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HEAVY RAINS INUNDATE AREAS
NEAR THE KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB
FOOTBRIDGE MAY 3.



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Heavy rains made areas of Kwajalein unsafe for travel May 3. A record 10.97 inches of rainfall led USAG-KA Command to close several thoroughfares and portions of Lagoon Road. 📷 Courtesy of David Seelye

STORM LEADS TO RECORD RAINFALL

NEWS / NIKKI MAXWELL, USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On May 2, U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll received a weather alert from Joel Martin, acting site manager and chief meteorologist for Reagan Test Site weather center regarding a possible tropical storm developing west or northwest of Kwajalein Atoll. In the report, Martin referred to the potential storm as 'Invest 96W.'

An 'Invest' is an area of disturbed weather that the Joint Typhoon Warning Center wants to monitor for potential tropical cyclone development. According to the report, some west-wind threats were possible within the next 48-72 hours, and the JTWC was monitoring Kwajalein's radar, weather balloon, surface data and high-resolution satellite.

Later that evening, the rain began and didn't stop all night. By sunrise Thursday morning, the roads were filled with large puddles as the population of Kwajalein began their day commuting to work and school wearing ponchos and rain gear. By mid-morning the rain was coming down harder, creating flooded roadways and causing some minor roof leaks in buildings around the island. As water accumulated, USAG-KA issued a flood warning through Facebook, AFN radio and the command Roller channel. Lagoon road, the main route running through the middle of the island, was one of the worst affected by the flooding.

Meanwhile, water accumulating on the airfield runway and taxiway caused all air traffic operations on Kwajalein to be discontinued at 10 a.m. Scheduled incoming military and commercial flights were diverted to Majuro for refueling and to wait for a possible break in the storm. An hour later, USAG-KA Emergency Services identified several roadways that needed to be barricaded and closed for the remainder of the storm due to flooding.

Alternate routes were offered to travelers, and the community was reminded to avoid driving a vehicle or bicycle through any flooded areas.

"It's very important that drivers avoid flooded roadways," said Capt. Brian Stevens, director of USAG-KA Emergency Services. "If you can't see the road, don't drive on it, because you don't know how deep the water really is until it might be too late."

The intensity of the storm continued into the afternoon, leading DES to request that personnel working on the south end of the island leave the area and proceed to the north end of Kwajalein, before all roads were impassable and closed for safety.

"Once barricades are in place, the only vehicles allowed through those roads are emergency responders," Stevens said, adding that travelers should never attempt to go around bar-



A utility road near the Kwajalein Yacht Club is partially submerged by water (courtesy of David Seelye).

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ricades in any situation.

USAG-KA Command Sergeant Major Todd Shirley said he is very proud of the actions of Public Works and DES personnel throughout the weather event.

"I know of several people and groups working Wednesday night to prepare for the storm," he said. "The commander and I appreciate and thank everyone who was proactive to help us prepare for this extreme weather, and volunteering to help others in needs during the storm."

According to Martin, Kwajalein received 12.05 inches of rainfall during the entire month of April 2018. The storm on May 3 set a new local record for the month of May, with 10.97 inches within a 24 hour period.

"That amount beat the old May record of 8.35 inches set in 1980," Martin said. "However, we were still short of the all-time Kwajalein one-day rainfall record of 17.15 inches set in 1972."

In his follow-up weather report, Martin explained that a shear line (the name for old mid-latitude frontal boundaries) pushed down into the tropical region of Kwajalein Atoll.

The shear line is made up of a chain of small circulations that stretched from Kwajalein all the way eastward past Hawaii.

Martin, a retired Air Force Colonel and former hurricane hunter, has spent most of his career tracking weather in the Pacific. He said that although Invest 96W didn't become a tropical storm, it still had some power behind it.

"It was impressive for a start-up storm, but tropical storms like to be perfectly straight up and down, and the upper level winds didn't allow it to become an organized storm," explained Martin. "We (Kwajalein) were lucky because we didn't have heavy wind and waves to go with the heavy rain. We got wind gusts around 30 knots, but we were watching winds at Illegani get up to 35-40 knots."

As a reminder for all residents of USAG-KA, please review your emergency preparedness plan with your family and co-workers, and be aware of designated shelter locations listed in the phonebook to be prepared for future weather situations.



