

HOLIDAY SPIRITS SHINE AT TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Kwajalein was merry and bright Dec. 7 as island residents and guests from Ebeye prepared for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and holiday parade. The event kicked off with a special appearance by Santa Claus, an annual garrison visitor. Claus traveled to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll via a Lakota helicopter. He touched down at DeMeo Athletic Field and traveled to the downtown area in a parade of decorated golf carts and emergency vehicles.

Highlight's from this year's event, sponsored by US-AG-KA Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, included a vendor fair, food and beverage sales and live music and dance.

Performances throughout the night showcased the island's musical talents. Master of Ceremonies Evan McGowan introduced acts from the Kwajalein School System, including a George Seitz Elementary School choir, led by Ashley Wright, the Kwajalein Schools Marching Band, directed by Kyle Miller and a special song and sign language performance by students of Carrie West.

The audience was treated to a lively holiday dance by Karen Brady's Tiny Dancers and vocalist Minnie Snoddy, as she serenaded the audience with her rendition of "White Christmas." The Kwajalein Handbell Choir played holiday tunes and carols and the RiKatak student dance team performed with live accompaniment by the Mon la Mike Band. The evening's music concluded with an acoustic set by Kwaj band Pure Alo-

To officially usher in the holidays, Col. Jake Wamsley, Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site director, called on members of the Kwajalein High School class of 2020. Together they pushed "the big red button" to light two holiday trees in the downtown area.



1) Santa Claus arrives at DeMeo Field in a Lakota helicopter. 2) Operation Santa Delivery complete, the helo heads back to the hangar. 3) The holiday palm tree in the downtown area is all aglow. 4) Kwajalein residents and guests from Ebeye enjoy a special dance performance by Karen Brady's Tiny Dancers.

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1) The holiday parade travels down Lagoon Road. 2) Preparations for the Tree Lighting Ceremony began weeks in advance with the trimming of the downtown area. 3) Chelsea Weber, left, and Ashley Howe, drive a Child Development Center holiday golf cart in the parade. 4) The Kwajalein High School Marching Band plays festive holiday tunes while marking time in block formation. 5) Santa Claus waves from his parade float. 6) Evan McGowan, Tree Lighting master of ceremonies, welcomes spectators and performers to the event. 7) George Seitz Elementary School students sell homemade apple cider during the vendor fair.

GSES STUDENT BEACH CLEAN-UP ENDS IN UNEXPECTED SURPRISE

RV IFSSICA DAMRRIICH

Members of the George Seitz Elementary School Student Council went out for a routine beach clean-up Nov. 25. The results of what started as a simple environmental activity may surprise you.

The fourth, fifth and sixth-graders held the clean-up with assistance from faculty sponsors Misti French and Dr. Lauren Wallach. They chose a well-traveled site to scour between the Adult Pool and Ocean View Club.

More than 25 elementary students and four parent and adult volunteers joined council members to hit the beach and pick up trash and discarded items.

As part of the planning process, students tried to solve environmental problems rather than create more of them, said French.

"They asked volunteers to bring refillable water bottles," she said of the project. "That way, we wouldn't be adding to plastic waste. The students also insisted on buying recyclable waste collection bags to gather the trash they collected."

At the end of the cleanup period, students weighed their haul with a hand-scale. They had collected 91 pounds of trash.

Here is the first surprise: exactly three bottles and a flipflop were among the weighed trash. The remainder of the 91 pounds was entirely microplastics or shards of tiny plastic.

"You can pick up a handful of sand from the beach and see these bright

blue specks," said French. "Ninety-one pounds of microplastics is unbelievable."

Thanks to the students, the beaches are cleaner and more habitable for the marine and avian wildlife that makes their home in the tidal zone.

Less than a week after GSES beach clean-up, Kwajalein experienced heavy winds, and an elevated tide. The forecasted sea-state on Roi-Namur called for a King Tide.

On Kwajalein, winds of more than 28 knots drove the waves high on the sand.

The second surprise is not a good one. Kwajalein residents who walked the beaches in the days following the storm pulled out their cell phones and documented their post-storm finds. A few hours later, a flood of photos from the Kwaj community revealed the scene on the sand: bands of bright microplastic confetti littered backyards and oceanside Kwajalein. The sea had been fed plastic and coughed it up all over the beach.

French received a Facebook notification from Wallach a few days after the weather had cleared.

"The area the students cleaned looks like they were never there," Wallach wrote. "I can't believe it. I couldn't sleep over it. It bothers me deeply."

Every little bit counts. Members of the Kwajalein community are encouraged to continue beach clean-up efforts.









PHOTOS BY MISTI FRENCH

1) George Seitz Elementary School student council members get ready to clean the beach. 2) Tiny microplastics litter the coral rock and sand on oceanside Kwajalein. 3) Students clean the beach with large, recyclable trash collection bags. 4) Volunteers line up for a group shot after the beach clean-up. More than 90 pounds of trash were recovered during the event.

HOME HELPER HOLIDAY GATHERING CELEBRATES RMI CAREGIVERS

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U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Child and Youth Services hosted an annual event to celebrate the contributions of Marshallese domestic workers and caregivers at a gathering held at the residence of Regan and Col. Jeremy Bartel, USAG-KA commander, Dec. 5.

The Home Helpers Holiday party is an opportunity for their sponsors to show them how much their hard work is appreciated throughout the year.

The original gathering was conceived by Kimberly Yarnes three years ago. Together she and cohost Cari Dellinger coordinated the effort and purchased and acquired donated gift items for the ladies. The afternoon of fellowship, food and games was able to continue in 2019, thanks to Yarnes' efforts to transfer sponsorship of the event to the CYS Parent Planning Committee prior to her PCS date.

