

# NAVY NAME FUTURE FORD CLASS AIRCRAFT CARRIER AFTER WWII NAVY HERO DORIS MILLER

EXTERNAL REPORT

**WASHINGTON**—Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas B. Modly named a future Gerald R. Ford-class aircraft carrier in honor of World War II hero Ship's Cook Third Class Doris Miller during a ceremony in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Jan. 20.

The announcement as made at a Martin Luther King Jr. Day ceremony, highlighting the contributions of African Americans to the greatest generation.

This is the second ship named in honor of Miller, and the first aircraft carrier ever named for an African American. This is also the first aircraft carrier to be named in honor of a Sailor for actions while serving in the enlisted ranks.

"In selecting this name, we honor the contributions of all our enlisted ranks, past and present, men and women, of every race, religion and background," said Modly. "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. observed, 'Everybody can be great - because anybody can serve'. No one understands the importance and true meaning of service than those who have volunteered to put the needs of others above themselves."

On Dec. 7, 1941, Miller was collecting laundry on the battleship West Virginia (BB-48), when the attack from Japanese forces commenced. When the alarm for general quarters sounded, he headed for his battle station, an anti-aircraft battery magazine, only to discover that torpedo damage had wrecked it.

Miller was ordered to the ship's bridge to aid the mortally wounded commanding officer, and subsequently manned a .50 caliber Browning anti-air-

craft machine gun until he ran out of ammunition. Miller then helped move many other injured Sailors as the ship was ordered abandoned due to her own fires and flaming oil floating down from the destroyed Arizona (BB-33). West Virginia lost 150 of its 1,500-person crew.

Miller's actions during the attack earned him a commendation from then Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox and the Navy Cross, which was presented to him personally by Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at the time.

Nimitz stated: This marks the first time in this conflict that such high tribute has been made in the Pacific Fleet to a member of his race and I'm sure the future will see others similarly honored for brave acts.

"Doris Miller stood for everything that is good about our nation, and his story deserves to be remembered and repeated wherever our people continue the watch today," said Modly.

In 1943, Miller died aboard USS Liscome Bay (CVE 56) when the ship was hit by a torpedo and sank off Butaritari Atoll in the Gilbert Islands—a stepping stone to Operation Flintlock in the Marshall Islands.

The future USS Doris Miller and other Ford-class carriers will be the premier forward asset for crisis response and humanitarian relief, and early decisive striking power in a major combat operation. The aircraft carrier and the carrier strike group will provide forward presence, rapid response, endurance on station, and multi-mission capability throughout its 50-year service life.



TOP: In this file photo taken May 27, 1942, Mess Attendant 2nd Class Doris Miller stands at attention after being awarded the Navy Cross medal for his actions aboard the battleship USS West Virginia (BB-48) during the Dec. 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The medal was presented to Miller by Adm. Chester Nimitz aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CV-6) during a ceremony in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. BOTTOM: Adm. Chester Nimitz awards the Navy Cross medal to Miller for his actions aboard the battleship USS West Virginia during the Dec. 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.



To learn more about Miller and his contributions to the Navy:

**CLICK HERE** 



Acting Secretary of the Navy Thomas B. Modly, right, poses for a photo next to a graphic illustration of the new Ford-class aircraft carrier USS Doris Miller (CVN 81) with Doris "Dorie" Miller's family members at a Martin Luther King Day celebration event on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

## THE KWA IAI FIN HOURGI ASS

The Kwajalein Hourglass is named for the insignia of the U.S. Army's 7th Infantry Division, which liberated the island from the forces of Imperial Japan on Feb. 4, 1944

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#### HOURGLASS REPORT

As January 1944 came to an end, Operation Flintlock, the Pacific campaign for the Marshall Islands, was about to launch. The joint forces operation brought together America's top military minds and powers. The success of Flintlock was in large part due to months of meticulous advance preparation. Directing the operation was U.S. Navy Admiral Chester Nimitz. He submitted his invasion plan on Aug. 20 of that year. Nimitz was a strategic preplanner. On Kwajalein, that planning would save thousands of Soldiers' lives.

On Jan. 30, the U.S.S. Yorktown began the assault on Kwajalein to clear the way for ground troops who would soon land on the island. Though firsthand accounts vary, battle survivors recall that few trees were left standing after the campaign; the heavy shelling of the island razed much of Kwajalein's natural foliage. Airstrike support was supplied by Vice Adm. Marc Mitscher's planes from six light carriers and six fleet carriers. They were accompanied by cruisers, destroyers and battleships.

