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MADDIE ALVIDREZ, LEFT, AND MASINA MCCOLLUM BATTLE IT OUT IN THE DEEP END DURING THE 2018 WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP GAME AT THE FAMILY POOL MARCH 3.

📷 JESSICA DAMBRUCH

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LETTER FROM THE COMMANDER

March 8, 2018

Dear Team Kwajalein Atoll,

Thank you for your support as we overcome the challenges of changing the largest contract force on the atoll. We have talked about this mammoth undertaking for several years but only recently discovered how difficult it would be.

With your help, we made a great deal of progress and it isn't difficult to be proud of where we are. Some sage words from my mom that I often recall are: "This too shall pass," and of course it will.

It is very exciting to see what the combination of years of experience executing missions on Kwajalein Atoll, coupled with a new set of skills and talents, will mean for us. There is a plethora of opportunity and potential for continued greatness.

What I am most thankful for in this area is the almost legendary ability of the Kwajalein community to incorporate new team members. That is something I am sure we can all get behind. Remember to welcome our new teammates.

They are, as are you, selflessly serving our country.

Thank you to everyone for the strong attendance at the town hall meeting held by Lt. Gen. James Dickinson, the commanding general of United States Space and Missile Defense Command.

Dickinson's tour re-enforced his knowledge of our concerns and was an enlightening and powerful reminder of the contributions you all make daily. Thank you also to everyone who helped make Dickinson's visit to the atoll a success. A highlight for Dickinson was his tour of the USAV Worthy. It was a tour both he and I greatly enjoyed. A big thank you to the crew.

We have more special guests arriving next week. Dr. Christine Altendorf and Command Sgt. Maj. Jason Schmidt, the director and command sergeant major of United States Army Installation Management Command's Pacific Region (IMCOM) will be with us for most of the week. They are responsible for all installation management in the Pacific, and specifically for Kwajalein, Alaska, Japan and South Korea.

Dr. Altendorf and Schmidt are also our advocates. They are intimately involved in supporting our community. If you

have the opportunity, please chat with them when you see them. It is their desire to hear from you.

We remain, as ever, in a constant state of change. Please bear with us as we establish solutions to our challenges. We do have a long term fix to the issues with some service delivery, including residential internet. That solution is being developed here on the island right now. Low cost, high bandwidth is the goal but I have not yet seen the data.

We will follow up as soon as possible and keep the community informed. We still search for a hardwired solution to on-island calling. We do not have an answer yet, but we are investigating several options. There are many concerns. However, maintaining our communication services is a priority.

I encourage everyone to extend their hand in friendship to our new team members. There are lots of new faces on the island and there will be new experiences for us to share together. Welcome them and integrate them into the team. We will only be stronger for the experience.

Sincerely,
COL Jim DeOre

RESIDENTIAL PHONE AND INTERNET SERVICE UPDATE

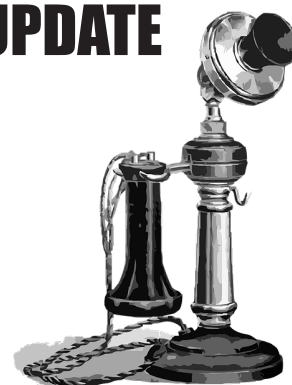
An extension to the current residential phone service has been approved. Current residential phone service will remain as is until such time as an alternative to local on-island calling and long distance calling is available.

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 DPTMS at 5-1403. (As of March 9.)



THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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MWR GOLFER CHARTS NEW COURSE AT FAIRWAYS

FEATURE/JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Take a walk with Mark Nickless and you'll learn a thing or two.

Kwajalein's newest renaissance man is also our new golf course manager. These days Mark Nickless spends his days out in the sun on the green—but he's not golfing. Cruise on down to the Kwajalein Golf Course and you'll find Nickless in discussion with IAP personnel about landscaping.

