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LT. GEN. JAMES DICKINSON, COMMANDING GENERAL OF U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND, VISITS EBEYE TO MEET WITH KWAJALEIN ATOLL LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP FEB. 27.

◉ JORDAN VINSON





# SMDC GENERAL VISITS USAG-KA

## HOURLASS REPORT

**Lt. Gen. James Dickinson**, Commanding General of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command, visited sites on Kwajalein Atoll during a visit last week. On Ebeye, Dickinson met with Kwajalein Atoll Local Government leadership. He also met with U.S. employees on Roi-Namur. Dickinson hosted a town hall for Kwajalein residents Feb. 26 in the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room.

At the town hall, Dickinson shared stories and successes from his tour of US-ASMDC/ARSTRAT sites, noting that in October 2018, the command celebrated the 15th anniversary of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade located in Colorado.

Dickinson recognized the success of the Technical Center's high energy laser demonstrations like the Mobile Expeditionary High Energy Laser (MEHEL), which is a high-energy laser mounted on an Army combat vehicle. He also described his teleconference with Army astronaut Lt. Col. Anne McClain as she completed her pre-launch training and certification in Kazakhstan in December.

As for Kwajalein Atoll, Dickinson said range contractor Range Generation Next

(RG Next) is now 100 percent mission capable, with more than 300 employees hired and several remaining acquisitions.

Col. James DeOre, Commander of USAG-KA, presented an overview of Installation Management Command's tiered funding to the garrison for everything from infrastructure improvements to family programs. Next, USAG-KA Command staff and directors presented a summary of works completed and in progress throughout the garrison.

James Heidle, USAG-KA Director of Public Works, discussed the garrison's proposed schedule of construction and improvements through fiscal year 2032 to include "de-scoping" the runway, the construction of a new hospital, termed "ambulatory care clinic," the demolition of the north point Army housing area and construction and repair to sewers and water systems on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jamey Norton, USAG-KA Transportation Marine Engineering Officer, presented the results of the Prinz Eugen oil salvage operation. The project ran from Sept. 7 through Oct. 21 of 2018, as salvage vessels and divers worked to test, drain and hot tap 159 of the 173 oil tanks that remained on the wrecked German cruiser. Approximately

U.S. Army photos by Jordan Vinson

**1) Lt. Gen. Dickinson, right, greets KAL-GOV leadership on a visit to Ebeye. 2) USAG-KA Command personnel and KAL-GOV representatives take a tour of facilities on Ebeye.**

14 tanks remain inside, as safety issues made them impossible to reach. Norton reminded the community not to touch the hot tap covers and advised that the site is safe for scuba divers.

Jeffrey Suis, USAG-KA Director of Family, Morale and Welfare (FMWR), had several updates to report. FMWR completed an interior renovation of Kwajalein's Adult Recreation Center in February to include painting, cleaning and the replacement of worn furniture. Electronic pinball and darts machines will be installed within the coming months. Future improvements will augment other facilities with new equipment in upcoming months, including the Sunrise Bakery, Ocean View Club and Country Club. A rentable flatbed vehicle and dunk tanks will be available for rent to the community for events. Suis encouraged the community to mark their calendars for the FMWR Easter Egg Hunt and Fun Fair April 21.

Dr. Kenneth Zimmerman, USAG-KA Security Manager, presented OPSEC tips

## THE KWAJALEIN HOURLASS

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1) Attendees at the Feb. 26 SMDC town hall at the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room. 2) DeOre addresses the community at the town hall. 3-7) Dickinson, DeOre, USAG-KA Command staff and KALGOV leadership tour public works construction sites on Ebeye.

to the community and recommended vigilance. He asked the community to be careful about what they post on social media and had everyone watch a video pertaining to OPSEC.

DeOre presented the latest information about the USAG-KA residential 9-1-1 calling program. USAG-KA Command retains a waiver for 9-1-1 calling as the island has not moved to a voice over internet protocol (VOIP) system.

Residents who report difficulty in making 9-1-1 calls are directed to take steps to address this issue. Residents should call the Army Enterprise Service Desk for assistance at 1-866-335-2769

and provide their employee email and quarters or BQ building and room number. For help with 9-1-1 trouble for VOIP users, residents should dial 1-805-355-5911. DeOre encouraged the community to call the USAG-KA Department of Public works if it appeared there was a connectivity issue outside of the home.