At the gathering, 21 sponsors and 30 Marshallese home helpers were present. To facilitate the event, CYS provided school-age care during lunch to free home helpers for party attendance. Any who were unable to attend had their holiday gift, a weatherproof tote filled with gifts, retained for later pickup.

"We will continue the event indefinitely to celebrate the Marshallese who support our same mission," said Stephanie Mc-Cutcheon, CYS coordinator.

Event volunteers included McCutcheon and CYS Parent Planning Committee members: Joanna Battise, Kristin Miller, Christi Cardillo, Mary Beth Dawicki, Mindi Gerber and Kelly Redmond.

Yarnes and Dellinger also offered support from off-island, as well as supplies from the mainland to help make the gathering a success. CYS values island home helpers and encourages new helpers to sign up for the CYS Caregiving Course. Offered twice per year, the free course is designed to help improve caregiving techniques. First Aid and CPR training are also provided in the course curriculum.

For more information about how you can contribute to the next home helper party, or for more information about the Caregiving Course, please contact CYS Central Registration at 5-2158.







U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

1) USAG-KA sponsors and home helpers gather at the home of Regan and Col. Jeremy Bartel Dec. 5 for the Home Helpers Party. 2) The Home Helpers gathering in 2018, at the home of Debbie and Col. James DeOre. 3) Home helpers and sponsors gather to celebrate in 2017.

CYS ROAD CODE HELPS TEENS PRACTICE ROAD SAFETY SKILLS

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Thanks to a little help from USAG-KA Command, learning to drive on Kwajalein just got a little easier for the island's teenagers. Congratulations to the recent student graduates of the U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Child and Youth Services Road Code Program.

Now numbering more than 10, the island's newest drivers have passed the United Parcel Service Road Code, a training program offering of the Boys and Girls Club of America. It is a multi-module, interactive driving simulation and training program that helps new teen drivers train before the garrison's driver's permit application process.

Students can sign up for the class once per month with CYS lead AJ Rawls and complete training in teams. The lead instructor for the course, Rawls believes that in addition to road safety skills, the class gives teens a taste of a classic rite of passage into adulthood: learning to drive.

Modules in the Road Code program include interactive lecture, a board game, a virtual driving simulator and informative segments. Night, drunk and distracted driving is also introduced in a segment in which teens must take their focus off the road—and focus on cell phones for a full five seconds.

"I don't think anyone has gone through that portion of the test without hitting an onscreen pedestrian," said Rawls of the distracted driving segment. "The program tries to make the reality of driving as present as possible for teens."

Teens must pass with proficiencies in all areas in order to earn the certificate they must display to obtain a driving permit. Upon completion of the process, they are eligible to drive a vehicle with the presence of another licensed individual.

"The course is so much fun," said recent graduate Makena Mosely. "The section with the board game is a lot more interesting because it is fun."

The CYS Road Code program assists US-AG-KA in preparing teen drivers in its first-ever teen driver pilot program. The program offers teens the chance to certify to obtain a driver's permit through March of 2020. For more information about CYS Road Code, please contact AJ Rawls at the Namo Weto Youth Center at 5-3796.

1) Teens train with the UPS Road Code program offered by USAG-KA Child and Youth Services. 2-3) In these photos, groups of teen graduates display their course completion certificates. They are well on their way to acquiring practical road safety skills behind the wheel of a golf cart.









BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

If is comforting to know that some of the island's most active and enthusiastic residents once again have a quiet place to rest.

Just a few weeks ago, the new location for the island pet cemetery opened to the community in the Kwajalein Memorial Gardens. The new site is surrounded by the garden's lush, tropical overgrowth. A raised sandy plot of earth girded by heavy cement blocks marks the area where pet owners can requisition memorial space.

A team of volunteers tends the grounds on an occasional basis. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation calls for additional volunteers to assist in tending the plots and garden spaces. Those interested should contact FMWR's Teresa Mitchell at 5-3400.

I encountered the old pet cemetery three years ago. I biked out late in the afternoon. As twilight pooled along the breakwater, I spotted the headstones: a cluster of handmade markers nestled at the base of towering pines on Kwajalein's west end.

The markers were modest. Some were wood and some were polished granite. I remember one made of blue ceramic. Others were simply marked with a pet's name. Some of them were very old. From atop the hill, you could spot surfers bodyboarding around the whitecaps. Beyond them, islands hung on the horizon. The air tasted like rainforest and salt. It was a peaceful place.

Two years ago, the garrison began the west end revetment project. In the course of the construction, tons of scrap metals were hauled away to remove harmful contaminants from the environment. The old cemetery site, a hill formed around the scrap, was dismantled. The headstones were retained until the new site was ready. That time has finally arrived.

Pets have been a part of recorded Kwajalein history since well before the arrival of the U.S. armed services during WWII. As the island's population grew following the war, so too did the stories of beloved cats and dogs we wrote down.

Local author and amateur island historian Gene Sims recalled the stories of GIs and Sailors who talked about the dogs that rode ships (and sometimes planes) in to Kwajalein.

Packs of these dogs would gather together and roam. One night, they caused such a ruckus at the Richardson Theater that the projectionist was forced to pause the movie so the men could scare them off and resume the film.

In his writings, Sims also remembers particular dogs by name. There was Mr. Magoo, who rode the ferry between islands. There was Tinker, who survived Operation Flintlock and met American troops.

The year I found the cemetery, I also began dog-sitting. I looked after a sassy white dog named Cash. I hadn't been back on Kwajalein for many years before that summer. Thanks to Cash, within a week, I learned more about Kwajalein than I'd ever thought possible.

Cash's world was an infinite set of backyards waiting to be explored. He loved all the trees, and he wanted to visit each one. He adored rolling in puddles of sunlight. On our walks, he liked to sniff every other clump of grass; I called it "keeping up with the Jones." He showed me tiny clusters of flowers and delicate mosses. He barked at hermit crabs hidden by ferns. These are tiny, dear things noticed by pets one might otherwise never see.

