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This is how we graduate on Kwajalein: Class of 2020 graduates wearing leis loaded with well-wishes line up for a photo together in the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room following their commencement ceremony.

CLASS OF 2020 HEADS INTO THE FUTURE

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Family members and friends in the Kwajalein community congratulated the Class of 2020 at their commencement ceremony June 5 at Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School. The graduating class includes five Marshallese students, three of whom are RiKatak students, and several students who have completed their entire education on Kwajalein.

The evening was full of laughter, reflective moments and traditions, as the class demonstrated “grad-itude” for the friends, family and educators who have shown them support and friendship through the years. The students shared a slideshow of photographs featuring themselves as they matured into adulthood and acted out a skit of their class history. Aaron Seelye, who had PCS’d in the past, left the stage—and returned—much to the amusement of the audience.

In her celebratory address, valedictorian Mackenzie Gowans acknowledged the unusual circumstances challenging her class and the world. She challenged the grads and guests to look back on all their years together and to continue to embrace positivity.

“2020 has been a rough year for everyone all over the world,” said Gowans. “But that hasn’t stopped us from being positive. Positivity has shown us what we’re capable of. Positivity has helped us push ourselves farther than we thought possible.

Positivity has helped us show kindness to one another.”

Students made special recognition of Chelsea and Brad Reed for being the supportive “parents for the entire senior class” and thanked teachers Masina McCollum and Jane Christy for their positive impact on the students’ academic careers. More than 20 organizations, individuals and alumni associations also awarded scholarships to members of the class. US-AG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins presented the students with their diplomas.

Event seating in the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room was arranged to allow guests to observe recommended social distances. Additional well-wishers opted to view the ceremony projected on an outdoor movie screen from an overflow seating area on DeMeo Field. Following the ceremony, graduates convened in the KHS courtyard, where all their guests loaded them with leis, gifts, money, flowers, snacks and jewelry.

The graduates have plans to pursue further study in higher education, careers in the U.S. Armed Forces and employment in the Indo-Pacific region and United States. As they take their next steps into the future, they will have the best wishes of the atoll community.

Perhaps Gowans said it best: “We are lucky. We are lucky that we have the opportunity to grow up in a community that loves and supports us all.”



Welcome home, fishermen. After 14-days in quarantine and 42 days spent adrift at sea, Godfrey Capelle and Benjamin Thomas left quarantine on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and returned home to Ebeye June 12. Check out *The Marshall Islands Journal* and an upcoming edition of *The Kwajalein Hourglass* for a story and photos about their return. Contact USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer Mike Brantley at 5-4848 for more information.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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UPDATES FOR TRAVELERS

PUBLIC NOTICE

Face Coverings Required

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 Airlines.

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, Department of Defense civilian employees, family members, DOD contractors and non-DOD U.S. government personnel.

It is in accordance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and DOD 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.

July Flights

United Airlines has confirmed re-institution of the full Island Hopper flight schedule for two flights in June and July 2020. Please note that the travel ban for the Republic of the Marshall Islands is still in effect and all flights are subject to change.

The flight schedule is as follows: June 17 UA 155 (eastbound to Honolulu); June 18 US 154 (westbound to Guam); July 22 UA 155 (eastbound to Honolulu); and July 23 US 154 (westbound to Guam).

These flights are for outbound travel only. No passengers are authorized to disembark.

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

MIT LL TO PARTNER WITH CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES FOR ISLAND SUMMER STEM INSTITUTE

EXTERNAL REPORT

Press release by MIT Lincoln Laboratory

MIT Lincoln Laboratory has provided technical leadership for the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site since May 1962. As scientific advisors to the garrison mission of missile defense, MIT LL personnel continue to support operations and conduct upgrades to the sensors and command-and-control infrastructure.

Beaver Works is a joint venture between MIT Lincoln Laboratory and the MIT School of Engineering that is envisioned as an incubator for research and innovation. Beaver Works facilitates project-based learning, a hallmark of an MIT education, and leverages the expertise and enthusiasm of MIT faculty, students, researchers, and Lincoln Laboratory staff to broaden partnerships across both institutions. The MIT Beaver Works Summer Institute is a rigorous, world-class STEM program for talented high school students. The four-week program teaches STEM skills through project-based, workshop-style courses.

MIT personnel on USAG-KA have co-

ordinated with CYS to introduce the MIT Beaver Works Summer Institute on Kwajalein. Due to COVID-19, the Summer Institute offerings were reduced from 12 workshops to seven virtual options.

The course chosen to meet the interests of Kwajalein students is as follows:

Serious Game Development with AI.

This course will introduce students to the process of game design with the application of Artificial Intelligence to game play. Very specifically, the course will focus on unconventional approaches to understand and address real world problems (e.g., designing a game about zombies to study the effects of public health policies with respect to chemical or biological terrorist threats.)

The program will consist of an intensive dive into the key aspects of serious gaming, including experimental design, game design and application development. The course will examine and categorize different types of games, how to extract useful data, an introduction to User Interface design, rules development and play testing. Students will focus on coding both a portion of the game back-end as well as self-designed extensions.

With the assistance of instructors and teaching assistants, participants will learn about how Artificial Intelligence can impact the design of experiments and contrast with natural, human-centric game play. All students will participate in both back-end development, within a game-ready python framework, as well as coding of their own extensions.

MIT personnel will run a modified version of the course out of the Namo Weto Youth Center for up to 12 high school students as volunteers for CYS.

They will work directly with students for 15 hours a week Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1-6 p.m. and the other portion of the course 25 hours will remain independent, remote work. The coursework will also include webinars from the Beaver Institute stateside. The Institute will run from July 7 to August 2.

This is a unique STEM enrichment opportunity for our students. CYS hopes to continue working with MIT to continue the Summer Institute in coming years, but for now it is another example of community partnerships working to ensure that the youth have engaging programming during this unconventional Kwajalein summer.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA CLUB RECEIVES NEW COMPRESSOR

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The Kwajalein Scuba Club recently accepted delivery of a new piece of equipment that is sure to help island divers enjoy recreational diving for years to come.

A new air compressor was delivered via barge with assistance from Parsons, Inc. in late May. After the club and tank house technicians prepare the machine for operation and receive certified, safe air quality test results, the new compressor will be fully operational.

The solution is a boon to island divers and the best possible solution to an issue that KSC officers have worked to solve for more than two years.

Current island divers recently endured a three-week hiatus while the club worked to address an issue with an operating compressor. While no diving means no fun, Kwajalein divers will remember 2018 as the year the compressor trouble really began.

