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HIDING OUT IN PARADISE

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By Dr. Mike Smith

Kwajalein Hospital chief medical officer

One of the realities of doing cruise medicine is something called the “dying in paradise” syndrome. The cruise lines that cater to older clients (like the Norwegian Lines) typically have several heart attacks or strokes and at least one air medevac on every cruise. The ones that cater to younger clients (like the Barefoot cruises) have much milder problems such as honeymoon cystitis and sunburns. One of the factors in the older cruise lines’ problem patients is that many people who are very ill, go on their cruise preferring to die in ‘paradise’ rather than in a depressing, familiar place.

One of the things I’ve noticed here on Kwaj is that some of our employees seem to have the same mentality. They’re already in paradise making a great living, so why risk it all by submitting to the scrutiny of a medical exam? The only problem with that reasoning is that problems tend to worsen with neglect, not improve. Often early, simple interventions can prevent diseases from deteriorating to the point of being irreparable.

In the short time that I’ve been here, I’ve seen people who have caused themselves permanent harm by hiding out and ignoring medical problems. Contrary to the popular opinion of some, the clinic doesn’t exist to repatriate employees, but to make patients better. If you need surgery for example, it’s vastly wiser to have it done early and then return, enjoying decades of health, rather than ignoring things and developing permanent complications. The Kwajalein Hospital and the Roi Clinic exist to keep you healthy, but we need to work in a partnership with you as patients.



CHRISTMAS PAST, PERFECT AND PRESENT

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

By Father Vic Lanaghan and Pastor Steve Munson, The Island Memorial Chapel

What happened? How did we get to feeling as if we have to “survive” the holidays? What can we do?

The season can be overwhelming! Thanksgiving and Christmas, then on to New Years. It seems there is no end. The past appears to invade the present and interferes with our wish to enjoy the holidays; but, all too often “gifts” from the past are more hurtful than helpful.

Television ads encourage us to find the PERFECT gift, bake the PERFECT cookies, mix the PERFECT drink, host the PERFECT party. In all the celebration, we begin to echo Solomon’s words, “Meaningless, meaningless, everything is meaningless!”

The message is that the holidays should be PERFECT: but they seldom are. In the world of personal and family dynamics perfection is rarely found; but fortunately, the ability to enjoy the Season does not depend on achieving perfection or even finding fulfillment in others.

Both of us remember traveling to be with family for Christmas funerals rather than a celebration; definitely not a perfect Christmas. And both of share the common reality of an entire generation being gone. Christmas is

no longer the same as we have become our family’s “Ancient Ones!”

Vic: I remember Christmas of 1955 in Japan because my mother was on emergency leave back to the states, not very pleasant, but we got better than usual gifts to compensate.

Steve: I recall the Christmas when we had no money and my daughter climbed into my lap and said, “It’s okay Daddy we have each other.” I wept.

Over the years, holidays take on a new face with new stories. The past is only perfect in memories, and the present is where opportunity rests to create something better. The gifts of Christmas Past are long gone. While they have a place in our lives, we need to leave past holiday experiences in their proper place. There is no harm in recalling them, just don’t dwell on them.

Today’s holidays bring their own gifts. Wonderful gifts creating magnificent memories! The gifts of meals shared with friends, time spent in meeting the needs of others, the enjoyment of providing a bit of happiness to those who have far less. If we approach them without expecting everything to be perfect, we can celebrate the joy of the Season

As we look back, imperfect holidays often became treasured more than the “perfect” ones. They certainly make for better stories; and in time, even bad moments can become cherished memories. Among the stories of not so perfect Christmas’ is the one a Child born in a barn because there was no room in the Inn; certainly not a perfect situation in which to give birth. But perfect enough to accomplish God’s purpose.

Death, separation, failed relationships, illnesses may be your ghosts of Christmas Past. Don’t allow them to rob you of the joy of Christmas Present. Perhaps this season will bring their own special gifts and someday you will look and call it, the “Perfect Christmas.”

Blessings to you from us!
Father Vic & Pastor Steve

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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LIGHTING THE WAY FOR SCUBA SANTA

NEWS / ALLISON HOMUTH

The Kwajalein community came together for the annual arrival of Kwajalein Scuba Club's Scuba Santa and the Kwajalein Yacht Club Parade of Lights at Emon Beach Dec. 17.

