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BENJAMIN THOMAS, RIGHT, AND GODFREY CAPELLE, TWO EBEYE FISHERMEN WHO SURVIVED A 42-DAY ODYSSEY IN A SMALL POWERLESS BOAT, RETURN TO KWAJALEIN ATOLL MAY 28.

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EBEYE COMMUNITY ASSENTS FOR USAG-KA TO ADMIT ESSENTIAL KWAJ PERSONNEL

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The sun beat down on Ebeye’s Mon la Mike’s June 1, but the more than 70 Ebeye residents that convened for the Ebeye Council meeting were undeterred as they sought to explore a question which will affect the lives of everyone living on Kwajalein Atoll.

Traditional Marshallese leaders and personnel from Kwajalein Atoll Local Government met with U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Roxanne Cabral and U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel last Monday to discuss USAG-KA Command’s need to admit six essential personnel to Kwajalein.

Bartel brought the question to the people of Ebeye in order to fully explore it with the Marshallese community, and to emphasize that he considers the two communities to be one team.

“My number one priority is to prevent COVID-19 from entering the RMI,” said Bartel. “My second priority is the safety of residents and workers, both U.S. and RMI, on USAG-KA and Ebeye.”

The community assented for USAG-KA to readmit the personnel.

To date, there are no known, active cases of COVID-19 in the RMI or FSM. The council meeting came just days before the RMI government released Issuance 14, extending the travel restriction through July 5.

The question of repatriation looms large for local governments and communities around the world. During this past

week, seven Marshallese citizens from Ebeye arrived from the Federated States of Micronesia. Two of them drifted for 42 days at sea and were recently readmitted to the RMI.

The RMI is still under a travel lockdown, as it has remained since March 8. As health threat prevention measures vary from island to island and nation to nation, USAG-KA Command has worked with U.S. Embassy Majuro and KALGOV to refine and develop a procedure for testing and quarantining prospective, inbound personnel.

The personnel, five medical and one firefighter, would return to the island in the coming weeks and be admitted to quarantine per procedures developed by the garrison to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Personnel would receive temperature tests before and after departure, as well as any other medical verification required to allow them to return to work.

Following the readmission of the Kwajalein residents, the results of future discussion may indicate when and how Kwajalein residents and RMI citizens stranded abroad may be allowed to return home.

Island states throughout the Indo-Pacific region are revisiting their own travel bans in order to balance the need for medical safety and public health with the eventual repatriation of citizens, students and family members stranded abroad. Just this last week, the FSM voted to maintain their own travel ban until July 31.



1) The scene at the Ebeye council meeting June 1. 2) Former Kwajalein Senator Jeban Riklon addresses a panel of KALGOV, U.S. Embassy and USAG-KA Command Personnel. 3) Col. Jeremy Bartel, USAG-KA commander, presents opening remarks at the meeting with U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Roxanne Cabral, center.

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1) Kayla Hepler walks down the aisle during the 2020 Baccalaureate Ceremony May 31 at the Island Memorial Chapel. 2) Mellaine Boutu, left, accepts a Chapel Coin from USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins during the ceremony.

COMMUNITY BLESSES 2020 GRADUATES

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

They say hindsight is 2020, but for this year's graduates, 2020 is the year the future begins.

As is tradition in churches and schools around the world, before students graduate and enter the world, they receive a blessing from the community at baccalaureate, a faith-based ceremony.

On May 31, Kwajalein's Island Memorial Chapel and lawn were packed with socially-distanced family members and friends for the 2020 baccalaureate ceremony to honor this year's graduates.

This year's event was inspired by a verse from the biblical New Testament book of Habakkuk, 2:14: "The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea."

The central theme of sharing, and sharing knowledge, was the symbolic

core of the night's special performances and messages.

Passages from a responsive reading led by Community Activities Director Mary Beth Taylor emphasized the thankfulness of the community for its new, young members: "We give you blessings of goodwill and love as you journey forth into the world. We thank you for the laughter and fellowship that you have shared with us and pray that as you begin your next journey, remember the times that we all have shared with you."

The night included a special worship hula performance by the graduating ladies, as well as live music by the WWI band, a guest band from Ebeye.

Special keynote speakers from the Kwajalein School System shared good wishes with the class for a bright future. In their remarks, they each reminded

the graduates about the need to persevere and seek community when the going gets tough.

Karen Brady, a second-grade teacher, shared a fable and called upon the wisdom of her young students to share words of encouragement with the upperclassmen to never give up and keep trying.

High school teacher Christi Cardillo shared her own story of the unexpected, but happy events that eventually took her from graduate school in Colorado to Kwajalein, now her home for more than 12 years.

Cardillo encouraged the graduates not to be deterred by unexpected change. She shared a verse that, throughout her life, has renewed her resolve in the face of adversity, Proverbs 19:21: "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."

The evening culminated with an island-style buffet under the stars with music provided by Kwaj band Pure Aloha.

FIRST GROUP OF RMI CITIZENS REPATRIATED

EXTERNAL REPORT

By the Office of the RMI Chief Secretary

Majuro received its first group of repatriated RMI citizens May 28 from Pohnpei since international arrivals into RMI were halted on March 8.

The fact that the Federated States of Micronesia is COVID-19 free has allowed for consideration by the National Disaster Committee to allow the repatriation of seven Marshallese, which includes two Kwajalein fishermen found in Chuuk.

Consultations between RMI Public Health and Pohnpei Public Health officials initiated the set of protocols that both countries had to agree to for Air Marshall Islands to land and for the citizens in Pohnpei to be released. In country, the NDC with the input of Ministry of Health and Human Services medical

doctors also held several meetings with the AMI general manager, pilot and crew on the protocols to be followed.

Although the FSM is COVID-19 free, NDC fully supports the recommendations from RMI Public Health Division. These protocols include the testing of the RMI citizens in Pohnpei prior to boarding AMI and testing again on arrival in Kwajalein and Majuro before the passengers undergo a mandatory quarantine of 14 days. Director of Public Health Dr. Frank Underwood advised NDC that although FSM is free from COVID-19 and there is little risk, the RMI should still take extra precautionary measures.

Early next month, the NDC will initiate discussions on the arrangements, including protocols, for RMI citizens stranded in COVID-19 affected countries. Part of this major decision to eventually allow Marshallese citizens

back home will be contingent upon the completion of the quarantine, isolation and laboratory facilities on Majuro, where the main quarantine activity will take place. Return of RMI citizens will need to be done in batches of manageable numbers, and input from Ministry of Health and Human Services Public Health Division will be required of the protocols that will be developed. Initial discussions have also started with Col. Jeremy Bartel, USAG-KA commander, on assistance from the military installation on this matter.

The public should be informed that the NDC takes into serious consideration all medical advice provided from Ministry of Health and Human Services' Public Health Division when formulating arrangements and protocols for the return of stranded citizens abroad, and no decision is made without the input of Ministry of Health and Human Services' Public Health Division and its medical professionals.



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Joe Dacanay, left, of Kwajalein's Vector Control group, greets and leads Godfrey Capelle, center, and Benjamin Thomas to a medical station on Bucholz Army Airfield on Kwajalein May 28. Thomas and Capelle survived 42 days at sea in a powerless fishing boat and have returned to Kwajalein Atoll.

LOST EBEYE FISHERMEN REPATRIATE TO RMI, TELL STORY OF SURVIVAL

BY JORDAN VINSON

Two Ebeye men who washed up in the Federated States of Micronesia after six weeks adrift on a powerless boat have made it back to Kwajalein Atoll.

Stepping off Air Marshall Islands' Dash 8 airliner May 28 on Kwajalein, Godfrey Capelle and Benjamin Thomas became the first people to re-enter the RMI since the imposition of a COVID-19-related RMI.

For nearly 1.5 months, the men's boat drifted 1,000 miles (880 nautical miles) on a west-southwest heading, passing tantalizingly close to Pohnpei, before luckily washing up May 14 on the remote Namoluk Atoll, 130 miles southeast of Chuuk. Two weeks later, following the RMI government's decision to repatriate the men, FSM authorities transported Capelle and Thomas to Pohnpei via a patrol vessel, after which the Air Marshall Islands flight brought them to Kwajalein May 28.

But after coming so far, they cannot go home quite yet. Because the two men washed up in the FSM, one of the few nations along with the RMI to remain free of the coronavirus, Marshall Islands officials allowed the men back into the country, provided they undergo testing for the virus before and after travel from Pohnpei, FSM and also endure a strict 14-day quarantine on Kwajalein. Only after they complete their quarantine can they return to their homes and families on Ebeye.