"If you haven't heard or noticed by now, the club has been having issues with the compressors," wrote treasurer Matt Hess in a fateful message to club officers in August 2018.

"Several solutions are being worked by several people but as of right now, we are down to one working compressor. Last I heard, the one compressor is only able to fill tanks to 2,500psi at about one tank every 15 minutes."

The issue, assessed by visiting technicians and club leaders, stemmed from normal wear and tear. When the compressor officially went offline in 2018, KSC officers on annual leave continued to work at a distance over social media to coordinate possible assessments and repairs to the compressor. Club members and instructors communicated with solutions, suggestions and questions. The effort continued on into the fall. As details emerged, they were pre-

sented to club membership at general meetings.

Club officers coordinated a fall 2018 visit from a Honolulu-based compressor repair technician who gave the club an official situation report on the status of the club's three compressors.

The second and third compressors suffered from a bad electric motor and fourth stage repair, respectively. However, compressor one was done for.

"Compressor #1 is no good," wrote former KSC Vice President Jaime Sandige to club officers following the visit. "After inspection, the block is no good. This was a long time coming due to age and other things that have compiled over the years of use."

Sandige guessed KSC would need a new compressor block and motor, plus a second visit from the technician. All told, repair could cost nearly as much as a replacement—anywhere between \$20,000 and \$35,000. Challenges came in the form of balancing the cost of re-

pairing the faulty compressor against the cost and price of shipping for a new one. Then there was the issue how to ship a compressor across the world—not to mention the air test results required after every major repair.

After the final determination was made to order a new compressor, club membership agreed to the expense in a general meeting vote. Sandige began discussion with Parsons, Inc., members of whom are currently at work on an airfield renovation project, about shipping the compressor in the company cargo container. Jonathan Koehler of Parsons assisted in making arrangements. In May, Parsons' Anthony Campbell coordinated the delivery of the compressor. Now, it's only a matter of time before tanks are filled and divers safely explore the lagoon.

The story continues. But for now, teamwork between Parsons and KSC has helped divers get one step closer to going a few bars below.

"I'm a diver, too," said Campbell. "When we couldn't dive for those couple of weeks, I got antsy."



From left, Anthony Campbell of Parsons, KSC President Kristin Miller and Secretary Heather Miller line up for a photo last week at the island tank house.



1) Guests enjoy the 2020 Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School graduation ceremony. 2) Graduates enter the MP Room bearing candles. 3) Graduate David Kabua welcomes guests to the ceremony. 4) From left: Chelsea Reed, Marina Lojkar, Emmily Andress, Brad Reed and Kayla Hepler line up for a photo during the ceremony. The Reeds were chosen as parents that made a special difference in the lives of the graduates. 5) Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Principal Tarah Yurovchak, left, USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins, center and USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, right, prepare to award the graduates their diplomas.



1) Jacilynn Nam, center, and Kayla Hepler, right, perform a hula with their class. 2) Hepler, Lojkar and Andress award teachers Masina McCollum, left, and Jane Christy, right, leis of appreciation from the graduating class for their positive impact on their lives as students. 3) Tia Boutu, left, and Gail Price, right, smile for the camera—with enthusiastic photobombing by William Boutu, far right). 4) A quiet moment: Hae-don Ameigh takes in the scene on the stage. 5) A special moment during island graduation ceremonies is when grads award their parents leis of gratitude. Nam, left, accepts leis for her family from McCollum, right. 6) Reynold "DJ" deBrum, lines up to take a photo with Karen Brady, right. 7) It's time to turn tassels. Together, the grads face their big moment.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Dominic Aragon, left, and Ethan Acosta display knife-building projects in-progress in Industrial Arts Class.

HERITAGE HACKS: INDUSTRIAL ARTS STUDENTS MAKE KNIVES

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Visit the Kwajalein Hobby Shop late on a weekday morning next year, and you may encounter students enrolled in Dr. Doug Hepler's industrial arts class working to complete ambitious, practical projects.

Here's the scene when the Kwajalein Hourglass got to speak with student craftsmen about their work.

The air smells of fresh sawdust. Bins of timber and scrap for student and community projects are arranged in corners. In the center of the room, wood panels are tacked in the approximate shapes of the bow of a small boat—a long-term student project that will be completed next year. Elsewhere, students are working the shop bandsaws, lathes and belt-sanders.

During the year, students in grades seven through 12 hone craftsmanship skills, safety sense and creativity to create a variety of original projects. Over the years, students have produced homewares like boxes and side tables with inlaid chessboards. These students also cut raw palmwood logs from the occasional downed palm tree with a portable sawmill. The logs are cured in a drying cabinet designed by Hepler to supply the class with lumber. Today, upperclassmen wearing safety glasses and the personal protective equipment worked around a table loaded with reference manuals for making knives.

Yes, knives. This is no ordinary industrial arts class.

Hepler, a knifsmith in his own right, leads students through the technical

project to build each step of the way. To begin the project, Hepler provides reference materials, steel and know-how to help the students realize their design. Next, students work out design issues. Over several weeks, they become familiar with different materials, and safely construct and assemble the pieces to make functional, elegant blades, some of which were displayed at the high school spring art show.

In Hepler's class, knives are personal. Whether they be utilitarian or fanciful, students choose knife designs that mean something to them. For some, this means producing a full-size hatchet. For Ethan Acosta and Dominic Aragon, the knives mean family and heritage.

In his hands, Acosta holds a homemade Ka-Bar. If you are not familiar with the Ka-Bar, visualize a short, wide blade with a long, banded hilt. Next, look up the history of the U.S. Armed Forces. The Ka-Bar was the weapon of choice for the Underwater Demolition Team Seals and the go-to weapon of choice for the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. In short, a Ka-Bar is about as utilitarian as a modern blade can get.

Why design a Ka-Bar?

"It's like one my dad used to own," said Acosta of his project.

Producing a Ka-Bar is time-consuming. Acosta salvaged and laminated leather from an old belt to produce his Ka-Bar's signature, banded hilt. Over several class-periods, he finished the smooth-ground pieces with a thick layer of wax. Using a lathe, he transformed a silver knob of steel into a rounded, pommel to secure the threaded tang and

brass handguard. End-to-end, the Ka-Bar is more than nine inches in length.

Hepler slaps a book of designs down on the table next to another blade, a serrated curve of steel. It's a bolo machete in progress, created by Dominic Aragon and inspired by his Filipino roots.

