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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Republic of the Marshall Islands President Dr. Hilda Heine and U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Karen Stewart present official remarks during the Kwajalein Memorial Day Observance Feb. 9 on Ebeye.

ATOLL COMMUNITY CELEBRATES KWAJALEIN MEMORIAL DAY

HOURLASS REPORT

On the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Marshall Islands during WWII, residents of Ebeye and Kwajalein, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Command staff dignitaries from the U.S. and RMI governments gathered on Ebeye Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Wilmer Bolkheim Multi-purpose Center on Ebeye to celebrate Kwajalein Memorial Day.

The 2019 observance was an occasion to honor and remember the auspicious events and sacrifice that brought the U.S. and RMI together many years ago. The festivities incorporated par-

ticipants from the U.S. and RMI. Festivities began with a parade that began at the Ebeye dock, led by a color guard of Marshallese national and local police officers and the Kwajalein High School Marching Band. Master of Ceremonies Wayne Korok and Sen. Michael Kabua welcomed the attendants gathered. The KHS band played the U.S. national anthem. Additional musical performances were provided by the Ebeye LKC String Band and church choirs.

The President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Dr. Hilda Heine, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI, Karen Stewart and Kwajalein Atoll Local Government (KALGOV) Mayor Hirata Kabua

presented official remarks during the ceremony. They reflected on the significance of the event for communities and residents throughout the atoll.

The memorial day celebration commemorates the liberation of Kwajalein Atoll and also the lives of citizens and Soldiers who lost their lives during Operation Flintlock, the battle to liberate the Marshall Islands, which lasted from January to February 1944.

Seventy-five years after the war, the event bridges communities throughout the atoll and celebrates the continued mutual peace, respect and partnership between the U.S. and RMI as, together, they move forward into the future.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURLASS

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Ebeye's LKC Band of guitars and ukuleles entertain attendants at the Kwajalein Memorial Day Observance on Ebeye Feb. 9.



USAG-KA TOWN HALL

**6:30-7:30 P.M., TUESDAY, FEB. 26
KWAJALEIN JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

**ALL U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL RESIDENTS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND A TOWN HALL HOSTED BY
THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF
U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND
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[INTO THE NORTHERN ATOLL]

HOURLASS REPORT

This week The Kwajalein Hourglass continues its series of articles exploring the many phases of Operation Flintlock, the battle to liberate the Marshall Islands. The text that follows is an excerpt from "The Fourth Marine Division" by Robert Sherrod, which details the battle for Roi-Namur. It first ran in The Kwajalein Hourglass in February 1994.

There is no doubt in my mind. When the final returns are in, historians will decide that the Central Pacific was the main stroke against Japan (during WWII). This was the campaign where the 4th Marine Division fought all its battles—at Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima.

The 4th Marine Division was in combat a little over 60 days in WWII. But in those 60-odd days, the division saw more action than many divisions see in 600 days—action as fierce as any troops ever saw.

The price the division had to pay was heavy—as it must be on small, vital targets. It amounted to 75 percent of the original divisional strength. It takes men to stand such losses and come up as determined as ever. The 4th had men.

SETTING RECORDS

The 4th Marine Division set three new records on its first operation. It became the first division to go directly into combat from the United States. It was the first to capture Japanese-mandated ter-

ritory in the Pacific, and it secured its objective in a shorter time than that of any other important operation since the attack on Pearl Harbor.

For weeks, the coming battle had been known only by its codename: "Operation Flintlock." Not until the big convoy had passed the Hawaiian island was its destination revealed to all hands—the twin islands of Roi-Namur in the Kwajalein Atoll of the Marshall Islands. Simultaneously, the U.S. Army's 7th Infantry was to invade Kwajalein Island.

During the 18-day voyage to the atoll, the Marines had plenty of time to study their objective. With Tarawa fresh in their minds, the prospect of hitting a small, heavily defended beach was not too cheerful.

Operation maps showed numerous installations—coast defense guns, heavy and medium antiaircraft guns, machine guns, block houses, a total of 52 pillboxes, numerous antitank trenches, rifle trenches and barbed wire. Added to this, the two islands of Roi-Namur were hardly more than overgrown sand spits. Roi measured 1,200 by 1,250 yards at its widest points. Namur was 800 by 900 yards. Neither island was a square mile in size. An estimated 3,000 enemy troops were there to defend them. It was not a pleasant prospect.

Against this, however, was a preponderance of striking power. The task force that accompanied the Marine and Army divisions to the Marshalls was the largest in the Pacific at that time. The assemblage of carriers, battleships, cruisers and destroyers which preceded and convoyed the transports was a reassuring

sight to the Marines who lined the rails. U.S. infantry, furthermore, would outnumber the defenders two to one.

