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JESSICA DAMBRUCH
MIT LL OUTREACH PROJECT TO PAIR TRAINING WITH COVID-19 PREVENTION

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Sometimes an unexpected turn of events presents an occasion to do good.

On Aug. 13, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory donated sewing equipment and materials to Ebeye residents to make COVID-19 prevention facemasks. The donation is the first step in a program designed to equip seamstresses with vocational training opportunities while promoting health on Ebeye.

MIT’s non-governmental funding for similar projects has helped Kwajalein-based technical advisors launch local outreach and training opportunities. Programs include the recent Beaver Works Summer Institute, astronomy nights with Dr. Sarah Willis and underwater data logging buoys that monitor the reef-state with Army Regulation 360-1.

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Hopefully, the MIT internship will make a comeback in the future. In the meantime, the sewing effort on Ebeye will have a timely, positive impact. Keep an eye out in the coming months for more information about the Ebeye mask-making efforts, with Army Regulation 360-1.

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"The telephone is one of the safest appliances in your home or office. There are, however, a few situations where a telephone user needs to be cautious."

**Use of the Telephone Near Water**

The telephone should not be used while you are in the bathtub, shower or pool. Immersion of the telephone or handset in water could cause an electrical shock.

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You should avoid using a telephone during an electrical storm in your immediate area. Calls of a non-urgent nature should be brief. Although protective measures to limit abnormal electrical surges from entering your quarters are used in some locations, absolute protection is impossible. There is a risk of a dangerous electrical shock from lightning when using the telephone during a nearby electrical storm.

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**THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS**

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The effects of COVID-19 are far-reaching and impact economic outlooks as well as health and social customs. As part of the effort to mitigate these challenges, the United States has continued to invest in the people of Indo-Pacific communities to promote peace, economic growth and to continue longstanding, mutually beneficial and peaceful partnerships.

U.S. Ambassador to Fiji Joseph Cella and Fiji’s Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Yogesh Karan signed an agreement Aug. 10 allowing the U.S. to provide funding for security and defense training to Fijians. The Defense Cooperation Agreement is effective immediately and allocates $1.75 million in training and equipment to support Fijian peacekeeping, as well as $4 million to fund Fijian naval training and patrol boats.

“It was an honor signing the Defense Cooperation Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Fiji with Mr. Karan,” Cella said. “This was the first formal signing of such an agreement between the U.S. and Fiji since 1986 and reflects our shared bedrock principles in our respective founding documents of our nations.”

Cella also said the agreement is indicative of the continued, peaceful partnership between the countries, as well as the 75 years of peace between them since WWII.

“Twas a uniquely auspicious occasion in that it occurs during the 50th anniversary of Fiji’s independence which we are looking forward to celebrating with all of the citizens of Fiji in the coming weeks,” said Cella.

Entrepreneur Workshops

The U.S. Embassy at Fiji recently welcomed more than 65 Fijian women entrepreneurs for the kickoff of the Academy of Women Entrepreneurs, a program for enhancing business skills. Six groups of 16 women in Viti Levu began online training and mentorships with the program in late July. Of the more than 95 participants in the program, all come from unique backgrounds with different business skills.

Ambassador Cella said, “The AWE program supports an evolving and expanding network of women entrepreneurs. This program facilitates local businesswomen to enhance the economic potential of their communities through innovative ideas and improved business skills.”

The U.S. has allocated $17,360 to sponsor business opportunities and fund vocational training for women entrepreneurs through this program in coordination with Fiji’s Women Entrepreneurs Business Council and Makoi Women’s Vocational Centre to manage the AWE program.

Women entrepreneurs also received support at the third event in the Fiji Forward workshop series, a foundational program designed to help bolster the Fijian economy due to the impact of COVID-19. The program included discussions on business issues, social entrepreneurship and other topics. Events will continue in Fiji and the U.S. in the coming months.

The U.S. Embassy looks forward to helping program participants grow into business leaders and explore future opportunities.

Ambassador Cella said, “This workshop aims to support Fijian women maneuvering the challenging business landscape in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. In my discussions with some local businesswomen I have been impressed with their resilience and creativity. My hope is that this blended workshop of online facilitators and a face-to-face roundtable will further inspire and give emerging entrepreneurs practical tips on enhancing local businesses.”
By Staff Sgt. Nathanael Carberry
I Marine Expeditionary Force

The island of Peleliu, Republic of Palau, is a tropical paradise with dense jungles, coral rock beaches, stretching reefs and sandbars just below the surface of the clear turquoise waves. However, encounters with unexploded ordnance from World War II are a fact of life in Peleliu that still endangers the local people. The Marines of Task Force Koa Moana 20, I Marine Expeditionary Force, intend to change that.

A specialized team of Marine explosive ordnance disposal technicians, known as Littoral Explosive Ordnance Neutralization made history July 28 by successfully locating the first UXO item in real-world operations in a shallow inlet only meters from Kambek, a popular tourist and recreation site in Peleliu.

Despite Peleliu's scenic island shores and inviting tropical environment, it is also home to one of the most perfectly preserved battle sites of World War II. When U.S. Marines liberated Palau and the surrounding islands from the Empire of Japan in 1944, it took Marines three months to take Peleliu. Many Marines are familiar with Eugene Sledge's first-hand account of the battle in his book, "With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa," which details some of the ferocious bombardment of the island.

To this day, the 5.4 square mile island and surrounding littorals remain heavily saturated with remnants of war and UXO from both military operations.

The LEON Marines fall under the charge of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jordan J. Torcello, the EOD officer with TF KM20. His team is responsible for locating and identifying potential explosive threats on the island of Peleliu, and for expanding EOD's capabilities into littoral areas to search for underwater explosive threats in amphibious environments.

"By locating and identifying those threats, potentially dangerous UXO can be avoided and eventually removed," Torcello said. "Each explosive threat located is a potential life saved."

Torcello said his Marines deployed specialized equipment and are the first to succeed in detecting underwater UXO outside of a training environment.

"It's a historic moment," said Torcello. "The LEON Marines have been training for a long time to do this, and Koa Moana is the first operational deployment of EOD LEON Marines and assets. We're proving that the concept works, the equipment works and that the Marines' training works."

After locating the ordnance underwater, the LEON Marines were able to conduct the work of an explosive ordnance disposal technician is never done. Pictured above, this U.S. Marine on Peleliu Island witnessed combat and its material detritus firsthand in September 1944. More than 75 years later, dangerous remnants of the war are turning up in and around areas frequented by civilian residents of Palau.
EOD procedures to safely remove the explosive threat from the water.

“This sets a precedent for future EOD LEON operations in the Indo-Pacific region and validates LEON’s capacity to provide EOD support in littoral environments,” Torcello said. “As we continue our TF KM20 mission, we’ll continue to provide an added measure of safety to the beautiful Palauan waters, strengthening our relationship with our partners in Palau, and reinforcing our commitment to our allies.”

Torcello said as a platoon commander he is proud of the Marines and the work they have done over the past year by diligently becoming familiar with their equipment and practicing their procedures in the water.

“It’s just a very proud feeling to see them succeed,” he said.