The festivities kicked off with several decorated sailboats and B-boats cruising through the water. As the sun set, a crowd gathered to experience the popular Parade of Lights. Some of the boats even sailed all the way to Ebeye to shower locals in holiday candy.

After dark, Scuba Santa started his underwater trek to the shore. With the help of his elves and dive buddies, Santa was even able to bring a holiday tree to the beach.

Children greeted Santa with hugs and smiles and welcomed him to dry land. After posing for pictures in the water, Santa made his way to the Emon scuba shack, where the Grinch made a surprise visit. Both the Grinch and Santa handed out candy and glow sticks and posed for funny pictures with the kids. Once all of the excitement toned down, Kwaj residents made their way back towards Emon Beach to finish viewing the Parade of Lights.

With holiday music in the air and boats gracefully sailing by, Kwaj residents enjoyed another Christmas tradition on USAG-KA.



1) Sabrina Mumma and Tom Lester prepare to cast off. 2) Scuba Santa collects Christmas wishes from Kwaj kids at Emon Beach. 3) Scuba Grinch gets into the holiday spirit. 4) Don Ryan enjoys the sights during the KYC Parade of Lights. 5) Jacque and Pat Phelon bedeck a B-boat in lights. 6) A festive B-boat passes Emon Beach.

CRAFTY WINTER FUN AT HOBBY SHOP

NEWS / ALLISON HOMUTH

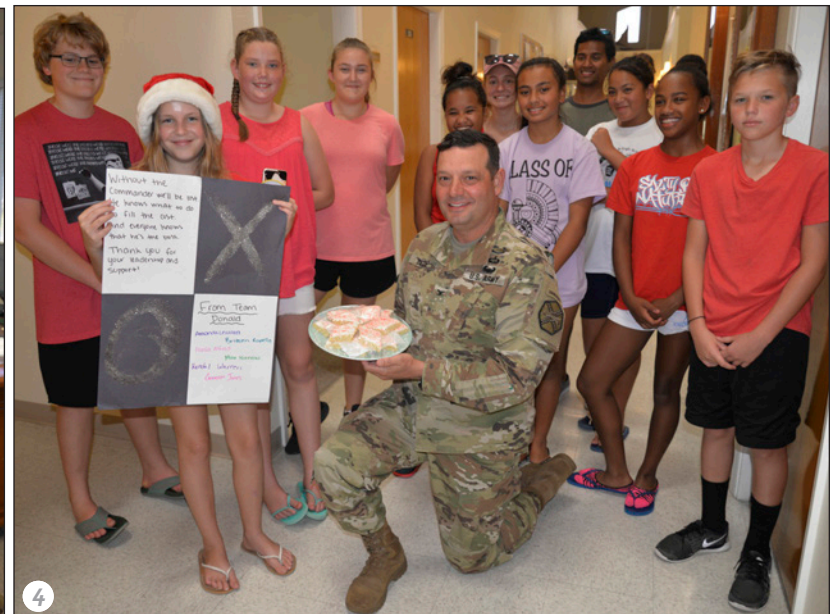
Kwajalein residents visited the Hobby Shop Dec. 13 for the annual holiday open house. The fun immediately began when guests walked through the door.

Hobby shop employees Laura Alves, Evelyn Smith and Alison Sok handed out raffle tickets, and after every 15 minutes a winner was called up to claim a prize. Prizes consisted of pottery, paintings and other fun artsy rewards created by Hobby Shop staff.

Children with parents who won the raffle also received a candy prize. Newcomers to the island were able to socialize with returning Hobby Shop members and learn about creative opportunities and tools available at the shop.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Kwaj residents Mary Ruiz and Evelyn Smith enjoy the festivities at the 2017 Hobby Shop Holiday Open House Dec. 13.



