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# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



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 KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS FILE PHOTO



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# [FIELDNOTES]

## FOR OPERATION FLINTLOCK

**Seventy-five years ago, U.S. forces undertook one of the most impressive amphibious military campaigns in history. Operation Flintlock, the code name for America's invasion of the Marshall Islands, would involve troop landings on the atolls of Majuro, Eniwetok and Kwajalein, resulting in the clearing upwards of 100 small islands of Japanese resistance and destroying critical enemy naval and air bases. What follows are a series of stories on the invasion of Kwajalein Atoll, the fulcrum of Operation Flintlock, with a focus on Kwajalein Island, where the Army's 7th Infantry would take on the men of Japan's 6th Base Force, 6th Defense Force, amphibious brigades, naval special landing forces and South Seas detachments. These stories come from a report from by former Kwaj resident and Hourglass**

**contributor Pat Cataldo, printed on the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Kwajalein.**

### Jan. 30, 1944

Kwajalein Island lies battered and burning tonight after two days of pulverizing naval bombardment and intensive bombing and strafing by land and carrier-based planes.

The fires of destruction on Japan's principal naval base in the Marshalls are visible to men of the 7th Infantry Division (the "Hourglass Division"), veteran troops who wait for D-Day aboard vessels of the Southern Attack Force.

Roi and Namur islands, center of Japan's air power in the Marshalls, are under attack from planes and ships of the Northern Attack Force, while men of the 4th Marine Division, not yet tried in battle, also wait for D-Day.

This afternoon, the battleships Mas-

sachusetts, Indiana and Washington pounded Kwajalein with 1,000 rounds of 16-inch ammunition—an average of one 250-pound shell every 15 seconds of the four-hour bombardment.

The attacks on Kwajalein, Roi and Namur began early yesterday. Though weather was squally and skies were overcast, planes from the carriers Cowpens, Monterey and Bunker Hill, positioned southwest of Kwajalein, took off an hour before sunrise for the first bombing run on Kwajalein's airfield and nearby buildings.

Despite intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, the bombing and strafing continued over the entire island throughout the day.

At Roi and Namur, planes from the carriers Essex, Intrepid and Cabot began their assault at dawn, dropping 2,000-pound bombs on runways and scouring numerous hits on hangars, fuel dumps and gun positions. Ninety-two Japanese aircraft were based on Roi, but U.S. planes at once gained command of the air, and after 0800, no Japanese planes were seen flying airborne.

B-25s, flying from bases in the Gilbert islands, joined in the attack to drop 23 tons of bombs on Kwajalein and 15 tons on Roi.

More than 400 sorties were flown over Kwajalein, Roi and Namur by carrier-based planes. U.S. losses totaled four Helicats and a torpedo-bomber over Kwajalein. No U.S. ship was attacked by enemy aircraft.

In related actions of the past two days, the airstrip at Majuro has been completely neutralized by air attack, and Japanese installations on Wotje, Maloelap, Jaluit and Mili have been severely damaged by bombing and strafing guns.

### Jan. 31, 1944

#### 7th Infantry Troops Ashore Near Strongholds

After a series of highly successful amphibious landings, American troops are ashore tonight on four small islands near Kwajalein and on five islets flanking Roi and Namur. They are closing in on these two major Japanese strongholds in the

## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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Marshalls. Every objective was gained, with U.S. casualties classified as light.

In actions today around Kwajalein island (codename: Porcelain), U.S. troops captured Enubuj (Carlson), Ennylabegan (Carlos), Gea (Carter) and Ninni (Cecil) islands and brought Gea Pass under U.S. control. American casualties were one dead, two wounded.

Forty-eight 105mm howitzers have been set up on Enubuj and are harassing Kwajalein, as heavier 155mm guns are rapidly being landed. The naval bombardment of Kwajalein's defenses continues, and destroyer Wall is delivering harassing fire on Ebeye (Burton), Japan's chief seaplane base in the Marshalls. It is known to harbor several hundred Japanese troops.

At the northern end of the atoll, the 25th Regimental Combat Team of the 4th Marine Division has secured five islands near Roi and Namur at a cost of 18 American dead, eight missing and 40 wounded. Artillery has been established ashore, and North Pass is safe for the passage of ships.

As night falls, fresh landing troops are poised for tomorrow's strikes against Kwajalein, Roi and Namur, the main objectives for the invasion.

