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U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTOS BY SAMUEL KING JR.

1) Lt. Cmdr. Sean Kiddo unveils a new name at the 47th Annual Explosive Ordnance Disposal Memorial Service at the Kauffman EOD Training Complex at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, May 7, 2016. 2) Airmen, Sailors, Marines and Soldiers salute during the presentation of the colors at the 48th Annual EOD Memorial Service in 2016. 3) Chief Master Sgt. John Pilla and Lt. Col.

Andrew Clemmensen salute the list of lost Air Force explosive ordnance disposal technicians during the 49th Annual EOD Memorial Service in 2018. Names of recent fallen and past EOD technicians are added to the memorial wall and flags presented to their families during a ceremony each year. In 2018, the Army and Navy added 12 new names.

NATIONAL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL DAY

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Today is National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day.

The U.S. Congress dedicated this first Saturday in May to honor EOD techs who lost their lives in operations around the globe. On this day, EOD technicians from each branch of service gather at the Eglin Air Force Base EOD Memorial Wall in Niceville, Florida, to honor those memorialized on the wall and to add new names.

Those who have never set foot in an active war zone may know about the hazards of the EOD profession through mass media. However, many of us, including

post-WWII residents of Kwajalein Atoll, live and work safely thanks to the EOD techs in our community.

In the past two years, EOD has removed and disposed of several hundred pounds of UXO recovered at construction sites around the island. Kwajalein's EOD techs also educate the community about UXO safety and advise both children and adults about what to do and how to report UXO if they spot it on the island. Once an EOD tech, always an EOD tech.

Since the 1950s, EOD experts in the U.S. Armed Forces have assisted in assessing and deterring threats around the world. Upon separating from the military, many veteran techs continue to serve their

communities in technical fields such as security and demining operations.

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 National EOD Day Memorial observance will be observed with adjusted practice for the safety of the EOD community and its family members and friends.

You are invited to join military installations, civilians and countries around the world to thank the men and women who travel downrange and deter the exceptional threat posed to the world by unexploded ordnance.

For more information and to view the virtual ceremony, please visit <https://eodwarriorfoundation.org/2020-eod-weekend-3/>.



The EOD Warrior Foundation was founded in March 2013. The not-for-profit foundation maintains the EOD Memorial Wall and provides financial, social and emotional support to the EOD community. The EOD Warrior Foundation also provides and scholarships to EOD family members and hosts events to raise awareness about the work and sacrifice made by EOD servicemembers. Click the EOD badge logo to learn more about the EOD Warrior Foundation.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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SELECTION OF U.S. NEGOTIATORS FOR THE COMPACTS OF FREE ASSOCIATION

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Morgan Ortagus
Department Spokesperson

We are *pleased* to announce the selection of Ambassador Karen B. Stewart and Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Douglas W. Domenech to serve as our negotiators for agreements to amend the Compacts of Free Association with the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, and to engage in Compact Review discussions with the Republic of Palau.

We recognize our unique, historic, and special relationships with the Freely Associated States. The selection of Ambassador Stewart and Assistant Secretary Domenech to lead our negotiating team is the latest in a series of actions that the Trump Administration has taken following the historic meeting of the leaders of the Freely Associated States with President Trump.

During his August visit to the Federated States of Micronesia, Secretary Pompeo reaffirmed our longstanding commitment to these partners, to our Compacts of Free Association, and the important role that these Compacts play in sustaining our mutual strategic partnerships.

Ambassador Stewart and Assistant Secretary Domenech are particularly well qualified to spearhead these important negotiations.



Karen Brevard Stewart
Ambassador
Consular Affairs
U.S. Department of State

U.S. Ambassador Karen Brevard Stewart was sworn in as Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands in August 2016. Stewart is a career member of the U.S. Senior Foreign Service. Her previous post was as the Political Advisor to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

A native of Florida, Stewart joined the Foreign Service as an economic officer in 1977. She has served overseas in Bangkok and Udorn, Thailand; Colombo, Sri Lanka; Islamabad, Pakistan; and as Deputy Chief of Mission in Vientiane, Laos and in Minsk, Belarus. She has served as Ambassador to Belarus and the Lao People's Democratic Republic. In Washington, Stewart worked in multiple bureaus including: Office of Fisheries Affairs, Office of Energy Consuming countries, Office of Israel and Arab-Israeli Affairs, and as Director of the Office of Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus Affairs. Most recently, Ambassador Stewart was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, and subsequently, Special Advisor to the Director General of the Foreign Service.

Stewart graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts with honors in astronomy and economics from Wellesley College and pursued further studies in astronomy at the University of Virginia. In 1998, she received a Master of Science in National Security Strategy from the National War College of the National Defense University.



Douglas W. Domenech
Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior

Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech was nominated by President Donald J. Trump and unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate on September 13, 2017, as the Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs. On September 18, 2017, he was sworn into office.

The Assistant Secretary's responsibilities were expanded on February 5, 2018 when the Secretary of the Interior signed Secretarial Order #3361, expanding the functions and responsibilities of the Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas to include the Office of International Affairs, and the Ocean, Great Lakes, and Coastal Program. The new expanded portfolio under Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech is now Office of the Assistant Secretary Insular and International Affairs.

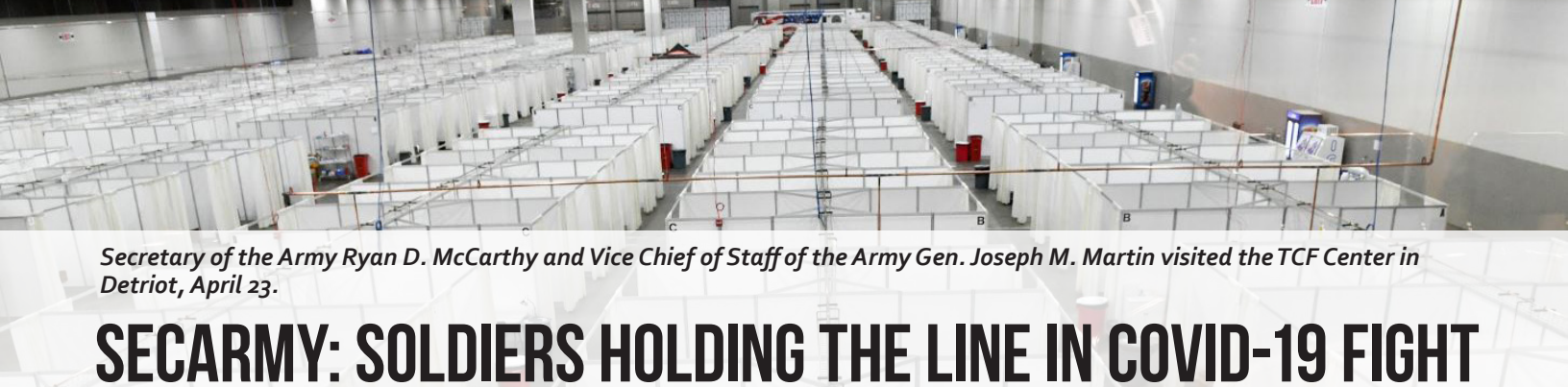
Domenech, whose family is from Puerto Rico, holds a BS in Forestry and Wildlife Management from Virginia Tech University and he previously served as the Secretary of Natural Resources for the Commonwealth of Virginia overseeing six state environmental, recreation, and historic resource agencies.