Note: The health and safety of U.S. service members and Palauan citizens participating in TF KM20 is an enduring priority. Prior to deploying, all exercise members participated in a three-week quarantine. After arriving in Palau, the Marines and Sailors remain quarantined for an additional 14 days. To date, all members deployed as part of TF KM20 tested negative for COVID-19.

1) USMC Warrant Officer Jordan Torcello, an EOD officer, and Sgt. Aaron A. Meroney, an EOD technician with the Littoral Explosive Ordnance Neutralization section of TF KM20, I MEF, relocate a piece of UXO to a designated safe area in Peleliu, Republic of Palau, July 28. Marines and Sailors with TF KM20, I MEF, are conducting engagements in the Republic of Palau from July through September 2020. Koa Moana, meaning “ocean warrior,” is designed to strengthen and enhance relationships between the U.S. and partner nations/states in the Indo-Pacific region, improve interoperability with local security establishments, and serve as a humanitarian assistance survey team afloat in support of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command’s strategic and operational objectives.

2) U.S. Marine Corps EOD tech Sgt. Brian Kim measures a UXO found in a shallow water inlet in Peleliu July 28.
USAMDC WELCOMES NEW RTS DIRECTOR

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USAG-KA SPORTS

Keep an eye on the ballfields long enough on Kwajalein and you will encounter historic plays and longtime athletes.

An all-around athlete, Range Generation Next employee Labtak Langrus hails from Majuro and Mabulap Atoll. Langrus supervised league play on Kwajalein for more than 20 years for sports like softball, soccer and basketball.

On the weekends, you’re sure to find him fishing and playing tennis for fun. If you ever find yourself playing against him on the court, watch out. Langrus played serious tennis during doubles matches at the 2001 Micronesian Games.

1) Langrus is ready to referee, in this 2016 shot by Jordan Vinson. 2) A shot from The Kwajalein Hourglass in April 2001, when Langrus competed in the Micronesian Games. (Photo by Bruce Sinkula). 3) June 1, 2003, Langrus was out on the ballfield making tough calls during the Kwajalein softball season. (Photo by Eve Seelye)

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Alabama—The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command welcomes a new leader who will command facilities located more than 7,000 miles away in the Pacific Ocean.

Col. Eugene M. Poindexter, director, Ronald Reagan Test Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site, arrived at the RTS Operations Center-Huntsville, or ROC-H, in May and has since been leading his team, which plays a vital role in the research, development, test and evaluation in support of America’s defense and space programs.

"It feels awesome to work in this capacity around such highly talented people all working toward one focus in mind, the warfighter," Poindexter said. "I have a very important mission to lead and manage RTS, a major range and test facility base consisting of more than 350 military, civilian and contractor personnel."

ROC-H is a command and control facility of USASMDC and performs space and missile defense tracking and helps ensure the development of missile defense assets and synergies. It also helps verify operational assets, whether offensive or defensive, are working correctly for the defense nation.

RTS is located 2,300 miles southwest of Hawaii in the U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands. Its unique instrumentation sensors include high-fidelity metric and signature radars, as well as optical sensors and telemetry.

"We provide a fully integrated radar, telemetry and optics instrumentation suite from Kwajalein Atoll in support of the Department of Defense’s full portfolio of offensive and defensive ballistic missile testing," Poindexter said.

ROC-H also supports U.S. Space Command missions such as space situational awareness, which includes metric observations of space objects to keep track of exactly where those objects are. The facility also tracks new foreign launches and launches of interest to ensure what orbit they are going into and what payloads they have.

Poindexter said the technical experience of RTS’ civilians, military and contractors was his biggest surprise.

"Our employees and partners have the highest degree of technical skills and experience than any other organization I’ve worked in the Army," Poindexter said. "Additionally, surprising is the unique aspect of our test range located in the Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands with our world-class radar and instrumentation systems. We also conduct 24/7 operations and observatory in space, which, in of itself, is simply amazing."

Poindexter thanked everyone for welcoming him and his family and spoke a little about what he wants people to know about him as a Soldier.

"I am a mission-oriented Soldier with the philosophy of a People First, Mission Always’ mentality,” Poindexter said. "We must always understand that our greatest asset as an Army and nation are our people. Treat people with dignity and respect at all times while understanding and ensuring our mission is our top priority. Everything always comes back to people and all else will fall in place, perfectly."

With all the challenges of the new job, Poindexter said he is enjoying getting to know the team members at SMDC who have welcomed him in and assisted with accomplishing the mission.

"I’m extremely excited about this unique and fascinating opportunity to be a part of very important organization and mission that contributes heavily to the implementation of the National Defense Strategy," he said. "The RTS mission is at the tip of spear for the Army and (Department of Defense) joint technology and evaluation, and I’m looking forward to the great things we will achieve."

Poindexter also talked about what he hopes to accomplish during his time at RTS.

"I hope to be a part of the implementation of our technology advancements to our world-class test range as it pertains to cyber security and improvements and modernization, ensuring we provide the highest quality support to our joint partners and customers with a lasting impact on future weapon system development,” he said.

"It is a privilege for me to serve with the civilians, Soldiers and contractors of the SMDC Technical Center and the RTS team. They all bring diverse sets of talent and skills to this organization, and I look forward in being a part of the continued success in the future."
This week, we think of the people and communities affected by an emerging humanitarian crisis in Beirut following a deadly explosion resulting from hazardous materials. On Kwajalein, safety personnel work to mitigate situations when materials or operations could pose risks to life, health and safety on the atoll. Ongoing vocational reinforcement and reminders of “safety first” are designed to protect the environment and human lives from the tragedy and terrible cost of accidents. Human lives can never be replaced.

In response to the crisis, U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo issued a formal request and noted that the administration pledged $17 million in initial aid for foreign medical supplies and assistance. The aid is additional to $403 million in U.S. humanitarian assistance to Lebanon since September 2019 and includes $42.6 million allocated for COVID-19 prevention response.

“No nation is more generous or compassionate than the United States, and we will continue to help the Lebanese people as they recover from this tragedy,” Pompeo said.

Read on to learn more about how the U.S. Air Force is leveraging logistics and air power to assist with humanitarian relief efforts abroad.

U.S. Delivers Humanitarian Aid to Beirut

U.S. Air Force Report

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Battles

On Saturday, August 8, 2020, Air Force personnel worked to palletize food, water and medical supplies delivered to Beirut last that day.

"Support of this magnitude at such speed wouldn’t be possible without the joint effort of all members of Al Udeid Air Base, our U.S. Army counterparts at Camp As Sayliyah and our gracious Qatari partners," said Brig. Gen. Daniel Tulley, 379th Air Expeditionary Wing commander. "In the wake of tragedy, it truly takes a combined effort to make the mission happen. We do this every day in Qatar to help us get what we need, but today our focus is in support of the Lebanese Armed Forces."

Soldiers from the Ag-Qatar administered Camp As Sayliyah packed and loaded 11 pallets of humanitarian aid, which contained more than 28,800 military field rations, known as MREs or meals ready to eat, 11,520 bottles of water and two pallets of medical supplies. Airmen from the 816th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron palletized the aid and transported them to Al Udeid Air Base with support of a local Qatari transport company.