The action began today at dawn, when Battleships Pennsylvania and Mississippi began firing on the western-end of Kwajalein Island. By 0830, Enubuj, Ennylabegan, Kwajalein, Ebeye and South Guegeegue (Beverly) were being systematically raked by the fire of four battleships, three cruisers and four destroyers.

In preparation for landings by the 17th Regimental Combat Team on Enubuj and Ennylabegan, more than 2,000 rounds of 5-inch shells were poured on the two islands. Twenty-one tons of bombs and 50,000 rounds of 50-caliber ammunition were expended by 51 escort carrier planes in bombing and strafing runs.

U.S. troops captured Enubuj at noon, taking 20 prisoners after very light resistance. Within an hour, divisional artillery began coming ashore. By 1800, the howitzers were registered on Kwajalein.

Opposed only by a few Japanese firing light rifles and automatic weapons, the 17th RCT captured Ennylabegan by 1300 without a single American casualty. Organization began immediately to set up supply dumps and repair stations.

The landing on Gea was made shortly after by B Troop, a provisional unit made up of men of the 7th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop and Co. B, 111th Infantry. After a short fight, the island was secured at 0930. Twenty-two Japanese were



Kwajalein Hourglass archive photo

killed and one taken prisoner. American losses were one killed and one wounded.

Ninni, which with Gea guards an important entrance to the lagoon, was captured by A Troop at 1230 hours. The men first mistakenly landed on Gehh, next island northwest of Ninni, after fighting strong currents and off-shore winds in their rubber landing craft. The error was discovered after a brief reconnaissance, during which four Japanese were killed and two taken prisoner. When troops proceeded to Ninni, they found it unoccupied and took possession at once.

A unique part of today's operation was the use, for the first time in the Pacific, of an underwater demolition team. At 1000 hours, and again at 1600, this team, worked its way within 300 yards of the beach at the western end of Kwajalein Island where U.S. forces will land tomorrow. They were searching for underwater obstacles and anti-boat mines.

As light faded this evening, troops of the 32nd and 184th Regimental Combat Teams (RCTs) of the 7th Infantry Division moved from transports to LVTs. They are scheduled to make the initial landings on Kwajalein Island in the morning.

### **Feb. 1, 1944 D-Day on Kwajalein**

After a near-perfect amphibious assault this morning on beaches at the west end of Kwajalein Island, troops of the 32nd and 184th RCTs, and the 767th Tank Battalion have advanced approximately one-third the length of the island against stiffening Japanese resistance.

The most devastating naval, artillery and air bombardment yet seen in the Pacific began at dawn and continued until H-Hour. At one time, two shells per second were hitting specific targets and areas ahead of the assault troops.

Altogether, nearly 7,000 14-inch, 8-inch and 5-inch shells hit Kwajalein today from supporting naval vessels alone. Most of them landed on the main beaches before the assault.

Field artillery on Enubuj (Carlson) expended 29,000 rounds of 105mm ammunition. Heavy bombers flew from Tarawa to drop 15 1,000 and 2,000-pound bombs on the landing area. Carrier-based dive and torpedo bombers and fighters flew a total of 96 supporting sorties.

As the landing craft started for shore, Navy aircraft made a last strafing run. Artillery shells from Enubuj were still hitting the beach when the LVTs were within 35 yards.

The first wave of troops landed exactly on schedule at 0930 at Red beach 1 (in the vicinity) of the invasion beach marker). One minute later, troops went ashore at Red Beach 2 (near the USAKA Photo Lab).

Within 12 minutes, 1,200 men and their equipment had landed without a single casualty, and amphibious tanks had advanced 100 yards to support the troops as they organized.

So effective was the pre-landing bombardment that Japanese resistance was at first largely confined to sporadic small arms fire as the 32nd RCT advanced along the ocean side, and the 184th RCT moved forward on the lagoon side.

By 1130, determined Japanese resistance had developed, but U.S. troops continued their advancement. By about 1800, they had driven approximately 1,600 yards along the length of the island from the landing beaches.

The 184th has established defensive positions for the night on a line inland of the lagoon (just west of Bldg. 1010), with the 32nd dug in on a line inland from the ocean (in the area of the weath-

er station).

American casualties at the end of the first day of the Battle of Kwajalein Island are 17 dead and 46 wounded. Japanese casualties are 500 killed, 11 captured.

## **Feb. 2, 1944**

### **D+1**

At the end of the second day's fighting on Kwajalein, hopes are high for a speedy victory tomorrow. But U.S. troops are wary and watchful tonight for suicide counterattacks by the 200 to 300 Japanese Soldiers believed to be the only enemy survivors.