The risk the fishermen contracted COVID-19 had been low, the RMI Office of the President affirmed in a May 28 statement. But the repatriation of Capelle and Thomas, along with five other RMI citizens who were permitted to take advantage of the AMI flight from the FSM, has provided the Marshall Islands government a rare cohort of people needed to test the quarantine protocols and fa-

cilities established on Majuro and Kwajalein. For the time being, these re-entries will be limited exceptions to the ongoing re-entry ban, which was extended on June 5 for another 30 days. The quarantine facilities and the medical and support staff operating them will be essential in prohibiting the transmission of the virus into the atolls of Kwajalein and Majuro and beyond.

Following a protocol developed by USAG-KA and contractor leadership, on May 28 medical staff in full protective gear greeted Capelle, Thomas and fellow Ebeye resident Connielynn Paul, who had also been stranded in Pohnpei. After taking the travelers' temperatures, the hospital personnel gathered mucus samples for COVID-19 analysis at the hospital's laboratory, all results of which came back negative. The visitors then began their 14-day isolation period in empty homes set aside as quarantine facilities on Kwajalein.

The threat of contracting the coronavirus has been the least of the men's worries, however. Having survived nearly 1.5 months in the open Pacific Ocean in a small, powerless skiff, Capelle and Thomas have certainly put the worst behind them. They can endure another two weeks together, on dry land a stone's throw from their homes and families.

Capelle took a few minutes Thursday to tell a bit of the harrowing story.

It was a routine fishing trip April 2. Capelle, Thomas and a third man on the boat, Junior Joram, who did not survive the ordeal, had punched through SAR Pass and were working their fishing lines when the carburetor in Capelle's 40-horsepower outboard motor jammed, he said. It was about 3 or 4 p.m., and they were already three miles off the west reef between Kwajalein and Eneobuj. The motor would not restart.

Capelle called for help via his radio at about 5:30 p.m., and within an hour a pair of RMI search and rescue vessels set out to retrieve the men and the 20-foot boat, RMI authorities stated. But by early evening, ushered west by winds gusting between 25 and 35 mph, the men were quickly losing sight of Eneobuj and Kwajalein. When the rescue group on the search vessels finally spotted Capelle's boat shortly before sundown, the small skiff was already six miles outside SAR Pass, Giff Johnson of the Marshall Islands Journal had reported in April.

But "I saw the federal boat come close to me," Capelle said Thursday. "But they never see my light." The rescuers had actually decided against pursuing the fishermen in the rough seas at night, hoping to resume a wider search the next day in safer conditions. By the next morning, well outside of working range of Capelle's very high frequency radio, the fishermen were firmly on their way to nowhere in particular.

In the coming days, a crew aboard one of the garrison's Fairchild Metroliners initiated a search effort west and southwest of Kwajalein. And, per request from the RMI Embassy in Washington, D.C., a U.S. Coast Guard search and rescue team flew out a C-130 from Hawaii to aid in the search effort. But all attempts to locate the blue-and-white-painted 20-foot skiff, and the three Ebeye residents aboard, turned up nothing.

"What I do is just pray," Capelle said. For weeks, the men held on as aggressive trade winds kicked the boat through 10-foot seas broiling atop five miles of endless blue water. "Sometimes I was scared," Capelle said. "Sometimes big waves. Big waves. Rain."

The men still had their fishing gear and were able to catch fish attracted to the boat—the only landmark on the surface for hundreds of miles. They took advan-

“I KNOW THERE IS AN ISLAND. I KNOW PLENTY ISLAND TO THE SOUTHWEST.”

----- GODFREY CAPELLE

tage of seabirds landing on the boat, as well, lunging at them and trapping them with their hands. A quick whack with an oar usually did the trick too, Capelle said. Preparing the birds was unappealing, but they did their best to dry the meat out using the sun's heat. "After maybe three hours, eat," he said.

Long days and long nights lied ahead. Passover went by. Then Good Friday and then Easter. "Oh yeah, we pray. Prayed a lot. Every day," Capelle said, adding that it was his faith in God and his love for his family that kept him going. He also knew if they waited long enough, the trade winds were bound to push them into one of the islands or atolls peppering the ocean surface throughout Micronesia. "I know there is an island," he said he told himself, Thomas and Joram. "I know plenty island to the southwest."

On April 19, 2.5 weeks into the odyssey, tragedy struck. It was at about 1 p.m. when a large wave knocked one of the boat paddles into the water, or caused it to fall out of one of the men's hands, Capelle said. Joram knew it was dangerous to get in the water and leave the boat, but he also knew how important that oar might be to them if they sighted land. "I tell him already if something drops, do not jump into the water," Capelle said. Joram went after it anyway. He made it to the paddle, "and so he tried to swim the paddle back but can't. There's too much waves, wind. We tried to help him, but cannot."

As the boat drifted away, so did Joram's chance of surviving. He would never

make it back to the boat. "I do not know what happened to him," Capelle said.

Four days later, around April 23, Capelle and Thomas spotted Pohnpei. The mountainous island was heartbreakingly close—about the distance Ebeye is from Carlos, said Capelle. But the trade winds had nudged his boat just south of its fringing reef, and there was no chance the men could fight the wind and close the distance with only paddle. "I saw Pohnpei. I tried to go to it, but the wind coming northeast, so I cannot."

Another 2.5 weeks of survival at the mercy of the Pacific lied ahead for Capelle and Thomas. The two men sustained themselves on whatever fish, birds and rainwater they could collect. Their friend was gone, and they prayed day in and day out. At night, they looked up at the glittering arms of the Milky Way as the ocean's black rollers slid them farther from home and hoped to make it off the boat alive.

And then, one day, they did.

On May 12, Capelle and Thomas spotted a couple of low-lying islands in their path. And as if answering their prayers, the wind blew the boat right into the reef's embrace at about 5 p.m. It was Namoluk Atoll, a pint-sized atoll measuring only three miles long at its widest point and located 130 miles southeast of Chuuk. Only five islands comprise the atoll, and Capelle and Thomas had landed on the reef next to one of the smallest, likely Lukan, on the atoll's northern periphery.

Asked how he felt Thursday when setting foot on the beach, Capelle was re-

served. "I just thanked God and pray," Capelle said. "I was happy."

That night on the small island he noticed lights on the larger island, Namoluk, to the west just about a mile away. "I saw the light on the Namoluk. So I said, 'Oh there's people there. Tomorrow we go there.'" After sleeping on solid ground for the first time in six weeks, Capelle and Thomas got up and paddled all the way to Namoluk Island, meeting the villagers who would take them in and radio authorities in Chuuk for help.

Capelle and Thomas spent the next two weeks in Chuuk. While the governments of the FSM and RMI figured out how to possibly repatriate the fishermen under the ongoing COVID-19-related travel restrictions and re-entry bans, the men had time to reflect on how fortunate they were to wash up on Namoluk. Had they missed the little atoll, the next possible body of land on Capelle's and Thomas' heading—barring currents—would have been a northern province of Indonesia: an additional 1,700 miles of travel and approximately another nine weeks of survival in Capelle's small boat.

At the time of the publication of this story, Capelle and Thomas are on day nine of their quarantine on Kwajalein. Capelle said he's pleased with the quality of care he's receiving from the medical and support staff tasked with monitoring his health and delivering hot meals and other supplies to the men three times per day.

But 62 days after setting out on that ill-fated fishing trip, he can't wait to get home to Ebeye to see the people he cares about the most.

"I want to see my family and my friends," he said.

After that? Well, Capelle's got to provide, he said: "Back to fishing. I will look for another boat."



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1) Stephanie Gonzalez, Kwajalein Hospital's chief nurse, reads the temperatures of Benjamin Thomas, Godfrey Capelle and Connielynn Paul as part of the garrison's protocol for inprocessing people coming from outside the Marshall Islands. Paul joined the two fishermen on a flight from Pohnpei to Kwajalein May 28; they are the first people to repatriate to the RMI since the start of the nation's re-entry ban nearly three months ago. 2) Kwajalein medical personnel ready mucus sample kits to test the visitors before their transfer to quarantine quarters. 3) Vector Control Manager Joe Dacanay, left, welcomes Thomas and Capelle to their residence on Kwajalein May 28. They began a 14-day isolation period in the home the same day.

TIKES TURN TASSELS AT CDC GRADUATION

HOURLASS REPORT

The Class of 2032 took the next, big step toward public school May 30 at the USAG-KA Child Development Center graduation ceremony.

Attended by family members, teachers and USAG-KA command personnel, the young graduates accepted small diplomas and turned tassels while a constant stream of bubbles from a bubble maker distracted the younger family members in the room.

After leaving the stage, the tiny graduates received leis made of flowers and candy, and accepted yearbooks of their Pre-K school career from CDC staff members. Following the ceremony, the grads and their family members convened at the Corlette Recreation Center for a reception and photos with USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins following the ceremony.

The CDC's educational curriculum follows accredited U.S. Army program standards. Enrolled children engage in for learning, enrichment and socialization activities designed to help prepare young students for success. For more information about the CDC and programs available to young island residents, contact Central Registration at 5-2158.



