

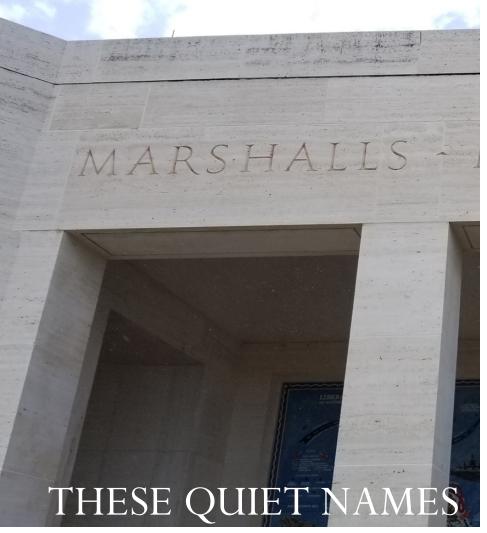


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**Anyone** who has called the Pacific region home should consider paying their respects at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

Also known as Punchbowl, the cemetery and memorial park is the final resting place for more than 50,000 Veterans, servicemembers, family members and notable Hawaiian citizens and dignitaries.

Located inside the Punchbowl crater, since its dedication in 1949, Punchbowl commemorates the life, works and sacrifice of those laid to rest on its slopes. Memorial markers donated by Veteran, military and civic organizations line walks throughout the facility to columbarium and scenic overlooks, obscured by an occasional mist of drifting clouds.

Humble, white markers in green fields stretch farther than the eye can see. Occasionally, blank tablets placed in memory years before are inscribed with their rightful names; NMCP staff ensure proper observance is made as new information about recovered or missing service-members becomes available. The names of crewmembers from the U.S.S. Arizona were added in 2001 and are among the latest of these additions.

Visitors travelling walkways through Punchbowl will ultimately arrive at an open-air military chapel in the center of a colonnade. Inside are battle map mosaics chronicling the war in the Pacific. Outside, visitors have an unparalleled view of Honolulu and Pearl Harbor. For a moment, they are privileged to share the view with servicemembers of the Court of the Missing, just outside the chapel.

The solemn walk of the Court is girded by stone monoliths arranged by branches of service. Each bears the names and points of origin of thousands of Sailors, Soldiers, Airmen and Marines. Entire battalions, crews, air crews and brigades are listed on the walls, and though their journey ended at Punchbowl, it started as simply as it does to this day.

These servicemembers raised their right hands in the Oath of Service. They joined transports to countries, ports and islands. White sand and palm trees fell into view. In the months that followed, their same hands lit cigarettes, penned letters home, pulled triggers, bandaged wounds, defended buddies, disarmed bombs, opened canteens, grabbed helmets and wiped sweat away. The same hands laid over their hearts at Midway, Saipan, Okinawa, Tarawa, Ie Shima, Palau, Iwo Jima and Kwajalein.

These brave few knew there was a job to be done and that they might not come home. They did it anyway, for us. It had to be done. Our acts of remembrance ensure they are never lost.

Sometimes, all we have left to honor are these quiet names. Go stand among them. Gaze out at Pearl Harbor and remember them. Remember them all.



PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The National Cemetery of the Pacific, located in the Honolulu Crater, is the resting place for notable Hawaiian citizens and thousands of military casualties from the WWII Pacific Theater.

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# ISRAEL, ROC (TAIWAN) DONATE EQUIPMENT TO RMI

HOURGLASS REPORT

Compiled from reports from the Office of the Republic of the Marshall Islands President

As the international community continues its efforts to help its global neighbors fight COVID-19, recent gifts of equipment and supplies from the governments of Israel and Taiwan received special recognition from the Republic of the Marshall Islands government.

Israel has donated a shipment of 2,000 surgical masks, four infrared thermometers, 200 NK95 masks and 40 protective suits to assist in COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts. Taiwan donated three thermal camera systems for fever screening, as well as 20 chairs from local businesses.

RMI Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Casten N. Nemra and RMI Health Minister Bruce Bilimon received the shipments and met with Taiwan Ambassador to the RMI Jeffery S.C. Hsiao at Majuro's Leroij Atama Zedkaia Memorial Hospital for a handover ceremony May 8.

Nemra expressed gratitude for the efforts to help the RMI fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. In an appreciation letter to Israeli Foreign Minister Israel Katz, he extended heartfelt appreciation to Israel on behalf of President David Kabua and the RMI government. Nemra wrote that it "will make a difference in the lives and safety of our people, particularly our dedicated frontline workers." He also thanked Ambassador Tibor Shalev-Schlosser, Israel Ambassador to





1) Staff of the RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services display boxes of donated medical equipment and supplies from the Government of Israel. 2) A delegation from Taiwan meets with members of the RMI government for a donated equipment and supplies handover ceremony May 8.

the Federated States of Micronesia, for facilitating the donation and working in partnership with RMI Ambassador Amatlain Kabua.

"The Marshall Islands remain committed to our partnership and cooperation on matters of mutual concern," said Nemra.

During the handover ceremony with the Taiwan delegation, RMI Minister for Health and Human Services Bruce Bilimon said the RMI offers support on Taiwan's full membership bid in the World Health Organization. Ambassador Hsiao expressed Taiwan's firmly stance with the RMI in its COVID-19 responses. He also stressed his appreciation to Nitijela, Majuro Atoll Local Government and MALGOV and Marshall Islands Mayor's Association for their resolutions supporting Taiwan's participation in WHO.

While the Marshall Islands has no reported cases of COVID-19, the RMI government has also taken action to strengthen preparedness and response in an anticipation of a future outbreak in the country through quarantine construction projects and healthcare training.



#### EXTERNAL REPORT

**Seabees** from the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 turned over custody of the third and fourth set s of new shower and restroom facilities to Pohnpei State as they continue to assist in the expansion of Pohnpei States' COVID-19 Response Compound.

The Seabees will be constructing another four sets of facilities for the compound, giving Pohnpei State the ability to support up to 12 personnel in isolation for medical treatment at the compound.



The U.S. Government is committed to supporting the FSM in boosting its COVID-19 response capabilities. Above, U.S. Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia Carmen G. Cantor meets with members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 at new shower and restroom facilities on Pohnpei. The facilities, designed to be portable, will assist Pohnpei in mitigating the spread of COVID-19 at sites around Pohnpei.

# **Bwebwenato**

# **MASTER CHEF**

RA IEGGILO UOMBOIILA

**Kwajalein Dining Services** cook Justin Hamon knows making a perfect omelet is more than just breaking some eggs: It's breaking 90 dozen eggs each morning. Hamon is the cook at the hibachi-style griddle turning those eggs into your breakfast.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that during the morning breakfast rush at Zamperini Cafeteria, Hamon is the most popular guy on island.

Kwajalein's omelet chef has been cooking on Kwajalein for 15 years. He is originally from Lae Atoll and resides on Ebeye. Before making your omelet, Hamon rises at 3 a.m. to catch the early ferry from Ebeye to Kwaj. After donning a cook's coat and washing up, he spends the next several hours preparing hundreds of eggs made to order for an ever-lengthening line of patrons.

How does Hamon do it? Chalk it up to a good memory and serious skills. Working in the food industry takes patience, poise, skill and teamwork—things better learned on the job than in the classroom. Add a giant griddle, hundreds of customers and a deep fryer at your elbow, and you get a sense of Hamon's workspace. Some customers hand Hamon their bowls of fixings and dash off to make toast. Others stay to watch the magic.

