

THE UNITED STATES IS ASSISTING PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES TO RESPOND TO COVID-19

EXTERNAL REPORT

By U.S. Department of State Office of the Spokesperson

As the leader in global health and humanitarian response to COVID-19, the United States has acted swiftly to monitor, respond to, and mitigate the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic in Pacific island countries.

The Department of State is closely coordinating with U.S. interagency partners including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of the Interior, Department of Defense, and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command.

While the U.S. response for the U.S. Freely Associated States—Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Palau—is based on our unique, historic and special relationships underpinned by our Compacts of Free Association, we will continue to support all the Pacific island countries.

We are coordinating closely with Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Taiwan and other like-minded partners on COVID-19 assistance to the Pacific.

New Funding to Support the Pacific in Responding to COVID-19

As of April 17, the U.S. Government has provided over \$32 million in funding to support the COVID-19 response in Pacific island countries, including:

- Over \$27.5 million from a variety of federal agencies (DOI, CDC, HHS and USAID) to the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands and Palau.
- \$3.3 million from USAID to the Pacific islands region.
- \$1.2 million from USAID to Papua New Guinea.

Regional Coordination with Like-Minded Partners

At the regional level, the CDC, US-AID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, U.S. Embassy Suva and the Pacific Islands Health Officers' Association are coordinating with the Fiji-based Pacific Joint Incident Management Team, which is leading the regional response to COVID-19.

The U.S. Government is also participating in the newly expanded coordination forum led by the UN Resident Coordinator Office—the Pacific Humanitarian Team—that convenes all active sectors responding to the COVID-19 crisis, including health, water, sanitation, hygiene, logistics, food security, protection and emergency telecommunications.

We have been coordinating closely with partners including Australia and New Zealand on delivery of medical and other humanitarian supplies to the Pacific islands.

The Pacific Islands

On March 18, the U.S. Government announced the release of \$62 million from the Emergency Reserve Fund for Contagious Infectious-Disease Outbreaks at USAID to address the global COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 27, USAID announced it will provide \$1.2 million for Papua New Guinea and \$2.3 million for the Pacific islands to provide expert help to these governments.

Funded activities will include lab preparation, infection control, case and contact tracing and public-health communications.

 Of the \$2.3 million for the Pacific islands, \$600,000 has gone to the International Organization for Migration to support water, sanitation, hygiene and communications activities in the Federated States of Micronesia and Marshall Islands.

On April 16, the U.S. Government announced the release of additional humanitarian assistance from USAID's International Disaster Assistance. The Pacific islands will receive \$1 million in IDA humanitarian assistance to support risk communication, infection prevention and control, logistics, coordination efforts, and more.

Papua New Guinea

On April 13, the U.S. Embassy in Port Moresby announced that the USAID commitment of \$1.2 million (4.2 million PGK) will be used to prepare laboratory systems, activate case-finding and event-based surveillance, support technical experts for response and preparedness, risk communication, infection prevention and control and more.

The Freely Associated States

The U.S. CDC is the lead agency on COVID-19 response in the Freely Associated States. To determine needs and provide guidance and assistance, the CDC communicates regularly with health departments in the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Palau.

The CDC also leads a weekly call with healthcare professionals in the Freely Associated States and U.S. Pacific territories, and a separate weekly call with U.S. agencies, including State, DOI, HHS, INDOPACOM and USAID.

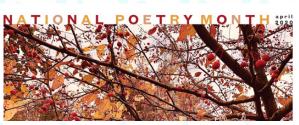
For many years, the CDC has engaged with the Freely Associated States to develop and refine emergency response plans, including response plans for pandemic influenza, through the Public

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THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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1) U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Roxanne Cabral visits with RMI Environmental Protection Authority General Manager Moriana Philip and her staff on a recent visit. 2) Cabral and Taiwan Ambassador Tsaio visit the Taiwan-supported organic farm in Laura, a zero-waste facility that shows it's possible to grow a variety of fruits, vegetables and livestock in the Marshall Islands that can boost the nutrition and health of Marshallese citizens. 3) Cabral visits with the Marshall Islands Red Cross Society on a courtesy visit this week. Cabral met with both Secretary General Takala and President of the RMI Red Cross Society, Dr. Alexander Pinano. During her visit, Cabral filled out a volunteer form to join the society.



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Health Emergency Preparedness Program. CDC is collaborating with regional partners to help the Freely Associated States adapt and apply their existing national response plans for the current COVID-19 threat.

The CDC is providing technical assistance and exploring funding options to support established regional mechanisms, such as the Pacific Islands Health Officers' Association, for infectious disease response.

Supplemental Funding: Fifty-five million dollars has been made directly available to the U.S. territories and the Freely Associated States in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act passed by Congress and signed by President Trump on March 27. Funding provided under the CARES Act will address impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the islands through the DOI Office of Insular Affairs' Technical Assistance Program.

- Federated States of Micronesia received \$7,737,390
- RMI received \$3,894,720
- Palau received \$1,592,945

The Department of Health and Human Services received a share of the U.S. Government's recent \$8.3 billion supplemental funding package for coronavirus-related research and assistance. It has allocated some of these funds to a CDC program assisting U.S. states, territories and the FAS. Initial awards were announced on March 16 and supplemented on April 1.

- Federated States of Micronesia received \$1,261,207.60
- RMI received \$1,103,263.40
- Palau received \$1,103,203.40
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HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response announced on March 24 that it will provide \$100 million to aid U.S. healthcare systems in preparing quickly for a surge in COVID-19 patients.

On March 30, ASPR awarded \$42 million to the 62 Hospital Preparedness Program cooperative agreement recipients and their 59 state or jurisdiction special pathogen treatment centers. The funds may be used for planning, staffing, purchasing PPE, enhancing existing surveillance systems, training and enhancing hospital or health care capacity.

- Federated States of Micronesia received \$27,663
- RMI received \$26,168
- Palau received \$25,650

On March 24, HHS Health Resources and Services Administration awarded \$100 million to 1,381 health centers in the United States and the Freely Associated States with funding provided by the CARES Act. 2020.

On April 8, HRSA awarded more than \$1.3 billion to 1,387 health center grantees in all U.S. states, territories and the FAS. HRSA-funded health centers may use the awards to address screening and testing needs, acquire medical supplies and boost telehealth capacity in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Federated States of Micronesia received \$3,110,629 to support 5 health center grantees in Chuuk (1), Kosrae (2), Pohnpei (1), and Yap (1).
- Marshall Islands received \$926,857 to support one health center grantee in Ebeye.
- Palau received \$1,248,903 to support 1 health center grantee.

Compact Funding: The Joint Economic Management Committee, comprised of U.S. and Micronesian government representatives, approved \$1,650,000 for Yap and \$1,403,800 for

Chuuk in prior-year unallocated Compact sector grant funding to be used for health-related COVID-19 preparedness and planning.

For Kosrae, \$1,205,922 in Compact infrastructure sector grant assistance was approved for construction of a 24-unit COVID quarantine facility.

In addition, \$416,918 in prior-year Compact Infrastructure Maintenance Fund assistance has been provided to Chuuk to assist with hospital infrastructure preparedness.

Personal Protective Equipment: The HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response and Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency provided allocations of PPE to the Freely Associated States on April 9.

Testing: The United States is supporting COVID-19 testing for the Freely Associated States and U.S. territories.

The CDC of Atlanta and the public health labs of Hawaii and Guam have been serving the testing needs for the Freely Associated States.

• The Department of the Interior provided a \$858,924 Technical Assistance Program grant to the Pacific Islands Health Officers' Association to equip the U.S. territories and the Freely Associated States for on-island COVID-19 testing. The grant will cover purchase of a GeneXpert machine, over 4,600 sample test cartridges and additional testing supplies.



Click the logo for more information about the U.S. State Department and the fight to beat COVID-19.

MAJURO RECEIVES PPE FROM U.S. NATIONAL STRATEGIC STOCKPILE



EXTERNAL REPORT

By U.S. Embassy Majuro

The Republic of the Marshall Islands received a tremendous aid contribution of Personal Protective Equipment from the United States National Strategic Stockpile April 8. As part of RMI's preparation and response efforts towards COVID-19, the RMI government is grateful for the United States' support and assistance most especially during this critical time. This is the first and second wave of donations that the RMI government has received.

Upon receiving information that the PPE donations had arrived, President David Kabua expressed his sincere appreciation.