1) Katie Potts, center, accepts her diploma from CDC director Chelsea Weber and teacher's assistant Velma Matthew. 2) Proud mom Leigh Ewbank, left, and new graduate Maggie Ewbank line up to take a photo. 3) Young graduates perform a rap song to demonstrate everything they've learned in their CDC Pre-K curriculum. 4) Matthew assists Urijah Corder with turning his tassel during the ceremony.

FACE COVERINGS NOW REQUIRED BY TRANSCOM, UA FOR ALL PASSENGERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Effective May 2020, United Airlines 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.

Additionally, U.S. Transportation Command has directed the use of personally procured or self-made face coverings in all TRANSCOM and Air Mobility Command terminals and on all military or commercially contracted aircraft to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

The directive to wear face coverings

applies to personnel including military personnel, DoD civilian employees, family members, DoD Contractors and non-DoD U.S. government personnel. It is in accordance with recommendations Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendation and Department of Defense guidance to wear cloth face coverings in public settings where social distancing at a minimum of six feet of separation is difficult to maintain.

If travelers do not have face coverings, they should visit the Centers for Disease Control online for instructions on how to create homemade face coverings. Face coverings will not be provided by TRANSCOM or AMC.



Need tips for making masks for travel? Click the Facemask Fred, above, to check out guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control guidelines on preparing cloth face coverings.



CLICK THE 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION LOGO TO CHECK OUT PHOTOS FROM THE KWAJALEIN HOURLASS ONLINE.





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1) This local crustacean was spotted outside the Island Memorial Chapel this past Sunday morning. 2) Kite surfers hit the air waves over the weekend. 3) Island Memorial Chaplain Brian Conner, who is stranded off island, delivers a recorded video sermon to the 8:15 a.m. congregation. 4) Dreams do come true. In the center of this photo is a new compressor purchased by the Kwajalein Scuba Club. Delivery was coordinated with assistance from Parsons. From left: Anthony Campbell of Parsons, KSC President Kristin Miller and Secretary Heather

Miller line up for a photo. For more on the compressor, see next week's Kwajalein Hourglass. 5) Floyd Corder, left, and Melody Corder are proud parents at the May 30 Child Development Center graduation. 6) On a recent visit to US-AG-KA Command, Gary Stein discovered exactly what a certain lever in the command conference room does when activated. (Photo courtesy of Sally Bulla). 7) Friends and family enjoy the 2020 Baccalaureate Ceremony outdoors at the Island Memorial Chapel May 31 in order to maintain social distancing.

WHAT DOES THE D IN D-DAY MEAN?



Today, we remember the largest maritime invasion in history.

On June 6, 1944, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of fortified French coastline, to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which, “we will accept nothing less than full victory.”

More than 5,000 ships and 13,000 air-

craft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day’s end, the Allies gained a foothold in Continental Europe. The cost in lives on D-Day was high.

More than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded, but their sacrifice allowed more than 100,000 Soldiers to begin the slow, hard slog across Europe, to defeat Adolf Hitler’s crack troops.

The D in D-Day merely stands for Day. This coded designation was used for the

day of any important invasion or military operation. For military planners and historians, the days before and after a D-Day were indicated using plus and minus signs: D-4 meant four days before a D-Day, while D+7 meant seven days after a D-Day.

Visit army.mil/d-day to learn more about this pivotal day in armed forces history.

AIR-LAUNCH RAPID RESPONSE WEAPON (ARRW) FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

United States Air Force (USAF) Life Cycle Management Center (LCMC), as designated by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering [USD (R&E)], and the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (USASMDC) as a participating agency, has completed this Final Environmental Assessment and Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 United States Code 4321, as amended); the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500–1508, July 1, 1986); the Department of the Army Procedures for Implementing NEPA (32 CFR Part 651); the U.S. Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process, (32 CFR Part 989); the Department of the Navy Procedures for Implementing NEPA (32 CFR Part 775); FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures; and Executive Order 12114 – Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions.

The Final Environmental Assessment and Overseas Environmental Assessment analyzes several Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW) test series 1 and ARRW test series 2 flight tests.

The action entails aerial drop, ignition and launch, over-ocean flight and vehicle component splashdown within the

BOA (test series 1) and impact at Illeginni Islet, Kwajalein (ARRW test series 2).

After air drop of the ARRW test series 1 over PMSR, the vehicle’s solid rocket motor would ignite, and the vehicle would travel westward. Once the motor is spent, the spent component, shroud, and inert payload would splash down in the broad ocean area (BOA) of the Pacific.

The Final EA and OEA also analyzes actions and impacts of the ARRW test series 2. After air-drop of the ARRW test series 2 over the BOA, the vehicle’s solid rocket motor would ignite and the ARRW test series 2 with attached payload would travel over the BOA towards the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS) at United States Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).

Once the motor is spent, the payload would separate, the spent component and shroud would fall into the BOA, and the payload would continue flight towards USAKA where it would incur a land impact at Illeginni Islet in Kwajalein Atoll.

The purpose of the ARRW test series 1 and ARRW test series 2 flight tests, is to demonstrate and collect data on key technologies and enabling capabilities of the ARRW vehicle during flight. The USAF LCMC is also considering the No Action Alternative, as required by the

Council on Environmental Quality regulations.

Based on the analysis, USAF has determined in the Final EA/OEA that the activities associated with the Proposed Action are not expected to result in significant impacts to the environment.

The Final EA/OEA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) have been approved for public release, distribution is unlimited under Distribution A and are available at www.arrwea.govsupport.us and in the following locations:

(1) Office lobby of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Environmental Protection Authority, Majuro, Marshall Islands;

(2) Office lobby of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Environmental Protection Authority, Ebeye, Marshall Islands;

(3) Grace Sherwood Library, P.O. Box 23, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, APO, A.P. 96555;

(4) Roi-Namur Library, P.O. Box 23, Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands, APO, AP 96555.

Public comments on the Final EA, Draft FONSI will be accepted from June 5th, 2020 to July 5th, 2020 and can be provided in either of the following ways:

(1) E-mail comments by July 5th, 2020 to Comments@ARRW-EA.com or

(2) Mail comments postmarked no later than July 5 to: USASMDC, ATTN: SMD-EN (Leah Bishop), P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807.

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FSM EXTENDS TRAVEL BAN TO JULY 31

EXTERNAL REPORT

By the Office of the President of the Federated States of Micronesia

PALIKIR—The 21st Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adopted Congressional Resolution 21-149 May 30 to extend President David W. Panuelo's Public Health Emergency Declaration to July 31.

For most citizens and residents, the major result of the resolution will be the implementation of social distancing practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the event of active cases being imported into the country. The resolution additionally calls for a repatriation plan to help residents, students and members of the FSM Diplomatic Corps return home after quarantine and isolation plans meet "acceptable standards."

While resolution 21-138 noted that unique exceptions to the ban may include the repatriation of medical per-

sonnel and medical referral patients, resolution 21-149 increases this potential passenger list to include the following: human remains; the medical and family attendants thereof; and essential government officials and personnel.

Screening and quarantine procedures remain in effect, though future repatriation plans may allow "some categories of individuals under some specific circumstances," according to a press release announcing the plan this week. Any travel exceptions will not be permitted without express guidance of the FSM National Task Force and the relevant State Task Force.

The resolution further calls for FSM National and State Task Forces to cooperate in developing a plan for the repatriation of citizens, students, residents, and members of the diplomatic corps once quarantine and isolation facilities meet "acceptable standards." Based on other emergent plans for repatriation across the Indo-Pacific region, it is like-



A view of Pohnpei, in the Federated States of Micronesia.

ly that returning residents and citizens will undergo testing prior to and following their arrival in the FSM, as well as a period of quarantine.

Panuelo will continue weekly, socially distanced teleconferences with FSM governors to discuss future repatriation plans, and to bring FSM citizens stranded abroad safely home.