"I'm still working on the handle," Aragon said, indicating the blackened handgrip where two steel protrusions will lock-tight with pre-cut wooden panels.

Even as a tool in progress, the machete is recognizably Filipino. The machete is the original multitool—an implement as practical for eskrima hand-to-hand as it is to slice through undergrowth or daily chopping tasks. While machete designs vary throughout the world, Aragon's blade is true to the Filipino bolo design because of how the blade swells at the edge. Were it any more narrow, it would be an itak, a short sword also known as the jungle bolo—a blade meant more for self-defense than every-day-use.

For Hepler, the personal part of knife-building is a matter of history. Time and again, practical skills in industrial arts have proven intrinsic and valuable in sustaining national defense and industrial manufacturing.

"Craftsmanship teaches safety, teamwork, pride, attention to detail, appreciation for deadlines and practice in following specific instructions," said Hepler, of the class. "It teaches skills that, as in WWII, are vital to our national security. We simply must retain a skilled industrial workforce to produce the ships, aircraft and other weapons of war, when needed."



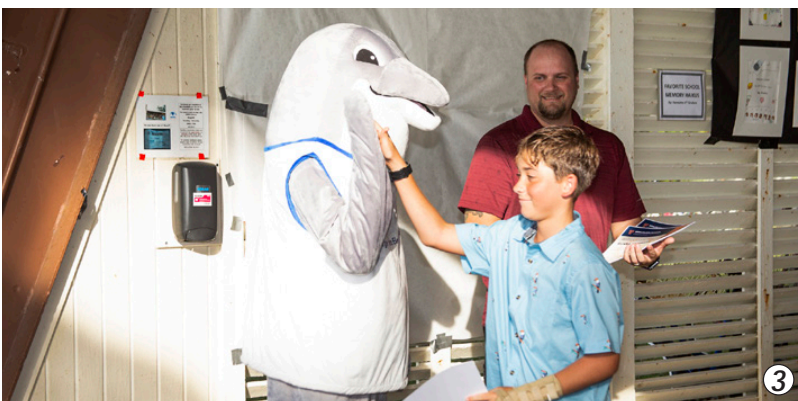
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SPARTAN GREETSS NEW SEVVIES AT SIXTH-GRADE GRADUATION

The sixth-grade class of George Seitz Elementary School graduated in a commencement ceremony at Emon Beach June 3. When they begin school next year at Kwa-jalein Jr.-Sr. High School they will be official "sevvies," or seventh graders. Check out these scenes from the beach. 1) Stephen Robinson addresses parents and family members. 2) The GSES fifth-grade choir sings to thank the sixth graders for being good friends. 3) Mason Finley high five the GSES Dolphin mascot. 4) Members of the Lelet family line up for a photo. 5) After receiving their diplomas, the high school Spartan mascot welcomes students to the junior high school.

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?



School's out, and it's time for fun in the sun. Check out the summer programming for family members and young island residents online at the USAG-KA Family and MWR Facebook Page. Click the MWR logo to learn more. Contact MWR at 5-3331 with questions.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY MIKE BRANTLEY, USAG-KA PAO



Happy Birthday, U.S. Army. U.S. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll celebrated the Army's 245th birthday a little early today with the oldest Soldier, represented by Col. Jake Wamsley, RTS director, and the youngest Soldier, represented by Sgt. 1st Class Ludlow Chase, Kwajalein Resident Office NCOIC, cutting the cake with a saber. Military and their family members, as well as Veterans, were also in attendance.

U.S. ARMY 245TH BIRTHDAY EVENTS

On June 14, 2020, we celebrate 245 years of defending and protecting America, and salute the generations of Soldiers who have answered the call to serve. The celebration continues through the month of June. Check out the list of this year's Army Birthday events. Many of these events can be attended virtually and streamed online to installations around the world.

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.

JUNE 14 ARMY BIRTHDAY WREATH LAYING, 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.

JUNE 14 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.

BEVERLY VENCILL WAS FORCE BEHIND MEMORIAL WALL, NURSE'S MEMORIAL

HOURLASS REPORT

Recently there has been renewed interest in renovating the large, floral mural on Lagoon Road. Here is a story from March 2009 about the origins of the memorial mural.

Article and photos by
Dan Adler, Media Manager

During her two tours on Kwajalein, Beverly Vencill worked at Building 1010 for five years. She would pass the wall across from Kwajalein Fire Station every day on her way to work.

Vencill PCS'ed in 2007, but during a recent visit to Kwajalein, she described her feelings about it to *The Kwajalein Hourglass*.

"Day after day, I would pass that wall and think 'nasty gray wall, nasty gray wall, nasty gray wall,'" she said. "I kept thinking someone should do something about it."

Vencill said the idea of making the wall into a memorial to military personnel and their families who have worked and lived on Kwajalein since 1944 sprouted in 2005 after her husband, Jim, a two-tour Vietnam Veteran who worked at the Kwajalein Marine Department, was diagnosed as suffering from Agent Orange.

She said, "I wanted the Memorial Wall to serve as a symbol of gratitude that would celebrate military personnel and let them know that we do appreciate them. Military personnel meant a lot to me and knowing what Jim was going through, I was determined to have something to honor them."

She was then working as a secretary for Col. Beverly Stipe, then USAKA Commander, and got permission from her for a memorial project.

Vencill solicited ideas from various departments and residents about what design should go on the wall. After some debate, it was decided that it should be flowers.

"Flowers were chosen because of the island theme of welcoming leis and an 'Aloha' spirit that we wanted to show," said Vencill.

She enlisted the expertise of residents Melissa Dethlefsen, who is a graphics artist, and Doug Hepler, high school teacher, master carpenter and artist, for help with the design for the wall. Hepler helped Vencill make a template of the design. Darlene Duarte was Vencill's "right-

hand man for the project. Duarte's father was in the Navy and she had been a Navy brat.

"I'm military down to my pinky toes," said Duarte.

Money was raised for the memorial through donations and a fish fry at the Vets' Hall with fish donated by the Kwajalein Atoll International Sport Fishing Club. The American Legion Auxiliary collected donations.

Many individuals and departments aided in making the memorial wall a reality to the community. San Juan Construction Company repaired the cement problems. Steve Metta and Fred McNickle organized various Kwajalein Range Services Public Works personnel to professionally do the necessary power cleaning, priming and base painting for the project.

Many Kwaj residents came out to paint the flowers once stencils made by Hepler were put in place. Adults and children helped in the project.

