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USAG-KA ANSWERS COVID QUESTIONS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel and Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins shared recent developments in the island’s COVID-19 prevention response operations with the Kwajalein community at the Island Memorial Chapel during a June 17 town hall meeting.

Bartel encouraged island residents to contact USAG-KA Command with questions to deter the spread of misinformation as the garrison works to augment its mission-readiness posture and bring employees and returning residents safely home.

“Our first priority is to keep COVID-19 out of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and USAG-KA,” said Bartel. “Second, it is to bring back our people—workers, and family members on a case by case basis who are stuck off island. Third, it is to be ready to support missions and our partners we work with every day.”

Though there are still no known active cases of COVID-19 in the RMI, significant changes have occurred since last quarter’s town hall. The island has received its first quarantine residents in the past weeks—RMI citizens returning from areas with no known active cases of COVID-19 and a small group of emergency services and medical personnel who currently reside in 21-day quarantine. The arrival came after weeks of careful coordination between personnel at U.S. Embassy Majuro, USAG-KA Command, the Republic of the Marshall Islands government and Kwajalein Atoll Local Government in efforts to preserve the health and safety of atoll communities.

USAG-KA is unique among military installations in the world as it has not dealt with an active case of COVID-19, said Bartel. He thanked U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler for his understanding of Kwajalein’s unique position, as well as personnel from LOGCAP and the Kwajalein Hospital for their support in preparing health and safety plans.

More than 200 island residents are expected to need to make a return trip to the RMI. In the past three months, the garrison has missed 250 personnel and residents stranded off island, many of whom work in essential support roles.

Bartel said the garrison will monitor



USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel fields questions about COVID-19 Preparation June 17 during the Kwajalein community town hall at the Island Memorial Chapel.

the situation and move the return process forward in safe increments.

“As we get going, we will have more latitude,” said Bartel of the plans.

Pilots and essential personnel in emergency services, medical, and firefighting are a priority. Several families and family members with dependents are stranded abroad as well.

Return and new residents will quarantine in locations around Kwajalein marked on front and back doors with red, white and blue signs. Only personnel cleared to interact with quarantine occupants for errands like food deliveries and temperature checks are permitted to come close to the quarters. All island residents should stay away and not enter the yards of quarantine homes.

The community is encouraged to contact the island Provost Marshal’s office if they witness anyone who disregards the mandated safety radius around quarantine homes, said Gaskins. Quarantine residents are not permitted to leave their quarters until their 21-day stay has been completed.

Residents voiced concerns about masks and travel in and out of the atoll, if and how ATI flights are cleaned, and the schedule and numbers of residents who have been permitted to return to the island. Significant variables pose challenges to the planning process, Gaskins said.

“[The garrison] does not determine who is essential personnel for each contract,” said Bartel. “Each contract maintains its own list.” He said that as more information is received, the return process will be refined. Currently, some island quarantine homes can accept up to three residents at a time. Accommodations are made on a case-by-case basis when a return resident with family members may need to quarantine away from their assigned quarters.

There are still challenges ahead. More information about the location of quarantine homes, as well as safety procedures for garrison residents to undertake as new island personnel arrive, will be released at a later date. Bartel said he understood that there are details pertinent to personal questions that must be explored. He welcomed the chance to dialogue with individuals about their return travel questions and encouraged all to remember the reason the garrison is working to bring everyone back home to Kwajalein.

“The mission is what we’re here for,” said Bartel. “We’re not here for to enjoy the weather, great beach or SCUBA diving. We’re here to support the mission. We’re here to set the stage for large-scale missions that are on-schedule, for future missions and for our and our allies’ national defense.”



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THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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1) USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel addresses Marshallese employees on Kwajalein at a June 23 town hall meeting. 2) Kwajalein Atoll Local Government Mayor Hirata Kabua answered questions related to RMI government policies on returning Marshallese citizens.

ONE ATOLL. ONE TEAM. LOTS OF QUESTIONS.



USAG-KA Command wants to hear from you. Atoll community members have multiple options for raising questions of USAG-KA Command about life on the atoll, COVID-19 preparations and other items about life on Kwaj.

Call the Commander's Hotline at 5-1098 to register your questions by phone.

Post questions using the private messenger function on the official USAG-KA Facebook page. Click the US-AG-KA logo to visit the page.

Still need to get a question to the Command? The door is always open. The command team has an open door policy. Please call 5-1098 to explore the best time to make a visit.

Q&A NOTES FROM THE RMI EMPLOYEE TOWN HALL

Compiled by Mike Sakaio

An RMI Employee Town Hall took place Tuesday, June 23, at the Island Memorial Chapel. Questions posed during the events ranged from employee benefits, to COVID-19 travel restrictions affecting RMI residents currently stranded outside the atoll. Below is a selection of questions from the RMI town hall.

Q1: Will we (the RMI work force) be informed if there is a positive test on arrival with any of the those who are in quarantine quarters?

A: Yes, you will be informed. My first call will be to the RMI National Government informing them of this, and then to you (work force) within hours.

Q2: Where are the quarantine quarters and is the Kwaj Lodge being used for quarantine?

A: Those who are quarantined are in designated housing units; the Kwaj Lodge is not being used for quarantine, but should we need it, it can be used.

Q1: When will RMI workers off island be allowed to return?

A (provided by Mayor Hirata Kabua): The RMI government is still working on this; for our family and relatives coming back, we will work alongside the RMI national government. The quarantine and isolation quarters are not fully ready yet. And if they are to return to the RMI, they will not fly ATI. They will come on United Airlines. Should they be quarantined on US-AG-KA, they will also be under a 21-day quarantine and adhere to the quarantine protocols here on USAG-KA.

Other Questions:

Q: Can you increase our shopping limit from \$20 to \$25?

A: You'd have to run your request through the Mayor and Mr. Lanny Kabua of the RMI Liaison Office; I will base my response with their input.

Q: Why weren't the RMI folks in Kosrae not repatriated?

A: (provided by Mayor Hirata Kabua) United was not allowed to land on Kosrae so we could not repatriate RMI citizens there.

Q: Can we move the town hall to after our lunch hours?

A: Yes, certainly. The 1200-hour was based on feedback from some of the RMI workers that we spoke to; but certainly we can move it to after the lunch hour periods.

USAG-KA Command appreciates everyone who attended the June community town halls. Community members who would like to explore additional questions may contact the Commander's Hotline at 5-1098.

SERVICE NOTES

Command Sgt. Maj. Gaskins

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

When the going gets tough, communities can learn from the leaders among them how to better face challenges and navigate difficult times. Now 20 months into his tour of duty on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins is still a man with a “glass half-full.”

The Kwajalein Hourglass sat down with Gaskins to explore his thoughts on the challenges and rewards of mentoring and leading people on a mission.

“This place is unique and unlike any place I’ve been before,” said Gaskins of transitioning from a military environment to Kwajalein’s largely civilian work community. “It gave me a new perspective on not just dealing with Soldiers, but also the military. I’ve had to get outside my comfort zone and speak with the public a little bit. Just for the close-knit community vibe of this place alone, I think I needed Kwajalein at this point in my career.”

The past months’ variables have disrupted atoll life. Few know the extent of the day-to-day challenges so well as the command sergeant major. Since the early spring, Gaskins has worked with the command team and community on COVID-19 prevention strategies, reviewing event proposals for safety and ushering the island’s newest residents straight to quarantine.

In the midst of change, he finds a bright side.

“Life is great—and COVID-19 put a wrench in it,” Gaskins said. “Just to be here is a weight off my shoulders. We have no known COVID-19 cases. I can look outside and see the beautiful water and the sunshine.”

Gaskins grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina. As a young Soldier, he identified qualities in others he admired and sought to become a compassionate leader and stronger person based on their

example. He advises leaders to value humility.

“I wanted to be the person who is leading and who is humble enough to admit they were wrong,” Gaskins said. “I’d say, ‘That’s the Soldier I want to be’: a person who doesn’t ask others to do things they wouldn’t do themselves.”

Gaskins carried these personal lessons with him from Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri through Operation Iraqi Freedom and on to USAG-KA. As he reflects on his early Army career, he can recall moments young Soldiers should never have to face.