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United States Air Force eo, (USAF) Life Cycle Management Center eo (LCMC), enwōt aer kappe jen Opīj eo an Under Secretary eo an Defense ikijeē Research im Engineering ak [USD (R&E)], im kab jen U.S. Army Space im Missile Defense Command eo (USASDMC) enwōt ra eo ej bok kuṇan, bwe emōj aer jimor kadredreik lok juōn Ekatok Eo Kin Pelaak Ko Pelaakid ak Final Environmental Assessment / ekoba ekatok eo juōn kin Pelaak Ko Itulikid ak Overseas Environmental Assessment ṇaetaer jimor (EA/OEA), ilo aer kar ejaaki enwōt an kemlet ilo kakien eo ṇaetan National Environmental Policy Act eo ak (NEPA) kakien nōmba (42 United States Code 4321, enwōt an oktak); iumin Council eo im ej bok eddo in kakien ko rejelet emman im bolel eo an pelaak ko pelaakid ak Environmental Quality Regulation ko im rej loloojake Kakien im Repeltan Ko iumin kakien eo elap an NEPA iumin (Title 40 Code eo an Federal Regulation ko [CFR] ilo Mōttan ko 1500–1508, karōki ilo July 1, 1986 eo); ekoba Kakien im Repeltan ko an Department eo an Army im rej loloojake kakien eo an NEPA iumin (32 CFR Mōttan 651); ekoba Repeltan ko kakien ṇan Pelaak ko Pelaakid iumin kakien eo an U.S. Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process eo, iumin (32 CFR Mōttan 989); ekoba Būñten ko iumin Department eo an Navy ikijeē loori kakien ko an NEPA iumin (32 CFR Mōttan 775); ekoba karōk eo jen FAA nōmba 1050.1F, ikijeē Jekjek ko rejelet Pelaak Ko Pelaakid: Karōk im Būñten Ko; ekoba Executive Order 12114 ikijeē – Jekjek ko rejelet Pelaak ko itulikid jen wōt makitkit ko rēllap an Kien eo Iolap an Federal ak Major Federal Action ko, rej kakien im karōk ko kein loori.

Ekatok kein ruo ṇaetaer jimor Final EA/OEA rej jimor etale im ekatok kin Kein Tariṇae eo Ketelloke Imejatoto Ilo Id-rin ṇaetan Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon ak (ARRW), ilo aer naaj kōm-mālmele kein kajuōn (1) ilo naaj ruo (2) ien ko renaaj ketelloke im kōmmālmele.

Makitkit ko kōmmāni renaaj ketelloke jen imejatoto, kejoe im ketelloke itulōñ in lometo eo, ilo an kein ketellok in naaj wōt-lok lok ilojet ak ilo malo eo iloan jikin eo rej ṇaetan BOA iumin (kōmmālmele ak test series 1) im jelet ak lel ilo ene in Illeginni Islet, Kwajalein iumin (kōmmālmele kein karuo an ARRW ilo test series 2). Elkin kotlok imejatoto kein tariṇae in ṇaetan ARRW ilo ien kōmmālmele ak test series 1 ion jikin eo PMSR, injin ak solid rocket motor eo an kein ketellok in enaaj urur im kōmman an kein ketellok eo kelok iturilik lok imejatoto. Ien eo enaaj maat kaan in an motor eo jerbal, injin ak motor in enaaj kun, enaaj rub im jebelok im wōtlok lok ilojet ilo malo eo edrepakpak ipelakin jikin eo rej ṇaetan broad ocean area eo ak (BOA) ilo Pacific in.

Ekatok kein EA/OEA ko rej bar etale makitkit im jekjek ko rejelet kōm-mālmele eo an ARRW ilo ien kōmmālmele ak test series 2. Elkin kotlok ARRW eo imejatoto ilo ien kōmmālmele test series 2 iloñ in BOA eo, injin ak solid rocket motor eo an kein ketellok in enaaj urur im kelok im ARRW in ketelloke ilo ien kōmmālmele ak test series 2 ilo an wōr joot iloan enaaj kelok iloñ in BOA eo im enaaj ioklok Reagan Test Site (RTS) ilo United States Army Kwajalein Atoll (USAKA) ilo Republic eo an Marshall Islands (RMI). Ien eo enaaj maat kaan im kun, joot ak payload enaaj jeblok lok jene, im mōttan eo ejjab jerbal enaaj jebelok im wōtlok lok iloan BOA eo, ilo an joot ak payload eo naaj kelok wōt im ioklok USAKA im ijo ej buuk lok im kalel e ej ilo ene in Illeginni Islet ilo Kwajalein Atoll.

Un eo ṇan ketelloke ARRW ilo test series 1 im ARRW ilo test series 2 ilo kōm-mālmele an kelok, ej ṇan kwalok an jerbal im aini kapeel im melele ko jen kein ketellok in an raan kein im jerbal kein ekoba kōmman bwe en maroñ in emman an jerbal kein ketellok in imejatoto ilo ien eo rej ketelloke ARRW in ilo an kelok imejatoto. USAF LCMC eo ej bareinwōt

lemnake elañe ejjelok makitkit en enaaj kōmmane ak No Action Alternative, enwōt an kemlet iumin kakien ko an Council eo ej kiene im bōbrae joñan emman im bolel eo an pelaak ko pelaakid. Bed-bed ion etale eo, USAF emōj an loe im drore ilo ekatok kein ṇaetaer Final EA/OEA bwe aolep makitkit ko rej uwaan lok Makitkit ko Elmakwōt in Kōmmani ak Proposed Action rej kotmene bwe renaaj lak bok jikier im walok reban kanuij in jelet pelaak ko an jikin kein rej kōmmālmele ie.

Final EA/OEA kein im kab etale eo tok juōn kin aer jab maroñ elolo jekjek ko rēllap renaaj jelete jikin ko kaki im ṇaetan Draft Finding of No Significant Impact ak (FONSI) bwe kio emōj aer weppen etale im ripoot kein jimor ṇan an aolep armej lali im lemnak kaki, im an ajeded melee kein kaki ej ioklok wōt jejo jikin ko ekkar ṇan laajrak in aje in rej ṇaetan Distribution A im rej bed ilo jikin in www.arrwea.govsupport.us ekoba ilo jikin kein jet:

(1) Office lobby eo an Republic eo an Marshall Islands, Environmental Protection Authority, Majuro, Marshall Islands;

(2) Office lobby eo an Republic eo an Marshall Islands, Environmental Protection Authority, Ebeye, Marshall Islands;

(3) Grace Sherwood Library, P.O. Box 23, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, APO, A.P. 96555;

(4) Roi-Namur Library, P.O. Box 23, Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands, APO, AP 96555

Melele ko jen Public ikijeē Final EA, Draft FONSI renaaj jino boki jino jen June 5th, 2020 mae July 5th, 2020 im remaroñ in drelōñ tok ilo wawein kein:

(1) Melele ko ilo E-mail ren jab rumwij lok jen July 5th, 2020 ṇan Comments@ARRW-EA.com ak

(2) Melele ko jilkinitok ilo Mail, ren kō-kalle ak postmarked eliktata ilo July

5, 2020, ṇan: USASDMC, ATTN: SM-DC-EN (Leah Bishop),

P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807.



Mazie Warren (in the ballcap) celebrates his 99th birthday with friends and family.

TUSKEGEE AIRMAN RADIO TECH REMEMBERED

By Joseph Brown, CNHI News Service
May 31, 2020
From The Huntsville Item, reprinted with permission of The Norman Transcript

Tributes have been paid to Mazie Warren, one of the last remaining Tuskegee Airmen, whose heroic acts helped change the course of World War II. The veteran, who spent four years with the U.S. Army Air Corps as a corporal radio technician at the Tuskegee Army Flying School, died on Memorial Day. At 101, he was one of the last remaining Tuskegee Airmen. Though African Americans had fought in every major U.S. conflict dating back to the Revolutionary War, they were traditionally confined to menial jobs and kept separated from whites. As late as

1925, an Army War College report called them “a sub-species of the human family” that performed poorly as soldiers due to their cowardly, subservient, superstitious, amoral and mentally inferior nature. Black advocacy groups and newspapers attempted to counter such pseudoscience. But as World War II approached, the military remained staunchly opposed both to integration and to putting blacks in positions of authority. In 1940, Republican presidential nominee Wendell Willkie promised to desegregate the military, prompting his opponent Democratic President Franklin D. Roosevelt, to authorize the enlistment of African American aviators. On Jan. 16, 1941, it was then an-

nounced that an all-black fighter pilot unit would be trained at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, a historically black college founded by Booker T. Washington. The war department officially established the 99th Pursuit Squadron on March 19, 1941, and it was activated three days later. Before the first cadets even arrived, the program got a publicity boost when First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was taken up in a plane by C. Alfred “Chief” Anderson, a black aviator pioneer who served as the Tuskegee Institute chief flight instructor. Nonetheless, many top military officials, including the war secretary, reportedly expected the Tuskegee experiment to fail. Overall, 992 pilots completed the Tuskegee training program, nearly half of whom were then shipped overseas, where they gained fame for their unparalleled success at escorting bombers on long-range raids deep into Nazi-controlled territory and never losing a bomber. They flew more than 1,600 missions and destroyed more than 260 enemy aircraft. Warren contributed to the success of the Tuskegee Airmen through the security that he and his team helped to provide for their operations. According to his friends and family, he was so proud to have witnessed the visit of Mrs. Roosevelt to Tuskegee and the plane ride that she took with Chief Anderson. His memory of that experience never faltered throughout the many years that followed. Even though this nation didn’t receive him home with the great appreciation that he had earned, like most African American Veterans, he still treasured and had pride in the service that he had given.