"In short notice, Ag-Qatar assembled Soldiers and limited contract support to quickly palletize 11 pallets to be flight-worthy; consisting of water, MREs and medical supplies," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Elizabeth Pura, Ag-Qatar director of logistics. "I’m truly grateful to the Soldiers and civilians who stepped up to support the mission. I appreciate our Air Force personnel support from AUAB, it’s nice to see a combined effort from all."

Upon their arrival to Al Udeid, the pallets were received by Airmen from the 816th Expeditional Airlift Squadron after loading onto a C-17 bound for Beirut.

"At a moment’s notice, our mobility Airmen and the global air mobility support system stand ready to take action in tough situations like the explosion in Beirut," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Nicholas Lee, 8th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron commander. "The 8th EAMS is proud to be able to answer the call to support the Lebanese Armed Forces and help those in need of supplies with rapid global mobility.

U.S. Space Effort’s Future Hinges on Private Industry

By C. Todd Lopez, DOD News

When the United States sent men to the moon in the 1960s, the effort was largely driven by the government. But the future of the U.S. space effort will be agile, innovative and private sector who partner with the government, the Space Force's chief scientist said. We’re very much at a precipice where private investment in space is driving the technology, not necessarily government investment as it has been in the past," Dr. Joel B. Mozer said today during a virtual panel discussion at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

The U.S. government, in its pursuit of advancements and participation in the space domain, can contribute through investments in science, technology, infrastructure and science, technology, engineering and math — or STEM — education, Mozer said, as well as through development of policies and regulations that strengthen space efforts.

Defense Department officials must have a unique perspective on space, how it can be used, and what must be done to achieve national security objectives, Mozer said.

"Firstly, it’s going to shape the environment that we operate in and will evolve our mission to protect U.S. interests both here on Earth and beyond in the future," he explained. "Second, many of the technological innovations that are now coming and will continue to come from entrepreneurs and industrialists in the space business are from those entrepreneurs. We must harness those innovations at the same time that we support the joint fight when we’re called upon to do so.

Finally, Mozer said, those involved in the military’s pursuit of space must overmatch America’s technological competitors.

"Space is now a warfighting domain," he said. "We must work with industry, as well as our allies, to protect our ability to operate in that domain and to defend our capabilities and ensure that they’re there when needed as well as to ensure that the technological advantage in space goes to freedom-loving states who desire to keep space lines of commerce open for all.

In May, NewSpace New Mexico sponsored a four-day conference to discuss civil, commercial and national security space strategy. That conference produced the nearly 90-page report “State of the Space Industrial Base Report 2020.”

Mozer, one of the report's authors, said 10 recommendations regarding the future of space — six for the U.S. government and four for industry — were the key takeaways.

The No. 1 recommendation, Mozer said, is that the U.S. government develop and endorse a whole-of-government "North Star" vision and strategy for the industrial development of space and that a presidential task force be established to execute that strategy.

"This recommendation is particularly important, and I believe that we’re getting there," Mozer said. "In recent years and months, we’ve seen a lot of action and direction in this direction."

As examples of progress, he cited NASA’s Artemis mission, which plans to put the first women and the next man on the moon by 2024. The establishment of the Space Force is also an example of progress.

"There’s a lot of thought being put into this ‘North Star’ vision, and we’re laying some groundwork for it," he said. "However, it is still significant that this recommendation came out on top from the workshop. It tells me that we still have some work to do to describe this future vision, a vision that the nation could get behind and adopt."

"The ‘North Star’ vision must be specific about what the United States wants its future in space to look like, and U.S. officials must make sure the decisions they make now move the nation toward a future in space that Americans can aspire to and be proud of," Mozer said.

Other nations, specifically China, already have a long-term vision of the future of space and are making investments toward their own visions, he noted.

"The importance of such a vision is that it has the potential to derive national pride and to instill a fierce sense of patriotism, and it highlights the value of STEM education for aspiring youth," he said. "There’s lots of benefits of such a vision. The value is immense of a ‘North Star’ vision, and the consequences of a lack of such visions are potentially disastrous."

U.S. Air Force Airmen load humanitarian aid supplies onto a U.S. Air Force C-17 Globemaster III at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Aug. 6 bound for Beirut. U.S. Central Command is coordinating with the Lebanese Armed Forces and U.S. Embassy-Beirut to transport critical supplies as quickly as possible to support the needs of the Lebanese people after the deadly port explosion Aug. 4.
With 2020 more than halfway through, NASA is gearing up for a busy rest of the year and 2021. Following the recent successful launch of a Mars rover and safely bringing home astronauts from low-Earth orbit aboard a new commercial spacecraft, NASA is looking forward to more exploration of Mars and a strong plan underway. The agency is sending the first woman and next man to the Moon in 2024, establishing sustainable exploration by the end of the decade as part of the Artemis program while getting ready for human exploration of Mars. "By putting the health and safety of the NASA team first, we've been able to safely navigate the challenges of COVID-19 and keep our missions moving forward as much as possible," said NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine. "We will hit several key milestones for Artemis this year, including conducting a major test of our Space Launch System rocket. We also plan to grab an asteroid sample and launch an ocean-studying satellite to name a few missions ahead. These stunning NASA achievements have been made possible thanks to strong commitments from the President and Congress to fund NASA budgets and usher in a new era of exploration for America's space agency." Among the activities the agency has for the rest of 2020, NASA's SpaceX Crew-1 mission is targeted for launch from the agency's Kennedy Space Center in Florida to the International Space Station this fall, following certification of the system by NASA's Commercial Crew Program. The mission will be the first in a series of regular, rotational flights with astronauts to the orbital laboratory as it marks 20 years of continuous human presence aboard the station Nov. 2. Flying four crew members on Crew-1 will expand the station's crew to seven, effectively doubling the amount of time for crew members to support research investigations that advance scientific knowledge and prepare for human exploration further into space. Boeing also is on deck to conduct a second uncrowed flight test for the Commercial Crew Program, before flying a crewed flight test in 2021 to meet program certification requirements. This is an important step in ensuring multiple providers are providing access to the space station from American soil. In the America's first asteroid sample return mission, NASA's OSIRIS-REx will do a touch, grab, and go move on Bennu in October to collect a small sample to return to Earth. NASA also continues to make significant progress toward the first uncrowed flight test of SLS and the Orion spacecraft and plans to conduct a hot fire test by November. This critical milestone known as the Green Run, includes firing up the rocket's massive core stage and four RS-25 engines in a test stand. Stacking operations will begin with the solid rocket boosters on the mobile launcher in the late fall after the hot fire and will continue into 2021 when the core stage arrives. Engineers are putting finishing touches on Orion so it will be ready for attachment, making us one step closer to sending astronauts to walk on the Moon. NASA also will test a suite of lander technologies aboard a commercial spaceflight mission. As the main experiment of the rocket, the technologies tested will support safer and more accurate future landings on the Moon. Finally, the agency is also expected to launch the Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich satellite in November, which will collect the most accurate data yet on sea levels. 2021 TO BRING MORE FIRSTS Next year is shaping up to be one of NASA's busiest yet. Following an initial design phase, NASA is expected to announce whether Blue Origin, Dynetics and/or SpaceX are moving forward with their human landing systems, one of which will be the first private company to safely land American astronauts on the Moon in 2024. When NASA's Perseverance rover lands on Mars in February, the robot astrobiologist/geologist will search for signs of ancient life and collect rock and soil samples. As part of the mission, NASA will deploy the Ingenuity helicopter from the rover in the first demonstration of rotorcraft on another planet. The agency also will attempt to produce oxygen from the Martian atmosphere—a critical step for future human exploration of the Red Planet. In late July, NASA will launch the first test for planetary defense. The Double Asteroid Redirection Test, about the size of a small car, will deliberately crash into an asteroid moon in fall 2022 to change its motion. This is just a test, as the asteroid Didymos nor its targeted moon Dimorphos, pose any threat to our planet. NASA will ship the SLS core stage to Kennedy early in the year for integration.
with the Orion spacecraft. Artemis I, the first uncrewed flight test of SLS and Orion, is on track to launch on its month-long mission around the Moon by fall. The Orion crew module for Artemis III will be delivered to Kennedy, where the crew module for Artemis II is already undergoing preparations for its mission.