The USAKA Commander and John Pickler, then President of Kwajalein Range Services, pitched in by painting. USAKA Soldiers also helped with the wall.

"Many days it was very hot, and it was hard work," said Vencill. Sometimes Darlene and I would work late into the afternoon in the heat and we would get tired and not do such a good job of painting."

But, "Rusty LaRoche would come by in the evenings after we had left. He touched up what we had done and made it look very nice," she said, "He was a real angel."

Concerning the nurse's memorial, Vencill said that since the time she arrived on Kwajalein in 1983, she had heard stories about a Navy plane crash in which several nurses had been killed. She didn't know if it was just a story and a Kwaj 'legend.'

"I got some information about it from Jimmy Matsunaga at the time, but didn't pursue it," she said.

During her second tour, Vencill said some people were talking about a group of eight women U.S. service members who had just been killed in Afghanistan.

"They were saying it was the largest number of military women killed since Anzio, when German artillery hit a tent where nurses were working and killed six of them," said Vencill. "I thought: 'Wait a minute.



DAN ADLER

Beverly Vencill, left, and husband Jim, right, inspect the memorial wall and plaque honoring all military personnel and their families who have served on Kwajalein since 1944 to the present during a visit to Kwajalein. The wall and plaque and the nurse's memorial plaque at Bucholz Army Airfield were dedicated by the Kwajalein community on Feb. 26, 2007.

Here we are at Kwajalein where we lost 11 nurses and nobody knows about them."

She added, "I thought that was a crime."

She started investigating and searching on the Internet for anything she could find about the crash. All she could see was very short mentions of it.

"Now I knew it was true," she said of the incident. "It had happened."

Vencill said she asked some older Marshallese about it. One of them she talked with was six or seven years old at the time. He remembered seeing the fireball in the sky and hearing the screams that night. Vencill contacted the Navy Historical Branch and "They sent me the plane's 'death certificate' and that's how I got the names of the crew and the nurses who were on board. The plane had crashed after taking off from Kwajalein in 1950. The nurses were on their way to Japan and then Korea."

She decided that a memorial to the crew and the nurses who perished in the crash should be erected near the runway.

As with the memorial wall, donations funded the nurse's memorial. Money even came from Navy nurses in Japan where the plane had been headed when it went down.

Vencill travelled to Oklahoma and visited a quarry that made monuments. She showed them the design and they made some improvements to it and fashioned the plaques both for the nurse's memorial and the memorial at the wall. The military paid for the expense of transporting the plaques to Kwajalein. Both memorials were dedicated by the community on Feb. 26, 2007.

"Kwajalein is such a great community with such wonderful people, and a great spirit," said Vencill. "You really don't realize it until you leave."



Click on the flower to read the full article. Be sure to read the Kwajalein Hourglass this fall for a special tribute to the crew and passengers of VR-21. Want to help pitch in on the mural renovation project? Contact USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer Mike Brantley at 5-4848 with questions.



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1) Sunset over Bucholz Army Airfield began with a blast of light earlier this week (U.S. Army photo by Jessica Dambruch)
 2) A lucky group of Kwajalein anglers show off their catch at the Small Boat Marina June 1 on Kwaj. (Courtesy of Chamee Cross)
 3) These friendly pilot whales dart in front of Kwaj resident Chamee Cross' boat during a June 1 fishing trip. (Photo courtesy of Chamee Cross)
 4) AFN Kwajalein Broadcast Engineer Randy Hisle pauses for a photo during a rewiring project at the TV station June 10. (U.S. Army photo by Jordan Vinson)
 5) This blacktip reef shark pup snatches up the remains of a cleaned tuna during a Kwaj sailing group's recent trip to the Nell island group. (Courtesy of Caitlin Gilbertson)



FIGHTING COVID-19



Readiness Through Safety

"We are constantly assessing the situation and refining guidance to the force. It's going to take the whole Army working together and adapting as we go, but we will kill the virus."

— Sergeant Major of the Army Michael E. Grinston



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

LEAVING THE BATTLEFIELD: SOLDIER SHARES STORY OF PTSD

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Chaplain Maj. Carlos Huerta

My name is Huerta. I am an American Soldier and I have PTSD.

I refused to admit it to myself even when the Army doctors told me I had it in 2004. I refused to talk to anyone about it even when Army health professionals told me I needed to in 2005. I was afraid how Army leadership would react if I had that on my record. I was a Soldier, I was tough, I just needed to rub the patch and drive on.

And drive on I did until one day in September 2010, five years after I last left the battlefield. I don't know what the trigger was. Maybe it was the young Soldier, a mother of two who was just redeployed, who I watched cut down after she hanged herself weeks after returning from battle earlier.

Maybe it was the faces of the children I see on all the doors I knocked on to tell them their father or mother was not coming home. Maybe it was because it was the same time of year when my uniform was covered with the blood and brains of a 6-year-old Iraqi child who was caught in an IED during Ramadan.

I don't know what the trigger was, but it hit me hard. I went home one evening and all of sudden, I felt a tightness in my chest, it was hard to breathe, I felt closed in and panicky. I bolted out of bed thinking I was dying. I paced the room in the dark for hours before I exhausted myself. I almost went to the ER that night, but the Soldier in me said to stick it out.

The morning came and it hit again, a panic, a fear of being closed off, claustrophobia, and pains in the chest. I thought maybe I was having a heart attack and, if I was, I needed to see a doctor.

A heart attack was honorable, PTSD was not. I went to sick call and they ordered a battery of tests to exclude any heart condition. When my heart was cleared, the doctors recommended I see someone in CHMS. I thought to myself, "I wasn't crazy, why do I need to see them? If I see them, I know the 'big' Army will find out and tag me as 'broken.'"

I went home that night and the same thing happened. I knew I could not live like this so I talked, off the record, to someone in mental health. They looked at my records and after talking with me, said I had PTSD. They said there was probably some trigger that set it off. I did not want to believe it, but I knew that I needed something or I would face the same thing again that evening. I then "officially" saw them and was prescribed some psychotropic medication to help with the anxiety in order to help me function.

I thought when I got off the battlefield that I could heal and place the war behind me. As a chaplain, I soon realized that I could not. Within weeks of getting back in 2004, I was knocking on doors telling families a husband, wife, a father or mother, a daughter or son was not

coming home. In 2008, I knocked on a door to tell a family that their husband, a father of three, was lost to them. To this day I can close my eyes and see the face of a teenage daughter who looked at me with hatred. She looked deep into my soul and said that she would never forget what I did to her and her family that day and turned away, too destroyed to even cry.