During the George W. Bush Administration, Domenech served at the Department of the Interior as White House Liaison and then Deputy Chief of Staff to Interior Secretaries Gale Norton and Dirk Kempthorne.

In addition, Domenech served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas. Domenech serves as the Secretary's appointee to the Advisory Council of the Conservation Trust of Puerto Rico (Para la Naturaleza).



Click the logo for more information about the U.S. negotiators for the Compact of Free Association.



Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Joseph M. Martin visited the TCF Center in Detroit, April 23.

SECARMY: SOLDIERS HOLDING THE LINE IN COVID-19 FIGHT

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Jim Garamone, DOD News

DETROIT—Army senior leaders saw firsthand an experimental mass sterilizer and a nearly 1,000-bed field hospital inside Detroit’s convention center Wednesday, as part of the service’s ongoing COVID-19 response.

Soldiers helped convert 250,000 square feet of the TCF Center to assist hospitals facing possible bed shortages in the city, which has seen over 8,000 cases and about 800 deaths due to the virus, according to city officials.

The alternate care site was quickly stood up through a partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Michigan National Guard and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

“It was a team that came together—three weeks of discussions, but really it was nine days [to build it]. We have not seen efforts like this coming together ... since World War II,” Army Secretary Ryan D. McCarthy said during the visit.

McCarthy and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Joseph Martin also visited a Michigan National Guard armory in Taylor to view a new sanitizing container and recognize Soldiers for their contributions to the COVID-19 fight.

Called the Mobile Thermal Utility San-

itizer, the large trailer-type unit has the capacity to sanitize up to 7,000 masks every two hours.

If approved by the Federal Drug Administration, the unit—developed by the Michigan Technological University and being tested by Guardsmen—has the potential to be reproduced to help medical professionals across the country, Army officials said.

As of now, about 29,000 Guardsmen are deployed to assist in the COVID-19 response, along with 2,000 members of the Corps of Engineers that have now assessed over 1,100 facilities for alternate care sites, such as the TCF Center.

On April 17, McCarthy visited the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago, where Army engineers and Guardsmen worked with partners to build a field hospital with hundreds of beds.

“It’s amazing how well we are collaborating at the local level,” McCarthy said. “It makes you feel good, because this is the front line. This is where we’re going to win this fight.”

He also credited the Army Reserve’s Urban Augmentation Medical Task Forces, each consisting of about 85 medical personnel, which have deployed to several locations to treat patients at alternate care sites.

“They’re falling in on existing infrastructure and supporting medical ser-

vice personnel all over the country and doing a remarkable job,” he said.

At the end of the day, though, he said a whole-of-government approach with the Army partnering with local, state and federal assets will move the nation past the pandemic.

“These are hard times, but hard times don’t last—hard people do,” he said.

Martin, who is from Dearborn, a suburb of Detroit, said the Army has been coordinating efforts for 90 days now in the fight against the virus.

Army personnel also currently work in the National Response Coordination Center in Washington alongside officials from FEMA and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, he said.

“That’s really important because there are a lot of unknowns associated with this,” Martin said, “and what we want to do is fill in the gaps so we can move forward with a plan of attack.”

The actions of Soldiers continue to buy time for the country as it searches for a vaccine, McCarthy said, adding there are six vaccine candidates in the world entering various stages of maturity from primate to human testing.

“It’s coming,” he said of a vaccine. “We’re going to get it and we’re going to win, but in the interim, it’s these men and women here who are going to hold the line.” he said.

For more, visit https://www.army.mil/article/234922/secarmy_soldiers_holding_the_line_in_covid_19_fight.

DOD PLANS FOR RESUMPTION OF NORMAL OPERATIONS AFTER PANDEMIC

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Jim Garamone, DOD News

Defense Department planners are working on how to resume normal military operations following the coronavirus pandemic, Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Rath Hoffman said.

Because defense is a full-time necessity, the military cannot shut down, Hoffman said at an April 24 Pentagon news conference. Still, officials curtailed exercises, limited training, stopped military moves and took other measures to flatten the curve of coronavirus infections.

“We’ll be evaluating many different areas,” Hoffman said. “One is training — how are we protecting our trainees, and how are we keeping the pipeline full? We’re continuing to look at that, continuing to adopt and adapt so that we can pursue full training classes in the future.”

Defense Secretary Dr. Mark T. Esper is also closely following the stop-movement order. The order goes until June 30. “But once it is lifted — and the secretary is re-evaluating that every 15 days — how are we going to deal with the backlog of individuals that need to move throughout the world?” Hoffman said.

This is a complex issue, and the planners at the U.S. Transportation Command have the lead for the department.

DOD has done a good job of protecting strategic forces, but officials are still going to look at the process to see if there aren’t better ways to do this in the future, Hoffman said.

Even if there is a return to normal, the virus will still be around. DOD planners are looking at the testing program, and officials are putting the final touches on the system it will employ and getting the supplies that will be needed. DOD scientists and doctors are also heavily involved in developing a vaccine and for treatment protocols for COVID-19, Hoffman said. “We’re going to be doing that for months and months going forward,” he added.

Finally, the department is looking at the industrial base with an eye to replenishing the DOD stockpile in case of future crises, and to produce more equipment for the coronavirus fight, he said.

Hoffman announced that the Navy hospital ship USNS Comfort will soon leave New York City. It will return to its homeport of Norfolk, Virginia, to restock and get ready for another mission, if needed. “We’ll be looking to [the Federal Emergency Management Agency] to identify



Pentagon spokesman Jonathan Rath Hoffman speaks with McClatchey reporter Tara Copp during a news conference at the Pentagon, April 24.

where that next location is; they are the federal government’s lead on this, and so they’re the ones who will be tasking us,” he said.

Hoffman cited “modest progress” in mitigating the virus in the nation’s hardest-hit city, calling that “a welcome sign.” The rate of infections in New York is declining, he noted, adding that there are still many places where this is not the case, and that the department stands ready to assist.

“As of today, we have more than 60,000 personnel deployed nationwide, including 4,400 medical professionals on the front lines,” Hoffman said.

A TOTAL STORY

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

If you’ve worked on Kwajalein longer than a year, chances are Neilo Total knows you. Total, a resident of Ebeye, works on Kwajalein’s custodial crew and has worked on island for more than 30 years.

Before coming to work on Kwajalein, Total attended Protestant school. She has seven children, one of whom works with her on the custodial crew. The others have moved to new homes in Washington, Oklahoma, Hawaii and Colorado.