Astrobotic and Intuitive Machines will each launch their first Commercial Lunar Payload Services flights to the Moon in the fall, delivering a suite of payloads to the lunar surface ahead of future Artemis missions with crew. This will be the first American robotic missions to land on the Moon in 50 years.

In October, NASA will launch Lucy as the first mission to study the Trojan asteroids – remnants of ancient material that formed the outer planets, now orbiting the Sun at the distance of Jupiter. By the end of that month NASA will launch the James Webb Space Telescope, the flagship astrophysics mission exploring distant worlds and studying the first generation of galaxies formed at the beginning of the universe.

In 2021, NASA aeronautics teams will complete construction and prepare for the first flight of the X-59 QueSST, our low-boom supersonic X plane that will provide data that could lead to faster long-distance travel throughout the world. The X-57 Maxwell, the agency’s first all-electric experimental aircraft, will also conduct its first flight next year. The agency’s aero researchers also will launch an effort to advance electric propulsion for large commercial transports with an electric powertrain flight demonstration, helping to develop a fuel- and cost-efficient alternative to traditional jet-engine-powered aircraft.

Also next year, NASA will announce a new class of astronaut candidates, launch a new laser communications demonstration, and send a microwave oven-sized CubeSat to a unique, elliptical lunar orbit where the agency plans to send the Artemis’ Gateway outpost.

"With our rover landing on Mars, an asteroid protection space test, the Webb telescope launch, and the Artemis I mission among other activities on the horizon, we have another big, big year ahead for America’s space agency," said Bridenstine.

The crew of SpaceX Crew-1 is celebrated here in this original mission poster by NASA.
Quick: Pick a favorite teacher from your past. What made you choose that person? Was it the energetic math teacher who made Algebra seem manageable, the Science professor who amazed you with chemistry experiments, or the caring English teacher who opened your eyes to the magic of words?

No matter what your favorite subject was in school, chances are good the teacher played a major part in why you enjoyed it.

One teacher here who is such a favorite she earned the nickname “Art Mama” from her young students, is Jane Christy, the K-12 art instructor.

Christy credits her students as main reason she remained on island for 20 years teaching art.

“I just adore my students,” said Christy. “These are the children I was meant to have, and they make my life just wonderful. They are kind, sweet, fun, caring, helpful, creative, inspiring, energetic, enthusiastic, vibrant, imaginative, humorous and love hugs.”

Christy says that she has gotten the “amazing gift” of seeing her students grow up over 20 years. “For many students, I remember tying their shoes and wiping their noses when they were in kindergarten. I remember some of them learning how to ride their bikes without training wheels. Now, I have the joy of teaching the children of some of my former students and also working alongside a former student,” she said.

One of those former students is Carrie West, a kindergarten teacher here for two years who attended Kwajalein schools.

“Ms. Christy has been my teacher and friend since I was in first grade,” said West. “She is the kind of teacher who makes kids feel so loved, and like they are the most important people in the world. She could and still does, light up any room with her smile and positive energy.

West, who attended Kwajalein schools from kindergarten until graduating in 2011, added that “I’ve never met anyone else like her. She sees the best in kids and reminds them of that even when they are having tough days. When I was her student, she celebrated my quirks and encouraged my passions. I knew I could always go to her classroom to feel seen and valued even when I wasn’t taking art.”

Raised in Iowa, Christy attended Cornell College in Mount Vernon where she earned her bachelor’s degree in education and art. She would go on to earn her master’s degree in art from Boston University.

During her senior year at Cornell College, she attended a teacher job fair at the University of Northern Iowa. “I thought I would just get some great interview experience, which I did, and I almost took a job in Thailand,” said Christy, then a 22-year-old. “However, something was holding me back and told me to just wait and think about it.”

She spoke with representatives from Kwajalein at the fair, and while they did not have any job openings, she gave them her resume and asked them to please think of her if they ever had a resignation.

“As luck would have it – they did!” she exclaimed. “They called me a month before I was going to graduate and asked if I was still available. I tried not to squeal and said ‘Yes.’ I interviewed for the job over the phone and two weeks later, they hired me. I was ecstatic. I got my dream job on an island paradise right out of the gate.”

Christy says that when she accepted the K-12 art teacher position here, she felt in her bones that this was the right thing to do.

“I always wanted a different life – one that people liked to talk about and made a good story. I think I nailed it,” she said. She said that she thought she would be here for a year or two, not 20. “I surprised myself, but it’s not broken, so I just fix it.”

Christy says that she does not regret her decision to come to Kwaj.

“Living and teaching here has opened the door for me to meet some amazing people, to have some memorable once-in-a-
Jane Christy and Briana Hughes sculpt in 2007.

Christy said that the most valuable thing she has learned is how very important it is to be kind to people.

"When you see the same people year after year, and you gel with them, it can create a real sense of community which is comforting and has proven to be during tough times," she said. "It's wonderful to see people come together and help one another. I think empathy and kindness are important qualities to model in a small community.

"Kwaj is a small place -- so please don't make it smaller by being rude or mean. Life on Kwajalein may not reflect what a majority of people experience in the world," she added. "But it is still life, and you never know what someone might be going through in his or her own life." She advises that if someone is grouchy, just smile and say Hi, and keep pedaling.

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"My favorite places so far are Greece and Scotland," said Christy. "I'm part Greek, so it was really wonderful for me to see where my family came from, and I felt very at home there.

The people were wonderful, and my sense was that there was a lot of beauty. The beauty of the artwork and the islands, especially Santorini. I also adored Scotland and felt quite at home there too. The people were kind and the landscape was breathtaking.

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Kwajalein youth capped off a special program Aug. 9, meant to challenge the teens and bring a bit of normalcy to their lives as they celebrate the end of the challenge. Pictured here are the teens who met the challenge requirements, each of whom put in 15 hours of volunteer work and five hours of mentoring work with youngsters and peers. They also had to read at least two books over the course of a month.

In recognition of the hard work they put into the summer challenge, each teen received a certificate of appreciation, presented by Bartel.

"Between 25 kids, over 1,500 hours of service were given to the community," said the colonel, highlighting the magnitude of the Kwaj kids’ efforts. He thanked the kids and also their parents.