A question and answer session followed in which Dickinson and DeOre addressed a variety of issues.

- The future status of the USAG-KA phonebook
- Extending hours of operation for the Post Office and FMWR cart rental program

- Addressing supply issues at Surfway and AAFES
- The future status of the USAG-KA print shop
- Questions about light pollution and trash bins in neighborhoods
- How the tempo at Kwajalein might maintenance time for facilities
- Progress on the award of the LOG-CAP V contract

DeOre thanked the community for its questions and interest in making the garrison a safe and enjoyable place to live as Command staff continue to address these evolving issues.





U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch



1) UTCN Diego Vasquez, left, slices a birthday cake in honor of the U.S. Navy Seabees' 77th birthday, with BUC DeArmond Mahn and CM3 Jessica Hermeling. 2) BU1 Eduardo Munoz assists in serving birthday cake to guests.

## SEABEES CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The U.S. Navy Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 celebrated the 77th birthday of the Seabees at the March 2 Seabee Ball in the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School MP Room. The informal potluck gathering brought together U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Command staff, Navy Veterans and family members in honor of the U.S. Navy Seabees birthday.

Chaplain Brian Conner of the Island Memorial Chapel opened the evening with a benediction. BUC DeArmond Mahn, officer in charge of NMCB 3, welcomed everyone and directed their attention to the front of the room where a simple table was laid with a white tablecloth and a red rose. The chair remained empty.

"I want you all to understand why this is here," said Mahn. He explained the symbolism of the fallen comrade or "missing man" table. It is familiar sight

in military dining facilities worldwide and a reminder to honor and remember those who cannot join a meal—the brave fallen, missing and prisoners of war. Mahn also provided a bit of history about the inception of the Navy Seabees and the prominent role they played in WWII as construction experts deployed to the Pacific to build bases.

Mahn acknowledged the longstanding, good-natured rivalry between branches of service: The Navy was on the atoll first, he said, drawing laughs from USAG-KA Command Staff.

Together, guests and Seabees visited and enjoyed a buffet of Italian cuisine, complete with salad and breadsticks. The main event of the evening was, of course, dessert: a large, red velvet birthday cake decorated with a fighting Navy Seabee.

"We have a tradition," Mahn said. "Our oldest Seabee and youngest Seabee cut the cake together. It's akin to how our

experienced Seabees share knowledge and training with new generations."

The dubious honor of this duty fell to UTCN Diego Vasquez, the youngest Seabee present, much to the delight of his battalion mates. Guests laughed as BU1 Eduardo Munoz, the most venerable Seabee, joined Vasquez to slice and serve the dessert.

"That's a good-looking cake," said US-AG-KA Commander Col. James DeOre, keeping up the rivalry. "I like the black and yellow Army colors for the bee."

The U.S. Navy Seabees are forward-deployed throughout the Pacific region to continue work on a variety of construction and public works projects in the Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of the Marshall Islands. Seabees also serve as career counselors and mentors to youth throughout the Pacific.

Past Seabee projects include water catchments on Enniburr island, fitness improvements on Kwajalein and school buildings on Ebeye, Kosrae, and the island of Pohnpei.



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







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1) Families and attendees at the Seabees birthday enjoy an Italian buffet. 2) A chair reserved for those missing in action remained empty during the event. 3) BUC Mahn presents Seabee history to the gathering. 4) Chaplain Brian Conner of the Island Memorial Chapel gives a benediction during the event. 5) Family and friends enjoy dessert together.



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**FOLLOW NMCB 3 ON FACEBOOK**





U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch



*Kwajalein gets festive at the USAG-KA FMWR Mardi Gras event: 1) Jana Montoya displays a treasure in beads. 2) Nikki Delisio sports a feathered mask. 3) Families and friends enjoy tasty Mardi Gras fare under an MWR foot tent.*

# FMWR MARDI GRAS

## HOURLASS REPORT

**The Kwajalein community** enjoyed food and festivities at a Mardi Gras event Sunday, March 3. The event is the first Mardi Gras sponsored by U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

The festivities kicked off with a community parade, featuring the Kwajalein Marching Band. Golf carts and floats decorated by members of the island's private organizations were also part of the parade. Purple and green streamers fluttered in the breeze from golf cart floats designed by the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, Kwajalein Sport Fishing Club and Kwajalein High School's National Honor Society. The U.S. Navy Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 joined with a special combat bee mounted to a bike trailer. At the head of the parade, a special cart sporting a jaunty shark decoration carried USAG-KA Commander Col. James DeOre, Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins, Debbie DeOre and

Tamika Gaskins to the community block party at Emon Beach.