Hamon whips the raw eggs into a golden froth and paints them into a thin, bubbling puddle on the griddle while he fries and chops chilis, spinach, ham, onions and the occasional tater tot. He folds toppings into the bed of egg and neatly delivers the bundle to each diner. The process is something to behold and reason enough to become an early riser. However, if lunch is more your style, you might meet Hamon as he prepares grilled cheese sandwiches, hamburgers and steaks for lunch and dinner.

Though his wife, Donica, also cooks, like any professional cook, the job doesn't stop when Hamon returns home. He often cooks for his entire family of five. Smoked steaks, teriyaki and garlic chicken and rice are two of his specialties. He also makes coconut rice and shreds the coconut before mixing it into the steaming white grains.

For Hamon, life is like food: no need to complicate a good thing.

"I'm happy," he said. "I like cooking."

Hamon's favorite eggs are over-easy. He says on Lae, a smaller, quiet island compared to Kwaj, eggs are cooked on a propane smoker griddle.

At the end of the day, he wants nothing more than any other guy after a long day: to relax and enjoy peace and quiet.

"[I] sleep," he said. "Sleep and watch TV."





1) Justin Hamon, center, prepares to do the magic fold-up operation to turn this bed of egg and vegetables into a perfect omelet. 2) Pictured here is that same omelet, prepared for Kwajalein resident Linda Webb, ready to eat.

"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.



#### HUTIBELASS BEDOD.

**Congratulations** to the champions of the 2020 U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Morale, Welfare and Recreation softball season.

May 16, was a day of sweet plays, loaded bases, back-to-back championship games and cheering fans. Families and friends showed their support from the sidelines and packed the bleachers at both Ragan and Brandon Field to root for favorite teams and players.

The season ended with a fighting finish between the Lolligaggers and Spartans Co-Ed. O.F.U. took home the coveted MWR coconut trophy after trouncing Spartans Men I, but the students put up a vicious fight for glory. Between games, spectators also had the chance to catch one of the free hotdogs that went flying through the air, courtesy of an ardent island sports fan.

Catch more action on the field next year. As for this year's final scores, Spartans Women 1 defeated Alumni,10-2; Keep in Touch defeated Mule, 13-2; O.F.U. defeated Spartans Men I, 12-2; and Lolligaggers defeated Spartans Co-Ed, 25-14.

1) O.F.U.'s Bob Sladewski winds up on the pitcher's mound. 2) Sean Hepler prepares to knock it out of the park. 3) That was a close call. Pictured here, Lolligaggers' Eric Corder manages to dodge a grounder. 4) Good game: The Lolligaggers and Spartans Co-Ed congratulate each other on a game well done.

















1) The men of O.F.U. 2) The mighty Lolligaggers. 3) The victorious members of Keep In Touch. 4) Spartans Women I—the jumping photo.

# **Musical Notes**

## Clarke and Tailleferre

COMMUNITY CONNECTION / LIZ NOLAN

**We continue** our musical exploration of work by influential western female musical composers this week with Rebecca Clarke and Germaine Tailleferre.

Rebecca Clarke (1886-1979) was a British born composer and violist who spent most of her adult life in the United States. She began her studies at the Royal Academy of Music before attending the Royal College of Music. Clarke was the first female student to study under Charles Villiers Stanford, who was a founder of the college and had taught composers such as Gustav Holst and Ralph Vaughn Williams.

Unfortunately, Clarke was banished from the family home by her father and could not complete her studies. With no means at her disposal, Clarke began performing, and in 1912 she gained employment in the Queen's Hall Orchestra, becoming one of the first female professional musicians. Clarke toured extensively with cellist May Mukle and during this time gained compositional renown for her 1919 "Viola Sonata" and 1921 "Piano Trio."

As a composer Clarke wrote both instrumental and vocal works. Her com-





Rebecca Clarke, left, and Germaine Tailleferre are both influential, unsung female composers whose musical stylings do much to shape music in the early 20th century.

positional style has, at times, been compared to Claude Debussy, Igor Stravinsky and Joseph Maurice Ravel. Some of her most beautiful pieces include "The Seal Man" and "The Cloths of Heaven." and her arrangements of Irish Folk Songs and Old English Songs were among her most popular works.

Although Clarke composed over 100 works, only 20 were published during her lifetime; the rest of her work remains unpublished and property of her estate.

In 1919 a group of young composers came to the forefront with their reactionary style against the heavy romanticism prevalent in German music, and the overly dissonant and lush chromaticism of French composers such as Debussy. These individuals were known as "Les Six" or "Les Jeunes Nouveaux" and were comprised of composers Darius Milhaud, Francis Poulenc, Arthur Honegger,

Georges Auric, Louis Durey and one other—a female composer by the name of Germaine Tailleferre.

Born in 1892, Tailleferre was a prize-winning piano prodigy who was brought to prominence by composer Eric Satie. He was greatly impressed by her compositional ability, which shone in her work "Jeux de plein air" and took her under his wing as his "musical daughter."

A reluctant and insecure artist, Tailleferre used her musical abilities to express internal emotions as a release from personal issues. She composed for genres such as opera and ballet, along with penning orchestral, vocal and choral works

Some of her most successful work was in film where she was in great demand due to her unmatched skills. Tailleferre continued as an educator and composer until her death in 1983.



The Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Spring Art Show May 19 featured studies in mixed media, ceramics, pen and ink, colored pencil and plaster by students of Kwajalein School System art teacher Jane Christy. This year's exhibition featured what can only be described as the world's tiniest ice cream bowl. Work by student knife smiths in Dr. Doug Hepler's Industrial Arts class included homemade hatchets, kitchen and utility knives.



Kristen Hosek, Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School science teacher, posed with the auroras after a half-mile hike to the top of Scott Base Hill in August 2015 during her second season on the ice. "We heard there was good aurora activity," she said. "To get that long-exposure shot and capture the light of the auroras, I had to stand completely still in about -25 F (with -50 F windchill) for 15 seconds which is a lot harder than it sounds. August is generally the coldest and stormiest month of the year with the sun peaking above the horizon for an hour or two. "The auroras first appeared as luminescent clouds, until they started to ripple and wave like glowing ribbons," she added. "The long exposure shots bring out the brilliant colors." Photo by Ben Adkison

# OF SAND AND ICE: ONE WOMAN'S ADVENTURE TO DISTANT PARTS OF THE GLOBE

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

There is remote, and then there is remote.

Kristen Hosek, a Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School science teacher here, has added Kwajalein and Antarctica to her resume of places she has lived and worked. Hosek, 31, from Centennial, Colorado, is in her fifth year teaching on her second Kwajalein tour and has worked in Antarctica three seasons.

The equatorial polar hopper got her career started after her final semester at Colorado State University in 2011. She attended a teach-abroad fair during her final semester of college and accepted a teaching position on Kwajalein.

#### Kwajalein, Republic of the Marshall Islands

"I moved out here a few months after graduation as a 22-year-old, and taught physics, chemistry, earth science and zoology for three years," she said. "During that time, I met several contractors who told me about McMurdo Station in Antarctica and pointed me towards a different job down there."

Hosek left Kwaj in June 2014 and spent two austral summer seasons on the ice: a five-month and a six-month tour, as an air transportation specialist.