“Growing up in the 1990s, racial discrimination wasn’t as overt, but it was definitely there,” he said. “I can think of times when I was made to prove myself before I earned respect, whereas other people had to prove themselves unreliable to lose respect. It’s unfortunate, but it happens.” As far as the current racial tensions going on in the United States, Gaskins said that, “sometimes people are misguided in their frustrations, but as these issues continue to happen, they must change. I am excited to see what the future may hold.”

This change may come soon. On June 19, U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper issued a memorandum to key parties in the Department of Defense calling for a sweeping review and adjustment of policies to discourage prejudice and bias.

“To ensure the morale, cohesion and readiness of the military, it is essential that our ranks reflect and are inclusive of the American people we have sworn to protect and defend,” writes Esper.

As a leader in the Army, Gaskins came to value the cohesion of the mission-driving force of noncommissioned personnel.

“Noncommissioned officers are called the backbone of the Army,” he said. “They work behind the scenes to make the mission happen—pushing Soldiers to do what accomplishes their mission. It’s the same thing with chiefs in the Air Force and Navy and noncommissioned officers in the Marine Corps.”

Though leading is rewarding, it is never easy. Differences may give rise to flash-point moments critical for developing team trust. Recovering the team and moving forward is essential, said Gaskins. He even has a useful motto to sum it up.



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Gaskins addresses community members at a USAG-KA town hall June 17.

“In the service, we have a saying: ‘Fire and Forget,’” said Gaskins. “We may have our disagreements, but tomorrow is another day, and what happened yesterday doesn’t matter. We’re still on the same team: We’re going to get the mission done. People make mistakes. It happens: Learn from it and move on. You will become a better person and leader if you don’t continue to reflect on it, and your people will know they won’t need to worry that you will hold a grudge against them.”

For developing leaders and young people seeking a career in the armed forces, Gaskins encourages them above all else to seek clarity, be humble and support the mission.

“First and foremost, [leading] is all about accomplishing the mission you have to do. I think folks can be better leaders when their subordinates don’t have to guess where they are coming from,” said Gaskins. “Lead with compassion, and follow your heart. Analyze what you’re doing: If it’s not illegal, immoral or unethical—do that.”

Service Notes is a project focused on sharing stories active and Veteran members of the U.S. military. If you would like to participate, please contact kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com.

FACE COVERINGS NOW REQUIRED BY TRANSCOM, UA FOR ALL PASSENGERS

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
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SUBJECT: Actions for Improving Diversity and Inclusion in the Department of Defense

For more than 200 years, the U.S. military has fought to defend our great nation and our interests abroad, earning the reputation as the greatest military force in history. We have reached this apex because we are an all-volunteer force of patriots who believe in the Constitution and the rights it guarantees all Americans. We have also reached this level of mission excellence because we attract the best America has to offer: Young men and women from across the land and beyond our shores. They not only love our country and share these values, but also represent a wide range of screeds, religions, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations and other attributes that distinguish us as individuals and make us stronger together.

To ensure the morale, cohesion and readiness of the military, it is essential that our ranks reflect and are inclusive of the American people we have sworn to protect and defend.

While the military has often led on these issues throughout history, we are not immune to the forces of bias and prejudice. We know this bias burdens many of our uniformed personnel and has direct and indirect impacts on the experiences of our minority members and their representation in our ranks, especially in our officer corps. That is why bias and prejudice have no place in our military; they also have no place in our country. We can and must do better.

We must lead on these issues as America's most respected institution and as a global leader when it comes to building diverse, winning teams and creating opportunity for all. Therefore, I am directing the following actions:

- By June 29, 2020, the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in consultation with the chiefs of the respective military services and informed by combatant commanders through the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, will conduct a review of all Department of Defense, military department and military service poli-

cies, programs and processes that may negatively affect equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion for all our people. The secretaries of the military departments and USD will recommend changes for swift implementation to address any identified issues. Examples of policies, processes and programs to be reviewed include areas such as accessions, promotion boards and associated processes; assignment and command opportunity and selection; and professional military education selection.

- By July 2, USD will establish the framework and terms of reference for an internal DOD board on diversity and inclusion to undertake a more comprehensive evaluation and assessment of military policies, processes and practices to improve racial diversity in our ranks. This board will be led by the Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Barbara Barrett. USD will provide Barrett and I a coordinated proposal for the board's framework and terms of reference, including its structure, membership, goals and objectives, with the aim of the board being operational by July 15, if not sooner. A final report by the board, with findings, actionable recommendations (including proposed changes to policy, statute and resources) and proposed metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of these recommendations, will be provided to me no later than Dec. 15, 2020. The military departments are directed to provide logistical and administrative support to the board, as required.
- Finally, by July 20, the USD, with the assistance of the Office of the chief management officer, will provide a proposal to me for establishing an enduring Defense Advisory Committee on Diversity and Inclusion in the armed services to examine any and all issues that will improve equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion in the military. This advisory committee will be an independent body that mirrors the Defense Advisory Com-

mittee on Women in the Services and will be composed of subject matter experts and distinguished authorities from outside DOD. This advisory committee will build upon the work of the new aforementioned Defense Board, as appropriate, and will be ready to begin its work by Dec. 1, 2020. The advisory committee will be charged with conducting studies, generating findings and providing its recommendations to the Secretary of Defense.

- A starting point for each of the above actions must include an examination of the reports of the numerous efforts and studies concerning issues of diversity and inclusion in the past, as well as a review of the implementation status of any resulting recommendations. Such reports include U.S. Government Accountability Office studies and the reports of the Military Leadership Diversity Council. In addition, the work of existing forums that address aspects of these critical issues, such as Defense Diversity Working Group and the Defense Equal Opportunity Reform Group, should also inform these actions.

Updates on all of these actions will be provided to me by USD and the chain of command on a monthly basis.

I am proud to be part of an institution that embraces diversity and inclusion, and rejects hate and prejudice in all its forms. I am committed to affecting an enterprise-wide, organizational and cultural shift. In doing so, we will continue to be the greatest fighting force in history and the most respected institution in the country; one that not only reflects its values, but one that also fully represents the American people it has sworn to protect and defend.

Matt T. Egan

FALLEN WWII AIRMAN IDENTIFIED, COMING HOME 76 YEARS LATER

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Madeline Overturf
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SEAFORD, Del. - A Seaford servicemember who died during WWII is coming home to Sussex County, Delaware, 76 years later.

Lt. George Johnson was killed in the battle of Tarawa in January 1944 and was deemed unrecoverable. But in 2017, the History Flight changed all that.

History Flight is a non-profit group of archaeologists and anthropologists committed to exhuming the graves of fallen servicemembers, fulfilling the nation's promise to bring them all home.

In 2017, the group uncovered coffin burials from Cemetery 33 on the atoll. Two years later, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) identified one set of remains from the discovery as Staff Sgt. Jack Busch. But the find was puzzling, as Busch was reportedly recovered and had been buried in upstate New York. DNA analysis later determined that burial was a case of mistaken identity.

History Flight uncovered Busch's remains and those of Johnson on Tarawa. Testing determined another set of Johnson's remains were those misidentified

as Busch's in New York. Johnson's niece, Judi Thoroughgood, says crosses were moved during a beautification project in Tarawa, causing the the two men's identities to be mistaken for over 70 years.

Thoroughgood says when she heard her uncle had been found all those decades later, she was overwhelmed.

"I was ecstatic," she said. "I couldn't believe it because even though I did not ever meet the man, I felt that I knew him."

Thoroughgood says her family remained close with Johnson's widow, and that when Johnson is returned home, he will be buried in Seaford next to his family. Johnson was repatriated in a ceremony in Hawaii. He'll be transported to Delaware when COVID-19 restrictions allow.

Thoroughgood's utmost gratitude is to History Flight and the Seaford community, who are planning a hero's welcome home.

"We are really excited that it's not just us who have cared about him but there's a lot of others who have cared," she explains. "It's small town proud, small town strong."

Scientific Recovery Expert James Murphy works with History Flight and says their work is based on systematic research and field operations. He says the locals on Tarawa have been incredibly

gracious, and they do the best they can to retrieve fallen American servicemembers without disturbing the population.

"It's a huge privilege," he says of his work. "The U.S. is my adopted home so it's a massive privilege for me to be part of this. It really is an interdisciplinary multi-disciplinary team from all sorts of backgrounds [...] and we have lots of veterans working as well with us. So, the passion that they have is contagious and I really am proud to be part of it."