"I understand that the RMI is expected to receive a third inbound supply of PPES in the upcoming weeks from the US National Strategic Stockpile," said Kabua. "The PPEs we received will be utilized by our frontline workers whose services are considered essential, should there be a need deemed appropriate for use."

For more information, please visit the U.S. Embassy Majuro online at https://mh.usembassy.gov/embassy/majuro/

WORLD BANK SUPPORT FOR RMI COVID-19 RESPONSE

EXTERNAL REPORT

World Bank Press Release

Majuro—The World Bank has approved a U.S. \$2.5 million emergency project for the Republic of Marshall Islands to support the country's fight against COVID-19. The grant will provide rapid support to better prevent and respond to the threat posed by the coronavirus and support longer term systems strengthening for public health emergencies.

To date, the RMI remains one of the few countries without a confirmed COVID-19 case. However, the country remains at moderate to high risk due to usually frequent travel to affected areas of the United States.

Due to this risk, the emergency response project will initially focus on supporting prevention and preparedness and will support the Ministry of Health and Human Services and the National Disaster Committee to implement their

coronavirus response plan.

The project will assist community prevention through physical distancing, hand washing, the protection of vulnerable populations, and other behaviors that will help guard against outbreaks of COVID-19.

To better monitor and control any potential outbreaks, the project will also provide technical assistance to Marshall Islands' Ministry of Health and Human Services for case detection, disease investigation and contact tracing.

This will include support for on-island laboratory COVID-19 testing along with funding for technicians, supplies, and training in Majuro and Ebeye labs.

Lastly, the project will work to strengthen the country's health system to ensure better care and service delivery for the people of Marshall Islands while supporting better protection for front-line health workers and patients. This includes the provision of personal protective equipment, funding for clinical care providers,

and training and coaching for back-up staff.

"I extend my gratitude to the World Bank Group on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for its continuing support to the RMI, especially during this challenging period brought on by COVID-19," said the Minister of Finance, Hon. Alfred Alfred Jr. "I wish to thank the World Bank Group for availing US\$2.5 million under IDA for RMI's COVID-19 prevention and preparedness efforts. The quick intervention by the World Bank Group is of significant value to our overall COVID-19 response plan."

"The Republic of the Marshall Islands is one of the less than 20 countries in the world without a confirmed case of COVID-19, so a focus on prevention and preparedness is critical," said Michel Kerf, World Bank Country Director for Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands. "We are pleased to be able to provide this rapid support that will put Marshall Islands in a stronger position to deal with this crisis now, and with future health challenges in the years ahead."

Within the Pacific, a new World Bank-funded operation for COVID-19 has already been approved in Papua New Guinea, others are under preparation in Fiji, Samoa and Solomon Islands and further COVID-19 response projects across the region are set to be confirmed soon.

For more information about World Bank projects in the Indo-Pacific region and the recent health-focused effort in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, please visit https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2020/04/20/world-bank-support-for-marshall-islands-covid-19-response.





U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation encourage Healthy Hands habits and would like to thank community members for doing their part to keep the RMI healthy.

If you know of anyone taking steps to ensure the continued health of the USAG-KA community, please consider nominating them for the USAG-KA Healthy Hands award. The winner will receive a prize from the FMWR. For details and more information on how to keep yourself, your family, and the community healthy, visit www.cdc.gov.

Keep the nominations rolling in. The first winner will be announced soon. To place a Healthy Hands award nomination, email teresa.j.mitchell4.naf@mail.mil or call FMWR at 5-1657 or 5-3400.



SOME LIMITATIONS MAY APPLY AT SURFWAY

HOURGLASS REPORT

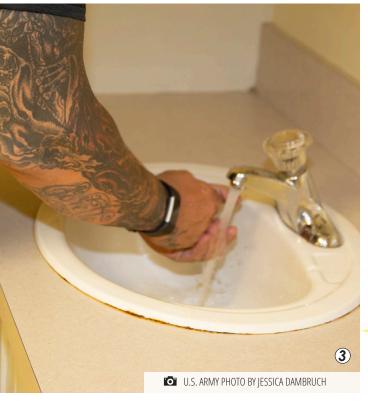
Kwajalein—The Surfway manager will be authorized to limit quantities of select items depending on current stock levels. Limits will be placed due to recent and possible future shortages of select products. Items subject to the purchase limit will be clearly labeled with signage on the shelves.

This week's Surfway announcement comes several weeks after a purchase limit was set on select household cleaning items and paper products at AAFES.

Island residents are asked to be patient and considerate of their neighbors as they shop at Surfway. Continued patience and understanding are appreciated.







Hand washing is all the rage in the Indo-Pacific. 1) Officer in Charge Lt. Brian Wood, left, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, and Mr. Dennis Poll, Pohnpei State Department of Education, wash their hands at the hand-washing station that was built in response to COVID-19 preparedness in Kolonia, Pohnpei, in late March. 2) Minister of Health Bruce Bilimon and Secretary Jack Niedenthal wash up at the Majuro Hospital before entering. 3) A Kwajalein resident uses the sink in the Kwajalein Hospital entryway to clean up before entering the waiting area.



SMALL VOICES, BIG IDEAS FOR EARTH DAY

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Students in Carrie West's George Seitz Elementary School Kindergarten class stepped up to the microphone in honor of Earth Day April 22 to read original haiku poems to an audience of classmates and parents.

The poetry reading coincided with April's National Poetry Month theme. Each of the student poets chose topics important to them as inspiration for their pieces. Topics ranged from pollution, to pets, to prehistory, to enjoyment of places, plants and people.

Many of the poems directed people to protect the earth, and students took their messages to heart.

Asked what he would like to tell people about Earth Day, Yoni Forsmann said: "Don't buy a lot of things. It makes too much trash. You shouldn't buy so much."

Following the event, student writers snapped photos with family in front of their original blue and green earth artwork. Want to read some of the poems? Check out the next page.





1) Charlotte Dawicki reads her haiku to classmates and visiting parents. 2) George Seitz Elementary School teacher Carrie West offers snaps in approval during her class' Earth Day poetry readings. NEXT PAGE: Please enjoy haikus from the students' class reading.

WHALE STUDIES ARE ON TRACK AT KWAJ SCHOOL SYSTEM

Y IFSSICA DAMBRIICH

It's not easy keeping students on track, but Kwajalein High School marine biology students found a way to do so using drawings of whales.

Students of KHS teacher Matt Gerber met with students from George Seitz Elementary School on DeMeo Field this past week to learn about large marine mammals. Together the high schoolers and elementary students conducted fun field studies at DeMeo Athletic Field. The goal of the activity was to help the young students learn about science in a big way.

Before conducting the outdoor science lesson, the high schoolers chose, studied and rendered several whale-sized outlines on DeMeo Field using spray paint. Producing a design that big was not an easy task, said Gerber. Students took great care in rendering accurate proportions for their two-dimensional whale drawings after studying their limbs and relative size. To get it right, they relied on photography of whales in the wild.

"We measured the size of the whales, their flukes and fins in the photographs and tried to do some math to compare what their relative size might be," said Gerber of the project. "The students did a good job. These really are quite accurate."

If you've never seen a blue, beluga, orca, narwhal or sperm whale, now is your chance. The drawings are still visible on the field. Though not all of the whales chosen are indigenous to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Gerber said it is not uncommon to encounter sperm whales in local waters. Orcas and blue whales, if they visit, are probably passing through as they migrate.

How big—and small—whales are might surprise some, said Gerber.

"You can talk about the blue whale being the biggest organism that's ever lived," Gerber said. "Until you've actually seen the size of the whale outline painted on the ground, it's hard to un-





Life-size drawings of orca and blue whales are visible on DeMeo Athletic Field after a Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School project designed to help young students foster a greater understanding of marine science.

derstand how big they are. People know that they're massive, but some people picture a blue whale as being the size of the entire soccer field. After they visit, they say they thought the whale would be bigger."

During their high school visit, elementary students got up close with these land-whale drawings to figure out how many students-long a blue whale is. They also compared the relative size of the whale outlines and discussed habitats and the science behind how whales eat and breathe.

KSS Administrator Susan Davis

watched the lesson and learned fun facts about something about whales herself.

"The students enjoyed running the length of the blue whale and testing their knowledge with questions and answers," said Davis. "It's a nice opportunity for our high school students to teach what they know to the younger students. The younger students love hearing from the teenagers. Getting outside to experience the size of these animals will stay with the students quite likely more than reading from a book how many meters-long a whale is."