Reports from prisoners indicate that 1,000 to 1,200 Japanese fell during the assault today, and that remaining defensive positions are in ruins, with all communications broken.

Orders have come from the headquarters of Maj. Gen. C. H. Corlett, Commander of the 7th Infantry Division, to be alert, as "the Japanese Soldier makes his suicide counterattack at dawn on the day after his cause becomes hopeless."

Today's action began at 0715, when men of the 32nd and 184th Regimental Combat Teams and 767th Tank Battalion moved forward after 15 minutes of preparatory fire from artillery on Enubuj (Carlson) Island.

Advancing along the ocean side, the 32nd with support tanks, reduced two Japanese strong points—"Cat" (in the vicinity of the Country Club and golf course) and "Corn" (at the east end of the runway). Corn was protected by an elaborate tank trap that extended nearly halfway across the island.

These troops are dug in for the night in the abandoned trenches and shell craters around the tank trap.


The 184th, in its push up the lagoon side, met considerable resistance in the area now covered by fresh water tanks. There, the rubble of a large number of buildings offered enough cover for Japanese snipers and machine gun crews. Because tanks assigned to the 184th had been loaned to the 32nd for assault on "Corn" strong point, the infantry advance has been temporarily stalled.

The 184th has taken positions for the night on a line slightly westward of that of the 32nd. U.S. casualties for the day total 11 killed in action and 241 wounded.

In 70 sorties today, carrier-based planes dropped 40 tons of bombs and expended 20,800 rounds of 50-caliber ammunition. No Japanese aircraft has been seen operating in the entire Marshall Islands area.

Naval units of the Kwajalein Island Defense Group and transports carrying



 Kwajalein Hourglass archive photo

reserve forces arrived in the lagoon today. The hospital ship Relief also arrived today.

## **Feb. 3, 1944**

### **D+2**

U.S. infantrymen pushed forward today against a fanatically determined and heavily defended enemy to gain another thousand yards in the Battle of Kwajalein.

It was the costliest day yet for American troops on the island, with 54 killed in action and 255 wounded.

Last night's estimates by prisoners of 200 to 300 Japanese survivors proved to be way off the mark. The 184th Regimental Combat Team reports 800 to 1,000 enemy soldiers killed in their area. In one huge blockhouse alone, 200 were found, most of them apparent suicides. The 32nd reports an additional 300 enemy dead in the advance along the ocean side.

U.S. troops had expected to make a rapid advance to the north end of Kwajalein today, but the 184th ran into serious trouble shortly after it moved out at 0715.

As infantrymen approached the area around what is now the intersection of 9th St. and Lagoon Rd., they came without warning upon the most heavily fortified area of the island.

Facing them on the near edge of this area stood a great blockhouse of reinforced concrete. Fifty yards beyond, nearly undamaged by bombardment, were two huge shelters of thick, reinforced concrete, steel plate and logs under a mound of sand several feet thick.

Other underground shelters and concrete blockhouses, intact and active, were scattered through dense ruins, rubble and trees.

One observer described it as "trying to fight one's way across the landscape of a nightmare." Small, often isolated groups of infantry with rifles and whatever demolition charges they could carry or drag, blasted out one nest of enemy combatants after another.

Smoke and flying debris were so thick that units operating 10 yards apart were unaware of each other's presence.

One building was found to be empty. To prevent its possible reentry by enemy troops, it was demolished and set afire.

Later it was discovered that the building had contained all the beer, sake and candy the Japanese had on Kwajalein. Only a few bottles of beer were saved.

The 32nd RCT had an easier time of it. From their jump-off point to about the location of the Terminal Building, there was little resistance.

Then a pillbox off to the left (about where the projection booth of the Richardson Theater is situated) caused a temporary halt. Demolition charges and 75mm shells from medium tanks drove the enemy out one by one.

With resistance continuing light, the 32nd has advanced to the area of the Adult Pool.

As night falls, the threat of Japanese counterattack increases. Some incidents have occurred as far as 1,000 yards behind the 32nd's advance positions.

Just after sunset, a bugle was heard among the Japanese at the foot of the pier at 6th St., followed by a headlong at-



📷 Kwajalein Hourglass archive photo

tack by screaming Japanese. They were cut down to the last man.

Illuminating shells and naval searchlights, together with sporadic artillery and naval fire, are being employed to lessen the chance of a night attack. But the American troops on Kwajalein await the expected dawn charge.