Thoroughgood says History Flight has brought her new connections as well that will last a lifetime, with team members like Murphy planning on attending Johnson's funeral. Thoroughgood says the family wants to bury her uncle on August 15—VJ Day—though she says that's pending COVID-19 restrictions.

Her message to those still waiting for a loved one who lost their lives overseas? Don't give up hope.

"History Flight is looking for all of the MIA's," she says. "Keep the faith."

From http://www.wboc.com/story/42270097/seaford-airman-killed-in-wwii-identified-coming-home-76-years-later?fbclid=IwAR0_RjOd2A48EgFfE5Em2kqVxsQt-fL-hW4uO9dT6lOykB-3JerFO4zI0eJc



1) U.S. Army Air Forces B-24J Bomber pilot Lt. George Johnson was lost on Tarawa on Jan. 21, 1944, and will finally return home this year to Sussex County, Delaware. Johnson was a member of the 38th Bombardment Squadron, 30th Bombardment Group, stationed at Hawkins Field, Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, Gilbert Islands. He is among the men sitting in formation in this photo. 2) Members of the 38th line up for a photo. Johnson is located back row, center. 3) Johnson poses in his aviator's goggles for a family photo. 4) Johnson is pictured here with his wife, Lucille Butler.

NMCB 5 AT WORK ON POHNPEI

EXTERNAL REPORT

Compiled by Jessica Dambruch

U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 continued work in the Indo-Pacific region last week on Pohnpei with projects to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and honor citizens from the Federated States of Micronesia who fell in service to the U.S. Military.

NMCB 5 completed new frames and ordered photos to honor 10 FSM service-members for a memorial site at Pohnpei State International Airport.

An unveiling and wreath-laying took place at the new memorial site during a recent memorial ceremony. The memorial photos were funded by the 30th Naval Construction Regiment.

Members of NMCB 5 also completed the final sets of shower and restroom facilities for the Pohnpei State COVID-19 quarantine site at Misko Beach in Kolonia. The Seabees designed and constructed eight portable shower and restroom facilities to meet Pohnpei State Department of Health standards for COVID-19 response. U.S. Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia Carmen G. Cantor attended an official handover ceremony with personnel from the Pohnpei Government and Pohnpei Port Authority.

Following the event, Pohnpei State Governor Reed Oliver hosted an appreciation ceremony to thank the Seabees for their work on the quarantine facilities as well as other assigned taskings at Nan U dispensary, Pehleng Elementary School and Sokehs Pah Elementary School.

1-2) Members of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 join personnel from the Pohnpei government and U.S. State Department for the unveiling of a memorial site at the Pohnpei State Airport. 3) U.S. Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia Carmen G. Cantor, left, Pohnpei Governor Reed Oliver, right, and a member of NMCB 5 conduct the official turnover ceremony for the new Pohnpei hygiene facilities at Misko Beach to assist with preventing the spread of COVID-19.



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1) Kwajalein diver Todd Emmons leads a talk June 10 at the monthly Kwajalein Scuba Club meeting. Emmons, who worked for six years professionally as a dive guide in Chuuk, talked at length about the effects of nitrogen and oxygen on divers' bodies and methods to continue diving safely and smartly in waters of Kwajalein Atoll. 2) Kwajalein Hospital Senior Administrator Steven Kass, left, discusses COVID-19 quarantine preparation with LOGCAP Project Manager Rick Ellis and Director of Operations Patrick Dobson. 3) San Juan employees work on the renovation of an island warehouse earlier this week. 4) USAG-KA Child and Youth Services Summer Camp participants practice softball skills. Pictured here, CYS Sports Lead Sam Partain assists Sofia Sadowski. 5) Brad Wamsley practices his home run skills all the way to home.

STANDARDIZING QUARTERS RAISES EMOTIONS



PHOTO BY LOREN LINBORG

Lead electrician Keith Stephen, center, and electricians Bobby Loeak, left, and Tan Kabinmeto work on an electrical system during refurbishing of quarters 227-A. Behind them are the remnants of an enclosed patio removed as part of the standardization.

By KW Hillis, associate editor

One by one, on a schedule set three years ago, an island housing unit is emptied of occupants, gutted, rebuilt and completely refitted with appliances and amenities, including a second bathroom. In a matter of just 14 weeks, a completely renovated unit emerges. But, not everyone is happy with the renovation of their quarters.

"You still become attached and put down roots, even though it is base housing," said resident Pat Savage, whose house, quarters 206-A, is scheduled for renovation in October after she and her husband PCS.

"A lot of us did not keep homes state-side; so, we don't think of, say, Massachusetts as home because we don't have a home there."

Kwajalein Operations is three years into an estimated eight-year renovation of Kwajalein's old Navy housing. The project is estimated at \$18 to \$20 million. With a congressional cap of \$116,000 per unit, the military's worldwide focus is standardization of housing which meets Department of Defense quality requirements, said Byron Brown, USAKA acting housing manager.

In addition to central air and new kitchen appliances, each unit receives an additional bath or half bathroom, window blinds, new windows and doors, a larger water heater, interior and exterior paint and a covered lanai patio, among other upgrades.

The move to upgrade units also removes any additional structures added by the tenants over the years. And there's the rub.

"if we were going to be staying, we probably wouldn't be overly happy about losing our lanai," Savage said. "We would have probably cried at losing that."

What quarters 206-A will lose is the enclosed back room used by the Savages as a dining room.

With the addition, we are able to entertain a dozen people, Savage said. Without it, the living and dining area will only accommodate a small group.

Besides losing the addition, a new bathroom will also take away space, and if the Savages were planning to say, they

would have to consider selling some of their furniture.

"We would have had a problem with too much furniture, and I wouldn't have been happy to sell some of my Rosewood," she said.

During their first tour in the late '60s, Savage said 206-A was probably modified, since so many patios were enclosed during that time.

In the '60s and '70s, housing on Kwajalein was critical and families with three or four children were living in very small homes, Brown said. The Army permitted tenants to modify homes by enclosing open patios or adding additional structures to the home.

"Some people even put in electrical fixtures and some added water pipes—any variation you could think of," he said.

Both Brown and Larry Ryan understand that some of the units lose square footage with the addition of a second full or half bathroom or if the unit has attached, enclosed structures, but that standardization is the key to meeting cost requirements and building for the future.

The differences in add-on structures along with electrical and plumbing, which weren't necessarily built under any guidelines or overview, add a significant additional cost in maintenance and cannot be rebuilt under the congressional cost, Ryan said.

When a plumber or electrician responds to a Help Desk call, they don't always have what they need on the truck or have to take time to figure out the circuit breakers or water connections because of the add-on or enclosed structures, he said.

"What we're trying to do is establish long-term maintainability," Brown said.

Rebuilding each set of like units the

same way not only reduces construction and planning costs. It speeds up the process, Ryan said.

"it is like we are building a [Boeing] 767," he said. "We're ordering the material as kits."

Then the workers build each unit the exact same way, gaining expertise and speed as they work, assembly line-fashion, through each identical unit.

"There is a learning curve every time we start a different design, but they become more efficient," he added.

The residents of the units scheduled for refurbishing are notified usually 60 days in advance by letter, although the contract changeover disrupted that process, for a time, Brown said. After the final coat of paint is dry on the finished unit, the residents move back to their quarters unless, in the first move, they were already relocated to suitable, permanent quarters.

During the temporary move, "each family gets an air-conditioned container to put [their belongings] in, which they have access to," Ryan said.

Because the refurbishing process is done in assembly line form with specialized groups working on different units at the same time—plumbers and electricians working on one type of unit while the demolition team starts on another set of housing units—only some accommodations can be made for people who are PCSing, he said.

"If it's possible in the context of the program, we will make accommodation," Ryan said.

They don't necessarily have to make that second move."

Even though the unit next door, 206-B, is just beginning refurbishing, the Savages will be able to stay in their quarters until they PCS. A combination of the number of units in the process, the date that the work is scheduled to begin on a particular unit and the PCS date, are all examined to see if they resident can be accommodated. But there are limits—and six months is way too long, Ryan said.

Along with the disadvantages, Savage said there were advantages to the refurbishing she would enjoy if she planned to stay.