After three days of naval air bombardment from the Yorktown air group, Soldiers assaulted the beaches, dodged sniper fire and repelled attacks in efforts to overcome Japanese defenses.

On Kwajalein, Rear Adm. Richmond Turner commanded the military forces

# OPERATION FLINTLOCK

A B24J bomber flies over the island of Kwajalein, softening up Japanese defense positions in anticipation of the ground assault.

File photo

against Japanese entrenchment with the support of Maj. Gen. Charles Corlett's U.S. Army 7th Infantry Division. Under Rear Adm. Richard Conolly, Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt's 4th Marine Division headed north to tackle Roi and Namur. After securing Majuro, Rear Adm. Harry Hill's task force was designated as the reserve ready force, prepared to assist any of the two invasion forces.

The operation ran smooth, like clockwork. American forces gained control of the islands in a matter of days. While the Marines tackled Japanese positions

in fierce combat on Roi and Namur, the Army handled Kwajalein. By Feb. 4, fighting had ceased on both island groups. On Feb. 20, U.S. Marines captured Enewetok, where photographer George Strock would shoot some of his most compelling war photography to date and show the American people what it was like to fight in the Pacific.

Today on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, a series of markers and plaques commemorate Operation Flintlock, recounting the battle step by step. For more information, contact the DI Archaeology Office.



# OPERATION FLINTLOCK FACTS

- America's attack in the Marshall Islands was the first attack and seizure of land held by the Japanese Empire prior to WWII. From Kwajalein, U.S. forces would continue to encroach into Japan's "back yard" through 1944 and 1945.
- Japanese defenders expected American invasion forces to hit the islands on their ocean-facing shores, as had happened to disastrous effect at Tarawa. Instead, the Marines and Soldiers, and their heavy equipment, hit the islands from their lagoon-facing sides, surprising the defenders.
- Nearly 200 Marshallese were among the casualties of war. 845 American service members were

- wounded in battle at Kwajalein, and 617 at Roi-Namur.
- More than 100,000 tons of Allied Forces ammunition were used in the battle, and some 36,000 shells struck Kwajalein during the siege.
- More than 150 American aircraft were scuttled in the atoll after the battle.
- U.S. aircraft and naval bombardment sank many Japanese ships in Kwajalein Atoll's lagoon. Most are popular scuba diving destinations. One of the latest "discovered" by divers was the Palawan wreck near Bigej island. It was found in 1992 by a pair of Kwaj residents.

# TINKER WAS ISLAND FAVORITE

COMMUNITY CONNECTION BY / BILL REMICK

Tinker was one lucky dog. He is reputed to have been a survivor of the invasion of Kwajalein in 1944. He managed to fall into the care of succeeding groups of men who took care of him during his 19-year life. Nineteen years is a long life for a dog, and Tinker is reputed to have made the best of it. Some may think this is a just good sea story and that he couldn't have been that old when he died in 1962. Well, that may be true. I am reminded of one of the closing lines in the "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" where Edmund O'Brien, who ran the town newspaper, says in regard to the actual person who shot Liberty Valence, "When the legend becomes the truth, print the legend!" That is my recollection of the quote, but you get the idea. In the last few days, I have communicated with an Air Force pilot who was on Kwaj in 1954 and remembered Tinker as the island dog. That is, he would joyride on the bus and in general acted like he ran the place. So, absent any evidence to the contrary, Tinker did survive the invasion and lived the good life on Kwaj to a ripe old age.

Tinker was lucky to have lived much past the end of the war. Kwajalein was a transit point for many servicemen returning to the US following World War II. Regulations prohibited them bringing their dogs and cats back to the states, so they were left on Kwaj. Soon the island was overrun with them, and the command started to eliminate them. Someone was looking out for Tinker and he became a fixture on the island.

At least in his later years he was adopted by the Navy communications men. His photo hung prominently in the new communications building with the title "Tinker, age 19 plus, (Chief-in-Charge of Dogs)." By mid-January 1962 it was obvious he had gone totally blind. The men took him to the hospital and later that day buried him in the Japanese cemetery at the west end of the island. Apparently overnight they had a change of heart. They disinterred him and reburied him behind the communications center. Tinker has lain undisturbed since then under a marker stone his buddies had made for him.

I had known of the story of Tinker for years but had never seen a photo of him. Other dogs achieved a great deal of publicity like Mr. Magoo and Sam. Perhaps Tinker had some notoriety in the late 1950s when his heritage of surviving WWII became newsworthy because of his age. He was certainly well known enough on Kwaj to rate an obituary on his death. Unfortunately, there are virtually no Hourglasses available to research between 1946 and 1961. There is a hint in a 1963 Hourglass article that such an archive did exist on the island at that time. My suspicion is the papers were thrown out in the changeover of logistics contractors from the Transport Company of Texas to Global Associates in early 1964.