1) U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. James DeOre presents the U.S. Army Meritorious Service Medal to Capt. Alexander Lamb on Dec. 5. Lamb served as Director of Emergency Services for U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll from November 2016 through December 2017. He left active duty to attend flight school and pursue a career as a civilian pilot. Photos 2-4) On Dec. 16, Michael Hillman and teenagers from the Kwajalein Namo Weto Youth Center present a poster and holiday treats to Col. James DeOre, commander of U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll. This was followed by the presentation of a Christmas wreath by Girl Scout Troop 101 members Julia Sholar, Alyssa England and Maegan Aljure to DeOre and Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Shirley for decoration at the garrison headquarters building. During their visit, Shirley shared souvenirs with the scouts from his past commands, including a ceremonial war hammer from Bavaria. Photos 5-6: Members of the Kwajalein Yokwe Yuk Women's Club participates in a holiday cookie and ornament exchange at the Country Club Dec. 10. The event was organized by Kelly Reed, Amy Spock and Kim Yarnes. More 60 ladies attended including more than 20 guests from Ebeye. 7) The Filipino Holiday Carolers pause for a photo after spreading cheer at a Kwajalein home.



1) The few, the proud, the Pauper's Marathon competitors. From left: Elissa Fiore, Ryan Otto, Dave Casbarra, Angel Bolton and Ursula LaBrie. 2) Sophia Shirley and Athena LaBrie are ready for the holidays with their not-so-frosty sandman. 3) Paul McGrew and friends prepare to sail away for an afternoon adventure. 4) Students at Ebeye Queen of Peace School share a photo with Melanie Carr following her educational dinosaur presentation. 5) Kwaj kids participate in a game of mini golf at the Country Club Dec. 17. 6.) Vivian and Albert Lang prepare for jepta practice on Ebeye Dec. 10. 7) Chelsea and Brad Reed enjoy the KYC Parade of Lights Dec. 17. 8) A glowing vessel travels to Ebeye after the parade to deliver holiday treats.

1944 CHRISTMAS LETTERS FROM ROI-NAMUR

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Stuart Deane
Newburyport Daily News

In this authorized reprint from the Newburyport Daily News, Stuart Deane, of Newburyport, Maryland, tells a story through his father's postcards. His father sent them from Roi-Namur and Hawaii during his station on the islands in 1943-44. The postcards, mailed during the holiday season, reflect a jovial post-Flintlock scene on an atoll that had experienced so much bloodshed only months before.

In the spirit of Christmas, I revisit the letters of my father, written from the Pacific during the years that he served with the U.S. Navy in World War II. He essentially wrote home to my mother each day as she waited with me on her parents' farm in northern Vermont.

In one sense, I felt like I was invading a privacy in reading the letters of a young husband and wife, longing to be together, but I had a standing invitation from my mother to do so. Some 60 years after they were written, shortly after my mother's death, I did so.

Dad was a welfare and recreation officer who was an ROTC V-12 instructor at Yale University when I was born in New Haven in June 1943. Soon thereafter, he was shipped out for Pacific duty, and Mother returned to Vermont.

His first assignment was at Kaneohe Bay Naval Air Station in Hawaii, where he was in charge of teaching swimming and setting up recreational activities for the servicemen stationed there. That included stops by touring Major League baseball players and USO shows of touring singers and actors from Hollywood.

The bulk of his Pacific duty, however, was spent performing the same role on the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, halfway between Hawaii and Australia. It was an isolated post, usually referred to by my father as "the rock."

Here are some excerpts from his holiday letters.

Dec. 23, 1943: "Am all settled in new quarters at my permanent station, and everything seems very nice. The athletic

facilities at this station are just about perfect, all types of athletic fields and a beautiful fifty-meter swimming pool. Report at the athletic office tomorrow morning. All in all, it looks like darn good duty ... Harry James is on the radio now. His music sounds pretty good. Do you people listen to the radio much up on the farm? Will be thinking of you Christmas Eve, also New Year's. Hate to miss all these precious moments away from you."

Dec. 25: "Here it is, Christmas morning, but just another day out here. Sure wish I were home to spend the holiday with you and Stuie and all the folks on the farm. A day like this is really hard to take when you've been used to being home on Christmas with those you care very much for. Wished you a Merry Christmas at midnight last night. Did you hear me?"

"Had a very nice party last night in one of the hangars. As each man went in, he was presented with a bag of candy, two chocolate bars, five packages of cigarettes and a couple cigars. That was quite a gift, wasn't it? They also had some local entertainers who put on a show — not bad at all. Saw the real hula danced for the first time. I'll still take the American style of dancing. Hope we have a good dinner this noon. I see by the paper that the servicemen throughout the world are going to have the best. I'm ready right now. All the higher-ups seem to be pretty optimistic about the war at this point. They must base their statements on something definite ... How did Stuie get along with his first Christmas? I

can just see him giggling and laughing all over the place ..."