The 4th Division was part of the Northern Landing Force, under the command of Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt. Ground operations as a whole, including Kwajalein Island, were under the 5th Amphibious Corps. Maj. Gen. Holland M. Smith. The Joint Expeditionary Forces were commanded by U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Richmond K. Turner. The Northern Attack Force, of which the 4th Division was the landing force, was under the command of Rear Adm. Richard L. Conolly, USN.

PRE-INVASION BOMBING

Two days before D-Day, ships of the naval task forces and aircraft of the Fast Carrier Force in support of the 4th Division began to systematically bomb and shell every square yard of Roi-Namur.

Three battleships, the Tennessee, Maryland and Colorado, five cruisers and 19 destroyers combined in a nonstop barrage which laid 2,655 tons of steel on the islands.

The plan was to land the 14th Regiment, with its 75mm pack howitzers and 105mm howitzers, on five small islands that flanked Roi-Namur. Two of these islands flanked the entrance to the lagoon.

By seizing them, we could secure passage that would allow us to assault Roi-Namur from inside the lagoon. From these flanking islands, the artillery was to set up its close fire support to the assault troops. This was Phase One of the operation that took place Jan. 31, 1944.

PHASE ONE

The seizure of the small islands on either side of Roi-Namur fell to the 4th Division's Scout company and 25th Regimental Combat Team. To the Scout Company and the 1st battalion of the 25th Marines went the honor of being the first to land on an enemy-defended island in the Marshalls.

They went ashore at 0958 hours on the seaward side of Ennuebing and Mellu islands southwest of Roi-Namur. Ennuebing was secured at 1055 and the larger Mellu at 1209. Artillery came ashore within an hour.

The 2nd and 3rd battalions of the 25th landed on three other islands southeast of Roi-Namur—Enniburr, Ennumennet and Ennugarret (also known as Abraham Island). They were secured by nightfall. Artillery landed the following morning.

FLAG ON A COCONUT TREE

On *Enniburr*, the 2nd Battalion raised the first American flag in the Marshalls—on a coconut tree. This battalion seized an important communications center containing great quantities of American-made radio equipment.

PHASE TWO

The *attack* on Roi-Namur was Phase Two of the operation. It was to be made from the lagoon side by the 23rd and 24th Regimental Combat Teams, each landing two battalions abreast on the islands' four beaches.

The 1st and 2nd battalions of the 23rd were to strike Beaches Red 2 and 3 on Roi, and the 2nd and 3rd battalions of the 24th were to strike Beaches Green 1 and 2 on Namur. The day was Feb. 1, 1944. For most of the men in the division, this was their first time under fire.

D-DAY: FEB. 1, 1944

Early in the morning, the amphibian tractors rumbled down the ramps of the landing ships, tank (LSTs) and landing craft, vehicle, personnel (LCVPs) were swung over the sides of the transports.

The ships were still far out in the lagoon, and the smoking island was but a streak of sand and haze in the distance. H-Hour was set for 1000, but shortly after the boats began to rendezvous, word came that the landing had been delayed. Men in the boats waited.

Shortly after 1100, the assault units were waved over the line of departure, 4,000 yards from the shore. Naval gunfire began to hurl its final salvos against the beach, dive bombers plummeted to drop 1,000-pound blockbusters on installations not yet demolished and fighter planes came over for strafing runs. It was the heaviest and most perfectly coordinated concentration of pre-landing bombardment yet seen in the Pacific.

PLANES CRIPPLED, ENEMY FLEES

The *bombardment* paid big dividends. The first waves hit the beach at 1200. On Roi, the large, three-strip airfield was dotted with crippled Japanese planes and wrecked defenses. All but a few hundred of the enemy combatants had retreated to nearby Namur, which afforded better protection against the shelling.

When assault companies of the 23rd landed, the situation seemed almost too good to believe. Opposition had been disorganized and the beach was virtually undefended.



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By 1217 the regiment had reached Phase Line 0-1, and the good news was radioed to the commanding general: "This is a pip. Give us a word and we'll take the island." The order came back to halt and reorganize, but the tanks and two supporting companies had pushed ahead. To keep them from being shelled by naval guns, they were recalled.

TOUGH GOING ON NAMUR

On *nearby Namur*, the going was not so easy. Here, the Japanese had set up a stronger defense in the form of fire trenches and pillboxes. Thick vegetation gave them excellent concealment and served as camouflage. Although the naval shelling had killed and wounded many hundreds, a sizeable force remained.

The 2nd Battalion, on the right, received only a little scattered small-arms fire from the beach and pushed inland some 200 yards against the light opposition. The 3rd Battalion, on the left, ran into trouble immediately from several undamaged pillboxes. Many men were hit as they stepped from the landing boats. The assault companies were ordered to bypass the pillboxes and leave them for demolition teams. The companies reached the Phase Line 0-1 by 1400, paused to reorganize and waited for tanks and halftracks.

