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USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel led community town halls on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur last week. He spoke with community members and followed up on questions from the last quarterly town hall.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS ANSWERED AT USAG-KA TOWN HALLS

HOURLASS REPORT

Community members joined USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel Dec. 18 for a community town hall at the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room. The quarterly meetings are an opportunity for Command staff and subject area experts to provide updates on garrison projects and for the community to speak with the colonel about island life.

During the meeting, Department of Defense civilian employees presented information about ongoing and upcoming construction projects. USAG-KA Director of Public Works Derek Miller said progress moves forward on the rebuild of Echo pier; the overhaul of the fuel farm; and construction on heavy equipment maintenance facility 803. Garrison residents can look forward to new builds to add Army family housing to the island. Funding for projects in FY 18, 21, and 24 has been approved for these builds and a new air traffic control tower in FY 20.

Upcoming restoration and modernization projects include repairs to Bucholz Army Airfield to begin in the upcoming months; replacement of water catchments at airfields on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur; repair to rotary wing hangar doors; repair of the Kwajalein Wastewater Treatment Plant; and repair of Kwajalein and Roi-Namur fuel systems.

Other upcoming community projects include repair of the Country Club portico; the replacement of the Emon Beach main pavilion; the rebuild of the Richardson Theater; and repair to garrison swimming pools.

Bartel also provided information on questions raised by the community at the last town halls.

Volunteers Wanted. Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation encourages

volunteers to step up to assist in maintaining the new island pet cemetery. The site became available for interments in late 2019. Interested parties should contact Teresa Mitchell at 5-3400.

CO2 tanks. Residents can soon expect new CO2 tanks to be installed at fountain stations around the garrison.

Dotcom concerns. The garrison is in search of an enterprise solution to make all areas on the garrison network compliant to run select networks as needed. Internet connections will be made available to logistics support areas.

Updates to motor pool. The rate of working or usable vehicles is up to 87 percent due to improved standardizing of parts and practices by the motor pool.

“We’re pushing down a list of where the vehicles are not on full mission capable or noncapable status, the parts that are required and the estimated date that those parts are coming in,” said Bartel.

Those with further questions are encouraged to contact their supervisors and Maj. Russell Zayas.

Base Operations Support Contract Transition. The colonel addressed the impending transition of the LOGCAP contract for base operations support. A final decision on the future of the contract is not yet available.

“We’re waiting on the powers that be to tell us what direction we’re heading and when,” said Bartel, adding that operations are expected to continue as normal until such time as a decision is reached.

Kwajalein Schools Lead Testing. Drinking fountains with lead in the faucets at the Kwajalein Schools remain off-limits. USAG-KA Education Ser-

vice Specialist Julia Sektnan said in the course of lead testing during the summer months, three areas tested were cited as requiring further testing. Levels of lead found there were higher than levels permitted.

“I want to reiterate that none of those six faucets or those drinking fountains, also known as “bubblers” have been in use this school year,” Sektnan said. “They have reinstalled and tested all of them again. We have one that remains. The second test was sent to Hawaii Dec. 21. Otherwise, they are all good to go, and tests came back within an acceptable range.”

Army Housing Lead Testing. Each year, 20 percent of the island’s family housing units are sampled for lead as part of a new Army policy.

This policy is above and beyond the normal requirements and testing is done to ensure safe drinking water on the garrison. Bachelor quarters are not included in the sampling.

Phone bills. The garrison’s monthly telephone fees have been discontinued.

Measles policies. The measles policy remains as stated in the latest update from the garrison. Bartel said the garrison can expect these measles travel restrictions to remain in place for the foreseeable future.

Adjusted Army Post Office Hours. Hours of operation at the APO remain adjusted due to manpower limitations.

Micronesian Games. The RMI government will host 2022 Micronesian Games. It is possible that a swimming event may be held at the pools on Kwajalein. The community will become informed as information and plans are made available.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURLASS

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Three-time space traveler and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Donald McMonagle meets with members of the Kwajalein community in a December town hall event.

ASTRONAUT VISITS USAG-KA

HOURLASS REPORT

Visitors to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll may think the garrison is a long way from home. However, it may not seem so far when compared with a journey to outer space. In early December, island residents had the opportunity to learn about space travel from someone who has slipped the bounds of gravity three times.

Veteran NASA astronaut and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Donald McMonagle delivered special presentations for island residents and Kwajalein Schools students during a recent visit to USAG-KA.

McMonagle described how his early interest in space prepared and motivated him as a young person during a Kwajalein community town hall. As a fourth grader, McMonagle was fascinated by space photographs taken by John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth.

"I took my ruler out of my desk and put it on top of my picture to prove that it was not a straight line—that the Earth was, indeed, round," said McMonagle. "I was unaware at that point in my life that some 25 years later I would have the privilege to see exactly that same image from a space shuttle."

