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LT. GEN. JAMES DICKINSON, COMMANDING GENERAL OF U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND, AND USAG-KA COMMANDER COL. JAMES DEORE SURVEY THE ATOLL FROM THE PATRIOT, FEB. 22. SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE.



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LT. GEN. DICKINSON HOSTS TOWN HALL

HOURLASS REPORT

Lt. Gen. James Dickinson, commanding general of U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command/ARSTRAT hosted a town hall for the Kwajalein community Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the MP Room.

The evening began with a video briefing that featured the mission, recent challenges and milestones of SMDC throughout recent history, including the formation of 1st Space Battalion at Ft. Greely, Colorado. An awards ceremony followed to celebrate the outstanding service of civil servants, active duty personnel and Reagan Test site staff who support the mission of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. Recipients earned the SMDC Commander's Coin for their service.

USAG-KA Commander Col. James DeOre shared the news about upcoming garrison improvements and public works projects, to include a scrap metal clean-up project at the south end of the garrison and the energy savings and improvements initiative to be carried out by Johnson Controls International (JCI). Set for mid-2018, the plan includes the removal and upgrade of energy-inefficient

cooling devices from garrison housing. The transition presents eco-friendly savings solutions to the garrison.

During the question and answer session, garrison residents asked about the timeline and pricing for new internet and phone service plans, and how emergency calling on island may be impacted by a potential break in service.

"We are working to ensure there is not a gap," said Dickinson. He assured the audience that he was working with Command staff and U.S. Army officials to minimize any potential break in services: He awaited the approval of details within a Joint Venture plan to provide service.

In the event of a medical emergency, Dickinson and DeOre assured residents that all phones on-post will still be able to reach emergency services personnel. Long distance calling privileges using a personal PIN will no longer be provided, so residents should consider making arrangements to obtain an internet plan to use Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) once details are available.

Residents also asked when it may be possible for the garrison to purchase different foods to sell in Surfway by re-



Kwajalein resident Heather Ardrey addresses Lt. Gen. Dickinson at the town hall Feb. 21.

allocating existing funds. "We should be able to do that," said DeOre. Adding that the command was working on it and that hopefully by 2019, there will be a line-item written into the grocery contract to allow this activity.

Residents also voiced opinions about medical benefits related to on-island contracts, retention at work sites, and timeline issues related to the relationship between construction timelines, workforce retention and internet loss. DeOre said that the whole island will benefit from the Joint Venture.

As information becomes available updates will be published on the AFN 99.9 The Wave, the Roller Channel and the official USAG-KA Facebook page.

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RESIDENTIAL PHONE AND INTERNET SERVICE UPDATE

An extension to the current residential phone service has been approved. Current residential phone service will remain as is until such time as an alternative to local on-island calling and long distance calling is available.

Way ahead: Joint Venture internet service will replace long distance calling through the use of customer provided VOIP or WiFi calling equipment. We are currently looking for a solution to the on-island or local calling ser-

vice. One option is to provide that service to the residents through a contracted provider similar to the Joint Venture internet service.

Key and Essential or on-call residents will continue to have access to official phone services in quarters.

For more information regarding Key and Essential authorization contact USAG-KA DPT-MS at 5-1403.



THE KWAJALEIN HOURLASS

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STEWART AND DICKINSON VISIT KALGOV, USAG-KA

HOURLASS REPORT

On a recent visit to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, Lt. Gen. James Dickinson, commanding general of U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC)/ARSTRAT, visited sites on Kwajalein, Ebeye, Roi, Carlos and Enniburr.

On Thursday, Feb. 22, Dickinson met with officials from both the RMI National Government and Kwajalein Atoll local Government. He was joined by U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Karen Stewart; U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. James DeOre; and Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Shirley.

Representing the RMI were Mr. Lanny Kabua of the RMI Liaison Office on USAG-KA, KALGOV Mayor Hirata Kabua, Mr. Carl Hacker of the Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority and several RMI officials. Dickinson was briefed on some of the upcoming and recently completed RMI projects undertaken around the atoll and Ebeye in particular. Projects include plans to upgrade to the causeway between Ebeye and Gugegu, shoreline protection, renewal energy and additional water catchment for Enniuburr (Third Island), a solar power project for Ebeye and the Housing Project for the mid-atoll corridor residents. Recently, new reverse osmosis (RO) units were installed. These provide Ebeye residents with additional capacity for potable

water. Future plans also include pre-payment for water usage, similar to cash for power practice.