Dec. 26: "Spent a very quiet holiday looking around the station a little more and getting acquainted here and there. Had a wonderful Christmas dinner. The most important thing was missing — you and the home atmosphere ... How are you and your folks coming along with the ration books? Out here they are unheard of, just go in a store and buy as you please. Hope the days of rationing will be over soon. You have enough to do at home without that extra burden to worry about ..."

The following June, Dad was shipped further out into the Pacific to Roi-Namur on the Kwajalein Atoll. Here, he spent his second Christmas away from home, where a second son he had never seen had since been born.

Dec. 25, 1944: "Here it is Christmas day, and I sure hope it's a merry one for you and the boys and the last one that we have to spend in this manner. The program went off fairly well last night. The new band made its debut along with the choir, but it was a tough job trying to get the men to sing carols. Guess they all find it difficult to get the Christmas spirit, the same as me ... Had a swell 5 to 4 ball game yesterday, which was the only unusual thing during the holiday season. As we threw baseballs out here, you folks back home threw snowballs ... Having a real turkey dinner tonight, not the canned variety, either ... How I miss you this holiday season and all other times. Couldn't get to sleep last night thinking so much about you and the boys. I believe a million things went through my mind ..."

The war would wind on for another eight months, but by the next Christmas, Dad would be home to get reacquainted with his wife, the son he had left behind at age three months and the son he had never met. Normalcy would return.



Service members on Roi-Namur show off their reef fish catch at about the time Stuart Deane's father would have been stationed on Roi.



U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch

DINOS VISIT EBEYE QUEEN OF PEACE STUDENTS

NEWS/JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Dinosaurs visited fifth and sixth graders at Ebeye's Queen of Peace Elementary School Monday, Dec. 3 with the help of Kwajalein resident Melanie Carr. She spent the day sharing dinosaur and dental hygiene knowledge with more 60 of the school's students as part of a self-led volunteer project coordinated through Principal Jessica Kakki.

"I really like dinosaurs," said Carr. "I thought this would be a fun way to share my knowledge with others."

During the morning, Carr read a dino storybook with a first grade class and led a drawing lesson that to explore dinosaur behaviors, appearances and the habitats which the beasts lived. The class shared their drawings with visiting members of Navy Seabees Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One.

Pairing the fun of learning about dinosaurs and the importance of dental hygiene was a mission of Carr's during her trip to the island. To help make the presentation come to life, she solicited props from the Kwajalein community.

"I went online and asked if anyone had any dinosaur stuff," said Carr.

Several Kwaj residents were stirred

by the call for assistance. Fifth grade teacher Misti French provided several 18-inch prehistoric beasts. Another friend loaned Carr a desktop collection of fossilized teeth and fossilized bones. Others contributed dino books, puppets, toys and dental hygiene items to be used as prizes during a raffle to follow the lecture.

Students and visiting Queen of Peace teachers enjoyed the presentation. Following the lecture, they dashed to the front of the room to closely examine Carr's visual aids. They also recorded their thoughts on a poster prompting them to consider what they would do if they had a pet dinosaur.

"I will play with him every day," read one student's answer. Another response: "If they rob my house, I would tell him to stop them."

Carr's presentation came at an ideal time as the students had studied dinosaurs in their science curriculum, said Kakki, the school principal. She and the Queen of Peace students formally thanked Carr with a gift and invited her back to share more of her knowledge with the school.

Carr says this will not be the last time she visits Ebeye with dinosaurs.

"I am happy to know that I was able to accomplish my goals through sharing some fun facts on dinosaurs with the kids," Carr following the presentation. "I am sure I was able to leave a kiddo or two thinking about those giant creatures. It was surely a win-win for everyone that was a part of my dino-mite time."



BAI DONATES SCHOLARSHIPS TO EBEYE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FEATURE/JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Years after his father sold acres of land to afford his tuition, former U.S. President John Adams shared his staunch advocacy of education.

"To a humane and generous mind, no expense for this purpose would be thought extravagant," says Adams in "Thoughts on Government."

That same impulse to support education guided friends and employees of Berry Aviation International to make a timely holiday gift to Ebeye schools students and administrators Monday, Dec. 10.