PLEMS FOR EARTH DAY

EARTH

Yoni Forsmann

don't buy many things help take out the trash don't chop down the trees

DOLPHIN

JC Easton

I want clean ocean
I want to swim in the sea
dolphin and whales play

DINOSAURS

Alonzo Cardillo

dinosaurs live in the cretaceous period dinosaurs eat meat

WEATHER

Shimako Loeak

rain, snow, sunset, storms lightning and thunder crash I stomp in puddles

FAMILY

Millie Nickel

Mom, Dad, me, Cora Lee, Jace are in my family Earth is where we live

THINGS ON EARTH

Reese Dodson

I love the ocean plants help us have oxygen giraffes, zebras, books

EARTH DAY

Spa 6 Mallin

Asa Foust

keep the earth healthy keep the ocean clean and help the animals live **CREATURES**

Avery Randall

puppies, birds, kitties I love to see the creatures dolphins, butterflies

FLOWERS

Penny Africano

flowers grow from soil purple, blue, green, red I like flowers, yay!

RAINBOW

Lizzy Lanej

the rainbow is cool you can smell all the flowers I like to sing songs

BUTTERFLIES

Mia Sanchez

butterflies are cool butterflies land on your nose some are like rainbows

GARBAGE

Avanel Gibbon

see trash at the beach my family picks up trash we can help the earth

EARTH

Rachel Melody

Earth is a great place Earth is a wonderful place please do not litter

FISH

Jace Norton

I love to eat fish fish need a clean place to live don't spill oil please FRED

Nova Miller

Fred is a sweet cat Fred lives in California Fred loves to chase fish

LITTER

Berk Cardillo

Recycle trash please So animals don't get hurt Please do not litter

TREES

Layla Reed

trees are good for us I like to sit in tall trees thank you trees, for air

RABBIT

Jacoby Cummins

I like animals my favorite is rabbit rabbits are so soft

FAMILY

Tom Langinbelik

I play with my dog I eat with my family we live on Ebeye

FRIENDS

Charlotte Dawicki

my friends live on Earth we play outside together my family lives here

FISH

Josie Norton

sea anenomes they have their own fish in them they live in the sea



Sailors assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) depart the ship to move to off-ship berthing, April 10. Upon arriving in Guam March 27, the Roosevelt crew established an Emergency Command Center, initiated a roving and deep cleaning team and continually educated the crew on social distancing and proper protective procedures and behaviors, to assist the crew in mitigating and controlling the spread of COVID-19.

EXTERNAL REPORT

By U.S. Navy Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Kaylianna Genier

APRA HARBOR, Guam-If you were told you would be spending two weeks in Guam, images of the beach might come to mind. You'd probably picture yourself relaxing in the sand, soaking up the sun, and then eventually, heading back to your cozy beach-front hotel room to rest and recharge for another day of the same.

However, when Sailors stationed on board the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt, CVN 71, found out they'd be arriving in Guam, a previously scheduled port call, they knew it wasn't the visit they'd anticipated. Days before the port call, Theodore Roosevelt's commanding officer announced to the crew that Sailors aboard the ship had tested positive for COVID-19.

As Sailors departed the ship for either isolation or quarantine, they were moved to various locations on Naval Base Guam and select hotels on the island. Theodore Roosevelt Sailors were evaluated medically and those not assigned to stand vital watches were systematically sent off first.

For the Sailors still aboard, leadership still had the ability to communicate through normal channels.

The requirement to socially distance made 1MC announcements, electronic flyers, distanced face-to-face interactions the main source of daily communication. The flow of information on ship between departmental leading chief petty officers and their Sailors remained relatively unabated.

But for Sailors ashore, new techniques were employed to maintain communication with the majority of the 5,000 Sailors dispersed in many hotels and military lodging across Guam. The Theodore Roosevelt's crew, also known as the Rough Riders, needed an innovative plan to share information, stay connected emotionally and socially, and most importantly to remain a team.

'It was an idea that came up rather quickly," said Capt. Dan Keeler, executive officer of the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). "We have Sailors on base, in hotels, and on the ship. During my conversations with our public affairs team onboard, we thought of ways to solve both the communication and potential community problems. We needed a surrogate communication environment which was safe, informative, supportive and effective at establishing two-way communication in both a military hierarchical structure but also a flat collaborative we-are-all-in-this-together manner. For us the first step was a closed Facebook page.'

USS Theodore Roosevelt Commanding Officer Capt. Carlos Sardiello and Keeler created the "TR Alone Together" Facebook page in April as a way to keep the Rough Riders off the ship informed and connected virtually while quarantined alone in individual rooms across the is-

"In order to keep people on and off the ship up-to-date and on the same page with the latest happenings and for the command to receive real time feedback from all our Sailors," Sardiello said, "we needed a creative way of communicating with everyone. It is also just lonely in a hotel room by yourself. I wanted our Sailors to feel connected to their fellow shipmates during their quarantine. Being a late arrival to this mission, I took inspiration from my kids sequestered at home connecting with their friends and school classrooms leveraging similar online collaborative technologies.

Sardiello added, "The unprecedented complexity and scope of communication barriers that have become a harsh reality in this crisis demand innovative solutions. Effective communication is key to any operation or a team's professional and social cohesion. 'TR Alone Together' gave us an immediate avenue to maintain the connection not only with our most vital asset, our Sailors, but also expand the scope of the USS Theodore Roosevelt community to selected role models and senior leaders, including many of the ship's former commanding officers and command master chiefs. With all that information exchange and feedback on our communication, we have now layered in supportive comments from our friends and family. All of these voices in a collaborative virtual portal reinforce positive connections across our team no matter where they were laying their head."

Although the Theodore Roosevelt has actively used Facebook as a way of creating a sense of community within the ship, it's never used Facebook as an official way to relay information with its crew before. "TR Alone Together" allowed the ship to combine official unclassified communication with fun crew engagement.

The initial goal was to make sure everyone has the most current and relevant information," Keeler said. "As a parallel benefit, all our Sailors feel connected to their friends that are going through the same experience. Although they are alone in a room, they are together virtually. 'TR Alone Together' gives them a renewed sense of community and engagement.

The Facebook page allows them to in-

teract with their fellow shipmates who, like them, are experiencing the same process and who can relate to each other's stories.

"Seeing other people's experiences has helped pass the time," said Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Vincent Crow, a Theodore Roosevelt Sailor who is currently off the ship in quarantine. "I feel like it's a good way to connect and share common experiences with people you wouldn't normally make contact with on the ship."

The Facebook page has been used in a variety of ways; from sharing dad jokes to statements from the ship's commanding officer. Sailors have been very active and have taken full advantage of this new page and all it has to offer.

"I'm really impressed by everyone's continued contributions to the page," Keeler said. "Our Sailors have been really positive, respectful, and demonstrate on a daily basis what it is to be "TR Strong."

The Theodore Roosevelt's leadership has been especially active on the page. On April 14, the ship's Command Master Chief, Michael Mashburn posted a light-hearted and respectable spoof of MTV's show "MTV Cribs", from the room in which he is currently quarantined.

"It's nice seeing posts from senior leaders ensuring our wellbeing, motivating us and even posting things to make us smile," said Chief Boatswain Mate Nicholas Broders, leading chief petty officer of Theodore Roosevelt's deck department. "Hopefully it helps others in the same way it helps me."

The Commanding Officer also commented, "The carrier is a floating city and when we can speed communication and solutions to its citizens it is a significant win."

Keeler hopes this new connection between Theodore Roosevelt Sailors and their leadership continues to boost morale and looks forward to the future of "TR Alone Together."

"I hope we can continue this page long past the current pandemic we're dealing with," Keeler said. "It's another way to share information outside of ship-based means, and I along with Sailors actively engaged within our community, can see its continued importance for the long term."

Although it has not been easy, Theodore Roosevelt Sailors found a way to stay connected despite the physical distance between them. They've used "TR Alone Together" to take comfort in knowing they're not alone. They are always a team and as such, can persevere through any challenging times.

"These times are unprecedented, but our Sailors are up to the task. Sailors are tough and resilient problem solvers. Disperse the crew, okay not ideal, let's find ways to reach out to everyone and ensure they feel that continued sense of belonging to our team, remain informed on the way ahead and return the vital feedback we need to succeed. The Rough Rider team has added virtual connectedness to our repertoire in our fight against the global pandemic," said Sardiello. "We shall get through this alone together because we are TR Strong."