Years later, his fascination with science and flight led to McMonagle's nomination and acceptance to the U.S. Air Force Academy and future career with NASA. Among his many assignments McMonagle flew an F-4 in Korea, became an F-15 instructor pilot and was assigned to an F-16 test program.

"I wanted to fly, and I wanted to work in space, in some way," said McMonagle. "As I went through school, I was excited by the possibility that someday, I would be able to build and turn a wrench on one of those rockets that I saw being launched out of Cape Canaveral," he said.

McMonagle served as mission specialist on the Space Shuttle Discovery in 1991. He was the STS-54 pilot on the Endeavor in 1993 and commander on Atlantis in November of 1994. In 1996, he began the NASA Extra-Vehicular Activity Project Office. He is currently the

vice president of operations for Range Generation Next.

McMonagle and the shuttle crews conducted unique scientific research projects on each of his flights. During the Atlas II mission, the crew catalogued more than 75 percent of the middle-atmospheric chemistry of the Earth and verified that sensors in space were accurate in their measurements of projected and actual ozone depletion rates in 1994. The shuttle flew near Antarctica to test a theory about how atmospheric freezing of chemicals contributed to the ozone hole over the continent.

Mission science was also a source of fun. McMonagle recounted personal experiences and little-known facts about space travel for young audience members. He described the surprising effect of zero gravity on the human body. Without the compression of gravity, human joints will expand, said McMonagle. To verify the effects of zero gravity, he measured his height in space and found he was two inches taller. To maintain one's health in orbit also requires exercise. A colleague invented a resistance training tool before traveling to space, said McMonagle, only to discover that it functioned well for astronauts looking to maintain muscle mass.

Following McMonagle's presentation,

Kwaj kids took advantage of the question and answer session to learn about how to accomplish daily tasks in space. McMonagle welcomed and answered all questions and even stayed to pen his autograph.

In space astronauts play with their food all the time, said McMonagle, and make a game of drinking floating bubbles of water and juice.

Sleeping in space is no easy task. Astronauts typically sleep strapped into a specialized bunk. Of course, no discussion about space is complete without an exploration of how astronauts accomplish using the bathroom. Hint: the process requires special tools.

No matter what their academic inclinations are, McMonagle encourages young people to step up to the challenge and engage their passions for learning.

"I encourage you to hang in there with your studies," he said. "Find out what passions you want to pursue."

Thanks to McMonagle, Kwaj learned a thing or two about space. Of course, the astronaut also learned more about Kwaj on his visit. He said he enjoyed the chance to meet the community and go snorkeling.

"Everyone tells me that what they love about this place is the lifestyle—and I get it," McMonagle said.



Three time space-traveler Donald McMonagle meets with signs autographs for members of the Kwajalein community following a special December town hall event.



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A YEAR OF LIFE-SAVERS ON USAG-KA

HOURLASS REPORT

When you need help in the face of a health challenge or life-threatening situation, it is good to know there are people ready to offer the assistance you need.

In 2019, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll faced challenges to public health. However, teamwork between first responders, law enforcement and medical services personnel to prevent risks made 2019 a year of life-savers.

Surf and Protect

In August, the Kwajalein Fire Department, and island law enforcement personnel responded to an emergency call. Employees of the Kwajalein School System touring the ocean-side of the island by golf cart spotted a capsized boat. Kwajalein Police Department Sgt. Miles Eiswirth, an avid surfer, grabbed a surfboard from the Kwajalein surf point and paddled out to the men.

Eiswirth was able to bring them to shore where emergency responders were prepared to offer any further medical support the rescued crew might need.

Kwajalein Fire and Rescue

Sometimes the unexpected happens. This was the case in October, when medical assistance was requested at the Kwajalein Dock Security Checkpoint. A resident of Ebeye was losing consciousness and required medical assistance. First responders arrived at DSC to collect the individual. After being placed in an ambulance, he went into cardiac arrest.

"Fire and rescue personnel immediately began life-saving measures which ultimately led to his life being saved," wrote Chief of Security Don Muse in a commendation letter.

The personnel who participated in the event received an official commendation for their bravery and quick response in a ceremony at the Kwajalein Fire Department.

Health Awareness

In the past year, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll has worked to respond quickly in situations requiring elevated public health awareness. Comprehensive information on medevac procedures and health insurance was rere-

leased during the May USAG-KA Health Fair. The Kwajalein Hospital also continued to publicize required immunizations for Kwajalein Schools students and basic health and hygiene practice. Construction on a new handwashing facility at the Zamperini Cafeteria made proper hygiene convenient and fast for diners headed inside to enjoy a meal.

The Kwajalein Hospital Employee Assistance Program and USAG-KA Sexual Harassment, Assault and Prevention Response Program continued a series of monthly workshops and education outreach events for teens and adults. In October, information tables set up throughout the community provided opportunities for residents to ask questions and learn about forming a response to mental health challenges. The EAP office continues to provide workshops and distribute materials about monthly health themes to encourage health discussion in the community.