This past summer I realized that some of my acquaintances on Facebook were Navy communications men who were on Kwaj in Tinker's final years. I reached out to them and one of them, Alan Burckhard, was able to find a photo of Tinker after a several month search. This photo was taken in the months before he died, but now we can all see what the last local survivor of the Kwaj invasion looked like. Rest in peace Tinker.

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#### TINKER IS DEAD

THE LAST LOCAL SURVIVOR OF THE BATTLE OF KWAJALEIN IS DEAD.

SO THE STORY GOES, TINKER, AN AGED BLACK AND BUFF DOG, WAS WITH JAPANESE FORCES WHEN U. S. TROOPS BOMBARDED THE ISLAND IN 1944. AFTER THE JAPANESE SURRENDERED, TINKER WAS BEFRIENDED BY AMERICAN SERVICEMEN THROUGH THE YEARS. IN RECENT YEARS, TINKER HAS BEEN THE MASCOT OF THE NAVY COMMUNICATIONS. WHEN OPERATIONS WERE MOVED FROM THE TERMINAL BUILDING TO THE NEW COMMUNICATION CENTER, TINKER CAME ALONG, TOO.

TINKER MADE HIMSELF AT HOME IN THE NEW BUILDING, ROAMING THE HALLWAY, SLEEPING UNDER DESKS AND LOUNGING ON THE CORAL OUTSIDE THE DOORWAY.

TINKER'S PHOTOGRAPH, ALONGSIDE THOSE OF NAVAL AND VOUGHT PERSONNEL, APPEARED ON THE COMMAND IDENTIFICATION BOARD AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COMMUNICATION CENTER. ENSCRIBED UNDER THE PICTURE: "TINKER, AGE 19 PLUS, (CHIEF-IN-CHARGE OF DOGS)."

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FLOYD B. SMITH, RMC, WAS TINKER'S MAIN GUARDIAN AT THE NEW COMMUNICATION ENTER. BUT HE WAS NOT ALONE, EVERYONE - NAVY AND CIVILIAN ALIKE - SAW TO T THAT TINKER WAS WELL FED.
IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS, TINKER BECAME ALMOST STONE DEAF AND HE LOST THE

SIGHT IN ONE EYE.

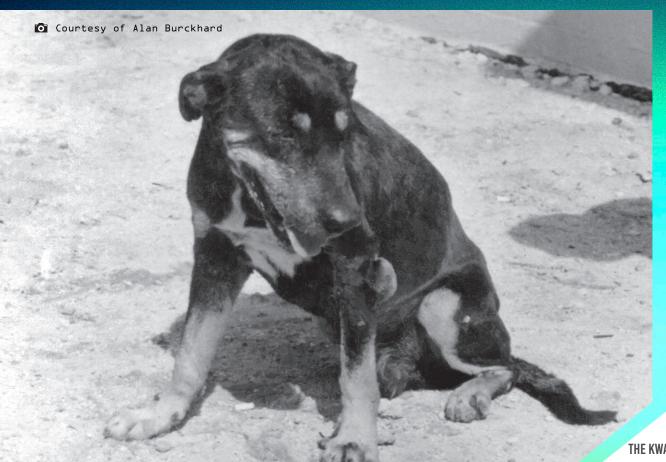
Monday morning Tinker bumped his nose against one wall after another. It appeared evident that Tinker had gone blind. He was taken to the hospital, where Tinker's blindness was confirmed.

Later in the day, bluejackets buried Tinker with his wartime comrades in the Japanese cemetery near the old Joint Receiver Facility.

By a Communicator



O Courtesy of Bill Remick



FROMTOP: Tinker's obit in the Hourglass, 1962. Tinker's grave, located on Kwajalein, behind building 1008. Tinker the dog, in all his splendor, is photographed on Kwaj a few months before his death, following 19 long years on the island.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



# FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

#### EXTERNAL REPOR

Provided by Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Monday, February 4, 2019

#### What is it?

February is African American History Month, and the Army reflects upon and celebrates the tremendous contributions of African-Americans to the nation. The theme of 2019 African American Month is Black Migrations. During this observance the Army reflects on the contributions of African American Soldiers.