At Emon Beach, FMWR provided jewel-colored feather masks, beads and decorations for everyone to enjoy while the marching band played "Holiday," by punk rock band Green Day. Children collected beaded necklaces and darted from the surf to inflatable bounce houses at the Emon beachside park. Parents enjoyed the evening and beverages sold at a mobile bar inside the big pavilion.

Shade tents shielded the crowd from the sun—and a brief downpour—while they enjoyed refreshing drinks and selection of New Orleans cuisine served by the Sunrise Bakery. Guests enjoyed jambalaya, red beans and rice, beignets and King Cake with a variety of toppings. Entertainment was provided by elementary school dancers under the direction of Karen Brady and the Mon la Mike Band, who played folk dance music throughout the evening. In between acts, Kwaj DJ Gus Garcia provided dance music for the community.



*A costumed parade walker marches in the Mardi Gras parade.*





U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch



1) The mighty brass line of the Kwajalein Marching Band prepares to march. 2) Kwajalein Schools Director of Bands Timothy Horr marches alongside the band toward the Mardi Gras block party. 3) KHS students drive a parade cart. 4) Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 3 joins the parade with a Seabee mascot float. 5) Nina Halenar enjoys the beachside bounce house. 6) Debbie DeOre, left, James DeOre, Kenyatta Gaskins and Tamika Gaskins lead the way in a festive golf cart. 7) Thomson Tarwoj, left, Donna Pickard, MB Taylor and Russell Crispin are prepared for the party in a purple and yellow golf cart. 8) Karen Brady's dancers perform for the crowd at the big pavilion. 9) Mardi Gras is not just for people! This festive pooch is ready to party.





# VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT GRACE SHERWOOD LIBRARY

HOURLASS REPORT

**Homeschool volunteers** and their parents visited the Grace Sherwood Library Feb. 26 to undertake an important project: sorting and organizing the library's many board games and books in the children's section.

The effort was initiated by Susan King, a member of Kwajalein's homeschool community. After reaching out to Kwaj Librarian Ann Marsh for volunteer opportunities for the kids, the group received an invitation to help in the library.

"They are wonderful volunteers, and I am so grateful to them," said Marsh.

Together, the students, who range from kindergarten to seventh grade, organized and sorted children's books and games. Evelyn King boldly tackled the giveaway book shelf and the four large bags of donated books the library had received only that morning. In between working on the brightly-colored game pieces, the volunteers took time to enjoy books in the children's reading area.

"It means a lot for us to be able to help in the community and to help make the library a welcoming place for families and children," said King.



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U.S. Army photo by Jessica Dambruch

1) Homeschoolers in the Kwajalein community organize books and games on a recent volunteer day at the Grace Sherwood Library.



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U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch

2) Evelyn King organizes books on the giveaway shelf at Grace Sherwood Library Feb. 26. 3) Parents of homeschool volunteers take a photo with Ann Marsh, Grace Sherwood Librarian. FROM LEFT: Jen Harmon, Suelen May, Susan King and Marsh. 4) After organizing books, it's good to read them. In this photo two young homeschool students check out a picture book in the children's section.



## 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



# STUDENTS STUDY CAREERS AT MILITARY FAIR

## HOURGLASS REPORT

**More than 25** volunteer military and former military personnel from each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces and Merchant Marine met with senior high students Feb. 21 at Kwajalein High School's first-ever Military Fair. The event introduced students to the different branches of military service, testing and perquisites that determine a career track in the U.S. military.

The fair was a success thanks to the assistance of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. James DeOre, Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins and the volunteers and representatives who participated.

"They volunteered their time to share their stories and personal journeys in the military with the students," wrote KHS Counselor Masina McCollum to the Kwajalein Hourglass.