BE SHARP ON DENIM DAY

RV IESSICA DAMRRIICH

On April 29, people around the world stand together in solidarity with victims of sexual harassment and assault and wear blue jeans as a sign of their support. National Denim Day began in the early 1990s as a protest over the final decision in Italian assault trial: that the young female victim was complicit in her own assault because of the clothes she was wearing.

As we learn how to recognize and fight the harmful effects of sexism, harassment and assault, there is no better time to find out how the U.S. Army helps prevent assault within its own ranks and the communities it serves. To learn more, The Kwajalein Hourglass contacted U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Sexual Harassment, Assault Response and Prevention Victim Advocate, Staff Sgt. Yadira Vazquezrodrieguez.

Jessica Dambruch: As the SHARP program advocate, why do you feel it is important that we raise awareness about assault prevention as a global community?

Staff Sgt. Yadira Vazquezrodrieguez: As the SHARP Victim Advocate, I feel it is very important for our community to be aware how to prevent and identify the possible conduct of any offender. Prevention is the key. We need to stop something from happening or arising. As individuals we can show our support to victims, shut down inappropriate jokes, correct hurtful misconceptions and practice healthy communication. If you see something, intervene and speak out.

JD: Outrage over a sexist ruling in an Italian court provided the impetus for Denim Day. Since then, #MeToo has allowed the voices of people victimized to be heard—and not all of the voices are female. Why do you think it's important that all genders work together to help spread the word about harassment?

YV: Usually when we talk about sexual harassment, our first thought is the victim is a female, but in reality, men can also be victims. We need to be aware that harassment is not a gender-related issue. Anyone can be affected.

If we all work together and respect each other, we will be able to have a safe work environment. This will apply to working, living and recreational environments. The #MeToo hashtag is to empower people to talk and serve as a reminder that if you are a victim, you are not alone and should not be ashamed of speaking out.

JD: Are there any SHARP initiatives on island and in the U.S. Army you would like to highlight?

YV: I'm available 24/7 to provide assistance if needed. Around the island you



Staff Sgt. Yadira Vazquezrodrieguez is the Sexual Harassment, Assault Response and Prevention Victim Advocate for U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. Need help? Contact Vazquezrodrieguez for help and questions related to harassment and assault.

can find our flyer with tabs on the bulletin boards. Pull one of the tabs with the Department of Defense Safe Helpline number (877-995-5247) and keep it in case you need assistance.

Our SHARP campaign, Intervene, Act, Motivate (I. A. M.) STRONG, shows how we can help each other. If you recognize a threat, have the courage to intervene. You can take action; do what's right. We should not tolerate sexual offensive behaviors. We need to motivate each other to engage and keep everyone safe.

JD: Is there a message you would like to share to those who may be targeted by, or unsure of, how to identify, deter or respond to harassment and assault on the island?

YV: We all have the responsibility to help resolve acts of sexual harassment and sexual assault. Some of the examples of sexual harassment are direct approach, confront the harasser and tell them that their behavior is not appreciated.

You can also use a third party by requesting assistance from another person. This can be asking someone else to talk to the harasser or to intervene on behalf of the victim to resolve the conflict. The victim can also report the behavior to their immediate supervisor or others in the chain of command and ask for assistance in resolving the situation.

In eight out of 10 cases of sexual assault, the offender is someone the victim knows. Communicate with your partner. No means no. Just remember consent means both people actively agree with what they are doing together. It is a mutual decision that both people make without any coercion or force. If you are going out, have a plan.

If you drink, drink responsibly. Don't let anyone else make the decision of how much you will drink. Pay attention when they are serving your drink and don't drink something that has been left unattended. Use the buddy system and look out for each other. If you are worried about a friend's safety, tell them. Avoid leaving with people that you don't know well.

When it comes to sexual assault, it can be upsetting and frightening if you find yourself in this situation. If you are a victim of assault, remember that it's not your fault that the other person is acting this way. If you have been assaulted or think you have been, go to a safe location away from the perpetrator, and call 911, or 5-4444.

You can contact me at 305-355-3241,

pager #0100. Your safety is our number one priority. Know the location of the many emergency phones around the island. There is one at Emon Beach and one in our downtown area near the Surfside Salon.

JD: What are a few things community members can do to stay aware, safe and keep others safe — whether it be on island or after moving away?

YV: I feel it is important for our community to know that everyone can encourage and share respectful behaviors. We can work together to prevent sexual harassment and sexual assault by establishing healthy and positive relationships.

All of us can play an active role in stopping the assault before it occurs by becoming engaged bystanders. You can be someone who intervenes before, during or after a situation when they see or hear behaviors that promote sexual violence.

Bystanders who witness the behavior or hear the comment can intervene in a positive way that will help create a safer environment. Just remember one sexual assault is one too many.

JD: How did you become a SHARP Advocate?

YV: I was selected by the command to be the SHARP Victim Advocate for the garrison. To become the SHARP VA you need to attend the SHARP Foundation Course, an 80-hour certification course, in order to meet the Department of Defense Sexual Assault Advocate Certification Program certification criteria. The certification is valid for two years.

JD: What is the best way to contact you?

YV: Kwajalein Hotline is 305-355-3241 pager #0100. My work phone number is 5-1419 or 5-0660. I work at the Garrison Building (730) and also at the Post Office. Also, I'm always walking around. If you see me don't hesitate to stop if you need to talk.

If you don't feel comfortable talking to anyone on island, the DoD Safe Helpline is available 877-995-5247, no matter your status. You can be a contractor, government employee, or family member. It is completely anonymous. You can also call or visit their website and chat with one of their counselors. The website is http://www.safehelpline.org.



UNITED AIRLINES' ISLAND HOPPER WILL REINSTATE FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Passengers traveling to Majuro must utilize Air Marshall Islands flights only.

As of April 22, United Airlines has confirmed reinstitution of the full Island Hopper flight schedule for two flights in the month of May.

May 20 (eastbound to Honolulu) May 21 (westbound to Guam)

These flights are subject to change. Please note that the RMI's travel ban is still in effect. No passengers will be allowed to disembark in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, to include Kwajalein. These changes are due to United Airlines' worldwide reduction in flights by 80 percent.

Questions? Contact United Airlines at 1-800-864-8331.

TO ALL IN THE KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY: IT'S TIME TO STAY VIGILANT.

BE ALERT.

Our adversaries are always trying to obtain information about our operations and capabilities. Refrain from discussing specific work details in public settings.

BE CAREFUL.

It is important to limit, conceal and protect certain information about operations across the atoll. Be mindful of what is shared on social media, and avoid sending work related emails to commercial addresses. (i.e. @yahoo.com, @gmail.com, etc.)

PROTECT CRITICAL INFORMATION.

This is information that deals with specific facts about military intentions, capabilities, operations or activities. If an adversary knew this detailed information, U.S. mission accomplishment and personnel safety could be jeopardized.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS BE MIND-FUL AND PRACTICE GOOD OPSEC.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JASON RANDALL, USAG-KA GARRISON SECURITY MANAGER, AT 5-2110 OR JASON.M.RANDALL.CIV@MAIL.MIL.

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Best of luck at the 41st Annual RustMan Triathlon!

The Kwajalein Hourglass

CYSAPRIL SPOTLIGHT U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLLCHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES

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.
- Saturdays Reading Buddies with Ms. Crump's third grade class, 2:10 p.m.
- STEAM Swimming at the Pool will be on Tuesday afternoons.

Upcoming CDC Events

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

Tumbling. Inquire at Central Registration about program care openings. Season runs now through April 30.

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.

Culture with 4-H Program

Join us as we get cultural. Please register at Central Registration.

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

CYS Sports

Inner Tube Water Polo season runs now to May 2.

Special Events at SAC April 29- 4-H Culture 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 Tuesdays; Culture Wednesdays; STEM Thursdays; Recreation Fridays; Character & Leadership Development Saturdays

Namo Weto Youth Center

Tuesdays—Keystone Club at 11:30 a.m. **Wednesdays**—Smart Girls at 4 p.m. **Thursdays**—Trivia Night at 7 p.m. **Saturdays**—Keystone, Torch Club Officers meetings at 4 p.m.

Parents' Corner

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.

New Hours of Operation for CYS Program Notes

Please note that SAC programs in May will take place from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. The Namo Weto Youth Center will now be open during the following days and times:

Monday Closed

Tuesday Outdoor Rec 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. only

Wednesday 2 - 9p.m.