## What are the current and past efforts of the Army?

African Americans have defended the nation since the Revolutionary War. They continue to serve the Army with great honor and distinction and built a legacy of courage and professionalism. This legacy inspired current and past generations and will continue to do so in the future.

# The Army stands on the tradition of sacrifice by African-American Soldiers:

- Those who joined the Continental Army in exchange for the promise of freedom
- The Louisiana Free Men of Color who fought in the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812
- The 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment of the Union Army
- The Buffalo Soldiers
- The Harlem Hell Fighters of New York's 369th Infantry Regiment in WWI

- The Tuskegee Airmen; the "Triple Nickels"
- The all-black airborne unit in WWII
- The brave drivers of the "Red Ball Express," who brought supplies to Allied Forces after D-Day
- The "Black Panthers" of the 761st Tank Battalion in WWII

# What are the continued efforts planned by the Army?

The Army is dedicated to leveraging the strength of our diverse force and ensuring equality for all its members. To sustain a high-quality Army that is trained and ready, the Army will continue to ensure that all Soldiers and Civilians are given the opportunity to maximize their talents and potential.

#### Why is this important to the Army?

African Americans make up more than 19 percent of the Total Army and the Department of the Army Civilian Workforce. African Americans play vital roles in today's Army as Soldiers, Army Civilians and family members, and are critical members of the Army team. The Army strongly embraces diversity as a way to maximize individual talent, increase morale and greatly enhance military effectiveness. The Army finds its strength not only in its diversity, but in its ability to bring together people of different faiths, cultures, and races who share common values like duty, honor, selfless service, loyalty, and respect. The Army is confident that the myriad of talent, skills, and abilities in the diverse force will help to meet future defense challenges and win the nation's wars.

#### MOVIE SCHEDULE

\*ALL SHOWINGS BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M.

#### **KWAJALEIN**

Saturday January 25
Zombieland: Double Tap
(R), 2 hr, 45 min

Sunday, January 26 Ready Player One (PG-13) 2 hrs, 19 min

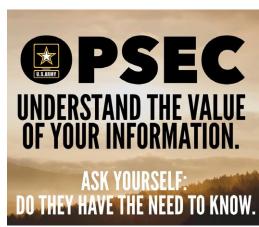
Monday January 27 God's Not Dead Part One (PG), 1 hr, 53 min

#### **ROI-NAMUR**

Saturday, January 25 Father Figures (R) 2 hr, 5 min

Sunday, January 26 Ad Astra (PG-13) 2 hr, 4 min







# KYC Music Jam is Jan. 26

Musicians and friends of all ages are invited to enjoy a night of live music under the stars. Grab your guitar and bring a friend to the Kwajalein Yacht Club Sunday, Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m. Musicians in need of accompaniment and jam buddies should contact Tim Roberge. Spread the word to anyone who may want to play, sing or just enjoy a night of music.

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The beautiful islet paradise of Roi-Namur is captured in these photos taken by Rouel Agustin, who is serving with the Navy Seabees on Enniburr.

# Think. Protect. OPSEC. Are you ready for the new year?

# Opsec and Social Networking Sites

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES (SNS), like Facebook® and Twitter®, are software applications that connect people and information in spontaneous, interactive ways. While SNS can be useful and fun, they can provide adversaries, such as terrorists, spies and criminals, with critical information needed to harm you or disrupt your mission. Practicing Operations Security (OPSEC) will help you to recognize your critical information and protect it from an adversary. Here are a few safety tips to get you started.

#### **SAFETY CHECKLIST**

#### Personal Information

#### Do you:

- Keep sensitive, work-related information OFF your profile?
- Keep your plans, schedules and location data to yourself?
- Protect the names and information of coworkers, friends, and family members?
- Tell friends to be careful when posting photos and information about you and your family?

#### Posted Data

#### Before posting, did you:

- Check all photos for indicators in the background or reflective surfaces?
- Check filenames and file tags for sensitive data (your name, organization or other details)?

#### **Passwords**

#### Are they:

- Unique from your other online passwords?
- Sufficiently hard to guess?
- Adequately protected (not shared or given away)?

#### Settings and Privacy

#### Did you:

- Carefully look for and set all your privacy and security options?
- Determine both your profile and search visibility?
- Sort "friends" into groups and networks, and set access permissions accordingly?
- Verify through other channels that a "friend" request was actually from your friend?
- Add "untrusted" people to the group with the lowest permissions and accesses?

#### Security

#### Remember to:

- Keep your anti-virus software updated.
- Beware of links, downloads, and attachments just as you would in e-mails.
- Beware of "apps" or plugins, which are often written by unknown third parties who might use them to access your data and friends.
- Look for HTTPS and the lock icon that indicate active transmission security before logging in or entering sensitive data (especially when using wi-fi hotspots).