Click the insignia of the United States Army Air Forces to read the full article.



THEY SOARED INTO HISTORY.



Click the P-51 Mustang to read more about the Tuskegee Airmen online.

THE WOMAN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD

COMMUNITY CONNECTION / LIZ NOLAN

“Nothing is better than music; when it takes us out of time, it has done more for us than we have the right to hope for: it has broadened the limits of our sorrowful life, it has lit up the sweetness of our hours of happiness by effacing the pettinesses that diminish us, bringing us back pure and new to what was, what will be, what music has created for us.”

— Nadia Boulanger

When we think of composers who cross 20th century musical genres, we might think of Philip Glass, Quincy Jones, Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, Darius Milhaud, Virgil Thomson and Michel LeGrand.

Given their distinct musical styles, we would hardly assume these influential figures share much in common; however, each of them traveled to Europe and studied with the renowned female composer, conductor and music theory pedagogue Nadia Boulanger.

Boulanger was born into a musical French family in 1887. Her father, Ernest Boulanger, was a prize-winning composer and teacher. Her mother, Raissa Myshetskaya, was a Russian princess who had been one of Ernest’s students. Boulanger’s sister, Lili, who would become a famous pianist and composer, demonstrated perfect pitch at a young age and became the first female winner of the Prix de Rome composition prize.

At the age of 10, Boulanger enrolled at the Paris Conservatory of Music where she studied for the next seven

years. Her classmates included composers such as Maurice Ravel. One of her instructors was one of France’s most famous “musical exports,” Gabriel Fauré.

As a solo composer, Boulanger’s works include more than 30 songs, various chamber music pieces and a fantasy for piano and orchestra. By the 1920s, after her sister’s death, Boulanger had ceased composing to focus solely on teaching, which led her to become one of the most important music teachers of the 20th century. Her apartment in Paris became a studio where she taught counterpoint, music analysis, harmony and composition.

Boulanger toured the United States as an organist and conductor, conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra and New York Philharmonic Orchestra. She spent much of her time teaching at institutions such as Wellesley College, Radcliffe College and the Juilliard School. Although Boulanger returned to Paris following WWII, she made several return trips to the U.S. to lecture and teach.

During her lifetime Boulanger was the recipient of many distinguished honors and awards, receiving honorary doctorates from Oxford and Harvard, along with an honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Music. She was a member of the American Academy of Arts and

“Your music can never be more, or less, than you are as a human being.”



Nadia Boulanger, left, with her sister Lili, right, photographed in 1913. Though Lili passed away at a young age, both sisters are known for their contribution to 20th century music.

Sciences and a Grand Officier de la Légion d’Honneur. Boulanger also received the Order of St. Charles of Monaco and the Order of the Crown of Belgium.

Boulanger’s effect on the development of western music cannot be understated and is evident throughout the compositions and work of her students along with other composers. Lauded American composer Aaron Copland studied with Boulanger in Paris for three years, and her influence on his career was profound. She not only affected his compositional style but also intro-

duced him to musical luminaries like Igor Stravinsky and Francis Jean Marcel Poulenc.

Philip Glass remembers Boulanger as “a tough, aristocratic Frenchwoman,” who was “elegantly dressed in fashions 50 years out of date.” Quincy Jones went to Paris in 1957 to study with Boulanger, and felt she was the most astounding woman he ever met, but it was Boulanger’s message about the purpose of composing music that stuck with him most of all. It still resonates today: “Your music can never be more, or less, than you are as a human being.”

Famous Faces

Nadia Boulanger’s students and contemporaries are among some of the most influential western composers of the 20th century. Click on a portrait to hear samples of their work. If you don’t recognize them by sight, here are a few hints:

Among his most beloved works, Leonard Bernstein is known for the musical “West Side Story.”

Aaron Copland is credited with creating the signature “sound of America.”

Maurice Ravel. The keyword here is the name of his best-known work, “Bolero.”

Listen for the influence of Brazilian and jazz music in the work of French composer Darius Milhaud. After escaping Nazi-occupied France, he would go on to teach American students like Burt Bacharach and Dave Brubeck. He is also the father of French post-WWII visual artist Daniel Milhaud.



Leonard Bernstein



Aaron Copland



Darius Milhaud



Phillip Glass



Maurice Ravel

Gabriel Fauré



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From left, Lt.j.g. Matthew Crider, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, Detail Marshall Islands, officer in charge; Lanny Kabua, Republic of Marshall Islands liaison to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll; Scott Paul, KALGOV city manager; Tony Maika, councilman; and Builder 1st Class German Dunlop, NMCB-5, Detail Marshall Islands, operations chief, test a portable hand-washing station for atoll communities.

SEABEES PROTOTYPE HANDWASH STATION FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION

EXTERNAL REPORT

By U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, Detail Marshall Islands

U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, Detail Marshall Islands has produced and tested the prototype for their latest humanitarian construction project: a hand-washing station RMI residents can build and install throughout the atoll as needed.

The project is a combined effort by U.S. Embassy Majuro, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, the Kwajalein Atoll

Local Government and NMCB 5 to support RMI Ministry of Public Health and Human Services initiatives to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

“Having these hand washing stations throughout the islands of Ebeye and Ennibur not only helps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, but also displays to local Marshallese, especially the young population, how washing our hands can significantly impact our overall health,” said Lanny Kabua, RMI liaison to USAG-KA.

The Seabees designed and constructed the prototype handwash station with the intent that RMI recreate the stations

as materials become available following NMCB 5’s departure. The station was designed to accommodate a five-gallon bucket and can be refilled using rainwater collected in island water catchments. The Seabees recently built the largest public water catchment on Ennibur, providing 12,000 gallons of water to the local community.

Once building materials become available, NMCB 5’s handwash station prototype and living blueprint will allow island residents to construct up to 100 hand-washing stations that collect rainwater. These stations will be placed across the islands within Kwajalein Atoll; including Ebeye, Ennibur, Carlson, Ebaddon and Mejato.

“Working alongside KALGOV to create a design tailored to their needs and resources is another opportunity for the Naval Construction Force to show off our “Can Do” spirit,” said Builder 1st Class German Dunlop, the detail’s operations chief. “The “Can Do” spirit is winning hearts and minds of the local populous through humanitarian construction.”

Over the past decade of working with U.S. Embassy Majuro, USAG-KA Command and KALGOV, Seabees have constructed humanitarian projects throughout the atoll to include school buildings, water catchments and medical facilities.

TRAUMATIC STRESS IN WOMEN VETERANS

HOURLASS REPORT

Compiled from reports of the National Center for PTSD, Department of Veterans Affairs

An increasing number of women are serving in the U.S. military, and women are the fastest growing group of Veterans. Women Veterans were approximately 9.4 percent of the total Veteran population in 2015, which represents about 2 million women. Estimates suggest this percentage will increase to about 16 percent in 2040.

Here are some stressful things that women might have experienced while deployed:

Combat Operations

Women often participate in stressful and dangerous combat or combat-support missions. More women are receiving hostile fire, returning fire and seeing casualties.

These experiences can be particularly terrifying in an urban warfare situation. Many Veterans continue to be bothered by these experiences after they have returned home.

Military Sexual Trauma

A number of people who have served in the military report experiencing MST. MST includes any sexual activity where a servicemember is involved against his or her will, such as insulting sexual comments, unwanted sexual advances or even sexual assault. After experiencing MST, many women feel depressed or have other difficulties. To learn more, see Military Sexual Trauma: Issues in Caring for Veterans.

Feeling Alone

In a difficult operation, feeling part of a unified group is important to keeping your morale high. In some theaters of operation, personnel are deployed to new groups where they do not know the other servicemembers.

It can take time to build friendships and trusting relationships in these groups. Not feeling supported can be very hard.

Worrying about family

It can be particularly difficult for women with young children or elderly parents to be deployed for long periods of time. Servicemembers are often given little notice and must be away from home for a year or longer. Some women feel they put their lives on hold and worry that they can’t watch over their loved ones. If there is trouble at home, both women and men in the field might start to feel overloaded. After returning home, some women find it is difficult to return to a parenting role. They may also find they have more conflicts with their children.

Because of these stressors, women who return from military service can have trouble transitioning to civilian life. While most re-adjust after a period of time, a significant minority will go on to develop more serious conditions like PTSD.

Numbers of Veterans with PTSD

Among women Veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, VA data show that almost 20 percent have been diag-

nosed with PTSD. We also have prevalence data on PTSD in women Vietnam Veterans from the National Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study.

Of the 1,632 Vietnam Veterans in the study, 432 were women who had served in or around Vietnam between 1964 and 1975. The study found that approximately 27 percent of women Vietnam Veterans suffered from PTSD sometime during their postwar lives. By comparison, the lifetime prevalence of PTSD in male Vietnam Veterans was 31 percent.