I wondered what Cash thought about the cemetery on the hill, and if he had known any of the dogs who were laid to rest there.

I thought about those postwar dogs, and the ones I encountered on walks with Cash. They are all Kwaj dogs. It is best these beloved pets are never forgotten. At the new pet cemetery, we will be able to preserve and remember their names.

USAG-KA Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation invite you to participate in the community pet cemetery upkeep volunteer program. Extra hands are needed to assist in tending garden spaces and to maintain the pet cemetery site. If you would like to offer assistance on an occasional or frequent basis, please contact Teresa Mitchell at 5-3400.



USAG-KA YOUTH DRIVER PROGRAM

Here are the steps youth drivers can take in order to start renting carts:

- 1. Youth with a valid State driver's license, learner's permit, and/or CYS Road Code proof of graduation will bring a signed parental permission form to our office. Forms can be obtained from the MWR Office in Building 805 and by calling 5-3400.
- 2. Once the Parental permission form is received, youth may coordinate with the Kwajalein Licensing office to obtain their Kwajalein License (we will provide them with contact information and hours of operation as they turn in their parental permission forms.
- 3. Licensed youth may rent and operate electric scooters the same as all other Licensed Kwajalein drivers. Youth with learners permits and/or Road Code Graduates are required to have a fully licensed driver in the front seat when the cart is in operation.

Any driving infraction will result in the youth's removal from the program. This pilot program is operating on a provisional period, expiring March 14, 2020. For more information, please contact MWR at 5-3400.

VISIT USAG-KA ONLINE.

For community updates, and episodes of the Kwaj Current, please visit the official USAG-KA Facebook page and YouTube channel. For command information questions, please contact Public Affairs at 5-4848.









PHOTO BY SCOTT IOHNSON

Tinker, a dog that survived Operation Flintlock, is remembered for his frienship to U.S. servicemembers on this modest Kwajalein headstone.

TINKER WAS CHIEF IN CHARGE OF DOGS

The April 1962 edition of All Hands, the Bureau of Naval Personnel Information Bulletin, makes mention of a particular island dog. Read on to discover what the editorial staff had to say about Kwajalein and a much-beloved island pet.

Even the weariest and most cynical news editor will admit that dog stories are surefire. Here are a couple of samples:

We invite your attention to USS Blenny which claims to be the only sub to have a four-legged snorkeling submariner. Bozo is his name and diving is his fame. He has earned his honorary twin silver dolphins by virtue of his snorkeling abilities and time aboard Blenny.

Bozo entered the Navy as a pip nearly four years ago when a sailor bought him in Yokosuka, Japan, for 100 yen. He became a member of USS Benner.

While in Benner, Bozo was raised by Lt.j.g. Edward Kessler, Jr. They were constant companions until Mr. Kessler was transferred to the Submarine School at New London. Bozo stayed in Benner when Mr. Kessler left.

Upon completion of Sub School, Lt.j.g. Kessler reported to Blenny. On board to greet him was you-know-who, complete with service and health records.

Bozo, to date, has five Pacific crossings to his credit onboard Benner, plus numerous Atlantic trips.

Occasionally, Bozo stays in port while Blenny is at sea. Somehow, he always knows when the ship is coming in and at what pier. He's always there to meet it and leaps aboard before the gangplank can be laid down.

Tinker, then a lively black and buff puppy, was with the Japanese forces when U.S.

to even the most favored of creatures. We

must report that the last local [canine] sur-

vivor of the Battle of Kwajalein is dead.

trips too the island back in 1944. After the Japanese surrendered, Tinker was cared for by U.S. servicemen through the years. He eventually became the mascot of the Navy Communications Center.

Tinker's photograph, alongside those of naval personnel, appeared on the command identification board at the entrance. Inscribed under the picture was-Tinker, age 19 plus (Chief in Charge of Dogs). Floyd B. Smith, RMC, was Tinker's

principal guardian but everyone saw to it that Tinker was well taken care of.

However, in the past few months, Tinker became completely deaf, lost the sight of one eye and at long last made his way to the canine counterpart of Fiddler's Green.

He was missed. This is what hi shipmates had to say in The Hourglass, Kwajalein's station newspaper:

"Certainly, it goes without saying, we will all miss you here from now on. We're sure Pudge, Charcoal and Sparky, all Radionman Seamen, feel the same way about it. Your familiar "Wroof" will no longer echo down the hall amidst all the chaos and confusion that transpires in this place daily. We are sure that your tired old eyes are once again open and looking down upon us from the land of forever after. This time, Tinker, rest assured that they will never close again. Use them now in your eternal life among the other retired RMCs who made it there. May your wisdom blaze a trail for others to follow when it's their time to join you."

So, that's why news editors like dog stories.

—The All Hands Staff



KWAJALEIN SCHOOL SYSTEM WINTER BREAK **HOURS OF OPERATION**

December 19-January 7 No School for Students

December 19 Office Hours 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

December 20-January 1: You may contact the registrar or lead administrator by email at dowella@kwajalein-school.com or daviss@kwajalein-school.com

For on-island issues requiring a quick response, you may contact the high school admin assistant or high school principal at reedc1@kwajalein-school.com yurovcht@kwajalein-school. com or call Mary Beth Taylor at

KOMMOL TATA

We would like to wish a big kommol tata to all of the friends, family members, vendors and performing groups who participated in the Kwajalein Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Parade Dec. 7.

A special kommol tata goes out to Col. Jake Wamsley for assisting in the lighting of the holiday trees and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff for decorating the downtown with beautiful holiday ornaments.

We appreciate all of you. Happy Holidays!