This summer the RMI faced an extended challenge that raised awareness about health and international travel.

The late-2019 typhoid and dengue outbreaks affected multiple areas of the Indo-Pacific region, including Ebeye and Majuro. In early December, the Republic



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COURTESY OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 JARELL SMITH

1) Staff members at the Kwajalein Hospital. 2) FROM LEFT: Firefighters David Kwajalein and Cameron Walker, Fire Crew Chief Stephen Heath, Capt. Stephen Dodson and Chief Don Muse of Security and Access Control Contract Alutiiq Pacific, LLC, and Fire Crew Chief Brian Dahl. These personnel are among those first responders who assisted in saving the life of an Ebeye resident in October (not pictured: Firefighter David Lyn Jr.). 3) Kwajalein Police Department Sgt. Miles Eiswirth prepares to return a borrowed surfboard to the Kwajalein surf point after using it to save the lives of two Ebeye residents from a capsized vessel. 4) Mary Beth Dawicki, left, and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jarell Williams share information on domestic abuse awareness with an island resident in October.

of the Marshall Islands Ministry of Health issued travel advisories to protect the citizens of the RMI from the importation of measles. Travelers on inbound planes would need to show proof of receipt of the MMR vaccine.

Within hours of the travel advisories being publicly posted, Kwajalein residents and their family members were able to access the most recent updates from the RMI Ministry of Health. They added immunization records to passports and travel documents before leaving island. LOGCAP employees also shipped in additional measles vaccine to bolster the supply at the Kwajalein Hospital.

Road Smarts

On Kwajalein, preparing safe drivers starts before kids reach high school. This year was a pinnacle year for driver’s education. Three programs designed to increase safety skills and have helped young island residents improve their driving ability and road safety knowledge as well.

The USAG-KA Youth Driver Program is a pilot program that allows teens to train to drive rental vehicles on island until March 2020. Teens have the option to train for the program with the Child and Youth Services United Parcel Services Road Code program. Led by CYS youth lead AJ Rawls, Road Code is a fun monthly workshop in which teens learn road safety through games and activities. To date, more than 15 teens have successfully completed the program.

Kwajalein Police Department and Fire Department joined forces with volunteers from the Kwajalein School System, Island Memorial Chapel and community to prepare Kwaj kids with a Bike Rodeo in September.

After studying bike hand-signals and road signs, kids complete a course of checkpoints and demonstrate skills to volunteer staff leaders. The rodeo is an afternoon of fun that pays off—down the road.

This article presents only a few of the successes of 2019. There are countless, unrecorded moments in which a health or security professional averts a crisis, offers help or assists through advice. Those stories are lived and experienced far more than they are reported.

Few if any of the volunteers and public servants who help us in the course of a day’s work will step up to claim credit for their vigilance. Saving lives behind the scenes is all part of the job. The next time you see them, step up and thank them for a continued job well done. They’re our life-savers.

1) USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins, right, looks on as Col. Jeremy Bartel, center, gets a flu shot from Public Health Nurse Kathryn Carpenter. 2) Nice car: Fire Crew Chief Brian Dahl answered questions about Kwajalein ambulances during the USAG-KA Health Fair. 3) Lt. Brian Richey, right, directs a young island resident to the next checkpoint in the Bike Rodeo. 4) Kwajalein Firefighter Zach Urban checks fittings and chains on student bicycles to make sure they can go the extra mile safely during the Bike Rodeo. 5) Kwajalein Hospital health professionals stand by for questions at the Health Fair.



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PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

HOURLASS REPORT

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.

RMI ALERT FY 20-01 UPDATE DEC. 10, 2019

**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 guaranteed.

Walk-in appointments for flu shots are welcome Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4:30 p.m. Flu vaccinations are also available by appointment. Please call 5-2223 to schedule an appointment.



MUSICAL NOTES

Auld Lang Syne

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

By Liz Nolan

*Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind?
Should auld acquaintance be forgot, and auld lang syne?*

With the New Year just around the corner, and revelers all over the world preparing to ring in the New Year, this week's tradition focuses on the song Auld Lang Syne.

Taken from a 1788 poem by Scottish poet Robert Burns, Auld Lang Syne is sung as a global anthem every New Year's Eve. The tune is based on a traditional pentatonic Scottish air and the lyrics are in the Scots language which translate in standard English to 'Old Long Since.'

These lyrics never specifically reference or celebrate the New Year, they speak of old friends enjoying a drink while remembering adventures and good times they spent together. A sentimental song brimming with nostalgia, Auld Lang Syne serves as a catalyst evoking memories of joyous times with friends and family.

In Scotland, Auld Lang Syne is generally sung at the end of traditional celebrations such as Hogmanay and Burns Supper. It functions as a closing to the event. Now this song is sung all over the world due to the emigration of many Scottish nationals. Typically, revelers cross arms together during the final verse of the song.

