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ISLAND STORIES: RESIDENT'S FATHER VISITED KWAJALEIN DURING WWII

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

"He spoke of many islands in the Pacific. All were alien to me and my siblings at the time. If only I could talk to him now about it."

Those are the words of Mary Haynes, the health systems specialist with the U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, when she remembers her father, Lt.j.g. (Dr.) Gordon E. Carroll, who served aboard the USS *AJAX* (AR-6) in 1944 on the islet of Carlos here.

"My Dad served in the Navy before I was born," said Haynes, who has lived on Kwajalein for almost three years. "He was a physician in the small lumberjack town of Laona, Wis., married with two children, but after Pearl Harbor was bombed, he felt compelled to serve his country."

Carroll enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served during the war as a physician aboard the USS *AJAX*, a repair ship.

"He spoke about an outbreak of bacillary dysentery aboard the ship, and what war can do to the strongest of men," Haynes said. "He also spoke about becoming a 'Son of Neptune' when crossing the equator and the awe of the sunsets and storms while at sea."

When the war ended, Carroll returned back to small town America and added two more children to his growing family, Haynes said.

She added that he "often spoke about



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U.S. Army photo by Mike Brantley

1) Lt.j.g. Gordon Carroll, father of Kwajalein resident Mary Haynes, served aboard the USS *AJAX* in 1944 on the islet of Carlos in Kwajalein Atoll. 2) Haynes displays a crew photo from the *AJAX*.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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Photos courtesy of Mary Haynes

3) A closeup detail of Haynes' AJAX crew photo with her father, pictured second from the left. 4-5) It was a different time: In this photo, members of the AJAX medical staff prepare test plates as they work to rid the vessel of dysentery. A crewmember on the far left holds medical equipment in one hand, and a burning cigarette in the other.

duty to country and the pull that he felt to serve during the war.”

Feeling her own pull to service, Haynes began working for the Army Corps of Engineers in Mobile, Ala. more than 20 years ago as an occupational health nurse and says that she “truly loves serving in the government.

“I was able to work numerous disaster missions within the states which was always very rewarding,” pointing to the deadly tornado outbreaks in 2011 in Joplin, Mo. and the Tuscaloosa-Birmingham, Ala. areas as two examples.

After 20 years, she was ready for a change. When the announcement for her position crossed her desk, she leapt at the opportunity.

“This was purely for the adventure,” she said. “I have really enjoyed learning en-

tirely different things. I’ve enjoyed the diversity this position has offered and meeting so many subject matter experts.”

She says she feels satisfied when she makes a difference or impacts a plan, a person or an objective.

Once she had decided to move to Kwajalein, her brother dug through their Dad’s letters and photos on the off-chance that his ship passed near here. They found that his ship had been quarantined off Carlos islet and she took it as “a sign.”

“At the time of my arrival (here), it had been 72 years since he had been here,” speaking of her father who passed away in 2008. “I’ve been here close to three years now and I’m still shaking my head in amazement. When I arrived here and realized that I can see Carlos every day on my way in to work and back, it was incredible

to me.

“I start each day with a smile. Now when I watch the sunsets, I appreciate what he described to us as kids,” she said.

And what do her kids think about Mom living so far away, on a tropical island in the middle of the Pacific?

“I have three grown daughters, two of whom have visited me on the island,” she said. “One thought it was an awesome adventure and is proud of me for taking the leap, while the other thought I was insane to be on a rock in the middle of a vast ocean ... which took her 39 hours to get to!”

She adds that her family has been supportive of her time out here and they are genuinely interested in what life is like here.

“And that lagoon,” she happily exclaimed, “Nothing soothes the soul better.”



I JAM, THEREFORE, I AM. ATOLL MUSICIANS ROCK OUT AT KYC SPRING BREAK MUSIC FEST

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

How do you get people to show up at a beach party? It doesn't take much. The secret is in the ingredients—food, friends and music, in no particular order. Pair that with a chance to support a local good cause, and you've got a plan.

Luckily for the garrison, the Kwajalein Yacht Club figured this winning combination out 19 years ago. Nearly two decades later, the community still comes together to celebrate the magic of breaktime with a music bash before the kids go back to school.

Spring Break signals the almighty trade of homework and the daily grind for open skies and the beach. Every April, Kwajalein residents join forces to celebrate that freedom at the island's biggest block party, the Spring Break Music Fest, hosted by the Kwajalein Yacht Club. This year the event brought together musicians from Kwajalein and Ebeye, with help from U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation and a team of volunteers.