At small gathering at the Small Boat Marina, he awarded the teens certificates of appreciation and thanked them for their efforts. The teen’s reward for making it to the finish line? A special trip, for their efforts. The teen’s reward for making it to the finish line? A special trip, for their efforts. The teen’s reward for making it to the finish line? A special trip, for their efforts. The teen’s reward for making it to the finish line? A special trip, for their efforts.

Victorious members of the Commander’s Summer Challenge line up together on Bigej as they celebrate the end of the challenge.

USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel awards Katie O’Rourke a certificate at the completion of the Commander’s Summer Challenge Aug. 9 at the Small Boat Marina.

**KIDS COMPLETE SUMMER CHALLENGE**

**BY JORDAN VINSON**

Manned by Ron Sylvester, the ship’s captain, and his crew, the Great Bridge shuddled the 25 Kwaj kids and their adult chaperones in an hour-long sail to the sandy beaches of the island. There, the summer challenge participants spent a couple of hours picking up trash before having some fun in the sun jumping off the remains of the Japanese pier on the island and hanging out with the local islanders.

Tours of the ship were also available. Great Bridge First Mate Todd Emmons, Chief Engineer Erik Hanson and Sylvester all gave tours, describing each of their roles as crew and the unique places they visit while aboard the vessel they call their offices. From the spacious, 48-feet-high bridge, to the galley and open-air cargo deck, to the hot, noisy engine rooms, the ship was an interesting workplace for the teens to explore and learn more about what goes into working as a mariner.

While the teens enjoyed themselves, the real pleasure was the crew’s, said Sylvester, who is accustomed to hauling everything from 18-wheel semitrucks to piles of rocks and rocket bodies between Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and USAG-KA’s outer islands. Having guests onboard is unique, he said.

“We might have another engineer or captain amongst [the kids],” Sylvester said. “They all asked really good questions and were very interested in how the vessel works and what our day-to-day routine is like.”

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**Child Development Center**

**Bakoo Classroom:**
- Tuesdays - Water Play Day. Please send your child with water clothes, a towel and dry clothes.
- Thursdays - Functional Fitness
- Fridays - Library

**Baru Classroom 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 times for your child. Check out details about each summer camp theme week in the on the right.

**SAC Regular programming has resumed.** Open Recs and 4-H will resume in September.

**Art Tuesdays**
- Functional Fitness Wednesdays - 2:30 p.m.
- STEM Thursdays
- Recreation Fridays
- Character Saturdays
- Sports (Grades K-2 and 3-6): Scooter Hockey, now through August 15.

**Namo Weto Youth Center**

- 3-on-3 Basketball Tuesdays - 3:15 p.m.
- Keystone Meetings - 11:40 a.m.
- Water Wednesdays - 1 p.m.
- Ted Talks Thursdays - 4 p.m.
- Yoga Fridays - 7 p.m.
- Dungeons & Dragons Saturdays - 7 p.m.
- Trivia Night Sundays - 7 p.m.

**Special Events**
- August 15 - Beach Glass Art - 5 p.m.
- August 19 - Phase 10 Tournament - 4 p.m.
- August 22 - Smoothies - 4 p.m.
- August 22 - Common Application - College prep - 5:30 p.m.
- August 26 - Scooter Hockey, now through August 15.
- August 27 - Bob Ross Paint Night - 7 p.m.
- August 29 - College Applications - 5:30 p.m.

**Movies**
- August 16 - Remember the Titans - 7 p.m.
- August 23 - Swiss Family Robinson - 7 p.m.

**Teachers’ Note**

Unless otherwise indicated, all programs for the Namo Weto Youth Center start or meet at the Center. Dates and times for events are subject to change. Please check in at your CYS location for the latest information.
Renovations are complete and the Millican Family Pool will reopen this weekend Sunday, Aug. 16 at 11 a.m. Come make a splash at the pool during regular hours of operation.

**Millican Family Pool Hours of Operation**
- Tuesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- Thursday closed for cleaning
- Sunday and Monday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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**JEDI MASTER JOINS MWR FOR PROGRAM FINALE**

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Jedi Master** Mace Windu, portrayed by Kwaj resident and volunteer Brian Lee, made a special appearance at the USAG-KA MWR Summer Reading Program grand finale. Lee, who has volunteered for youth programs in the past, enjoys Star Wars as much as his young audience members do. Readers convened in the MWR bowling center for popcorn and story time. "It was a pleasure [and an] honor," said Lee, who purchased his own light saber for the event and read Star Wars tales to the program participants. "I’m up for it again when needed—that’s the Jedi Way." Readers, may the Force be with you.

1) Brian Lee reads Star Wars tales at the MWR Summer Reading Program finale. Future padawans listen during the Star Wars-themed event: 2) Charlotte Dawicki is enraptured by the origin story of Luke Skywalker. 3) Abigail Dawicki, left, and Morina Jai are on the edge of their seats as they listen for what happens next. 4) The Force is strong with these readers. CLOCKWISE: Abigail Dawicki, Brian Lee, Charlotte Dawicki and Mazie Robinson line up together for a group photo.

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Fiji—The United Nations has announced Pacific Unite: Saving Lives Together, a first-of-its-kind televised and digitally streamed concert that will call on leaders and citizens across the region to work together and with the rest of the world in the fight against COVID-19.

“This will be the first ever virtual concert to comprise primarily of artists from across the region and be accessible to audiences not only in the Pacific but around the world,” said Tofiga Fepulea’i, the actor and comedian who plays Aunty Tala. “I’m very proud to be part of this historic event. Now is the time for us to come together, to celebrate the strength and solutions that are possible when the Pacific unites.”

Pacific Unite: Saving Lives Together is an opportunity for the geographically remote Pacific region to connect with each other and the rest of the world, recognizing that we must work together to beat COVID-19 and build a better future. During the virtual concert, UN leaders, heads of state and celebrities will commit to supporting the fight against COVID-19, also calling on everyone at home to play a part by adapting to the new normal.

The concert will pay tribute to essential workers across the Pacific for the work they’ve done so far to prevent transmission and save lives, said United Nations Resident Coordinator for 10 countries in the Pacific, Sanaka Samarasinha. “But, we must remain vigilant as COVID-19 is still raging around the world. All too well we see the devastation it has already caused for our islands, destroying the livelihoods of many, disrupting education, stretching basic health services, increasing nutritional deficiencies of children and undermining the human rights of those who were already vulnerable – especially women and girls, people with disabilities, youth, migrant workers, refugees and the elderly.”

“The Pacific Unite virtual concert is a call, through music and art, for continued solidarity across the region as we face this unprecedented challenge together. It is also a reminder that as we rise up as a family of nations, we must seize the opportunity to build a more inclusive and equitable Pacific and a more sustainable and equitable world.”

Pacific Unite: Saving Lives Together will premiere on Saturday, Aug. 15. It will be aired by broadcasters including Fiji Broadcasting Commission, Vanuatu Broadcasting and Television Corporation, Tonga Broadcasting Commission, Pacific Cooperation Broadcasting Limited, 103.5 FM (Marshall Islands), PAOA FM (Solomon Islands), Palau National Communication Corporation, and more to come. Please check local listings for details. The concert will also be streamed on the United Nations in the Pacific Facebook page and UN Web TV.

