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REDSTONE ARSENAL, Alabama—U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command Soldiers and civilians play an important role in supporting the Air Force’s latest Glory Trip.

An unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, during Air Force Global Strike Command’s Glory Trip-236 operational test Oct. 29 and impacted in a pre-established target zone roughly 4,200 miles away, near USASMDC’s Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site, or RTS, on Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. RTS is a range and test facility located 2,300 miles southwest of Hawaii.

The purpose of the ICBM test launch program was to validate and verify the effectiveness, readiness and accuracy of the weapon system as they are conducted to test the entire intercontinental ballistic missile system, according to Air Force Global Strike Command.

“The Reagan Test Site mission (in this test) is to provide Air Force Global Strike Command with the necessary data for them to perform Minuteman III system performance assessment,” said Col. Eugene M. PoinDEXTER, RTS director. “The RTS team is dedicated to the GT-236 mission, doing everything in their power to ensure that RTS provides exceptional support.”

“It is very exciting for RTS to participate in these missions. Every mission is thrilling to participate in and to be part of these high visibility events,” PoinDEXTER added. “RTS is a vital national asset used to support operational and developmental tests of our nation’s offensive and defensive systems. RTS provides a unique suite of instrumentation and an ideal geographic location to meet many of the U.S. testing needs that cannot be accomplished anywhere else in the world.”

Supporting the launch from Huntsville were members of USASMDC assigned to the RTS Operations Center-Huntsville, or ROC-H, assigned to control sensors at the RTS. ROC-H is the command and control facility for missile defense testing and for space operations at RTS despite being more than 6,500 miles from Kwajalein, said Michael Butler, RTS Mission Operations director.

“The RTS mission operations team, comprising government and contractor personnel, spread over thousands of miles and seven time zones did an outstanding job supporting GT-236,” Butler said. “I could not be any prouder to work with such a dedicated and skilled set of professionals. As with all major planning exercises, it’s always a challenge to coordinate and fine tune all the elements into a well-executed event.”

“The highlight of the Glory Trip is the launch and the anticipation of what is headed toward Kwajalein,” Butler added. “At that point we know there is no turning back and that all our training and preparation is about to be tested.”

RTS sensors, including high-fidelity metric and signature radars, as well as optical sensors and telemetry, play a role in the research, development, test and evaluation in support of America’s defense and space programs. RTS uses a full spectrum of support, including multiple radar frequencies, telemetry, and multiple high-speed optical and camera systems to capture every measurable data opportunity and provide data and information that is critical to system performance evaluations.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KIM BIRD

Kwajalein resident Kim Bird photographed the reentry of an unarmed MinuteMan III intercontinental ballistic missile launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, during an ICBM system readiness test Oct. 29.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The nation’s top military leaders praised the U.S. military’s joint strike mission during a talk at the Pentagon on Tuesday.

“Our joint forces are the strongest in history,” said Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. “We have the ability to take any threat on land, sea or air and turn it into a success.”

Milley was joined by Air Force Gen. John Hyten, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Navy Adm. Michael Gilday, chief of naval operations.

One of the key missions discussed was the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, which is the military’s first multirole fighter designed and built to replace several other aircraft.

“F-35 is the future of the joint force,” Milley said. “It’s designed to be a fifth-generation fighter that can do it all.”

The F-35 is a joint program between the U.S. and several international partners, including Britain, Italy, Japan, Australia and Canada. The aircraft is being built in several versions, including a buy buy, a buy buy-fly, a buy fly and a buy fly.

“F-35 is our future,” Milley said. “It’s the aircraft that will be fighting in the 2050s.”

The F-35 is scheduled to reach full operational capability in 2022. The military has purchased more than 1,500 F-35s so far, and plans to buy another 1,000 by 2025.

Milley said the F-35 is expected to have a lifespan of 60 years, and that it will be used in more than 30 countries.

The F-35 is also being developed for use in the Navy’s F/A-18 Super Hornet. The military is currently looking at using the F-35 in the Navy’s F/A-18E/F Super Hornet and the F/A-18C/D Hornet.

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The intergovernmental agreement between the two countries provided a strong foundation for the relationship between the U.S. and RMI, said Cabral. “In its short time as an independent, sovereign country, the RMI has made important progress: establishing itself as a democratic nation, standing for the rights and freedoms of others around the world,” said Cabral.