"If I was staying, one of the advantages would be an updated kitchen because I do a lot of cooking," she said. A veteran of frequent moves since both Savages have done contract work for 30 years, she said she understands why housing standardization needs to occur.

"But for those who have never worked or lived on a military base before, their outlook may be different," she added.



PHOTO BY KW HILLIS

Demolition workers Harrick Rehier, Hener Dribon and Reluwe Stephen remove a windowpane as part of the renovation of quarters 228-A.



DOD HAS PEDAL TO THE METAL ON HYPERSONICS

📷 U.S. AIR FORCE PHOTO BY JOSHUA ARMSTRONG

Air Force Cadet 2nd Class Eric Hembling uses a Ludwieg tube, a type of wind tunnel, to measure the pressures, temperatures and flow fields of basic geometric and hypersonic research vehicles at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 31, 2019.

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Jim Garamone
Department of Defense News

Mark J. Lewis, who spoke with Marcus Weisgerber at the Defense One Tech Summit June 17, noted that Russia has announced fielding a hypersonic capability and that China is investing heavily in the technology.

Hypersonic missiles are fast—very fast—and agile in a way that ballistic missiles or cruise missiles are not. He said the U.S. goal is to have the technology fielded at scale by the mid-2020s.

The Defense Department has one main effort by the services, and DOD agencies have parts because hypersonics is more than just one thing, said Lewis, who holds a doctorate in aeronautics and astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. “The Army and the Navy both have very active programs as well looking at ways to develop this technology,” he said. “Our key here is we want to deliver hypersonics at scale; and by that, I mean we want to go beyond the prototypes.”

That means bridging the proverbial “valley of death” between a research effort and a funded and viable service program that leads to a capability, he explained.

“We all have this firm, fixed goal of delivering capability,” Lewis said. “These are no longer science projects, are no longer things that are being confined to the lab. So, with that mindset, across the range of activities that we’re involved in, I think we’re making headway in bridging that valley.”

He noted that the Air Force is working with the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency on the Arrow program. Scientists in both organizations are working closely together and solving problems together and sharing information.

At one time, the United States had the lead in hypersonic research. He noted the Air Force X-51 program, which last flew in 2013 and then was discontinued. It was a different world then, Lewis said, and the decision at the time was to not invest in the technology.

“I think now we have leadership at all levels of the Pentagon—but coming from the front office—recognizing the importance of this technology, and realizing we need to put our foot on the proverbial gas,” he said. “That’s certainly what’s driving this.”

What was once a walk in the park has become a race with near-peer competitors, Lewis said. “We kind of did the homework for the rest of the world,” he said.

U.S. researchers did the original work on hypersonics and early development. “And then, because we took our foot off the gas, other people were able to pick up on what we had done and build on our successes,” he said.

Those nations—Russia and China most obviously—recognized the importance of the technology and began their own programs.

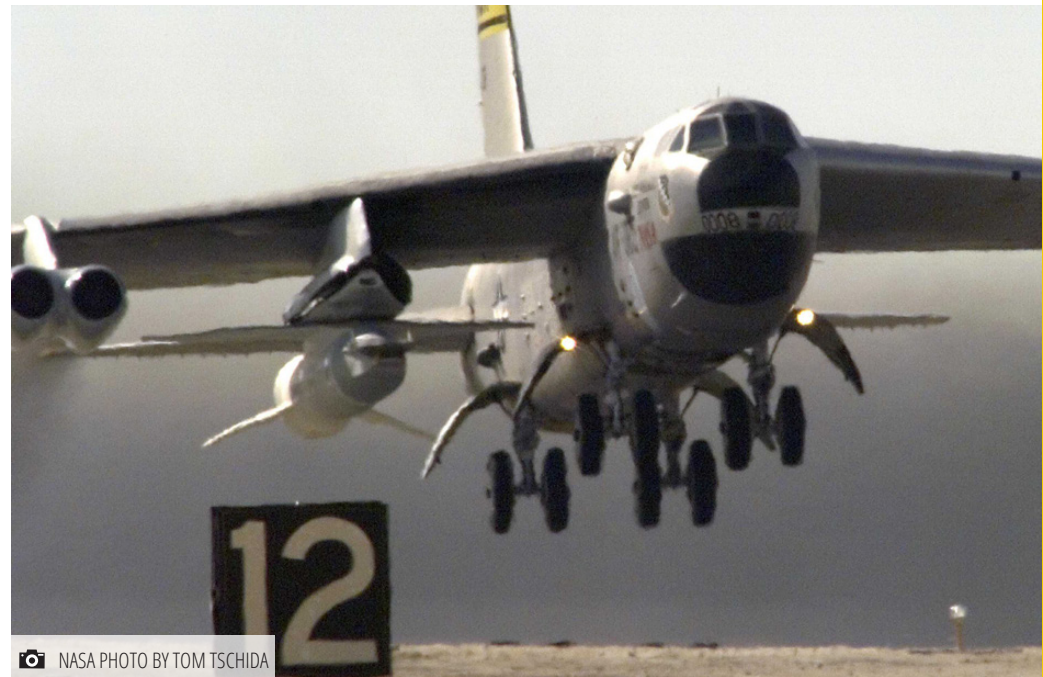
Now, the United States must not only build an offensive capability, but also must handle the defensive portion, Lew-

is said. “The defensive part is absolutely critical as we go forward,” he added. “If I’m going to defend against hypersonic systems, there are a couple of key things that I need to do. The very first thing I need to do is to be able to detect a hypersonic weapon flying at me and respond quickly enough.”

DOD—via the Space Development Agency — is investing in this capability.

Once detected, there must be a response. “Let me not get into specific weapon systems, but I can say that depending on the hypersonic weapon ... they each have their own responses,” he said. “It is very difficult to stop a hypersonic weapon. That’s why we want to pursue them. That’s why our peer competitors are pursuing them. But it’s not impossible.”

Some existing technologies may be used, he said, as may some technologies in development. “So, there are answers, there are solutions, but it’s definitely an area that we see a need for increased effort,” he said.



A common hypersonic glide body launches from Pacific Missile Range Facility, Kauai, Hawaii, during a Defense Department flight experiment, March 19, 2020. The Navy and the Army jointly executed the launch of the C-HGB, which flew at hypersonic speed to a designated point of impact. The Missile Defense Agency monitored and gathered tracking data from the experimental flight that will inform its ongoing development of systems designed to defend against adversaries’ hypersonic weapons.

DOD IDENTIFIES FIELD-USE COVID-19 DECONTAMINANT

EXTERNAL REPORT

By army.mil

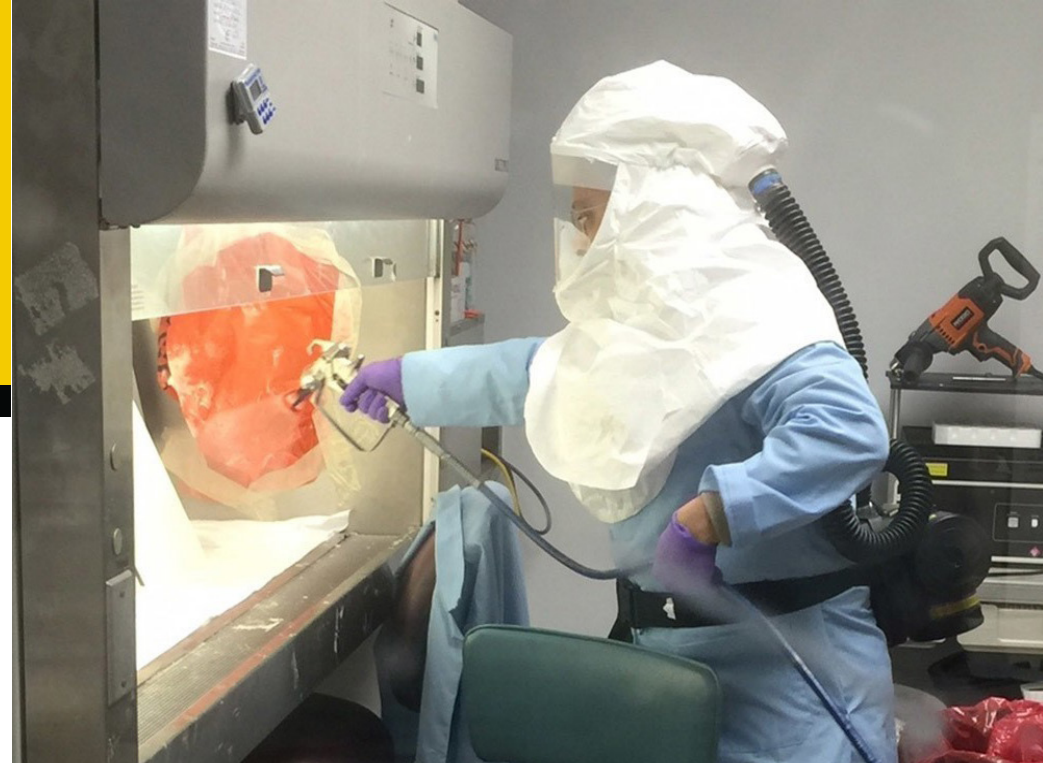
Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland—A chemical and biological decontamination solution improved through testing and evaluation by the Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center has been identified by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency as an effective COVID-19 disinfectant.