Special consideration was given to the quality of life improvements to support Ebeye's largely young population. New basketball and tennis constructions are well underway and expected to be completed soon. Consideration was given to a possible landfill in the lagoon tidal water area between current landfill and South Loi (about 18 acres) as a potential expansion area. Following the meeting, Dickinson visited the new basketball outdoor courts and the newly constructed kindergarten classrooms for the Ebeye Public School system. The classrooms were constructed by the Navy Seabees with assistance from local government and Marshallese apprentices.

After lunch at the DAR restaurant on Ebeye, Stewart and Dickinson headed to the islet of Carlos by boat. On arrival, they visited the Carlos public elementary school and were greeted by the students, who sang a welcome song for the group. The school was presented with donations of school supplies courtesy of the residents of USAG-KA.

That evening, a reception was held at the Emon Beach big pavilion, hosted by DeOre. At the reception, an official exchange of diplomatic notes between the U.S and RMI took place. Ambassador Stewart and RMI Minister of Foreign Affairs, John Silk, acknowledged the progress and on-going plans to remove oil from the Prinz Eugen. Stewart and Silk offered congratulatory remarks on this positive movement. Dickinson similarly added his thanks to the RMI for the continued partnership and friendship.



1) A Patriot crew member transfers donations from the Kwajalein community to the pier at Carlos, also known as Ennubuj. 2) Lt. Gen. Dickinson greets students at Ebeye Public Elementary School. 3) Ambassador Stewart meets a Carlos teacher. 4) RMI Minister of Foreign Affairs John Silk, Stewart and Dickinson exchange diplomatic papers. 5) Dickinson and DeOre discuss upcoming construction and energy projects for Ebeye during a meeting with KALGOV representatives on Ebeye.

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NEW SANITATION VEHICLE ARRIVES ON KWAJALEIN

HOURGLASS REPORT

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Solid Waste Management personnel will be doing their tough job in style, thanks to a new purchase by the garrison.

A pristine new sanitation vehicle that recently arrived on the barge will be seen making the regular rounds on trash pickup days.

Rumor has it that USAG-KA Command will hold a contest to name that truck. Col. James DeOre has already cast his vote, and elects that the truck be nicknamed Oscar.



A new sanitation vehicle that recently arrived on Kwajalein awaits a new name.

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FROM LEFT: Kwajalein Girl Scout Thinking Day 2018 keynote speakers Amber McCollum, Deputy to the Garrison Commander Jenifer Peterson, Jane Sholar, Stephanie Davis, Caitlin Gilbertson, Melissa Dethlefsen, Veronica Moos and Kristin Miller.

KWAJ LEADERS TALK IMPACT AT GIRL SCOUT THINKING DAY

HOURGLASS REPORT

More than 40 members of Kwajalein Girl Scout Troop 801 celebrated Thinking Day with nine leaders from garrison work communities Monday, Feb. 25 at the Scout Hut on Kwajalein.

The annual scouting event is celebrated by scouts around the world. Celebrations include opportunities for troops to share and learn about the diverse ways that women can impact their local and global communities through service, learning and leadership.

Thinking Day activities can vary by region and country. Given Troop 801's unique location, some creative thinking was required to execute the 2018 event.

The Kwajalein scouts were joined by women who serve as the garrison's engineers, civil servants, medical professionals, designers, and archaeologists who shared their careers and goals with the scouts. After opening remarks by Secretary and Registrar Carrie Aljure, each keynote speaker presented the young women gathered with a presentation about how their interests ultimately led them to choose careers in science, engineering, math and technology (STEM), graphic arts, archaeology and the civil service that impact communities around the world.

Jane Sholar, Amber McCollum and Nik-

ki Delisio shared how their desire to help people led them to careers in medicine and physical therapy.

The speakers also provided the scouts with advice and tips for how to best explore and balance their passions and talents as they mature and choose careers—even when getting into those careers is tough.

Engineers Veronica Moos and Stephanie Davis described how engineering has become a more welcoming field in recent years, despite its historically lower numbers of women.

"It's a great creative chance to do many different things," said Davis.

MWR BRINGS GREAT CHANGE

HOURLASS REPORT

Jeffrey Suis, Kwajalein's Community Activities director and contract officer's representative, wants the community to know about the exciting new equipment coming to the garrison.

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll will receive equipment from garrisons in Alaska and South Korea to bolster community program offerings. Revenue generated by MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) programs within Community Activities will be used to reinvest in community programming, facilities improvement and other works to benefit the garrison population. This is great news for Suis, who sourced many of the improvements.