The Compact was the foundation of the strong relationship between the U.S. and RMI, said Cabral. Cabral added that the Compact was the foundation of the strong relationship between the RMI and the United States, ensuring open, fair, and sovereign relationships.

“We see our partnership as enduring, as the Compact itself does not expire,” Cabral said. Provisions of the Compact provide the following:

- The U.S. will continue to have responsibility for security and defense matters for the RMI.
- Citizens of the RMI will continue to enjoy the ability to travel to, work, live, and study in the U.S.
- The RMI will continue to have access to programs implemented by USAID, as well as a range of U.S. federal programs and services. Programs include those provided by the Departments of the Interior, State, Transportation, Health, Labor, Energy, Commerce, Agriculture, Defense, and Education.

Cabral shared a special message from the U.S.‘s lead Compact negotiators: “Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular and International Affairs, Doug Do- menec, and former Ambassador Karen Stewart, wish to extend their best wishes to the people and government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 34th anniversary of the Compact of Free Association between our two countries. This unique agreement cemented a relationship built on shared history, sacrifice, and values. To this day, our peoples live and work together in furtherance of those same values. We look forward to our shared future in the enduring partnership of the Compact.”

Cabral added, “I would like to reaffirm the importance of our special and historic relationship, which will continue to support security, stability, freedom, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific for years to come.”
By USAG-KA Public Affairs

With the latest arrivals of repatriated personnel going into quarantine here, two tested positive for COVID-19 Oct. 28. They have no signs or symptoms and are continuing the quarantine process while being closely monitored by our medical team.

We treat all incoming people as if they have COVID to ensure there is no risk of community spread.

The quarantine process at Kwajalein has done exactly what it was designed to do. This is a “layered” defense, designed to identify any positive cases along the entire timeline. USAG-KA works closely with the RMI government to return our workforce safely to Kwajalein, ensuring the health and safety of all residents is maintained. Our number one priority is to prevent COVID-19 from entering the RMI.

QUARANTINE MEASURES PROCEED AS PLANNED

By the Office of the RMI Chief Secretary

Health Alert: Confirmed Two Positive Cases of Novel Coronavirus in the Republic of the Marshall Islands

On Oct. 28, the first border cases of COVID-19 in the Marshall Islands were identified on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. These two individuals arrived Tuesday, Oct. 27 on the ATI flight that flew directly from Honolulu to Kwajalein. The RMI National Disaster Committee, in close coordination with the President, Cabinet and USAG-KA, are rapidly responding to these cases. We can assure the public these are strictly border cases and were discovered while the individuals were in quarantine, where they remain until this time. The Response Teams are monitoring the situation very closely. Neither of the cases are symptomatic or showing signs of the virus.

Case 1, a 35-year old female, tested positive on the evening of Oct. 27 after arriving earlier in the day. This person was known to have had COVID-19 in late July 2020. Case 1 has received an antibody test, the results of which are still pending. The test will determine if this COVID-19 case is indeed a historical infection—meaning the person had COVID-19 and is not infectious or contagious.

Case 2, a 46-year old male, tested positive Oct. 28 after arriving on the Oct. 27 flight. As with Case 1, we are still waiting for the results of the antibody test. As far as we know, this person did not previously have COVID-19.

The two cases are not epidemiologically linked and protocols in place on USAG-KA ensure the individuals have not had contact with the community. Both, along with their tranche, remain under strict quarantine.

Advice to the public:
At this time, members of the public are requested to remain calm and stay tuned for updates from the National Disaster Committee. At the present moment, this remains a border quarantine case of COVID-19, with no threat of community transmission.

Because these are border cases and are contained in strict quarantine, a nationwide lockdown is not required. Schools, shops and businesses will remain open and government operations will continue until further notice.

The NDC continues to recommend the public practice safe hand hygiene, coughing and sneezing etiquette, physical distancing and frequent cleaning of surfaces.

More information about the situation will be provided at a minimum of every 24 hours via radio, mass texts, press releases and press conferences.

For more information, please contact the National Disaster Management Office at 692-625-6366.

A Kwajalein employee wearing personal protective equipment loads luggage onto a transport vehicle at Bucholz Army Airfield in June.