"THE WHOLE ISLAND HAS BLOWN UP"

Meanwhile, the 2nd Battalion moved ahead. Suddenly, a large enemy blockhouse, used as a storage place for aerial bombs and torpedo warheads, exploded without warning. An immense tower of smoke and rubble, including many torpedo warheads, shot into the sky. Con-

cussion felled men in every direction and fragments of metal and cement caught dozens before they could jump into shell holes. An officer vividly described the scene.

"An ink-black darkness spread over a large part of Namur such that the hand could not be seen in front of the face. Debris continued to fall for a considerable length of time, which seemed unending to those in the area who were all unprotected from the huge chunks of steel and concrete thudding on the ground about them. Before the explosion, the large blockhouse was conspicuously silhouetted against the skyline. After the explosion, nothing remained but a huge water-filled crater. Men were killed and wounded in small boats a considerable distance from the beach by the flying debris. Two more violent explosions, but lesser in intensity than the first, occurred among the assault troops during the next half hour."

The battalion suffered more than half of its total battle casualties in this swift moment, and its advance was held up temporarily.

By this time, the Japanese were recovering somewhat and beginning to offer fiercer resistance. The battle for Namur was not going to be easy. The 3rd Battalion, with tanks in support, pushed ahead at 1630.

FIRST MEDAL OF HONOR

A *platoon* under Lt. John V. Power soon encountered a pillbox that was spraying death all along the Marine lines. They rushed it, trying to lob grenades through the gun port or to get a place-charge against it. The fire was too hot.

They decided to work around the pill-



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box and attack from the rear. Lt. Power led the way. As he approached the doorway, a bullet caught him in the stomach. He didn't stop. To the amazement of the enemy, Power charged forward, emptying his carbine into the narrow slot of a door. A Marine pulled the lieutenant back into the safety of a bomb crater, where he died a few minutes later. Lt. Power was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

There were many other acts of heroism on Roi-Namur that day. Not all of them were recorded. Typical was the action of Pfc. Richard Scheidt. A bullet hit Scheidt in the arm a few minutes after he was ashore on Namur. A corpsman bandaged the wound and Scheidt stayed with his company. At one point, his platoon inadvertently pushed too far forward and was ordered to withdraw.

Upon reaching the new position, Scheidt saw a Marine, Edward Mann, 100 yards ahead of the lines. Mann was wounded in the eyes and unable to see to make his way back. Bullets sprayed the field around him. Despite his wound, Scheidt went forward alone.

There was no way to lead the blinded comrade back except to stand up. Scheidt unfastened the sling of his rifle, gave Mann one end, and started back to his lines. Marines stopped firing to avoid hitting them. With Japanese soldiers blazing away, the two men made it to safety. Scheidt was later awarded the Silver Star.

SLOW GOING

The 24th's 2nd Battalion, held up by the three violent explosions in its midst, got underway again at 1700. The going was slow through the stiffening resis-

tance in the rubble of destroyed buildings. By 1530, when the order came to dig in for the night, the battalion had achieved a maximum advance of 300 yards.

The 3rd Battalion's forward elements were within a few hundred yards of the island's northern shore. Its right flank, however, angled sharply back to tie in with the 2nd Battalion. The two battalions set up perimeter defense for the night.

ONE HUNDRED FLIGHTS

Across the causeway on Roi, the 23rd Regiment raced ahead after resuming the attack at 1600. The enemy, thoroughly disorganized from the shelling, put up no single, well-planned defense. Instead there were separate fights by individuals and small groups without unified command. Under such conditions, the Japanese Soldier proved a brave and stubborn fighter.

On Roi, the enemy took the partially covered drainage ditches that surrounded the airstrips, popping up to fire into the U.S. troops. This caused some confusion and not a few casualties, but the opposing position was hopeless. U.S. demolitions and flame throwers routed enemy combatants out of hiding, and riflemen dispatched those who had not already fallen on their own grenades.

By 1800, six hours after the landing, and with less than three hours of actual offensive assault, the island of Roi was declared secured.

SECOND MEDAL OF HONOR

There was little opportunity for individual heroism on Roi, but one man, Pfc. Richard B. Anderson, found himself in a

position to save several comrades from death or injury from a hand grenade. He was killed, but his comrades were unhurt and for this self-sacrifice Anderson was awarded the Medal of Honor.

By late afternoon, men could pause for breath and look around them for the first time. There was hardly left standing a trace of the Japanese headquarters. On Roi, the gaunt skeletons of a hangar and an operations building were all that remained standing.