"We have ordered another ten club carts like our previous carts," said Suis. "Six will be four-seaters with the cargo area, and also four of the six-passenger vehicles. Those are in the process of being acquired through NAF Contracting." If funding becomes available, the goal is to acquire another ten carts in the next six months.



FROM LEFT: Jeffrey Suis, Mary Haynes, Julia Sektnan and Charity Zimmerman are ready to celebrate the community improvements arriving at the garrison this spring.

The rental program to use the carts will be comparable to Kwaj's previous rental program. Residents will be able to make vehicle reservations at the front desk of the Grace Sherwood Library.

Residents can also expect new bowling alley lanes, computers and kilns for the Kwajalein Hobby Shop.

Suis confirmed that USAG-KA will receive golf carts from USAG-HI March 3.

Those who frequent Kwaj's clubs are in for a treat.

"Customers will start seeing exciting new changes to the décor and atmo-

sphere of the island's clubs in upcoming months," said Suis.

Customers will also be able to purchase foods such as hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and popcorn to compliment an expanded selection of beers.

"One of the great things with bringing the MWR into Kwaj is that it gives us a lot more flexibility with our funding," said Suis. "And people who are concerned about recent change have a reason to be excited about these improvements."



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1) A Carlos resident rests after collecting sprouted coconuts. 2) The Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Class of 2018 performs a lively grand finale at the Boys and Girls Club of America fundraiser show Feb. 25 at the MP Room. 3) Katherine Montgomery rocks the house at the BCGA event with a solo sax and vocals performance of "Old Time Rock n Roll." 4) Lt. Gen. James Dickinson greets Carlos school students following the donation of household goods and supplies from U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, Feb. 22.

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Have something the USAG-KA
commander needs to know?
Call the Commander's Hotline
today at 51098.

WEEKLY WEATHER OUTLOOK

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION: A weak Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) is located to our south, stretching across 5-6N. This feature will remain stationary into the weekend. A wave embedded in the ITCZ passes across the region Monday. We should see an uptick in shower coverage and changes in winds with this wave. Trade winds subside going into next week with a series of weak disturbances being predicted by weather models. Timing these small impulses this far in advance isn't possible.

In February we received 3.94 inches of rainfall, 158 percent of normal. The NWS Guam issued new drought statements for our RMI neighbors to the north and northeast, such as Wotje and Utirik. These atolls did not receive the same beneficial rains as Kwajalein during the month of January and are considered to be in a moderate severity of drought.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY FORECAST: Isolated showers (10-20 percent coverage) and winds NE at 15-20 knots Saturday and Sunday. Widely scattered showers (20-30 percent coverage) Monday winds E-ENE at 12-17 knots.

MID-WEEK FORECAST: Scattered showers (30-50 percent coverage) Tuesday, winds ENE-ESE at 10-15 knots. Periods of isolated to scattered showers, winds generally E-ENE at 12-17 knots.

 SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:02 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:01 p.m. 8:35 a.m.	5:45 a.m. 4.5' 5:57 p.m. 4.8'	11:46 a.m. -0.8'
MONDAY	7:01 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:52 p.m. 9:21 a.m.	6:16 a.m. 4.4' 6:27 p.m. 4.4'	12:09 a.m. -0.8' 12:19 p.m. -0.5'
TUESDAY	7:01 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10:42 p.m. 10:06 a.m.	6:46 a.m. 4.1' 6:55 p.m. 3.9'	12:37 a.m. -0.5' 12:52 p.m. -0.2'
WEDNESDAY	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	11:32 p.m. 10:50 a.m.	7:16 a.m. 3.8' 7:23 p.m. 3.3'	1:03 a.m. -0.1' 1:24 p.m. 0.2'
THURSDAY	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	----- 11:35 a.m.	7:47 a.m. 3.4' 7:51 p.m. 2.8'	1:29 a.m. 0.3' 1:59 p.m. 0.7'
FRIDAY	6:59 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	12:21 a.m. 12:21 p.m.	8:25 a.m. 3.0' 8:27 p.m. 2.3'	1:55 a.m. 0.7' 2:47 p.m. 1.1'
MARCH 10	6:59 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	1:09 a.m. 1:07 p.m.	9:29 a.m. 2.6' 10:10 p.m. 1.8'	2:29 a.m. 1.1' 4:41 p.m. 1.5'

AFN 99.9 THE WAVE

March 1, 2018, the DynCorp International Public Affairs Office of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll launched the official return of local AFN radio.

Tune in and chill out with AFN 99.9 **THE WAVE** during the work day from 7-9 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for local news, announcements and musical entertainment.