Though she enjoys visiting her state-side children, Total looks forward to visiting with family and friends each day. She seeks work as an opportunity to stay fit, healthy and connected to the community.

“I like being close to my friends and the families,” she said of living on the atoll.

“Bwebwenato” is Marshallese for “conversation, dialogue or story,” and is a new initiative by The Kwajalein Hourglass to share stories of life and work on Kwajalein Atoll. Participation is open to anyone who works or lives in Kwajalein Atoll. Want to be a storyteller or know someone who would like to share? Contact The Kwajalein Hourglass at 5-5169 or at kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com.

In the time she has worked on island, Total has seen the atoll and its communities change dramatically.

Within Total’s lifetime, the Republic of the Marshall Islands assumed independent nationhood, the Leiroij Kitlang Kabua Memorial Hospital was built, Ebeye achieved Internet access and the RMI elected its first female president, Dr. Hilda Heine.

Total also recalls the merging of Ebeye and Gueegee via the construction of the causeway. The wide thoroughfare makes travel by cars and bikes possible.

“That causeway is good for going cruising,” she said.

Work is not without its rewards. Total’s favorite foods at the end of a long week are steak and ice cream. Asked what advice she would share with young Marshallese women as they look toward the future, Total advised that they take care of their health and keep up their academic and religious education.

“Study about God,” Total said.



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Chances are you’ve met Kwajalein custodian Neilo Total as she works in different locations on island.



1) Ellie Miller, center, prepares to accept the limbo challenge. 2) Josephine DiBiase, left, Mike Makovec, center, and Dani Makovec dance to “YMCA.” 3) Isabel Sholey, left, snaps a photo with mom Amanda Sholey. 4) Kwajalein School System Parent Teacher Organization board members, from left: Mary Beth Dawicki, Corrie Ameigh, Jennifer Hill and Ashley Howe. Not pictured: Jill Grabowski.

FAMILIES STEP OUT IN STYLE AT SWEETHEART DANCE

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The Kwajalein School System Parent Teacher Organization hosted the 2020 Sweetheart Dance April 27 in the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room.

The event, typically advertised as a father-daughter dance, was expanded to welcome single caregivers, parents and relatives, in addition to dad and daughter couples. The event was a combination of fun and elegance, as the PTO utilized the high school prom decorations to create a fun and festive atmosphere.

USAG-KA Command approved the event and its social distancing procedures.

Dressed in their best island formal attire, guests enjoyed a brunch buffet. While dining, they colored pictures on paper table coverings with the crayons provided at each place setting.

After having their fill of muffins, coffee and breakfast foods, guests jumped in line to take portraits at a formal photograph station and a selfie photobooth before hitting the dancefloor to compete in a limbo competition and a mega conga line.

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RUSTMAN



BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Not even a rainstorm and winds exceeding 20 knots could deter Kwajalein's athletes at the 41st annual RustMan Triathlon April 27.

Island athletes train through the year to take on the RustMan's challenging 1-km swim, 42-km bike and 10-km run segment. Along the route, they beat individual goals, break record times and attempt to defeat their own personal best scores from previous RustMan competitions.

This competition was full of surprise times—surprise rain—and the challenges of social distancing. Check out the scores and pictures on the following pages for more details.

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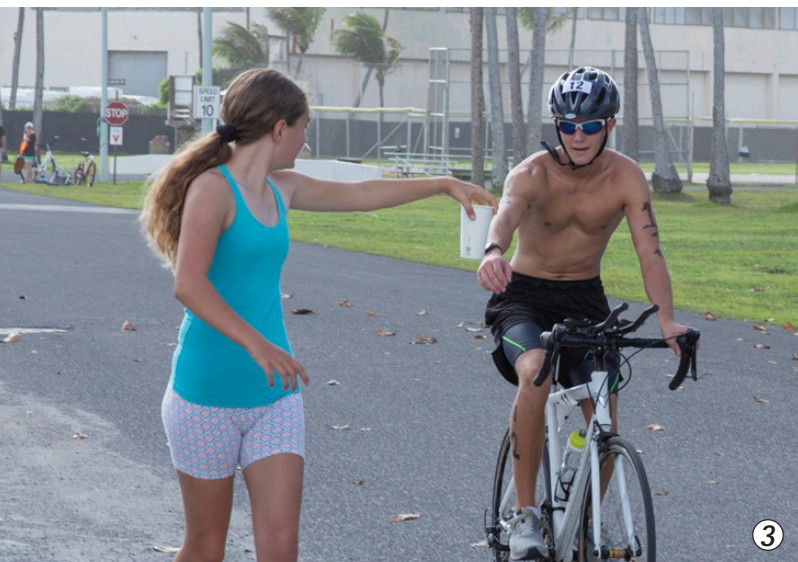
1) Mandy Melody sweeps first place as the fastest solo female competitor in RustMan 41. Melody finished the event with an overall time of 2:54:18. 2) Kevin Quigley is done with this swim. A professional diver, Quigley's strong swimming skills earned him a time of 14:50. 3) Long-time Kwaj resident and triathlete Bruce Premo can be found smiling anywhere he travels during RustMan 41. 4) Kwajalein's own bladerunner competes in his first RustMan. Pictured here, Kwaj resident Matthew Hess blazes through the running segment. 5) Jana Montoya speeds through the bike segment with a big smile. Of course, this picture was taken before the rainstorm. 6) Runner Zack Hill enjoys the running segment.



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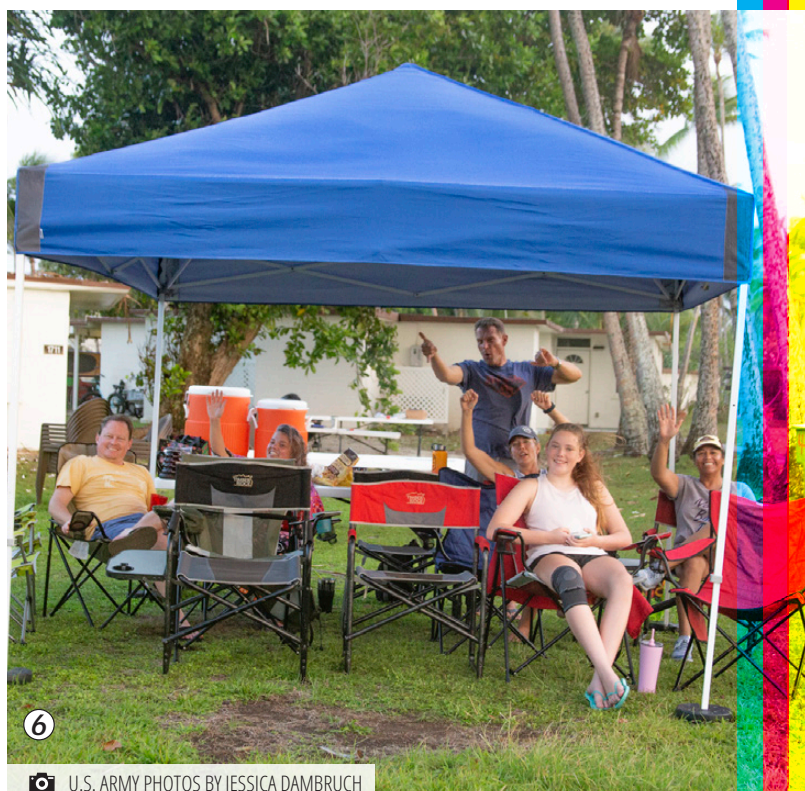
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41 AND LOOKING GOOD.

1) USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins, right, prepare to announce the beginning of RustMan 41. 2) Katey Beavers is ready to rock on water as she prepares for the swim segment. 3) Teagan Read, left, slings water to Zack Hill during his bike segment. 4) This face says it all: Kristen Rowe faces heavy rains and fierce winds during her bike segment. 5) These people have all the time in the world—including time

for each RustMan Triathlete. Pictured here are timers Jane Sholar, left, Marina Dethlefsen, center, and Dave Dethlefsen. 6) RustManiacs stationed near a busy intersection show their support. 7) One of RustMan 2020's hero stories begins with a busted wheel. Pictured here, Ron Sylvester charges across the finish line holding a bike tire that went flat during his bike segment. RustManiacs were able to get him a fresh tire to continue the race. Now, that's teamwork.

RUSTMATH

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

NAME	SWIM	BIKE	RUN	TOTAL
Chad McGlinn (8) *	0:19:14	1:13:36	0:50:19	2:23:09
Thomas Cardillo (14)	0:20:23	1:15:35	0:49:14	2:25:12
Mike McMahon (2)	0:17:12	1:18:28	0:49:47	2:25:27
Eric Miller (4+) **	0:22:59	1:21:54	0:50:50	2:35:43
Daniel Lavery (3)	0:18:23	1:29:44	0:54:27	2:42:34
Jordan Vinson (3)	0:20:13	1:21:28	1:02:36	2:44:17
Bruce Premo (8)	0:20:23	1:25:21	0:59:50	2:45:34
Christian Armagnac (1)	0:21:53	1:25:07	0:59:11	2:46:11
Brian Dishman (2)	0:19:18	1:28:25	1:06:24	2:54:07
Mandy Melody (1)	0:26:39	1:39:37	0:48:02	2:54:18
Jeffrey Fluhrer (4)	0:24:52	1:32:56	0:57:29	2:55:17
Bryce Gaber (1)	0:21:16	1:33:34	1:00:41	2:55:31
Victor Burnley (9)	0:22:59	1:31:37	1:07:37	3:02:13
Chad Gibbon (3)	0:21:16	1:36:53	1:08:55	3:07:04
Jana Montoya (1)	0:26:19	1:38:46	1:02:08	3:07:13
Christina Sylvester (6)	0:17:08	1:38:20	1:13:55	3:09:23
Zach Hill (3)	0:17:23	1:40:52	1:14:01	3:12:16
Christi Cardillo (10)	0:22:38	1:46:13	1:07:12	3:16:03
Ronald Sylvester (8)	0:18:49	1:53:45	1:07:31	3:20:05
Will Hahn (1)	0:27:18	1:52:08	1:03:42	3:23:08
Matt Hess (1)	0:35:38	1:37:27	1:12:01	3:25:06
Andrew Mack (1)	0:31:43	1:44:54	1:11:32	3:28:09
Kaila Mack (1)	0:22:28	1:48:22	1:17:19	3:28:09
Katey Beavers (1)	0:21:59	1:52:01	1:20:15	3:34:15
Leslie Savage (1)	0:31:20	1:52:57	1:32:25	3:56:42

Number after name is the count of RustMan solo completions.

Plus sign indicates a personal best.

****Eric Miller.**
Earned solitary personal best of the day in 20+ knot winds.

***Chad McGlinn.**
2020 marks the fifth overall win for this RustMan triathlete.



TEAM SCORES

	SWIM	BIKE	RUN	TOTAL
THE TAGALONGS-----	0:16:29	1:20:15	0:54:12	2:30:56
Kristen Hosek, Paul Roque, Juan Montoya				
SHARK BAIT & THE ANTENNA LEADS-----	0:14:50	1:32:31	0:47:19	2:34:40
Kevin Quigley, Ben Bartyzel, Patrick Phelon				
CYS-----	0:21:14	1:20:36	0:56:39	2:38:29
Linda Webb, Mary Beth Taylor, Joshua Bell				
GIVIN' IT A TRI-----	0:15:42	1:39:46	0:45:09	2:40:37
Alyssa England, Paul Monroe, Eric England				
KWAJ-MED-----	0:15:50	1:25:31	1:02:09	2:43:30
Kimberly O'Rourke, Joseph Roncal, Gabrielle Zartman				
WE DEM BOYS-----	0:16:54	1:33:59	0:55:16	2:46:09
Sean Hepler, Dominic Aragon, Ryan Hess				
SPECIAL K'S-----	0:17:20	1:35:34	0:59:08	2:52:02
Kristen Rowe, Kristen Rowe, Kristen Miller				
WE DEM GIRLS-----	0:15:46	1:32:05	1:06:41	2:54:32
Maliana McCollum, Julia Sholar, Abbie Warren				
THE ECLECTICS-----	0:22:35	1:41:47	0:50:15	2:54:37
Shana Darrah, Carlos Roque, Mario Montoya				

Teams are listed in order of swimmer, biker and runner.

COMING UP NEXT

JOIN THE WHOLE FAMILY MAY 11 RUSTY FAMILY MINI-TRIATHLON

Volunteers are solicited for the Rusty Family Mini-Triathlon. The event is May 11. The race start is at 4:30 p.m. Entry forms for racers are available on the Mini-Mall Bulletin board or at Qtrs. 473-A. For more information, event updates and to volunteer at the event, please contact Bob and Jane Sholar at H:5-1815.



SECONDHAND STORIES

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

I've been thinking a lot about stories.

Kwajalein is full of stories. There are stories about new experiences, like visiting Ebeye for the first time, learning to scuba dive, seeing wild porpoise and sea turtles or eating fresh tuna and coconut.

There are stories about everyday things we forget to appreciate, like sunsets, people and the shadows that palm fronds make on the ground at night.

Our stories are the intangible things that allow Kwaj residents, separated by decades, to sit down with newcomers and have common ground.

Sooner or later, many of us begin to share stories in common. This is one of the fun parts of living on island. If you ask, many Kwaj residents will tell you a story about life on the atoll as they see it.

Ask the wreck divers about night dives. Ask Bob Sholar about the time he beat a tough RustMan competitor during the bike segment. Ask online gamers how they coped with life before Wifi, and life during that month in 2018 when Wifi was gone. Ask Steve Simpson about the day he and Ray Arsenaault located five fishermen who were nearly lost at sea. Ask someone about the next boats with the men who were lost but never found.