### **Ebeye**

Another phase of the Battle of Southern Kwajalein Atoll began this morning when the 17th Regimental Combat Team made an amphibious assault on Ebeye (Burton), chief Japanese seaplane base in the Marshalls.

Among Japanese facilities there are more than 120 machine shops, warehouses and other buildings. A 100-yard-wide concrete ramp for seaplanes extends about 300 yards along the northern lagoon shore, with large hangars and repair shops nearby. A 160-yard concrete pier extends into the lagoon about midway along the coast.

This morning's preliminary naval and air bombardment was so effective that on the landing beach (lagoon side, south end of Ebeye) and for 200 yards inland, no live enemy Soldiers were encountered.

The advance proceeded steadily northward, slowed somewhat by enemy pillboxes and a large number of individual rifle pits in which enemy Soldiers lie concealed, waiting for a change to fire on U.S. troops from behind.

Though resistance is determined, it seems to consist mainly of individual and small group action without apparent direction. Some Japanese were discovered fighting with spears made of bayonets attached to poles.

The 17th RCT has taken defensive po-

sitions for the night on a line about 50 yards south of the pier.

### **Big Bister, Little Buster**

Big and Little Buster, between Kwajalein and Ebeye, were also taken under fire today, and occupation was completed by 1630.

### **Feb. 4, 1944**

#### **D+3: The 7th Infantry Victorious in Battle of Kwajalein**

The Battle of Kwajalein is over.

At dusk today, men of the 32nd Regimental Combat Team surged across the last 150 yards of the island, over-running the one remaining bunker and gun emplacement (now known as Bunker Hill, near Qtrs. 223).

Across the lagoon, two and a half miles to the north, U.S. troops can see where another American victory was won today. Ebeye was declared fully secured at 1537, after the 17th RCT made a fast, almost unopposed advance from the pier to the north shore.

The final action on Kwajalein began at sunrise, shortly after 0700, when the 32nd pushed off from last night's bivouac (near the Adult Pool) for an advance along the ocean to 6th St. where the team was to fan out for a sweep over the entire island to the north end.

Almost immediately, there was heavy fire from Japanese who had been bypassed yesterday (near the Pacific Bachelor Quarters). The advance was stalled for nearly three hours, as units turned aside to clean out positions firing on them.

At the same time, the 184th RCT was encountering pockets of determined resistance in the area between 9th St. and Lagoon Rd.

Today, for the first time since the landings, the enemy has surrendered in considerable numbers. Many have been isolated, without water, for the past two days.

Thirty-one Koreans and Japanese ran out of one building after the 184th brought up a loudspeaker and Ninsei interpreters, who broadcast promises of food, water and immunity from harm. More than 90 prisoners were taken by the 184th during the morning.

In another area, men of the 32nd covered five Korean prisoners with BARs and moved them from shelter to shelter while the prisoners persuaded others to surrender. In less than an hour, 33 prisoners were taken.

By 1300, the 184th had reached its objective at the foot of the pier. After cutting off the enemy withdrawal across from 5th St., the 184th turned its attention to a thorough mop-up of areas to the rear. By 1430, all enemy action had been overcome on the lagoon side from landing beaches to the pier.

The 2nd Battalion, 32nd RCT, was in position north of 6th St. at 1345 to begin its final assault (through what is now the trailer and old housing area). The ground was a tangle of debris interlaced with trenches, many of which contained the long-dead. The stench of decay and acrid odor of burned palm wood filled the air.

With satchel charges, grenades and ultimately flame throwers, the 32nd cleared dugouts and still-active pillboxes and blockhouses.

When the weary victors reached the northern tip of the island at 1920, organized resistance had ceased.

### **Feb. 5, 1944**

#### **D+4: Battle Complete**

The Southern Invasion Force today completed occupation of Southern Kwajalein Atoll from Ennugeliggelap in the west to Gellinam in the east.

American losses were 142 dead, two missing in action, 845 wounded. The best estimate of enemy losses in Southern Kwajalein Atoll is 4,938 casualties and 206 prisoners, including 127 Koreans.

### **Feb. 6, 1944**

#### **D+5**

After a day spent burying enemy dead, the men of the 32nd and 184th RCTs turned Kwajalein Island over to garrison and defense forces.