MEET THE PRO! GOLF WORKSHOPS WITH MARK NICKLESS

Join Kwajalein's own Mark Nickless for two days of fun golf workshops at the Country Club March 11 and 12. All skill levels welcome!

Workshops begin at 5 p.m. A cash bar will be open during the event. Practice up and return March 17th for the St. Patrick's Day Golf Tournament on March 17th. More details to follow!

For more information, check out an upcoming Kwajalein Hourglass for an interview with Nickless. Contact MWR Manager, Patrick Sadowski at 5-3331 or Patrick.sadowski@dyn-intl.com for questions regarding the tournament.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

March 17, 7 p.m. at the Ocean View Club
presented by USAG-KA MWR

Get your green on at the USAG-KA MWR St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the Ocean View Club. All adults are invited to attend. Enjoy a selection of refreshing green beers and some festive activities! Check out the AFN Roller Channel and next week's Hourglass for details.

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Want to submit a message to the AFN Roller channel or the Kwajalein Hourglass? Send your messages and announcement text to kwa-jafnroller@dyn-intl.com and kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com.

HELP WANTED

To research and apply for government employment opportunities on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and worldwide, visit www.usajobs.gov.

Job Opportunities are available at RTS Weather Station. For full details and to apply see <http://www.aq-ast.com/careersreq.#42>.

FCE Benefits Administrator position. Contact Diane Peters at (805) 355-0939 for more information.

San Juan Construction is currently hiring for multiple projects on Kwajalein. If your contract is ending and you are interested in continued work on Kwajalein, please see our website at www.sanjuanconstruction.com for opportunities and to apply or call Tim Hughes, Corporate Recruiter at 970-497-8238.

Space Fence is hiring for multiple on-island positions. Please inquire with Leslie.Halenar@lmco.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Family Pool will be closed on Monday, March 5 until 2:30 p.m. for the KST Swim Meet.

Seeking donations for the Book Fair! Please donate gently used or new books (children, teen and adult), puzzles or games for the Book Fair to be held at George Seitz Elementary School Wednesday, April 11 and Thursday, April 12. Donations can be dropped off at the Elementary School office now through April 6.

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Small Boat Marina Boat Licensing Course. Tuesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 8. CRC Room 1 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. All at-

tendees must pre-register for the class at the Small Boat Marina. Questions, call 5-3643.

Are you new to Kwaj? Do you have kids? Come see us at CYS! We're here to help you and your family! CYS offers services for children ages 6 weeks through 18 years. Central Registration - Building 358. We're open from 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Phone: 5-2158.

Christian Women's Fellowship March Luncheon. Bring a friend and join us from 12:30-2 p.m., at the REB Sunday, March 11 for lunch and our special keynote speaker: missionary Katie Suderno! Questions, call Charissa at 5-1889.

Kwajalein Scuba Club March Meeting. Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. at the Emon Beach big pavilion. New divers welcome!

Be a part of the GSES STEM Festival March 15! Calling all Science, Technology, Engineering and Math professionals and enthusiasts to set up displays or demonstrations at our STEM Careers Expo March 15. Have a great STEM presentation and hands-on activity? Ask about becoming one of our STEM Specialty Session presenters! To participate please contact Heather Miller at 5-5642 or heathershawmiller@yahoo.com.

National Honor Society Decades Diner. 5:30- 8:30 p.m. March 18. Pods will be sold 4-6 p.m. March 6 and March 13 in front of the Shopette. Questions? Email Kelie Reed at reedk@kwajalein-school.com.

Lifeguard Classes. Session Dates: April 8-9, 15-16, 2018. Classes Dates: Tuesday, March 20 - Prerequisite LG Skills Tests 5-7 p.m.; Sunday, April 8 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Monday, April 9 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday, April 15 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Monday, April 16 - 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: \$150 (includes online class, book, pocket mask, and certification fees). Registration: Tuesday, March 6 - Saturday, March 17. Course fee due by Saturday March 24. For questions and registration, contact Cliff at 5-2848. Participants must be at least 15 years old.



U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Volunteer Recognition Event Kwajalein JR.-Sr. High School MP Room Saturday, March 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The first USAG-KA Volunteer Recognition Event is scheduled for March 31, 2018 at the Kwajalein High School MP Room from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Recipients of the certificates have been nominated as individuals and in group categories. Everyone is invited to attend and show their appreciation for the time, talent and efforts offered by volunteers to improve our community.