The day's musical lineup featured favorite returning soloists and ensembles,

as well as new acts playing their first music fest. The early afternoon began with special performances by the Maglalatik dancers and Karen Brady's Tiny Dancers. Kwaj guests got to enjoy performances by vocalist Minnie Snoddy and a new music project, More Than a Phelon, starring vocalist Jacque Phelon accompanied by Pat Phelon on guitar and piano.

By mid-afternoon, solo and duo acts gave way to larger ensembles. Kwajalein enjoyed special musical guest, Ebeye's LKC Band, a multi-ukulele ensemble that reprised tunes by John Fogarty and the Eagles with an island twist. Also from Ebeye, three-piece R&B artist Flavah C, took the stage to treat the audience to original and cover songs by The Wailers.

Between the day's live acts, guests had multiple options to look and stay cool. They donated money to purchase sporty neckties and straw hats, and escaped the afternoon heat with an occasional swim to private watercraft moored within sight of the stage. For lunch and dinner, they checked out the Camp Hamilton Beach dining area to purchase food and enjoy dance music provided by DJ Neil Dye. The microbrewery tent was the most popular place to stay cool. Residents of drinking age could sample local beverages and snacks from Kwaj's inde-

pendent brew masters and keep an eye on the live entertainment.

Kwajalein's own Pure Aloha wrapped up the evening with a series of favorite tunes and guest vocalists. Cyndi Pavia gave her rendition of the classic Hawaiian tune "Kuhio Beach," and Dennis Johnson belted out "Hotel California." Pam Duffy and Mike Sakaio serenaded the crowd with a Kosraen melody. Pure Aloha also welcomed the Crazy Hawaiian Dancers, and returning artist Palepa Smith, who performed on ukulele before presenting a traditional hula with her daughter, Masina McCollum.

Thanks to those working behind the scenes of the event, the show went off without a hitch. KYC leaders Tim Roberge and Jim Stepchew coordinated the transportation and setup of food, equipment, gear and musicians. Mike Sakaio thanked parents and friends from Ebeye who traveled with the LKC Band musicians—many of whom are high school students—to Kwajalein for the performance.

Together, guests raised more than \$3,000 for a good cause: All proceeds from the musical event were donated in support of the Kwajalein MIA Project, an island-based nonprofit that seeks to locate missing servicemembers and send them home.

U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch



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1) The LKC Band plays classic hits with a tropical twist. 2) Maglalatik wraps its performance. 3) Here there be brewers: A pirate flag flies above the microbrew tent at the Spring Break Music Fest. 4) Pat Phelon, left, and Jacque Phelon. 5) The LKC Band performs. 6) Roi resident Dave Saunders tunes up. 7) Dan Eggers plays an original song. 8) Flavah C brings R&B to Kwajalein. 9) Leigh Ewbank approves this brew. 10) Vocalist Minnie Snoddy takes the mic. 11) Palepa Smith performs a hula with Pure Aloha.

KWAJ GETS ARTSY AT SPRING CRAFTS FAIR

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Garrison residents visited the Kwajalein Art Guild Spring Arts and Crafts Fair to purchase unique gifts April 8 at the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School MP Room.

Craft fair vendors work year-round to create their items for sale at the fall and spring craft fairs. Each year the diverse array of objects challenges Kwaj shoppers hunting for gifts and decorations.

Shoppers in search of sea-themed items were in luck: Jewelry and beach-themed home décor items crafted from found seaside objects, original greeting cards and notecards, and vintage T-shirts were among the most popular items available. Those looking for more traditional two-dimensional art had their pick of original art and paintings featuring marine life, tropical plants and Kwajalein itself.

For Kwaj's more offbeat aficionados, Ryan Brocksmith's Halloween-themed crafts was a favorite. Guests had their pick of handcrafted spooky handbags, decorative potion bottles and could enjoy a live make-up demo.

The Kwajalein Art Guild uses the fair as an opportunity to conduct community arts outreach as well. Shoppers inspired by what they saw for sale could opt to sign up for painting classes hosted by Art Guild members, and to donate dollars to win items raffled by craft fair vendors.



U.S. Army photos by Jessica Dambruch

1) Rita Pyne, left, discusses jewelry with shopper Blanche Adcock. 2) It's never too early for Halloween with these original mask and decor items by Ryan Brocksmith. 3) Lauren Wallach displays a personalized tote created by students. 4) A treasure in gnomes: A shopper buys a coconut gnome from Laura Alves. 5) Teen volunteers check out handmade soaps.

GET READY TO RUST APRIL 22.

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S W I M - B I K E - R U N
40TH

RUSTMAN

The Kwajalein Running Club welcomes prospective participants to the 40th Annual RustMan Triathlon, almost four decades after the first event in 1980.