Right now, there are new stories being told I know very little about because I'm receiving them secondhand, in pieces, on the internet. So, I'm asking about them.

I've been writing to former Kwaj residents and current residents stranded abroad over the past three months to stay in touch and find out how they fare dealing with stateside closures and quarantine.

As COVID-19 travel restric-

tions continue to limit the return of residents and prudent travel restrictions prevent the spread of COVID-19, these new stories are being forged off island.

Good humor may be just what we all need to get through this tough season. It turns out, Kwaj people tend to share a similar brand of humor and wear our resilience like a badge of honor. More than one person I write to has joked about dealing with shortages of some common household item.

"No big deal," they tell me. They've had practice.

Some are taking time out to be with their kids. Some are going to work. Others

just want to come back. Others, who have already transitioned to new homes abroad, are dealing with the unique blend of homesickness that comes with being away from home.

I've never heard these kinds of stories before. When our people do return, they will bring more of them. They will be stories about quarantine, bravery and obstacles. It will be our turn to listen.

Together we stand at the impass of a grim time where we can help lift each other up and keep COVID-19 quarantine from turning into a "covid."

The quotations on this page are from conversations

I've had with folks who are off island and dealing with the crisis in their own circumstances. I've left each of them anonymous.

If you are living off island and are a current or former resident, please consider sharing photos, thoughts and stories of how you are dealing with the COVID-19 quarantine situation with the Kwaj community. For more information or questions, write to *The Kwajalein Hourglass* at kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com.

Whether you're on or off island dealing with this 2020 trouble, hang in there. We may be miles apart, but we are all in this together.

"I don't have enough leave time to cover being away that long. I hope I can get back on the April 13 flight."

"I am lonely, and I am scared."

"I just moved here a few months ago, and I don't know anyone here. I have to go outside again in a few days to get food."

"I am grateful to be with my family."

"Yesterday and today have been rough with the breathing. I was in the ER last week and again last night. It appears that this virus did a number on my lungs and it might take a while for them to completely heal."

"We have been getting by on what we have in our pantry, for now. We are trying not to go outside."

"I got some pizza delivered, had the guy leave it on the ground. Then I transferred it to a selected spot on the counter. Then, I extracted the food, and disposed of the containers, washing hands after."

"I'm constantly pretending to be on a space ship and outer space is contaminated."

"I wonder when this will all be over. Soon, I hope. Being inside for so long is driving me crazy."

"I'm between contracts. I had the choice to move to Florida or Chicago. I chose Chicago."

"I'm on a steroid pill for the next five days so hopefully that will buy me some time while things heal up."

"I miss going outside."

"We figured out how to get groceries delivered. I miss going inside stores and talking to people."

"I don't know what else we should do, except pray."

"I really don't want COVID-19 to come here. They say if it does, it will be really bad."

"I am weathering this thing in Thailand. There is nothing for me in the U.S."

"This city is definitely bracing for a rough month."

"I teach all my classes online now. I worked hard to get the material online and to make it good. Each week, I lose more and more students. they just don't come to class anymore."

"Stuck in Texas and homeless. No fun at all."

"I don't know if I'm going to make it back out there. I was supposed to PCS in August."

"My job ends in a few weeks. After that, I am not sure what I am going to do."

"I joked that living on Kwaj prepared me for the shortages. Yesterday, I spent three hours searching for toilet paper."

"I miss my family. I want to come back home."

"Who could have known that such a small place would make such a big impression on you in only two years. We miss Kwaj so much."

CYS MAY SPOTLIGHT

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL CHILD 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.
Yoga on the Patio - May 7

Upcoming CDC Events

May 9 - CDC Mother's Day
May 30 - Strong Beginning Pre-K Graduation - 6:30 p.m.

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.

Open Rec

Join this free program for grades K-6 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Register in Central Registration.

May 9 - Celebrating Mother's Day-Picnic and Playground: Moms and families are welcome to attend

May 16 - Celebrating Military Appreciation Day Cookies and Lemonade Stand

Functional Fitness meets Wednesdays from 2:30 - 3 p.m. Register in Central Registration

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

Sundays - May 10 and 17. Sewing 4 p.m.
Tuesdays - Keystone Club at 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Recreation Activities. 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. with Coach Sam
Wednesdays - Smart Girls at 4 p.m.
Thursdays - Trivia Night at 7 p.m.

May 7 - Cinco de Mayo Trivia
May 14 - U.S. Army Trivia

Fridays - Zumba at 7 p.m.

Saturdays - Keystone, Torch Club Officers meetings at 4 p.m.

Special Events

May 2 - Paint Night 7 p.m.
May 3 - Cinco de Mayo Art Project - 6 p.m.
May 9 - DIY Soap Making 7 p.m.
May 10 - Teen and Mother Sewing at 4:30 p.m.
May 24 - Memorial Day Activities

Movies at 7:30 p.m.

May 3 - October Sky
May 10 - Hidden Figures
May 17 - The Pursuit of Happiness
May 24 - Game Plan

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 Namu 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 - 9 p.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 Namu 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.



CYS Needs You!

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



DID YOU KNOW?

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

By USAG-KA CYS

Kwajalein Child and Youth Services is a U.S. Army program. We follow Army regulations regarding fees, staff qualifications, training and programming.

We want to provide you more information on SAFER, the Army acronym summarizing the tools and procedures in place to ensure child accountability and safety.

Systems: We employ systems such as sign-in and sign-out procedures, access control through Central Registration and designated age-dependent staff-to-child ratios to ensure that children are accounted for and provided adequate supervision at all times.

Accountability: Once children are signed in, they belong to a designated primary caregiver in the classroom. This person is directly responsible for maintaining supervision of your child by sight and sound at all times.

Forms: It may feel redundant at times, but our on-going documentation procedures are in place to protect your children. Sign-in and sign-out forms, fieldtrip permission slips and registration paperwork help us support your child's needs and keep them safe. Please read all paperwork carefully. When you visit CYS, take care to sign-in and out on the correct line.

Equipment: CYS utilizes walkie-talkies, video surveillance systems and intentional classroom designs to support safe environments. Our parent viewing screen is in Central Registration. As a parent, you can use it anytime to view your child's CDC classroom in real-time.

Roles and Responsibilities: CYS Directors are responsible for maintaining accountability and supervision procedures and ensuring proper ratios. CYPAs are responsible for child accountability at all times and regularly conduct name-to-face checks for all children signed in. Central Registration regulates access control. As a parent it is your responsibility to check-in at Central Registration prior to taking a child into the classroom. Once checked-in, proceed to the classroom and sign your child in on their classroom roster.





📷 COURTESY PHOTO

NASA astronaut Col. Andrew Morgan waves as he is photographed during the first spacewalk to repair the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, a cosmic particle detector on the International Space Station. Morgan returned to Earth on April 17.