There have been numerous interpretations and translations of this song, including

its use as the national anthem of the Maldives until 1972. In Taiwan, it is used as a graduation and funeral song, while in Japan, the tune is performed at not only graduations but also to usher shoppers out of stores as they are closing.

New lyrics were composed by Professor Chikai Inagaki, and the title in Japanese, Hotaru no Hikari, translates as Glow of a Firefly. During World War I, American soldiers fighting in the trenches sang the lyric "We're Here Because We're Here" to this tune.

In many countries, the international Scouting movement use it while closing various functions and jamborees. Rod Stewart, Boxcar Willie, Mariah Carey, Jimi Hendrix and B.B King are just some of the artists who have recorded this song.

So, this New Year's Eve as you celebrate the past year and look forward to the coming year, sing the lyrics of Auld Lang Syne in the knowledge that you are singing a song that has lasted over 230 years and shows no sign of being replaced any time soon.

Above: An illustration circa 1841 by John Masey Wright and John Rogers illustrates the classic Burns poem "Auld Lang Syne" in this public domain photo.



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1) Crews of boats participating in the Parade of Lights form up for a multi-crew group shot before the parade. 2) Jeffrey Urfer is unstoppable in a jet ski sleigh pulled by sharks. 3) Evan McGowan is prepared for the boat parade in this festive holiday hat. 4) Island residents packed the Island Memorial Chapel for the Interdenominational Candlelight Christmas Eve service. 5) Kwajalein Scuba Club divers emerge from the lagoon with a holiday tree Dec. 22 during the Scuba Santa event. 6) The Kwajalein Handbell Choir prepares to perform on Christmas Eve at the Island Memorial Chapel. 7) A tasty gingerbread house decorates the Zamperini Cafeteria dessert station for Christmas Day lunch. 8) The weather outside is definitely not frightful in this Roi-Namur photo by Rouel Agustin.

SMDC HAS OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD YEAR

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Jason Cutshaw
USASMDC

REDSTONE ARSENAL—In 2019, the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command remained focused on providing space, missile defense and high altitude capabilities while also standing up a satellite operations brigade and changing the Future Warfare Center to the Space and Missile Defense Center of Excellence. The Army’s senior air and missile defense organization has roughly 2,800 Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians who perform missions at 23 different locations in 11 times zones around the world.

“This has been the most professionally rewarding job I have ever had,” said Lt. Gen. James H. Dickinson, outgoing SMDC commanding general. “This command does so many different things, in so many different areas, with so many different types of experts. From the science and technology out of the Technical Center to all of the institutional functions out of the Space and Missile Defense Center of Excellence to the operations we do at the 1st Space Brigade and the new U.S. Army Satellite Operations Brigade.

“And then on top of that you add in the 100th Missile Defense Brigade with the 300 Soldiers protecting the 300 million Americans, we are probably the most unique Army Service Component Command the Army has,” Dickinson added.

Dickinson led the command for almost three years before turning it over to its next commander in December.

“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,” said Lt. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, incoming SMDC commanding general during the Change of Command. “Twenty-first 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-unmanned aerial system 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.

According to SMDC’s deputy to the commander, James B. Johnson Jr., space is not simply a service or capability to be provided, it is a warfighting domain and an operational environment. The Army has had a role in space for years, from astronauts to Soldiers who operate satellites to Army Space Support Teams who help commanders fully leverage space capabilities, SMDC continues to be the lead for the Army’s growing role in space.

With the stand up of U.S. Space Command in August, SMDC now supports both U.S. Strategic Command and U.S. Space Command providing space capabilities on behalf of the Army. SMDC’s support to these combatant commands assures the integration and synchroni-



PHOTOS BY MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY

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1) A threat-representative ICBM target launches from the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site on Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands in March 2019. It was successfully intercepted by two long-range ground-based interceptors launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base in the first salvo test of GBIs. 2) The ‘lead’ Ground-based

Interceptor is launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base. 3) U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Karen Stewart, right, and Lt. Gen. James Dickinson, former commanding general of U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command, visit with Ebeye school children on a visit to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

zation of the Army’s space and missile defense operations.

SMDC took an internal look at the command to determine how it could be better organized to address the Army’s role in space and combined the 53rd Signal Battalion and personnel from the G-6 planning staff who manage satellite communication efforts to build and activate the U.S. Army Satellite Operations Brigade.

The brigade brings a full-time operational focus to the Army’s military satellite communications mission and brings SATCOM organizations under a single command entity, led by an Army colonel. It aligns functions within the command under an operational commander, improving effectiveness, efficiency and oversight while reducing redundancy

and bureaucracy.

As the lead for Army space and missile defense efforts and one of 10 Army Service Component Commands, SMDC oversaw operational space and missile defense missions around the globe. From trained and ready space and missile defense forces to innovative doctrine and concept to research and development, SMDC never slowed down.

SMDC organizes, trains, equips and deploys Army space and global missile defense forces to conduct worldwide space and missile defense operations in support of the joint force. Soldiers and civilians operate systems that provide satellite communications, space situational awareness and missile warning and defense for the Army and the Department of Defense.