RMI ISSUES OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON FIRST COVID-19 CASES IN THE RMI

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The next time you head home from the post office with a package, buy an avocado or grab a pen from your office supplies locker, you can thank the island’s logistics teams. USAG-KA gets its mail, supplies and groceries through a complicated process with the help of this dedicated team of experts.

In addition to moving sundries for tenant organizations, they care about you getting your stuff. Check out these photos of the process in action, and check back next week to learn more about how your stuff gets to you. —JD

1) A truck heads to a warehouse with a MATSON container after being offloaded at Echo Pier.
2) Two of the crewmembers who help with offload guide use lines to guide a container onto a yard dog moving vehicle.
3) A forklift driver prepares to move a load off the pier.
4) An operator drives a Kalmar container handler through the Kwajalein warehouse lot. Using a Kalmar, a driver can pick up more than 6,000 pounds at a time.
5) A crewmember checks his spreadsheet against a cargo manifest and gives a thumbs up before the container is offloaded at an island storage area.
Students from George Seitz Elementary School assisted US-AG-KA MWR with a special painting project last week in the downtown area. Together with Art teacher Jane Christy, they applied their personal thumbprint to a community mural project led by MWR Business Liaison Teresa Mitchell. Spaces are still available in the wall-sized public art project for individuals and private organizations to adopt a space to paint with their unique logo. For more information, contact MWR at 5-3400.

1) Jane Christy and a young student work on the GSES mural. 2) Charlotte Dawicki, left, and Christy pause in their painting to smile for the camera. 3) Christy, left, and Mitchell display several completed panels in the mural project. 4) What better way to show the love for Kwaj than with a cool sea turtle? During their visit to the mural project, students marked their thumbprint in the painting. 5) Ellen Potts and her first-grade students await their turn to paint.
Halloween News Wire Reports

Octopus Invasion
By Lonnie Jay Weddington III
Kwaj Kids News Flash

This is the Kids News Flash. On this horrid day, octopuses invaded Kwajalein. We have octopuses invading the town and they are destroying buildings and evacuation vehicles can’t make it close to the island. We are stuck here folks. Even sea cucumbers are huge now so it looks like the sea and lagoon are fighting back! This is Kids News Flash signing off.

Walking Sharks Terrorize
By Mikayla McDiffett, 5th Grade

Hello, it’s Mikayla here from 5th grade to report a huge walking shark found at Brandon Field. Scientists say it hates salt. They believe it lived in freshwater and came on land because of the saltwater here. Make sure to bring salt with you tonight. It’s going to be crazy! The shark walks on four legs like a lizard and is speedy! Police are trying to get it away from Kwaj so if you see it run! That’s all I have for now. Bye!

 Beware the Starfish
By Eva Acosta
Kwaj Kids News Channel

This is Kwaj Kids News Channel. I’m Eva Acosta. Starfish are ripping themselves apart! Apparently, it’s a virus that started in 1995. We don’t know why it’s starting now but it’s happening all around the world! And the starfish legs are attacking Kwajalein! They are everywhere—in houses, on beaches—everywhere!

Aliens Blamed for Surfway Shortages
By Gabe Makovec
Kwaj Kids News Flash

On Kwajalein Atoll an alien race is stealing our source of food. An ATI comes in next week. Anyways—this is a tragedy! Kwaj was ready to fight back, but the aliens had a hypno-ring to get into the UFO. They were all like, “okay,” and got in. As soon as they got in, the aliens’ equipment broke the hypnotizing spell and the war had started. The aliens’ equipment also broke the radio transmitter.

Beach Closure Due to Zombies
By Heidi Dunson
Kwajalein Radio News

Reporting live from Kwajalein Radio News, we have a news flash. From Glass Beach Kwajalein Atoll, we have zombies coming up from the deep depths of the water. Hurry up and save yourselves. Zombies may be slow, but these ones aren’t! Hurry, save yourselfs.

Marlin Attack
By Cielo Bates, Local News

Hi, I’m your local news reporter here to tell you that a school of marlin were chasing people down Emon Beach. Marlin are a type of fish that has a pointy mouth and are really big. They were on the playground and were not letting people get on it. Everybody get to your houses and get under your bed—because there are marlin everywhere!
Mornings were the same for Timothy, of late. Monday through Sunday began to seem indistinguishable since his brother went missing. Timothy would wake up and let the dread of reality sink in as his dreams gave away to a waking daylight. The ritualistic pattern was the same each day. Turn off the alarm, stand up and stare across the bedroom at a deserted bed. The bed where his brother once slept sat empty with the blankets still situated the way he left them that day.