The event began with a presentation about the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) by Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jarell Smith, who explained that the test is a tool that can be used to identify possible career paths in the military or in the civilian world. Following the presentation, each active duty member and Veteran introduced themselves and their position held in the military. The students were then invited to mingle and speak with the representatives about their personal journeys in the military.

All 11th grade students and few select seniors took the ASVAB March 7. After receiving the test results, students have the opportunity to meet with McCollum to discuss their inventory of interests.

Kwajalein High School students and staff would like to thank the military participants for their time and for sharing their personal stories.



📷 Courtesy of Masina McCollum

**USAG-KA Commander Col. James DeOre, left, visits a U.S. Navy table at the KHS Military Fair with Amy LaCost and Doug Hepler.**



📷 U.S. Army photo by Jessica Dambruch

# LOGCAP EMPLOYEES EARN HONORS

**Four LOGCAP employees received awards Feb. 28 from Rob Tillery, DynCorp International Senior Vice President, LOGCAP IV, at LOGCAP headquarters on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. Three employees received the DI Spot Award for excellence. FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: Asia Williams, Operations Coordinator and Abraham Mea, Base Operations are recipients of the Spot award. Jose Santiago, Food Service Operations Lead, received the DI Star Award. Not pictured: Charlotte Dallas, Field Safety Specialist. DI thanks everyone for their continued dedication.**





*The Spring Art and Craft Fair will be held Monday, April 8. Please email Karen at [ckacosta@hotmail.com](mailto:ckacosta@hotmail.com) for a vendor application.*



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## DIVING TIPS

Always dive with a buddy.  
Never dive alone.

Wait at least 12 hours before flying after doing a single dive.

Wait 18-24 hours after doing multiple dives.

Divers Alert Network (DAN) recommends refraining from strenuous work at least 24 hours before and after diving.

Keep your gear up-to-date and serviced regularly. DAN recommends that regulators get overhauled at least once a year.

Each diver should have their own computer.

On any given dive, both divers in the buddy pair should follow the most conservative dive computer.

Do not ascend greater than 60 feet per minute.

## WEEKEND MOVIES

### KWAJALEIN MOVIES

*Date: Saturday, 9 March 2019  
Time: 1930  
Location: Yuk Theater  
Movie: Green Book  
Rating: PG-13  
Length: 2 Hr. 10 Min.*

*Date: Sunday, 10 March 2019  
Time: 1930  
Location: Yuk Theater  
Movie: The Hate U Give  
Rating: PG-13  
Length: 2 Hr. 13 Min.*

*Date: Monday, 11 March 2019  
Time: 1930  
Location: Yuk Theater  
Movie: The Girl in The Spider's Web  
Rating: R  
Length: 1 Hr. 57 Min.*

### ROI-NAMUR MOVIES

*Date: Saturday, 9 March 2019  
Time: 1930  
Location: Tradewinds Theater  
Movie: Creed II  
Rating: PG-13  
Length: 2 Hr. 10 Min.*

*Date: Sunday, 10 March 2019  
Time: 1930  
Location: Tradewinds Theater  
Movie: Equalizer 2  
Rating: R  
Length: 2 Hr. 9 Min.*







## MARCH SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**OPSEC is not retroactive.**

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about OPSEC  
before you  
talk, share and post.**



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## PUBLIC NOTIFICATION: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER MELELE KO RAUROK KIN DREN IN IDRAAK EO ILO KWAJALEIN

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Kwajalein Drinking Water  
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) MCL Violation

The Kwajalein drinking water system recently exceeded a drinking water standard. This incident is not an emergency. However, public notification is required to meet the requirement in the USAKA Environmental Standards (UES). The information below is a summary of cause of non-compliance and actions taken to ensure drinking water quality.

Testing results from the third quarter of fiscal year 2018 (3QFY18; April – June 2018) show that the Kwajalein Island drinking water system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for the TTHM locational running annual average (LRAA). The standard, or MCL, for the TTHM LRAA is 0.080 mg/L determined by averaging the results of samples collected at each sampling location for the past four quarters. The level of TTHM averaged at three locations for 3QFY18 was between 0.081 and 0.090 mg/L.

#### What should I do?

Nothing. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. If you have a severely compromised immune system, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

#### What does this mean?

This is not an emergency! TTHM are four volatile organic chemicals which form when disinfectants, such as chlorine, react with natural organic matter in the water. Long term consumption of water with levels of TTHM in excess of the MCL may result in issues with liver, kidney, or nervous system, and an increased risk of cancer.