On Namur, only three buildings, all severely battered, had survived shelling. A large administrative building, a concrete radio station and an ammunition storage building were the only structures that remained standing.

Thousands of shells had exploded on the island, leaving the ground pitted with craters. Shattered breadfruit and coconut palms stood at fantastic angles. Fallen enemy Soldiers were sprawled over the island by the hundreds, in shell holes, near ammunition dumps and in the ruins of buildings.

Sheets of corrugated iron were strewn everywhere, twisted and ripped full of holes. Concrete pilings on which barracks had rested stuck out of the ground in rows like tombstones.

On Roi, many enemy planes, caught when the shelling began, lay like giant birds with broken wings, pinned to the ground by shrapnel.

DOVES, CHICKENS, PIGS AND GEES

Yet, in the midst of the carnage, a few traces of normal life had survived. A dovecote on top of the concrete radio station was untouched and birds nested there, oblivious to the noise of battle. A pig, several chickens and a very large goose and somehow escaped death and now wandered the island.

Yet the battle was not over. The last few enemy Soldiers on Namur, pocketed against the northern shore, staged a last attack against the 24th Regiment's 3rd Battalion that lasted several hours.

THIRD MEDAL OF HONOR, BRONZE STAR

When daybreak came, and the banzai attack had been completely broken, a crew of corpsmen advanced to search for Pharmacist's Mate 1st Class James V. Kirby. They found Kirby in a bomb crater, along with 15 wounded men he had rescued before they weathered a long night.

One of those men was Pfc. Richard K. Sorenson, who had hurled himself on a grenade to save six of his company in a shell hole. Following the battle, Kirby

was awarded the Bronze Star. Sorenson—whose action had saved the lives of his six companions—lived to receive the Medal of Honor.

FOURTH MEDAL OF HONOR

Before the flag went up on Roi-Namur, tragedy would strike in the last hours of the battle. Lt. Col. Aquilla J. Dyess, commander of the 1st Battalion, 24th Marines, was leading his men against the last pocket of Japanese Soldiers when he was caught in a burst of enemy machine gun fire. Dyess was killed instantly. He was the highest-ranking officer to lose his life in the operation.

Dyess was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. His was the fourth for the division during the engagement—probably an all-time record for 24-hours of fighting.

PHASE THREE

It was time to begin Phase Three: mopping up all the islets in the northern two-thirds of the atoll.

The battle for Kwajalein Island was still in progress when the 25th Regiment began its sweep down the atoll. The 2nd Battalion followed the arm that extended southeast from Roi-Namur, while the 1st moved to the southwest. During the next seven days, they reconnoitered the string of islets, finding an occasional stray band of Japanese, a few friendly natives or the quiet beach.

Where the reef curves almost due west, the 3rd Battalion relieved the 31st and continued to drive toward Ebadon, extreme westernmost isle of the atoll. Then they followed the reef in a general southeasterly direction to complete the circuit.

Altogether, the 25th Regiment secured 53 islands, with names like Boggerlapp, Marsugalt, Gegibu and Oniotto, harder to pronounce than to capture.

Meanwhile, the 15th Defense Battalion came ashore to garrison Roi-Namur. Marshallese who had lived on the islands were helped back to their homes and paid in U.S. currency to help clear the wreck-age and bury fallen enemy combatants. On Roi, tractors, bulldozers, trucks and jeeps ground endlessly, bringing in supplies, ammunition and material for installations and clearing away debris. Over the blasted Japanese operations building flew a huge American flag.

On both Roi and Namur, much of the reconstruction of the islands was done by Seabees. For the first time in the Pacific,



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ic, they had been trained and equipped as part of a regular Marine Corps landing force. With the 20th (Engineer) Regiment, they unloaded ammunition, brought in supplies, laid a portable plank road on the beach, recovered unexploded shells, cleared the airfield and set up a water-distillation plant.

THE INFERNO

On Feb. 12, enemy combatants hit the jackpot. A small group of planes, flying high, dropped a few incendiary bombs on Roi. One of them struck a U.S. ammunition dump and a moment later the whole island was an exploding inferno.

The raid lasted five minutes, but the bombardment from the ammunition dump continued for four hours. Casualties were numerous, and it was later estimated that damage to U.S. supplies and equipment amounted to \$1 million.

VICTORY

With the capture of Kwajalein Atoll, the United States had strategic control of all the Marshall Islands. Japanese garrisons

on Mili, Wotje, Maloelap and Jaluit were bypassed and isolated. Japanese communications south from Wake Island had acquired another stepping stone on the U.S. march across the Pacific. The lagoon furnished an excellent staging base. The airfields brought Truk (now spelled Chuuk) and other islands in the Caroline Islands within Allied range. The U.S. had won a great victory.