BAI Flight Ops Manager Steve Simpson, Administrative Assistant Sandy Shimaoka and George Seitz Elementary School fifth grade teacher Misti French joined Katie Suderno of YWAM Ships and BAI RMI employees Alan Loeak, Kembi Hackey, Lucky Jatios, Faustino Lang on Ebeye to donate a total of \$5,910 in scholarship funds to students and principals at Ebeye's Calvary School, the Gem School and Ebeye Christian School.

The December 2017 scholarship was approved by Berry Aviation headquarters in San Marcos, Texas. Berry Awarded more than \$3,500 in scholarship funds to the Seventh-day Adventist School in April 2017.



Berry Aviation's Kembi Hackey, presents a scholarship check to a young student at Ebeye Christian School. The BAI crew also visited Ebeye's Calvary School and the Gem School to present donated scholarship funds Dec. 10.

IAP WORLD SERVICES SEEKS EMPLOYEES

IAP Worldwide Services, Inc. (IAP) has been selected by DynCorp International, LLC (DI) as a subcontractor to provide the Department of Public Works services on Kwajalein under the LOGCAP Contract.

IAP is now accepting applications for positions in the Department of Public Works. Please go to Kwajalein.IAPWS.com to apply for a position.

If you have questions, please send email to Kwajalein@IAPWS.com

Our HR Teams will be at Kwajalein starting on 27 December 2017

We are located in Building 602.

*Please visit Kwajalein.IAPWS.com.
Email: Kwajalein@IAPWS.com*

For RMI individuals, IAP will be hosting a series of job fairs, beginning on December 27, 2017. When you come to your job fair, please bring a recent pay-stub, a copy of your work schedule and an email address. If you live on Kwajalein or Roi, please also provide your housing address.

The Job Fair schedule will be as follows by department:

- Dec. 27 - Electrical, Generator Shop, Appliance Shop
- Dec. 28 - Construction Shop
- Dec. 29 - Construction Shop, Water Departments, Welding Shop
- Dec. 30 - AC/R Shop, Metal Shop,

Heavy Equipment, Inspection

- Jan. 4 - Roi
- Jan. 9 - Custodial
- Jan. 10 - Solid Waste and Grounds, Locksmith
- Jan. 11 - Other Departments not listed above

Job Fairs will be held in Building 602

Questions? Please send an email to Kwajalein@IAPWS.com



KWAJ HOSPITAL SEEKS BLOOD DONOR VOLUNTEERS FOR LAB TEST

The Kwajalein Hospital is seeking volunteers to donate blood to use for a validation study of the laboratory's new hematology instruments.

If you are a healthy adult, ages 18 years and older, and not using erythropoietin stimulating drugs or steroids of any kind, please come to the hospital laboratory 7-11 a.m. or 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday to have your blood drawn.

At least 50 male and 50 female donors are necessary to

provide 100 percent correlation between instruments. Only one 4.5mL tube is needed from each donor. The entire process will take four-five minutes. Samples will be used solely for the hematology reference range study; no other testing will be performed. No results can be released, as this is part of an official validation study and not for diagnostic use.

Please call the laboratory on Kwajalein at 5-3667 if you have any questions.



THIS WEEK IN KWAJALEIN HOURLASS HISTORY

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."

A long-running tradition; date unknown



THUMBS UP

To Misti French's fifth grade class for their festive decorations providing plenty of Christmas cheer at the Zamperini Dining Facility. Thank you so much from all who eat there!

—Jason Huwe

From Dec. 24, 2016



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 the night of Dec. 24



CALLING ARMY BRATS OF EVERY GENERATION!

We want your stories and photos!

The National Museum of the United States Army needs your help to create "Growing Up Army" - a special place in the museum that will recognize and honor Army families through personal stories, photos, video, and an interactive game.

Visit thenmusa.org/growing-up-army.php before December 31, 2017 to share your "Growing Up Army" story.

Every Soldier (and every Army Brat) has a story. Share yours.