Thursday 3 - 9 p.m. Friday 3 - 9 p.m.

Saturday 3 - 9:30 p.m.

Sunday 1 - 9:30 p.m.

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.



Want to help coach for CYS? Contact Central Registration at 5-2158 for how to become a registered volunteer.







COURTESY OF THE NORTON FAMILY

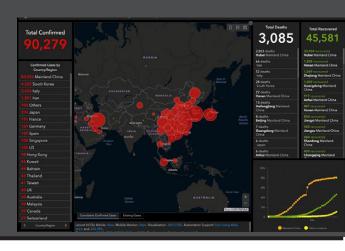


1) Children and personnel from U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Child and Youth Services wore purple this week to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. 2) Pictured here are military kids from the Norton family. FROM LEFT: Jaxon, 8, Jace, 6, and Josie, 6. They attend George Seitz Elementary School and live on island with their parents, Jamie Norton and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jamey Norton, currently serving in the U.S. Army with 21 years' service.

READ UP ON THE BIG PICTURE WITH JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

The global outlook for COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, is constantly changing. To help keep you stay informed, we'd like to share a live map of COVID-19 global cases published by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering. The map is a tool to help travelers and researchers understand the spread and containment of the virus around the globe.

Click the logo to the right, or visit https://systems.jhu.edu/research/pub-lic-health/ncov/ to view the map.



RMI MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES UPDATED INTERIM HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS ISSUANCE 11: AS OF 2 APRIL 2020

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REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATED INTERIM HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS ISSUANCE 11: As of 2 April 2020

(Subject to regular review, as required)

On 30 January 2020, World Health Organization declared the current novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). The virus was first detected in Wuhan city, Hubei Province, PRC, and subsequently cases of COVID-19 have been detected in **203 countries and territories.**

The new virus is a coronavirus, which is a family of viruses that include the common cold, and viruses that cause severe respiratory infections. The virus can be transmitted from person to person, similar to other influenza viruses.

In response to the declaration of PHEIC, the Republic of Marshall Islands' (RMI) former COVID-19 travel advisories and restrictions (Issuance 1: 24 January 2020, Issuance 2: 31 January 2020 and Proclamation declaring State of Emergency dated 7 February 2020, Issuance 3: 13 February 2020, Issuance 4: 26 February 2020, Issuance 5: 25 February 2020, Issuance 6: 3 March 2020, Issuance 7: 5 March 2020, Issuance 8: 7 March 2020, Issuance 9: 8 March 2020, Issuance 10: 17 March 2020) have been reviewed and updated as of 31 March 2020 (Issuance 11) with the following interim inbound and outbound travel restrictions for all visitors to RMI. Because COVID-19 is a national threat these requirements will come into effect immediately.

- An extension of the <u>total suspension of international travelers coming into the RMI</u> via air travel until <u>May 5, 2020</u>. All aircraft that need to land in the RMI for refueling purposes must adhere to the National Disaster Committee approved Amata Kabua International Airport Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). Periodic spot checks will be conducted on airport ground crew handling aircraft in the RMI. Ground crew not adhering to the strict no human-to-human contact protocols will be subject to immediate quarantine.
- Suspension of all domestic passenger air travel between Kwajalein and Majuro on international airlines. Air travel between Kwajalein and Majuro on Air Marshalls is still permitted.
- All cruise ships and yachts at this time are suspended from visiting the RMI until further notice.

- Fishing vessels that transited through or departed from COVID-19 infected countries are temporarily suspended from entering the RMI ports until further notice. All fishing vessels exempted by MOHHS, RMI Ports Authority, MIMRA and RMI Immigration are strictly required to spend 14 days at sea prior to entry and must adhere to the National Disaster Committee approved Standard Operating Procedures-Maritime (SOP). Human-to-human contact is strictly prohibited.
- To make sure that we can continue to allow food and supplies to enter the country, all container vessels and fuel tankers are exempt but are strictly required to spend 14 days outside of the RMI after departure and prior to arrival at the RMI Pilot Station. All container vessels and fuel tankers must adhere to the National Disaster Committee approved Standard Operating Procedures-Maritime (SOP). Human-to-human contact is strictly prohibited.
- Citizens and residents of the RMI with plans to travel abroad are <u>strongly advised</u> to consider postponing their travel arrangements. If travel arrangements cannot be postponed, individuals should be aware that they may be subject to restrictions on reentering the RMI.
- All GRMI officials, including elected officials, SOEs and auxiliary bodies, are required to suspend all international trips paid for by the GRMI or sponsored by outside agencies or organizations with the exception of patients approved by the RMI Medical Referral Committee.
- RMI Residents and Citizens who are planning to attend missions, conferences, trainings and group trips held outside of the RMI are <u>strongly advised</u> to postpone their travel until further notice.
- The Chief Secretary, as the head of the National Disaster Committee, together with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, based on recommendations from the RMI Public Health division and the National Disaster Committee, reserve the right to make exceptions to any of the above restrictions to allow for essential services. All safety protocols developed by the Ministry of Health and Human Services in compliance with WHO and CDC guidelines will be followed in these instances.

These are interim travel restrictions, which have been introduced by the Government of the RMI as part of current health emergency preparedness measures for COVID-19. These restrictions will be reviewed and updated as needed and communicated to the public.

Jack Niedenthal
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Secretary of Health & Human Services

April 2, 2020



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UNDERSTANDING HEALTH PROTECTION CONDITION LEVELS

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

By The Army Public Health Center

The Department of Defense Instruction 6200.03 "Public Health Emergency Management Within the DoD," and supplements, provides military commanders with policy applicable to the COVID-19 outbreak. Commanders review and update the health protection condition based on the risk level in the local community and in cooperation with local, state, or host nation guidance.

Commanders and public health personnel use HPCON levels to guide specific actions you can take in response to a health threat.

While it's always important to prevent the spread of germs, there are additional steps you can take if COVID-19 transmission becomes more widespread in your community.

This page lists potential actions that may be indicated as a result of COVID-19. Regardless of the current HPCON level, always follow the guidance from your installation and local public health agencies.

O ROUTINE: No community transmission

Take everyday actions to stop the spread of germs:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash hands often and for at least 20 seconds with soap and water.
- Cover your coughs.
- Sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash; cough/sneeze into your elbow if tissues are unavailable.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Ensure all immunizations are up to date, including seasonal flu shots.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid close contact with family members and pets.

ALPHA LIMITED: Community transmission beginning

Continue all previous actions and: Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

If you are sick, call your medical provider for instructions on receiving care before going to the clinic

Stay informed by routinely checking reliable sources of information such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and your local public health agencies.

BRAVO MODERATE: Increased community transmission

Continue all previous actions and:

- Avoid unnecessary contact with others, such as shaking hands and hugging.
- Avoid unnecessary travel, especially to areas known to be experiencing active disease transmission.
- Ensure supplies of food, medication, and other items needed for babies and pets are available to last at least 14 days.
- Prepare for travel restrictions and cancellation of public gatherings, such as school, religious, and other community activities; make alternative arrangements for childcare.
- Observe local guidance on movement restrictions and access requirements for military installations.
- Seek guidance from employers and unit leaders about changes to work practices (e.g., telework) and training events.
- Comply with medical orders for self-isolation or quarantine.

CHARLIE SUBSTANTIAL: Sustained community transmission

Continue taking all previous actions and:

- Expect cancellation of in-person gatherings (e.g., schools, daycare, all community activities) and restricted ability to travel.
- Plan activities for Family members, especially children, in case you are restricted to your home for prolonged periods of time.
- Prepare for the potential of limited access to supplies and services, including severely restricted access to military installations.
- Implement remote work procedures as directed by your employer.
- If outside the United States, authorized or ordered departure actions may be implemented.

DELTA SEVERE: Widespread community transmission

Continue taking all previous actions and:

- Expect to remain at home for extended periods of time as movement in the community may be restricted.
- Expect that home isolation or quarantine may be directed.
- Follow all directives and guidance from local, state and Federal authorities. These actions are to protect the health and safety of you and your Family.

THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF OUR CUSTOMERS IS FIRST PRIORITY



Please remember to practice social distancing as directed around the island. We appreciate your help in keeping the atoll healthy.

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PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Defense has raised the HPCON level worldwide to level Charlie (Substantial).