**Read on next week for the Battle for northern Kwajalein Atoll.**



# THE ARC BEAUTIFUL

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*1) The atrium of the new-and-improved Adult Recreation Center (ARC) on Kwajalein. 2) NEXT PAGE, FROM LEFT: Lee Davis, MB Taylor, U.S. Army Garrison Atoll Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins, Col. James DeOre, USAG-KA commander, Charity Zimmerman, Jeffrey Suis; and Thomson Tarwoj take a tour of the updated ARC facility. 3) New endtables and benches stationed near a gaming table just need a few occupants. 4) Davis displays an electric massage chair that will be available for use in the coming months. 5) Green settees in the ARC foyer add a modern twist in a beloved island hangout. 6) The main TV area in the ARC now sports tables with inlaid nautical designs and a lit corner armoire.*

## HOURLASS REPORT

**In February 2018**, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll welcomed Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) to the island.

February 2018 was also when USAG-KA's Director of MWR Contract Officer Representative Jeffrey Suis, and Business and Nonprofit Liaison Charity Zimmerman, visited Camp Casey in South Korea. Their mission: to source Kwajalein equipment that MWR could use to make Kwajalein a more enjoyable place to live.

This weekend, many of those improvements were visible at the Kwajalein Adult Recreation Center (ARC). Walk in (don't forget to sign-in) and check it out. The entire facility's interior has received a new paint job and carpet cleaning. But the improvements do not just end with general maintenance. The old furniture was exchanged for modern green settees and tables. A lighted glass armoire case is visible in a corner of the main television viewing area. The ARC is also set to receive gaming equipment like pinball machines and electronic dart boards.

Meanwhile, residents over age 19 are invited to enjoy the updated spaces. Keys to a kitchen and band room are available for checkout in the Grace Sherwood Library in Building 805.

In the past year, MWR's improvements around the island have begun to add up. It is hard to miss the golf carts and repairs to the Ocean View Club. But wait, there is definitely more on the way. Be on the lookout for more gear and equipment to trickle in around the island.



U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch

# TRUE STORIES FROM FLINTLOCK

## HOURLASS REPORT

*These stories come from a report from by former Kwaj resident and Hourglass contributor Pat Cataldo, printed on the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Kwajalein.*

### **Father and Son Fight Flintlock**

Tragedy struck in many places on day three of Operation Flintlock, but no death was more tragic than that of Private 1st Class Jack Brown, a member of the 24th Marine Regiment's 3rd Battalion. Nineteen-year-old Jack had stowed away on a transport so he could be with his father, Cpl. Earl Brown, 44. Father and son had been in the same company, but when it was time for the invasion to ship out, Jack was hospitalized with a minor illness and transferred to another outfit. "Pop" had boarded the ship alone. Just before the division, Jack was found stowed away and taken off and arrested.

Cpl. Brown's wife phoned the commandant's office in Washington and told the story of her husband's and son's efforts to be together. The charges against Jack were dropped, and he joined his old company. Father and son were together all during the trip to the Marshalls.

Jack hit the beach first and was killed during the night when the Japanese counterattacked. Pop went on fighting—alone.

### **Courageous Navy Corpsman**

**Pharmacist's Mate** 1st Class James V. Kirby, a member of the 24th Marines 3rd Battalion's aid station on the beach, was sent up to the front during the late afternoon to assist the company corpsmen. Arriving there, he worked with the wounded for some time and then collected a group of them a short distance behind the lines to await stretcher bearers. But darkness overtook them. Orders had been given to fire on anyone moving about in the night, and the litter teams

had to stay on the beach. Kirby settled down with his charges to sweat out the night.

He didn't know what was coming.

When the Japanese counterattack came, and the 3rd Battalion had to pull back, Kirby found himself—and the wounded—between the enemy and his own troops. He could not go back for help without endangering the lives of the wounded. He got them into a large bomb crater, administered first aid, cheered them up and gave them cigarettes, which they smoked under the blackout of a poncho.

When the Marines charged forward to gain their old positions, Kirby found himself in the crossfire of battle. He could hear the cries and groans of newly wounded, and, crawling out of his hole to find them, led them to the safety of the crater. There he dressed their wounds

before returning to new cries in the darkness.

One of the cries that split the night was that of Pfc. Richard K. Sorenson. He had hurled himself on an enemy grenade to save the six comrades with him in a shell hole. Kirby reached Sorenson in time to tie a severed artery and stop the bleeding, which would surely have cost Sorenson his life. He took Sorenson to the hole where the other wounded lay and treated him throughout the night.

When daybreak came, and the Japanese Banzai had been completely broken, a crew of corpsmen advanced to search for Kirby. They found him with a total of 15 wounded. He had won a 12-hour tilt with death. For his meritorious service, he was later awarded the Bronze Star. Sorenson, whose action had saved six companions—lived to receive the Medal of Honor.



