is often done from the backs of trucks.

On Christmas Day, the celebration begins after all the jebta have gathered at the church to hear the Christmas story read from the scripture and to offer their special thanks in prayer and worship. The celebration goes on until all the chapters have performed. On Ebeye, this can mean a 12-14-hour observance, or even a second day.

Each jebta leader begins by bringing into the church his group's gifts of food and supplies and the props for its presentation. The jebta, gathered out of sight at some distance, begins singing its marching song and slowly approaches the church. This procession is actually a sort of dance, including intricate over-under and serpentine patterns. The leader, and sometimes the whole group, waves a flag or scarf, and all singing is done at the greatest volume.

The entrance march ends with the group in singing position—sometimes facing the audience, but more often facing the pulpit—and the presentation begins.

Between songs, there are speeches by the iroij (chief), the alap (landowner) and any other dignitary accompanying the group. Each jebta has some member of an iroij family as its sponsor.

The climax comes when the theme is explained, and the props are put into action. One year, a chapter chose “Paul's Shipwreck” as its theme. They built a 25-foot float shaped like a ship and pulled it to the church. There the float fell apart on purpose, spilling gifts to all onlookers.

Should a prop not work or a jebta make an obvious mistake in harmony or words (all singing is done from memory), there is much laughter, clapping and friendly name-calling from the audience.

As the props are being activated, the first of the money gifts will become obvious. There is no giving in secret. The group begins its “giving song” and marches past the altar, piling on cash. They don't go around just once, but again and again, each time placing more money. For this reason, small change is at a premium on Ebeye at Christmas time. An individual's gift might be \$10, but he will want it broken into small denominations, so he can give again and again.

During this same time, the singers throw gifts to the audience, including bars of soap, boxes of matches, gum, thread, candy, pieces of material, rolls of pandanus and so forth, while the women lavishly spray cologne and perfume over on-lookers. Gifts are seldom thrown to anyone in particular, although it is not unusual for a woman to be wearing several dresses and remove the top one to give to a friend or leader.

A chapter deliberately works toward hypnotic excitement in the giving song and march, increasing its singing volume while clowning outrageously. The greater this excitement, the more likely it is that members of the audience will jump up, join the circle, and add more cash to that of the performing group.

At the close of the day, the pastor leads a brief worship service. The altar area is jammed to the ceiling with food. It remains there for several days until leaders gather to divide it—a process that can also take several days.

The pastor and church leaders divide the money among themselves, the iroij and school teachers, traditionally returning some of the food to the chapter.

After Christmas

Midnight of the 25th does not signal the end of Christmas for the Marshallese. The chapters continue meeting, often until the middle of January, to sing and visit those village leaders they missed before Christmas—and especially to make plans for the great feast and party each chapter holds.

Almost always, these parties include a gift exchange, for which names are drawn. No \$10 limit here—very expensive presents are given. For example, a man or boy might receive three shirts, two pairs of pants, a pair of shoes, a new razor, several writing tablets, a box of laundry soap, a bag of sugar and a \$20 bill.

With the jebta parties, the long holiday season ends. Christmas in the Marshall Islands is a thanksgiving festival, celebrated joyously to commemorate the coming of Christ.

WEEKLY WEATHER OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION: December has started out a little wet with Kwajalein receiving 2.61" since the start of the month, 142% of normal. This precipitation is related to a Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO), or a planetary scale pulse of energy, that slowly progresses through the tropics every 40-90 days. December is the typically the transition month between the wet season and dry season. We have already started to experience some brisk trade winds, and this should happen more frequently and showers will become shorter duration and less intense. In the near-term the ITCZ will contain active convective showers due to the MJO. A surge in northeasterly trade winds helps the ITCZ is also slide southward into the weekend.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY FORECAST: Scattered showers Saturday declining overnight. Widely scattered showers Sunday and Monday, higher coverage in the south. Winds will be 15-20 knots Saturday, increasing to 17-23 knots by Monday. Small Craft Advisories may be needed by Monday.

MID-WEEK FORECAST: Trade winds remain brisk at the 17-22 knots level, thus Small Craft Advisories remain a threat. Showers should widely scattered to isolated. ITCZ may come into Kwajalein again by end of week. As December is more transitional, please check the daily forecasts as forecast skill level generally improves with time.