Short term exposure has not been shown to lead to adverse health effects. Potential exposures to Kwajalein residents and personnel is considered short term due to the limited time the MCL has been exceeded.

#### What is being done?

Kwajalein Island's drinking water is now being processed through our reverse osmosis (RO) system prior to treatment and distribution through the potable water system.

RO removes most of the organic matter present in the water prior to chlorination reducing TTHMs.

A Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) filter system is planned for installation on Kwajalein in the near future to treat the entire Kwajalein drinking water supply to remove naturally occurring organic compounds before the water is disinfected with chlorine reducing the resulting TTHMs to minimal levels.

If you have any questions, please contact DynCorp Environmental, at 5-1134.

### MELELE KO RAUROK KIN DREN IN IDRAAK EO ILO KWAJALEIN

Jonan Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) ilo dren in idraak eo ilo Kwajalein ekar le jen jonak eo emoj an kien karoke (MCL)

Dren in idrak eo ion Kwajalein emoj an la ilon in standard eo an dren in idrak. Joraan in ejjab juon idin. Botab, karon jukjuk in bed in ej juon requirement ilo USAKA Environmental Standards (UES) me ej aikuj komane. Ilal ej melele ko ikijen likjab in im ta buntan ko emoj ejaki non bobrae likjab in.

Result in taaj ko jen kuwata 3 eo an iio eo 2018 (3QFY 18; April – June 2018) ej kwalok ke dren in idrak eo ion kwajalen emoj an la ilon in

kakien eo, ak jonok ko (MCL non TTHM LRAA). Jonok eo, ak MCL non TTHM LRAA ej 0.080 mg/L eo me ej walok jen sample ko emoj boki jen jikin ebok sample ko jen kuwata ko 4 remoot-lok. Jonan TTHM jen jikin ko jilu ilo 3QFY18 ekar ikotaan 0.081 im 0.090 mg/L.

#### Ta eo kwoj aikuj in komane?

Ejelok men kwoj aikuj komane. Kwojjab aikuj boil i dren eo ak komane jabdrewot. Ne kwojjab ejmour, ak elon nejim ninnnin, ko boraro/kwoj naninmej, ak ko rutto(lillap im lolap), emaron bidodo am bok naninimej im kwoj aikuj kebaak takto eo am im bok melele ko relap lak ne e safe non am maron draak e dren in.

#### Ta melele in?

Ejjab emergency ak menin idin. TTHM ej emen volatile organic chemicals ko im rej walok ne jej kojerbal jerajko non karreo dren in idraak, Jorren ko im remaron walok ne aitok kitien am idraak dren eo im elap level in TTHM ej jorren non aj im kidney ak naninmej in cancer. Ejanin wor enaan in joraan ko emoj an walok me emaron jelet jikin ejmour. Kakolko ko rej walok non armej in Kwajalein ej bed wot ilo ien eo ekadru.

#### Te eo emoj komane?

Dren in idrak eo ion Kwajalein ej kio kareo im treat mokta jen an diwojlok kin reverse osmosis (RO). RO in ej jolok organic matter ak kij ko im etal wot non jerajko bwe en kadriklok TTHM mokta jen an diwojlok. Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) ej juon bar filter botab ej bed wot ilo plan non kolaki ion Kwajalein ilo raan kane tok elik non treat i aolepen dren in idrak eo mokta jen an jerajko im kein bobrae ko jet bwe driklok level in TTHM.

Ne elon am kajitok, jouj im kurluk DI Environmental ilo 5-1134.





# U.S. DELEGATION MEETS WITH RMI PRESIDENT

*FROM LEFT: U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech; U.S. Air Force General CQ Brown, Jr.; President Heine; and RMI Foreign Minister John Silk met on Palau Feb. 20.*

## EXTERNAL REPORT

By Tanya Harris Joshua

**Doug Domenech**, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, met with Republic of the Marshall Islands President Dr. Hilda Heine while on travel in the Republic of Palau.

Assistant Secretary Domenech is part of a high-level U.S. delegation from Washington, D.C. and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command who visited Chuuk to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Operation Hailstone in the Pacific, visited President Tommy Remengesau in Palau, and concluded their trip to the Pacific on Kwajalein and Ebeye Atolls in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).