📷 Kwajalein Hourglass archive photo

*A corpsman attends to a wounded officer during Operation Flintlock.*

# USAG-KA TOWN HALL

*All U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll residents are encouraged to attend a town hall session hosted by the Commanding General of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command Lt. Gen. James Dickinson*



*6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26 in the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room*



*An unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile launches during a developmental test at 11:01 Pacific Standard Time Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019, at Vandenberg Air Force Base.*

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Patrick Harrower



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**PASSPORT**



## **EMBASSY VISIT MARCH 8-9**

**U.S. Embassy Majuro will conduct American Citizen Services in Building 730 (Garrison HQ), room 102 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.**

**Adult passport renewal: \$110**

**Adult passport (first time, 16 and older): \$145**

**Adult passport (if previous passport lost, stolen, mutilated): \$145**

**Minor passport (15 and younger): \$115**

**Adult Passport Card: \$30**

**Minor Passport Card: \$15**

**Consular Record of Birth Abroad: \$100**

**Passport photos must be recent (within 6 months) and without eyeglasses. Questions? Contact Host Nation Activities, 5-2103 or 5-5325 or visit <https://mh.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/> New! Only money orders and cashier's checks (payable to "US Embassy, Majuro") accepted; can be purchased from Community Bank or at the Post Office.**

## **FEBRUARY SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**The School Advisory Committee meets at 7 p.m. in the Coconut Room on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is February 20, 2019**

### **SAC REPRESENTATIVES**

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## WEEKEND MOVIES

### KWAJALEIN MOVIES

Date: Saturday, 9 February 2019

Time: 1930

Location: Yuk Theater

Movie: Nobody's Fool

Rating: R

Length: 1 Hr. 50 Mins.

Projectionist: Brian Lee

Date: Sunday, 10 February 2019

Time: 1930

Location: Yuk Theater

Movie: Bohemian Rhapsody

Rating: PG-13

Length: 2 Hr. 13 Min.

Projectionist: Jenna Gray

Date: Monday, 11 February 2019

Time: 1930

Location: Yuk Theater

Movie: Widows

Rating: R

Length: 2 Hr. 08 Min.

Projectionist: Graeson Cossey

### ROI-NAMUR MOVIES

Date: Saturday, 9 February 2019

Time: 1930

Location: Tradewinds Theater

Movie: OverLord

Rating: R

Length: 1 Hr. 48 Min.

Projectionist: Todd Gowen

Date: Sunday, 10 February 2019

Time: 1930

Location: Tradewinds Theater

Movie: Hunter Killer

Rating: R

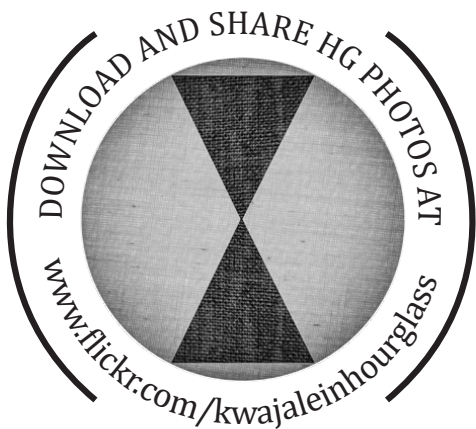
Length: 2 Hr. 03 Min.

Projectionist: Todd Gowen



Wilmer Bolkeim Multi-purpose Center, Ebeye, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Saturday, Feb. 9 at 4:30 p.m. USAG-KA residents are cordially invited to the Kwajalein Memorial Day Observance. The event also commemorates the 75th Anniversary of Operation Flintlock. Conservative attire is recommended.





# CONTACT KWAJ POLICE ON FACEBOOK

## HOURGLASS REPORT

**The Department of the Army Police, Kwajalein Atoll** have an additional, new way to communicate with the island community through the use of social media. The new Facebook page affords the community an opportunity to share comments, concerns and suggestions when it comes to community safety and Law Enforcement Operations. The Facebook page will also allow people to share tips and information and provide an avenue for individuals to stay anonymous (outside of page administrators) if they choose to do so.

Our new Facebook page will also provide an additional place to share official information, events, and community updates. This will help elevate the need to gather information or look to unofficial

sites for the answers to questions that fall within the Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement. The page is monitored by Law Enforcement managers and supervisors. All posts to the page from both law enforcement and the island community will be vetted through Police Administrators, Garrison Security Managers and the Public Affairs Office to maintain clarity and OPSEC before being visible to the public.