Calling all junior and senior high school students to join us for Youth Fellowship! Middle School Youth Fellowship will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the elementary school gym on March 5 and 19. High School Youth Fellowship will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the REB on March 12 and 26. Contact Wes or Cher Kirk or Alex Coleman for more information.

Please join us for Catholic Holy Week and Easter Services in the main sanctuary of the Island Memorial Chapel. All are welcome! Palm Sunday Mass, Sunday, March 25 at 9:15 a.m. Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m. Adoration of the Cross, Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m. Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Easter Morning Mass, Sunday, April 1 at 9:15 a.m.

Island Memorial Chapel Interdenominational Service will have a Good Friday Service on Friday, March 30 at 6:15 p.m. in the REB. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Island Memorial Chapel Interdenominational Service invites you to attend the Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 1 at 6:30 a.m. on Emon beach. Breakfast will be serviced following services. There will be an 11:00am Easter Service on Sunday, April 1

in the main chapel.

Health Workshop: Smoking Cessation. Please contact EAP at 5-5362 to enroll in group as it will be built based on interest. Not comfortable with a group setting, individual sessions provided during the workday.

Calling all Singers! IMC Community Choir rehearsals will begin soon for the Sunrise Church Service Easter morning (Sunday, April 1) at Emon Beach. All singers are welcome. Practices will begin soon. For information email Heather at: heather.ardrey@gmail.com.

Christian Women's Fellowship Prayer Quilt Ministry is looking for quilters! Meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. in the REB. We are accepting donations of fabric (long pieces) for lap quilts. Contact the church office at 5-3505 for more information.

KRS Safety is now located at Facility 1017. Contact phone remain the same.

USAG-KA SPORTS 2018 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS



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A LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
Aquanauts



B LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
Island Bawlers



SCHOOL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
Space Jam

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.**

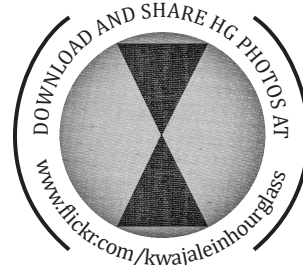
Saturday, United 154—**11-11:30 a.m.**

ATI CHECK-IN TIMES

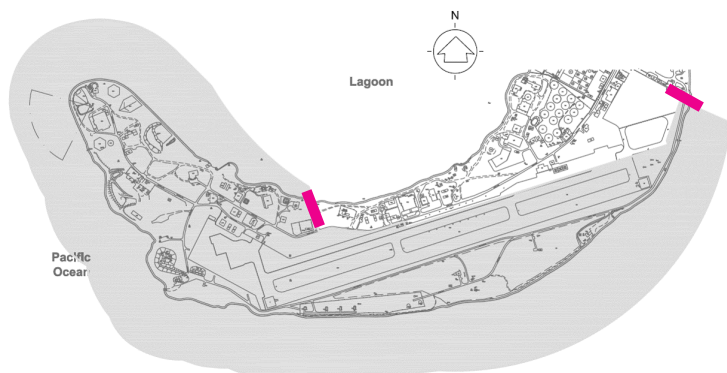
Early departures—**7:45-8:15 a.m.**

All other departures—**8-8:30 a.m.**

*Check with your ATI flight representative to confirm check-in and flight departure times.



RANGE ORDNANCE ARRIVAL SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 9, 2018



West and South ends (shaded areas) of the island are restricted. Road Blocks will be located ocean road corner of FN901 and at the Kwaj Gardens on Lagoon Road. Starts at 0530 hrs on Friday, 09-MAR-2018 until operation is complete and barricades are removed. Please note that the Golf Course will be closed during this operation. The shaded areas will be off-limits. Questions should be directed to RTS Mission Safety, Billy Traweek at 5-4841

FOR OUR SAFETY MIND THE STOP SIGNS!

Always avoid the caution areas surrounding the ends of the runways on both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur when aircraft are approaching or taking off.

Pedestrians, cyclists and drivers must always make a full stop at the stop signs posted near the ends of the runways. When stopped, you must scan both the runways and the sky at either end of the runways for signs of moving aircraft. If there is no sign of moving aircraft, you may proceed.

Why? The presence of pedestrians and drivers in the runway caution zones may force pilots to abort a takeoff or landing. This can be costly and dangerous. If a pilot in this situation cannot abort, the lives of those on the ground and those in the aircraft may be at a greater risk. Also, rotor wash and jet blasts can fling up dirt, gravel and other debris, causing safety risks to those on the ground.

Please adhere to all traffic signs on USAG-KA for your safety and the others. Violators of this policy will be reported to the aircraft control tower and the PMO.