"I spent most of the time in between those seasons living in a van in New Zealand," she said. "During the second one, I applied for and was accepted into a marine biology graduate program at Sonoma State University in California where I studied the physiologic effects of environmental stressors on mussels."

Her research published earlier this month in the Journal of Sea Research ("Physiological and biochemical responses to acute environmental stress and predation risk in the blue mussel, Mytilus edulis").

While in graduate school, her advisor's husband received funding for a project at McMurdo Station in Antarctica, so she returned to the ice for a third season on a science research team studying the effects of global warming on Antarctic fish.

Just before she defended her thesis and received her master's degree, she heard news of a science teacher position opening on Kwajalein and jumped at the chance to return. She has been back for two years now.

Hosek knew for a long time that she wanted to be a teacher.

"After I took biology in high school I was hooked on science," she said. "I coached lacrosse and different sport camps for a long time and loved working with kids, so it was easy to tie the two passions together. If a student were interested in being a teacher, I would encourage them to find summer or part-time jobs that worked with children. They could also volunteer with or shadow a few different teachers to see

what the work is like. It is never too early to start developing skills or get experience working with kids of all ages.

"I think every teacher would agree that you must genuinely love to teach to be in this profession for more than a year or two and it helps if you are also passionate about your subject. Science is such a dynamic subject with new discoveries every day, so you get to learn about fascinating topics alongside the students."

Hosek says that teaching is incredibly rewarding, "though the rewards are not always obvious. They occur when you watch a tricky scientific concept 'click' for a student, or when one of them enthusiastically shares an experience they had that relates to the lesson. The rewards occur when you see a group of lab partners hunched over together, determinably figuring out a problem set, or when you hear students exclaim in excitement after a demo. Some rewards happen years later, when past students reach out to update me on their lives and achievements."

#### Antarctica

"Kwajalein and McMurdo are very similar," Hosek says. "Both are remote islands with close-knit communities comprised of about 1,000 fascinating individuals with a wide range of backgrounds." She added that both have cafeteria food and dorm rooms ("I have my own room and bathroom on Kwaj!") and

more activities than she has time. "Both introduced me to gorgeous hues of blue and took me on fantastic adventures to places very few people get see."

For those not familiar with life on Antarctica, here is a primer from Hosek.

"There are three permanent U.S. stations on the Antarctic continent. Mc-Murdo is the largest, and its population peaks at about 1,000 during the austral summer. The average summer or Main Body contract is from October through February, when most people are down there.

"In early October the sun sets for the last time, so you get 24 hours of daylight through February, when the sun rises for the last time until August. The temperature is usually between -18 F – 15 F, but everyone has Extreme Cold Weather gear, including a massive parka, coveralls and boots to borrow for the season.

"Most people are contractors, whose main purpose is to keep the station running and support the scientists, colloquially known as "beakers." The "beakers" present their research every Sunday night to the station and their projects are insanely cool. People are studying gravitational waves of the big bang, microbial life in the dry valleys, the effects of climate change on ocean life, and testing a submarine under the sea ice as a prototype of a model to send to one of Jupiter's moons.

Her official contractor title during those first two seasons on the ice was air transportation specialist, and her job was to load and unload all cargo that arrived by air which included everything from luggage and scientific equipment, to building materials and beloved "freshies," fresh fruits and veggies, which they could go weeks without.

"We used massive forklifts to load and unload C-17s and C-130s on the ice shelf runway and built pallets to deliver materials to the South Pole Station or other camps around the continent," said Hosek. "Everyone works six days a week, 10-12 hour days, and it is the coldest, windiest and driest continent so you will be exhausted most of the time"

# So what do you do when you have time off at the end of the earth?

"There is so much to do during your day off," she exclaimed. "It is very much a work hard-play hard kind of place. There are four gyms, including one with a climbing wall, a coffee shop with a separate-section movie theatre, two bars, and pool tables and ping-pong tables all around the station. A ton of talented musicians head there, so there is live music. All the time, Everywhere.

"There is a dance team that creates music videos and flash mobs, and indoor soccer, volleyball, yoga, belly-dancing classes, all run by volunteers. Other areas include a craft room, a radio room where you can practice your DJ skills, and open-mic nights, bingo nights, trivia nights. There are costume parties, music festivals, and massive dance parties.

"For outdoor fun there are several hikes, the shortest being a straight-up-the-hill, a 20-40 minute climb, while the longest is a six-mile hike that provides stunning views of Erebus, the southernmost active volcano. There is also a marathon and a half marathon race."



Science teacher Kristen Hosek brings a kinesthetic astronomy lesson to her students recently. "The students "became" Earth to rotate and revolve (with a tilt!) to experience the seasons, solstices, equinoxes, and the zodiac plane." Photo by the Kwajalein High School Yearbook Staff

# Speaking of outdoor activity, what is the weather there like?

"It is so dry that the cold becomes relative," she said. "In January when it warms up to a balmy 30 degrees F, people will be out in T-shirts. There are also rec trips that include walking around the pressure ridges by Scott Base (New Zealand's station), a snowmobile ride across the sea ice to glacier ice caves, and trips to see R.F. Scott's or Ernest Shackleton's perfectly preserved huts from the early 1900s.

"You will see Weddell seals napping, adelie and emperor penguins waddling around, and when the sea ice clears, you may see orcas or minke whales. My second season was special because I went down in August (the end of winter, when it is dark for 23 hours of the day) and experienced -80 F wind chills, multi-day white-out storms, nacreous clouds, and best of all, the southern auroras."

Hosek said that it was very cool to return to McMurdo as a "beaker" following her stint there as a cargo loader earlier, and contribute to a research team. "We were studying the ability of ice fish to adapt to warming waters after evolving for millions of years in the thermally stable environment of the Southern Ocean," she said. "We would drive out onto the sea ice in a vehicle known as a piston bully, before drilling through about 6-7 feet of sea-ice. Thick gloves made it very tricky to reel in a fish, clutch it to our chests to protect it from the wind chill, and remove the hook so we could bring it back to the aquarium at the station. Sometimes seals used the breathing holes or stole our fish."

While some readers will know Kristen Hosek as a science teacher here, others will know her from her artwork.

"I have been drawing, painting, sculpting since I was really young, and it continues to be therapeutic, relaxing and fun for me," she said. "Lately, I have been doing a lot of ballpoint pen work. I like to draw the silhouette of an animal from some biome or region, and then try to fill in its biological community with all the amazing diversity of shapes and patterns. I also really enjoy painting with acrylics and drawing with charcoal.

# So what does this scientist, science teacher, cargo loader, artist think is the best part about Antarctica?

"It is the people," Hosek said. "It is definitely an island of misfit toys and some of the most fascinating individuals you will ever come across. World travelers, nomads and scientists – it is a crazy blend ranging from 21 - 70ish-years-old and each person has an incredible story. One time I had lunch with a woman who worked at the Long Duration Balloon Facility, and it turns out she was on a team of women who cross-country skied 850 miles to the South Pole. She also added that one of the best perks is the free ticket and visa to New Zealand and the chance to visit Mordor, Hobbiton and Edoras."