“Music brings people together in harmony, reminding us of our common bonds and all that is possible when we work together,” said Te Vaka songwriter and vocalist Opetaia Foa’i. “It is a privilege to be part of this special event helping to unite people across the Pacific and around the world in the fight against COVID-19.”

Already among the most remote countries on earth, Pacific island states saw their vital economic links weakened in recent months with the evaporation of tourism, severe disruptions to international trade, and a reduction in remittances.

The United Nations is supporting countries in the Pacific through a systemic, multi-sectoral approach that aims to limit the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate the devastating social and economic impacts of the virus.

Hosted by Aunty Tala from the Laughing Samoans, the virtual concert will feature performances from Jah Boy (Solomon Islands); Jay Hoad (Australia); Juny B (Kiribati); Justin Wellington (PNG); Kendall T (Palau), Mia Kami (Tonga), Nem & Talei (Fiji), Paulini (Australia), Poly Flavour (Samoa); Skillz (Fiji); Stan Antas (Vanuatu), Te Vaka (New Zealand); Tiki Taane (New Zealand), Tropikana Breeze (Tuvalu), Vanessa Quai (Vanuatu), Yosh (Vanuatu), UN Messenger of Peace Yo-Yo Ma (USA), and more.

The virtual concert will also include appearances from the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed, the Fiji National Rugby Sevens Team, Oscar-winning actor and Sustainable Development Goals Advocate Forest Whitaker, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, Fiji Prime Minister Josaia Bainimarama, Tuvalu Prime Minister Kausea Natano, Miss Pacific Islands 2018-19 Leoshina Kariha, UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, celebrity chef Robert Oliver; The Royal Princess Her Royal Highness Princess Salote Mafileó Pilolevu Tuita of Tonga, Director of the World Health Organisation Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus; Palau President Tommy Remengesau, and more.

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On 30 January 220, World Health Organiza-
tion declared the current novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak a Public Health Emergen-
cy 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 Government of the Marshall Islands' (RMI) former President introduced a series of interim travel 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 Marshall Islands (RMI) former COVID-19 travel advisories and restrictions have been introduced by the Government of the RMI. These are interim travel restrictions, which have been reviewed and updated as of 30 July 2020 (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, incorporation 13: 15 May 2020, incorporation 14: 2 June 2020 and incorporation 15: 3 July 2020) have been reviewed and updated as of 30 July 2020 (issuance 16) with the following interim inbound travel restrictions for all visitors to RMI.

COVID-19 is a national threat and outbound travel restrictions for all visitors to RMI.

There are interim travel restrictions, which have been introduced by the Government of the RMI. These restrictions will come into effect imme-
diately.

- An extension of the total suspension of international travelers coming into the RMI via air travel until 5 September 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 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.

- At the discretion of NDC, any persons entering the RMI without official clear-
ance shall either be removed to their place immediately under quarantine in a se-
cure RMI government-approved facility and submit to all testing at the di-
rection and discretion of RMI medical personnel no less than 21 days from
arrival.

- All cruise ships including live aboard vessels and yachts at this time are sus-
pended from visiting the RMI until further notice.

- All fishing vessels that have transited through or departed from COVID-19 in-
fected countries are suspended from en-
tering the RMI ports until further notice.

- To ensure continuity of transshipment services, a limited number of carrier ves-
sels 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. Trans-
shipment vessel are subject to twenty (20) days at sea and ten (10) days at
the port. (Any vessel not complying with the requirements for transshipment
will be subject to a fine of $5,000 per day.)

- To ensure continuity of transshipment services, any vessel subject to the above restrictions to allow for essential services. Fishing companies are
required to produce company policy and/or SOPs in compliance with the travel
advisory and the Maritime SOP require-
ments, such as no human-to-human con-
tact, 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). MIM-
RA shall provide a list of eligible fishing vessels and carriers for entry purposes.

Vessels not on the list may appeal to the Maritime SOP requiring 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, 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 WCO 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.

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These travel restrictions are interim and have been introduced by the Government of the RMI as part of current health emergency preparedness following the declaration of PHEIC. These restrictions will be reviewed and updated as needed and communicated to the public.

Kino S. Kabua
Chief Secretary.
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30 July 2020

United Airlines has confirmed reinstitution of the full Island Hopper flight schedule for two flights August 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: August 24 UA 155 (eastbound to Honolulu); and August 25 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.

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30 July 2020
Back in the Day: Before it fell, Kwajalein’s Richardson Theater received renovations and at least one complete rebuild. American actor and USO performer Bob Hope entertained Soldiers stationed on Kwaja- lein on this very stage.

Join Kwajalein at the movies. Unless otherwise indicated, all movies begin at 7:30 p.m. Showtimes may vary for special “Movies Under the Stars” events. Contact MWR at 5-3331 for more information.

KWAJALEIN Yuk Theater

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“Marco Polo” (PG-13) 120 min.

“White Lion” (PG) 101 min.

Starring Ben Whishaw and Chiwetel Ejiofor

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——Nick De Semlyen

On “The Call of the Wild (2020)” (PG) 100 min.

Starring Harrison Ford and Omar Sy

Buck is a big-hearted dog whose blissful domestic life gets turned upside down when he is suddenly uprooted from his California home and transplanted to the exotic wilds of the Alaskan Yukon in the 1890s. As the newest rookie on a mail-delivery dog sled team, Buck experiences the adventure of a lifetime as he ultimately finds his true place in the world.

Sunday, August 16
“Doctor Sleep” (R) 152 min.

Starring Ewan McGregor and Rebecca Ferguson

Struggling with alcoholism, Dan Torrance becomes a mail-delivery dog sled team, Buck experiences the adventure of a lifetime as he ultimately finds his true place in the world.

Monday, August 17
“The Way Back” (R) 108 min.

Starring Ben Afleck and Janina Gavankar

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Starring Issa Rae and Lakeith

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Monday, August 24
“Christian Mingle” (PG) 104 min.

Starring Lacey Chabert and Corbin Bensem

A marketing executive gets in touch with her spiritual side, while trying to find Mr. Right.

Roi-Namur Tradewinds Theater

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“Ford vs. Ferrari” (R) 152 min.

Starring Christian Bale and Matt Damon

American automotive designer Carroll Shelby and fearless British race car driver Ken Miles battle corporate interference, the laws of physics and their own personal demons to build a revolutionary vehicle for the Ford Motor Co. Together, they plan to compete against the race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France in 1966.

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“Motherless Brooklyn” (PG-13) 183 min.

Starring Edward Norton and Gugu Mbatha-Raw

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Saturday, August 22
“Red Sparrow” (R) 141 min.

Starring Jennifer Lawrence and Joel Edgerton

Prima ballerina Dominika Egorova faces a bleak and uncertain future after she suffers an injury that ends her career. She soon turns to Sparrow School, a secret intelligence service that trains exceptional young people to use their minds and bodies as weapons. Egorova emerges as the most dangerous Sparrow after completing the sadistic training process. As she grows closer to each of her new abilities, Dominika meets a CIA agent who tries to convince her that he is the only person she can trust.