The National Museum of the United States Army: www.theNMUSA.org

WEEKLY WEATHER OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION:

The RMI will experience NE trade winds remaining at 17-22 knots for the next several days. We will watch to issue a Small Craft Advisory. Expect fast moving, isolated small showers within these trade winds. No change in this larger pattern is expected for the next several days. We expect to be below normal for precipitation this week. Winds decrease mid-next week. We will start to see the Intertropical Convergence zone set up again around 5N. A West Wind Burst has developed on the south side of the equator. The convergence zone between this West Wind Burst and NE trades resulted in a weak circulation to develop near the equator south of the RMI. This does not pose a threat to Kwajalein. Due to low Coriolis forcing tropical storm formation on the equator is extremely rare. We believe it will dissipate

SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY FORECAST:

ENE winds at 17-22 knots, open ocean waves at 7-9 feet. A stray shower and partly sunny skies for entire weekend.

MID-WEEK FORECAST:

ENE 17-22 knots Tuesday decreasing to 13-18 knots by end of the week. Stray to isolated showers.



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

CW3 Dave Casbarra

SHARP Victim Advocate

Work: 805 355 3421 • Home: 805 355 1731

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



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www.facebook.com/usarmykwajaleinatoll

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



SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING

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	7:00 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	11:13 a.m. 11:21 p.m.	7:25 a.m. 3.0' 7:33 p.m. 3.7'	1:24 a.m. 0.1' 1:12 p.m. 0.5'
MONDAY	7:00 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	11:56 a.m. -----	8:13 a.m. 2.8' 8:20 p.m. 3.3'	2:06 a.m. 0.3' 2:00 p.m. 0.8'
TUESDAY	7:01 a.m. 6:38 p.m.	12:39 p.m. 12:09 a.m.	9:18 a.m. 2.7' 9:27 p.m. 3.0'	3:00 a.m. 0.5' 3:10 p.m. 1.1'
WEDNESDAY	7:01 a.m. 6:39 p.m.	1:23 p.m. 12:58 a.m.	10:46 a.m. 2.8' 10:58 p.m. 2.9'	4:11 a.m. 0.7' 4:51 p.m. 1.2'
THURSDAY	7:02 a.m. 6:39 p.m.	2:08 p.m. 1:49 a.m.	12:14 p.m. 3.1' -----	5:34 a.m. 0.6' 6:32 p.m. 0.9'
FRIDAY	7:02 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	2:57 p.m. 2:42 a.m.	12:31 a.m. 2.9' 1:22 p.m. 3.6'	6:48 a.m. 0.4' 7:45 p.m. 0.4'
DECEMBER 30	7:03 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	3:50 p.m. 3:38 a.m.	1:42 a.m. 3.2' 2:16 p.m. 4.1'	7:47 a.m. 0.1' 8:41 p.m. -0.1'

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. 22

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 30
Chicken Fried Steak	Cajun Roast Chicken	Baked Fish Oreganata	Sweet and Sour Pork	Corned Beef Brisket	Jerk Chicken	Spicy Asian Chicken
Roasted Chicken	Roast Beef w/Gravy	Chicken Parmesan	Kalua Pork and Cabbage	Fried Fish w/Tartar	Beef Burgundy	Curried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes	Ratatouille	Roasted Cauliflower	Steamed Pinto Beans	Succotash	Hopping John	Tandoori Chicken

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 30
Fajita Bar	Oven Fried Chicken	Chicken Fried Steak	Steak Night	Beef Stew	Salmon w/Dijon Cream	Roasted Turkey
Spanish Rice	Baked Meatloaf	Manicotti	BBQ Chicken	Herbed Pork Loin	Teriyaki Chicken	Stuffing w/Raisins
Refried Beans	Mashed Potatoes	Honey Ginger Carrots	Baked Potato Bar	Brown Rice Pilaf	Roasted Red Potatoes	Antigua Veggie Blend

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.

FOR SALE

Christmas decorations and lights, dehumidifier (excellent condition, \$75), vacuum, over-toilet shelf, George Forman searing grill, and Crock-Pot. Please call 50173 after 5 p.m. or weekends.

PCS sale at 416A on Saturday, Dec. 23 from noon to 5 p.m. There will be pictures, t-shirts, and misc.. Call John @ 5-9444 OR 5-9539 with any questions.

Holiday Christmas Sale. Decorations. Stocking Stuffers. Saturday, Dec. 23. Qtrs. 139-C, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Family Patio Sale. January 6 and January 20, 7:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Qtrs. 137-F. Small kitchen appliances, house wares, clothing, toys, DVDs and more.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Need a gift for the holidays? Give the Gift of MUSIC! Kaleidoscope of Music tickets are available now in the Mic Shop! Roi Residents: Contact Jacque Phelon (55124) to arrange ticket delivery.