#### Back on Kwajalein

"I do not even know where to begin with my favorite parts of Kwajalein," Ho-



Fishing in 10-degree weather? Sure, if you're Kristen Hosek in November 2016 during her third trip to Antarctica. "It's amazing how much the sun can warm you (and sunburn you) at such low temps," she said. "We were trying to catch Trematomus bernacchii, the emerald rock cod. We caught between five and 30 fish on any given day." Photo by Anthony Tercero

sek said. "During any given week, I can drink fresh coconuts, play a variety of sports ranging from beach volleyball to ultimate Frisbee, ride my bike to the yacht club for happy hour or just enjoy a gorgeous sunset on Emon Beach.

"On any given weekend, I can dive with sharks at Troy's Coral Head or at a massive WWII shipwreck, or peering over the wall on ocean side to the depths of the Pacific. Or maybe head to Bigej for a relaxing float or catch some mahi mahi for fish tacos. That is just the tip of iceberg. There are so many fun island events that I look forward to every year —spring break music fest, the ballroom dinner dance, the Rustman Race,

to name a few—and all of those have happened in the past month. I love how easy it is to stay busy and active, as well as the blend of interests out here."

Undoubtedly, Hosek loves her job. "I get to work with wonderful students and a fantastic faculty, with a cheeky octopus in my classroom aquarium and easy access to coral reefs in a beautiful turquoise lagoon. I love that interactions with students are not limited to a classroom; you get to know the families so much more when you coach or play against them on the soccer field, or run into them in the store or underwater.

"I never in a million years would have thought my first teaching job would be on a remote tropical island, but I am so thankful I found it," she said. "Kwajalein has really shaped who I am today. This island has fostered a passion for marine life and diving and is the reason I pursued a master's in marine science. I probably would have never made it to Antarctica if I had not met people on Kwaj who worked there. I feel incredibly fortunate to live on this tropical paradise, and it is hard to imagine finding a job I love more than this one."

# **WOMEN OF AILUK BUILD CLIMATE RESILIENCE HEALTHY LIFESTYLES**

FXTFRNAI RFPORT

By Zhiyad Khan Pacific Community Communications & Liaison Officer

As people around the world learn to live with the COVID-19 crisis, women in a small atoll island in the Marshall Islands, are reaping the benefits of a three-year long, European Union-unded project that was started in 2017 to help build their resilience to climate related droughts.

These efforts are part of the € 4.5 million EU – North Pacific – Readiness for El Niño project, implemented by the Pacific Community, also known as SPC. The project began implementing new food security measures in 2017 in the remote, drought-prone, atolls of northern RMI, namely in Ailuk, a rural environment, and Santo-Kwajalein, a semi-urban environment.

In Ailuk, the RENI project has worked with the residents to increase the availability of local food crops by establishing community nurseries, expanding the use of drought-resistant crop varieties, improving soil management practices, and increasing water storage capacity.

"In these uncertain times, and as a farmer myself, I would like to express my deep appreciation for the on-going efforts by the RENI project in building on the existing policies of the RMI government to revive subsistence farming in our islands," said RMI Minister of Natural Resources and Commerce, Hon. Sandy Alfred. "I would like to urge us all to start our own gardens, in anticipation of reaping the fruits of our labor in the very near future."

Women are playing a vital role in these initiatives, by establishing home gardens, and learning to preserve and cook local vegetables for their families. With the help of Canvasback Wellness Centre, basic health checks have been conducted and exercise groups have been established for the entire community, thereby helping islanders curb non-communica-



Women residents of Ailuk Atoll learn cooking with local vegetables and enjoy an exercise class.

ble diseases.

"We loved the cooking classes and even tried new food like mung bean sprouts and lentils. Being part of the exercise group has been very enjoyable. The women usually tell stories and jokes as we walk. The trainings provided have been very beneficial to me and my family; we are trying to be active and eat healthy, so I want to thank the RENI project for finding us here in Ailuk," said Hemly Anious, a resident of Ailuk Atoll.

SPC has partnered in these initiatives with several local organizations, including the Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce, Canvasback Wellness Centre, Marshall Islands Organic Farmers Association, the Taiwan Technical Mission and Women United Together Marshall Islands.

"In line with the European Green Deal-promoting an integrated approach for climate resilience and sustainable development, we are committed to assisting Pacific Island Countries address agriculture, health and wellness together," said the Ambassador of the EU for the Pacific, HE Sujiro Seam. "In the Marshall Islands, this approach is expanded to Jaluit and

Majuro Atolls, which is very welcome in light of the uncertain environment created by the COVID-19 crisis."

SPC's Director-General Stuart Minchin emphasized the wide-ranging benefits of the RENI project saying, "This project is ultimately about enhancing the resilience of people and communities and achieving our common vision of a resilient Pacific in the face of climate change and variability. Through the combined efforts of SPC, the RMI government and local organizations, we have been able to enhance the resilience of those living in selected outer islands of RMI not only for future droughts but also in our collective fight against COVID-19."

#### **About the Pacific Community**

The RENI project is about communities working to secure food and water resources ahead of drought. The three-year (2017–2020) project is funded with € 4.5 million from the EU and implemented by the Pacific Community in collaboration with the governments and peoples of the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands and Palau. For more on the project, visit: http://ccprojects.gsd.spc.int/eu-north-pacific-reni/



The Merrie Monarch Festival, an annual Polynesian cultural arts celebration, has been postponed due to concerns over COVID-19. The festival dates back to 1964 and includes live song, chant and dance performances. Its namesake is Hawaiian King David La'amea Kalakaua, the "merrie monarch" of Hawaii who championed the Hawaiian cultural arts during his reign from 1874 to 1891.

Students of hula understand how the ancient art-

Students of hula understand how the ancient artform connects dancers to the people and traditions
of Hawaii. Stories, legends and love for Polynesian
heritage are communicated through even the most
subtle of gestures and hand motions. Today, Hawaii
encourages visitors and residents to share a similar
sentiment. Take a trip through downtown Honolulu and you are bound to see signs encouraging the
community to "share the aloha," or love, with everyone they meet. Much like the "aloha tradition" preserved through dance, this gentle message helps
communicate the collegial personality of Hawaii—a
trademark good will found nowhere else in the world
in quite the same way.

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On Kwajalein this year, resident Masina McCollum taught modern hula classes, a tradition began by

her mother, Palepa Smith, more than 30 years ago. Smith, a Samoan dance artist, studied different styles of Polynesian dance. The teachers' annual dance recitals showcase these diverse stylings following the culmination of community dance classes.

This year, McCollum faced the difficult challenge of working social distancing into her classes. Together with a team of volunteers and assistance from MWR, the annual recital was executed safely out of doors at the Emon Beach park. No less than 131 dancers in the community showcased their talents under the stars.

Due to quarantine regulations that have affected dance revues around the world, the Kwajalein hula revue may well be the largest hula event of 2020.

For Smith, "aloha spirit" is about paying good things forward.

"[It's] sharing positivity, good spirit and love," said Smith, following the recital. "What you pay out is what you get back."

So, no matter whether you are in Hono or abroad, rest assured that the spirit of ohana, family, is strong on Kwaj. From us to you—share in our aloha. Enjoy the pictures from this year's island hula revue.