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

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USAG-KA SHARP VA Local Help Line: 805 355 2758

DOD SAFE Helpline: 877 995 5247



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REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Date and time activity occurred
- Where and what type of activity occurred
- Physical description of the people involved
- Description of modes of transportation
- Describe what you saw or heard
- Provide pictures if you took any

WHO TO REPORT TO

Local law Enforcement and Security
*911
*5-4445/4443
*usarmy.bucholz.311-sg-cmd.mbx.usag-pmo@mail



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:53 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	12:09 a.m. 12:44 p.m.	9:32 a.m. 2.6' 9:43 p.m. 3.1'	3:16 a.m. 0.5' 3:17 p.m. 1.1'
MONDAY	6:53 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	1:01 a.m. 1:29 p.m.	11:10 a.m. 2.6' 11:17 p.m. 2.9'	4:37 a.m. 0.7' 5:05 p.m. 1.3'
TUESDAY	6:54 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	1:50 a.m. 2:12 p.m.	12:37 p.m. 2.9'	6:00 a.m. 0.7' 6:44 p.m. 1.1'
WEDNESDAY	6:54 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	2:38 a.m. 2:54 p.m.	12:42 a.m. 2.9' 1:35 p.m. 3.3'	7:04 a.m. 0.6' 7:50 p.m. 0.8'
THURSDAY	6:55 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	3:25 a.m. 3:36 p.m.	1:43 a.m. 3.0' 2:17 p.m. 3.6'	7:51 a.m. 0.4' 8:35 p.m. 0.4'
FRIDAY	6:55 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	4:12 a.m. 4:19 p.m.	2:28 a.m. 3.1' 2:52 p.m. 3.9'	8:28 a.m. 0.2' 9:12 p.m. 0.1'
DECEMBER 16	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	5:00 a.m. 5:02 p.m.	3:06 a.m. 3.3' 3:23 p.m. 4.2'	9:01 a.m. 0.0' 9:44 p.m. -0.1'



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

Have something the USAG-KA commander should know about?

Call the Commander's Hotline at 51098 today!

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

*MENU CURRENT AS OF DEC. 8

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 16
Carved turkey	Carved ham	Grilled pastrami reubens	Chicken quesadillas	Sausage + pepper subs	Cajun fries	Cheese sticks
Beef enchiladas	Chicken picatta	Onion rings	Tamales	Italian roasted potatoes	Tex-mex pasta sautee	BBQ spare ribs
Chimichangas	Eggplant	Craby mac + cheese	German pork + cabbage	Cabernet braised short ribs	Noodles and cabbage	Kickin collards

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 16
Beef + broccoli	Wedge fries	Baked spaghetti cass.	Steak Night	Chicken tetrazzini	Pasta Night	Pinoy chicken afritada
Stir-fry vegetables	Rosemary potatoes	Garlic toast	Grilled chicken mornay	Brown rice pilaf	Garlic bread	Filipino paella
Roast beef subs	Brat + veggie skillet	Chicken caesar wrap	Spicy Sezwan tofu stir-fry	Stawberry shortcake	Turtle pie	Roasted papaya

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Contact Michael Thomas locally with any Questions. After normal work hours 5-2486 or michael.thomas@dyn-intl.com

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.

FOR SALE

PCS Patio Sale. Saturday, Dec. 9, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Qrtrs. 209-A. Rain or shine.

PCS Yard Sale. Saturday, Dec. 9 from noon to 5 p.m. at Qrtrs. 416-A Pictures, T-shirts, and misc for sale. Call John at 59444 with any questions.

7-foot pre-lit Christmas tree fully decorated, Yamaha E303 keyboard, Dehumidifier, fan, beach chairs, fence, sewing machine, fountain, plants, and much more. Please call 50173 after 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Santa's Letters. It's that time of year again! Santa Mail Box is at the Post Office. Come down and send off your letters between now and Dec. 13. Santa's helpers will pick up his mail on Dec. 14 so there's plenty of time to make all the gifts for everyone. Contact Michael Hillman at 53796.