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SMDC's Future Warfare Center transitioned to the Space and Missile Defense Center of Excellence to mirror other centers of excellence such as those for Fires or Maneuver.

This name change better encompasses the activities and functions the SMD Center of Excellence performs for the Army. The SMDCoE is where concepts begin for space, high altitude and global missile defense and where those concepts are integrated into the fight. The SMDCoE is the Army's force modernization proponent for space and missile defense, responsible for developing doctrine, organizational, training, materiel, leadership/education, personnel, and facility solutions.

SMDC's Technical Center provided research, development, test and evaluation capabilities for the command. The Tech Center executes science and technology as well as research and development programs within the command's core competencies of space and missile defense. Research from the Tech Center involves small satellites, directed energy efforts, high-power microwave technologies, low-cost targets and others.

Shifting from research and development to operations, SMDC's 1st Space Brigade Soldiers work 24/7/365, providing critical satellite communications and theater missile warning in support of critical defense missions. They provide missile defense, missile warning, satellite communications, force tracking, intelligence, and direct support to ground operations, allowing the Army to shoot, move and communicate.

In addition, the 100th Missile Defense Brigade, operates the nation's ground-based midcourse defense system. Their critical, no-fail mission, protects the homeland against a ballistic missile launch.

On March 25, two ground-based interceptors launched from Vandenberg in an anti-ballistic missile test made history with Flight Test Ground-based Midcourse Defense System-11, or FTG-11.

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.

SMDC also provides support to NASA with an Army astronaut detachment assigned to the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. The detachment cur-



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U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JASON CUTSHAW

1) NASA astronaut and spacewalker Andrew Morgan prepares to take a photograph with a camera protected from the hazards of microgravity by shielding in November. He and fellow astronaut Luca Parmitano (out of frame) were conducting the second spacewalk to repair the International Space Station's cosmic particle detector, the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer. 2) U.S. Army astronaut Lt. Col. Anne McClain exits the Soyuz MS-11 spacecraft minutes after she, Canadian Space Agency astronaut David Saint-Jacques, and Roscosmos cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko, land back on Earth June 24

(U.S. Eastern time). McClain returns after 204 days in space where she served as a member of the Expedition 58 and 59 crew onboard the International Space Station. 3) U.S. Military Academy Cadet Lauren Karbler and Tim Karbler place three stars on the Army Service Uniform of their newly promoted father, Lt. Gen. Daniel L. Karbler, during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command's Redstone Arsenal headquarters Dec. 6. Karbler assumed command of USASMDC and Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense following his promotion.

rently has two astronauts, Col. (Dr.) Andrew "Drew" Morgan and Lt. Col. Anne McClain, as well as one astronaut candidate, Lt. Col. Frank Rubio.

In December 2018, McClain, launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan for a six-month rotation on the International Space Station as a flight engineer for Expedition 58/59, returning June 24. Morgan successfully launched from the cosmodrome July 20 for a nine-month mission as a flight engineer for Expedition 60/61.

During their time aboard the ISS, McClain and Morgan completed multiple space walks, accumulating more than 50 hours outside the international laboratory.

During SMDC's Change of Command Dec. 6 from Dickinson to Karbler, Army Chief of Staff Gen. James C. McConville talked about the impact of the command and the role SMDC Soldiers, civilians and

family members have in maintaining peace around the world.

"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," McConville said. "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."

To view the original article and to read more about USASMDC, please visit https://www.army.mil/article/231270/smdc_has_out_of_this_world_year



TURNING TOWARD 2020

COMMUNITY CONNECTION / KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL

As 2019 draws to a close, many of us create resolutions for improved health and increased happiness.

Many will choose to reduce a negative habit like smoking or drinking. Others will seek to increase their physical activity level or to make healthier food choices. Some will resolve to make changes with an unfulfilling job or relationship. All in all, it can be a time of tremendous hope and optimism. It is important to remember that resolutions can address our mental health in addition to our physical health.

What makes these resolutions difficult is that we, as human beings, are impacted by a habit-driven mindset. The brain goes through elaborate processes to minimize overexertion. Its main goal is to simplify our daily functioning. Think about how many times you choose a meal because it is easy or familiar.

While this system is in place to support our brain functioning, it is not always helpful. Ultimately, it can lie to us. For example, instead of taking a walk with a friend, some turn to alcohol to unwind at the end of the day. Maladaptive coping skills or habits pull us away from reaching our goals and limit our opportunities for fulfillment.

Fortunately, as human beings, we can rationalize and reason. This gives us power over our habits. It is important to remember that our thoughts do not control us. We control our thoughts. So, if you plan to start 2020 with some positive changes, use the following tips to stay intentional:

Create a discrepancy map. Take a piece of paper and draw a vertical and horizontal lines to divide the paper into four sections. On the very top write out the activity or habit you

want to change. The top half of the paper is a space to explore the advantages and disadvantages of continuing the current habit. In the left square, write down the benefits or rewards of that activity. In the right square write down the associated costs or risks. In the bottom half of the paper, write down the advantages and disadvantages of discontinuing the habit. Use this sheet to help motivate and stay focused for long term success.