Even though I was home, I never left the battlefield. I brought the war home and it took a toll on me, my family, wife and children. I got to be good friends with Jim and Jack. You may know them as Mr. Beam and Mr. Daniels.

I did not want to get close to my new babies for fear I may get deployed again. A big piece of me wanted to go back to battle because the battlefield made sense; coming home to emails, memorandums and unit "politics" did not. I also knew that if I went back, a bigger piece of me did not want to come back home again.

The home I came back to was not the one I left. My family was not the same, I was not the same. I felt that something important was stolen from me and there was nobody I could talk to about it. Nobody except the guys I was over there with. I would look for combat patches, look for buddies to talk to, look for the Soldiers who went through what I went through and felt the same way I did. There were many of us. Our experiences were very different but we had one thing in common. We felt different, but we were not crazy or have some defective genetic failing.

It just was hard for us to come to terms with all the death, destruction and pain we had participated in and witnessed. We were all reluctant about "officially" talking to someone. Even if we needed help, we would not go to it as we thought leadership would use that against us for assignments and promotions.

We felt we were alone. We were trapped in our own memories, sometimes trying to ignore them and often not being able to. We watched as our suicide numbers went up and are still going up.

The Army leadership has tried and is trying to change this trend and is having some success. I cannot say that a piece of me at one time did not wonder if the world, my family, would have been off better without me.

For Soldiers with PTSD, we often felt the very act of seeking help from a mental health professional could be information that could be used against us, to target us, and make us feel we were burdens to the system. I felt that way and was afraid to get the help I needed. I now fear that the problem may be made worse with the so-called discovery of a

PTSD gene. If this data is used wrong or misinterpreted, those of us with PTSD now could be considered genetically dysfunctional.

Instead of being a burden to the Army, I ended up being a burden to the most important people in my life, my wife and children. Fearing being minimized as a Soldier, I, like so many others, went underground. It seemed the very thing that leadership was using to try to help me actually worked against me.

When I close my eyes at night, sometimes I still see myself picking up the body parts of my Soldiers. I still see myself holding my Soldiers as they die in my arms on the battlefield. I still see the blood of Iraqi children spattered all over my uniform as they take their last breaths due to no fault of their own. In the quiet moments of the day, when I am with my family, I see the faces of all the wives, children, husbands, mothers and fathers whose lives I destroyed with the notifications I made.

My mind tells me that I did not cause their pain and grief, but my heart tells me otherwise. I know I can't change their pain, but I can change mine and the pain I inflicted on my family due to war. Only a Soldier understands that physically being home doesn't mean coming home.

Coming home from battle seemed to be one of the easiest things to do. It seemed that you just get on a plane. After spending hours, weeks and months getting help and talking to someone about my wounds, I am only beginning to understand how to come home.

I am, in our Army culture, what some would identify as a broken or deadwood Soldier. I have no bullet holes to show my wounds. I will not get any medal that will recognize them. If I did, I would be afraid and ashamed to wear it in our present culture. As with so many of us, my wounds are the invisible kind, the type we bear in our souls. I am not ashamed of them. For me and others like me, they are just as real as one that bleeds.

I am getting help because I'm tired of not being home. I am tired of being on the battlefield I brought back with me. It is time for me to come home. It is time for all of us to come home.

My name is Huerta and I am a wounded American Soldier, and I am not ashamed of my wounds and I have no genetic failing.

I am proud of my service and I am going home. Let's go home together.

For full article, visit https://www.army.mil/article/78562/leaving_the_battlefield_soldier_shares_story_of_ptsd

"Instead of being a burden to the Army, I ended up being a burden to the most important people in my life, my wife and children."

—Chaplain Maj. Carlos Huerta

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.

DOD INCREASES MONEY FOR DO-IT-YOURSELF MOVES

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Joseph Lacdan, Army News Service

WASHINGTON—Soldiers now have an added incentive to choose the personally-procured move, or PPM option, when moving to their next duty stations this summer.

Aside from limiting exposure to COVID-19, a revision to the Defense Department's Joint Travel Regulations has increased the monetary payment to Soldiers who choose to move their household goods.

From May 26 through Dec. 31, Soldiers using the PPM program can receive a payment equal to 100 percent of the estimated cost the government would pay to move their items. When Soldiers choose the option, they shoulder the cost and responsibility of packing and moving their belongings themselves and the payment compensates them for those expenses.

The PPM program gives Soldiers an alternative to a traditional permanent-change-of-station move, where a government-contracted moving company ships their household goods to their new duty station.

With more Soldiers expected to make PCS moves during the latter part of the peak moving season, an updated policy couldn't have come at a more opportune time, said Larry Lock, Army compensation and entitlements chief G-1.

While much of the country remains under COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, making a PPM might be the more practical option for some Soldiers and their families, he said. Safety restrictions vary by state and commercial movers will be heavily tasked, he added.

The change could help increase the number of PCS moves in what the Army's G-4 predicts will be a busier moving season. Moving more Soldiers to their new duty stations helps the Army maintain readiness and meet its global force requirements, said Derrick Candler, chief of Transportation Policy Division, G-4.

"Industry may face challenges to support this huge increase during the summer season," Candler said. "This ini-

tiative can help increase the number of moves to ensure our people can get to their next duty station as quickly as possible. This will have positive effects on the entire Army and DOD. The PPM also reduces the strain on families and moving companies."

As part of the continued efforts to improve quality of life for its military families, the Defense Travel Management Office had pursued the change to ease the burden of families who prefer the PPM over a traditional move, Lock said. He added that PPM moves typically result in a cost savings for the government and the policy update will pass those savings onto the families.

In April, the DOD signed a \$7.2 billion contract with a single company, New Jersey-based American Roll-On Roll-Off Carrier Group, to move household goods for the military.

After Dec. 31, Candler said the policy will be re-evaluated in conjunction with each military branch on whether the reimbursable costs will remain at 100 percent or return to 95 percent.

The DOD has made monetary allowance payments of 95 percent for PPMs since 1998 when it bumped the sum up from 80 percent. Candler said that each service must collectively agree to make the change permanent.

"Now, we're hoping based on this change and the moves that take place during the summer, that we can justify continuing this," he said. "All the services benefit from this increase."

Lock said typically younger, single Soldiers, or young couples with no children choose the PPM option. Soldiers with more time in service and those with larger families often choose to have their household items shipped by a government contractor.