THINK BEFORE YOU POST! Remember, your information could become public at any time due to hacking, configuration errors, social engineering or the business practice of selling or sharing user data. For more information, visit the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff's website.



# CYS February Spotlight

## Child Development Center

#### 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 at 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.

#### **Upcoming CDC Events**

**Yoga on the patio**. Stretch for it in this relaxing stretch program. Meets Jan. 23 and Feb. 20

Classroom Valentine's Day Celebration Feb. 14

**Start Smart Sports**. Fitness is fun in this program for children aged 3-5 years.

**Soccer.** Season runs until Feb. 13 *Mini-Golf.* Registration is open until Feb. 11. Season begins Feb. 27.

#### **Baru Classroom Special Reminders**

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

#### Mentor Program

Meets daily 7-8:30 a.m.

Teamwork is the highlight of this fun, new program, as School-Age Care kids mentor the CDC "littles" in fun projects and activities.

#### 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

#### Art February with 4-H Program

This free program meets Wednesday and Friday from 5-6 p.m. Join us as we wrap January's theme, Photography, and get into visual arts in February.

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

#### **K-6 Sports Programs**

CYS K-6 cheerleading and soccer run until Feb. 11. Come on down and check the action on the field.

#### **Sports Carnival**

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

#### Special Events at SAC

Feb. 7- Kite-flying Feb. 21- Treasure Hunt Feb. 28- 4-H Celebration of Learning

#### Daily Focus.

Let SAC help you foster your child's growing talents and interests with our special one-day activity programming: Art Tues-

days; STEM Thursdays; Recreation Fridays; Character & Leadership Development Saturdays

# Namo Weto Youth Center

#### Sundays

Drama Club 4 p.m.- Jan. 19, Feb. 4 and 16

#### **Tuesdays**

Keystone Club at 11:30 a.m. TedEd Power Hour at 4 p.m.

#### Wednesdays

Jan. 22-Torch Club meets 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.

#### Saturdays

American Sign Language Club at 5 p.m. Keystone/Torch Club Officers meet at 4 p.m.

#### **Youth Center Movies**

Feb. 2- Black Panther Feb. 7- The Help

Feb. 16- Hidden Figures

Feb. 23- Selma

#### Special Events at Namo Weto Youth Center

**UPS Road Code-** Jan. 18 and 19 at 6 p.m. **Youth Action Council Meeting-** Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Variety Show Auditions- Feb. 9 and 16 High School Late Night Valentine Party- Feb. 15 from 9-11 p.m.

UPS Road Code- Feb. 21 and 22 at 6 p.m.

Black History Month TED Talk- Feb. 22 at 4 p.m.

Variety Show Dress Rehearsal- ${
m TBA}$ 

## Parents' Corner

#### Parent Advisory Board Open House

Please come and get information on upcoming events and to register for activities on Saturday, February 1 all day in Central Registration.

#### **Special Note**

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 21- Martin Luther King Day February 18- President's Day

## 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





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# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### HELP WANTED

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

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 administrative services, data analysts, 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.

USAG-KA 2020 Home Business License. Vendors who want to sell goods or offer services need to obtain a license. Stop by the FMWR Office on the first floor of Building 805 for an application. For more information or to submit an application, contact Teresa Mitchell at 5-3400 or teresa.j.mitchell4.naf@mail.mil. Please include the following with your application: Applicable licenses and certifications; pictures and examples of goods offered; proof of insurance; and other relevant business information.

Volunteers are needed to participate in the pet cemetery upkeep program. Extra hands are needed to assist in tending garden spaces

site. If you would like to offer assistance on an occasional or frequent basis, please contact Teresa Mitchell at 5-3400.

Food and Drink on Metro 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.

Need to report a non-emergency incidents or information? Send in secure reports online at the USAG-KA Police Department Facebook page. For more information, visit https:// www.facebook.com/kwajaleinpo-

#### 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.

Power Walk Ex. Stand strong, move forward and get to stepping with Power Walk ExClass begins Jan. 18 and meets Thursday and Saturday from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. Walk will begin and end at the Ivey Gym. All MWR fitness classes require a wellness class pass. For more information and to purchase your pass, visit the MWR desk at the Grace Sherwood Library and call 5-3331.

Yokwe Yuk Women's Club General Membership Meeting. Sunday Jan. 26 in the REB at 6:30 p.m. All women on the atoll are invited. Discussion topics include club news and the annual Basket Auction and Fundraiser event.