ARMY ASTRONAUT RETURNS FROM HISTORIC NINE-MONTH SPACE VOYAGE

EXTERNAL REPORT

By David Vergun, Defense.gov

As Col. Andrew Morgan gazed out of the open hatch into the cold vastness of space, he looked toward the earth and saw what many astronauts before him had seen: a planet without borders.

"It's very similar to looking out the ramp of a C-130," said Morgan from inside a quarantine facility at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. "It was a spectacular view, one that I will remember for the rest of my life. It's hard to describe in words."

When the Army veteran of 20 years returned to earth April 17 after almost a nine-month mission on the International Space Station, he encountered a much different world than the one he left. He saw people wearing masks and gloves, keeping their distance from each other.

Morgan stayed updated on the spread of coronavirus from the ISS by watching regular news broadcasts. On March 30, he tweeted from space his support for the work of American doctors and healthcare professionals during the pandemic.

"We expect that the earth changes when you go away for a month just like when you deploy you expect that some things are going to change," said Morgan, who landed in the small city of Baikonur, Kazakhstan last week before traveling to Houston. "I don't know that I expected things would change quite as much; I didn't think I was going to come back to a country that has more or less closed down."

As an Army emergency care physician and flight surgeon, the pandemic break-out gravely concerned him as he watched on his monitor 250 miles above in space. He also applauded the Defense Department and Army's response to helping control the spread of the virus.

"Most astronauts will describe when you look down on the earth and see an earth without borders and you see that

problems ... often face us all without borders as well," Morgan said. "There are many problems that affect us all globally regardless of what country we are from. And COVID-19 is just one."

Morgan said he expects to remain in quarantine for a few more days before returning to his family, as the astronauts' immune systems may be weakened from a lengthy stay in space, making them more susceptible to the virus.

Morgan completed several milestones. He set the record for most consecutive hours in space by a U.S. Army astronaut.

The lengthy space mission saw Morgan and his crew make 4,352 orbits around the earth, totaling 115 million miles. Morgan successfully completed the first seven spacewalks of his career and helped orchestrate NASA's first all-female spacewalk, taken by fellow astronauts Christina Koch and Jessica Meir. Morgan's spacewalks totaled 45 hours and 48 minutes.

Morgan said the mission ranked as the busiest in NASA history for spacewalks and cargo and robotics operations.

"It was a more rigorous and more operationally intense period than I ever expected to have on my first mission," Morgan said. "Most first missions are not nine months long. So, I was fortunate enough to be trusted to do a mission of that length for my first mission and all of the spacewalks and cargo vehicles and robotics operations that we had during that time."

The emergency care physician further made history by swearing in 800 new Army recruits from the ISS in February. Morgan's mission, which began on July 20, coincided with the 50-year anniversary of the Apollo moon landing.

Morgan and his crew conducted hundreds of experiments in Earth science, human research, biology, physical sciences and technology development. The astronauts studied how to go beyond earth's orbit to the moon and possibly Mars. Morgan said their research also made advances on how the human body

adapts to a microgravity environment beyond the earth's atmosphere. Crew members included a Russian cosmonaut and an Italian astronaut.

"We're learning a lot about the human body and how it responds," he said. "And I can tell you firsthand from my experience, some of the unique adaptations that our body makes when we first adapt to microgravity and then return back to a gravity environment back here on earth and the changes our bodies undergo; our bodies are pretty miraculous in their ability to adapt."

The West Point graduate considers himself a Soldier first and has stressed the positive impact the Army has had on his career. He likened the mission to an extended deployment, having served in Special Forces during deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

A veteran astronaut who joined NASA as part of the Class of 2013, Morgan had trained and waited six years for a trip to space.

He said the toughest challenge he faced while working at the ISS: separation from his wife, Stacey, and their four children. On April 10, Morgan tweeted from the ISS "Being away from my family for nine months has been the toughest challenge of my mission."

Morgan said he brought unit patches and coins from each of the Army units he served with to the space station. He credited his Army training and field experiences with helping him successfully complete three NASA expeditions. Morgan's Army training includes Ranger School, Airborne School and completing the Army's Combat Diving Course.

"Everything that I am is a result of my experiences in the Army," Morgan said. "All of the skills and experiences that I have are a result of my time as a Soldier. So, it was important to me when I was on board the ISS to represent that, to represent the Army well in space."

For more, please visit https://www.army.mil/article/234895/army_astronaut_returns_from_historic_nine_month_space_voyage



RMI MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
UPDATED INTERIM HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS
ISSUANCE 12: AS OF 30 APRIL 2020



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REPUBLIC OF MARSHALL ISLANDS 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19) UPDATED INTERIM HEALTH TRAVEL
ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS ISSUANCE 12: AS OF 30 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 **210 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, **Issuance 11:** 2 April 2020) have been reviewed and updated as of **30 April 2020 (Issuance 12)** 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 **total suspension of international travelers** coming into the RMI via air travel **until 5 June 2020**. 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 minimum 14-day 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 including liveaboard vessels, and yachts** at this time are suspended from visiting the RMI until further notice.
- **All fishing vessels and carriers** are required to spend fourteen (14) days at sea prior to port entry clearance by MoHHS, Ports Authority, MIMRA and Immigration Division, which shall be by electronic means. Transshipment is limited to twenty (20) purse seiners and ten (10) carriers at any one time, and any of these vessels within the transshipment area are subject to Ports Authority coordination of entry and exit, including access to the wharf for provisioning purposes. Fishing Companies are required to produce company policy and/or SOPs in compliance with NDC TA and the Maritime SOP requirements, such as no human to human contact, etc. Said SOPs shall be amended as per updated TA and shall remain in effect unless otherwise revised by Ports Authority, MoHHS, MIMRA and Immigration Division.

MIMRA shall provide a list of fishing vessels and carriers for entry purposes. Vessels not on the list, may be subject to appeal to NDC through the Maritime Working Group prior to departure from originating port.

- 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 **strongly advised** to postpone their travel arrangements. If travel arrangements cannot be postponed, **individuals should be aware that they may be subject to restrictions on reentering the RMI. It is also strongly advised that at this time all citizens and residents currently residing on Majuro or Ebeye who are intending to travel to the outer islands to reside or work, do so as soon as possible.**
- **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 **strongly advised** 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.
- Any failure to comply with the terms set forth in this Travel Advisory #12 shall be subject to the Emergency Order on Fines and Penalties (schedules of fines attached).

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 30, 2020

THE HEALTH & SAFETY OF OUR CUSTOMERS IS FIRST PRIORITY



SIX FOOT (2m) SOCIAL DISTANCING PER PARTY WILL BE PRACTICED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AS DIRECTED AROUND THE ISLAND.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN KEEPING THE ATOLL HEALTHY.

CHARLIE
SUBSTANTIAL
Sustained community transmission

CURRENT DOD HPCON LEVEL IS CHARLIE

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:

- 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.

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.

UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCE



SURGICAL MASK



N95 RESPIRATOR

TESTING AND APPROVAL

Cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

Evaluated, tested and approved by NIOSH as per the requirements in 42 CFR Part 84

INTENDED USE AND PURPOSE

Fluid resistant and provides the wearer protection against large droplets, splashes, or sprays of bodily or other hazardous fluids. Protects the patient from the wearer’s respiratory emissions.

Reduces wearer’s exposure to particles including small particle aerosols and large droplets (only non-oil aerosols).

FACE SEAL FIT

Loose-fitting

Tight-fitting

FIT TESTING REQUIREMENT

No

Yes

USER SEAL CHECK REQUIREMENT

No

Yes. Required each time the respirator is donned (put on).

FILTRATION

Does NOT provide the wearer with a reliable level of protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles and is not considered respiratory protection

Filters out at least 95% of airborne particles including large and small particles

LEAKAGE

Leakage occurs around the edge of the mask when user inhales

When properly fitted and donned, minimal leakage occurs around edges of the respirator when user inhales

USE LIMITATIONS

Disposable. Discard after each patient encounter.

Ideally should be discarded after each patient encounter and after aerosol-generating procedures. It should also be discarded when it becomes damaged or deformed; no longer forms an effective seal to the face; becomes wet or visibly dirty; breathing becomes difficult; or if it becomes contaminated with blood, respiratory or nasal secretions, or other bodily fluids from patients.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

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

Ri-nañimej ro im ebed ibbeir nañinmej in COVID-19 elap lok aer bōk nañimej ikkijelok.

**Symptoms* can include
Symptom* ko emaroñ bed e**

**FEVER
BIBA**



**COUGH
BOK BOK**



***Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. * Symptom ko emaroñ walok el-kin 2-14 raan elikin aer po.**

**Remember to cough into your elbow.
Pinej Lonium ilo am pokpok ak maje.**

**SHORTNESS
OF BREATH**

IKKIJE LOK



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 ñe kwoj eñjake symptom kein, im ñe kwojela ke kwār kebaak ro im eloñ nañimej 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 door-to-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>



MAY UPDATE FLIGHT DELAYED

EFFECTIVE APRIL 30

The Republic of the Marshall Islands has instituted Issuance 12 extending the travel ban through June 5.

No one can arrive in the RMI, to include Kwajalein, until June 6 at the earliest.

The only United Airlines flights in the month of May will be:

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

Contact United reservations at 1-800-864-8331 to reschedule your May 6 tickets.

Monday, May 4
MP Room - High School

KSA
Laser
Tag

\$10 Per Person
Unlimited games

\$2 Punch/\$1 Snack
Sold Separately

JOIN THE FUN!

K-6th grade and families
from 4 - 6 p.m.

7th grade and up from 6 - 7 p.m.
*Adult community members included

Event has been reviewed and approved with COVID-19 precautions.

Questions, please call 5-2011.

CYS Celebrates Teacher Appreciation Week! May 5th-9th



Join us for one or all of the opportunities to show our teachers how much we appreciate them!

Wear RED Tuesday	Show your support and appreciation for educators by wearing RED for Ed. today!
Artwork Wednesday	Complete the "All About My Teacher" form to show their teachers what they know about them, or create a piece of original artwork for your favorite teacher!
Thank You Thursday	Write a thank you note for your teachers!
Flower Friday	Draw a flower, create a tissue paper flower, or bring a Marshallese style lei, wut en bar (flower crown), or wut (hair flower) for your teachers.
Sweet Saturday	Morning coffee and donuts will be served for staff at the CYS House, drop off a morning sweet to share with our sweet teachers!





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)

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.)



MWR MOVIES

All movies begin at 7:30 p.m.

KWAJ YUK THEATER

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

"Sonic the Hedgehog"
(PG) 102 min.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

"The Curse of La Llorona"
(PG-13) 94 min.

MONDAY, MAY 11

"Maze Runner:
The Death Cure"
(PG-13) 144 min.

ROI TRADEWINDS THEATER

SATURDAY, MAY 2

"Crazy Rich Asians"
(PG-13) 121 min.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

"Alita: Battle Angel"
(PG-13) 122 min.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

"Skyscraper"
(PG-13) 109 min.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

"Bohemian Rhapsody"
(PG-13) 133 min.

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CALL 5-3331.

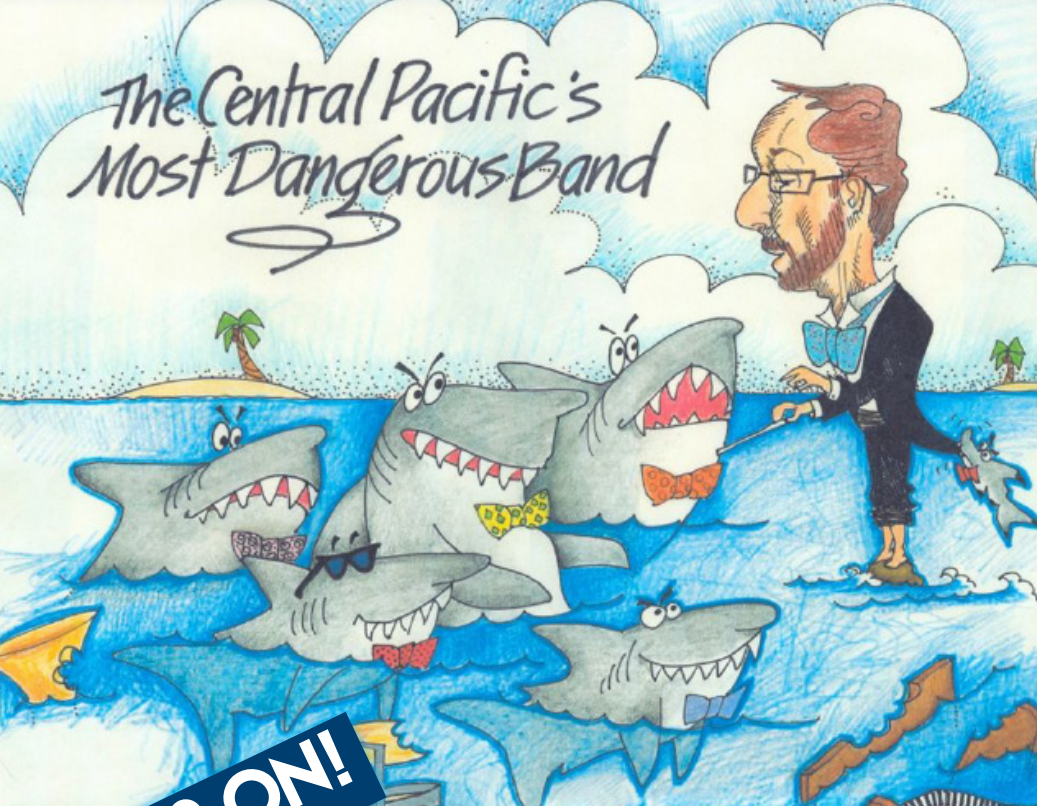
KOMMOL TATA



Thank you to U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 for outstanding assistance and support for spring community events on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

We appreciate you.