Sunday, August 23
“Birds of Prey” (R) 109 min.

Starring Margot Robbie and Ewan McGregor

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On “Ford vs. Ferrari”: Even if you’re not a motorhead, chances are you’ll be thrilled by this high-velocity bromance, powered by zesty acting and Mangold’s meticulous direction.

——Nick De Semlyen

On “Motherless Brooklyn” has got the mood and atmosphere right, but struggles with the pace of the story and narration intricacies.

——Pallabi Dey Purkayastha

On “Red Sparrow”: The movie is a thriller, but it’s also a kind of sexualized nightmare, and that’s the boldness of it.

——Owen Gleiberman, Variety

Placechillo (PG)
Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.

Lindsay King (CA)

Disney’s animation tells the story of Simba the lion cub forced into exile after his evil uncle Engineer attacks and nearly kills him.

Richardson Theater 9:30 p.m.

Star Trek Generations (PG13)

Finally the case of the first two Star Trek series is a joint interstellar epic. Capt Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) and Capt Kirk (William Shatner) join forces against a terrifyingly destructive phenomenon.

117 Tradewinds Theater Rox Nomur 8 p.m.

Movies from Aug. 15, 1995
The five most dangerous things you’ll hear someone say in the Army or Marines.

Pvt.: “I learned this in boot camp.”
Sgt.: “Just trust me, sir.”
2nd Lieutenant: “Based on my experience.”
Captain: “I was just thinking.”
Warrant officer: “OK guys, check this out.”

During training exercises, a lieutenant was driving down a muddy back road. He encountered another car stuck in the mud. The driver was angry—and it was a colonel.

“Your car stuck, sir?” asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside.

“Nope,” said the colonel. He handed the lieutenant the keys “Yours is.”

The company commander and the first sergeant were in the field. As they go to bed for the night, the first sergeant said: “Sir, look up into the sky and tell me what you see?”

The commander said: “I see millions of stars.”

First Sgt: “What does that tell you, sir?”

“Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me God is great and we are insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me we will have good weather tomorrow. What does it tell you, Top?”

First Sgt: “Well sir, it tells me that somebody stole our tent.”

Ask the Army to secure a building and they will set up a perimeter around it and make sure nobody gets out. Ask the Marines to secure a building and they will charge in, deter the threat inside and set up defenses to make sure nobody enters. Ask the Navy to secure a building and they will turn off all lights and lock all the doors at 1700. Ask the Air Force to secure a building and they will sign a 10-year lease with an option to buy.

Officer: “Soldier, do you have change for a dollar?”
Soldier: “Sure, buddy.”
Officer: “That’s no way to address an officer! Now, let’s try it again!”
Soldier: “Officer. Do you have change for a dollar?”

An Alman, Soldier, and Marine are sitting around talking about deployment hardships.

Alman: “The worst was when the air conditioner in our tent broke, and it was 110 degrees outside.”
Soldier: “You had air conditioners?”
Marine: “You had tents?”

The difference between a violin and a viola is that a viola burns longer.
—Victor Borge

I wish the government would put a tax on pianos for the incompetent.
—Dame Edith Sitwell

Wagner has lovely moments but awful quarters of an hour. —Gioacchino Rossini

I love Wagner, but the music I prefer is that of a cat hung up by its tail outside a window and trying to stick to the panes of glass with its claws.
—Charles Baudelaire on Richard Wagner.

Wagner’s music is better than it sounds.
—Mark Twain

Anything too stupid to be said is sung.
—Voltaire

No opera plot can be sensible, for people do not sing when they are feeling sensible.—W.H. Auden

The sheets of sound they let loose have the cumulative effect of mugging.
—The London Times on the Clash.

Listen to the Fifth Symphony of Ralph Vaughan Williams is like staring at a cow for 45 minutes.
—Aaron Copland
**Petroleum Product Storage Tank Weekly Inspection**

Contact Environmental at 5-1134 for information. Each department must inspect tanks weekly via trained custodian.

• Examine tank and piping for evidence of leaks and weeps.
• Examine tank for evidence of fuel and water within interstitial spaces.
• Inspect secondary containment area and ensure locks are in place if applicable.
• Inspect leak detection system and alarm panels to ensure they are functional.
• Verify adequate spill response kit is readily available.

**Atoll Bands Showcase**

All atoll bands and musical artists are invited to register to perform at a musical showcase at Emon Beach. Register with MWR in the Grace Sherwood Library by August 28. Contact MWR at 5-3331 to learn more.

**Craft Fair**

If you have a craft or concession you would like to sell during the Sept. 7 Labor Day Beach party, contact MWR to reserve a table. All fundraisers must be approved by the FMWR office.

**Cardboard Regatta**

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**Ocean View Club**

**Ladies Night Sundays** - 7 - 11 p.m. Enjoy wine flights and jazz.

**Men’s Night Mondays** - 5 - 8 p.m. Enjoy drinks and pizza specials. Purchase two medium pepperoni or cheese pizzas from the Sunrise Cafe for $21.

**Trivia Tuesdays** - 5 - 6 p.m.

**Happy Hour Wednesdays** - 5 - 7 p.m.

**Top 100 Thursdays** - 7 - 11 p.m.

**Reggae Fridays** - 7 - 11 p.m.

**Saturdays** - Join in fun activities like game nights, karaoke and live music.

**Outrigger**

**August Specials** - $8 Paprika bacon-wrapped chicken with pineapple chutney or Hawaiian Chicken Sandwich. Served with onion rings.

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**Country Club**

**Country Club Brunch** - Sept. 6 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost is $20 for adults and $12 for children. Price of meal includes drink. Brunch meets every first Sunday of the month. A prepaid registration for a brunch time slot is required. No walk-ins accepted. Seating is limited to pre-reserved guests. Social distancing will be observed in the dining area. To make reservation, call 5-3331.

**Poetry Wednesdays** - The last Wednesday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

**Uno Saturdays** - Come play Uno every Saturday at 6 p.m.

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**Country Western Trivia Saturdays** - Think you know music trivia? Prove it at 8 p.m. on Saturdays at the Outrigger.

Social distancing is in effect for these events. Please enjoy them responsibly.

Legend has it that we are not all on social media, and it’s true. Sometimes getting the word out calls for a little old-school elbow grease. Send your upcoming event announcements to kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com.

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**E-Wareness** is a weekly product of DI Environmental. Contact the team at 5-1134.

**Water distribution personnel continue annual flushing of the potable water fire hydrants and pipes.** The water coming out of faucets and showers on Kwajalein may turn reddish brown from rusty cast iron pipes in the water distribution system. If your water becomes discolored, let the tap run until the water clears up.

If your water turns very red for a day or two, avoid washing white clothes until the clarity of the water returns to normal. Call Stan Jazwinski at 5-1847 with any questions.

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COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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

COMMUNITY BANK

Community Bank is currently hiring for a Banking Center Manager. The bank is seeking a qualified candidate for an on-island hire. If interested submit your application and resume to www.docommunitybank.com. Call Stephanie Prudence at 5-2152 with questions or to learn more.

RGNext, LLC seeks qualified candidates to fill several open positions on Kwajal 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 our children, this is the perfect opportunity for you. Contact Tanar Yurovchak at 5-2011.