Pictures of the rain poured in from the Kwajalein community: 1) A lone pedestrian wades through deep water near the Kwajalein Yacht Club (courtesy of Michael Mitchell). 2) The rain is no problem for two fowl near this back road at Camp Hamilton (courtesy Kim Warner). 3) Rain rises near a vehicle off Lagoon Road (courtesy of Kim Warner). 4) An airport caution sign is the only part of the Kwajalein airfield that is visible during the heavy rainfall May 3 (courtesy of Kim Warner).

EMERGENCY DREDGING AND FILLING ACTIVITY

PUBLIC NOTICE

An emergency cleanout of the storm water drainage outfall pipe at Camp Hamilton occurred on 3 May to facilitate drainage from the Kwajalein Airfield and the immediate area. Due to the sand/sediment disturbance in the area, the potential for Ciguatera poisoning can increase. Please avoid fishing between the Kwajalein Power Plant and Coral Sands until 10

May (Thursday). Contact 5-1134.

Ekar wor juon emergency nan karreoik baib in bedkat eo ilo Camp Hamilton, im ear komman ilo May 3 raan nan bareinwot kajjeon jolok bedkat ko ilo Airport eo im ijoko rebaake Airport eo. Kin menin, emaron kar wor ajeded in Ciguatera baijin ilo bok ko turin Camp Hamilton. Jouj im jab enwod eek ko lojet ikotan Power Plant im Coral Sands nan raan in Taije (Thursday), 10 raan in May. Ne ewor kajitok Call e tok 5-1134.



1) A visitor to the student gallery checks out a wall of colorful student work. 2) Original student artwork. 3) Kwajalein Schools' Art Teacher Jane Christy is the creative mastermind behind the KHS Spring Art Show.

CREATIVE JOURNEYS AT KHS ART GALLERY

NEWS/JORDAN VINSON

Kwajalein's high school opened its doors to the garrison April 28 for a Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School art show, featuring pieces created by students in grades seven through 12.

The Spartan Espresso brew crew was on hand to ply exhibit guests with caffeine and sweets before ushering the loose crowd toward tables festooned with Day of the Dead skull renditions, self-portraits, utilitarian pottery pieces

and paintings of faraway lands.

Longtime Kwajalein Schools Art Teacher Jane Christy took a moment to sum up the experience.

"This year our theme is journey, and as you can see around the room we have [depictions of] travels from everywhere and also personal journeys," she said. "It's amazing art that my kids made, and I'm so proud."

KHS Junior Kaya Sylvester's self-portrait was one of several that stood out to guests. She took a moment to explain

the meaning behind the painting.

"Basically, I've always wanted to look up so I can look forward. Because looking at the past is kind of bad," she said, explaining that the painting buttresses anticipation for the future with a representation of candor, aka saying what you mean and being yourself.

The painting depicts "a glowing of my personality, my aura," Sylvester added. "So that people can know that when I talk I let my personality through."

U.S. Army photos by Jordan Vinson



1) Mike Sakaio and Palepa Smith play during Masina McColm's annual hula dance review, April 39. 2) Heather Ardrey and Mallory Masciarelli wait in the wings to perform at the MP Room. 3) Bearing leafy green leis, the wahine, the adult women's dance team, perform for the Kwajalein community at the hula review.

WE GOT YOUR GOOD SIDE



Check out the Kwajalein Hourglass Flickr and the next episode of the Kwaj Current TV Show on channel 29-1.



U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch



Ryan Brocksmithe is Kwaj-ready for Halloween with carved and painted coconut jack o'lanterns.

KWAJ GETS CRAFTY AT ART GUILD FAIR

NEWS/JESSICA DAMBRUCH

More than 20 vendors, artisans, crafters and fine artists gathered at Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School April 30 for the 2018 Kwajalein Art Guild Spring Arts and Crafts Fair. Despite a heavy rainstorm during the event, vendors spent the afternoon with a steady stream of shoppers in search of the treasures of Kwaj.

The annual shopping opportunity is also a showcase of Kwajalein's creative talent. Jewelry makers, fine artists, crafters and industrial artists bedecked tables with bright colored beads, works of original art, collectibles, t-shirts, wooden crafts and upcycled artwork. Vendors sold original fine art and slots in upcoming painting classes around the island.