Center researchers have been working with Atomes, F.D., a company located in Quebec City, Canada, for more than two years. The Center provided testing and quality assurance to determine the general chemical and biological disinfecting effectiveness of their product, Bioxy. After conducting a literature review to examine disinfection options against COVID-19, DTRA identified Bioxy for use as an effective in-the-field disinfectant against COVID-19 and other viruses, according to Vipin Rastogi, Ph.D., a senior research biologist at the Center.

Rastogi and his group have been testing the effectiveness of Bioxy since the beginning of the Center's relationship with the company, which led to the DTRA-funded literature review. "Originally, the company had no idea whether it would be effective against chemical or biological agents. They were marketing it as a sanitizer and disinfectant for medical and veterinary clinics," he said. "Our work with the company was a partnership in which we performed detailed effectiveness testing against chemical and biological agents. We were able to provide Atomes with very specific advice on how to fine tune the product so that it could provide optimal protection to warfighters and the public against a broad range biological agents, spores and viruses."

The Center research group, led by Rastogi, determined that Bioxy works well against a wide range of chemical and biological agents, as well as the family of viruses which includes the pox virus, Feline calici virus and the Ebola virus. His team performed its testing using the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Guidelines for the Testing of Chemicals. It is an international regulatory method for determining the efficacy of antimicrobial chemicals against spores, cells and viruses. The method is used by the 37 OECD member nations as well as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, much of industry and many independent laboratories.

"We place 10 microliters of live agent on a glass or steel test surface called a coupon, dry the agent for 45 to 60 minutes, place 50 microliters of Bioxy solution on top of that, then after a 10-minute contact period, add a neutralizer to inactivate the active components of test solution in a vial," Rastogi explained. "The vial contents are vigorously mixed to retrieve the viable virus particles remaining off the test surface. We then perform a count of the viable or-



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JACK BUNJA

A Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center researcher sprays Bioxy on contaminated panels to test its effectiveness.

ganisms remaining." The effectiveness of the disinfectant is determined by the percentage of change in the number of viable organisms in control coupons compared to those remaining on test coupons.

Chlorine bleach has long been known to be an extremely effective disinfectant; but it is highly corrosive, making it unsuited for disinfecting the sensitive electronic equipment found in military vehicles. Peroxide-based disinfectants such as Bioxy achieve a high level of effectiveness without being caustic. "The active ingredients in Bioxy break the molecular bonds in the virus," said Rastogi. "Chemical bonds underlying the lipid virus envelope are what give the virus particle its structural integrity, so breaking them renders the virus particle nonfunctional. The active components may also destroy or break down bonds within the DNA or RNA that enables it to reproduce."

A Powder, Not a Liquid

"Both variants of Bioxy tested, Bioxy H and Bioxy Enviro, provide many practical advantages to its military users because they are powders, and not liquids," Rastogi said. "Bioxy, marketed as a powder, has three advantages. It's not corrosive. You can ship it without any fire hazard precautions, and when you need it, you mix it with water and you have a ready-made decontaminant." It works by generating peroxide when mixed with water.

While Bioxy still requires water to activate the peroxide, the amount of water needed is far less than the hundreds of gallons typically used by decontamination trucks. "We conducted a limited scale study where we tested a 5 percent solution," Rastogi said. "If you want to translate that to ratios, 5 percent means five parts powder, 95 parts water. But if that much water is not available, you could make a 10 to 25 percent solution."

Using Bioxy at these higher concentrations decontaminates the biological agent with no adverse effects on the Soldier. "It is safe for the skin and is biodegradable," Rastogi said. "It decomposes to innocuous end products, oxygen and water."

It is also inexpensive and commercially available for application to warfighters'

personal protective equipment, vehicles, and any other potentially contaminated materials in the field with far less logistical burden than hauling large quantities of water-based decontaminants.

Program Pays Dividends

The relationship between the CCDC Chemical Biological Center and Atomes, F.D. is the product of the Foreign Technology and Science Assessment Support Program, known as FTAS, which is funded by the Office of the Secretary of Defense. It provides seed funding for scientists to perform initial research, technology assessments and test and evaluation studies on promising defense technologies developed in other nations. Participating U.S. Army organizations, such as the Center, select foreign technology initiatives on a competitive basis. Army researchers seeking an FTAS grant submit a proposal which is evaluated by a panel of Army experts, and winning applicants are funded for one year to provide proof their technology's effectiveness in meeting an Army need.

"Had we not formed this relationship with Atomes, DTRA would have never known about Bioxy and what a valuable broad-spectrum disinfectant it is for biological agents," said Rastogi. "It is very satisfying to know that because of this work, the warfighter and the public have an inexpensive, non-corrosive environmentally safe and highly effective technology in hand."

"The Center's use of the FTAS program to contribute to the development of a new technology as useful as Bioxy is a prime example of innovation in action," said Eric Moore, Ph.D., director of the Chemical Biological Center. "Good ideas are where you find them, and we are glad we pursued this one – doubly so because it turns out that it is proving itself to be an answer to a brand-new threat."

DTRA is now funding Rastogi and his team to test the effectiveness of a number of other commercially available disinfectants to destroy the COVID-19 coronavirus using the OECD method.



JORDAN VINSON

Where are you from?

I'm from Indiana. Except for one year in Spain, I lived there for a straight 28 years.

How long have you been on Kwaj?

I've lived on Kwajalein since October 2013.

What special power do you have? My superpower is being the most average person to have ever lived. If I were a car, I'd be a 1985 Toyota Corolla.

What's the best part about living/working on Kwaj?

Being from the Midwest, sailing and diving are a part of my life I never thought I'd be able to take for granted.

What's the worst part about living/working on Kwaj?

Life is easy here and can make you soft. It's probably not healthy to stay for longer than five years at a time. I guess I'm a goner.

What's your favorite type of music?

The kind that came out of the 1970s and 1980s.

What's your favorite kind of pizza?

Any pizza made by Tim Roberge.

Who's your favorite AFN personality and why?

Dr. Love, followed closely by Alberto "Billy the Intern" Pandya.

If money were no option, what would you buy and why?

Is this free money I receive and get to spend, or is this my money and I don't care what I spend it on? If it's the former: 10,000 shares of Boeing Co. stock. If it's the latter: a Black-Magic Ursa Mini 4.6K G2 camera with a Canon 18-80mm CN-E lens.

Complete this sentence: You can lead a horse to water but You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it talk like Mister Ed.



ALBERTO PANDYA

Where are you from?

Originally from my mom, but I moved to Dallas about nine months later.

How long have you been on Kwaj?

About two and a half years or roughly 21,900 hours, all of which I count.

What special power do you have?

I can solve a Rubik's Cube in about a minute. I can also sleep for 10 hours nonstop, and I would be happy to demonstrate this for you.

What's the best part about living and working on Kwaj?

The best part about living and working on Kwaj is exactly that: You live and work all on Kwaj.

What's the worst part about living on Kwaj?

The worst part about living and working on Kwaj is exactly that: You live and work all on Kwaj.

Where do you hope to be and what do you hope to be doing in five years?

I hope to contract the Benjamin Button disease and be 23 years old again. As a bonus, I would get to play Benjamin Button in "Benjamin Button 2: Judgment Day."

What's your favorite type of music?