AAFES appreciates your patience while we conduct annual inventory. Some hours of operation will be impacted. On Kwajalein, AAFES inventory will take place Sunday, Jan. 26. The Kwaj PXtra will be open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Kwajalein Express will be open 9 a.m.-8 p.m. For more information, please contact Jeff Carroll at 5-1010 or 5-3542.

# HOURGLASS 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 HTTPS:// WWW.FLICKR.COM/PHOTOS/KWAJALEINHOUR-GLASS/ OR CLICK THE HOURGLASS IMAGE.

# **RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Upcoming Chapel Events:**

Feb. 4th (Tue) - Please join the Kwajalein Memorial Chapel as we celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a special service Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the main sanctuary. The service will be followed by a potluck in the REB for everyone to attend

Feb. 17th (Mon) - Bike Blessing (7th Street) 11-2pm . 17th (Mon) -Theology on Tap (ARC) 630pm Feb. 26th (Wed) - Ash Wednesday

Services - both at 5pm. ID Service in the REB. Catholic Service in the Large Chapel.

Youth Fellowship YF is held in the REB from 7-9pm in the REB on the following Mondays: Jan 27 Feb 10, 24 Mar 9, 23 Apr 13, 27 May 11, 25

Prayer Group 1st & 3rd Fridays at 6:30pm in the Large Chapel

Christ Centered Yoga on Mondays at 9am in the REB

ID Chaplain (1st & 3rd Fridays) at 6:30pm Jan 24 - Catholic Chaplain (2nd &

4th Fridays) at 6:30pm

#### Youth Fellowship

We have a heart to serve up-andcoming generations-and no one said it couldn't be rowdy, crazy and fun, too! January 2020 Youth Fel-lowship meetings take place Monday nights in the REB. Join us Jan. 27 in the RFB as we kick off another vear in the Word.

YogaFaith

Christ-centered Yoga on Mondays at 9 a.m. in the REB. This yoga fitness event is free.

#### **Roi Chapel Services**

You are invited to services at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays. Join the community for Interdenominational Services on first and third Fridays Catholic Services meet second and fourth

# **Need Housing Repairs?**

Call the Service Desk at 5-3550 Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For af-ter hours emergencies, call 5-3139. After going through the service desk process, if you contin-ue 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.



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## **ATI CHECK-IN**

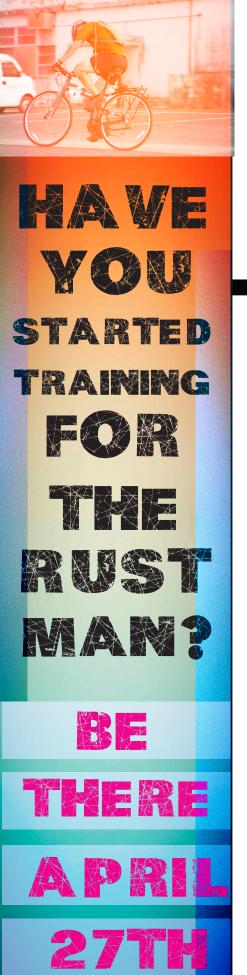
Early departures—7:45-8:15 a.m. For all other departures, check-in begins at 8-8:30 a.m. Check with your ATI flight representative to confirm check-in and flight departure times.

## **UNITED CHECK-IN**

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.





## **NEED HELP? YOU'RE NOT ALONE**

COMMUNITY CONNECTION / KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL

**For those** who have served on the front lines with the U.S. military, navigating challenges can be difficult. For those service members, Veterans and retirees within our community who experience startle responses, difficulty sleeping, a desire to isolate or increase alcohol consumption or an increase in flashbacks or nightmares, there are a variety of resources on island, online or via telephone.

Below are a few resources recommended in the VA newsletter.

**1. The Veterans Crisis Line** connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring VA responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat and text messaging service.

Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/

**2.** *The Veteran Training* online self-help portal provides tools for overcoming everyday challenges. The portal has tools to help Veterans work on problem-solving skills, manage anger, develop parenting skills and more.

All tools are free and based on mental health practices that have proven successful with Veterans and their families. Its use is entirely anonymous.

https://www.veterantraining.va.gov/

**3. AboutFace** features stories of Veterans who have experienced PTSD, their family members and VA clinicians. There, you can learn about PTSD, explore treatment options and get advice from others who have been there.

https://www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/AboutFace/

Counseling on island is available through the EAP office (5-5362) or the Chaplain (5-3505). Please do not hesitate to reach out.