Help and Support

Researchers at the National Center for PTSD have looked further into the information collected in the NVVRS. They

found that high levels of social support after the war played an important role for women Veterans.

Those women who reported that they had friends and family available to them were less likely to have symptoms of PTSD. In particular, emotional support—having someone to talk to

and someone who really cares—helped women to adjust more comfortably to postwar life. It was also important for the returning women Veterans to feel that they could rely on others to assist them with tasks in times of need. Veterans who had this form of support suffered less from PTSD.

In response to the recent increase in women Veterans, the VA has implemented clinical initiatives, research agendas, and programs dedicated to women, including the Women Veterans Health Program and the Center for Women Veterans. Every VA in the U.S. now has a Women Veterans Program Manager.

“When you experience something as extraordinary as what you may experience in combat, these things kind of stick with you, and they may live in a really dark place.”

**—Stacy L. Pearsall
U.S. Air Force, 1998-2008**

What you don’t know about post-traumatic stress disorder may surprise you. Now is the time to get informed. June is PTSD Awareness Month. To learn more or seek help, contact the Employee Assistance Program at 5-5362.

WOMEN INTEGRATING INTO ARMY'S FINAL INFANTRY, ARMOR UNITS

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Gary Sheffick, Army News Service

WASHINGTON—The Army will integrate female infantry and armor Soldiers into its final nine brigade combat teams this year as it modifies a requirement to have at least two female leaders in each company with junior enlisted women.

“We’ve had women in the infantry and armor occupations now for three years,” said Maj. Melissa Comiskey, chief of command policy, Army G-1. Integrating women into combat units has “changed the culture,” she added. “It’s not as different as it was three years ago when the Army first implemented the integration plan.”

When the integration began, a “leaders first” policy required two female officers or NCOs of the same military occupational specialty to be in each company that accepted women straight from initial-entry training.

That rule was modified last year so that only one female infantry or armor leader needed to be in each company, along with another woman of any MOS—such as a supply sergeant or signal NCO.

Now the rule has been further adjusted with a change to the Army Gender Integration Plan that will require only one female officer or NCO to be in companies that accept junior enlisted women.

The director of the Army National Guard has also been given authority to lift the “leader’s first” policy for battalions that have successfully integrated junior enlisted women into at least one of their companies for 12-15 months.

It’s still important, though, for units receiving junior enlisted infantry and armor women to have leaders in place to further develop the culture change of historically all-male organizations, Comiskey said.

“Quite frankly, it’s generally going to be an NCO leader that young Soldiers will turn to for questions. And having an NCO that can share first-hand experiences can be beneficial,” she said.

As integration of more women into combat arms becomes commonplace,



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1st Lt. Jessica Pauley, shown on an M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle in March, became the first female infantry officer in the Idaho National Guard last year. As a platoon leader for the 116th Cavalry Regiment’s C Company, 2nd Battalion, she helped pave the way for junior enlisted women to take combat arms positions in her battalion. Now the “leader’s first” requirement has been further modified to open even more combat units to women.

male leaders will be able to answer more of the questions, Comiskey said. Right now, however, women make up less than 2 percent of the infantry and armor force.

Currently 601 women are in Infantry career fields, attending training, or in the accession pipeline. The armor career field has 568 women, including officers. Every year, though, the number of women in combat arms increases, Comiskey said.

Over the remainder of this year, the Army will integrate female armor and infantry Soldiers into the last nine BCTs that don’t have them yet, Comiskey said. Two other BCTs integrated women into their companies earlier this year, she added.

What has slowed the integration so far is that not enough female infantry and armor leaders and Soldiers were in the

pipeline.

“The inventory of infantry and armor women leaders is not as high as we have junior Soldiers,” Comiskey said. “And their training pipeline is longer.”

Initially, a small number of female officers and NCOs chose to change their specialties and attend infantry or armor training, becoming the first leaders assigned to companies ahead of junior enlisted women.

Now the first officers that went through the Infantry and Armor Basic Officer Leadership Courses, or BOLC, are becoming company commanders.

“It takes a little bit longer to grow the leaders,” Comiskey said.

The decision to modify the “leaders first” policy was actually made at the Army’s Four-Star Conference in March, she said. Senior leaders realized that the Army’s culture is changing, she added.

VA CONDUCTS DEEP-DIVE STUDY INTO EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON VETERANS

EXTERNAL REPORT

Report by the U.S. Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs

WASHINGTON —The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs began a national four-year study May 28 on the impact of COVID-19 on Veterans to help address critical questions about the disease.

Known as EPIC3—Epidemiology, Immunology and Clinical Characteristics of COVID-19—researchers will study data and biospecimens, such as throat swabs and blood, to learn how the virus that causes COVID-19 has affected Veterans.

“By analyzing data on COVID-19 risk factors, progression, outcomes and immunity, this VA research promises to significantly advance the fight against the disease,” said VA Secretary Robert

Wilkie. “The study will complement a similar effort by the Department of Defense.”

The effort is led by VA’s Cooperative Studies Program and coordinated by VA’s Seattle Epidemiologic Research and Information Center. CSP epidemiology centers in Durham, North Carolina; West Haven, Connecticut and Boston are also contributing to the four-year study.

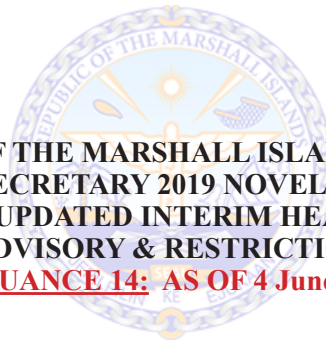
The study involves Veterans infected with COVID-19 and those who have re-

covered or who may be at risk but have not been infected by the virus. They are volunteers who are inpatients, outpatients and residents in VA’s Community Living Centers. Each cohort consists of hundreds of Veterans.

A similar study is being conducted by the Department of Defense involving active-duty service members. At the end of their respective studies, VA and DOD researchers plan to compare findings from the two study groups.



Click the logo to learn more about programs to support Veterans and family members at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.



REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS OFFICE OF
THE CHIEF SECRETARY 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS
(COVID-19) UPDATED INTERIM HEALTH TRAVEL
ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS
ISSUANCE 14: AS OF 4 June 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. The virus was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, PRC, and subsequently cases of COVID-19 have been detected in 213 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.

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- An extension of the total suspension of international travelers coming into the RMI via air travel until 5 July 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 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. Transshipment 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 Working 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 4 June 2020
Chief Secretary,
Chair of the National Disaster Committee



ON THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

These are troubling times for the United States, and I deeply appreciate all the messages of support from our Marshallese friends during this difficult time.

Like many of you, I find the tragic death of George Floyd both horrifying and heartbreaking. The senseless, brutal immorality of what happened is antithetical to the values of justice, equality, and inclusion we seek to uphold as a nation and promote in our work overseas and it has rightly stirred our hearts and conscience.

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." It is up to all of us to take an active role in creating a more just world. We must do better by our people and by one another.

Raan kain elap an kaburomojmoj ilo Amerika im elap ao kamolol kon aolepen naan in jiban jen rimajol rain mottad ilo ien in elap an kanuj in kaburomojmoj.

Enwot bar komian, na ij buromoj kon jako in an George Floyd kon an juon jako eo elap an kamijak im kaburomojmoj. Ilo ejelok kolomenlokijon, kamijak waween eo ar walok ejab jimwe in tomak im iben doon ko ad jej jibadoki nan kotake im kwalok jermal kein ad ilo lal ka ilkin im emoj an komakiti kolomenlokijon kain ad.

Martin Luther King Jr. ear ba, "Jermal eo ejab jimwe aolep jikin ej juon kauwotata nan jermal in jimwe aolep jikin." Eddeo in ej ad aolep nan bok konad in koman bwe en jimwe im eman lok lal kein ad. Jej aikuj kom eman nan armij rain ad im nan koj kajojo.

**ROXANNE CABRAL
U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE
REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**



CYS JUNE SPOTLIGHT

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL
CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES

Child Development Center

Bako Classroom:

Tuesdays - Water Play Day. Please send your child with water clothes, a towel and dry clothes.

Thursdays - Functional Fitness

Fridays - Library

Start Smart Sports - (ages 2-5):

- Carnival Games, through June - 25.
- Tumbling, July 9 - 30. Registration Ends July 2.

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

Summer Camp begins June 10.

Visit CYS Central Registration to receive a schedule of weekly activities and to enroll your child. Check out details about each summer camp theme week on the right.

June 9 - 13 - Wet and Wild

June 16 - 20 - Art-O-Rama

June 23 - 27 - Mad Science

June 30 - July 3 - Party in the USA

Sports (Grades K-2 and 3-6):

- **Kickball and Wiffleball**, June 11-July 9
- **Scooter Hockey**, July 21 - August 15. Registration ends July 14.