The 4th Marines reached Maui during the period from Feb. 21-25, but there were some who would not return to the atoll. A total of 190 Marines had been killed in action and 547 wounded during the brief engagement. Overnight, the “green” 4th had become Veterans. The U.S. had captured 264 prisoners and laid 3,472 enemy combatants to rest in the soil of tiny Roi-Namur.

Names and spellings of islands and localities noted in this excerpt have changed over the years. The text of this excerpt has been edited for publication.





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1) Members of the Kwajalein Yacht Club celebrate Super Bowl weekend. 2) Marshallese children play on the Okeanos Marshall Islands nonprofit sailboat during a recent visit to Ebeye. 3) Marshallese citizens and visitors celebrate the dedication of the Kwajalein Atoll Housing Development Authority basketball and tennis courts Feb. 11 on Ebeye. 4) Construction continues on the new USAG-KA water tower. 5) Marshallese police officers prepare to lead the Kwajalein Memorial Day Parade Feb. 9 on Ebeye. 6) Water tower welders and construction personnel take a break and enjoy the view.



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1) Veronica Davis, right, buys tickets for the Annual Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Fundraiser and Basket Auction Feb. 9 at AAFES. w2) Trimming the trees on Kwajalein is no easy task. Pictured here, a trimmer wearing a safety harness culls coconuts from a palm tree with the help of a manlift and a machete. 3) On Feb. 12, John Taylor, DynCorp Roi Site Manager, presented the Enniburr Public Elementary School with a new sign for their school and \$1,500 of school supplies that were donated by DynCorp employees from Fort Worth, Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. 4) School staff and children welcomed John Taylor with songs at the dock as he delivered supplies to Enniburr for the school children. 5) The International SOS team takes a photo at the Kwajalein Hospital.

USAG-KA PRESIDENT'S DAY HOURS OF OPERATION FOR FEB. 19

KWAJALEIN

Airport Shuttle
American Eatery
Bowling Center
Country Club
Emon Lifeguard Hours
Millican Family Pool
Grace Sherwood Library
MWR Rentals
Hobby Shop
Kwaj Post Office
Kwajalein Golf Course
Kwajalein Hospital
Ocean View Club
Small Boat Marina
Sunrise Bakery
Surfside Salon
Surfway
Yuk Theater
Zamperini Cafeteria

HOURS OF OPERATION

Normal hours
Check facility
Closed
Regular hours
Unguarded
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Closed
Normal hours
Holiday/Weekend schedule
4:30 - 11:30 p.m.
7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Closed
Closed
1-6 p.m.
No movies
Breakfast - 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Brunch - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Dinner - 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Check facility
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Food Court
Shoppette
PXtra

ROI-NAMUR

Roi Post Office
Community Activities Office
Café Roi

HOURS OF OPERATION

Closed
Closed
Breakfast - 7 a.m. - 9 a.m.
Lunch - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Dinner - 5 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
5 p.m.-2 a.m. *subject to early closure
Lunch - noon-2 p.m.; Dinner - 5:30-10:30 p.m.
Closed
Holiday/Weekend Schedule
8 a.m.-6 p.m.
(Also closed 2/20 and 2/21)
Closed
Closed
Closed
No movies

Outrigger Bar
Outrigger Snack
Shoppette
Roi Dispensary
Small Boat Marina

Roi Salon
Roi Surfway
Tradewinds Theater

HERE'S LOOKIN' AT YOU, USAG-KA.

Want to see Kwaj and Roi in action? Check out the Kwajalein Hourglass Flickr page and the next episode of the Kwaj Current TV Show on channel 29-1.



Create a "Krewe" to Ride, Roll, or Stroll !!



BLOCK PARTY & PARADE

MARDI GRAS

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 AT 5:00PM

Parade staging at North Point, 4:30PM

Register for parade by 2/23/2019.

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Following the parade, Festive Mardi Gras food will be available for purchase at the Emon Beach block party!

A' LA CARTE

Chicken and Sausage Gumbo/w Rice
Fried Chicken on a stick
Polish Dogs w/ Sautéed onion and peppers
Southern style Red Beans and Rice
Mac N' Cheese
Collards & Cabbage
Corn Dogs

DESSERTS

Fried Beignets
Fried Chicken on a stick
Moon Pies
King Cakes (preorder your cake at the Bakery)
Peach Cobbler
Banana Pudding
Mardi Gras Rum Cake





USAG-KA SPORTS WATER POLO

HOURLASS REPORT

Competition during the 2019 inner tube water polo season has been fierce. Just in case you were home perfecting your Netflix skills instead of playing, check out the season's scores.

This year the Sharks and Fire Breathing Ducks have battled it out in the deep end with the seasoned players of the Spartans, Chargoggagogg (we're not sure how to pronounce it either) and the speedy green Turbo Turtles.