While meeting with President Heine, Assistant Secretary Domenech and other members of the U.S. delegation had the opportunity to discuss various issues of mutual importance. Assistant Secretary

Domenech presented President Heine with \$1,178,148 in grant funding to support the Four Atoll Healthcare program. In December 2018, Domenech provided an initial amount of \$392,716 for fiscal year 2019. The current grant represents the remaining funds for FY 2019.

"We are proud of the history and cherish the relationships that Interior has had with the people of the Marshall Islands as part of the overall U.S.-RMI relationship," said Assistant Secretary Domenech of their trip. "Through the Compact of Free Association partnership, we have improved and built schools, hospitals, utilities, and numerous other programs throughout the Marshall Islands. We are strong partners through the U.S.-RMI Joint Economic Management and Fiscal Accountability Committee and we continue to have fruitful collaboration for the future through the Compact Trust Fund for the People of the Marshall Islands," he concluded.

The U.S. delegation concluded their trip to the three freely associated states, the three Pacific Island nations with whom the U.S. shares important relationships under the Compacts of Free Association, with a final stop to Kwajalein and Ebeye Atolls. The principals of the U.S. delegation were met in the Marshall Islands by U.S. Ambassador to the Marshall Islands Karen Stewart and Marshall Islands Ambassador to the U.S. Gerald Zackios:

Doug Domenech, Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, Department of the Interior;

General CQ Brown, Jr., USAF, Commander, Pacific Air Forces; Indo-Pacific Command;

Nick Dean, Director, East Asia Pacific Bureau, State Department;

Alexander Gray, Director for Oceania, National Security Council; and

Nikolao Pula, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

U.S. Dept. of Interior photo





## K-6 ELEMENTARY ART SHOW

**Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00-6:00 p.m.**

**in the Art Studio**

**(room 14, located in the school building  
across the street from the Family Pool)**

**This year's Art theme is  
IDENTITY!**

**Students are encouraged to wear  
their favorite costume or outfit!**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! 😊**

## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

### EXTERNAL REPORT

by Army G-1

**March is** National Women's History Month. During this observance, the Army pays tribute to the contributions of women in the building of this great nation. The National Women's History Month theme for 2018 is *Nevertheless She Persisted: Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination against Women*.

This theme honors women who have shaped America's history and its future through their tireless commitment to ending discrimination against women and girls.

### **What is the Army doing?**

Army leaders across the department continue to set the conditions for all Soldiers and Civilians to reach their full potential and assign tasks and jobs throughout the force based on ability, not gender. All Soldiers, regardless of

gender, complete the same training and must pass the same requirements to be awarded a military occupational specialty in any career field.

As of December 2017, the Army had assessed and integrated more than 600 female Soldiers into Infantry, Armor and Fire Support Specialist occupations. For the first time in history, the Army has fully integrated women into all military positions. The contributions and achievements of women illustrate the strength of a diverse Army. The Army leverages the strength of the diverse force and ensures equal opportunity for all its members.

### **What continued efforts does the Army have planned for the future?**

Military recruiting is a highly selective, standards-based process. The Army is committed to providing the most ready all-volunteer force by selecting the best qualified Soldiers, regardless of gender, for each job in the Army.

Female Soldiers help to make the Army the finest fighting force in the world, and Army leadership will continue to shape policy that ensures the force of the future remains so. The Army continues to cultivate a climate of trust and respect to allow every Soldier to thrive and achieve his or her full potential.

### **Why is women's history important to the Army?**

Women have served the United States Army since the Revolutionary War. Today more than 174,000 women serve in the Total Force. Women serve in every career field in the Army, and are critical members of the Army team.

The Army is proud of today's women Soldiers, who serve with distinction and are role models exemplifying the Army's highest values. Women's History Month stands as a reminder of the strength the Army has gained through a high-quality diverse all-volunteer force.