COMMUNITYbank

The Kwajalein Library is currently accepting applications for a 6-month, 15-hour per week position. The position is for an administrative assistant for the Community Bank. Applications are available at the Library. To apply, call 5-2152 or send application to CommunityBank.

CONTACT THE USAG-KA SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE & 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

WANTED HELP

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

ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY seeks full-time technical candidates for open positions on Kwajalein. These are all free-time contracted positions with benefits. Call Chief Meteorologist Jason Selzler at 5-1508 or see www.aq-ast.com to apply.

Looking for a job? Kwajalabk is now hiring. For more information, please visit https://im.usembassy.gov/embassy/jobs/. 

Community Classifieds

Come support 2020 Soccer Season! Season runs Aug. 18 to Sep. 26. Contact 5-3331 with questions.

Power Walk Ex Class. Strong, move forward and get into shape. Power Walk Ex Class. The class meets Thursday and Saturday from 6-7 a.m. Walk in the park or arrive at your desti- nation. All MWR fitness classes require a wellness class pass. For more information and to purchase your pass, visit the MWR desk at the GraceSherwoodLibrary or call 5-3331.

To residential internet customers impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions: We understand that some residents have been affect- ed 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 con- suming food and beverages during flights. All drinks and snacks should be enjoyed in the air termi- nals or upon arrival at your desti- nation. We appreciate your coop- eration. Contact Lee Holt at 5-2102 and Fly Roi at 5-6359.

Report non-emergencies. Send in secure reports online at the USAG-KA Police Department Face- book page. To report a nonemer- gency by phone, call 5-4444. For more information, visit https://www.facebook.com/kwajaleinpolice/.

Internet customers can access their account and pay online. Sim- plify your online transactions by visiting kwajnetbilling.dyn-intl.com to log in and pay via our se- cure, online payment gateway us- ing your personal choice of payment method. You may also pay online for future months in advance. For support, call us at 5-0943 or email KwajNet.Billing@dyn-intl.com.

The Kwajalein School System seeks qualified candidates for open positions on USAG-KA. For more information, please visit www.usagkafmwr.com for more information.

Island Pool Hours of Operation:
The kwajaleinlibrary is now accepting applications for the summer swim team. For more information, contact Tarah Yurovchak at 5-2011.

MAINTENANCE

Water Safety and Swimming Courses
5-2684 for registration and ques- tions. For more information, con- tact Cliff Pyor at 5-2684 or clifford. pyor@dyn-intl.com.

Water Safety Instructor Course.
Session Dates and Times:
Sep. 20, 27, Oct. 4: 1 - 5 p.m. Sep. 27, 28, Oct. 5: 8 a.m. - noon. Tryouts - Tuesday Sep. 8. Millican Pool: 5 - 7 p.m. Cost: $200. Particip- ants must be at least 16 years old by the end of the course.

September Kids Learn to Swim. Session Dates: Sep. 10 - 15 (eight sessions). Levels I, II, and V - 3.45 - 4.15 p.m. Levels I and II - 4.30 - 5 p.m. All participants must be at least four years old. Cost $50. Registration: Sept. 1 through USAG-KA Recreation Department.

ARG LifeGuard Recertification Training. Ref. Course No. 228 for those holding current certification in American Red Cross LifeGuard- ing and do not expire before March class in first hand-crafting, then glazing and bisque firing. Space is limited. Please visit or call 5-1700 for additional information and to register.

Sign up now for CYS Basketball. Enrolled participants in eli- gible age groups and grades may attend. Start Smart Basketball (ages 3 - 4 session runs Sept. 3 - 24, Dec. 5, 9 - 14 and 18 a.m. Grade K-6 Season runs Sept. 1 - 29 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sat- urdays and Sundays from 6 - 7 p.m. Cost: Call 5-2158 for more information.

Water Safety

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5-2684 for registration and ques- tions. For more information, con-
USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH

WEATHER DISCUSSION: A disturbance passed the island this past Wednesday bringing a day of rain. Another disturbance of near intensity will pass by the islands Sunday bringing a good chance of rain. Winds Sunday and Monday may turn briefly to a southwest-westerly direction but at 10 knots or less. Boat owners should be aware. Next week, expect to hear someone saying, ‘The doldrums are coming, the doldrums are coming.’ Expect light and variable winds generally under 10 knots much of next week.

SATURDAY: Partly to mostly sunny with isolated showers for the day (10 percent coverage). Winds ENE-E at 10-15 knots.

SUNDAY: Cloudy, scattered to occasional showers (30-50 percent coverage). Winds direction variable from 5-10 knots.

MONDAY: Widely scattered morning showers (20 percent coverage) improving towards midday. Winds are WSW-S at 5-12 knots.

MID-WEEK: Isolated to widely scattered showers. Variable wind directions at 5-10 knots.

JUST WHAT IS AN INTERTROPICAL CONVERGENCE ZONE?
Folks on island have recently been asking about the ITCZ. For years, mariners have called the ITCZ the doldrums. Weather in this zone typically contains few winds. Though the location for the zone varies with the season, the zone is called the near-equatorial trough when it nears the equator. When the ITCZ combines with precipitation cycles during the monsoon season, it is also called a monsoon trough.

COCONOTES
Coconuts have been used around the world in religious, spiritual and auspicious social ceremonies. One of these occasions is a Hindu wedding. For some Hindus, the coconut is a sacred and pure fruit, and also the only fruit that symbolizes ‘god.’ This makes coconuts ideal symbolic religious offerings and has assured coconuts often feature prominently at important occasions like weddings, the purchase of a new home or in modern times at the launch of a rocket. Another name for coconut in Sanskrit is “sripala,” meaning “god’s fruit.”

Check out the skies on a clear August night and you’ll see the telltale streak of space rocks as they fly across the galaxy.

In the photo shot above, Jordan Vinson caught a glimpse of the Perseids, a seasonal meteor shower associated with the constellation Perseus and the 133-year-old orbit of the comet Swift-Tuttle.

Years ago, the Perseids were called “Tears of St. Lawrence” by Catholics after the date of the martyred saint in 258 A.D. It wasn’t until 1835 that the shower was observed in connection to Perseus by Adolphe Quetelet. Angelo Secchi, writing to astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli in 1862, first noted the connection between comets and meteor showers.

When The Kwajalein Hourglass first saw the photo above, we said: “Hey man, nice shot.”

Click the logo to visit RTS Weather online.

Click the NASA logo for more information and photos of the Perseids.

Click the 7th Infantry Division logo to check out photos from the Kwajalein Hourglass online.
SWIM SAFELY THIS SCHOOL SEASON

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

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

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.

Kemejmej R ko 3. Recognize (kile) juon kwopej bajjok emaron Bokutan ak kein kabokkolok (UXO). Retreat (Jenliklik) bed ettolok im jab kepaak UXO eo. Report (Ripoot e) boktun ak kein kabokklok eo ien eo emokajtata non EOD ilo nomba kein (5-1433) ak CPS (5-4445).

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

NOT SURE?
DON’T SHOOT.

HOBBIES SHOULDN’T COMPROMISE OPSEC.

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.