—MB Taylor



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1) Participants in the Pauper's Marathon jump at the finish line. 2) The Department of Public Works crew is ready to roll in this deckedout golf cart. 3) It's a bird, it's a plane—no, it's the manlift. In this early-December photo, island personnel decorate the holiday palm tree in the downtown area. 4) George Seitz Elementary School teacher Carrie West discusses school work with an island kindergartener. 5) Members of the holiday tree decoration crew complete

their high-rise decoration operation. 6) Members of the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club are ready to celebrate the holidays on wheels before the Dec. 7 holiday parade. 7) Members of the Corder family visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus Dec. 8 at the Grace Sherwood Library. 8) Liz Haggerty prepares to try out treats at the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Cookie Exchange. 9) YYWC members enjoy fellowship and holiday treats at the Bartel residence Dec. 8.



Lt. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, commander, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command passes the command colors to USASMDC Command Sgt. Maj. Finis Dodson during a change of command ceremony conducted in the Von Braun III auditorium on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, Dec. 6, 2019. Karbler assumed command of SMDC as well as the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense during the ceremony.

SMDC WELCOMES NEW COMMANDING GENERAL

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Jason Cutshaw
USASMDC Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala.—U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler assumed command of the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command and the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense from Lt. Gen. James H. Dickinson during a change of command conducted in the Von Braun III auditorium at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama Dec. 6.

During the ceremony, Gen. James C. McConville, Army chief of staff, placed a Superior Unit Award streamer on the USASMDC colors before accepting them from Dickinson and then passing them to Karbler. He then thanked Dickinson and his wife, Angie, for all they have done for the Army and the command.

"Giving up the colors is never easy," McConville said. "But thank you for your steady hand and leadership of SMDC. I know the community here is sad to lose you and Angie, but we are all excited that such a great team will be moving over to U.S. Space Command. I know the command there will be better for having you both."

McConville then welcomed Karbler and his wife, Leah, and challenged him to build upon the SMDC legacy.

"I have full trust and confidence that SMDC is in good hands," McConville said. "You have the skills and experience this command needs. We look forward to seeing you and Leah lead the SMDC team going forward. I know the community here will wrap its arms around you both and I have no doubt that SMDC is better for your leadership."

The Army chief of staff also took a moment to talk about the impact of the command and the role SMDC Soldiers, civilians and family members have in maintaining peace around the world.

"I want to thank all of you for what you do every single day to make us the world's greatest military," McConville said. "Today's ceremony is really about more than just passing the colors, it's a chance to recognize this command and the men and women who make it great. Winning matters in our profession. When we send the United States Army somewhere, we don't go to participate. We don't go to try hard. We go to win. There is no second place or honorable mention in combat.

"In providing missile defense and space capabilities, not only to our Army but to the joint force and our allies and partners around the world, SMDC is a key part in making sure we can do that and that we can win," he added. "SMDC deploys missile batteries, satellites, computers and sensors to enable warfighters to win, and that is what it is all about. It is our people in the Army here at SMDC who make us strong and make us special. In our Army we don't man equipment, we equip people because our Army is people. All of you define SMDC and your hard work is what makes this command great."

After placing a Joint Meritorious Unit Award streamer on the Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense colors, U.S. Navy Adm. Charles "Chas" A. Richard, commander of U.S. Strategic Command, presided over a Change of Command where Karbler took the helm of IFCC IMD.

The SMDC commanding general also serves as commander for JFCC IMD and provides USSTRATCOM commander with synchronized missile defense plans, conducts ballistic missile defense, operations support and advocates for missile defense capabilities to deter adversaries and defend the United States, deployed forces and its allies against ballistic missile attacks.

Richard then thanked Dickinson for his service to the nation and those who serve at SMDC.

"I could not be more proud of what Jim Dickinson and this command have done," Richard said. "He solved very difficult problems with Army can-do and SMDC know-how, and that is what I am always going to remember about him and this

organization."

SMDC serves as the Army Service Component Command to USSTRATCOM, as well as supporting USSPACECOM, and conducts space and missile defense operations and provides planning, integration, control and coordination of Army forces and capabilities in support of missions of strategic deterrence, integrated missile defense, space operations and cyberspace operations.

Richard congratulated Karbler and said he looks forward to serving with him.

"Dan, I know you are going to crush it here. I am indeed very proud of you, and I look forward to working with you," Richard said. "I am confident you are up for the challenge and will continue to do great things."

Dickinson, who is assuming the position of USSPACECOM deputy commander, reflected on his time at SMDC and thanked everyone for his success during his three years at the command.

"I need to thank my wife, Angie," Dickinson said. "Thanks for being here today and always being by my side and taking care of the families and taking care of me at the same time.

"Dan, I couldn't be more proud to pass these colors to you today," he continued. "You've got the absolute right background and right leadership skills to take this unit and organization to the next level. The interest could never be higher in both missile defense and space.

"This has been the absolute best job I have ever had in the United States Army," Dickinson added. "There wasn't a day that went by that I didn't thank God that I got this job and was able to do some of the things we were able to do as an organization."

During the Change of Command, Karbler thanked everyone for their kind words and said he and Leah look forward to working with the SMDC team.

"To Team Redstone and the greater Huntsville area we appreciate the warm welcome we have already experienced," Karbler said. "We look forward to being a part of this terrific community.

"To the SMDC team, we are humbled and honored to lead SMDC," he continued. "At no other time in my 32-plus years have I seen this command so relevant to the complex challenges that face us today and tomorrow. 21st century strategic deterrence is more than just nuclear deterrence, it demands we provide world-class support to space, missile defense, high altitude, and emerging counter-UAS missions. In the face of adversaries who are ever-adapting, we must move fast, innovate and be willing to accept risk.