Several first-time event attendees were pleased with the variety of fun gift and home décor items available for sale, including painted driftwood and holiday ornaments made from seashells and found objects. To sweeten the afternoon, Girl Scout Troop 801 shared cookie samples with customers and offered boxes for a donation. One table stood out with an eerie display of bright orange jack o'lantern coconuts.

"I really like Halloween and wanted to do something fun," said artisan Ryan Brocksmithe of his project.

The next arts and crafts sale will take place in November. More information about upcoming art class opportunities will be found on the Kwajalein Art Guild Facebook page.

1) James Corder and Scott Hill talk art classes with Kwajalein Art Guild President Debbie Carr at the 2018 Arts and Crafts Fair. 2) Rita Pyne discusses original jewelry design with patrons in the MP Room. 3) From left, Veronica Moos, Meg Ardrey and Kwajalein Girl Scout Troop Cookie Manager Stephanie Sandige work the cookie donations table at the craft fair, April 30. 4) Doug Hepler displays wooden crafts, fish bats and knife-sharpening services at the 2018 Spring Kwajalein Art Guild Craft Fair. 5) Meredith Egge checks out a table of jewelry at the MP Room. 6) Nikki Maxwell crafts necklaces, bracelets and wearable art.



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

KWAJALEIN MOVIES

Ferdinand (PG-13)

Saturday, May 5
6 p.m. in Library (#805)

Coco (PG)

Sunday, May 6
7:30 p.m. in CRC Rm. #6

12 Strong (R)

Monday, May 7
7:30 p.m. in CRC Room #6

ROI MOVIES

Thor Ragnarok (PG-13)

Saturday, May 5
7 p.m. at Tradewinds Theater

Justice League (PG-13)

Sunday, May 6
7 p.m. at Tradewinds Theater

HELP WANTED

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

KFS, LLC has an opening for a Staff Environmental Technician (Remediation) on USAG-KA. Please forward email or resume to vrbelc@kfs-llc.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

30th Annual Ballroom Dinner Dance. Sunday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the MP Room. Hosted by the talented Kwajalein HS Stage Band. Evening includes catered dinner and dancing with live music provided by the band. Tickets are \$45. Proceeds fund the KHS band program. Contact Kyle Miller for tickets: 5-1167 or millerk@kwajalein-school.com.

Support the 2018 Rusty Family Triathlon Monday, May 7! Check-in for athletes is 4 p.m. at Emon Beach. For more information, to register or volunteer as race time Staff, please contact Bob and Jane Sholar, H: 5-1815. This is a child friendly event and not a sprint triathlon for adults.

The Optometrist, Dr. Chris Yamamoto visit Kwajalein's patients May 13-24. Call Hospital for eye exam appointment at 5-2223/5-2224.

The EAP office has moved to Room 224, still on 2nd floor of hospital. Please call 5-5362 to schedule an appointment. We offer support to any resident, employee or dependent.

Contestants in the Biggest Loser competition are continuing to make tremendous changes! Winnie the Pooh continues to lead the men with 7.31% loss and behind him is Hans Solo with 3.67%. For the women, Betty Boop has 5.88% loss and Mulan has 5.63%.

Kids stressing you out? Feeling frustrated or unsure of how to communicate with your teenager? Join other parents for a 6 week parenting group. 08 - May thru 12 - June, meet every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Call 5-5362 to confirm your participation.

NEED A CHEESEBURGER IN PARADISE? AAFES Food Court and American Eatery have new hours.

FOOD COURT

Monday-Friday /
8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday / 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
Sunday / 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

AMERICAN EATERY

Monday/ 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tuesday-Saturday/
8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sunday / Closed

Cinco de Mayo Bash by MWR. Saturday, May 5 at the Ocean View Club with live performances by Ballistic Love and the Atomic Playboys. Music starts around 9 p.m. Adults only.

MWR Cinco de Mayo in the Grace Sherwood Library (Building 805): "Ferdinand" (PG). Piñata and snacks start around 5:30 p.m. Movie starts around 6 p.m.