Also possibly boosting the number of moves this summer is a change to granting exceptions to policy for the COVID-19 stop-move order. Secretary of the Army Ryan D. McCarthy delegated approval authority for PCS moves, temporary-duty assignments, and military leave to the first brigadier general or Senior Executive Service officer in a Soldier's chain of



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY LISA BISHOP

A mover tapes a box at an apartment at U.S. Army Garrison Wiesbaden May 22, 2020 while following health protocols. The Department of Defense has increased the monetary sum Soldiers will receive if they choose the personally-procured move option during PCS moves.

command.

Approval authorities may grant exceptions for Soldiers determined to be mission essential, for changes necessary for humanitarian purposes, and for extreme hardship.

Soldiers who fall under an exception must travel with printed copies of the approved exception to policy. Soldiers exempt from travel restrictions will be required to carry a memorandum signed by their supervisor that states the reason for exemption.

Soldiers and civilians enrolled in military education programs qualify as exempt from travel restrictions and do not require an exception to policy. These programs include officer training and education programs, non-commissioned officer professional development and specialty training programs and civilian training, education and development programs.

NO MATTER WHAT FIELD
YOU ARE IN,
OPSEC APPLIES TO YOU.





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.

In response to the declaration of PHEIC, the Republic of the Marshall Islands' (RMI) former COVID-19 travel advisories and restrictions. The new virus is a coronavirus, which is a family of viruses that include the common cold, and viruses that cause severe respiratory infections. The virus can be transmitted from person to person, similar to other influenza viruses.

In response to the declaration of PHEIC, the Republic of Marshall Islands' (RMI) former COVID-19 travel advisories and restrictions (Issuance 1: 24 January 2020, Issuance 2: 31 January 2020 and Proclamation declaring State of Emergency dated 7 February 2020, Issuance 3: 13 February 2020, Issuance 4: 26 February 2020, Issuance 5: 25 February 2020, Issuance 6: 3 March 2020, Issuance 7: 5 March 2020, Issuance 8: 7 March 2020, Issuance 9: 8 March 2020, Issuance 10: 17 March 2020, Issuance 11: 2 April 2020, Issuance 12: 30 April 2020, Issuance 13: 7 May 2020 have been reviewed and updated as of 4 June 2020 (Issuance 14) with the following interim inbound and outbound travel restrictions for all visitors to RMI. Because COVID-19 is a national threat these requirements will come into effect immediately.

- An extension of the total suspension of international travelers coming into the RMI via air travel until 5 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
Chief Secretary,
Chair of the National Disaster Committee

4 June 2020

WHAT IS YOUR OBLIGATION TO REPORT?

Personnel subject to the UCMJ who fail to comply with the reporting requirements of Army Regulation 381-12 Threat Awareness and Reporting Program (TARP) are subject to punishment under the UCMJ, as well as to adverse administrative or other adverse action authorized by applicable provisions of the USC or Federal regulations.

Personnel not subject to the UCMJ who fail to comply with the reporting requirements of Army Regulation 381-12 are subject to adverse administrative action or criminal prosecution as authorized by applicable provisions of the USC or Federal regulations.

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TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION

Threat Awareness & Reporting Program



HOW WILL THEY APPROACH YOU OR GAIN ACCESS?

Official Foreign Visitors | Collectors may pose as members of a foreign government organization, or an intelligence or security service. Vetted Official Foreign Visitors and their entourage may include last minute, unvetted substitutions.

Conference/Expo/Tradeshaw | Public venues align new technologies and Subject Matter Experts. The adversary can collect personal information through registration and/or sign-in.

Academic Solicitation | "Innocent" requests for information may come from students, professors, scientists, or researchers; a foreign affiliation may not be readily apparent.

Unsolicited Contact/Email | The adversary may use the name of a well known company to send requests for military-related information. This method is fast and often undetected.

Joint Research Ventures | Alerts an adversary to current scientific initiatives and the military's latest activities, allowing for tailored contact attempts.

Front Companies | The adversary may shield their true identity by using a shell company or subsidiary typically financed by a foreign bank and with connections to a foreign business or embassy.



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. 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 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 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., through August 15.

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

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

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 Painting - 7 p.m.

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

MOVIES AT 7 P.M.

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.

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.



COURTESY OF NAMU WETO YOUTH CENTER



A team from the Namu Weto Youth Center lines up for a photo near the Kwajalein tide pools during "Wet and Wild," the first week of the CYS Summer Camp.



MWR MOVIES

All movies begin at 7:30 p.m.

KWAI YUK THEATER

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.

Saturday, June 20

Movie Under the Stars
7:15 p.m. at Camp Hamilton
"Bad Boys For Life"
(R) 124 min.

Saturday, June 20

"Scoob"
(PG) 94 min.

Sunday, June 21

Movie Under the Stars
7:15 p.m. at Emon Beach
"The Lion King"
(G) 88 min.

Sunday, June 21

"My Spy"
(R) 102 min.

Monday, June 22

"The Call of the Wild"
(PG) 108 min.

ROI TRADEWINDS THEATER

Saturday, June 13

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

Sunday, June 14

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

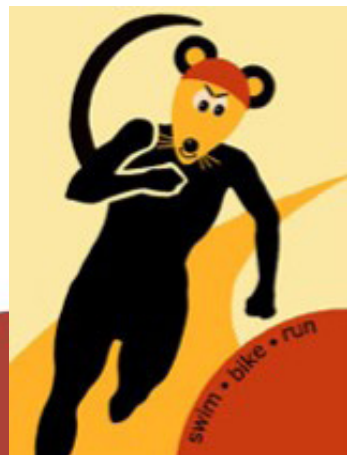
Saturday, June 20

"Kong: Skull Island"
(PG) 108 min.

Sunday, June 21

"Good Boys"
(R) 90 min.

For more information about the
weekly movie schedule, con-
tact MWR at 5-3331.



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.

Purchase a Home-Based Business License through USAG-KA MWR

USAG-KA Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation encourages home-based vendors to sell goods and provide services at approved community events.

All vendors must hold a pre-approved home-based business license. Business Liaison Teresa Mitchell is here to help your home-business be approved. FMWR encourages vendors to sell goods and offer services at approved community events.

Contact FMWR Business Liaison Teresa Mitchell at teresa.j.mitchell@naf@mail.mil with questions or ask online at <https://www.facebook.com/usagkafmwr/> for more information.

MWR LIBRARY All-Stars

2020 Summer Reading Program
June 17– August 19
in the Grace Sherwood Library

Register now for story time and
activities on Wednesdays at 10
a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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



Fourth of July U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Morale, Welfare and Recreation Beach Bash Saturday, July 4 at Emon Beach from 4-9 p.m.