RustMan is not for the faint of heart. This annual triathlon event is a 1-kilometer swim followed by a 42-kilometer bike and finally a 10-kilometer run. The same swim-bike-run

course has been used for the entire history of RustMan-with a few bike course alterations in the 1980s due to road work in progress.

What we're saying is, we hope you are ready to rust because the big weekend is nearly here! Pre-registered participants must check-in at the Emon Beach main pavilion no later than 3:15 p.m., Mon-

day, April 22. The race gun will fire at 4 p.m. Get ready to get rusty! Come on out to support the RustMan. Submit your RustMan registration form to Bob and Jane Sholar by 8 p.m. Thursday, April 18 if you intend to participate.

Questions may be addressed to Bob and Jane Sholar at Qtrs. 473-A, Phone H:51815.

USAG-KA CELEBRATES MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

EXTERNAL REPORT

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

The Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986.

DoDEA joins the Department of Defense and the military community in celebrating April as the Month of the Military Child. In DoDEA communities around the world,

our most essential strategic imperatives are: establishing an educational system that progressively builds the college and career readiness of all DoDEA students, and establishing the organizational capacity to operate more effectively and efficiently as a model, unified school system. We aim to challenge each student to maximize his or her potential and to excel academically, socially, emotionally and physically for life, college and career readiness.

Throughout the month, DoDEA will encourage schools to plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate the themes of this month into their every day duties and responsibilities. These efforts and special events will stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.



PURPLE UP!
for military kids

Learn more about how you can celebrate the Month of the Military Child at <https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/Military-Child-Month.cfm>

COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIR

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
High School MP Room
6:30 p.m.

Calling all college graduates! Please consider being a participant in the first ever Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School College and Career Fair. We are looking for people in the Kwajalein and Ebeye communities to represent their alumni college at the fair. You can bring college swag, brochures, personal pictures or whatever best represents your school and your journey. Whether your journey was traditional or non-traditional we want you! We would also like to have you share information about your chosen career path.

TRADES FAIR

Wednesday, May 1, 2019
High School MP Room
6:30 p.m.

Calling all trades experts! Please consider being a participant in the first ever Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Trades Fair. We are looking for people in the Kwajalein and Ebeye communities to represent their trade/vocational journey. We are looking for people who attended programs for fire science, criminal justice, automotive programs, welding, cosmetology, carpentry, medical and all other trades. Whether your journey was traditional or non-traditional we want you! We would also like to have you share information about your current career path.

SEND PHOTOS TO THE HOURGLASS!

April is Month of the Military Child! If you are an active duty service member or military veteran with children residing on Kwajalein, submit a photo of your Kwaj kid(s) to the Kwajalein Hourglass newspaper to be published in a special tribute to our military children and their support of their parents' service.

Please include the child's name, age, school grade and the parent's military branch, rank and years of service. Send photos and information to kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com by April 23 to be included.

For more information, visit the official USAG-KA Facebook page or call the USAG-KA Public Affairs Office at 5-4848.

PLEASE CONTACT MASINA MCCOLLUM AT MCCOLLM@KWAJALEIN-SCHOOL.COM OR AT 5-2015 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE UPCOMING EVENTS.



Join Child and Youth Services in celebration of the

2ND ANNUAL MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD FAMILY CARNIVAL!

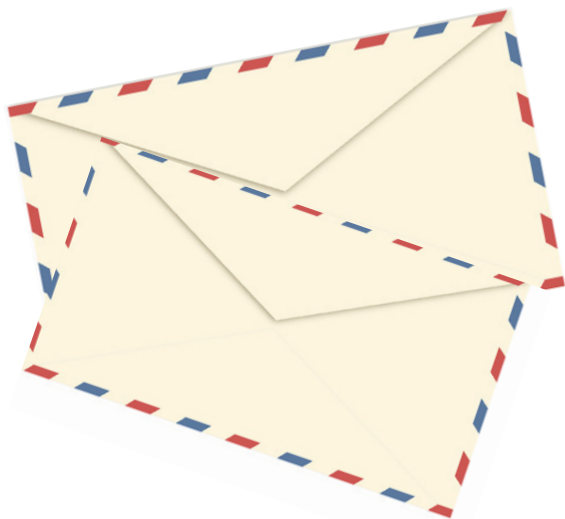
April 28 from 1-3 p.m. at the
Namo Weto Youth Center



Bring the whole family and enjoy our bouncy houses, cotton candy, and cake walk. Tour the firetruck and helicopter and stay until the end to see the helicopter take off! Special thanks to our partners, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, Community Bank and the Kwajalein Fire Department!