Pools and Beaches Winter 2017 Hours
Millican Family Pool
1-6 p.m. Weekdays and Sunday
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday
Closed Thursdays
Emon Beach
12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday
Noon - 4 p.m. Sunday and Monday
Adult Pool Open 24 hours
*Closed Fridays for cleaning

Planning to mail multiple packages (4 or more)? Please contact the Post Office at 5-3461 or e-mail Tony Ruiz to schedule an appointment. This will

help ensure you receive speedy service and long waits can be avoided for everyone

Live Music on Christmas Eve. The Kwajalein community is invited to enjoy live holiday musical performances by Karen Brady's Tiny Dancers, the Community Choir ("A Christmas Alleluia") and the Tech Choir (Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus") at the 4:45 p.m. Catholic Mass and 6:30 p.m. Candlelight Service at the Island Memorial Chapel, Sunday, Dec. 24. Enjoy a cookie social between services.

2018 Basketball Registration. December 27-January 5. Basketball registration will begin for the 2018 season. Registration fee is \$100 per team. The season will run from January 18-March 2. Team slots are limited, so register fast! Questions? Email or call Derek at 5-1275 or 5-3331.

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.

The Kwajalein Hospital Pharmacy will be closed for retail services on December 30. Normal operating hours will resume on January 3. For urgent matters, please speak with your doctor or nurse.

New Year's Eve Shuttle Bus, December 31, Begins 8 p.m. Shuttle will stop at the following locations: Surfway, Ocean View Club, Country Club, Vets Hall. Ring in the New Year safely. Park your bike and hop on! Sponsored by QOL.

CYS Youth Sports Registration. Bowling: Season Jan. 26-March; cost \$35; ages 8-grade 6. Baseball: Season Jan. 25-March 8; cost \$45; grade K-6. Start Smart Tee Ball: Season Jan. 31-March 7; cost \$25; call about age limitation. Reg. for all three open Dec. 12-Jan. 20. To register, visit Central Registration or call 52158. Questions? Call Mamo Wase at 53796.

SAFETY/ENVIRONMENTAL

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30

Kwajalein Christmas Services

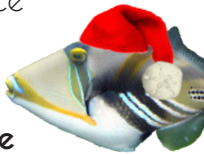
Sunday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services

8:15 a.m. Interdenominational Traditional Service
9:15 a.m. Catholic Mass
10 a.m. LDS Christmas service (CRC)
11 a.m. Interdenominational Modern Service
4:45 p.m. Catholic Christmas Mass*
5:45 p.m. Cookie Social
6:30 p.m. Candlelight Service*

Monday, Dec. 25. Christmas Day Service

9:15 a.m. Catholic Mass

*Performances by Karen Brady's Tiny Dancers, the Community Choir and the Tech Choir



-7:30 p.m. at the REB Library on Kwaj.

Hydrate, hydrate, hydrate! The Kwajalein Scuba Club reminds you to drink water before and after every dive.

Safely Speaking/Home Safety: Use only outdoor Christmas lights for exterior displays connected to a ground fault circuit protected (GFCI) receptacle. Examine light strings for loose bulbs, corrosion or worn wires. Avoid overloading wall sockets and extension cords. A 6-foot tree will use about one gallon of water every two days. Check the water level every day. Use only UL approved lights and no more than three strands linked together.

Electric safety: Don't overload extensions or cords. Make sure all electrical

cords are tucked away, neat and tidy. Never yank electrical cords from walls.

E-Talk/Recycling of Lead-Acid Batteries: Per USAG-KA Environmental Standards: Spent lead-acid batteries shall be labeled by date. Spent lead-acid batteries (intact) shall not be accumulated for recycling for longer than six months (180 days.)

All unaccompanied personnel on US-AG-KA are invited to the annual Stray Dog Christmas Party at the Kwaj Adult Recreation Center Monday, Dec. 25, 4-9 p.m. This is a good opportunity to meet your BQ neighbors, play games, win door prizes, receive and gift gifts and share a nice meal. Questions? Call Sabrina at 54498.