With that said, there are still no suspected or confirmed COVID-19 cases in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Continue all previous actions and:

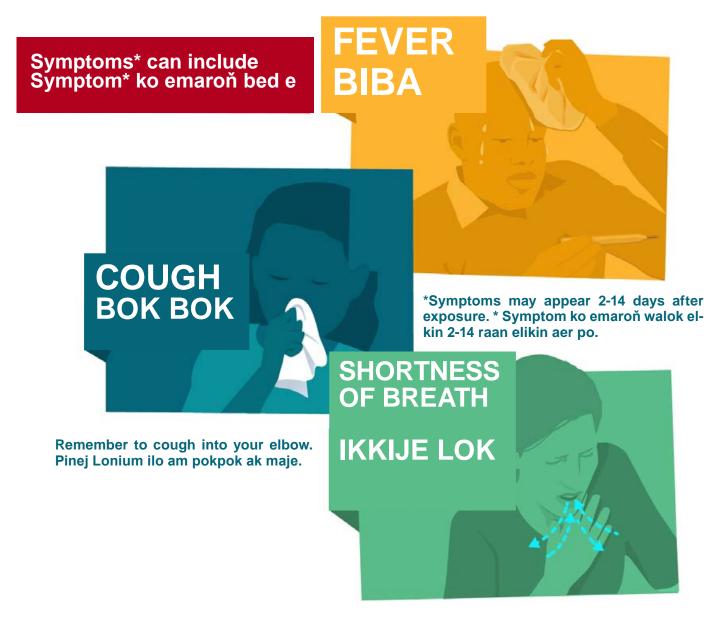
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SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019

Patients with COVID-19 have experienced mild to severe respiratory illness.

Ri-naňimej ro im ebed ibbeir naňinmej in COVID-19 elap lok aer bōk naňimej ikkijelok.



Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

Lolak takt ō ro ňe kwoj eňjake symptom kein, im ňe kwojela ke kwãr kebaak ro im eloň naňimej in COVID-19 ibbeir ak ijo kwoj jokwe ie im emo an ajeded COVID-19 eo ebelakin.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms

PASSPORT OPERATIONS RESPONSE TO COVID-19 FOR U.S. PASSPORT CUSTOMERS







EXTERNAL REPORT

By U.S. Department of State **Bureau of Consular Affairs**

Because of public health measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, effective March 20, we have limited U.S. passport operations.

What if I have an emergency and need to get a passport quickly?

We are only able to offer in-person service at our agencies or centers for customers with a qualified life-or-death emergency and who need a passport for immediate international travel within 72 hours. Learn more below to see if you qualify for a life-or-death emergency appointment.

Can I still apply?

While you can still apply in person for a U.S. passport at some acceptance facilities and renew through the mail, we will not be able to meet our commitment of 6-8 weeks door-to-door for routine service.

You should expect significant delays beyond this time period it normally takes to receive your passport and your citizenship evidence documents. Please consider waiting to apply until we resume normal operations.

Can I expedite my passport?

No. We suspended expedited service (normally 2-3 weeks door-to-door) on March 19 and are not offering this service to any applicants.

What if I applied before March 20?

Expedited Service: Due to limited staffing resulting from COVID-19, we are still working on a small number of expedited applications submitted on and before March 19. While we made every effort to meet our commitment of 2-3 weeks door-to-door service, you may experience additional delays if you applied and requested expedited service on or before March 19.

- Routine Service: Due to limited staffing resulting from COVID-19, if you applied and requested routine service on or before March 19, we will not be able to meet our commitment of 6-8 weeks doorto-door service. You should expect significant delays beyond this time period it normally takes to receive your passport and your citizenship evidence documents.
- Sending Mail: If you received a letter from us requesting additional documents or information to process your passport application, you may mail your response to the address in the letter. Expect significant processing delays.

What qualifies as a life-or-death emergency?

Life-or-death emergencies are serious illnesses, injuries, or deaths in your immediate family (e.g., parent, child, spouse, sibling, aunt, uncle, etc.) that require you to travel outside the United States within 72 hours (3 days). You must provide:

- A passport application with supporting documents
- Proof of the life-or-death emergency such as a death certificate, a statement from a mortuary, or a signed letter from a hospital or medical professional. Documents must be in English or translated in English.

Proof of international travel (e.g. reservation, ticket, itinerary).

To make an appointment at a passport agency or center for a life-or-death emergency, you must call our National Passport Information Center at 1-877-487-2778 (1-888-874-7793 TDD/TTY) on Monday- Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Eastern Time, except federal holidays. Call 202-647-4000 outside of these hours to make an appointment.

Our passport agencies in Atlanta, Connecticut, New York, and San Juan are closed to the public until further notice.

Can I apply in person now?

If you need to apply in person (all children under age 16 and first-time applicants), most post offices are still accepting applications and requiring customers to make an online appointment.

Most libraries and clerks of court are not accepting U.S. passport applications at this time. Please contact the library or clerk of court directly to confirm the status of its operations.

Can I renew now?

You may also be eligible to renew your U.S. passport by mail. If you are eligible to renew, you can complete the process by yourself and should not go to an acceptance facility. Follow the instructions on Form DS-82 and send your application and supporting documents to one of the addresses marked for routine service. Do not send the application to the expedited service address and do not include the \$60 expedite fee. Expect significant processing delays. The status of these operations may change quickly. We will update this notice and our Frequently Asked Questions page as the status changes.



When using alcohol-based hand sanitizer:

Check out the Centers for Disease Control online for more information at https://www.cdc.gov/patientsafety/ features/clean-hands-count.html









Personnel man the Kwajalein Mission Command Center at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site on the Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

REAGAN TEST SITE SUCCESSFULLY SUPPORTS HYPERSONIC TEST

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Cecil Longino, USASMDC

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Alabama – To the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command personnel who run the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site in the South Pacific, the March 19 successful test of the Army and Navy jointly developed hypersonic glide body is the most recent test supported by RTS.

Information gathered from the test and future experiments will further inform the Department of Defense's hypersonic technology development. The event was a major milestone toward the department's goal of fielding hypersonic warfighting capabilities in the early- to mid-2020s.

Through the past half-century, RTS' radars, imaging systems, data collection capabilities, and personnel have supported hundreds of missile tests ranging from validation of concepts and designs for intercontinental ballistic missiles to anti-satellite systems to ballistic missile defense systems. Located halfway between Hawaii and Australia on the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, RTS provides test support capabilities found nowhere else in the world.

"We're very proud of our role as America's national test range, and the long history we have supporting the development of ICBMs, ASATs, BMDS, and now hypersonic," said Thomas Webber, director, Technical Center, USASMDC. "RTS is

the nation's only long-range capable test range."

Col. Burr Miller, RTS director, said the RTS provides much more than just radars, cameras, recording equipment and data processing capabilities.

"RTS personnel provide cradle-tograve support for every mission," Miller said. "We're here to support requirements definition for the test, environmental impact assessment, range scheduling, range safety and logistical support."

Miller notes the time from test concept to test is critical to each event's eventual execution.

"There are a lot of i's to dot and t's to cross before a test can be carried out. We work hard to keep the burden off our customers and do our best to keep the red tape to a minimum," Miller said. "There are safety, environmental, host nation and government requirements that must be addressed."

When it comes time to support the actual test, Miller said, RTS brings instrumentation to bear unlike any other range in the world.

"You only get one shot at recording test data," Miller said. "For most tests, it's all instrumentation on deck. Our two tracking radars, ALTAIR and TRADEX, support tests, as well as our two imaging radars, ALCOR and MMW. We also have multiple high-speed optical and camera systems dedicated to capturing every measurable data opportunity."

After a test is successfully conducted by the launch team, there is still much

work to do at RTS. The metrics team at the RTS Data Analysis Center begins to perform data analysis in support of customer requirements, working to fully flesh out all the collected data and perform extensive analysis.

According to Jim Cossey from the RTS Missions Operations Office, after a mission they conduct lessons learned meetings that benefit not just the current customer for any potential follow-on tests, but future customers as well.

"Post mission, our mission and budget team also begin to balance the books and conduct lessons learned meetings to potentially find areas of improvement for RTS mission planning/execution," Cossey said.

In the end, post mission support is just as busy as mission preparation and mission support. Miller said. RTS could not accomplish their mission without core range stakeholders.