If he's not there, Nickless is aerating the ground, treating the grass, leveling the turf or training the members of his MWR crew in the proper care of the spacious green he sees in his mind's eye. One might say Nickless is a down-to-earth guy. He spends much of his time focused on agronomy with his hands in the soil, but he's focused on the future.

As Nickless coaxes the grounds of the Kwajalein Golf Course and Country Club into their future splendor, he's shaping the future of USAG-KA golf.

As part of MWR's work on the garrison, the Country Club and golf course will receive a redesign and facelift to make the facilities more accessible and enjoyable for island residents. Nickless is an integral part of this plan, though he confides that he initially picked his profession as part of a zombie apocalypse survival plan.

Nickless is multilingual and has traveled the globe to work with new golfers and pros who want to hone their skills. He can work with anyone, Nickless says, who is willing to be moved to learn a new skill.

"It's all about the thinking," said Nickless. "In order to pick up something new, you really have to be moving. It's a kinesthetic skill. It's all about maintaining practice."

Coming soon to the golf course, Nickless hopes to develop a driving range with late hours to give the community a chance to do some more practice. Soon he'll add classes and workshops to his to-do list to help others fine tune their best game.

The vision to transform the green is already in progress. Now the community needs more golfers to enjoy the space.

Interested to meet Nickless and work on your golf skills? This weekend, Nickless invites golf enthusiasts and novices down to the course March 11 and 12 for two days of complimentary workshops to fine tune skills. Workshops will begin at 5 p.m. and a cash bar will be available during the event.

1) Mark Nickless, USAG-KA MWR's new golf course manager, takes a moment's break from the heat. 2) Richie Kilinek works the areator. 3) Nickless works with Peter Aron to grade and sand part of the green to improve grass coverage. 4) IAP Roads, Grounds and Custodial Supervisor Bill Hadley, left, and Nickless talk turf as they explore options to develop the top notch potential of the golf course.



U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch



HOURLASS REPORT

The Family Pool was the place to be Saturday, March 3, as the Turbo Turtles blasted through the 2018 Water Polo Championship game to defeat Chargoggagoggmancha.

The green team plowed through the competition and took home the 2018 coconut trophy with a final winning score of 43-30 points.

To compound their success, the team has additional bragging rights: Two of its workhorse teammates were top scorers during 2018. Bruce Premo literally towers over the season with a staggering 133 points and team lead Bill Williamson, with 84 points.

Following the game, the team gathered for a group photo with all of the trophies they've won for past seasons.



📷 U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch

1) Masina McCollum charges after Bill Williamson during the 2018 championship game. 2) It's an all-out splash battle as Turbo Turtle and Chargoggagoggmancha duke it out in the deep end. 3) Brian Charlton, left, makes a lunge for the ball. 4) Go Turbo Turtle or go home: The 2018 victors proudly display their 2018 trophy.





BIG SPENDERS RAISE FUNDS AT YYWC AUCTION

NEWS/JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The Kwajalein community showed its generosity at the Annual Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Basket Auction fundraiser event in the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School MP Room March 4.

More than \$40,000 in proceeds was raised during the course of the night's activities is used to fund education grants for schools in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and throughout the Federated States of Micronesia. The funds are used by the schools to purchase printers, curriculum, building materials and electronics to support school improvements and classroom learning.

During the evening there were several opportunities for residents to enjoy giving. After paying a visit to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) cash bar and dining on appetizers and desserts donated by the island's cooks and chefs, attendees purchased raffle tickets for the chance to win some of the \$17,000 in swag and merchandise donated by individuals and the island's private organizations. Many residents kept a close watch on gift baskets and other items

entered into the popular silent basket auction. YYWC Basket Auction Chair Kiersta Bailey and Master of Ceremonies Tim Roberge took the stage to cajole residents into a friendly bidding war with their neighbors in a live auction for private sailboat excursions, bicycles, fine dinners, snacks, arts and crafts and other prizes.