HOLIDAY FERRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 24- Sunday schedule

Monday, Dec. 25- Monday schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 26- Holiday (Sunday) schedule

Sunday, Dec. 31- Sunday schedule

Monday, Jan. 1- Monday schedule

Tuesday, Jan. 2- Holiday (Sunday) schedule

Café Roi

*MENU CURRENT AS OF DEC. 22

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 30
Roast Turkey	Korean Beef Short Rib	Pineapple Glazed Ham	Beef Stew	Baked Ham	Tuna Casserole	Meat Lasagna
Bread Dressing	Fajitas	Slow Roasted Pork	Chicken Chimichangas	Roast Chicken	Yankee Pot Roast	Cheese Tortellini
Shrimp Alfredo	Spicy Orange Chicken	Carved Steamship Round	Italian Greens	Roast Squash	Mashed Potatoes	Cheesy Garlic Bread

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 30
BBQ Pork Ribs	Jambalaya	Fried Pork Chop	Prime Rib of Beef	Fried Chicken	Fish & Chips	Asian Style Pork Roast
Chicken Wings	Cajun Roast Pork	Turkey Ala King	Herb Baked Fish	London Broiled Steak	Corn Beef & Cabbage	Teriyaki Chicken
Mac & Cheese	Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Baked Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Parsley Potatoes	Spicy Sweet Potato Wedges

2017 KWAJ VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS CROWNED

HOURLASS REPORT



1) A League Champions: Corder. 2) High School League Champions: Wildcats. 3) Middle School League Champions: Block n' Roll. 4) B League Champions: Block Party.

A LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Corder	11	1
Spartans	8	4
Good Golly	8	4
Dig the Beach	4	7
OG's	4	8
Future	0	11

B LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Block Party	9	4
Spartans II	8	3
No Name	8	3
Motley Crew	6	7
Wolf Pak	4	7
Hurricane	0	11

SCHOOL LEAGUE RECORDS

	Win	Loss
Wildcats	10	0
Ohana	6	4
Ace Family	4	5
Serve's Up	3	7
Net Ninjas	1	8
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Block 'n Roll	11	0
Corder	6	5
2 Legit	3	7
Sideout	1	9

USAG-KA WATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORTS POSITIVE E. COLI RESULTS IN POTABLE WATER TEST

NIKKI MAXWELL, USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll Water Treatment Plant received a positive result for the bacteria *Escherichia coli* (E. coli), on Dec 19, in a routine sample of potable water collected from the LN2 building (FN 1517) located on the West end of Kwajalein near the DCCB building. A second sample collected at the GBR-P (Raytheon/MDA) building, on Dec. 20, also tested positive.

The residential potable water lines are separate from the water lines involved in these tests. Potable water testing is a routine process conducted weekly throughout the garrison. Routine sampling frequency will be increased from once to twice per week until 3 consecutive weeks of no positive results for Total Coliform/E. coli have been documented.

USAG-KA Public Works and Environmental personnel are taking every necessary step to contain and resolve the possible bacteria presence in the potable water system. Another batch of drinking water samples were collected today at four locations on the West end of Kwajalein Island and the results will be available tomorrow. The potable water lines involved have been flushed and increased chlorinated water (safe for consumption) will be used in the system to eliminate any potential remaining E. coli bacteria.

As of this release, no positive E. coli results have been detected upstream (i.e.: Southeast) of the DCCB. The cause and source of any possible E. coli contamination on Kwajalein is currently under investigation.

What is E. coli? Coliforms are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.

Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, some of the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

Symptoms on E. coli infection

According to the Center for Disease Control, most people will begin feeling sick 3 to 4 days after eating or drinking something that contains the E. coli bacteria, however, illnesses can begin from 1 to 10 days after exposure. Symptoms of the infection can include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea and vomiting. Some people may have a fever, which is usually not very high (less than 101°F/38.5°C). Most people will feel better within 5 to 7 days. Some infections are very mild, but others can be severe. Contact your healthcare provider if you have symptoms and concerns.

For more information about the water testing process, contact Leigh Ewbank in KRS Environmental Services at 5-8300. For health questions, contact the Kwajalein Public Health Officer Dr. Michael Smith at 5-2223. For more information about this release, contact the USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer Nikki Maxwell at (805) 355-4848.