Holiday MIC Shop Hours. In addition to regularly scheduled shopping hours, the Micronesian Handicraft Shop will be open Dec. 15 and Dec. 22 from 5-7 p.m. Pick up beautiful, one-of-a-kind handmade gifts for your family and friends. Proceeds benefit the educational needs of schools and students throughout the Marshall Islands and Micronesia.

December Free Open Rec Holiday Extravaganza in George Seitz Elementary Gym. Grades 3-6: Friday, Dec. 15, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Come and join us for holiday fun. We will have reindeer games, elf relay-races, a snowball fight, ornament making, treats and a special holiday short film! Must be registered with CYS to participate. Call 52158 to reserve a spot.

Bargain Bazaar Annual Holiday Toy Drive. Now accepting new and gently used unwrapped toys for kids aged 1-12 years through Dec. 16. Drop off boxes are located at Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Office, Sunrise Bakery, Community Bank, the Bali Shop and Kwaj Dive Shop and the Zamperini Dining Facility. For more information contact Alexie McElhoo, 52630.

The Vets Hall will be closed Sunday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec. 17 for private parties. Questions, call Jan Abrams 52112.

KSC presents Scuba Santa. Sunday, Dec. 17, starting at 7 p.m. at Emon Beach. Come on out to see Scuba Santa and enjoy the Yacht Club's "Parade of Lights!"

Putt Putt Mini Golf Island Style. Sunday, Dec. 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Holmberg Fairways Putting Green. Free to play. Try your hand at a round of mini golf featuring our nine new obstacles and a little holiday flair.

The USAG-KA Legal Office staff is PC-Sing later this month. Therefore, Notary services on Kwajalein will not be available after Dec. 22, until further notice.

RECOMMENDED HOLIDAY MAILING DATES

To ensure timely delivery of holiday wishes by Dec. 25, the U.S. Postal Service recommends that cards and packages be sent to and from military APO/FPO/DPO addresses overseas no later than the dates listed below.

Military Mail	First-Class Mail	Priority Mail
Addressed To & From	Letters and Cards	Express Military Service
1. APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 090-092	Dec. 11	Dec. 16
2. APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIP 093	Dec. 4	N/A
3. APO/FPO/DPO AE ZIPs 094-098	Dec. 11	Dec. 16
4. APO/FPO/DPO AA ZIP 340	Dec. 11	Dec. 16
5. APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec. 11	Dec. 16
USPS Retail Ground	Parcel Airlift Mail	Space Available
Nov. 6	Dec. 4	Nov. 27

Remember this Holiday Season Rules for Electric Safety



Don't overload outlets or extension cords.

It could damage the electrical system in your house or even cause a fire.

Make sure all electrical cords are tucked away, neat & tidy.

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

Never yank an electrical cord from the wall.

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



Kwajalein Yacht Club's monthly meeting. Saturday, Dec. 30. Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m., Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Bring your own pizza (any way you like) to share. This is a Yankee Christmas Swap. Bring your own gift. Ursula LaBrie 51951.

SAFETY/ENVIRONMENTAL

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. at the REB Library on Kwaj.

Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! The Kwajalein Scuba Club wants you to re-

member to drink water before and after every dive.

Safely Speaking: If you find yourself or your coworker showing signs and/or symptoms of fatigue, stop work immediately and notify your supervisor.

E-Talk: Ciguatera. Caused by eating certain reef fish contaminated with dinoflagellates toxins. Symptoms include nausea, pain, cardiac, and neurological symptoms. Toxin is odorless and tasteless, and is not destroyed by cooking.

Café Roi

*MENU CURRENT AS OF DEC. 8

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 16
Peking chicken	London broiled steak	Pastrami + swiss on rye	Stir-fry beef	Hot dog	Hot brown turkey sand.	Island shoyu chicken
Pork chops	Glazed pork loin	Roast chicken	Chicken long rice	Sauerkraut	Corned beef	Hawaiian chopped steak
Franconia potatoes	Garlic mashed potatoes	Boiled potatoes	Fried rice	Chili	Cabbage	Steamed rice