It's not too late to join the action on the sidelines. Visit the Millican Family Pool Feb. 16, 19 and 23 for games at 7 and 8 p.m. to cheer Kwajalein's teams. Show your support at the playoff games Feb. 26.

Which team will reign supreme as the 2019 champion? Who will take home the coveted coconut trophy? Better yet, answer us this one: are you going to play next year?

THE SCOREBOARD SCENE

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|--------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|--------------|
| JANUARY 15 | | | | SCORE |
| 7 p.m. | TURBO TURTLES | D | CHARGOGGAGOGG | 42-21 |
| 8 p.m. | SPARTANS | D | FIRE BREATHING DUCKS | 60-10 |
| JANUARY 19 | | | | SCORE |
| 7 p.m. | TURBO TURTLES | D | SHARKS | 42-7 |
| 8 p.m. | CHARGOGGAGOGG | D | FIRE BREATHING DUCKS | 70-11 |
| JANUARY 26 | | | | SCORE |
| 7 p.m. | SPARTANS | D | SHARKS | 57-20 |
| 8 p.m. | TURBO TURTLES | D | FIRE BREATHING DUCKS | 60-18 |
| JANUARY 29 | | | | SCORE |
| 7 p.m. | CHARGOGGAGOGG | D | SPARTANS | 34-25 |
| 8 p.m. | FIRE BREATHING DUCKS | D | SHARKS | 35-25 |
| FEBRUARY 2 | | | | SCORE |
| 7 p.m. | CHARGOGGAGOGG | D | SHARKS | 75-22 |
| 8 p.m. | SPARTANS | D | TURBO TURTLES | 45-34 |
| FEBRUARY 5 | | | | SCORE |
| 7 p.m. | SPARTANS | D | FIRE BREATHING DUCKS | 90-23 |
| 8 p.m. | CHARGOGGAGOGG | D | TURBO TURTLES | 51-32 |
| FEBRUARY 9 | | | | SCORE |
| 7 p.m. | CHARGOGGAGOGG | D | FIRE BREATHING DUCKS | 63-27 |
| 8 p.m. | TURBO TURTLES | D | SHARKS | 43-14 |
| FEBRUARY 12 | | | | SCORE |
| 7 p.m. | TURBO TURTLES | D | FIRE BREATHING DUCKS | 63-26 |
| 8 p.m. | SPARTANS | D | SHARKS | 45-7 |

YYWC SOCIAL EVENT

FILIPINO FIESTA

Join us as we celebrate & learn
about Filipino culture!

Sunday, Feb 24th 6:30pm
Emon Beach A-Frame Pavilion

Filipino Pupus & Karaoke
Please bring your own beverage

All ladies on the atoll are invited!

Send emails to yywcinfo@gmail.com for more info



NEED A HOME-BASED BUSINESS LICENSE FOR 2019?

If you would like to provide a service or sell things on island you will need to apply for a vendor's license. AAFES and FMWR will be hosting a vendor fair from 5-7 p.m. on Feb. 20, 2019 in the Grace Sherwood Library.

Please bring any state license or insurance for services that you would like to provide, if applicable. There is a \$25 annual fee for a license.

PASSPORT



United States
of America



EMBASSY VISIT MARCH 8-9

The U.S. Embassy Majuro will conduct American Citizen Services in Building 730 (Garrison HQ), room 117 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

Adult Passport (age 16 and older)

Renewal: \$110

First passport: \$145

Replacement (if previous passport was lost, stolen or mutilated) : \$145

Minor Passport

Age 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 the Army Post Office on Kwajalein or Roi-Namur.

WEEKEND MOVIES

KWAJALEIN MOVIES

Date: Saturday, 16 February 2019

Time: 1930

Location: Yuk Theater

Movie: OverLord

Rating: R

Length: 1 Hr. 48 Min.

Date: Sunday, 17 February 2019

Time: 1930

Location: Yuk Theater

Movie: Instant Family

Rating: PG-13

Length: 2 Hrs.

Date: Monday, 18 February 2019

Time: 1930

Location: Yuk Theater

Movie: What They Had

Rating: R

Length: 1 Hr. 41 Min.

ROI-NAMUR MOVIES

Date: Saturday, 16 February 2019

Time: 1930

Location: Tradewinds Theater

Movie: The Girl in The Spider's Web

Rating: R

Length: 1 Hr. 57 Min.

Date: Sunday, 17 February 2019

Time: 1930

Location: Tradewinds Theater

Movie: Nobody's Fool

Rating: R

Length: 1 Hr. 50 Min.