*Learn more about women in the Army online at <https://www.army.mil/women/>. Thank the female active duty Soldiers and Veterans in your community for their service!*





***Presented by Keystone and Torch Club***

***Where: Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room***

***When: Sunday, March 24***

***Time: 7:30 p.m.***

***Cost: \$10 suggested donation***

***Come support the community!***

***Singing, dancing, hula, comedy and so much more. The Variety Show has it all!***

***Concessions available before the show!***

*\*all proceeds go to support Keystone and Torch club*





# E-WARENESS

## SECONDARY CONTAINMENT FOR HMWPP

REPORT / DI ENVIRONMENTAL

**All facilities** that store HMWPP shall have appropriate containment for preventing a release. Secondary containment devices shall be:

capable of holding the content of the largest container or 10 percent of all non-gaseous HMWPP stored in the area, whichever is greater.

PCBs require secondary containment of twice the volume of the largest container or 25 percent of the total volume stored, whichever is greater.

**Aolep Facilities** rej HMWPP aikuij lon jikin bobrae jen driwojlok. Kein jerbal non jikin bobrae rej aikuij:

Ej aikuij im tiljok non bobrae 10% in container non-gaseous ilo HMWPP jikin kakuni mweik ko, ak loplak.

PCBs ej require bar secondary containment rou kotan loplak jen jonon container ko ak 25% loplak ilo jikin kakon ko ak emaron loplak.

*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.*

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### EV-210: PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TANK INSPECTION TRAINING

**Do you work** with aboveground fuel storage tanks? Supervisors of departments that have ASTs associated with their facilities are required to have a minimum of two ENV-210 trained "tank custodians" to conduct weekly and annual tank inspections.

#### WHERE AND WHEN

**Kwajalein:** CRC Room 1, March 14, 9-11 a.m.

**Roi-Namur:**

TRADEX Conference Room, March 15, 9-11 a.m.

Call DynCorp Environmental if you have any questions at 5-1134.

**Kwoj jerbal ke** ilo Fuel tank ko rej bed ilon? Supervisors ro im ewor ASTs ilo ijoko rej jerbal ie rej aikuj wor 2 aer rijerbal, ro im ededelok aer training in ENV-210 non komman inspection ilo tank ko aer aolep week kab aolep iio.

#### IA IM NAAT

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Kir DynCorp Environmental ne ewor am kajito, 5-1134.



## 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 kabokklok eo ien eo emokajtata non EOD ilo nombra kein (5-1433) ak CPS (5-4445).

Ken melele kein: Ia eo (nombra 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 otemjej.

## CRAFTY ALTERNATIVES FOR ECO-ARTISTS


*Thinking about using glitter for your next art project? Think again! Artists worldwide are finding new ways to avoid contaminating the environment with microplastics. Say no to glitter and find new ways to shine with the environmentally-friendly crafting materials.*

- *Mix salt and food coloring to create a glitter out of rock salt.*
- *Add vegetable dye to white rice for an economical alternative.*
- *Gather flower petals, small leaves and blossoms from native plants for your art projects.*
- *Try pointillism: Dot your paper using two to three colors of paint to create the two-dimensional illusion of glitter.*



# WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

 <b>SUN-MOON-TIDES</b>				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
<b>SUNDAY</b>	6:59 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:17 a.m. 9:46 p.m.	6:10 a.m. 4.2' 6:19 p.m. 4.2'	12:03 a.m. -0.6' 12:13 p.m. -0.4'
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:58 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:59 a.m. 10:34 p.m.	6:37 a.m. 4.1' 6:47 p.m. 3.8'	12:28 a.m. -0.4' 12:43 p.m. -0.2'
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:58 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10:42 a.m. 11:24 p.m.	7:08 a.m. 3.9' 7:18 p.m. 3.4'	12:54 a.m. -0.2' 1:18 p.m. 0.1'
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:57 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	11:29 a.m. -----	7:45 a.m. 3.6' 7:58 p.m. 2.9'	1:24 a.m. 0.1' 2:02 p.m. 0.5'
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:57 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	12:20 p.m. 12:18 a.m.	8:38 a.m. 3.3' 9:03 p.m. 2.4'	2:02 a.m. 0.5' 3:12 p.m. 1.0'
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:56 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	1:15 p.m. 1:14 a.m.	10:12 a.m. 3.0' 11:38 p.m. 2.1'	3:05 a.m. 1.0' 5:32 p.m. 1.1'
<b>MARCH 16</b>	6:56 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	2:13 p.m. 2:12 a.m.	12:29 p.m. 3.1' -----	5:25 a.m. 1.2' 7:33 p.m. 0.7'

**WEATHER DISCUSSION:** Trade winds continue from NE turning southward and crossing the equator, entering the Southern Pacific Convergence Zone. Low level speed convergence and cyclonic trajectories will support deep convection along 4-5N latitude. This will be source of high-level clouds over Kwajalein. The large-scale pattern will not change over next week, and heavier showers will remain to our south along 4-5N latitude. Trade winds speed will be 15-20 knots with a surge early next week bringing winds close to small craft advisory levels. Expecting small decrease in speeds Friday through Sunday to around 15-20 knots.