—The Kwajalein Hourglass



IT'S ON!

JOIN US FOR THE 32ND ANNUAL
KWAJALEIN HIGH SCHOOL STAGE BAND

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

KWAJALEIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Home Run Derby

Saturday, May 9
Rain date: Sunday, May 10
Brandon Field at 6:30 p.m.

\$10 Entry Fee per person collected at event start
\$8 for KSA members*

Membership paperwork available at event.
Event has been reviewed and approved with COVID-19 precautions

- Group 1: 7th-8th Grade Boys
- Group 2: 7th-12th Grade Girls
- Group 3: 9th-12th Grade Boys
- Group 4: Adult Women
- Group 5: Adult Men

HR Derby Questions? Email
masciarellim@kwajalein-school.com

E-WARENESS

HOUSEHOLD WASTE DISPOSAL:
ANY HOUSEHOLD WASTE THAT CANNOT BE INCINERATED MUST BE DISPOSED OF SEPARATELY

Everyone has to throw away unneeded items. However, it is important to conduct waste management safely around your island home.

The following items may be discarded in any regular household trash bin:

- Alkaline batteries, all plastic, paper, cardboard, kitchen waste, non-recyclable glass, incandescent light bulbs, jars and bottle lids.

Please separate the following items from regular household trash:

Recycling. Aluminum drink can are acceptable. Please do not recycle aluminum foil or food trays.

Glass containers. Please do not discard windows, mirrors and lightbulbs. Individually Packaged Items. Aerosol Cans, Food Cans, Scrap Metal and E-Waste.

Hazardous Waste. Deliver to Self Help or call 5-8858 for pickup of fluorescent bulbs, LED lights, waste paint, pesticides, etc.

Non-Alkaline Batteries. Self-Help or AAFES Collection Points.

Jabdrewot kobij ko ilo imoko im rejjab maron in itibdrikdrik ak bwil rej aikuj in jenolok nan julok.

Waste ekoba battery ko, plastic ko kajojo, paper, box pepa ko, kobij in mona ko, glass ko kajojo, Teñki im light bulb ko, im Bato ko ewor mejier (jar).

Kejenolok aluminum can ko, glass bottle ko, aerosol can ko, food can ko, metal ko, E-waste ko lok wot iaar.

Self Help ej ijo Hazardous Waste ej etal nan e ak call 5-8858 nan iwoj im buki fluorescent bulb ko, LED light ko, uno ak paint ko, pesticide ko, im ko aerlok-wot.

Non-Alkaline Battery ko remaron in etal nan Self-Help ak AAFES Collection Point ko.



Call 5-3867 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.

RGNNext, 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.

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.

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.

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.

Renew Golf Memberships. 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. Contact 5-3331 with questions.

Golf Course Closure May 11. The Holmberg Fairways will be closed May 11 from 4:30 p.m. until sunset for the Rusty Family Mini-Triathlon.



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

Vet Services. The Kwajalein feral cat population must be controlled 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.

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.

Surfway Shopping Limits. The Surfway manager has the authority 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. Island residents are asked to be patient and considerate of their neighbors as they shop at Surfway. Continued patience and understanding are appreciated.

Report non-emergencies. Send



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

Staff Sgt. Yadira Vazquezrodriguez
SHARP Victim Advocate
Work: 805 355 0660 / 1419

USAG-KA SHARP Pager:
805 355
3243/3242/3241/0100
USAG-KA SHARP VA
DOD SAFE Helpline:
877 995 5247

in secure reports online at the US-AG-KA Police Department Facebook page. To report a non-emergency by phone, call 5-4444. 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 tools
- Hand 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.

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.

The community wants to hear from you. Send in your announcements and Classified Ads to The Kwajalein Hourglass. Submit ads and announcements Wednesdays by close of business to kwajalein.hourglass@dyn-intl.com.



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.



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.

WEATHER DISCUSSION: April started with Kwajalein being in middle of short-term severe drought (D2-S as classified by Guam National Weather Service office). Rainfall the first 2 weeks of April was spotty with 58 percent of average accumulation. Then the first significant rainfall of 1.36 inches occurred on April 14. Since then we have had three other days receiving >0.5 percent of rainfall with total month accumulation of 7.54 inches or 125 percent of normal. The National Weather Service considers 2 inches of rainfall/week as the baseline to avoid drought. We have received near that average in April thus expecting the next drought status to be updated to D1-S (mild short-term drought). The northern RMI atolls (Utirik and Wotje) have received little precipitation and will remain in extreme drought status (D3-S).

SATURDAY: Partly clear to mostly cloudy with isolated showers (10 percent coverage). Winds ENE-E at 17-22 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 15-20 knots.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:32 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	3:01 p.m. 2:49 a.m.	1:16 a.m. 3.0' 1:21 p.m. 3.7'	7:03 a.m. 1.0' 7:52 p.m. 0.2'
MONDAY	6:32 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	3:57 p.m. 3:39 a.m.	2:05 a.m. 3.6' 2:14 p.m. 4.1'	8:03 a.m. 0.5' 8:33 p.m. -0.2'
TUESDAY	6:32 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	4:54 p.m. 4:27 a.m.	2:45 a.m. 4.2' 2:58 p.m. 4.4'	8:50 a.m. -0.1' 9:11 p.m. -0.5'
WEDNESDAY	6:32 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	5:51 p.m. 5:16 a.m.	3:23 a.m. 4.7' 3:39 p.m. 4.6'	9:33 a.m. -0.5' 9:46 p.m. -0.7'
THURSDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	6:49 p.m. 6:06 a.m.	4:00 a.m. 5.0' 4:19 p.m. 4.5'	10:15 a.m. -0.7' 10:21 p.m. -0.7'
FRIDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	7:50 p.m. 6:58 a.m.	4:37 a.m. 5.2' 4:57 p.m. 4.3'	10:55 a.m. -0.7' 10:55 p.m. -0.6'
MAY 9	6:31 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	8:50 p.m. 7:52 a.m.	5:13 a.m. 5.1' 5:34 p.m. 4.0'	11:35 a.m. -0.6' 11:29 p.m. -0.3'



Click the logo to visit
RTS Weather online.

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 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 MINDFUL AND PRACTICE GOOD OPSEC.

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



DID YOU KNOW?

The average coconut palm grows to a height of 30 to 60 feet. However, some species of coconut palm may grow to a height of 80 to 100 feet.



YOUR WEEK IN PICTURES

Check out Kwajalein Hourglass photos online at Flickr.

NEED TO KNOW?

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.



UXO REMINDER

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

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

Kemeymej 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) bokitun ak kein kabokklok eo ien eo emokajtata non EOD ilo nombra kein (5-1433) ak CPS (5-4445).

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



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CLASSIFIED/
CRITICAL/SENSITIVE

**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.