We love our Kwaj kids! Follow the link to check out more from Kwajalein Atoll Child and Youth Services on Facebook at www.facebook.com/USAGKACYS!



NEW KWAJALEIN APO HOURS OF OPERATION!

Due to the overwhelming response from the residents of Kwajalein following a recent survey, the new Kwajalein Post Office hours went into effect April 8, 2019:

Monday: 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday: Noon to 6 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Please remember to display your badge at the window prior to package pick-up.

USAG-KA APO TIPS

HOURLASS REPORT

Here are some helpful tips from the Kwajalein Army Post Office. Whether you are departing or arriving on the garrison, these tips are for you.

PLEASE DO

- Present your ID badge when receiving postal services, including package pickup.
- Check and pick up mail at least biweekly. (If you get a larger amount of mail, check weekly).
- Check packages before you leave the pick-up window to ensure they are yours.
- Complete your customs forms before coming to the window.
- Put a completed mailing label inside your package.
- Include a copy of your travel orders inside the package. Give a second copy to the postal clerk.
- Use correct mailing addresses (PSC 701 is for personal mail and Unit 17001 for company mail).
- Please bring tracking numbers for missing packages to the finance window, as we can usually provide

more tracking information.

- If your package arrived damaged and is missing something, please visit the post office and ask. We occasionally find loose items.
- If mailing sea glass, be sure to clean it thoroughly before shipping. We have had sea glass returned.

PLEASE DO NOT

- Do not leave empty boxes outside the post office.
- Do not slam the P.O. Box doors shut. They are fragile.
- Do not PCS without providing a change of address form. (Remember to also change your address on USPS.com).
- Refrain from using Gorilla cases for shipping. They become fragile in cold weather and may shatter in shipment. If you do use a Gorilla case, include an additional completed mailing label inside the case.
- Do not attempt to mail shells or items from the beach without checking to see if you are allowed to mail them. Your package will get returned.
- Do not mail items from the local shops without including a good description on the customs form and a sales receipt inside.
- Do not expect insurance to make up for poor packaging. Claims have been denied when items are not properly prepared.

FAMILY FUN!

color obstacle run

**Memorial Day, May 28
DeMeo Athletic Field at 4:30 p.m.**





E-WARENESS

NO-FISHING AREAS

REPORT / DI ENVIRONMENTAL

NO FISHING ALLOWED IN LANDFILL AREA.

No-fishing areas exist at the Kwaj landfill and in the Kwaj, Meck, Roi, and Illeginni Harbors due to PCB and/or heavy metals contamination. Regulated areas are marked with signs for public awareness.

Ejjab melim enwod turin Kwaj landfill ak dump eo im bareinwot ob ko ion Kwaj, Meck, Roi, im Illeginni kin wot PCB im jonan lap in paijin ko ie rej walok jen metal ko.

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



WEEKLY GREEN TIP

Kick paper and plastic to the curb and shop in style. Grab your paints and decorate a personalized shopper bag.

WEEKEND MOVIES

KWAJALEIN MOVIES

Date: Saturday, 13 April 2019
Time: 1930
Location: Yuk Theater
Movie: Mortal Engines Part 1 and 2
Rating: PG 13
Length: 2 Hr.

Date: Sunday, 14 April 2019
Time: 1930
Location: Yuk Theater
Movie: The Kid Who Would be King
Rating: PG
Length: 2 Hrs.
Projectionist: Brian Lee

Date: Monday, 15 April 2019
Time: 1930
Location: Yuk Theater
Movie: The Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald
Rating: PG 13
Length: 1 Hrs. 57 Min.

ROI-NAMUR MOVIES

Date: Saturday 13 April 2019
Time: 1930
Location: Tradewinds Theater
Movie: On the Basis of Sex Part 1 and 2
Rating: R
Length: 2 Hr.

Date: Sunday, 14 April 2019
Time: 1930
Location: Tradewinds Theater
Movie: Marwen - Part 1 and 2
Rating: PG 13
Length: 2 Hr.



UXO REMINDER

PUBLIC NOTICE

Remember the three Rs of UXO: Recognize an item as possible Unexploded Ordnance. 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) boktun 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 rekawotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakemejmej eok, eokwe juj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemjej.

EARTH DAY 2019 PROTECT OUR SPECIES

Join the Kwajalein community for the annual shoreline clean-up event from 9 to 11 a.m. on Monday, April 22. Meet at the Pacific Club (Facility 1049). Iced water and supplies will be provided. Please bring a refillable drinking bottle. For more information, call 5-1134.