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## E-WARENESS

## REDUCE WASTE TOGETHER

### REPORT / DI ENVIRONMENTAL

To be a more sustainable community we should turn to reducing waste where we can. A metal water bottle can be refilled for multiple uses. Water filters can take away that "tap" water taste. You may even save a bit of money in the end.

Non komman bwe jukjuk in bed in en juon jikin eo ebolamen, jen kadriklok waste jonan wot ad maron. Bato ko koman jen metal komaron teini im bar teini elon alen. Komaron koman bwe nemen dren eo enana en jako jen nien dren ko ilo am jenij i "tap" eo ak faucet eo an. Komaron kio save jaan jen am bar wia'k juon nien dren kaal.

**E-Wareness is a product of the DI Environmental Office. If you have any questions, please call DI Environmental at 5-1134. Elane elon am kajjitok, jouj im kurlok DI Environmental ilo 5-1134.**



**Community members can report crime and follow the Department of the Army Police, Kwajalein Atoll, on Facebook.**



**In an effort to meet the needs of the USAG-KA community, we would like your feedback on current MWR events. Check out our survey link on the Garrison and FMWR Face Book pages. Help us continue to provide high-quality services and programming for the community!**

**[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/USAG-KA\\_MWR](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/USAG-KA_MWR)**

# WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

## SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:09 a.m. 6:58 p.m.	10:37 a.m. 11:01 p.m.	7:05 a.m. 3.6' 7:12 p.m. 3.8'	1:00 a.m. -0.2' 1:03 p.m. 0.1'
<b>MONDAY</b>	7:09 a.m. 6:58 p.m.	11:18 a.m. 11:48 p.m.	7:38 a.m. 3.4' 7:44 p.m. 3.4'	1:28 a.m. 0.0' 1:39 p.m. 0.4'
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:09 a.m. 6:58 p.m.	12:00 p.m. -----	8:20 a.m. 3.2' 8:27 p.m. 3.0'	2:02 a.m. 0.3' 2:27 p.m. 0.8'
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7:08 a.m. 6:58 p.m.	12:45 p.m. 12:37 a.m.	9:21 a.m. 3.0' 9:38 p.m. 2.5'	2:46 a.m. 0.6' 3:44 p.m. 1.1'
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7:08 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	1:35 p.m. 1:30 a.m.	11:02 a.m. 2.9' 11:54 p.m. 2.2'	3:59 a.m. 0.9' 5:59 p.m. 1.2'
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7:08 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	2:28 p.m. 2:25 a.m.	12:54 p.m. 3.2' -----	5:57 a.m. 1.0' 7:46 p.m. 0.7'
<b>FEBRUARY 16</b>	7:08 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	3:27 p.m. 3:24 a.m.	1:45 a.m. 2.5' 2:07 p.m. 3.8'	7:33 a.m. 0.7' 8:46 p.m. 0.1'

**WEATHER DISCUSSION:** The short version: winds! The Trade winds speeds have increased due to a subtropical high, increasing strength and located near Wake Island. Winds will be sustained over 20 knots with gusts 34 knots through this weekend. Significant wave height in the open ocean east of the atoll will be approaching 12 feet by Tuesday. Expect a small craft advisory to persist into Tuesday. Then winds decrease to 15-20 knots towards the middle of the week.

Dry conditions will continue the next seven days. Some hints of possible driver to increase precipitation 10-14 days from now, but uncertainty at that timeframe is high. Generally, below normal precipitation for February is still expected. Check next week's article for an update.

**SATURDAY:** Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers (less than ten percent coverage across the atoll). Winds NE-ESE at 19-24 knots with gusts to 34 knots.

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**NEXT WEEK:** Showers coverage typically less than 10 percent. Trade wind speeds decreasing to 15-20 Wednesday and Thursday next week.

# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

## HELP WANTED

To research and apply for government employment opportunities on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and worldwide, visit [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov).

San Juan Construction has multiple openings on Kwajalein. Please see our website [www.sanjuanconstruction.com](http://www.sanjuanconstruction.com) or contact recruiter Tim Hughes at [thughes@sjcco.com](mailto:thughes@sjcco.com) or (970) 497-8238.

DynCorp International (DI) is looking for qualified candidates to fill various positions. Current DI open positions on USAG-KA include education services, aviation and airfield operations, marine operations and public works among others. For more information and to apply, go to: [www.dilogcap.com](http://www.dilogcap.com) or contact your local HR representative.