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 16
Herb baked fish	Chicken + dumplings	Stir-fry chicken	Roast beef	Fried chicken	Jerk chicken	Grilled bratwurst
Mashed potatoes	French braised beef	Korean steak	Chicken w/ must. sauce	Meatball subs	Cuba libre	Baked chicken
Pasta florentine	Au gratin potatoes	Fried rice	Corn on the cob	Stir-fry vegetables	Black beans	Mashed potatoes

USAG-KA SPORTS



VOLLEYBALL

RESULTS LAST WEEK

NOVEMBER 29

Block n'Roll def. 2 Legit 2 Hit	25-21/25-11
Corder def. Sideout	25-17/25-6
Good Golly Missed Volley def. The Future	25-7/25-17
Corder Pounder def. Spartans I	29-27/26-14

NOVEMBER 30

Ace Family def. Net Ninjas	27-25/25/13
Senior Wildcats def. Ohana Koa	25-22/16-25/16-14
Spartans II def. Wolf Pak	25-18/25-22
No Name def. A Motley Crew	22-25/25-19/15-6

DECEMBER 1

Block n'Roll def. Team Corder	16-25/25-20/15-13
Sideout def. 2 Legit 2 Hit	26-24/25-19
Spartans I def. Good Golly Missed Volley	25-15/23-25/15-11
We Dig the Beach def. Don't Mess w/da OGs	26-24/25-20

DECEMBER 4

Corder def. Sideout	9-25/25-6/15-6
Block n'Roll def. 2 Legit 2 Hit	25-16/25-17

DECEMBER 5

Ace Family def. Serve's Up	25-20/25-14
Ohana Koa def. Serve's Up	25-19/25-23
Spartans II def. Block Party	17-25/27-25/15-13
No Name def. Block You Like A Hurricane	25-21/25-19

A LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Corder	7	1
Good Golly	6	2
Spartans	6	2
Dig the Beach	3	5
OG's	2	6
Future	0	8

B LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Spartans II	6	2
No Name	6	2
Block Party	5	3
Motley Crew	4	4
Wolf Pak	3	5
Hurricane	0	8

SCHOOL LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Block n'Roll	8	0
Senior	6	0
Ohana	4	3
Ace Family	4	3
2 Legit	3	5
Serve's Up	2	5
Net Ninjas	1	6
Sideout	1	7

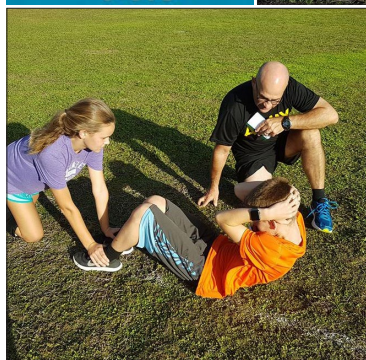
MILITARY INTRODUCTION PROGRAM

Join the program! Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Shirley kicked off his Military Introduction Program for Kwajalein teens on Dec. 4 with an Army Physical Fitness Test consisting of push-ups, sit-ups and a timed run around the DeMeo track. Open to all Kwaj kids ages 12-19.

Contact Command Sgt. Maj. Shirley at 51414 for more information.

MIP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Army Rank Basketball.** Dec. 10 until Jan. 7 at 7:30 a.m. Youth Center Basketball Court.
- **Introduction to Land Navigation.** Jan. 7 at the USAG-KA Conference room (Bldg 730) at 7:30 a.m.
- **Land Navigation continued.** Jan. 14 at 7:30 a.m. at the USAG-KA Conference Room (Bldg 730).
- **Land Navigation Practical Exercise.** Jan. 21, 7:30 a.m. at Emon Beach.



UNITED CHECK-IN TIMES

Monday, United 155—**3:30-4:45 p.m.**
 Tuesday, United 154—**11-11:30 a.m.**
 Wednesday, United 155—**2:30-3:45 p.m.**
 Thursday, United 154—**11:30 a.m.-Noon.**
 Friday, United 155—**3:30-4:45 p.m.**
 Saturday, United 154—**11-11:30 a.m.**

ATI CHECK-IN TIMES

Early departures—**7:45-8:15 a.m.**
 All other departures—**8-8:30 a.m.**
 *Check with your ATI flight representative to confirm check-in and flight departure times.