"What we do is critical to warfighting readiness and ensures our Soldiers can shoot, move and communicate on the complex battlefields of not only today, but also tomorrow," Karbler added. "We are grateful for the privilege to lead the SMDC team and for the opportunity to become key members of Team Redstone and the Huntsville community."

For more information, please visit https://www.stratcom.mil/Media/News/News-Article-View/Article/2033836/karbler-confirmed-to-lead-us-army-space-and-missile-defense-command/

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

In the past week, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll received official travel advisory information from the Republic of the Marshall Islands Ministry of Health. The initial advisory and subsequent updates advise of action travelers must take in efforts to protect the Marshall Islands from the importation and spread of measles during what the Centers for Disease Control have termed a global outbreak.

Your continued patience and cooperation is appreciated. Please continue to monitor the AFN roller channel and USAG-KA Facebook page for the most current information. For more information, on island contractors should contact their human resources departments. DACs and military personnel should contact Mary Haynes at 5-2354 with questions. Your continued patience and cooperation is appreciated.

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Updates to the RMI Government's entry requirements for Kwajalein residents:

These measures are to protect the RMI against the importation of measles. Visitors to Kwajalein and individuals PCSing have no additional requirements to depart Kwajalein airport.

Kwajalein residents must show proof of vaccination or be younger than 6 months or older than 62 years, in order to depart Kwajalein airport (ATI included).

All passengers must show proof of vaccination or be younger than 6 months or older than 62 years, in order to board an RMI bound plane (ATI included).

For further information, DACs and Military, please contact Ms. Mary Haynes at office 5-2354. Contractors, please contact your employer.

We are still working with the RMI and our Embassy to clarify what documents will be accepted as proof of immunization status (doctor's note, yellow card, print-out, etc.) Thank you for your patience and we will update you again as soon as possible.

FREE FLU VACCINATIONS END IN DECEMBER

Kwajalein has had a confirmed case of Influenza. There may be other cases that have not presented to the clinic. If you have not received the flu vaccination, you are encouraged to do so now.

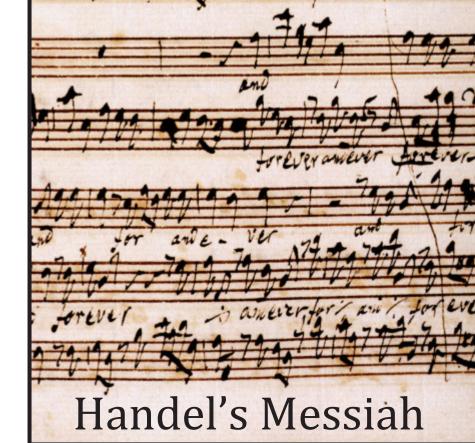
Flu vaccinations are mandatory for all Child and Youth Services, Child Development Center and Kwajalein School System participants, students, and faculty. The deadline to receive vaccinations is Dec. 31. Check with your organization or company regarding your flu vaccination requirements.

You are almost out of time to receive a free flu vaccination. Starting January 1, 2020, free flu vaccinations will be gone. The future supply of flu vaccinations cannot be guaran-

Walk-in appointments for flu shots are welcome during these hours of operation:

Tuesday 1-4:30 p.m. Wednesday 1-6 p.m. **Thursday** 1-4:30 p.m. **Friday** 1-6 p.m. Saturday 1-4:30 p.m.

Flu vaccinations are also available by appointment. Please call 5-2223 to schedule an appointment.



CHRISTMAS CAROL TRADITIONS

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

By Liz Nolan

As the Christmas season moves into full swing, there is one musical masterpiece that towers above all others; the glorious oratorio Messiah composed by George Frideric Handel.

From its debut in Dublin, Ireland in 1742, Messiah has continued to increase in popularity, developing into a musical tradition that has become synonymous with Christmas. Performances of this beloved work occur worldwide every year.

George Frideric Handel was originally born in Halle, Germany in 1685, and spent the latter part of his life in England. As a composer he was prolific, contributing to every genre of music including opera and oratorio. Handel singlehandedly established the genre of English oratorio.

An oratorio is a large-scale narrative musical work created around a sacred theme, usually for choir, soloists and orchestra. It is performed without the theatrical tools of scenery, costume or action. The narration is either dictated by the choir or the soloists.

Composed in less than twenty-four days, Messiah had the following words written at the end of the original manuscript, soli Deo gloria, which meant Glory to God alone.

This postscript signified that Handel believed he had been divinely inspired to compose Messiah. Soli Deo gloria was one of the five Solas adopted by the Reformers

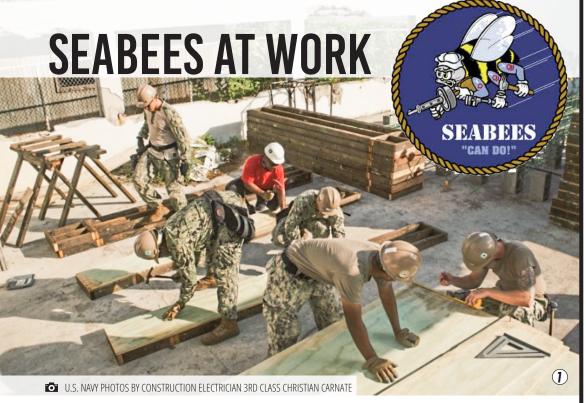
following Martin Luther's 95 theses; sola scriptura, sola fide, sola gratia, solus Christus, and soli Deo Gloria.

The biblical text used in Messiah comes predominantly from the Book of Isaiah, but also features extracts from other books such as Matthew, Malachi, Luke, Acts, Revelation and 1 Corinthians. It was compiled by Charles Jennens, who had written a number of libretti for Handel, and was adapted from the King James Bible, the Coverdale Psalter and the Book of Common Prayer.

As a member of a choir, or as a member of the audience. every performance of Messiah still brings a renewed sense of wonder and reverence for such an exciting and influential work.