Making a change is hard but not impossible. It will be uncomfortable and challenging. It is important to create your “armor.” Understand your most difficult triggers or barriers and the tools you need to get through them.

Start with small steps. Master each one before building on another.

Create accountability. Tell a friend or family member, maintain regular social media posts or a blog focused on your goals. Join a network of people also pursuing similar goals who you can get support from. Schedule routine check-ins with professionals.

Immerse yourself in the goal. Read books, join blogs, listen to podcasts, follow pages or accounts of people on social media who have worked hard to obtain what you desire. We become what we surround ourselves with.

Rest assured, even when you feel overwhelmed by change or changing circumstances, you have the ability to exercise healthy control over your own decisions and health. Resources exist to inspire and assist those with every personality type and learning style in taking the first step toward a healthier life.



CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR SAFELY

COMMUNITY CONNECTION / KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL

Don't be fooled. During an evening of drinking it is easy to misjudge the effect of alcohol. Though it may seem like a refreshing escape, alcohol can pose a quick and confusing challenge to the human body. The truth is that alcohol continues to affect the body and brain long after the last drink.

At celebrations and gatherings, alcohol may seem like a galvanizing solution to help partygoers to relax and have fun. Those who drink may feel upbeat and excited. However, alcohol decreases inhibitions and judgment and can lead to reckless decisions.

As we consume more alcohol, our reaction times get longer. Human behavior can become aggressive and poorly controlled. Continued drinking may also cause slurred speech and a loss of balance. Alcohol can also cause blackouts—gaps in a person's memory—from when they were intoxicated. These gaps happen when a person drinks enough alcohol to temporarily block the transfer of memories from short-term to long-term storage—known as memory consolidation—in a brain area called the hippocampus.

At higher blood alcohol concentration levels, alcohol acts as a clear depressant, which can cause people who drink to pass out if the dose is high enough. At even higher levels, people who drink face the danger of life-threatening alcohol overdose due to the suppression of vital life functions. Even after someone stops drinking, alcohol in the stomach and intestine continues to enter the bloodstream, resulting in impaired judgment and coordination for hours.

Here are some tips to keep in mind if you host a holiday gathering:

Plan ahead. There's no way to make good decisions when you are intoxicated, and there is no way to sober up faster.

So, this holiday season, do not underestimate the effects of alcohol. Before you celebrate, decide how much you plan to drink. If necessary, invite a friend to help you remain accountable to your personal goal before your party begins.

Hydrate with the right stuff. Offer a variety of nonalcoholic drinks to guests and friends at gatherings. Water, juices, sparkling sodas. Nonalcoholic drinks help counteract the dehydrating effects of alcohol. Also, the other fluids may slow the rate of alcohol absorption into the body and reduce the peak alcohol concentration in the blood. They also provide your guests with alternatives to alcohol.

Mitigate with munchies. Provide a variety of healthy foods and snacks. Food can slow the absorption of alcohol and reduce the peak level of alcohol in the body by about one-third. Food can also minimize stomach irritation and gastrointestinal distress the following day.

Lead by example. If you are a parent, understand the underage drinking laws and set a standard for your family members. Create a safe space for your children to ask you questions about alcohol and its effects and consequences.

Don't be fooled. Be smart and have a safe new year.

For more information, please visit the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism online at <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/>.

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For more information and to learn more, please contact the Employee Assistance Program at the Kwajalein Hospital by calling 5-5362.

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.

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.

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.

Acts Part 2 Bible Study. Thursdays, 9:15-11:15 a.m., beginning Jan. 9, in the home of Sally Bulla in quarters 405D. Must purchase Acts Part 2 workbook for \$15.

COMMUNITY

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.

ENJOY WEEKLY PHOTOS ON FLICKR.

SINCE 2015, THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS HAS POSTED WEEKLY PHOTOGRAPHS FROM EVENTS AND STORIES ONLINE FOR FREE DOWNLOAD. WHETHER YOU'VE PCS'D OR ARE A NEWCOMER, YOU CAN CHECK OUT THE LATEST AT KWAJALEINHOURGLASSFLICKR.COM.

TO CHECK OUT THE PICS, PLEASE CLICK THE LOGO BELOW.



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.



GET REAL.
GET LOCAL.
GET CURRENT.

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 kwajalein-hourglass@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.



CYS SPOTLIGHT *January*

Child Development Center

Pre-K Vacation- Care is available until Jan. 4
Jan. 23- Yoga on the patio
Start Smart Soccer season runs Jan. 16-Feb. 13 for children aged 3-5 years.

STEAM Afternoons.

Join the CDC as we explore science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

Tuesdays—Swimming at Millican Family Pool, 1 p.m.