U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

1) The Wiki Wiki troupe performs. On Kwajalein, Wiki Wiki dancers are advanced students who have demonstrated a high aptitude for hula training. 2) Sarah Scott, left, and Mindi Gerber perform at Emon Beach. 3) From left, Matai and Ma-koa McCollum are joined by Myles Sylvester as they officially open the hula review with ceremonial blasts played on conch shells. 4) In front, Kristin Miller performs with the Wahine troupe. McCollum's dance performances are divided by age group to accommodate learning and to ensure dancers have the benefit of learning with peers. Hula is an artform that can be practiced by dancers of any age. Check out the next page to learn a few terms used in traditional and modern hula dance schools.









1) Students in the early elementary school-aged group perform during the hula revue. 2) It is said that in the act of performing hula, the dancer is connected to the heritage and very spirit of Hawaii. Each beckoning hand and arm gesture in hula dancing carries a particular meaning. 3) Lorelai Jackson creates shapes that suggest beaches and palm trees. 4) Russell Beniamina of Pure Aloha plays live music during the revue. Want to see more hula photos? Visit the Kwajalein Hourglass Flickr page.

### **HULA TERMINOLOGY**

Kahiko- Ancient, long ago

**Auana-** To wander, drift, go from place to place

Halau- Hula School

Kumu Hula- Hula Teacher

Wiki wiki- fast or quick

Mana- Power

Oli- Chant

Wahine- Woman

*Halau*- Hula school. Halau are typically formal schools, but modern halau have become more popular as hula is shared around the globe.

**Hoomakaukau-** To prepare, make ready. This word is often used by the kumu hula (hula teacher) before the hula performance has begun to signal the halau to get ready.

Ae- Yes; to say yes. The halau's response to the kumu hula, letting him/her know they are ready to begin.

**Pa-** A sound; to sound; beat; signal to begin a dance

**Haina-** The two or more last verses of a song. You may hear this term used by the halau in the middle of the performance. This means the halau is nearing the end of the song, the end of the story.

**Hula kahiko-** Traditional hula, set to a chant and accompanied by percussion instruments.

**Hula auana-** Modern hula, began to emerge in the 20th century. Hula auana is less formal and lets the dancer tell a story to musical accompaniment.

*Kahu-* honored guardian or attendant. During the time of tribal kings, a Kahu would blow a conch trumpet, or pu, to mark the presence of a royal canoe or the beginning of an important ceremony.

**Pu-** conch trumpet. As in hula dancing, different ceremonial elements of Polynesian culture have specific meaning and import. The meaning of playing the Pū, or conch trumpet, can change depending on the direction of the Kahu, or guardians who sound the call. Ancient traditions indicate that playing pu at different times of day may summon different cultural spirits. On Kwajalein, the Pu symbolizes the ceremonial opening and closing of the hula—at least until next year.

# **CLEAN TEAMS TRAIN TO FLATTEN THE COVID-19 CURVE**

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By U.S. Army Sgt. Sarah Sangster 25th Infantry Division

**Units** with the 25th Infantry Division have been training Soldiers to work in clean teams across Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, as part of a multitude of prevention measures the garrison has in place to trace, prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

"The clean team training they received will provide them with the skills to establish an incident command post in cordon, disinfect large surface areas using the principles of decontamination and most importantly protect themselves with the highest level of personal protective equipment and individual decontamination available," said Army Capt. Charles Carlock, the chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear, or CBRN, officer with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division.

Each battalion within the division has a clean team made up of 12 personnel led by a noncommissioned officer. The team is designed to respond to any suspected COVID-19 cases and disinfect any large surface areas.

"We went over the step-by-step process on how to decontaminate a room sticking to the biohazard of COVID-19," said Army Staff Sgt. Brian Henneman, the CBRN NCO in charge for 3rd Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment,. "We trained on how to properly don your gear, go into the room, clean it, and doff your gear while we clean the areas."

"The overall purpose of this training is to flatten the curve of COVID-19," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Carmine Moon, the CBRN NCO in charge for 3rd BCT. "I feel like I have purpose now as a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defense NCO, and I can use my training to help others."

Once the unit gets notified, the Soldiers arrive at the affected area and establish a command post. Once the command post is established, team members will don their gear and begin conducting a site survey. The survey includes taking overlapping photos of the affected area, inventorying any high dollar items and making an area sketch that includes all four walls.

After the site survey is conducted, the team begins cleaning the area. Teams work from top to bottom, spraying a bleach solution mixed in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended bleach-to-water ratio. All hard surfaces are wiped down, floors are mopped and on the way out, they sanitize doors, hallways, stairs and any direct pathways that were used.

The Soldiers then go to the doffing station to remove their gear, following specific procedures to ensure there are no biohazard risks.

"We are showing how we can adapt and show off our capabilities," Henneman said. "Overall, everyone got good training and now know how to properly take action protecting their neighbors and the force in our nations fight against COVID-19."





1) Soldiers at the doffing station remove their gear following a specific procedure to ensure there are no biohazard risks as part of their clean team training at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, May 5. 2) Soldiers don their gear as part of clean team training at Schofield Barracks. The base cleaning team is a precautionary force established to fight the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and wellness of Soldiers.



THE ARMY IS CONDUCTING A CHANGE OF MISSION TO FOCUS ON COMBATING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. WITH THIS NEW MISSION, THE ARMY WILL PROTECT THE FORCE, POSTURE THE FORCE TO MAINTAIN GLOBAL OPERATIONAL READINESS, AND SUPPORT THE NATIONAL EFFORT TO FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19. THE ARMY CONTINUALLY ASSESSES HOW WE WILL BEST PROTECT SOLDIERS, CIVILIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES, MAINTAIN FORCE READINESS TO MEET GLOBAL CHALLENGES, AND PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE FEMA-LED NATIONAL COVID-19 RESPONSE. CLICK THE LOGO TO LEARN HOW U.S. ARMY SOLDIERS ARE FIGHTING COVID-19 TO PROTECT GLOBAL HEALTH.



# NMCB-5 CONNECTS WITH THE COMMUNITY OF MARSHALL ISLANDS

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By Mass Communication Specialist 1
Stephane Belcher, NMCB-5 Public Affairs

**Seabees** with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5, Detail Marshall Islands, teamed up with local Marshallese volunteers to aide with the community's material and logistical needs at Ennibur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of Marshall Islands.

The Seabees have helped the local community and in return, strengthened the U.S. Navy's international ties in the region. They supported local contractors delivering construction materials and tools to the island of Ennibur, and constructed a concrete evacuation center that now serves as the local community's disaster preparedness building.

"This is my first time working with Seabees," said Joseph Adkin, a Marshallese volunteer, and resident who helped build the evacuation center and worked alongside the Seabees. "And it is my first time building a place this big. Over the time spent, I've learned many things about them and from them. I am happy and thankful for having the opportunity of working with the Seabees."

The 34' by 50' Ennibur Evacuation Center, located in the center of the is-

land, took six-months to complete. The center has an open area for a gathering point, and the two enclosed rooms are now used to store emergency goods and materials.

"The evacuation center has a huge impact in the community," said Gemti Peter, former school teacher of Ennibur Elementary School. "It not only serves as an assembly and gathering area during a calamity but also serves as a community center where we can host a national holiday celebration and school graduation."

While deployed to the island, the Seabees also built a water catchment facility for the locals, which is now the largest public water catchment on Ennibur Island, providing 12,000 gallons of water to the local community.

"The eight, 1500-gallon water catchment is a big help for every family living on the island," said Ennibur resident Total Jimna. "It provides water for our daily chores like cooking, bathing, washing dishes and washing clothes."