At a performance in Fort Worth in 2018, this writer had the great fortune to witness an audience of more than two thousand people stand to their feet and sing along to the Hallelujah Chorus. This performance by the Fort Worth Orchestra and Southwestern Master the Chorale, was simply breathtaking. Christmas celebrations would not be complete without a performance of this musical treasure, a testament to the genius and longevity of Handel's compositional prowess.

Above: An excerpt from the Handel's "Hallelujah!" score shows entries for bass, soprano and tenor lines in this public domain photo.





Seabees at work. 1) U.S. Navy Seabees deployed with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5's Detail Marshall Islands work with local Enniburr residents on building column forms during the pre-fabrication phase of an evacuation center. 2) Steelworker Constructionman Kyle Sprenkle, left, ties one of many rebar grade beams with a local policeman for Enniburr Island. 3) Equipment Operator Constructionman Manuel Mendez Correa bends rebar stirrups for the prefabrication of the reinforced steel grade beams.

The evacuation center will serve as the island's disaster preparedness building for the local community.

NMCB-5 is deployed across the Indo-Pacific region conducting high-quality construction to support U.S. and partner nations to strengthen partnerships, deter aggression and enable expeditionary logistics and naval power projection.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

KWAJALEIN 7:30 p.m. Yuk Theater

Saturday, Dec. 14 15:17 TO PARIS (PG-13) 96 min.

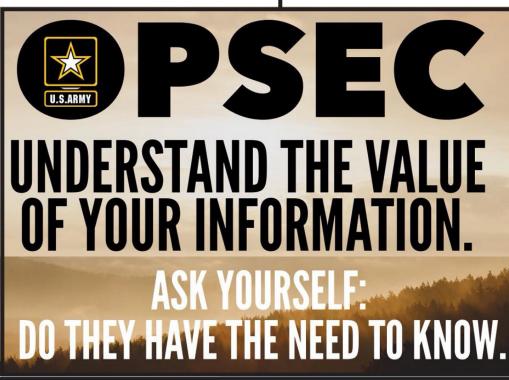
Sunday, Dec. 15 IT: Chapter Two (R) 170 min.

Monday, Dec. 16 Abominable (PG) 97 min.

ROI-NAMUR 7:30 p.m., Tradewinds Theater

Sunday, Dec. 14 The Mule (R) 105 min.

Sunday, Dec. 15 Tradewinds Theater Don't Let Go (R) 107 min.





Housing Survey online as soon as possible. Let us know what we are doing right and what we can improve on. You should have received a notice with your unique survey ID number. Be counted!

Please fill out your Army Family

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HELP WANTED

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

CommunityBank

Community Bank is currently hiring for a Banking Center Operations Supervisor. This is a part – time 35 hrs/week position for an on-Island hire. If interested submit your application and resume to www. dodcommunitybank.com. Please call Stephanie Prudence at 5-2152 if you have questions or would like more details about this opportunity.

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.

DynCorp International (DI) is looking for qualified candidates for 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.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

AA meets weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. upstairs in the REB (Rm. 213).

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

Internet customers can access their account and pay online. Simply visit KwajNetBilling.dyn-intl. com to log in and pay via our secure, online payment gateway using the payment method of your choice. You may also pay online for future months in advance! For support, contact us via phone @ 805-355-0843 (5-0843) or email KwajNet.Billing@dyn-intl.com.

Building Manager/Evacuation Coordination Training. Kwajalein: first and third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in Bldg. 904, Fire Station Training Room. Roi-Namur: second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Facility 8212, C Bldg. Please call to register at 5-3364. this training is required for all managers by AR 420-1.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY

For updates and more information, please call the event contact indicated. For more information, please call the Island Memorial Chapel at 5-3505.

Catholic Christmas Eve Mass. 5 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Island Memorial Chapel.

Interdenominational Candlelight Service. 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Island Memorial Chapel.

Dessert Fellowship. Join the Island Memorial Chapel for a joint congregation dessert fellowship in between the Christmas Eve services. Please bring a favorite dessert to share. Questions, contact chapel office at 5-3505.

Catholic Christmas Day Mass. 9:15 a.m. Dec. 25 at the Island Memorial Chapel.

Interdenominational Services on Kwaj. Sunday- 8:15 a.m. Traditional Service in the Small Chapel, Sunday- 11 a.m. Contemporary Service in the Main Chapel. For information, please call 5-3505.

Roi Chapel Services- Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Catholic services- second and fourth Fridays. Interdenominational services- first and third Fridays.

Prayer Group. Meets in the main chapel on first and third Fridays at 6:30 p.m. If you need prayer or would like to join us as we pray for others, please come.

The Island Memorial Chapel is creating a new Praise and Worship Music Team for the 11 a.m. interdenominational service. Contact the office at kwajchapel@gmail.com and at 5-3505.

The High School Youth Fellowship Christmas Party will take place 6-8 p.m. Dec. 16 at the Gerber residence

Stretching Your Faith. Christ-centered Yoga. Mondays, 9 a.m. at the REB. RSVP at 5-3505 or kwajchapel@gmail.com. Join us for an Introduction to YogaFaith led by Corrie Ameigh.

COMMUNITY

Fall Family Pool Hours through Dec. 18. Tuesday: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30-6 p.m.; Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.; Thursday: Closed for cleaning.; Friday: 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.; Saturday: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and 3:30-6 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

Swing Dance Class. Classes are free and everyone is welcome. Come down to the Vets hall to learn swing, ballroom, Latin and blues. Classes are Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. All experience levels are welcome. No partner necessary. Questions? Email Natalie Bagley at natbagley@gmail.com.

Community members who need to report non-emergency incidents or information can send in secure reports online at the USAG-KA Police Department Facebook page. For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/kwajaleinpolice/.