#### USAG-KA YOUTH DRIVER PROGRAM NOW THROUGH MARCH

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.

### **HEALTH UPDATES**

HOURGLASS REPORT

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll works together with the Republic of the Marshall Islands Ministry of Health and Human Services to protect the Marshall Islands from the importation and spread of measles. Your continued patience and cooperation is appreciated during what the Centers for Disease Control have termed a global outbreak.

The Kwajalein Hourglass will continue to publish the latest health and travel advisory information. Please continue to monitor the AFN roller channel and USAG-KA Facebook page for the most current information. Island contractors should also 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 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.



SHARE YOUR WEATHER PHOTOS WITH US! SEND SHOTS AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION TO KWAJALEINHOURGLASS@DYN-INTL.COM

BY RTS WEATHER STATION

#### **WEATHER DISCUSSION:**

An east-west oriented trough along 7N will bring rain showers over the weekend. Winds will remain around 20 kts, or small craft advisory levels for much of the weekend into early next week. The trough slides south and trade winds freshen. Shower coverage starts to decrease Monday while winds don't decrease until Wednesday. Expecting average to above average precipitation for next 7 days.

**SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy due to high level clouds with isolated showers (10% coverage). Shower coverage increasing overnight. Winds NE-ENE at 17-22 kts with gusts to 30 kts.

**SUNDAY:** Cloudy with scattered showers (30% coverage). Winds E-ENE at 17-22 kts, higher gusts near showers.

**MONDAY:** Cloudy with widely scattered showers (20% coverage). Winds E-ENE at 17-22 kts, higher gusts near showers





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SUNDAY	7:10 a.m.	8:01 a.m.	5:14 a.m. 3.4'	11:03 a.m0.3'
	6:53 p.m.	7:59 p.m.	5:21 p.m. 4.5'	11:45 p.m0.5'
MONDAY	7:10 a.m. 6:53 p.m.	8:45 a.m. 8:47 p.m.	5:43 a.m. 3.5' 5:50 p.m. 4.4'	11:34 a.m0.3'
TUESDAY	7:10 a.m.	9:27 a.m.	6:12 a.m. 3.5'	12:12 a.m0.4'
	6:54 p.m.	9:34 p.m.	6:18 p.m. 4.2'	12:03 p.m0.2'
WEDNESDAY	7:10 a.m.	10:06 a.m.	6:40 a.m. 3.4'	12:39 a.m0.3'
	6:54 p.m.	10:18 p.m.	6:46 p.m. 4.0'	12:33 p.m. 0.0'
THURSDAY	7:10 a.m.	10:44 a.m.	7:09 a.m. 3.3'	1:06 a.m0.1'
	6:54 p.m.	11:02 p.m.	7:14 p.m. 3.7'	1:04 p.m. 0.3'
FRIDAY	7:10 a.m.	11:22 a.m.	7:40 a.m. 3.1'	1:33 a.m. 0.2'
	6:55 p.m.	11:46 p.m.	7:43 p.m. 3.3'	1:37 p.m. 0.6'
FEBRUARY 1	7:10 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	8:18 a.m. 2.9' 8:19 p.m. 2.9'	2:03 a.m. 0.4' 2:19 p.m. 0.9'

#### CALL 5-3347 TO SPEAK TO A FORECASTER / CALL 5-4700 TO HEAR UPDATED RECORDED FORECASTS



#### **Protected Species**

Do not purchase, harvest, collect, or transport protected species. Contact the post office for direction before attempting to ship any biological specimen, including driftwood, crushed coral (sand), and shells.

Jab wia, madmod, ae, ak aljek men ko emoj baroki. Kurlok Post Office non tol mokta jen jibadbad in ijjileklok men ko bwinnid, einwot woj ak wuj, bok im libbukwe.

# POOLS AND BEACHES HOURS OF OPERATION

#### **ADULT POOL**

Saturday-Thursday Open 24 hours

FRIDAY
Closed for cleaning

#### **MILLICAN FAMILY POOL**

Sunday and Monday: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

#### **MORNINGS**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### **AFTERNOONS**

Wednesday and Friday: 3:30-5 p.m.
Tuesday and Saturday: 3:30-6 p.m.
Closed Thursday for cleaning

#### **EMON BEACH**

Tuesday-Saturday: Buddy Swim only Sunday and Monday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.







Come on out and support Inner Tube Water Polo!

#### **Season Dates**

Now through Feb. 25 League play on Tuesday and Saturday nights

For more information, please contact MWR at 5-3331.