USAG-KA EASTER EVENTS

Easter weekend draws near! You are invited to take part in the many Easter celebrations on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Visit the Easter Bunny at the Grace Sherwood Library

Wednesday, April 17 at 10 a.m.
Building 805

Come to the Grace Sherwood Library for an egg-citing storytime and visit with the Easter Bunny! For more information, please contact Dr. Ann Marsh at 5-3332.

2019 Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20 from 430-7 p.m. at Brandon Field

Kwaj kids in sixth grade and under are invited to join the egg hunt! Enjoy bouncey houses, crafts and fun for the whole family. Bring a basket! Easter hats and bonnets are encouraged.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

Catholic Holy Week and Easter Services

The community is welcome to attend Holy Week and Easter Services in the main sanctuary of the Island Memorial Chapel.

Mass of the Lord's Last Supper

Thursday, April 18 at 5 p.m.

Good Friday Mass

Friday, April 19,
Pray the Rosary at 5:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.
Good Friday Mass at 6:45 p.m.

Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 20 at 5 p.m.

Easter Mass

Sunday, April 21 at 5 p.m.
Interdenominational Events

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 14

Interdenominational Services

Good Friday

Sunday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the REB

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 a.m.
Following the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Emon, we will be having a brunch on the beach. Paper products, desserts and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share based on last name. A-G Salads. H-M Sides. N-Z Meat/ Main Dish.

Easter Morning Service

Sunday, April 21 at 11 a.m.



Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation 2019 Events Calendar

April

Easter Egg Hunts
40th Rustman Triathlon

May

Rusty Family Triathlon
Mothers Day Brunch
Memorial Day Beach Bash
and Color Run Obstacle Fun

June

Fathers Day Brunch

July

Fourth of July and Fireworks!
Roi Coconut Cup

August

Football Season Kick Off Party

September

Labor Day Celebration
Cardboard Regatta

October

Manit Day
Oktoberfest
Shaving Cream Social
Halloween Party
Trick or Treating

November

RMI Trade Fair
Thanksgiving
Tree Lighting Celebration
Veterans Day Tournament

December

Fishing Tournament
Light up the Night
New Year's Fireworks!

Stay tuned to the Kwajalein Hourglass and AFN Roller Channel for upcoming event information. Contact FMWR at 5-3332 with questions.



Photo by Linn Ezell



Photo by Lisa Simunaci

1) A target is launched from the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site on Kwajalein Atoll. The 'trail' Ground-based Interceptor (2) is launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, March 25, in the first-ever salvo engagement test of a threat-representative ICBM target.

NATIONAL GUARD AT FOREFRONT OF MOST SIGNIFICANT TEST IN MISSILE DEFENSE HISTORY

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Staff Sgt. Zachary Sheely
Colorado Army National Guard

Two ground-based interceptors were launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, March 25, in an anti-ballistic missile test that made history.

The two multistage, solid fuel boosters were each tipped with a state-of-the-art exo-atmospheric kill vehicle. They propelled from silos and punctured the earth's atmosphere at thousands of feet per second, bound for a violent collision in space with a sophisticated ICBM-like target launched from more than 5,000 miles away.

The test, known as Flight Test Ground-based Interceptor 11, or simply FTG-11, concluded within minutes as the two GBIs successfully hit their marks, obliterating them high above earth. FTG-11 was the first-ever salvo test of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system and at its core were National Guard Soldiers representing Alaska, California and Colorado.

"This was the most significant flight test in the history of missile defense,"

said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Michael Strawbridge, 100th Missile Defense Brigade director of operations. "To compare it to something else in human history, I would liken it to space travel or putting a man on the moon. It was that complex."

The test took less than an hour, but it was the culmination of years of work, planning, training and development.

"We were high-fiving each other after we knew the intercept was a success," said U.S. Army Maj. Terri Homestead-Lopez, a Fire Direction Center crew director. "It was exciting to see the system work and see our training pay off."

Homestead-Lopez's crew at the 49th Missile Defense Battalion at Fort Greely, Alaska, performed the tactical level of the engagement, while the 100th Missile Defense Brigade crew at the Missile Defense Element at Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado Springs provided operational overwatch.

"We go through so much training it becomes second nature," said Homestead-Lopez. "When you actually see it in real life, it gives you another level of security and confidence."

While Ground-based Midcourse Defense is the joint effort of many agencies,

it is the Soldiers of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade and its subordinate command, the 49th Missile Defense Battalion, who operate the fire control system, dictate the tactics, techniques and procedures, fight the battle and ultimately defend the homeland from ICBM attack.

Strawbridge said the test was as complex as it was realistic. The target was designed to simulate future threat models, complete with a reentry vehicle resembling an enemy warhead and decoys intended to confuse the sensors and system.