Basketball Season.Register with MWR at the Grace Sherwood Library through Jan. 7 A Coach's Meeting takes place Jan. 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Corlett Recreation Center Gym. Season runs Jan. 22 through March 7. Entry fee: \$100 per team.Contact MWR at 5-3331.

Light Up the Night. Dec. 15 at the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Multi-purpose Room. Doors open at 7 p.m. Rides start at 7:30 p.m. There will be vendors, crafts, games, holiday lights tours and treats for sale. For more information, please contact MWR at 5-3331.

NO FOOD AND DRINK ON METRO AND HELO FLIGHTS

Eating and drinking on Metro and helicopter flights is strictly prohibited. For your own safety and the sanitation of flights, we ask that you refrain from consuming food and beverages during flights.

All drinks and snacks should be enjoyed in the air terminals or upon arriving at your destination. We appreciate your cooperation. For questions, please contact Lee Holt at 5-2102 and Fly Roi at 5-6359.



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



SATURDAY: IT'S OUR FRIDAY

5 P.M. SATURDAYS AND NOON ON TUESDAYS AT AFN 99.9 THE WAVE

Need Housing Repairs?

Call the Service Desk at 5-3550 Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For after hours emergencies, call 5-3139. After going through the service desk process, if you continue to experience issues, contact us.

Derek Miller, 5-2283 derek.d.miller14.civ@ mail.mil

Scott Hill, 5-0133 michael.s.hill86.civ@ mail.mil

We will work with you to resolve your issue.



Have announcement for the community? Please send announcements, ads and updates to kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com.

ATI CHECK-IN TIMES

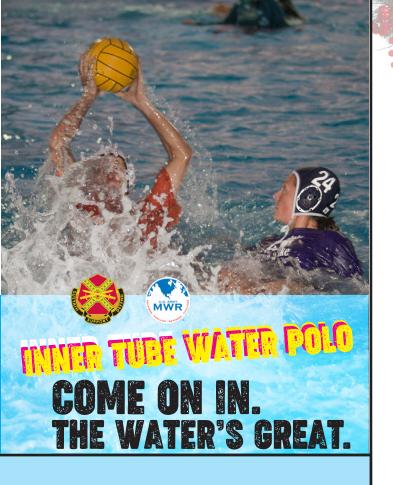
Early departures—7:45-8:15 a.m.; All other departures—8-8:30 a.m. *Check with your ATI flight representative to confirm check-in and flight departure times.

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.

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

To set up a pick-up time for the shuttle please call 5-8294 or 5-3341. 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.



Want to Play?

Register to play at the Grace Sherwood Library through Dec. 31.

Season Dates

Jan. 11 through Feb. 25 League play on Tuesday and Saturday nights (No games on Tuesday, Jan. 21)

Manager Meeting

Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Millican Family Pool

Registration Fee: \$100 per team

For more information, contact MWR at 5-3331.

E-Wareness

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

This Christmas, give a gift to the world:

- Reduce waste
- Reuse materials
- Recycle metals, glass, and yard waste

For more information contact DI Environmental at 5-1134.

Ilo Christmas in, menin lelak non LAL in ad:

- Kadrik lok kwobej
- Bar Kojeral men kein
- Kojonolok Metals, Glass im kwobej ko ilo

Nan melele ko relaplok, call e DI Environmental ilo 5-1134.

CYS SPOTLIGHT

Child Development Center

STEAM AFTERNOONS Tuesdays

Swimming at Millican Family Pool, 1 p.m.

Wednesdays

Functional Fitness, 1:30 p.m.

Fridays

Storytime at the Grace Sherwood Library, 1 p.m.

Saturdays

Reading Buddies with Ms. Crump's third grade class, 2:10 p.m.

Special reminder for **Baru Classroom:**

Saturdays are Water Play Days. Please send your child with swim clothes, a swim diaper (if needed), a towel, and dry clothes.

CDC Special Events

Dec. 19- CDC Family Christmas Brunch

Dec. 19 to Jan. 4- Pre-K Vacation-Care is still available

School Age Care

Open Rec is free for students in grades K-6 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month.

Functional Fitness

Free programming on Wednesdays from 2:30-3 p.m.

Daily Focus

One-day programs are available.

Tuesday

Visual Art

Wednesday

Early-release day. Join us at 2:15 p.m.

Thursday

STEM

Friday

Recreation

Saturday

Character and Leadership Development

Dec. 18- Letters to Santa Dec. 19-Jan. 4- Winter Camp -8:30-5:30 p.m.

Namo Weto **Youth Center**

Monday

Dec. 16, 23 and 30 Smart Girls Club at 2:30 p.m. Drama Club at 4 p.m.

Tuesday

Keystone Club will be meeting during lunch at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday
Dec. 18 -Torch Club at 2:30 p.m. Photography Club-5 p.m.

Beach Cleanup-4 p.m. Trivia night-8 p.m.

Friday

Money matters course at 4 p.m. New Music Friday at 8 p.m.

Saturday

American Sign Language Club will meet at 5 p.m. Dec. 28

Movie Night at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14- Muppet Christmas Carol

Youth Center Special Events

Dec. 16-17- UPS Road Code Dec. 24- Cookie Baking at Home Ec Room from 3:30-4:30 p.m. 4:40-6:30 p.m. Movie Night.

Dec. 26- Video Game Tournament

Parents Corner

Please note that many CYS programs require preregistration. If you have questions or would like to learn more about registering your child or volunteer opportunities with CYS, please contact Central Registration at 5-2158.

CYS will be closed for for for Christmas on **Dec. 25**

Teachers' Note

Unless otherwise indicated, all programs for the Namo Weto Youth Center start or meet at the Center. Dates and times for events are subject to change. Please check in at your CYS location for the latest information.