Residents who attended last year saw a familiar object onstage. Wilson, the painted volleyball from the popular film *Castaway* was donated back to the auction by last year's winner, Christa Wingfield—and will spend 2018 adventuring with Kwaj resident Jonathan Bradley.

As the magical evening came to an end, Bailey thanked all those in attendance. The success of the night was all due to the volunteers and residents who gave of their time and energy to make the event come together, said Bailey.

"It takes a community to make this happen," said Bailey. "It was great to see our community come together. I feel nothing but gratitude to our community for everyone's help."

1) Master of Ceremonies Tim Roberge, left, and YYWC Basket Auction Chair Kiersta Bailey encourage Kwaj residents to donate during the evening's live auction. 2) Thanks to Ashley Howe and Jenny Prim, raffle tickets are selling fast. 3) U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. James DeOre and Debbie DeOre enjoy a night on the town with the community. 4) Grant Day scans the basket auction to check out the bidding competition in the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School MP Room.



IMCOM TO REDESIGN USAG-KA CLUBS

NEWS/JESSICA DAMBRUCH

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll enjoyed a recent visit from United States Army Installation Management Command (IMCOM), Interior Designer Yunyong Mun.

The designer visited the atoll last week to meet with personnel with USAG-KA Command, MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) and Community Activities to tour and assess the garrison's clubs. In the future, island residents will be able to enjoy Mun's work at the Ocean View Club and the Kwajalein Country Club, the two club facilities the designer is currently focusing on. Her visit precedes a visit from other IMCOM staff to continue discussion of the project.

"You can do so much with little," said Mun. She emphasized that an important part of the project will be to make the spaces multifunctional for island residents to enjoy various kinds of events. She said this goal can be accomplished economically.

Those improvements are: expanded interior spaces for both the Ocean View club and the Country Club; installation of tile flooring for the Ocean View Club; fresh colorful paint, new lighting and ceiling fans for the interiors of both clubs; completely new interior bar area for the Ocean View Club and a new outdoor bar on the patio at the Ocean View Club; and upgraded bathrooms at both facilities.

"Kwajalein needs a nightlife," said Mun. "I am not a lighting designer, but light is so important in this process. It creates an atmosphere."

The designer described how improvements made to the island's spaces will also depend upon budgeting and materials. The salty air on the atoll poses its own challenges for re-envisioning the spaces, said Mun.

Her previous design work can be seen on Army bases throughout the Asia-Pacific region. More than 30 of her original project designs have been implemented, something that she describes as deeply satisfying.

Speaking of her visit, Mun enjoyed her brief stay on the atoll and found the area appealing. "It has a beauty, a peace that's all its own," Mun said.

More information on the exciting redesign of Kwajalein's Clubs will be found in future editions of the Kwajalein Hourglass.



U.S. Army photo by Jessica Dambruch
Charity Zimmerman, left, Jeffrey Suis and IMCOM Interior Designer Yunyong Mun share ideas for the Kwajalein clubs redesign project.

AFN 99.9 THE WAVE

March 1, 2018, the USAG-KA Public Affairs Office 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.

On radio frequency FM 99.9 and on the Roller Channel!

***All requested community announcements must be submitted to and approved by the USAG-KA PAO. Email: nikki.l.maxwell.civ@mail.mil**



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 kwajafnroller@dyn-intl.com and kwajalein-hourglass@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/careers> req.#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

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 six weeks through 18 years old. 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 A-Frame pavilion. New divers welcome!

GSES STEM Festival March 15. Calling all Science, Technology, Engineering and Math professionals and enthusiasts to set up displays or demonstrations. 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 Kellie Reed at reedk@kwajalein-school.com.

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 a.m. 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 Com-



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.

munity 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 numbers remain the same.