Berry Aviation has an opening for an Aviation Supply Supervisor (unaccompanied). If interested please apply at [www.berryaviation.com](http://www.berryaviation.com) "Careers" and/or call Steve Simpson @ 5-2273.

Berry Aviation has an on island/local RMI opening for Supply Warehouse Lead. Must have basic computer skills, including Microsoft Word, Excel and Access. Contact [lynn.a.price5.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:lynn.a.price5.ctr@mail.mil).

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

Alcoholics Anonymous. Tuesday nights, 6:30-7:30 p.m., open meeting. REB Classroom 213, upstairs. For more information please contact the Island Memorial Chapel at 5-3505 or [kwajchapel@gmail.com](mailto:kwajchapel@gmail.com).

Ongoing Smoking and Tobacco Cessation offered. Please call EAP at 5-5362 or make an appointment with a physician.

YYWC's Cupid's Corner Valentine's Day Bake Sale! Monday, Feb. 11, from noon-2 p.m., downtown in front of the MIC Shop. Proceeds to benefit educational needs through-

out the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia.

Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Basket Auction March 10, 6:30pm in high school Multi Purpose (MP) Room. Live and Silent Auction. Formal Attire.

YYWC Basket Auction ticket sales begin Saturday, Feb 9 4:30-6 p.m. Between Express and Pxtra; Monday, Feb. 11 12-2 p.m. In front of MIC Shop; Tuesday Feb. 12 4:30-6 p.m. in front of Surfway. Single \$35 or Reserved VIP Table \$400. Limited number of Reserved VIP tables. VIP tables accommodate seating for up to eight (8) people. Full table price (\$400) due at time of purchase. Deadline for purchasing tables is Feb. 17.

The Kwajalein and Roi Post Office's will be closed on Saturday, February 16, 2019 in observance of President's Day. These facilities will resume regular hours of operation on Tuesday, February 19, 2019.

Attention USAG-KA Residents: Telephone Fee Collection. DynCorp International is collecting for residential and business phone services. Kwaj residents can pay at the cash cage in building 702, Tuesday - Saturday from 1 - 5 p.m. Roi Namur residents can pay at the Finance Office, Tuesday - Friday from 1 - 4 p.m. The monthly fee is \$10 per line and due no later than the 10th of each month.

EAP/ International SOS will be providing a training for all managers/supervisors island wide on March 6 at 9 a.m. in Conference Room located on the second floor of the Kwajalein Hospital. Managers and supervisors will learn about what services are available through the EAP, how to identify employees who may benefit from support services, and strategies to connect employees with the EAP. Please contact the EAP, Mary Beth Dawicki, at 5-5362 to confirm your attendance.

Send community announcements and updates to [kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com](mailto:kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com).



## CATCH THE CURRENT ON CHANNEL 29-1.



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

**CW2 Jarell Smith**  
**SHARP Victim Advocate**  
Work: 805 355 2139  
Home: 805 355 2036

**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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*Yokwe Yuk Women's Club*

**3.10.2019**

## BASKET AUCTION

FUNDRAISER AND COCKTAIL EVENT

### DONATIONS

Past Donor? New to Kwaj and want to get involved with a great cause? Funds raised go to Education Grants for Marshallese and Micronesian schools! Your donations of Goods, Services and Events are needed and appreciated! Anything from homemade goodies, handmade items, hard to come by off island goods, sunset cruises, dinner parties, photo shoots, art and much much more.

Donate something as a business or vendor, on your own, or get together with family or friends to create a basket to be auctioned.

### TICKETS

**Single \$35 or Reserved VIP Table \$400**

Single ticket includes two (2) drink tickets, and delicious food brought to you by some of the finest cooks on Kwajalein!

Reserved VIP tables accommodate seating of up to eight (8) people and include all of the above in addition to special appetizers waiting at the table and a surprise coupon redeemable at the auction.

TICKET SALE DATES AND LOCATIONS COMING SOON!

### TO DONATE, CONTACT:

**CHAMEE CROSS**  
**CHAMEE.CROSS@GMAIL.COM**  
5-2374

**JOANNA BATTISE**  
**JOANNA\_CORRELL@YAHOO.COM**  
5-4122

JABRO SCHOOL, 2018 GRANT RECIPIENTS  
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## 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.

## SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

To set up a pick up time for the shuttle please call: 5-3341 or 5-8294. If a representative cannot be reached, please leave a detailed message and your phone call will be returned as soon as possible. Shuttle services start one hour prior to check-in times for United flights and 0700 for the ATI.