Christian Women's Fellowship Luncheon. Sunday, May 6 at 12:30 pm. in the REB. All ladies are invited to join us for a delicious lunch, a look back at the previous year, some fun activities and goodies to take home. Invite a friend and join us on Questions, call Charissa at 5-1899.

E-Wareness: Recycling of Lead-Acid Batteries. Per USAKA 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.) Ekkar nan Standard ko an USAKA.

Environmental: Lead-acid battery ko emoji air jerbal aikuj label kon date (allon, raan, iio). Lead-acid battery ko emoji air jerbal (intact/ejelok jorraan ie/emaron recycle), ejjab aijuj bed aitok lak jen jiljino allon (180 raan) nan an maron recycle.

New Residential Internet users must sign-up and pick-up a modem at Building 806, DynCorp Help Desk. Questions, call 5-3000.

Community Bank needs your coins! Community Bank is very low on coin money right now due to a delay in their coin shipment. The bank is asking customers to exchange their coins for paper bills. Coin wrappers are available free at the bank for customers to roll their money for exchange.

EOD OPERATIONS FRIDAY, MAY 11

EOD will be conducting operations at UXO site "Shark Pit" from approximately 9-11 a.m. Friday, May 11. The area will be off limits until the operations are complete.



Captain Louis S. Zamperini Cafeteria

*MENU CURRENT AS OF MAY 4

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	May 12
Prime Ribs	Braised Beef Cubes	Orange Chicken	Beef and Broccoli	Lemon Baked Fish	Chicken Fajitas	Herbed Cornish Hens
Cornish Hens	Fried Tilapia	Fried Rice	Fried Rice	Swiss Steak	Spanish Rice	Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes	Basmati Rice	Fried Cabbage	Oriental Stir Fry	Buttered Potatoes	Refried Beans	Oven Potatoes

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	May 12
Chicken Parmesan	Breaded Pork Chop	Parmesan Baked Fish	Chicken Broccoli Alfredo	Salisbury Steak	Cantonese Spare Ribs	Grilled Ribeye Steak
Baked Fish	Yankee Pot Roast	Oven Potatoes	Beef Stew	Fried Rice	Baked Trout	Fried Shrimp
Steamed Broccoli	Mashed Potatoes	Steamed Rice	White Rice	Buttered Noodles	Mashed Potatoes	Baked Potatoes



BALLISTIC LOVE + THE ATOMIC PLAYBOYS
LIVE AT THE OCEAN VIEW CLUB
SATURDAY, MAY 5 @ 9 P.M.

 SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:32 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	----- 11:16 a.m.	7:21 a.m. 3.4' 7:48 p.m. 2.4'	12:53 a.m. 0.5' 1:56 p.m. 0.6'
MONDAY	6:32 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	12:07 a.m. 12:05 p.m.	8:06 a.m. 3.1' 8:55 p.m. 2.1'	1:29 a.m. 0.9' 2:57 p.m. 0.9'
TUESDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	12:53 a.m. 12:53 p.m.	9:21 a.m. 2.8' 11:06 p.m. 2.1'	2:29 a.m. 1.3' 4:39 p.m. 1.1'
WEDNESDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	1:37 a.m. 1:41 p.m.	11:18 a.m. 2.7' -----	4:38 a.m. 1.5' 6:21 p.m. 0.9'
THURSDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	2:21 a.m. 2:29 p.m.	12:47 a.m. 2.5' 12:46 p.m. 2.9'	6:34 a.m. 1.2' 7:19 p.m. 0.6'
FRIDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:03 a.m. 3:17 p.m.	1:38 a.m. 2.9' 1:41 p.m. 3.3'	7:35 a.m. 0.8' 8:00 p.m. 0.2'
MAY 12	6:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:46 a.m. 4:06 p.m.	2:16 a.m. 3.5' 2:23 p.m. 3.6'	8:20 a.m. 0.3' 8:35 p.m. -0.1'

WEEKLY WEATHER LOOKOUT

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

RECORD RAIN. We recorded a record one-day rainfall for the month of May, with 10.97 inches of rain on Thursday, May 3. That amount beat the old May record of 8.35 inches set in 1980. However, we were still short of the all-time Kwajalein one-day rainfall record of 17.15 inches set in 1972.