Lifeguard Classes. Session Dates: April 8-9, 15-16, 2018. Classes Dates: Tuesday, March 20 - Pre-requisite 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 Saturday, March 24. For questions and registration, contact Cliff at 5-2848. Participants must be at least 15 years old.

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.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Yuk Theater - Kwajalein

March 11
Downsizing (R)

March 12
Father Figure (R)

Tradewinds Theater- Roi Namur

March 10
Girls Trip (R)

March 11
Thank You For Your Service (R)

All features begin at 7:30 p.m.

GUIDE TO AFN TELEVISION CONTENT ON USAG-KA

HOURLASS REPORT

Here's a handy map to all 17 AFN TV channels available to USAG-KA residents.

14-1: Local Roller (LOCAL) / Roi, channel ?
14-2: Local Weather (LOCAL) / Roi, channel ?
14-3: AFN News (LIVE) / Roi, channel ?
14-4: AFN Prime Atlantic (DELAYED 14 hours) / Roi, channel ?
17-1: AFN Sports (LIVE) (HD) / Roi channel ?
17-3: AFN Spectrum (DELAYED 21 hours) / Roi, channel ?
17-4: AFN Movie (DELAYED 21 hours) / Roi, channel ?
17-5: AFN Family (DELAYED 21 hours) / Roi, channel ?
20-1: AFN Sports-2 (DELAYED 14 hours) / Roi, channel ?
20-2: DTS (LIVE) / Roi, channel ?
20-3: AFN Prime Pacific (LIVE) / Roi, channel ?
20-4: AFN Movie (LIVE) / Roi, channel ?
23-1: AFN Prime Atlantic (LIVE) / Roi, channel ?
23-2: AFN Spectrum (LIVE) / Roi, channel ?
23-3: AFN Family (LIVE) / Roi, channel ?
23-4: AFN Sports 2 (LIVE) / Roi, channel ?
29-1: Kwajalein TV (LOCAL) / Roi, channel ?

There are eight AFN channels that we receive via satellite from the AFN Headquarters in California. They are in bold type above. Those eight channels are broadcast live.

Five of those channels (Prime Atlantic, Spectrum, Movie, Family, Sports 2) also run in a delayed format on five separate channels so as to align prime time programming with the evening hours locally on Kwajalein Atoll. It's the exact same content—only delayed. Those delayed channels are in italic type above.

The other off-island live channel is a separate, special channel: AFN DTS (Direct to Sailor), which exists in its own category. It is on 20-2. It is underlined above.

Finally, there are also three local channels: Kwajalein TV, the new local access channel; the roller channel; and the weather channel. They are listed in normal type above.

AFN provides programming schedules for the eight live channels coming in from AFN-California and also for the one DTS (Direct To sailor) channel. How do you find out what the programming schedules are? Go straight to the source to get the most accurate, real-time programming for these channels at **www.myafn.net**. *Note, AFN does not provide scheduling information for the locally delayed channels or the local channels.

Be sure to click "Current Time Zone" at the top right of the myafn.net homepage, and select the Kwajalein Atoll time zone in the dropdown box. In the AFN TV menu at left, click on "Schedules," and you're all set. Just select the date you're looking for by hitting the calendar icon at the top right of the screen, and all programming for all channels are presented.

The one exception is the AFN DTS (Direct to Sailor) channel. To find scheduling for the DTS channel, go back to the homepage. Click "DTS SCHEDULES" under the AFN TV heading at the left of the page. Under the "DTS" heading (not the "AFN" heading), select the Excel file that displays the time period you are searching for. In the Excel spreadsheet that opens, make sure you have selected the "DTS Pacific" page at the bottom of the sheet. There is your programming for the entire week. Understand that there is a five-hour difference in time that you must take into consideration. For example, midnight on Kwajalein is 5 a.m. on the spreadsheet.

If you have questions, call AFN Kwajalein at 53743 or 52114.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 21, 2018 at 7 p.m.
George Seitz Elementary School
Coconut Room

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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.

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.**