Namo Weto Youth Center

Tuesdays starting June 16 - Flag Football - 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Water Wednesdays - 1 p.m.

June 10 - Japanese Tide pools

June 17 - Float with Floats

June 24 - Shipwreck Snorkeling

Wednesdays - Smart Girls- 6 p.m.

Thursdays - Trivia - 7 p.m.

Fridays - Yoga - 7 p.m.

Saturdays - Bowling - 3 p.m. and Dungeons & Dragons - 7 p.m.

SPORTS

League Bowling - Saturdays, 3-4 p.m. from June 13 - August 15. Registration Ends June 6.

Extreme Dodgeball - July 8 - Aug 14. Registration ends July 1.

Snorkeling Adventure 1 - June 19 and 26 from 8 a.m. - noon. Registration ends June 12.

Snorkeling Adventure 2 - Trips are July 17 and 24 from 8 a.m. - noon. Registration ends July 10.

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 6 - Summer Smoothies- 3 p.m.

June 9 - Pool party- 6:30 - 9p.m.

June 10 - Adulting 101- 4 p.m.

June 14 - U.S Army 245th Birthday

June 18 - TED Talk Thursday - Everyday Leadership - 4 p.m.

June 19 - Snorkeling Adventures - Prinz Eugen - 8 a.m.

June 25 - TED Talk Thursday - Try Something New- 4 p.m.

June 25 - Bob Ross Paint Night - 7 p.m.

June 26 - Snorkeling Adventures- Bigej- 8 a.m.

MOVIES AT 7 P.M.

June 7 - Rookie of the Year

June 14 - Lion King 1 ½

June 21 - Honey I Shrunk the Kid

June 28 - Percy Jackson

Parents' Corner

Parent Advisory Board Open House. Visit Central Registration during regular business hours June 6 to receive information on upcoming events and to register your child for activities.

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 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 5-2158.

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.

Get Fit

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 and sketch comedy.

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.



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USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins, left, and USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, right, line up for a photo with the Child Development Center Class of 2032 after their May 31 commencement ceremony.



MWR MOVIES

All movies begin at 7:30 p.m.

KWAJ YUK THEATER

Saturday, June 6

"Mary Poppins Returns"
(PG) 131 min.

Sunday, June 7

"Terminator: Dark Fate"
(R) 128 min.

Monday, June 8

"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead
Men Tell No Tales" (PG-13)

Saturday, June 13

"The Lego Movie:
The Second Part"
(PG) 108 min.

Sunday, June 14

"Good Boys" (R) 90 min.

Monday, June 15

"Facing the Giants"
(PG) 112 min.

ROI TRADEWINDS THEATER

Saturday, June 6

"Blockers" (R) 102 min.

Sunday, June 7

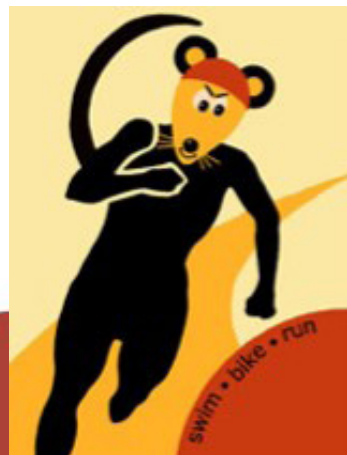
"Crawl" (R) 87 min.

Saturday, June 13

"Terminator: Dark Fate" (R) 128
min.

Sunday, June 14

"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead
Men Tell No Tales" (PG-13)



Roi Rat Race

June 14
8 a.m. at the
Surf Shack

Put your suit on, hop on your bike, and lace up your shoes for this mini-triathlon event. Swim 0.6 miles, bike 5 miles and run 3.5 miles. Distances are approximate, and racers are responsible for timing themselves. Individual participants and teams welcome. Social distancing is in effect. Please enjoy this event responsibly.

Contact Tamara Hill with questions at 5-6580.

Volleyball Tournament June 25-27

Registration is \$50. A minimum of five players per team is required. A limit of eight teams may register for this event. Registration closes June 16. Contact MWR at 5-3331 with questions.

Double Elimination Softball Tournament

July 14-August 1
Registration is \$50 per team. A limit of 16 teams may register for this event. Registration closes July 1. Sign up at the MWR Desk at the Grace Sherwood Library in Building 805. Call 5-3331 with questions.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Kwajalein Hourglass would like to say *Kommol Tata* to the graduating Kwajalein High School Class of 2020. We are proud of you and your accomplishments on island. We can't wait to see how you're going to contribute your strengths and talents to the world.

As you travel, attend school, ascend in the ranks of the U.S. Armed Forces and make homes, families and lives for yourselves, remember to stay in touch with each other and to help each other navigate this rewarding and challenging next portion of your great adventure.

—The Kwajalein Hourglass

SAFE AND SECURE: U.S. ARMY TIPS FOR AVOIDING WORKPLACE HAZARDS

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 76,000 office workers in the United States suffer disabling injuries each year. These injuries include falls, electric shocks and musculoskeletal disorders. Our quarters and living spaces can become the site of these work-related accidents when working in home offices and study areas. No matter where you are working, preventing injuries and illnesses is possible.

Check for Potential Hazards. When you think about workplace safety, you may not consider your everyday office and how it may affect your family members. Examine the layout, lighting, air quality, noise levels and storage in the workspace. In addition, inspect all electrical equipment and power strips and practice proper ergonomics. Eliminating hazards will contribute to a safe and

healthful environment. When evaluating your office for potential hazards, pay attention to the following:

Air Quality. How is the air quality? Is there a smell of mold, mildew or any other unpleasant odor? Is there a high level of dust?

Noise Levels. Are noise levels triggering headaches? Are noisy office machines operating away from desks?

Storage. Are boxes of files, papers or other flammable materials stored near an ignition source? Are heavier boxes on the bottom and lighter ones on top? Are objects stored in walkways, aisles or in front of doorways and exits?

Electrical Equipment. Have you inspected all electrical equipment, such as monitors, fax machines and space heaters, for damaged cords and plugs? Are

you overloading electrical outlets with multiple power strips or plugging multiple extension cords into each other?

Ergonomics. How are you sitting? Is your back straight? Are your shoulders hunched over? Can your feet reach the floor? Is your computer monitor or mobile device screen too close or too far away to view with ease?

Layout. Are desks at least three feet apart? Is office equipment like computers and printers placed safely on a flat-top surface? Do employees sit beneath an uncovered vent that dumps hot or cold air on them? Are filing cabinet drawers closed when not in use? Are electrical cords neatly organized to prevent tripping?

Lighting. Does lighting cause glare on computer screens? Is the lighting too bright or too dim?



**AFN TV lineups updated
June 2, 2020.**

It's time to rescan for channels on your TV sets so you can enjoy the new lineups listed below. Questions? Follow the channel scan instructions at the end of this document.

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

- 16-1 Prime Atlantic
- 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)

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

**Roi-Namur
SD Analog Channel lineup section**

- 2 Roller
- 5 Family
- 8 Prime Atlantic
- 11 Sports II
- 13 Sports I
- 15 News
- 18 Spectrum
- 19 Weather
- 21 Prime Pacific
- 23 Movies

HD Channel lineup section

- 26.1 Sports
- 27.1 Movies
- 29.1 Sports II
- 31.1 Spectrum
- 32.1 Family
- 36.1 Prime Pacific
- 39.1 News
- 40.1 Prime Atlantic
- 45.1 Roller
- 47 Locally designated programming
- 49.1 KTV
- 51.1 Weather
- 52.1 Locally designated programming

How to rescan for new channels

1) Kwaj residents need to ensure their channel source is set to "antenna," and Roi viewers need to set their channel source to "cable."

2) 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.

Note

AFN Kwajalein asks that residents please 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 had to eliminate most of the SD channels that had been duplicating content played on already existing channels.

Thus, the live SD versions of, for example, Prime Atlantic and Family, have been eliminated. 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



**E-WARENESS
OVERPACK CONTAINERS**

Overpack containers may be utilized as secondary containment for hazardous materials, wastes and petroleum products. This is acceptable if the storage area is protected and clearly marked; if safety data sheets are readily available; and if containers are properly labeled.

Overpack container ko remaron in bar jerbal nan kakonkon ak kejbarok HM-WPP elane ijoko jikier rebolemeir im alikar kin kokalle ko, safety data sheets ko rej aikuj in alikar im melele nan read, im label ko ren eddeb im alikar ilo container ko.

E-Wareness is a weekly product of DI Environmental. Contact the team at 5-1134. Elane elon am kajitok, jouj im kurluk DI Environmental ilo 5-1134.



**SMOKE ALARMS PROVIDE A
SOUND YOU CAN LIVE WITH**

Test your household smoke alarms at least once per month. For your safety, never remove or disable smoke alarms. If an alarm "chirps," it is a warning that the battery is low and should be replaced immediately.