CHANGING WEATHER PATTERN. The tropical atmosphere produced the heavy rain event in the south atoll. A shear line, the fancy name for old mid-latitude frontal boundaries, pushed down into our tropical region. The shear line is made up of a chain of small circulations that stretched from over us all the way eastward past Hawaii. One of those small counterclockwise circulations started to gain energy and intensify just south of the atoll as it moved northwest. The Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) identified it as Invest 96W, and we monitored it closely for potential tropical cyclone development. JTWC and our team of RTS meteorologists monitored high-resolution satellite, our S-band weather radar, weather balloons, and surface wind and weather sensors we have positioned throughout the atoll. We were fortunate that upper-level winds slowed development of Invest 96W and prevented the system from organizing more quickly. Had it organized, we would have faced higher winds and possible west winds and swells, in addition to the record rains.

OUTLOOK. The week ahead looks much improved. A new circulation, Invest 97W, has developed further west of 96W and pulls much of the rainfall and energy westward as it consolidates. The old shear-line boundary may still become active and give us a few waves of heavier showers, but in general the week ahead looks partly sunny to mostly cloudy with average rainfall and NE-SE winds.

SATURDAY/SUNDAY/MONDAY FORECAST: Partly to mostly cloudy at times and isolated showers likely. A few periods of heavier showers cannot be ruled out. Stray thunderstorms remain possible this time of year. Winds should be mostly NE-SE, with gusts generally below 30 knots.

MID-WEEK FORECAST: Partly to mostly cloudy and isolated showers. Wind NE-E at 15-20 knots, with gusts to 30 knots. We are in a transition season and weak closed circulations can suddenly build to produce the kind of threat we had this past week. It is important to know procedures in the event of west-wind warnings, lightning warnings, and significant winds and waves. This is also a good time to identify and fix leaks and flood issues. Our real rainy season is still ahead! Our weather team will keep the TV Weather Roller updated and is always available at 5-3347 if you need additional information.

Café Roi

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LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	May 12
Cheeseburger Soup	Baked Chicken	Beef Noodle Soup	Chicken Gumbo Soup	Chicken Chili Soup	Chicken Tortilla Soup	Chicken and Rice Soup
Roast Turkey	Fried Catfish	Oragne Chicken	BBQ Chicken	Lemon Baked Fish	Beef Fajitas	Baked Pork Chops
Pork Adobo	Steamed Rice	Beef Lo Mein	Fried Catfish	Buttered Potatoes	Spanish Rice	Oven Potatoes

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	May 12
Vegetable Soup	Chicken Noodle Soup	Taco Tuesday	Steak Night	Fried Chicken Night	Roast Pork	Cream of Broccoli Soup
Chicken Parmesan	Breaded Pork Chops	Cream of Potato Soup	Grilled Pork Chops	French Onion Soup	Cantonese Spareribs	Steamed Rice
Baked Salmon	Yankee Pot Roast	Parmesan Baked Fish	White Rice	Salisbury Steak	Parslied Noodles	Pepper Steak



THE NUMBER OF CASES OF INAPPROPRIATE VEHICLE USE HAS STEADILY INCREASED ACROSS THE GARRISON, and USAG-KA wants all personnel to be aware of the proper and legitimate use of vehicles to prevent waste of resources and abuse of privileges. Other than the MWR rental vehicles, all vehicles on USAG-KA are restricted to official use only. Use of work vehicles to travel between your home and place of employment, to transport non-personnel, to run personal errands, to

pick up personal mail at the post office, to travel to retail establishments, dining facilities, the gym, the bank, or the food court is prohibited. Transportation of personnel or dependents to or from the airport is also prohibited, unless the traveler is on official business or is PCS'ing. Transporting alcohol in a work vehicle is also prohibited. Personnel who misuse vehicles may be subject to adverse personnel action by their employer or adverse administrative action by the Command.

Cinco de Mayo FIESTA!
OCEANVIEW CLUB AT 2100!

LIVE BANDS!
Atomic Playboys & Ballistic Love

CINCO DE MAYO

Piñata & Snacks start at 1730!

FERDINAND

Movie starts at 1800
Location: Library (#805)

VISIT USAG-KA ONLINE.



For community updates, and episodes of the Kwaj Current, please visit the official US-AG-KA Facebook page and YouTube channel. For command information questions, please contact Public Affairs at 54848.