The catchment has a butterfly-roof system to collect and store rainwater into the containers. The water catchment facility is also centrally located—supplying water to several critical public facilities on the island.

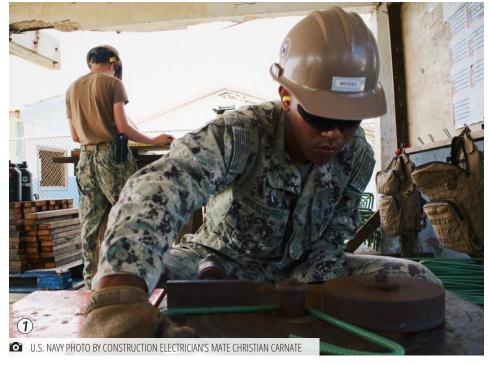
During their sparse downtime, the Seabees contributed to the communi-

ty by picking up litter in the Marshall Islands, specifically at a historical Japanese terminal building and air-raid shelter in Roi-Namur.

"The beach clean-up volunteer event that Builder 3rd Class Tristan Hieb organized opened a huge opportunity for the Seabees to showcase their compassion to the community," said Chief Builder Rouel Agustin, NMCB-5's Detail Marshall Islands assistance officer in charge. "It not only strengthens the relationship of the Seabees with the U.S. Army Garrison, but also created a lasting impression on the contractors and local Marshallese working and living at Roi-Namur."

"The community relation activities of Seabees throughout Kwajalein Atoll exemplifies the Seabee motto, 'With compassion for others' and the outstanding work that the Seabees completed at Ennibur Island highlighted, 'We build for peace with freedom."

NMCB-5 is deployed across the Indo-Pacific region conducting high-quality construction to support U.S. and partner nations to strengthen partnerships, deter aggression, and enable expeditionary logistics and naval power projection. The battalion stands ready to support Humanitarian Aid/Disaster Relief and Major Combat Operations throughout the region.





1) Equipment Operator Constructionman Manuel Mendez Correa, from Memphis, Tennessee, deployed with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5's Detail Marshall Islands, bends rebar stirrups for the prefabrication of the reinforced steel grade beams. 2) Construction Electrician 3rd Class Christian Carnate wires an inverter, which is a part of the solar panel system for the Ennibur Medical Clinic.



#### REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATED INTERIM HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS

**ISSUANCE 13: AS OF 7 MAY 2020** 

#### (Subject to regular review, as required)

On 30 January 220, World Health Organization declared the current novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The virus was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, PRC, and subsequently cases of COVID-19 have been detected in 212 countries and territories. The new virus is a coronavirus, which is a family of viruses that include the commun 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 the Marshall Islands' (RMI) former COVID-19 travel advisories and restrictions 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 20 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) have been reviewed and updated as of <u>7 May 2020 (Issuance 13)</u> 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 hand 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 an immediate minimum 14-day quarantine.

- Suspension of all domestic passenger travel between Kwajalein and Majuro and international airlines. Air travel between Kwajalein and Majuro on Air Marshalls is still permitted.
- All cruise ships including live aboard vessels and yachts at this time are suspended from visiting the RMI until further notice.
- All fishing vessels that have transited through or departed from COVID-19 infected countries are suspended from entering the RMI ports until further notice.
- To ensure continuity of transshipment services, a limited number of carrier vessels shall be exempt. However, these carrier vessels are strictly required to spend fourteen (14) days at sea prior to port entry and only after clearance by MoHHS, RMI Ports Authority, MIMRA and the RMI Immigration Division. Trahsshipment shall be limited to twenty (20) purse seiners and ten (10) carriers at any one time. Vessels within the transshipment area are subject to RMI Ports Authority's 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 the travel advisory and the Maritime SOP requirements, such as no human-to-human contact, etc. Said SOPs shall be amended as per this updated travel advisory and shall remain in effect unless otherwise revised by the Maritime Working Group (MoHHS, RMI Ports Authority, MIMRA and the RMI Immigration Division). MIMRA shall provide a list of eligible fishing vessels and carriers for entry purposes. Vessels not on the list may appeal to the NDC through the Maritime Workign Group for entry prior to departure from their 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.
- 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 #13 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.

Kino S. Kabua 7 May 202 Chief Secretary, Chair of the National Disaster Committee



United Airlines now requires all passengers to wear a face cover or mask as they board the aircraft.

United encourages customers to bring their own face coverings; however, anyone without one will be provided a mask prior to boarding by United.

Effective April 30, the Republic of the Marshall Islands has instituted Issuance 1e extending the travel ban through June 5. No one can arrive in the RMI, to include Kwajalein, until June 6 at the earliest.

For more information, contact United reservations at 1-800-864-8331.

#### HAWAII QUARANTINE RULES IN EFFECT FOR TRAVELERS

## Public Advisory for RMI Citizen and Resident Travelers

**Majuro**—The Republic of the Marshall Islands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade wishes to advise all RMI Citizens and Residents traveling to Hawaii that on May 18, 2020, David Y. Ige, Governor of the State of Hawaii, signed the Eighth Supplementary Proclamation which shall remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2020, and authorize and invoke the following:

"Pursuant to section 127A-13(a) (1), HRS, all persons entering the State of Hawaii shall be subject to mandatory self-quarantine, except those persons performing emergency response or critical infrastructure functions who have been exempted by the Director of Emergency Management. The period of self-quarantine shall begin from the time of entry into the State of Hawaii and shall last 14 days or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Hawaii, whichever is shorter. This self-quarantine mandate shall take effect on March 26, 2020, at 12:01 a m"

- Pursuant to section 127A-25, HRS, I hereby adopt the Rules Relating to COVID-19.
- Pursuant to section 127A-29, HRS, any person violating the rules relating to quarantine shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, the person shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

The Ministry further advises that all visitors and residents arriving through Hawaii's airports will be required to complete a Hawaii Department of Agriculture form that will be distributed on board their flight. This means they will need to have with them an address of where they will be staying while in Hawaii. Upon arrival, they will go through a checkpoint and present the completed form with valid identification. Checkpoint staff will validate the form and issue documentation that certifies the checkpoint. The form also includes information on the mandatory requirements for the 14-day quarantine along with penalties.

If any questions, please contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

# 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.

# 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.

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, likeshaking 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.

#### O ROUTINE No community transmission













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.

- 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

# schools, daycare, all community activities) and restricted ability to travel.

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# DOD HPCON LEVEL IS CHARLIE SUBSTANTIAL

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.,

# DON'T FORGET



# GYS 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

Saturdays - Reading Buddies with Ms. Crump's third grade class at 2:10 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.

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 Sewing at 4 p.m.
Tuesdays Keystone Club, 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. Fridays Zumba at 7 p.m. Saturdays Keystone, Torch Club Of-

ficers meetings at 4 p.m. **Special Events** 

May 24 - Memorial Day Activities

Movies at 7:30 p.m. 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, contact Central Registration at 5-2158.

Please note that SAC programs in May will take place from 3:30 - 5:30

Namo Weto Youth Center **Hours of Operation** 

Closed Monday

Tuesday - Open for 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 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.



C43 Needs 40u. Central Registration at 5-2158 for how to become a registered volunteer.