#### KWAJ- EBEYE - FERRY SCHEDULE EBEYE - TUESDAY TO SATURDAY EBEYE - SUNDAY & HOLIDAY

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0650	0715	0720	0745	FB 2	ı
0720	0745	0750	0815	FB 1	ı
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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	FB N
2000	2025	2030	2055	FB N
2200	2225	2230	2255	FB N
Holidays	Only	Add	Extra	Run Below
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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
1440	1505	1510	1535	FB 1/N
1645	1710	1715	1740	FB N
1745	1810	1815	1840	FB N
1900	1925	1930	1955	FB N
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2130	2155	2200	2225	FB N



Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Contact

Staff Sgt. Yadira Vazquezrodriguez **SHARP Victim Advocate** 

Work: 805 355 0660 Home: 805 355 2036

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

**USAG-KA SHARP Pager:** 

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

**Local Help Line:** 

805 355 2758 DOD SAFE Helpline: 877 995 5247





# Family and friends: Be particularly careful not to share:

- Deployment status
- Home address
- Telephone numbers
- Location information



# 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.







# THE ADULT POOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR RENOVATION FEB 1st TO MAR 31st

# THE FAMILY POOL WILL BE OPEN FOR ADULT LAP SWIM AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:



SUN: 0400-0800 & 2015-2200

MON: 0400-0800 & 2015-2200

TUES: 0400-0800

WED: 0400-0800 & 2015-2200

THURS: 0400-0600

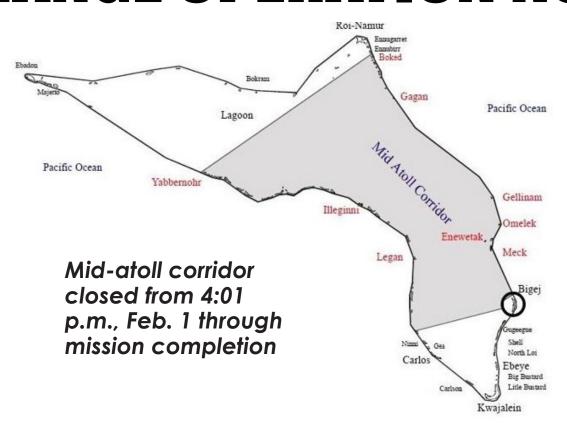
FRI: 0400-0800 & 2015-2200

SAT: 0400-0800





# RANGE OPERATION NOTICE



A RANGE OPERATION IS SCHEDULED FOR 05FEB – 06FEB 2020. CAUTION TIMES ARE 05 FEBRUARY 2020 at 8:07 P.M. THROUGH 06 FEBRUARY 2020 at 3:08 A.M. FEBRUARY 06-07 IS THE BACKUP DAY FOR THIS OPERATION. DURING THIS TIME, A CAUTION AREA WILL EXTEND INTO THE OPEN OCEAN EAST OF THE MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR.

THE MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1601 HOURS, 01 FEB 2020 THROUGH MISSION COMPLETION. THE CAUTION AREA EXTENDS FROM THE SURFACE TO UNLIMITED ALTITUDE.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ABOVE SAFETY REQUIRE-MENTS FOR THIS MISSION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO REA-GAN TEST SITE (RTS) MISSION SAFETY OFFICE AT (805) 355-5625. FOR ANNOUNCEMENT ON: SATURDAY, 25 JANUARY 2020 THROUGH FRIDAY, 07 FEBRUARY 2020 OR UPON MISSION COMPLETION.

JUON IEN KOKEMELMEL ENAJ KOMAN ILO RAN IN WED/THURS, 05-06 RAN IN FEBRUARY 2020. AWA KO REKAUWOTOTA EJ JEN 8:08PM AWA IN JOTA ILO 05 FEB LOK NAN 03:08AM AWA JIMAROK ILO 06 RAN IN FEBRUARY. ILO AWA KEIN BA KAKI, IJOKO RENAJ KAUWOTOTA EJ MALO KO TUREAR IN BEDBED IM ENE KO ILO IOLAP IN AELON IN (MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR).

ENE KO ILO IOLAP IN AELON IN (MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR) RENAJ KILOK JEN 4:01PM AWA ELKIN RAELEP ILO 01 (JUON) RAN IN FEBRUARY 2020 NAN NE EDEDELOK KOKEMELMEL KEIN. NE EWOR AM KAJITOK JOUJ IM CALL E LOK KWAJALEIN RANGE SAFETY OPIJA RO ILO (805) 355-5625.