I know it sounds like a cliché, but literally anything. However, I can tell you right now I am one of the few on island who appreciates house music. That's right, reader. Those radio blocks with the monotonous 115-130 bpm songs? That's all me.

What's your favorite kind of pizza?

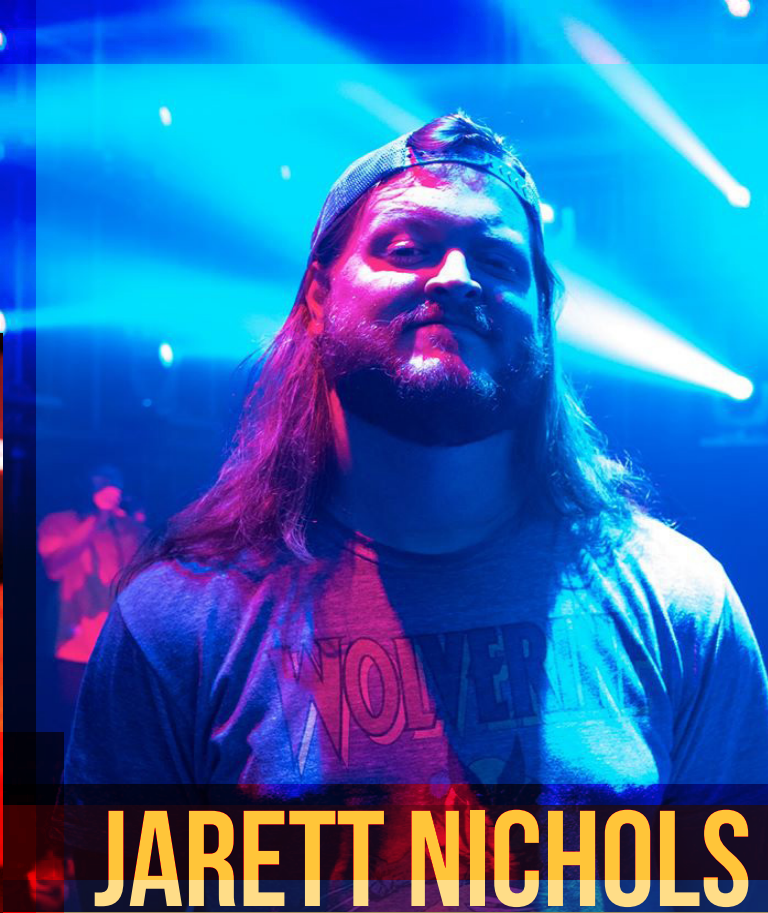
My favorite type of pizza is the kind that is free. If it's not free, the garlic dipping sauce is be.

Who's your favorite AFN personality and why?

My 2019 AFN spot character, Germ Man. We need to blame someone for all these germs.

If money were no option, what would you buy and why? I would Scrooge McDuck-dive into it headfirst, and I would then use it all to pay my medical bills for the injuries I obtained.

Complete this sentence: You can lead a horse to water but Why would you do that when you could do literally anything else with your time?



JARETT NICHOLS



RANDY HISLE

Where are you from?
Mississippi

How long have you been on Kwaj?
I've lived here two and a half years. I began work with Dyn-Corp International in 2018.

What special power do you have?
I have more useless knowledge about Marvel comics than the average man.

What's the best part about living and working on Kwaj?
The flexibility of my job. We started the "Kwaj Current" TV show from scratch. So, we have been able to make it our own.

What's the worst part about living and working on Kwaj?
I just want to eat at a restaurant with my friends.

Where do you hope to be or what do you hope to be doing in five years?
I just hope to be fortunate enough to still be in my career field making something I enjoy.

What's your favorite type of music?
I'm not good with favorites. My taste tends to change a lot. I've been listening to funk for a while, but I also like classic rock, hip-hop, and pop—just not country music.

What's your favorite type of pizza?
While I lived in Biloxi, Mississippi there was a place called Zeppelin's (like Led Zeppelin). One of their specialty pizzas was the Exodus. It was a traditional sauce, jerk chicken, pineapple (yes, I am that person) pizza, with dried cranberries, jalapenos and mozzarella, topped with Caribbean jerk sauce. Unfortunately, last I heard the place shut down. Now I want that pizza.

Who's your favorite AFN personality and why?
Do I get to choose from our characters? I really liked the Ginger cookie hoarder we did.

If money were no option, what would you buy and why? The best of all the video equipment I want and need. I enjoy what I do, and sometimes we just have to work with what we have. I like the challenge of that but always being able to have what I need handy sounds wonderful.

Complete this sentence: You can lead a horse to water but You can lead a horse to water, but that doesn't mean I'll have something creative to say when we get there.

Where are you from? A small town in Ohio famous for the first recycling plant.

How long have you been on Kwaj?
Almost one year.

What special power do you have? I have a unique ability to fix technical problems in a single bound, and I also have an almost photographic memory when it comes to cable interconnections.

What's the best part about living and working on Kwaj?
It's a beautiful tropical island, and I am doing what I love. So, pretty much everything is good times.

What's the worst part about living and working on Kwaj?
I miss the variety of restaurants a little, but then I dive with turtles and think, 'So what.'

Where do you hope to be or what do you hope to be doing in five years? I hope to be right here on Kwaj helping to make this place even better!

What's your favorite type of music? I mostly listen to 50's, 60's and 70's rock, but I am a sucker for a ballad.

What's your favorite kind of pizza? Anything but pineapple. I mean, I know people like pineapple on pizza, but it just ain't right.

Who's your favorite AFN personality and why? Nationally, Dr. Love, of course, and locally, Alberto "Billy the Intern" Pandya.

If money were no option, what would you buy and why? I would buy my own island and build an awesome ham shack on it.

Complete this sentence: You can lead a horse to water but You can lead a horse to water but anything else on this island takes about 30 days.



CYS JULY 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):

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 in the on the right.

June 30 - July 3 - Party in the USA

July 7 - July 11 - Go Green

July 14 - July 18 - Get Fit

July 21 - July 25 - Camp Spotlight

July 28 - August 1 - Around the World

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

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

Namo Weto Youth Center

MIT Summer Institute - July 7 - August 2, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays, 1 - 6 p.m.

Flag Football Tuesdays - 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.

Water Wednesdays - 1 p.m.

- **July 1** - Stand-Up Paddling
- **July 8** - Glass Bottle Beach
- **July 15** - Northpoint Float
- **July 22** - Tide Pool Hopping
- **July 29** - Kwaj Kayaking

Ted Talks Thursdays - 4 p.m.

- **July 2** - How Boredom can Lead to Your Most Brilliant Ideas
- **July 9** - Inside the Mind of a Master Procrastinator
- **July 16** - Grit: Power of Perseverance
- **July 23** - Weird, or Just Different?
- **July 30** - A Life Lesson from a Volunteer Firefighter

Thursdays - Trivia - 7 p.m.

Summer Smoothies Fridays - 3 p.m.

Fridays - Yoga - 7 p.m.

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

Sundays - Zumba - 6 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 3 - Burger-Eating Contest - 4 p.m.

July 3 - Night Snorkeling - 6:45 p.m.

July 10 - Yoga - 7 p.m.

July 30 - Bob Ross Painting Night - 7 p.m.

July 31 - Yoga - 7 p.m.

SPORTS

League Bowling - Saturdays, 3 - 4 p.m., through August 15.

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

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

MOVIES AT 7 P.M.

June 28 - Percy Jackson

Teachers' Note

Parent Advisory Board Open House - Please come and get information on upcoming events and to register for activities on Saturday July 11 all day in Central Registration. 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

Join CYS for Summer Camp. 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.

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.

All CYS facilities will be closed July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

COURTESY OF USAG-KA CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES

LEFT: Kennedi Gaskins, center, participates in the Mad Scientists week of USAG-KA Child and Youth Services Summer Camp. For more information or to enroll your child, contact Central Registration at 5-2158.



BUSTING PTSD MYTHS

Fact: While not everyone who experiences trauma will develop Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, it is a common invisible wound.



1 in 5

active duty service members show signs of a psychological health concern



7 to 8%

of people will experience PTSD at some point in their lives



10 to 14%

of service members who served in Iraq and/or Afghanistan have developed PTSD

5 MYTHS & FACTS ABOUT PTSD

Seeking help is a sign of strength, but the myths about PTSD can discourage service members from taking the first step.