CYS Summer Camp
Summer Camp is almost here. All

campers must be fully registered with USAG-KA Child and Youth Services. To enroll your child, please come to Central Registration in Building 358. For any other questions, contact Central Registration at

#### June 9-13 Wed and Wild

Like to get messy? Join us for week one of summer camp. We will be playing water games all week at the pool and beach.

#### Art-O-Rama June 16-20

We will be exploring art in all its various forms this week. Come discover your inner artist.

#### **Mad Science** June 23-27

Join us for some hands-on learning about robotics, engineering, and weather.

#### Party in the USA June 30-July 3

Get you red, white and blue on and get ready to party USA style.

#### Go Green July 7-11

Come out for an exciting week of exploring. Campers will learn about gardening, environmental safety and survival.

# July 14-18

This week will be full of gym games and outdoor activities. Campers will exercise while having fun.

#### **Camp Spotlight** July 21-25

Love performing or learning new talents? Join us as we explore different types of performing such as acting, puppet theater, sketch comedy and more

#### **Around the World** July 28-August 1

Campers will embark on a journey that includes the exploration of different cultures. Children will enjoy things such as dancing, food tasting and learning new languages

#### **Color Wars** August 4-8

The best week of summer camp is here. Let's get messy and have fun competing against each other and some special guests.

#### Mini City August 11-15

Campers will get a job, receive a paycheck and run their own city. In mini city, campers will also learn about various career fields in our community and even job shadow.

#### **August 18-20 Island Fiesta**

The summer is coming to an end, and it's time to say goodbye, but before we do, let's fiesta. This week campers will do all things that make our island fun. Let's enjoy the island life together and get ready for school.



#### KWAJ YUK THEATER

SATURDAY, MAY 23 "Coco" (PG) 105 min.

**SUNDAY, MAY 24 AT EMON BEACH** "Midway" (PG-13) 138 min.

MONDAY, MAY 25 AT RAGAN SOFTBALL FIELD "Trolls: World Tour" (PG) 94 min.

**SATURDAY, MAY 30** "Aladdin" (PG) 128 min.

> SUNDAY, MAY 31 "Crawl" (R) 87 min.

MONDAY, JUNE 1 "Unconditional" (PG) 98 min.

#### **ROI TRADEWINDS THEATER**

SATURDAY, MAY 23 "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" (PG) 152 min.

SUNDAY, MAY 24 "Bohemian Rhapsody" (PG-13) 135 min.

SATURDAY, MAY 30 "Don't Let Go" (R) 104 min.

SUNDAY, MAY 31 "The Mule" (R) 117 min.



#### **Memorial Day Party** May 25 from 4-8 p.m.

Join the community at Brandon Field to watch the Memorial Day Kickball Tournament. Food and beverages will be available for sale during the event. Corn hole, bocce ball and other lawn games will be available.

#### **Kickball Tournament** May 25 from 4-8 p.m.

Register at the Grace Sherwood Library. Team members must be Kwajalein island residents. Those interested are encouraged to register soon as space for this event is limited.

#### **Color Run Obstacle Course**

May 25 from 4:30-6:40 p.m. Free and open to all school-aged kids. Register at the Grace Sherwood Library. 4:30 p.m.- K-2nd Grade 5:35 p.m.- 3rd-6th Grade 6:40 p.m.- 7th-12th grade

#### **Cannonball Competition** May 25 from 6-7 p.m.

Think you've got the best splash? Come to the Cannonball Competition at the Adult Pool and show off your skills.

Social distancing measures are in effect during these events. Please enjoy the day responsibly.

For more information, call MWR at 5-3331.

# **TIE-DYE T-SHIRTS**

May 25 from 4-8 p.m. **Brandon Field** 

Join the Kwajalein community and support the KHS Class of 2022 with this cool tie-die T-shirt fundraiser. \$8 per shirt \$5 to dye your own shirt

MEANWHILE, NO ONE ON THE ATOLL SUSPECTED THAT THE RESIDENTS OF ROI-NAMUR WERE HAVING A SUPER TIME WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MWR-



If you think you already know the difference between Captain America and Super American, then you might just reign supreme at Roi-Namur Outrigger superhero trivia. Come test super-knowledge-every Saturday in May.

# TUNE IN TO **AFN KWAJALEIN**



#### **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.

## AFN GOING OFF THE AIR FOR 24 HOURS JUNE 2 TO PERFORM UPGRADES

#### BY JORDAN VINSON

A long-term project designed to upgrade the AFN network on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur is nearly complete, and will require channels to go off the air for up to 24 hours June 2. Beginning June 3 AFN Kwajalein will be better than ever.

#### Here are a few improvements AFN viewers on Kwaj will see starting June 3.

- 1) All major AFN channels will be available in HD and digital audio.
- 2) The TV channel lineup will conform to the AFN programming guide located at www.myafn.net.
- 3) One channel will provide a live, continually updated version of the programming guide found at www.myafn.net.
- 4)Closed captioning will be available on major AFN channels.
- 5) New non-AFN channels, such as Japan's NHK and MTV China, will be avail-

#### Viewers on Roi will see the following improvements beginning June 3

- 1) All major AFN channels will be available in HD and digital audio.
- 2) AFN's Prime Atlantic channel will be added to the Roi-Namur lineup.
- 3) The TV channel lineup will conform to the AFN programming guide located at www.myafn.net. The exception is that Prime Pacific is not available on Roi due to the presence of local programming channels on Roi.

#### Kwajalein's New Lineup

#### **HD Channel lineup section (For** channels conforming to the MyAFN guide)

- **Prime Atlantic** 16-1 16-2 News
- 17-1 **Sports**
- 17-2
- Prime Pacific 18-1 Spectrum
- 18-2 Sports 2
- 19-1 **Family**
- 19-2 Movie

#### SD Channel lineup section (For local channels, the MyAFN guide, extra channels)

- **Alternative Movie** 19-3
- 19-4 MyAFN Guide
- 19-5 Roller
- 20-1 Weather
- 20-2 KTV
- MTV China 20-3
- 20-4 **NHK Japan**

#### Here's what USAG-KA residents need to do in order to take advantage of the upgrades.

- 1) Be patient June 2 while AFN is off the air, and during subsequent days, while AFN staff work out any bugs that may occur after the conversion.
- 2) Rescan for new channels on June 3. All AFN Kwaialein viewers will need to perform a channel scan on each TV in order to take advantage of the new programming. While Kwaj residents need to ensure their channel source is set to "antenna," Roi viewers need to set their channel source to "cable."

Channel Scan Tips: Find and select the "Channel Scan" option in your TV's menu. This option is sometimes labeled "Rescan," "Tune," or "Auto-tune." If you can't find the "Channel Scan" option, dig through the TV's "Settings," "Tools," "Channels" or "Options" menu. On some TVs, you have to press the "Input" button and go to "Antenna." The scan will be performed and can take a few minutes, after which the TV will automatically display an entirely new lineup.

- 3) Understand that the new AFN Kwajalein lineup designation was a compromise between available upgrades and limited broadcast equipment availability. In order to make all major AFN channels available in HD, the station must eliminate most of the SD channels that had been duplicating content played on already existing channels. The net result is a more streamlined, user-friendly lineup that not only plays in HD, but also matches the AFN programming guide at www. myafn.net.
- 4) \*Note: Viewers on Meck will not see any changes to their programming.