Come celebrate with us and enjoy fun for the for the whole family. Check out the dunk tank, limbo contest, carnival games and scavenger hunt. For more information, contact MWR at 5-3331.





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

FLUSHABLE WIPES

Wipes and personal hygiene products clog sewer lines and pumps. Many household products are labeled and marketed as disposable and flushable. They are not.

Baby and adult personal hygiene products, household wipes, and cleaning towelettes may be labeled as disposable and flushable. While they may be marketed this way as a convenience item, these products still clog sewer pipes and cause problems in sewage pump stations. Unlike toilet paper, wipes do not break down once they are flushed. When they make their way into the sewer system, these items can accumulate to cause large obstructions in the pipes or get tangled in pump stations, requiring major repairs.

What Can You Do to Help?

Toilet paper is the only product that can safely be flushed down a toilet. Please never flush any consumer item that is not toilet paper. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in sewage backing up into your residence.

Kojbarok pipes ko. Jab flush wipes ko. Jab Likiti "Flush it" ak julaki" ilo toilet bowl ko.

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



June 30 – July 4

6-8 p.m. on the 4th 12-4 p.m.

First 16 teams to register, double elimination, sign up / drop off at MWR desk

Open Division: Ages 15 and up.

Location: CRC Gym

Teams must wear/supply their own matching jerseys/shirts. Teams of 4 players, must be on the registration form.

Registration ends June 23; team rep meeting at the library June 23 at 6 p.m. (rules provided)

Cost: Donations

NOT an MWR event. Players who require sponsorship need to use community exchange.



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.

COMMUNITY NOTES

HELP WANTED

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

CommunityBank

Community Bank is currently hiring for a Banking Center Manager. This is a full-time position for an on-island hire. If interested submit your application and resume to www.dodcommunitybank.com. Call Stephanie Prudence at 5-2152 with questions or to learn more.

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 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.

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.

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

During the closure we are extending lifeguard hours at Emon Beach Tuesday – Saturday, 1-6 p.m.
Sunday- Monday, noon-6 p.m.

Family Swim time will be available at the Adult Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m.
Thank you for your patience as we improve our facilities.



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

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.

The **Kwajalein High School graduating class of 2020** would like to thank the following people for all of their help in making their graduation ceremony one to remember! The USAG-KA command team, Mary Beth Taylor; Jan Potter and the Shipping and Receiving crew; Thompson Tarwoj and the MWR crew; Randy Hisle and the AFN Kwajalein crew; James Chong-Gum and the palm frond crew; Claude Nelji and the Paint Shop crew; Jessica Dambruch, Anne Dowell; Susan Davis; Tarah Yurovchak; and the Kwajalein School System custodial crew.

Kommol Tata to the winners of the Kwajalein Parent Teacher Organization scholarship. The two recipients submitted thoughtful, impactful statements on what they have learned from living on Kwaj. The recipients shared the values and strength they received from the community who became family. One described how they learned patience and resilience, generosity, and the value of relationship, independence and mindfulness over money and material things. Another described developing the freedom to distinguish priorities, receive support, support others and simply get along. Such tremendous values that many adults often forget. Congratulations and best of luck from the PTO.

ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Bible Study Group meets Thursdays at 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 and July 12 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.

USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION: We'll be transitioning from drier to more active rain activity in the area. During the first 10 days of June, Kwajalein had only received 0.9 inches of rainfall, or 34 percent of normal. The Intertropical Convergence Zone will become more active this upcoming seven days along our latitude, bringing more frequent rain showers. The weekend looks about normal but next Wednesday through Friday will be wetter. As always, stay up to date with the daily forecast products available on the new 20.1 TV channel.

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

SUNDAY: Partly sunny with widely scattered showers (20 percent coverage). Winds E-ENE at 12-16 knots.

MONDAY: Partly sunny with widely scattered showers (20 percent coverage). Winds E-ENE at 13-17 knots

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:08 p.m.	1:19 a.m. 1:32 p.m.	10:41 a.m. 2.8' -----	4:24 a.m. 1.5' 5:30 p.m. 1.1'
MONDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	1:56 a.m. 2:15 p.m.	12:08 a.m. 2.7' 12:02 p.m. 2.8'	6:02 a.m. 1.4' 6:32 p.m. 1.0'
TUESDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	2:33 a.m. 2:59 p.m.	1:06 a.m. 3.0' 1:07 p.m. 2.9'	7:14 a.m. 1.2' 7:20 p.m. 0.8'
WEDNESDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	3:12 a.m. 3:44 p.m.	1:49 a.m. 3.4' 1:56 p.m. 3.0'	8:05 a.m. 0.8' 8:00 p.m. 0.6'
THURSDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	3:52 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	2:26 a.m. 3.7' 2:38 p.m. 3.2'	8:46 a.m. 0.5' 8:36 p.m. 0.3'
FRIDAY	6:31 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	4:34 a.m. 5:20 p.m.	3:01 a.m. 4.0' 3:17 p.m. 3.3'	9:24 a.m. 0.2' 9:10 p.m. 0.2'
JUNE 20	6:31 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	5:20 a.m. 6:12 p.m.	3:34 a.m. 4.3' 3:54 p.m. 3.4'	10:00 a.m. -0.1' 9:45 p.m. 0.0'



Click the logo to visit
RTS Weather online.

Did You Know?

Breadfruit grow on a species of flowering tree closely related to the jackfruit family. Once cooked, it has a texture like fresh-baked bread and tastes not unlike the common potato. Breadfruit, called “ulu” in Hawaii, or “ma” in Marshallese, makes a distinctive pattern in appliqued Hawaiian quilts. Jackfruit is a source of vitamin C and is often used as a meat substitute. Its velvety texture has been compared to pulled pork. Check out the trees the next time you take a walk on Kwajalein: Both of these fruits can be spotted growing around the Pacific.



Breadfruit

Jackfruit



United Airlines has confirmed re-institution of the full Island Hopper flight schedule for two flights in June and July 2020. Please note that the travel ban for the Republic of the Marshall Islands is still in effect and all flights are subject to change.

The flight schedule is as follows: June 17 UA 155 (eastbound to Ho-

nolulu); June 18 US 154 (westbound to Guam); July 22 UA 155 (eastbound to Honolulu); and July 23 US 154 (westbound to Guam).

These flights are for outbound travel only. No passengers are authorized to disembark.