Wednesdays-Functional Fitness, 1 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 reminders 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.

School-Age Care

New Mentor Program meets daily 7- 8:30 a.m.

Open Rec

This free fitness program for K-6 students meets first and third Saturdays from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Jan. 18- Bohemian Yarn Tapestry

4-H Program

Free program meets Wednesday and Friday from 5-6 p.m. January's theme- Photography.

Functional Fitness—Join this free program physical exercise activity program. Meets Wednesdays from 2:30-3 p.m.

K-6 Sports Programs for Jan. 14- Feb. 11
Cheerleading
Soccer

Sports Carnival and RustMan Triathlon Training.

Get fit bit by bit with these fun programs. Registration runs Jan. 21-Feb. 11. Season runs Feb. 25-March 21

Special Events

Winter Camp runs through Jan. 4

Daily Focus. Join us for one-day programming with a focused activity theme.

Art Tuesdays
STEM Thursdays
Recreation Fridays
Character & Leadership Development Saturdays

SAC Special Events

Winter Camp—8:30- 5:30 p.m. Runs through Jan. 4.

Namo Weto Youth Center

Sundays

Drama Club 4 p.m.- Jan. 5 and 19

Tuesdays

Keystone club at 11:30 a.m.

TedEd Power Hour at 4 p.m.

Wednesdays

Jan. 8 and 22-Torch Clubs meet at 11:30 a.m.

Photography Club will meet at 5 p.m.

Thursdays

Kwaj Clean up at the beach at 4 p.m.

Trivia Night at 8 p.m.

Fridays

Money matters course at 4 p.m.

New Music Friday at 8 p.m.

Saturdays

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

Namo Weto Youth Center Special Events

Youth Action Council Meeting- Jan. 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Keystone/Torch Club officers Meeting- Jan. 4 at 4 p.m.

Global Youth Leadership Forum- Jan. 13

Pacific Teen Panel- Jan. 16 at 11:30 a.m.

UPS Road Code- Jan. 18 and 19 at 6 p.m.

Military Youth of the Year Scholarship Dinner- Jan. 26

Parents' Corner

Parent Advisory Board Open House- Please come and get information on upcoming events and to register for activities on January 4 all day in Central Registration.

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.

Upcoming CYS Closures.

January 1- New Year's Day

January 7- Staff Training Day

January 21- Martin Luther King Day

Teachers' Note

Unless otherwise indicated, all programs for the Namoweto 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.



COME ON IN. THE WATER'S GREAT.

Want to Play?

Register 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

Compressed Gas Cylinders

Compressed gas cylinders may contain flammable, toxic or reactive gases. Each gas cylinder used, stored or discarded should be managed in a way that prevents a threat to human health or the environment. Compressed gas cylinders are sometimes washed ashore. Call 911 and report the location if you discover a gas cylinder on the shore or in the water.

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USAG-KA YOUTH DRIVER PROGRAM OPEN THROUGH MARCH 2020

It is not too late for island teens to learn to drive. 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.

FMWR CALLS FOR VOLUNTEERS

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.

KWAJALEIN SCHOOL SYSTEM WINTER BREAK HOURS OF OPERATION

December 19-January 7
No School for Students

You may contact the registrar or lead administrator through January 1 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 or yurovcht@kwajalein-school.com or call Mary Beth Taylor at 5-1133.



VISIT USAG-KA CYS ON FACEBOOK FOR MORE PICTURES AND INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EVENTS AND PROGRAMS. [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/USAGKACYS/](https://www.facebook.com/USAGKACYS/)



WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

The Intertropical Convergence Zone has become active along 6-7N as anticipated from last week's discussion, bringing some needed rain to Kwajalein on Friday into today. This rain will linger into Sunday and we will experience a dry trend through the weekend. The New Year's holiday will bring sunshine and light, quick showers in the region. Unfortunately, wind speeds will pick up to around Small Craft Advisory levels over the holiday and may limit some water activities.

SATURDAY: Partly to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers (20 percent coverage). Winds E-ENE at 15-20 knots, higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY: Partly to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers (20 percent coverage) in the morning with decreasing showers through the day. Winds ENE-NE at 15-20 knots, higher gusts near showers.