#### Roi-Namur's New Lineup SD Analog Channel lineup section

- Prime Atlantic 2
- 5 News
- 8 **Sports**
- 11 Spectrum
- Sports 2 13
- 15 **Family**
- 18 Movie
- 19 Roller
- 21 Weather
- 23

#### **HD Channel lineup section**

- **Prime Atlantic**
- 27 News
- 29 **Sports**
- 31 Spectrum 32 Sports 2
- 36 Family
- 39 Movie
- 45 Roller 47 Weather
- 49
- 51 Locally designated Roi
  - programming
- **52** Locally designated Roi programming

Questions? Call AFN Kwajalein at

# E-WARENESS

#### **PCB MANAGEMENT**

Polychlorinated biphenyls are regulated substances that were primarily utilized as a non-flammable oil for electrical equipment prior to 1980. At US-AG-KA, PCBs are regulated while being used, stored, and disposed. PCB best management practices include:

- Evaluate pre-1980 oil-filled electrical equipment for PCB hazards.
- Maintain an inventory of all PCB items and PCB equipment in each shop.
- Ensure PCB items and equipment are properly labeled and emergency contact names and numbers are posted in visible locations in case of fire or spills.
- Perform and document quarterly inspection of all PCB items and equip-
- Immediately notify your environmental department of any leaks, weeps or drips.
- Perform daily inspections of any leaking PCB equipment and initiate PCB clean-up within 48 hours of dis-
- Utilize appropriate PPE and management practices in accordance with site procedures when handling oils suspected of containing PCBs.

#### Kir lok Environmental eo ilo 5-1134 kin melele ko rellab lok.

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) ei chemical ko ekka aer kar kojerbali enwot juon non-flammable oil nan tool in jerbal ko rej kojerbal jarom yiio ko mokta jen 1980. Rajnin ewor PBC ko rej jerbal, kakoni, im juloki ion Kwajalein in. Wawein ko remman nan kejbarok ad kojerbal PCB ej enwot in:

- Check e aolep tool ko ippam im rar walok/komman mokta jen 1980 eo ne ewor menin kauwo-tata ko remaron walok.
- Bwinni im record aolep kein jerbal ko ewor PCB ie ilo kajojo shop ko.
- Aolep jikin jerbal ko ewor PCB ie rej aikuj post aer label im melele ko nan call e dron ikijen emergency ko remaron walok jen bwil ak lutok oil.
- Check im record e kein jerbal ko ewor PCB ie aolep koota (quarter)
- Mokaj im kiir lok Environmental Dept. eo enaaj wor lutok ko kwoj loe.
- Lale PCB tool ko rej leak im komman ien nan karreo mokta jen am tobar ennoul rualitok (48) awa jen ien eo tore eo kwar ion leak eo.
- Kejbarok am kojerbal PCB tool ko ilo am kojerbal PPE ko rejimwe nan im rekkar nan jerbal eo kwoj kommani.

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.

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**

Substance Recovery Group. Please join this confidential, clinician-led group for support to maintain sobriety until AA resumes. Group meets upstairs in room 213 at the REB Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

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 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,



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

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.

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

Report non-emergencies. Send in secure reports online at the US-AG-KA Police Department Face-book page. To report a nonemergency 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.

**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 Vet's 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.

#### ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Fellowship Year End Party. May 24 at 6 p.m. at Emon Beach.

**Yoga Faith.** Join us for yoga Mondays at 9 a.m. in the REB.

Men's Bible Study Group meets Thursdays 5:30 p.m. in the Island Memorial Chapel conference room. Call 5-3505 for more information.

CALL MWR AT 5-3400 FOR ALL HOLIDAY HOURS OF OPERATION at 5-3400.

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.

#### Kwajalein School 7-12th Grade Student / Parent Events

Date Time Event Location Participants	.3
May 19 16:00–18:00 KHS Art Show GSES Art Studio Art students,	, parents
May 20 19:00 SAC Meeting Coconut Room Open to the	public
May 21 18:30-19:30 KJSHS Band Concert MP Room 7-12th stude	ents, parents
May 23 06:45-07:45 Spartan Expresso MP Room Open to the	public
May 26 16:00-18:00 Tie Dye Fundraiser Brandon field 10th grade of	class, public
May 30 10:00-11:25 Award Assembly & NHS MP Room 7-12th stude	ents, parents
May 30 12:30-15:00 Service Hour Celebration Hamilton Beach 7-12th stude	ents, faculty
May 31 18:30 Baccalaureate Ceremony Chapel Invite only: ti	icket holders
June 5 19:15-21:30 Class of 2020 Graduation MP Room Graduates, p	parents
June 7 18:30 2020 Graduation Party Emon Beach Graduates, in	invited guests

# KWAJALEIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020 BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY

Sunday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the Island Memorial Chapel.

Seating is reserved for ticket holders by invite only. Dinner/desserts will follow in the REB.

Social distancing will be observed during the ceremony.

For more info, please contact Julie Makovec at the Chapel office, 5-3505



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:** Trade winds freshened this past week and Intertropical Convergence Zone moved further south, resulting in drier conditions going into the weekend. Winds will slowly decline during the weekend and Intertropical Convergence Zone will move northward. Expect an increasing number of showers and storms early next week.

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

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

**MONDAY:** Mostly cloudy with isolated showers (10-20 percent coverage). Winds ENE-ESE at 13-18 knots.



SUN-MOON-TIDES



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 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.

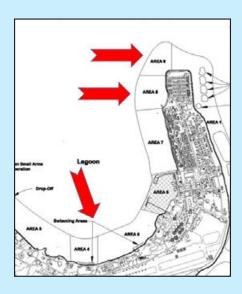


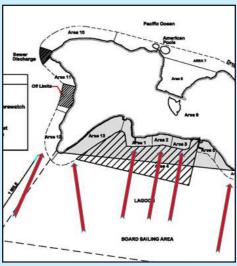
# **Did You Know?**

Palm trees produce the largest seeds in the world. The seeds of the Coco de Mer palm tree can weigh more than 50 pounds and be more than 15 inches in diameter.

# SWIM SAFELY THIS SUMMER

Check out the maps below to reaquaint yourself with where it is okay to swim around Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. Forward any questions to USAG-KA Safety at 5-1442 or FMWR at 5-3400.





### **KWAJALEIN**

- The highlighted areas are the only unrestricted swimming areas at Kwajalein (Coral Sands, Camp Hamilton, Emon Beach and North Point).
- Flotation device recommended 100 feet from shore and required more than 300 feet from shore.
- Buddy system or shore watch is required.

### **ROI-NAMUR**

- The highlighted areas are the only unrestricted swimming areas at Roi-Namur (Areas 1, 2, 3, 6, 12 and 13).
- Flotation device recom-mended 100 feet from shore and required more than 300 feet from shore.
- **Buddy system or shore** watch is required.



**UXO REMINDER** 

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.

NOT SURE? DON'T SHOOT.

HOBBIES SHOULDN'T COMPROMISE OPSEC.





CLASSIFIED/ CRITICAL/SENSITIVE

If you see one of these fierce-looking Portuguese Man o' war jelly-fish, please do not touch. Their long, stinging tentacles can pack a strong, painful sting that is harmful to both fish and humans. Questions? Contact DI Environmental at 5-2311 to learn more about this beautiful but deadly species of jellyfish and our other marine neighbors in the waters of Kwajalein Atoll.

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.