VISIT USAG-KA CYS ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE PICTURES AND INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EVENTS AND PROGRAMS. HTTPS://WWW.FACE-BOOK.COM/USAGKACYS/



RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION: Trade winds have picked up to near Small Craft Advisory levels for Saturday into Monday, so if you have boating plans, check the latest information. Strong trade winds will subside going into Tuesday. Shower coverage during the week will be highest in the south, over Namu Atoll, decreasing northward. Isolated showers will occur near Kwajalein.

The long-term precipitation outlook for December, January, and February will be issued today. We expect this outlook to state above average precipitation for the next three-month period.

SATURDAY: Partly sunny with isolated showers (10 percent coverage). Winds ENE at 18-23 knots.

SUNDAY: Partly sunny with isolated showers (10 percent coverage). Winds ENE at 18-23 knots

MONDAY: Partly to mostly sunny with showers (less than 10 percent coverage). Winds ENE at 17-22 knots.

SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:55 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	9:25 p.m. 9:24 a.m.	5:56 a.m. 3.5° 6:09 p.m. 4.6°	11:45 a.m0.3'
MONDAY	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	10:24 p.m. 10:20 a.m.	6:38 a.m. 3.3' 6:52 p.m. 4.4'	12:41 a.m0.4' 12:26 p.m0.0'
TUESDAY	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	11:21 p.m. 11:13 a.m.	7:27 a.m. 3.0° 7:41 p.m. 4.0°	1:28 a.m0.2' 1:13 p.m. 0.3'
WEDNESDAY	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	12:04 p.m.	8:28 a.m. 2.8' 8:42 p.m. 3.6'	2:23 a.m. 0.2' 2:13 p.m. 0.7'
THURSDAY	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	12:17 a.m. 12:52 p.m.	9:49 a.m. 2.7' 10:01 p.m. 3.3'	3:30 a.m. 0.4' 3:37 p.m. 1.0'
FRIDAY	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	1:11 a.m. 1:38 p.m.	11:23 a.m. 2.9' 11:34 p.m. 3.1'	4:51 a.m. 0.5' 5:24 p.m. 1.1'
DECEMBER 21	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	2:04 a.m. 2:24 p.m.	12:43 p.m. 3.3'	6:09 a.m. 0.5' 6:56 p.m. 0.8'

THE ROARING ZOS PARTY

DEC. 31 FROM 9 P.M. TO 2 A.M.

JAZZ UP YOUR NEW YEAR'S AT THE OCEAN VIEW CLUB. COME AS A GANGSTER OR SILENT FILM STAR; COME AS A FLAPPER OR COME AS YOU ARE!

DOOR PRIZES, DANCING, COSTUME CONTEST AND DRINK SPECIALS



NEW YEAR'S PARTY AT EMON BEACH!



7 P.M. MOVIE-SPIDER-MAN: INTO THE SPIDER-VERSE

FIREWORKS AT MIDNIGHT! Door Prizes!

BAR OPENS AT 7 P.M.
SANDWICHES AND BLACK-EYED
PEAS WITH CORNBREAD
FOR SALE AFTER 10 P.M.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE 2019 PALLET TREE CONTEST





First Place

Fred and Sally Bulla

Second Place Tie

Rowen Primeaux and Mindi Gerber

Group Winner

USAG-KA Child and Youth Services

Thank you to all of the talented artists who shared their holiday trees with the community.

USAG-KA TOWN HALL

All U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll employees and family members are encouraged to attend town hall sessions hosted by USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel

KWAJALEIN

Wednesday, Dec. 18 6:30 p.m. at the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room



KWAJ- EBEYE - FERRY SCHEDULE <u>Effective November 1, 2019</u>

EBEYE - SUNDAY & HOLIDAY

EBEYE - TUESDAY TO SATURDAY				
ETD	ETA	ETD	ETA	TYPE
KWAJ	EBEYE	EBEYE	KWAJ	VESSEL
0245	0310	0315	0340	FB N/1
0420	0445	0450	0515	FB 1
0450	0515	0520	0545	FB 2
0520	0545	0550	0615	FB 1
0550	0615	0620	0645	FB 2
0620	0645	0650	0715	FB 1
0650	0715	0720	0745	FB 2
0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 2/A
1440	1505	1510	1535	FB A
1600	1625	1630	1655	FB A
1700	1725	1730	1755	FB A
1730	1755	1800	1825	FB N
1800	1825	1830	1855	FB A
1830	1855	1900	1925	FB N
1900	1925	1930	1955	FB A
2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
2130	2155	2200	2225	FB N
Saturday	Only	NO	2130 run	2200 run only
2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N
	FB=	Ferry	Boat	

ETD	ETA	ETD	ETA	TYPE	
KWAJ	EBEYE	EBEYE	KWAJ	VESSEL	
0400	0425	0430	0455	FB N/1	
0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1	
0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1	
0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1	
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1	
1530	1555	1600	1625	FB 1/N	
1700	1725	1730	1755	FBN	
2000	2025	2030	2055	FBN	
2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N	
Holidays	Only	Add	Extra	Run Below	
1830	1855	1900	1925	FBN	
MONDAY					
0315	0340	0345	0410	FB N/1	
0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1	
0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1	
0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1	
0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1	
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1	
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1645	1710	1715	1740	FB N	
1745	1810	1815	1840	FB N	
1900	1925	1930	1955	FBN	
2000	2025	2030	2055	FBN	
2130	2155	2200	2225	FB N	



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 **Local Help Line:**

USAG-KA SHARP VA

USAG-KA SHARP Pager:

805 355 3243/3242/3241/0100 USAG-KA SHARP VA

805 355 2758 DOD SAFE Helpline: 877 995 5247





UXO REMINDER

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

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 nomba kein (5-1433) ak CPS (5-

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 otemiei.