MYTH: PTSD is always combat-related

FACT:

PTSD can be caused by many types of traumatic experiences like house fires, car accidents and sexual assaults.

MYTH: Service members with PTSD all have the same symptoms

FACT:

Everybody experiences PTSD differently. Symptoms vary in intensity and can include nightmares, flashbacks and trouble concentrating.

MYTH: Only service members experience PTSD

FACT:

Anyone who faces a traumatic event can develop PTSD. It can affect people of any age, gender, race or income level.

MYTH: Service members can never recover from PTSD

FACT:

PTSD is treatable and getting help early can significantly improve your symptoms. PTSD can recur, but treatment can make you feel in control and give you tools to cope.



MYTH: Getting help for PTSD will hurt my ability to get or maintain a security clearance

FACT:

Most service members who seek help from a psychological health professional are able to get or maintain a clearance.

SEEK CARE

PTSD symptoms may not appear until months or years later¹. If you have gone through trauma and are experiencing anger, trouble sleeping, nightmares, intrusive memories, sadness or other concerns, seek care as these may be signs of PTSD. Contact a health care provider to assess your symptoms and discuss treatment options.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Psychological Health Resource Center

Call/Chat with a health resource consultant 24/7 at 866-966-1020

Military Crisis Line

Call 800-273-8255 and press 1, or chat online at veteranscrisisline.net/get-help/chat for confidential help

National Center for PTSD

Visit ptsd.va.gov for PTSD treatment and care options

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¹ https://www.ptsd.va.gov/understand/what/ptsd_basics.asp



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.](#)



MOVIES

All movies begin at 7:30 p.m.

KWAJ YUK THEATER

Saturday, June 27
"Frozen 2"
(PG) 104 min.

Sunday, June 28
"Bloodshot"
(PG-13) 110 min.

Monday, June 29
"Fireproof"
(PG) 78 min.

Saturday, July 4
"Sonic the Hedgehog"
(PG) 110 min.

Sunday, July 5
"Fantasy Island"
(PG-13) 109 min.

Monday, July 6
"The Good Liar"
(PG) 110 min.

ROI TRADEWINDS THEATER

Saturday, June 27
"Bad Boys for Life"
(R) 124 min.

Sunday, June 28
"Stuber" (R) 94 min.

Saturday, July 4
"Frozen 2"
(PG) 104 min.

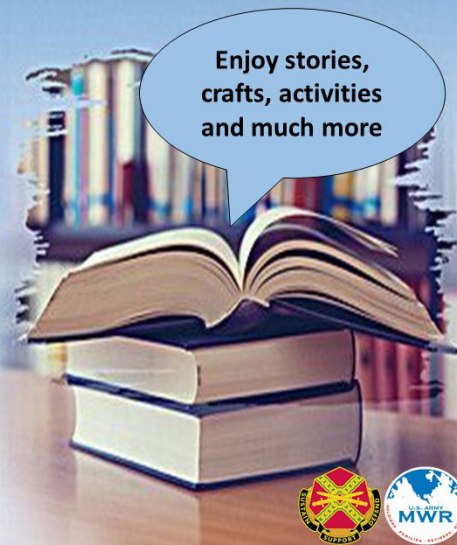
Sunday, July 5
"Bloodshot"
(PG-13) 110 min.

MWR LIBRARY All-Stars

2020 Summer Reading Program
through 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.



19th Annual Roi Namur Coconut Cup Race



Sunday, July 12, at the Surf Shack
Registration begins at noon
Race time at 2:30 p.m.
Find your coconut and bring to the
Outrigger to paint beginning 8 July

Social Distancing is in Effect – Enjoy this event safely



LADIES NIGHT OUT



WINE FLIGHT AND JAZZ
SALSA & MARGARITAS
THROW BACK THURSDAY 80S AND 90S
HEELS & COCKTAILS



OCEAN VIEW CLUB
THURSDAYS 7-9 P.M.



U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Fourth of July Beach Bash

Saturday, July 4 at Emon Beach from 4-9 p.m.

Come celebrate with us and enjoy fun 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."

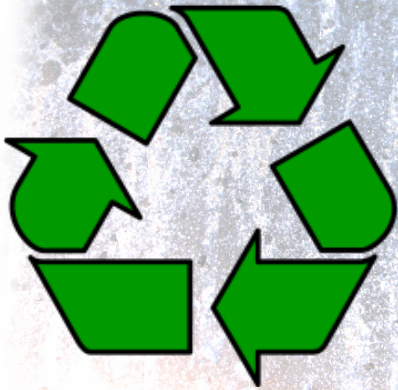
2) Find and select the "Channel Scan" option in your TV's menu. This option is sometimes labeled "Rescan," "Tune," or "Auto-tune." If you can't find the "Channel Scan" option, dig through the TV's "Settings," "Tools," "Channels" or "Options" menu. On some TVs, you have to press the "Input" button and 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

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY DISPOSAL

Any household waste that cannot be incinerated must be disposed of separately. These include the following:

Alkaline Batteries: Disposed in household trash

Non-Alkaline Batteries (lithium and nickel): Self-Help or AAFES Collection Points

Rechargeable Battery Packs: Separate on the Curb or deliver to Self-Help.

Lead-Acid Batteries: Separate on the Curb or call 5-8858 for Hazardous Waste pickup and **call 5-3867 with questions.**

Jabdreuwot kobij ko ilo imoko im rejjab maron in itibdrikdrik ak bwil rej aikuj in jenolok nan julok. Solid waste ekoba battery ko; Kejenolok E-waste nan non-alkaline. Self Help ej ijo Hazardous Waste ej etal nan e ak call 5-8858 nan iwoj im buki ko, im ko aerlokwtot. Non-Alkaline Battery ko remaron in etal nan Self-Help ak AAFES Collection Point ko.

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





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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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incom.army.mil/isalute/

TARP

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.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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

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 Tarah Yurovchak at 5-2011.

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 July 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Recreation Center.

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.

The Kwajalein Art Guild Annual Craft and Crawl will take place June 29.

Live music Saturday, July 4 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Emon Beach. Groove to the cool sounds of the Mon la Mike Band at the MWR Beach

Bash.

Ivey Gym will be closing on July 7 at 8 a.m. for maintenance and painting. The gym will reopen July 10 at 8 a.m.

Summer Hours for George Seitz Elementary School are 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday through July 11. Contact the George Seitz Elementary School Office at 5-3601 and the Kwajalein Jr.-Sr. High School Office at 5-2011. Contact the Kwajalein School System principals at daviss@kwajalein-school.com or yurovcht@kwajalein-school.com. Contact Registrar Anne Dowell at dowella@kwajalein-school.com. School offices will be closed beginning July 12 until a week prior to the beginning of the school year. After July 12, please contact Mary Beth Taylor at mary.taylor@dyn-intl.com with KSS questions.

Holmberg Fairways Golf Course will be closed from July 7 through 14 for tree trimming and course maintenance.

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.

The **Adult Pool** is now open for swimming. Thank you for your patience as we worked to perform maintenance at the pool. **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 none-



SHARP

SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE & PREVENTION

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

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

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

DOD SAFE Helpline:
877 995 5247

mergency 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 up-keep projects.

Power Walk Ex Class. Stand strong, move forward and get to stepping with Power Walk Ex Class. The class meets Thursday and Saturday from 6-7 a.m. Walk will begin and end at the Ivey Gym. All MWR fitness classes require a wellness class pass. For more information and to purchase your pass, visit the MWR desk at the Grace Sherwood Library or call 5-3331.

The **Vet's Hall** is restricted to members only until further notice. Those coming to the Vets Hall must have a current American Legion membership card indicating they are a member of Post #44. Spouses/significant others/immediate family are welcome to come to the Hall with their member. Social distancing guidelines are to be observed at all times while at the Vets Hall. This is a temporary restriction in light of COVID-19 concerns. Questions? Contact Dan Farnham at 5-5319.

In need of **Vet services** for your pet until our Vet Tech returns? Contact Dr. Jill for veterinarian telemedicine consultations at anykinepetvet@gmail.com. Appointments are Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. via Zoom or Google Meet. Please allow 24 to 48 hours for a response and appointment date. Fees are paid directly to Dr. Jill for a 20-minute video consultation for \$75. For more information, visit <http://paypal.me/anykinepetvet>.