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

Brad Reed, USAG-KA
Victor Burnley, RTS
Christina Dodson, ALUTIIQ
Stacey O'Rourke, MIT LL
Stephanie Sandige, PTO

Dawn Gray, RG Next
Gustavo Aljure, DI
Mike Howe, USACE
Eric Corder, Rikatak Parent Rep
Veronica Moos, TRIBALCO

FERRY SCHEDULE CHANGES START FEB. 26, 2019

The ferry schedule between Kwajalein and Ebeye is changing. Please make note of the new ferry schedule posted at the DSC.

ELON OKTAK ILO SCHEDULE AN FERRY EO, KOTAAN EBEYE NON KWAJALEIN, JINO ILO FEB. 26, 2019.

Jouj im lale schedule in ekaal emoj post ilo Kwaj Dock Security Checkpoint (DSC).



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AND PLAY AT THE GRACE SHERWOOD LIBRARY

Join the us for reading fun in the Library!
10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays in
Building 805. For more information, contact
USAG-KA FMWR at 5-3331

★ 2019 ★

SOFTBALL

League



Registration Ends March 5

\$100 Registration Fee Per Team

REGISTER AT THE GRACE SHERWOOD LIBRARY

Salma Taylor 5-3332 salma.taylor@dyn-intl





The Spring Art and Craft Fair
will be held Monday, April
8. Please email Karen at
ckacosta@hotmail.com for
a vendor application.



CHECK OUT THE OFFICIAL USAG-KA AND FMWR FACEBOOK PAGES FOR COMMUNITY UPDATES



E-WARENESS

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

REPORT / DI ENVIRONMENTAL

Do you work with Hazardous Materials, Wastes, or Petroleum Products (HM-WPP)? If you do, you are required to be trained in safe handling and awareness.

Classes on Offer

Spill Notification (ENV110), HMWPP Awareness (ENV081) and HMWPP Custodian Training (ENV100) in one session!

Where and When

Kwajalein: CRC Room 6, Feb. 20 or 21, 8:30-11 a.m. or 1-3:30 p.m.

Roi-Namur: TRADEX Conference Room, Feb. 22, 8:30-11 a.m. or 12:30-3 p.m. For questions, contact DynCorp Environmental at 5-1134.

Kwoj ke jerbal kin men ko rekauwatata, einwot kobij ko im oil ko ak men ko jet rekauwatata (HMWPP)? Kwar jela ke ne kwoj jerbali ekwe ej aikuj lon am iminene ikijien jerbali?

Ewor klaj ko renaj Komman

Spill Notification (ENV110), HMWPP Awareness (ENV081), im HMWPP Custodian Trainin (ENV100) ilo juon wot klaj!

Ia kab Naat

Ilo Kwajalein, Wonje im Taije 2/20 - 2/21, CRC Room 6, 0830-1100 AK 1300-1530
Ilo Ruwot, Bolade 2/22, TRADEX Conference Room, 0830-1100 AK 1230-1500
Ne ewor am kajitok kaki, call e lok DynCorp Environmental ilo 5-1134.

E-Wareness is a weekly product of DI Environmental. If you have questions, please call DI Environmental at 5-1134. Elane elon am kajitok, jouj im kurluk DI Environmental ilo 5-1134.



CONTACT KWAJALEIN POLICE ON FACEBOOK

HOURLASS 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.

DACP-KA Facebook Administrators

Chief Dennis Johnson

Chief of Police
805-355-8859

Lieutenant Ryan Brocksmith

Operations/Desk Supervisor
805-355-4429/2124



UXO REMINDER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Remember the three Rs of UXO: Recognize an item as possible Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). Retreat from the area of the UXO. Report suspected UXO immediately by notifying EOD (5-1433) or CPS (5-4445).

Provide the following information: Location (building #, GPS, landmarks, etc); Size (compared to common items - football, scuba cylinder, etc). Treat UXO like you would treat dangerous sea creatures. Look but do not touch. For a detailed refresher, please attend the Island Orientation Briefing on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Kemejmej R ko 3. Recognize (kile) juon kwopej bajjok emaron Bokutan ak kein kabokkolok (UXO). Retreat (Jenliklik) bed ettolok im jab kepaak UXO eo. Report (Ripoot e) bokitun ak kein kabokkolok eo ien eo emokajitata non EOD ilo nomba kein (5-1433) ak CPS (5-4445).

Ken melele kein: Ia eo (nomba in ijo, GPS, kakolle in ijo, etc.); Jonan (jonan e ibben jet kain mweik - football, taan in turan, etc.). Tiljek kon UXO kein einwot am kojparok menin mour in lojet ko rekauwotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakemejmej eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemje.