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE and NEW YEAR'S DAY: Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers (less than 10 percent coverage). Winds NE-ENE at 17-24 knots.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:02 a.m. 6:39 p.m.	9:21 a.m. 9:18 p.m.	5:55 a.m. 3.3' 6:04 p.m. 4.4'	11:42 a.m. -0.1' -----
MONDAY	7:03 a.m. 6:40 p.m.	10:07 a.m. 10:07 p.m.	6:28 a.m. 3.2' 6:36 p.m. 4.1'	12:32 a.m. -0.3' 12:15 p.m. 0.1'
TUESDAY	7:03 a.m. 6:41 p.m.	10:51 a.m. 10:55 p.m.	7:03 a.m. 3.0' 7:10 p.m. 3.8'	1:06 a.m. -0.0' 12:48 p.m. 0.4'
WEDNESDAY	7:03 a.m. 6:41 p.m.	11:31 a.m. 11:40 p.m.	7:44 a.m. 2.6' 7:47 p.m. 3.3'	1:42 a.m. 0.3' 1:28 p.m. 0.7'
THURSDAY	7:04 a.m. 6:41 p.m.	12:10 p.m. -----	8:31 a.m. 2.5' 8:31 p.m. 2.9'	2:22 a.m. 0.5' 2:14 p.m. 1.0'
FRIDAY	7:04 a.m. 6:42 p.m.	12:48 p.m. 12:23 a.m.	9:36 a.m. 2.4' 9:33 p.m. 2.6'	3:11 a.m. 0.7' 3:23 p.m. 1.3'
JANUARY 4	7:05 a.m. 6:42 p.m.	1:26 p.m. 1:08 a.m.	11:06 a.m. 2.4' 11:02 p.m. 2.4'	4:16 a.m. 0.9' 5:08 p.m. 1.3'

KOMMOL TATA

Kommol tata to the island community and the amazing private organizations and volunteers who helped to make the island's community events a success!

Thanks to the Island Memorial Chapel, Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, Kwajalein Art Guild, Kwajalein Scuba Club, MWR and especially the cart rental folks who are always so helpful.

Our family appreciates everything you are doing to make Kwajalein a creative and fun and place to live.

We can't wait to see what the year 2020 has in store!

—Kwaj Mom

MOVIE SCHEDULE

KWAJALEIN
7:30 p.m.
Yuk Theater

Saturday, Dec. 28
Terminator:
Dark Fate (R)
128 min.

Sunday, Dec. 29
The Nutcracker and the
Four Realms (PG)
100 min.

Monday, Dec. 30
The Hate U Give
(PG-13)
133 min.

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

Saturday, Dec. 28
Tag (R)
105 min.

Sunday, Dec. 29
Kong: Skull Island
(PG-13)
120 min.

POOLS AND BEACHES

Winter Hours of Operation
through Jan. 5

ADULT POOL
Saturday-Thursday
Open 24 hours

Friday
closed

MILLICAN FAMILY POOL
Sunday-Wednesday
Noon-6 p.m.
Closed Thursday

Friday-Monday
Noon-6 p.m.

EMON BEACH
Tuesday-Saturday: 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Sunday and Monday
Noon-4 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY
Emon Beach will be unguarded
Millican Family Pool will be closed



SAFE SWIM AREA FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS


U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation invite you to enjoy New Year's Eve safely and responsibly. In preparation for the New Year's Eve fireworks display at Emon Beach, you are advised to adhere to the safety areas indicated on the map above.

- Swimmers will have a 200 foot "safe zone" available December 31. The safety area distance is measured from the end of the Emon Beach jetty.
- The safe distance radius is 450 feet from the barge.
- A vessel will be located approximately 800 feet from Emon Beach.
- No float plans will be accepted for the lagoon area after 7 p.m. on New Year's Eve.


200 FEET
Swim Boundary


450 FEET
Safe Distance


NO PASS
Restricted Area


800 FEET
Barge

THE ROARING 20S 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**

**9 P.M.-BEACH PARTY WITH
DJ NEIL DYE**

**FIREWORKS AT MIDNIGHT!
DOOR PRIZES!**

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



KWAJ-EBEYE - FERRY SCHEDULE
Effective November 1, 2019

EBEYE - TUESDAY TO SATURDAY					EBEYE - SUNDAY & HOLIDAY				
ETD KWAJ	ETA EBEYE	ETD EBEYE	ETA KWAJ	TYPE VESSEL	ETD KWAJ	ETA EBEYE	ETD EBEYE	ETA KWAJ	TYPE VESSEL
0245	0310	0315	0340	FB N/1	0400	0425	0430	0455	FB N/1
0420	0445	0450	0515	FB 1	0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1
0450	0515	0520	0545	FB 2	0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
0520	0545	0550	0615	FB 1	0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1
0550	0615	0620	0645	FB 2	1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1
0620	0645	0650	0715	FB 1	1530	1555	1600	1625	FB 1/N
0650	0715	0720	0745	FB 2	1700	1725	1730	1755	FB N
0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1	2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
					2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 2/A	Holidays	Only	Add	Extra	Run Below
					1830	1855	1900	1925	FB N
MONDAY									
0315	0340	0345	0410	FB N/1	0315	0340	0345	0410	FB N/1
0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1	0500	0525	0530	0555	FB 1
0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1	0600	0625	0630	0655	FB 1
0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1	0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1
0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1	0830	0855	0900	0925	FB 1
1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1	1140	1205	1210	1235	FB 1
1440	1505	1510	1535	FB 1/N	1440	1505	1510	1535	FB 1/N
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2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N					
	FB =	Ferry	Boat						