"The stage was set by the last test in 2017," said Strawbridge of FTG-15. "Information from that test was used to design this one, but this one was two- to three-fold higher in the amount of complexity and difficulty."

Also new to FTG-11 was the crew preparation.

"In past tests, there have been designated test crews," said Strawbridge. "For this test, we ensured that all certified crews were ready, just like in normal day-to-day operations. We tested the way we would fight."

Crews are notified that there will be a test launch, but they do not know details such as timing of launch and its aim point. They rely on an enterprise of sea-, land- and space-based sensors to determine how and when to engage a threat.

By many accounts, FTG-11 was a triumph of human achievement and engineering. However, not all tests of the GMD system have been successful. Sgt. Hayden Murray, a readiness noncommissioned officer on a 100th Missile Defense Brigade MDE crew, said the test record is misconstrued because critics do not consider the spiral development the system has undergone since its inception.

"It's not a fair comparison to look at tests from 10-15 years ago," said Murray. "The system performed flawlessly on this test and that's what we expected. We do so many intricate and complicated training runs, the test looked like anything else we've seen and we were ready to engage it."

Homestead-Lopez said her excitement during FTG-11 was short lived, and her crew quickly resumed normal operations. She said she loves her job and talking about the mission of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense.

"I don't know that the National Guard gets too many opportunities to perform a 24/7 real-world mission," said Homestead-Lopez. "That is exciting and humbling to know we are here, defending the homeland."

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

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

AAFES is hiring for multiple positions. Interviews will be conducted in American Eatery at Kwajalein Dock Security Checkpoint on Saturday, April 6, at 8 a.m. Please see an exchange associate for an application to apply.

RGNext, LLC seeks qualified candidates to fill several open positions on Kwaj and Roi in engineering, technical and other areas. For more information and to apply, go to: www.rgnext.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

Payments for the monthly telephone fees are accepted in Bldg. 702 on Kwajalein (Tue. - Sat., 1-5 p.m.), and the Finance Office at the Air Terminal on Roi-Namur during normal business hours. Payments are due the first of every month. For billing questions, please call 5-0843.

FMWR Swap Meet. Saturday, April 13 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the corner of 7th St. and Lagoon Road, rain or shine. POC: MWR / Library Bldg. #805. Phone number: 5-3331. Reserve \$5 per table by April 8.

After the Swap Meet on Saturday April 13, Bargain Bazaar volunteers will pick up donated items on the site.

Youth Fellowship. Middle and High School Youth Fellowship Meet April 15 and 29. There will be no meeting April 22. Sixth through eighth grade students meet at 3:30 p.m. at the REB. Ninth through 12th grade students meet at 6:30 p.m. at the REB.

Coffee with the Principals. George Seitz Elementary School and Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School principals Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 6-7 p.m. in the Coconut Room, for

an opportunity to meet and share important questions, suggestions and general topics. Regular coffee and tea will be provided. "At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents"-Jane D. Hull.

Learn to Swim Classes for Kids and Adults. Session Dates: April 16-27, 2019 (eight sessions). Registration: April 2-13, 2019. Cost: \$50 registration fee. For Kids: Levels III, IV, and V 3:45 - 4:15 p.m. Levels I and II: 4:30 - 5 p.m. Child participants must be at least 4 years old. For Adult Learn to Swim: Tues. Wed. Fri. Sat. (8 sessions). All Levels: 5:30 - 6 p.m. For questions and registration: Contact Cliff Pryor at 5-2848 or MWR at 5-3331.

Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Easter Bread and Bake Sale. Friday, April 19 from 4-6 p.m., downtown outside of the MIC Shop. Proceeds to benefit the Kwajalein Senior Scholarship.

The next School Advisory Committee meeting is Wednesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Coconut Room at George Seitz Elementary School.

Learn to work with your baby in the water! This class is for parents and caregivers to learn to work with their children who are 6 months to 3 years old. Session Dates: April 16-27, 2019. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday (eight sessions). From 5:10-5:20 p.m. Cost: free. Class size limited to 10 parents with one child each. Parent or caregiver must be in the pool with the child. Call Cliff Pryor at 5-2848.

31st Annual Ballroom Dinner Dance Potluck. Sunday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. Ticket Cost: \$25. Tickets will be sold in front of AAFES on April 13, 16, and 23 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. This year the meal is a potluck. Please help the fundraiser by

bringing an Italian or pasta entrée and bread.