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

WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF



| | SUNRISE SUNSET | MOONRISE MOONSET | HIGH TIDE | LOW TIDE |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY | 7:07 a.m. 6:59 p.m. | 4:29 p.m. 4:25 a.m. | 2:47 a.m. 3.0' 3:00 p.m. 4.4' | 8:35 a.m. 0.2' 9:32 p.m. -0.5' |
| MONDAY | 7:07 a.m. 6:59 p.m. | 5:33 p.m. 5:26 a.m. | 3:33 a.m. 3.5' 3:45 p.m. 4.9' | 9:24 a.m. -0.3' 10:12 p.m. -0.9' |
| TUESDAY | 7:07 a.m. 6:59 p.m. | 6:36 p.m. 6:26 a.m. | 4:14 a.m. 4.0' 4:26 p.m. 5.2' | 10:07 a.m. -0.7' 10:50 p.m. -1.2' |
| WEDNESDAY | 7:06 a.m. 6:59 p.m. | 7:38 p.m. 7:23 a.m. | 4:52 a.m. 4.3' 5:06 p.m. 5.4' | 10:48 a.m. -1.0' 11:27 p.m. -1.2' |
| THURSDAY | 7:06 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | 8:37 p.m. 8:17 a.m. | 5:29 a.m. 4.5' 5:43 p.m. 5.3' | 11:28 a.m. -1.0' ----- |
| FRIDAY | 7:06 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | 9:33 p.m. 9:07 a.m. | 6:06 a.m. 4.5' 6:20 p.m. 4.9' | 12:02 a.m. -1.1' 12:06 p.m. -0.8' |
| FEBRUARY 23 | 7:05 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | 10:28 p.m. 9:56 a.m. | 6:42 a.m. 4.3' 6:55 p.m. 4.4' | 12:36 a.m. -0.9' 12:45 p.m. -0.5' |

WEATHER DISCUSSION: A pattern change is in progress from the dry season trade winds. A disturbance formed along the equator earlier this week and will pass through the southern and central RMI. This may bring some needed rain to the atoll during the weekend, but the heaviest will remain south over Namu Atoll. Winds will again be at small craft advisory levels for the entire weekend. This disturbance may eventually form a tropical storm around the Pohnpei area, possibly impacting Guam by next weekend.

Precipitation for the month of February and for 2019 is 33 percent of normal for both time periods. The National Weather Service Guam office did start issuing drought advisories for the northern RMI earlier this week. The three-month precipitation forecast for the February-April timeframe is due out later today. We suspect it will provide a statement of 'about average' for the period.

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers (10-20 percent coverage across the atoll). Winds NE-ENE at 17-22 knots with gusts to 30 knots.

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy with widely scattered to scattered showers (less than 20-40 percent coverage across the atoll). Winds NE-ENE at 18-23 knots with gusts to 34 knots.

MONDAY: Partly to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers (10-20 percent coverage across the atoll). Winds NE-ENE at 18-23 knots with gusts to 34 knots.

NEXT WEEK: Shower coverage trending downward compared to the weekend. Winds also trending downward. Partly to mostly sunny, shower coverage around 10, trade wind speeds decreasing to 15-20 knots.

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

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

San Juan Construction has multiple openings on Kwajalein. Please see our website www.sanjuanconstruction.com or contact recruiter Tim Hughes at 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 or contact your local HR representative.

Berry Aviation Aviation has an opening for an Aviation Supply Supervisor (unaccompanied). If interested please apply at 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.

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.

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

The Kwajalein and Roi Post Offices will be closed on Saturday, February 16, 2019 in observance of President's Day. These facilities will re-

sume 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.

Bike Blessings Event. Free bike maintenance offered by Community Bank and the Island Memorial Chapel Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Look for the red and white tent at the corner of 7th St. and Lagoon Rd.

New Women's Bible Study. Beginning on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. there will be a study at Cher Kirk's home (Qrtrs. 437-D). Explore the major feasts of Israel and journey with Beth Moore through this seven-session study of "A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent" (Psalms 120-134). Contact Cher Kirk for more information.

Middle School and High School Youth Fellowship. Ninth through 12th grade students are invited to come to the REB on these Monday nights. 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 and 25. Sixth through eighth graders meet at 3:30 p.m. at the REB on the same days. All teens are welcome.

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.

Remember to recycle!
Always separate and dispose of
your glass bottles and aluminum in
the appropriate recycling containers
located around Kwajalein.



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



**OPSEC IS EVERYONE'S
BUSINESS. PLEASE THINK
BEFORE YOU POST.**

Yokwe Yuk Women's Club

3.10.2019

BASKET AUCTION

FUNDRAISER AND COCKTAIL EVENT

**It is not too late to support a great cause.
Make your donation to support education grants
for schools in the Republic of the Marshall Islands
and Federated States of Micronesia.**

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.

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.