Contact the Public Works Service Desk at 5-3550 if the smoke alarm is not functioning properly. Call the Kwajalein Fire Prevention Office at 5-2137 with questions about fire safety and smoke alarms on Kwajalein.



245 YEARS OF AMERICA'S ARMY

JUNE 14, 1775
to
JUNE 14, 2020



JUNE 14

ARMY BIRTHDAY WREATH LAYING AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

Wreath-laying is a tradition that honors the service and sacrifice of our fallen service members and the legacy they left behind. This annual event will take place at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and will be livestreamed.

FLAGSHIP EVENT: "THE ARMY AT 245: AN AMERICAN CELEBRATION"

You may watch the video on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube.

JUNE 25

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE KOREAN WAR.

Often referred to as "The Forgotten War," the Korean War was fought from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953. This day is dedicated to honoring all veterans of the Korean War, their families, and especially those who lost loved ones in that war.

JUNE 6

76TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY.

On June 6, 1944, in perhaps the most seminal battle of World War II, U.S. troops stormed the beaches of Normandy, France, in the largest land, sea and air invasion in history.

JUNE 8

SMA 2.45-MILE RUN CHALLENGE.

Celebrate the 245th anniversary of America's First National Institution with a virtual 2.45-mile run challenge from the Sergeant Major of the Army.

JUNE 10

TWILIGHT TATTOO.

This event is a live-action military pageant featuring Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment—The Old Guard—and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." This event will use elements from the 2019 Army Birthday Tattoo and will include an introduction from an Army senior leader. You may watch on Facebook or YouTube.

JUNE 12

ARMY BIRTHDAY RUN.

Celebrate the 245th anniversary of America's First National Institution

with a virtual 2.45-mile run. This run will be conducted and prerecorded by the Military District of Washington, in coordination with The Old Guard.

CADET COMMAND

NATIONAL COMMISSIONING.

This event will be livestreamed.

ARMY CAKE-CUTTING AND REENLISTMENT CEREMONY.

A traditional birthday cake-cutting and reenlistment ceremony will be held at the Pentagon. This event will be livestreamed.

JUNE 13

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT GRADUATION CEREMONY.

This event commemorates the many accomplishments of our graduating class and celebrates our nation's future military leaders. This event will be livestreamed on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn.



CAKE-CUTTING CEREMONY AT ZAMPERINI CAFETERIA

Friday, June 12

11:30-1 p.m.

Zamperini Cafeteria

All island Veterans and their family members are invited to celebrate the 245th Army Birthday at a cake-cutting ceremony

ISLAND HOPPER JUNE 17 AND 18

As of June 3, United Airlines has confirmed reinstitution of the full Island Hopper flight schedule for two flights in the month of June. The flights are as follows: June 17 UA 155 (eastbound to Honolulu) and June 18 US 154 (westbound to Guam). These flights are for outbound travel only. No passengers are authorized to disembark. These flights are subject to change. Please note that the travel ban for the Republic of the Marshall Islands is still in effect.

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

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, 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 walk-in customers for haircuts only Thursdays from 2-6 p.m.

Report non-emergencies. Send in secure reports online at the USAG-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.



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

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 in light of COVID-19 concerns. Questions? Contact Dan Farnham at 5-5319.

ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Theology on Tap meets June 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Recreation Center.

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.

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.

Millican Family Pool will be closed for renovations starting **June 19th** until further notice.

During the closure we are extending lifeguard hours at Emon Beach
Tuesday – Saturday 1300 – 1800
Sunday- Monday 1200 – 1800

AND

"Family Swim" time will be available at the Adult Pool on **Tuesdays & Thursdays 1300 – 1600**

Thank you for your patience as we improve our facilities for you!



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.

USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION: A weak Intertropical Convergence Zone is located along 5N with no other lifting mechanisms nearby to create larger showers. Weather models are producing very little precipitation in our area over the next week, though they do get wetter in the seven- to 10-day outlook. Any showers in the area will tend to be short duration. Trade winds remain moderate velocity for the duration.

May ended with Kwajalein receiving 6.15 inches of precipitation, 93 percent of normal. For the year, we have received 73 percent of normal. The precipitation outlook for next three months is expecting around average accumulations.

SATURDAY: Partly sunny widely scattered decreasing to isolate showers (20 percent going to 10 percent coverage). Winds ENE-E at 13-17 knots.

SUNDAY: Partly to mostly sunny with isolated showers (10 percent coverage). Winds E-ENE at 12-16 knots.

MONDAY: Partly to mostly sunny with isolated showers (10 percent coverage). Winds E-ENE at 13-17 knots

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:07 p.m.	8:33 p.m. 7:30 a.m.	4:57 a.m. 5.0' 5:23 p.m. 3.6'	11:26 a.m. -0.4' 11:12 p.m. -0.1'
MONDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:07 p.m.	9:31 p.m. 8:28 a.m.	5:35 a.m. 4.8' 6:02 p.m. 3.3'	12:06 p.m. -0.3' 11:49 p.m. 0.1'
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:07 p.m.	10:24 p.m. 9:26 a.m.	6:13 a.m. 4.5' 6:42 p.m. 3.1'	12:46 p.m. 0.0' -----
WEDNESDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:07 p.m.	11:13 p.m. 10:20 a.m.	6:52 a.m. 4.1' 7:25 p.m. 2.8'	12:26 a.m. 0.4' 1:28 p.m. 0.3'
THURSDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:08 p.m.	11:58 p.m. 11:12 a.m.	7:33 a.m. 3.7' 8:14 p.m. 2.6'	1:06 a.m. 0.7' 2:13 p.m. 0.6'
FRIDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:08 p.m.	----- 12:01 p.m.	8:21 a.m. 3.3' 9:20 p.m. 2.5'	1:52 a.m. 1.1' 3:07 p.m. 0.9'
JUNE 13	6:30 a.m. 7:08 p.m.	12:39 a.m. 12:47 p.m.	9:22 a.m. 3.0' 10:46 p.m. 2.5'	2:54 a.m. 1.3' 4:15 p.m. 1.1'



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Did You Know?

Ho Eng Hui holds the world's record for the fastest coconut sheller. It took him 12.15 seconds to pierce four coconuts in Milan—with his index finger. He has held the world record since 2011.



Above, Ho Eng Hui exerts extreme force and Kung Fu precision to pierce a coconut using his bare hands. Click the coconut to view a video to see this amazing feat in action.



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.)

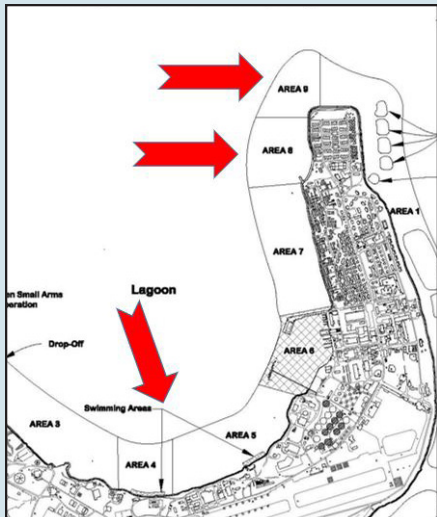
PROTECT CRITICAL INFORMATION.
This is information that deals with specific facts about military intentions, capabilities, operations or

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

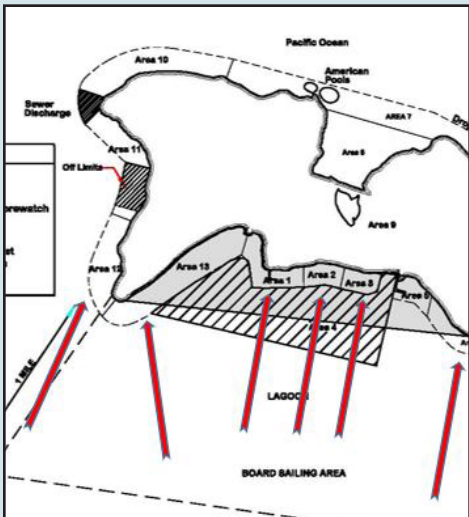
SWIM SAFELY THIS SUMMER

Check out the maps below to reacquaint 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 recommended 100 feet from shore and required more than 300 feet from shore.
- Buddy system or shore watch is required.



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) boktun 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 otemmej.

HELP US PROTECT THE MISSION.
ONCE A KWAJ RESIDENT, ALWAYS A KWAJ RESIDENT.
OPSEC DOESN'T END WHEN YOU PCS. PLEASE THINK BEFORE
YOU POST VIDEOS AND HISTORIC PHOTOS TO SOCIAL MEDIA.



NOT SURE? DON'T SHOOT.

HOBBIES SHOULDN'T
COMPROMISE OPSEC.



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All 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.