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

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 Illegenni 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: SMDC-EN (Leah Bishop), P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807.

KOJJELĀ KE EWŌR EKATOK EDREDRELOK KIN KEIN TARINAE EO KETELLOKE IMEJATOTO ILO IDRIN AK AIR-LAUNCH RAPID RESPONSE WEAPON (ARRW) EKOKA EKATOK EO KIN PELAOK KO PELAOKID AK FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / IM EKATOK EO JUŌN KIN PELAOK KO ITULIKID AK OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

United States Air Force eo, (USAF) Life Cycle Management Center eo (LCMC), enwōt aer kappe jen Opīj eo an Under Secretary eo an Defense ikījeen Research im Engineering ak [USD (R&E)], im kab jen U.S. Army Space im Missile Defense Command eo (USASMDC) enwōt ra eo ej bok kuṇan, bwe emōj aer jīmor kadredreik lok juōn Ekatok Eo Kin Pelaok Ko Pelaokid ak Final Environmental Assessment / ekoba ekatok eo juōn kin Pelaok Ko Itulikid ak Overseas Environmental Assessment ṇaetaer jīmor (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 pelaok ko pelaokid 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 Möttan 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 Möttan 651); ekoba Repeltan ko kakien ṇan Pelaok ko Pelaokid iumin kakien eo an U.S. Air Force Environmental Impact Analysis Process eo, iumin (32 CFR Möttan 989); ekoba Būñten ko iumin Department eo an Navy ikījeen loori kakien ko an NEPA iumin (32 CFR Möttan 775); ekoba karōk eo jen FAA nōmba 1050.1F, ikījeen Jekjek ko rejelet Pelaok Ko Pelaokid: Karōk im Būñten Ko; ekoba Executive Order 12114 ikījeen – Jekjek ko rejelet Pelaok ko itulikid jen wōt makitkit ko rēllap an Kien eo lolap an Federal ak Major Federal Action ko, rej kakien im karōk ko kein loori.

Ekatok kein ruo ṇaetaer jīmor Final EA/OEA rej jīmor etale im ekatok kin Kein Tarinae eo Ketelloke Imejatoto Ilo Idrin ṇaetan Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon ak (ARRW), ilo aer naaj kōmmālmele kein kajuōn (1) ilo naaj ruo (2)

ien ko renaaj ketelkoke im kōmmālmele. Makitkit ko kōmmāni renaaj ketelloke jen imejatoto, kejoj im ketelloke itulōñ in lometo eo, ilo an kein ketellok in naaj wōtlok 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 tarinae 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 kōmmān an kein ketellok eo kelok iturilik lok imejatoto. Ien eo enaaj maat kaan in an motor eo jērbal, injin ak motor in enaaj kun, enaaj rub im jēbeblok in 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 kōmmālmele eo an ARRW ilo ien kōmmālmele ak test series 2. Elkin kotlok ARRW eo imejatoto ilo ien kōmmālmele test series 2 ilōñ 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 ilōñ 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 möttan eo ejjab jērbal enaaj jēbeblok 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 kōmmālmele an kelok, ej ṇan kwalok an jērbal im aini kapeel im melele ko jen kein ketellok in an raan kein im jērbal kein ekoba kōmmān bwe en maroñ in emman an jērbal kein ketellok in imejatoto ilo ien eo rej ketelloke ARRW in ilo an kelok imejatoto. USAF LCMC eo ej bareinwōt lemnake elafae ej-

elok makitkit en enaaj kōmmāne ak No Action Alternative, enwōt an kemlet iumin kakien ko an Council eo ej kiene im bōbrae joñan emman im bolel eo an pelaok ko pelaokid. Bedbed 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 Kōmmāni ak Proposed Action rej kotmene bwe renaaj lak bok jikier im walok reban kanuij in jelet pelaok 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 jīmor ṇan an aolep armej lali im lemnak kaki, im an ajeded melele kein kaki ej ioklok wōt jejjio jikin ko ekkar ṇan laa-jrak in ajej in rej ṇaetan Distribution A im rej bed ilo jikin in www.arrwea.govsupport.us ekoba ilo jikin kein jet:

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Melele ko jen Public ikījeen 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 kokalle ak postmarked eliktata ilo July 5, 2020, ṇan: USASMDC, ATTN: SMDC-EN (Leah Bishop), P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807.



BE 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

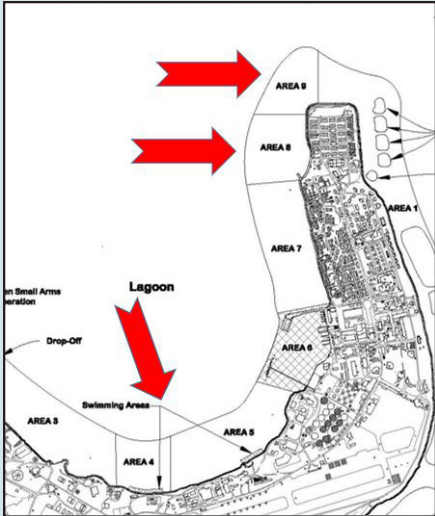
of what is shared on social media, and avoid sending work-related related emails to commercial addresses. (i.e. @yahoo.com)

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. Be mindful. Practice Good OPSEC. Contact Jason Randall, USAG-KA garrison security manager, at 5-2110 or jason.m.randall.civ@mail.mil with your questions.

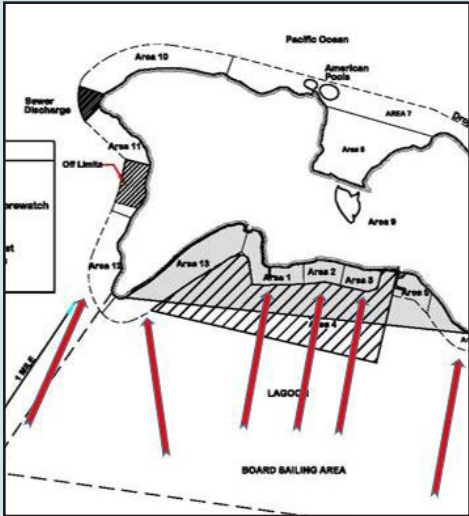
SWIM SAFELY THIS SUMMER

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 otemnej.

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 TO SOCIAL MEDIA.

NOT SURE? DON'T SHOOT.

HOBBIES SHOULDN'T
COMPROMISE OPSEC.



CLASSIFIED/
CRITICAL/SENSITIVE

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.