Purchase a Home-Based Business License through USAG-KA FMWR. 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.mitchell4.naf@mail.mil with questions or ask online at <https://www.facebook.com/usagkafmwr/> for more information.

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.

KWAJALEIN ART GUILD CRAFT CRAWL

Monday, June 29

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Kwajalein Art Annex

Join the KAG at the annual Craft crawl. The event begins at the Kwajalein Art Annex. Together, participants will "crawl" by bike, walking, scooter or whatever form of transport they choose to different locations to check out island vendors. The Art Annex will provide a map of locations and vendors, instructions and sell raffle tickets for items donated by our creative vendors. Social distancing will be observed. All are welcome to attend.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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: Though this past week has seemed wetter, it is still about average accumulation for this time of year. So far in June, we have only received 61 percent of normal precipitation. May and June are typically transition months between the dry and wet seasons. Monthly precipitation accumulation will shift to about 10 inches in July, marking start of the wet season which last into November. Based on climate averages from over three decades, peak rains usually occur in October. Annual variation is typically driven by El Niño and La Niña. The Pacific region is El Niño-Southern Oscillation—ENSO—neutral at this point, with some forecasts going into a weak La Niña state end of the year. As a result, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NOAA’s Pacific ENSO Application Center anticipates near-average precipitation in the Marshall Islands for next three months.

SATURDAY: Partly sunny with isolated evening showers (10 percent coverage). Winds easterly at five to 10 knots.

SUNDAY: Partly to mostly sunny with widely scattered showers (20 percent coverage). Winds ENE-ESE at 10-15 knots.

MONDAY: Partly to mostly sunny with isolated showers (10 percent coverage), shower coverage increasing overnight. Winds E-ENE at 10-15 knots.

MID-WEEK: Frequency of showers increasing somewhat amounting to average precipitation and trend for trade winds to decrease.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:33 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	12:39 p.m. 12:19 a.m.	9:17 a.m. 3.6' 10:21 p.m. 3.0'	2:53 a.m. 0.9' 3:58 p.m. 0.6'
MONDAY	6:34 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	1:32 p.m. 1:05 a.m.	10:34 a.m. 3.3' 11:42 p.m. 3.2'	4:17 a.m. 1.1' 5:09 p.m. 0.6'
TUESDAY	6:34 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	2:26 p.m. 1:51 a.m.	11:58 a.m. 3.1' -----	5:53 a.m. 1.0' 6:20 p.m. 0.6'
WEDNESDAY	6:34 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	3:22 p.m. 2:38 a.m.	12:54 a.m. 3.6' 1:15 p.m. 3.1'	7:17 a.m. 0.8' 7:21 p.m. 0.4'
THURSDAY	6:34 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	4:19 p.m. 3:28 a.m.	1:53 a.m. 4.0' 2:17 p.m. 3.2'	8:21 a.m. 0.4' 8:14 p.m. 0.2'
FRIDAY	6:35 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	5:18 p.m. 4:20 a.m.	2:43 a.m. 4.3' 3:10 p.m. 3.3'	9:14 a.m. 0.0' 9:01 p.m. 0.1'
JULY 4	6:35 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	6:18 p.m. 5:16 a.m.	3:27 a.m. 4.5' 3:55 p.m. 3.4'	9:59 a.m. -0.2' 9:44 p.m. -0.1'



Click the logo to visit
RTS Weather online.

Did You Know?

Coconut palm trees on Kwajalein take root and grow on their own without much help. However, if you are cultivating your own coconut palm, or taking care of a newly-sprouted tree you found in an island vegetation staging area, there are a few tips you can follow to grow a healthy tree.

Coconut palms need water and sun like other plants. They enjoy full sun and do not do well in cold climes. However, watering a palm tree too much can actually kill a coconut palm.

Palm trees enjoy sandy soil with good drainage. If you plant a coconut, water it every few days immediately after planting. After a year, you will only need to water the tree during very dry periods. Ensure that the soil does not get too soggy during that first year, and chances are good that you will have a strong coconut tree.



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:

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 ikijeē 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 jīmōr 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 naetaer jīmōr (EA/OEA), ilo aer kar ejaaki enwōt an kemlet ilo kakien eo naetan 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 nān 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 ikijeē loori kakien ko an NEPA iumin (32 CFR Möttan 775); ekoba karōk eo jen FAA nōmba 1050.1F, ikijeē Jekjek ko rejelet Pelaok Ko Pelaokid: Karōk im Būñten Ko; ekoba Executive Order 12114 ikijeē – 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 naetaer jīmōr Final EA/OEA rej jīmōr etale im ekatok kin Kein Tarinae eo Keteloke Imejatoto Ilo Idrin naetan 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 ketelkoke jen imejatoto, kejoē im ketelkoke itulōñ in lometo eo, ilo an kein ketelkōk in naaj wōtlok lok ilojet ak ilo malo eo iloan jikin eo rej naetan 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 naetan ARRW ilo ien kōmmālmele ak test series 1 ion jikin eo PMSR, injin ak solid rocket motor eo an kein ketelkōk in enaaj urur im kōmmān an kein ketelkōk 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 naetan 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 ketelkōk in enaaj urur im kelok im ARRW in ketelkōke 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 jēblok 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 nān keteloke ARRW ilo test series 1 im ARRW ilo test series 2 ilo kōmmālmele an kelok, ej nān kwalok an jērbal im aini kapeel im melele ko jen kein ketelkōk in an raan kein im jērbal kein ekoba kōmmān bwe en maroñ in emman an jērbal kein ketelkōk in imejatoto ilo ien eo rej ketelkoke ARRW in ilo an kelok imejatoto. USAF LCMC eo ej bareinwōt lemnake elafe 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 naetaer Final EA/OEA bwe aolep makitkit ko rej uwaan lok Makitkit ko Elmakwōt in Kōmmāni ak Proposed Action rej kotmēne 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 naetan Draft Finding of No Significant Impact ak (FONSI) bwe kio emōj aer weppen etale im ripoot kein jīmōr nān an aolep armej lali im lemnak kaki, im an ajedēd melele kein kaki ej ioklok wōt jeijo jikin ko ekkar nān laa-jrak in ajej in rej naetan Distribution A im rej bed ilo jikin in www.arrwea.govsupport.us ekoba ilo jikin kein jet:

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(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 nān Comments@ARRW-EA.com ak

(2) Melele ko jilkinitok ilo Mail, ren kokalle ak postmarked eliktata ilo July

5, 2020, nān: 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

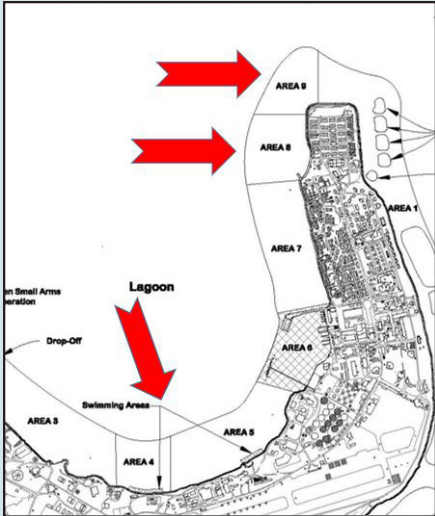
of what is shared on social media, and avoid sending work-related related emails to commercial addresses. (i.e. @yahoo.com)

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.

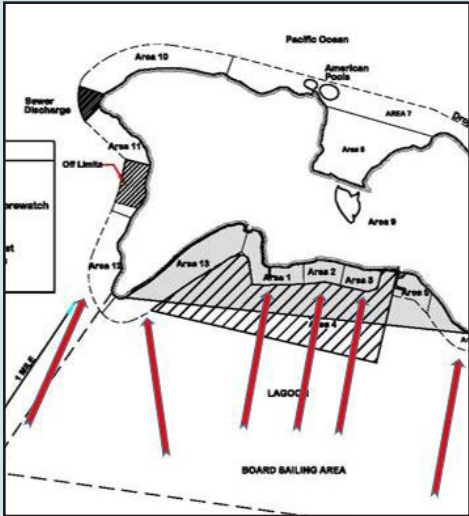
SWIM SAFELY THIS SUMMER

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) bokitun ak kein kabokkolok eo ien eo emokajata 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.



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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.