"These stakeholders include our fantastic support from U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and our RTS Range director team, our contracting enablers at Army Contracting Command-Redstone Arsenal Space, Missile Defense and Special Programs, the 413th Contracting Support Brigade, MIT/Lincoln Labs, and all of our teammates with our prime and subcontractors at RGNext," Miller said.

The next time you read about a missile test, Miller said, do not forget about the people working behind the scenes to make the test possible in the first place.



Visit Kwajalein MIA Project on Facebook. Learn more about the project online at https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/index.php/about/the-project-team.





U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL

FMWR RECREATION AND FITNESS CLASSES

Kick your spring fitness plan into high gear with this handy class calendar from USAG-KA FMWR Recreation.

Pick Your Class and Buy a Pass

It only takes a few minutes to register for the FMWR wellness pass. Once you have this special voucher, you can use it to participate in FMWR recreation and fitness offerings. Wellness Passes can be purchased from the MWR desk at the Grace Sherwood Library in Building 805.

Class Locations

Unless otherwise noted, all FMWR fitness classes meet in CRC Room 7. Other class locations include the Adult Pool and the Ivey Gym. Double check your class location in the course schedule.

Learn More

For more information, please call 5-3331. Check out the U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation newsletter, The FMWR Reef, for hours of operation and private organization event information.

MONDAY

5:30 p.m. Yoga (one hour)

TUESDAY

9:15 a.m. Water Aerobics (one hour, Adult Pool)

1:30 p.m. Strength & Cardio (one hour)

5:30 p.m. Yoga (one hour)

WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. Spin (45 min.)

9:15 a.m. Core Cardio (one hour)

5:30 p.m. Circuit (one hour)

THURSDAY

6 a.m. Power Walk EX (one hour, Ivey Gym)

9:15 a.m. Water Aerobics (one hour, Adult Pool)

1:30 p.m. Strength & Cardio (one hour)

5:30 p.m. Yoga (one hour)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 5-3331.

FRIDAY

9:15 a.m. Core Cardio (one hour)

5:30 p.m. Yoga (one hour)

SATURDAY

5:30 a.m. Spin (45 min.)

6 a.m. Power Walk EX (one hour, Ivey Gym)

9:15 a.m. Circuit (one hour)

5:30 p.m. Circuit (one hour)

6 p.m. Spin (45 min.)

AMILIES . RETIREES

MWR MOVIES

All movies begin at 7:30 p.m

KWAJ YUK THEATER

Saturday, April 25 "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" (PG-13) 142 min.

> Sunday, April 26 "Onward" (PG) 102 min.

Monday, April 27 "Indivisible" (PG-13) 119 min.

Saturday, May 2 "Skyscraper" (PG-13) 109 min.

Sunday, May 3 "Bohemian Rhapsody" (PG-13) 133 min.

Monday, May 4 "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" (PG-13) 152 min.

ROI TRADEWINDS THEATER

Saturday, April 25 "Annabelle Comes Home" (R) 106 min.

> Sunday, April 26 "The Predator" (R) 107 min.

Saturday, May 2 "Crazy Rich Asians" (PG-13) 121 min.

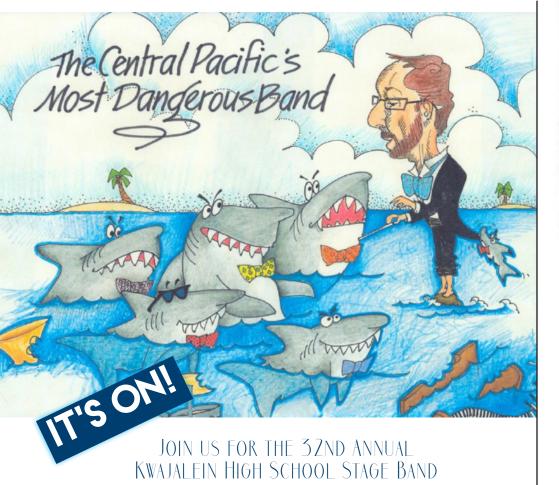
Sunday, May 3 "Alita: Battle Angel" (PG-13) 122 min.

THIS WEEKEND, GET READY TO RUST.



SWIM (1K) • BIKE (42K) • RUN (10K)

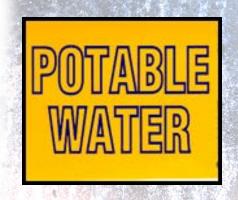
The 41st annual RustMan Triathlon is this weekend on April 27. For more information, event updates and to volunteer at the event, please contact Bob and Jane Sholar at H:5-1815, Qtrs. 473-A.



BALLROOM DINNER DANCE

SUNDAY, MAY 3 AT 6:30 P.M. KWAJALEIN JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

TICKETS ARE \$45. TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT KYLE MILLER AT 5-2011 OR MILLERK@KWAJALEIN-SCHOOL.COM



E-WARENESS

RECLAIMED WATER VERSUS DRINKING WATER

Kwajalein Island has two water systems. The reclaimed system (Non-Potable), color-coded with red labels, is not suitable for drinking. Landscaping with reclaimed water conserves drinking water (Potable). Call DynCorp Environmental if you have any questions. 5-1134.

Ewor ruo kain system in dren ion Kwajalein. Reclaimed system (Non-Potable) eo, ekokalle kon label biroro, ejjab emman nan idrak. Utrikrik kon reclaimed water ekojbarok drenin idrak (Potable). Ne ewor am kajitok kaki, call e lok Dyn-Corp Environmental ilo 5-1134.

COME SEE A MOVIE UNDER THE STARS

ISLAND-STYLE THEATER APRIL 25 AND 26 Star Wars: he Rise of Skywalker April 25 7:15 p.m. at Emon Beach

Onward
April 26
7:15 p.m.
It Emon Beach











It is time to renew Holmberg Fairways memberships. Please visit the MWR desk at the Grace Sherwood Library in Building 805 to renew your membership or locker rental. Six month and annual plans are available now.

The Holmberg Fairways will be closed April 27 from 4 p.m. until sunset for the RustMan Triathlon, and again May 11 from 4:30 p.m. until sunset for the Rusty Family Mini-Triathlon.

Please contact MWR at 5-3331 with questions.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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 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. To apply, go to www.dilogcap.com or contact your local HR representative

Kwajalein School System seeks substitute teachers. If you enjoy having a flexible schedule and working with children, we have a perfect opportunity for you. Contact Susan Davis at 5-3601.

NOTICES

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

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

Youth Fellowship meets April 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the REB.

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 at 5-0843 or email KwajNet.Billing@dyn-intl.com.

To residential internet customers impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions: We understand that some residents have been affected by current travel restrictions and are unable to utilize their internet service. Please reach out to KwajNet. Billing@dyn-intl.com if you have questions or concerns regarding your internet billing and/or service and we will be glad to assist.

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 Jeffrey Suis at jeffrey.w.suis.civ@mail.mil or 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.

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. Contact Lee Holt at 5-2102 and Fly Roi at 5-6359.

Report non-emergencies. Send in secure reports online at the US-AG-KA Police Department Facebook page. For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/kwajaleinpolice/.

Self Help is located in Bldg. 1791. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday—9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit Self Help to pick up tools to complete a number of household maintenance and upkeep projects, including the following:

- Appliance and household lightbulb replacements
- Pest control traps and sprays
- Lawn and garden toolsHand and power tools
- Painting supplies
- Plumbing supplies
- Appliance accessories

Power Walk Ex Class. Stand strong, move forward and get to stepping with Power Walk Ex Class. The class meets Thursday and Saturday from 6-7 a.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 or call 5-3331.

Vet Services. The Kwajalein feral cat population must be controlled

SHARP SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE & PREVENTION

CONTACT THE USAG-KA SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ ASSAULT RESPONSE AND PREVENTION VICTIM ADVOCATE

Staff Sgt. Yadira Vazquezrodriguez SHARP Victim Advocate Work: 805 355 0660 /

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

DOD SAFE Helpline: 877 995 5247

Click the SHARP program logo to visit the U.S. Army SHARP program online.

to prevent federally-protected endangered species from being hunted. For more information about the Trap-Neuter-Adopt/Release Program, please call 5-2017. To report a feral cat sighting, call Veterinary Services at 5-2017 or Pest Control at 5-4738.

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Child Development Center. Volunteer coaches needed for CDC activities. Call CYS Central Registration at 5-2158 to volunteer.

The **Surfside Salon** now accepts walk-in customers for haircuts only Thursdays from 2-6 p.m.