Drought levels on neighboring atolls is increasing. We were lucky enough to get some precipitation out of the disturbance that become Typhoon Wutip mid-February, ending with above average precipitation for the month. But Wotje to our east missed out, receiving only 0.30 inches of rainfall in February and about 1 inch in January. Other populated atolls across the northern RMI are in the same state. With no change in pattern expected, severe drought conditions will persist for those areas. On the other hand, being further South, Majuro will receive average to above average precipitation.

**SATURDAY:** Partly sunny with stray showers (less than 10 percent coverage across the atoll). Winds NE-ESE at 15-20 knots.

**SUNDAY:** Partly sunny with stray showers (less than 10 percent coverage across the atoll). Winds NE-ESE at 15-20 knots.

**MONDAY:** Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers (less than 10 percent coverage across the atoll). Winds NE-ESE at 17-23 knots.

**NEXT WEEK:** Partly to mostly sunny, shower coverage around 10 percent, trade wind speeds 17-23 knots decreasing to 15-20 knots near end of 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.

Middle and high school Youth Fellowship Calendar. Ninth through—12th grade students are invited to come to the REB on Monday nights at 6:30 March 11 and 25. Sixth through eighth grades will meet at 3:30 at the REB on the same days. All teens are invited to be a part.

Mom's Morning Out. Monday, March 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. All moms are welcome. Learning Well Retreat Part 4. "Learning with Peace" by Pam Barnhill. Contact Susan King for more information at [sukirn@gmail.com](mailto:sukirn@gmail.com) and 5-2616.

Christian Women's Fellowship. You are invited to attend the next women's fellowship event Sunday, March 17 at 12:30 p.m. in the REB.

Join us as we learn more about the five love languages and eat a delicious Irish meal. There is no cost to attend. Contact Angel ([angel.bolton@gmail.com](mailto:angel.bolton@gmail.com)) for more details.

Classical Conversations. Home-school Information Meeting. Monday, March 18 at 10 a.m. What is the classical model for learning? What is Christ-centered tutoring? Come learn more about Classical Conversations. Contact Susan King for more information at [sukirn@gmail.com](mailto:sukirn@gmail.com) and 5-2616.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL

### CATHOLIC CONGREGATION EVENTS

Every Friday through April 12, join the Catholic congregation for stations of the cross at 6 p.m. and enjoy a soup and bread suppers at 6:30 p.m. in the REB.

Visit the Island Memorial Chapel March 17 for the 8:15 or 11 a.m. interdenominational service or Catholic Mass at 9:15 a.m., and enjoy a pancake breakfast in the REB at 10 a.m.

Save the date! The Bike Blessings event put on by the Island Memorial Chapel and Community Bank is rescheduled for April 7. More details to be announced.

April 18—Mass of the Lord's Last Supper at 7 p.m. in the large chapel.

April 19—Good Friday Mass at 7 p.m. in the large chapel.

April 20—Easter Vigil at 7 p.m. in the large chapel.

April 21—Easter morning Mass at 9:15 a.m. in the large chapel.

### INTERDENOMINATIONAL EVENTS

Save the date! The Bike Blessings event put on by the Island Memorial Chapel and Community Bank is rescheduled for April 7. More details to be announced.

April 14—Palm Sunday

April 19—Good Friday Service at 6:30 p.m. in the REB

April 21—Easter sunrise service at Emon at 6:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. service in the large chapel





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  
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877 995 5247



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esteemed STEM experts as possible to set up displays or  
demonstrations at the 2019 STEM Careers Expo for  
Kwajalein's K-12 students on April 11. Please contact  
Heather Miller at 5-5642 or [heathershawmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:heathershawmiller@yahoo.com)  
for more information.**

## 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 represen-  
tative 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 represen-  
tative 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.