Keystone, Torch Club and the Pacific Teen Panel members are partnering to bring needed supplies to the hospital on Ebeye. Supplies can be dropped off at boxes located at the Namo Weto Youth Center, George Seitz Elementary School and Kwajalein Post Office. Supplies are by donation only and must be ordered from off-island. For questions and a supply list, contact AJ Rawls at andrew.rawls@dyn-intl.com.

Christian Women's Fellowship meets Sunday, April 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the REB. Come with ideas about what acts of service you would like to receive (example: one hour of child care) and what acts of service you like to give (example: make bread for someone). We will be doing an exciting activity related to Acts of Service. Contact Angel (angel.bolton@gmail.com) for details.

Free movie night. Join us for Island Memorial Chapel movie night Monday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the large chapel. We will be watching the Christian movie, "Fireproof." Popcorn will be provided. Bring any extra snacks and drinks and join us for a fun date night.

Prayer Quilt Ministry meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the REB. We need your help designing and sewing quilts for those in need. Join us at your convenience. For questions, contact Mary Ruiz (5-1195).

New Men's Study Group. Join the men's group as they start a new study, "33 the Series: Authentic Manhood, volume 2." It is not necessary to have participated in volume 1 first. God has a really clear purpose and vision that is unique to us as men, and He lays it out for us right there in His Word. The study meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the chapel office. Contact John (jtgoeswest@gmail.com) for more information.

Have an announcement for the community? We want to hear from you!

Send announcements, event notices and classified ads by Tuesday each week to kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com. Post the same announcement to the AFN Roller Channel by sending your event details to kwajafnroller@dyn-intl.com.

THIS APRIL, BE SHARP.

In April, the United States armed services recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month. No matter whether you are an active duty service member, contract civilian or DOD employee, we have the responsibility to support and protect the Army family together.

The Army's Sexual Harassment, Assault and Response Program is an effort to end harassment and assault within its ranks. On U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, the SHARP Program Advocate is available to assist any callers who need to voice issues, ask questions, or get help.

This April, remember the creed of the Army program. You have the ability to reach out and help your friends, neighbors and family.

INTERVENE

When I recognize a threat to my fellow Soldiers, I will have the personal courage to INTERVENE and prevent sexual assault. I will condemn acts of sexual harassment. I will not abide obscene gestures, language, or behavior. I am a Warrior and a member of a team. I will INTERVENE.

ACT

You are my brother, my sister, my fellow Soldier. It is my duty to stand up for you, no matter the time or place. I will take ACTION. I will do what's right. I will prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault. I will not tolerate sexually offensive behavior. I will ACT.

MOTIVATE

We are American Soldiers, MOTIVATED to keep our fellow Soldiers safe. It is our mission to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault. We will denounce sexual misconduct. As Soldiers, we are all MOTIVATED to take action. We are strongest ... together.

For more information, visit http://www.sexualassault.army.mil/iam_mission.aspx and http://www.sexualassault.army.mil/prevention_overview.aspx

WEATHER WATCH

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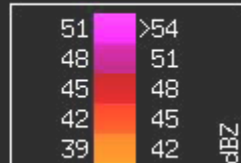
WEATHER DISCUSSION: The first quarter of 2019 ended with 8.59 inches of rain, or 69 percent of normal rainfall. March ended with 1.01 inches of precipitation, or 16 percent of normal. El Nino has continued in place but has decreased in intensity over the course of the month. Weak El Nino conditions are expected to be in place through the Northern Hemisphere spring and summer months. Reviewing Kwajalein climatology records during waning El Nino, our precipitation amounts typically return to normal in the July and August timeframe. There is still some hesitancy in this expectation, as some forecasters believe the 2019 event signals the beginning of a long term El Nino extending into 2020. For the next three months, continue to expect below normal precipitation.

Low level wind convergence is creating an Intertropical Convergence Zone, generally along 5N. This has been the same weather pattern since early February. Areas near the ITCZ will have above average precipitation while locations to north will remain below average precipitation. Trade wind speeds will remain in the mid to upper teens for speed all weekend and into next week.

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

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

MONDAY: Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers (less than 10 percent coverage across the atoll). Winds NE-E at 17-22 knots.



SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:41 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	2:04 p.m. 2:00 a.m.	12:05 p.m. 3.2' -----	5:16 a.m. 1.3' 7:07 p.m. 0.6'
MONDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	3:04 p.m. 2:56 a.m.	1:24 a.m. 2.7' 1:30 p.m. 3.6'	7:08 a.m. 0.9' 8:06 p.m. 0.1'
TUESDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	4:02 p.m. 3:49 a.m.	2:17 a.m. 3.3' 2:25 p.m. 4.1'	8:11 a.m. 0.3' 8:48 p.m. -0.4'
WEDNESDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	4:59 p.m. 4:40 a.m.	2:58 a.m. 3.9' 3:09 p.m. 4.5'	8:58 a.m. -0.2' 9:26 p.m. -0.7'
THURSDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	5:55 p.m. 5:29 a.m.	3:35 a.m. 4.4' 3:48 p.m. 4.7'	9:40 a.m. -0.7' 10:00 p.m. -0.9'
FRIDAY	6:38 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	6:50 p.m. 6:18 a.m.	4:10 a.m. 4.7' 4:25 p.m. 4.7'	10:18 a.m. -0.9' 10:32 p.m. -1.0'
APRIL 20	6:38 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	7:46 p.m. 7:06 a.m.	4:44 a.m. 4.9' 5:00 p.m. 4.5'	10:55 a.m. -1.0' 11:03 p.m. -0.9'



Click the RTS Weather Station Logo to check out weather information at www.rts-wx.com.

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



CHECK OUT THE OFFICIAL USAG-KA FACEBOOK PAGE FOR COMMUNITY UPDATES AND INFORMATION!



FMWR Adult Coloring Nights
at the Grace Sherwood Library
Second and fourth Thursdays of each month
from 6-8 p.m.

This event is free! Unwind and find your creative groove with adult coloring nights. Supplies will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring personal coloring materials and beverages.



Comedy Central Nights
at the Adult Recreation Center
First and third Tuesdays of each month
from 7-8 p.m.

Get ready to laugh and enjoy a history lesson like no other! Bring a friend and join FMWR as we watch hilarious histories told by the pros at Comedy Central.

For more information and questions about FMWR events, please call 5-3332.

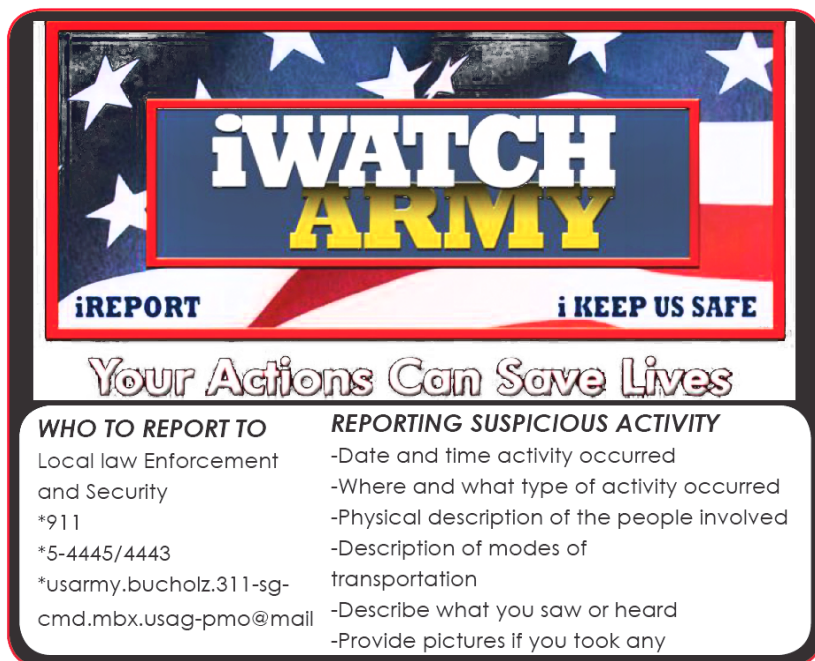
Sexual Harassment/Assault
Response and Prevention
(SHARP) Contact Information

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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Your Actions Can Save Lives

WHO TO REPORT TO	REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY
Local law Enforcement and Security	-Date and time activity occurred
*911	-Where and what type of activity occurred
*5-4445/4443	-Physical description of the people involved
*usarmy.bucholz.311-sg-	-Description of modes of transportation
cmd.mbx.usag-pmo@mail	-Describe what you saw or heard
	-Provide pictures if you took any



CLICK THE LOGO TO CATCH THE LATEST EPISODE OF THE KWAJ CURRENT TV SHOW ON CHANNEL 29-1.

While it's great to share photos and information with friends and loved ones online, social media presents a safety liability for families and loved ones deployed with the U.S. military and working abroad as contractors.

You are encouraged to talk with your family about OPSEC. Encourage those you care about to secure their personal identifiable information and to exercise their best judgment before posting information and photos to social media accounts.

Good OPSEC starts at home.

PASSWORDS ARE LIKE TOOTHBRUSHES.

DON'T SHARE THEM

- even with friends.



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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.