TV antennas have been installed on Shell and Coral BQ's. Also A.R.C. and Country Club buildings. If you are experiencing TV or radio reception issues on Kwaj, call AFN at 5-3743 and we can help.

The **Vets Hall** is restricted to members only until further notice. Those coming to the Vets Hall must have a current American Legion membership card indicating they are a member of Post #44. Spouses/

significant others/immediate family are welcome to come to the Hall with their member. Social distancing guidelines are to be observed at all times while at the Vets Hall. This is a temporary restriction only, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic concerns. Questions? Contact Dan Farnham at 5-5319

Farnham at 5-5319. The 2020 Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Basket Auction and Fundraiser is officially postponed. The event will be rescheduled for a future date. Ticket refunds will be issued. To receive a refund, contact Melissa Selzler at 5-3787 or on Facebook. VIP and Reserved ticket holders will be given first priority to repurchase their same tables when tickets go back on sale. For more information, contact basketauction2020@gmail.com.

The U.S. Army has delayed Month of the Military Child until September due to COVID-19. To participate in this worldwide celebration, the MOMC carnival on Kwaj will also be postponed. Future date and time will be determined.



The Yokwe Yuk Women's Club (YYWC) is looking for new board members for 2020-2021. Open positions are president, vice president, secretary, & treasurer. A meeting for nominations & voting will be held at the beginning of May.

Please contact Kaitlin Chase through Facebook or email (ysing90@gmail.com) with nominations or questions.

CHECK OUT THE ROLLER ONLINE



An island mainstay comes to the Internet at last. Stay in-the-know with the AFN Roller Channel online. Click the logo to view the roller on the USAG-KA Facebook page.



Department of Defense personnel are encouraged to visit the Centers for Disease Control online the most accurate and up-to-date information on the global status of COVID-19.



RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION: The heart of the dry season appears to have ended as we transition out of April. Kwajalein received another 1.3 inches of rainfall this week, helping us to break out of moderate drought conditions. The trade wind convergence zone, which is typically an area running east to west just north of the equator, has been positioned around 5-7N the last few weeks. This is far enough north where our area receives some of the beneficial rainfall of the more organized convection found with the zone. For the next week, trade winds will increase, and the convergence zone will oscillate north to south at times bringing more organized and persistent rain periods.

SATURDAY: Partly clear to mostly cloudy with scattered showers (30 percent coverage). Winds ENE-E at 15-20 knots, gusting up to 30 knots near showers.

SUNDAY: Partly sunny with isolated showers (10 percent coverage). Winds ENE-E at 15-20 knots.

MONDAY: Partly sunny with isolated showers (10 percent coverage). Winds ENE-E at 17-22 knots.



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:35 a.m.	8:41 a.m.	5:42 a.m. 4.5	12:02 p.m0.2
	6:59 p.m.	9:31 p.m.	5:57 p.m. 3.6°	11:52 p.m. 0.0'
MONDAY	6:34 a.m.	9:29 a.m.	6:10 a.m. 4.3	12:34 p.m. 0.1
	6:59 p.m.	10:24 p.m.	6:27 p.m. 3.3'	E
TUESDAY	6:34 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	6:42 a.m. 4.1"	12:19 a.m. 0.3'
	6:59 p.m.	11:18 p.m.	7:03 p.m. 2.9°	1:13 p.m. 0.4'
WEDNESDAY	6:34 a.m.	11:14 a.m.	7:22 a.m. 3.7	12:52 a.m. 0.6
	6:59 p.m.	-	7:54 p.m. 2.5	2:04 p.m. 0.8'
THURSDAY	6:33 a.m.	12:10 p.m.	8:22 a.m. 3.4	1:36 a.m. 1.0'
	6:59 p.m.	12:12 a.m.	9:28 p.m. 2.3'	3:27 p.m. 1.1'
FRIDAY	6:33 a.m.	1:07 p.m.	10:06 a.m. 3.1'	2:59 a.m. 1.4'
	6:59 p.m.	1:06 a.m.	11:55 p.m. 2.4'	5:32 p.m. 1.0'
MAY 2	6:33 a.m.	2:04 p.m.	12:05 p.m. 3.3'	5:25 a.m. 1.4'
	6:59 p.m.			7:00 p.m. 0.7'





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RMI And USAKA Sign Communicable Disease Memorandum Of Understanding

MAJURO - Chief Secre-MAJURO — Chief Secre-tary Oscar de Brum, representing the Republic of the Marshall Is-lands, and Col Richard G Chapman Jr, representing the US Army Kwajalein Atoll, for-mally signed a Memorandum of Understanding, MOU, concern-

ing the mutual exchange of infor-mation between the two parties involving communicable dis-ease on March 8, 1988. The RMI and USAKA recog-nized through the agreement that the threat posed by communi-cable diseases does not respect political boundries and that such threat can be resisted most effec-

tively through the full and open exchange of information regard-ing the incidence of such dis-eases within the RMI and USAKA The RMI and USAKA will

each continuously compile data reflecting the incidence of com-municable diseases at each locamunicable diseases at each loca-tion and this data will be ex-

changed monthly between the USAKA chief medical officer and the RMI minister of health The data will be compiled on all communicable diseases from

mumps to Acquired Immune
Deficiency Syndrome, AIDS
In addition to the monthly
exchange of reports which delineates the number of cases,

exchange of reports which delineates the number of cases, laboratory confirmed cases, and deaths of over 50 different diseases, each party has agreed to report Category A diseases (cholera, plague, smallpox, and yellow fever) by radio dispatch immediately upon confirmation such diseases have occurred
"This agreement formalizes and standardizes the reporting procedures that have been in place before," said Col Chapman "Additionally, the new agreement incorporates those communicable diseases which have become prominent in the past few years, such as AIDS."

"This MOU is another ex-

AIDS "
"This MOU is another example of the close working relationship that has been established between the RMI and USAKA," said Chief Secretary de Brum "We are two entities that are intermixed by location, employment, friendship, and history and the more we communicate with each other the stronger that relationship will grow

Chief Secretary Oscar de Brum (L) and Colonel Richard G. Chapman Jr., seal the formal signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with a handshake at the Republic of the Marshall Islands National Government Headquarters in Majuro (Photo by Pat Robbins, USAKA PAO)

In this historic edition of a March 16, 1988 Kwajalein Hourglass, we find another instance of the U.S. Army working together to support community health in Kwajalein Atoll.



YOUR WEEK IN PICTURES

Check out Kwajalein Hourglass photos online at Flickr.



UXO REMINDER

PUBLIC SAFFTY ANNOUNCEMENT

Remember the three Rs of UXO: **Recognize** an item as possible Unexploded Ordnance. **Retreat** from the area of the UXO. **Report** suspected UXO immediately by notifying EOD (5-1433) or CPS (5-4445).

Provide the following information: Location (building #, GPS, landmarks, etc); Size (compared to common items - football, scuba cylinder, etc). Treat UXO like you would treat dangerous sea creatures. Look but do not touch. For a detailed refresher, please attend the Island Orientation Briefing on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Kemejmej R ko 3. Recognize (kile) juon kwopej bajjok emaron Bokutan ak kein kabokkolok (UXO). Retreat (Jenliklik) bed ettolok im jab kepaak UXO eo. Report (Ripoot e) boktun ak kein kabokklok eo ien eo emokajtata non EOD ilo nomba kein (5-1433) ak CPS (5-4445).

Ken melele kein: Ia eo (nomba in ijo, GPS, kakolle in ijo, etc.); Jonan (jonan e ibben jet kain mweik - football, taan in turan, etc.). Tiljek kon UXO kein einwot am kojparok menin mour in lojet ko rekauwotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakemejmej eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemjej.

KWAJ CURRENT

Catch the latest episode of Kwaj's local TV show on **AFN 29-1**.

SATURDAY

Check out this original, Kwaj radio show on **AFN 99.9 The Wave** at 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon on Tuesdays the AFN roller channel.

STICK WITH US.

CLICK A LOGO TO CHECK OUT EVENTS AND STORY COVERAGE WITH AFN KWAJALEIN.















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NOT SURE? DON'T SHOOT.

HOBBIES SHOULDN'T COMPROMISE OPSEC.

If you're not sure, don't shoot. Whether your photographs are for work or for recreation, visitors and residents on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll must abide by applicable physical security regulations for island photography. Please contact an island security representative for more information about how you can do your part to take great pictures while supporting the mission of the U.S. Army.