As Timothy walked out of his room, he intentionally averted his gaze away from the mirror resting above the shared dresser. He hated seeing himself, it reminded him of his brother. Timothy was a twin, and he could only see his brother in himself, a sight that only garnered heartache and pain. Identical twins, the only features separating the two were the birthmarks on their faces, but even those were almost identical.

Timothy had a light red skin mark on his right temple that trailed just above his right eye and walked out the front door. Walking down stairs, he could hear the clanking of dishes; his mother was in the kitchen.

At the base of the stairs Timothy spoke: “I’m going to go put out more flyers and look around again Mom.” The clanking of dishes stopped suddenly, and his mother took a deep breath. Timothy could sense the mere mentioning of the topic was stressful. He grabbed his bag and walked out the front door.

Kwajalein was a small island; how could anyone go missing? Timothy began his routine of tracing his brother’s steps. He and his brother liked different things and had different patterns of life, but Timothy knew where his brother had gone to play, and the spots he would visit. He and his brother liked different games and had different patterns of life, but Timothy knew where his brother was so fond of. All the pieces to the game adorned the board, though something seemed off about the setup.

The king and queen of the games Black side did not mirror the White side. Timothy thought to pick up the pieces and adjusted them to mirror the opposing side appropriately. It seemed a silly mistake to make, but easily rectifiable. He walked to the other side to observe the game from White’s side. All seemed in order; the pieces now perfectly mirrored each other.

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“Oh my god!” Timothy heard a voice from behind. He spun to meet the voice of a woman as she ran toward him. “It’s him!” she shrieked; her palms covered her mouth. Timothy spun back where he grabbed the sunglasses and gazed into the water. A submerged boy. Pale, eyes locked open, lifeless. With his eyes entranced, Timothy saw the birthmark on the face. It was on...the right side, not the left.

The sounds of a thousand waves crashing filled his ears and thoughts flooded his mind. The light around him dimmed so fast, and the sound softened as he felt smaller every second. Quiet. He had no brother. Darkness...silence...more dreams.

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A long time ago, a siren came to a beach on an island called Kwajalein and started singing to all of the pets near the beach and those pets got the other pets to listen to the siren's song.

All of the pets started walking towards the water, so the owners grabbed them and ran home.

The pets were scratching at the doors to get back to the siren. But it didn't work, and they were stuck in the house.

Then the pets start ripping toys, furniture and fragile things like glass pots. The pets destroyed anything they could find, and they would rip it to shreds.

The town had a meeting and decided to take the pets and move to a different island. Then the siren would go away. When everyone was going to the airport the pets broke out of their cages and ran to the beach.

The owners were afraid that the siren would take their pets away, so they were making a trap for the siren. It took a lot of work, but they made the trap. When the owners were headed towards the beach, some of them were getting other weapons and traps. When they were almost there, they saw their pets running back to them.

The siren seemed to be hypnotizing the pets, and they wanted to be near the siren. What was the siren saying to the pets? The owners wondered why their pets needed to be close to the siren. The siren was telling the pets that something very bad is coming—and that thing was a tsunami. The siren said the tsunami is coming in three days.

The pets were trying to warn the owners, but they didn't listen. The pets ran to the plane, and the owners followed them.

The captain's pet ran into the front seat. The captain started the plane and flew off. It took one to two days, but everyone was off the island—even all of the strays. When the tsunami was over, they all went back, and the owners were happy the siren had come. Every time the siren comes the owners are okay with it.

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SIREN

By Caydence Sanchez

Ever since I was a kid I have seen things no else could see. People have told me that my imagination just gets the best of me. I believed them even though I knew I shouldn't. I knew that they were wrong because they couldn't see the things that would haunt me for the rest of my life. I never asked for help because my family told me it was just my dumb imagination.

Fast forward, I moved to this government-run island and made some new friends. During a visit to my friend's house, we got into conversations about the supernatural. We start to talk about creepy stuff and we both ask each other about the craziest things we have ever seen here on the island. Come to find out, we have both seen the same thing!

Sometimes I think about how crazy I sound telling my parents what I've seen. I don't think I sound crazy. Maybe I am going crazy? Every time I wake up, I tell them to please just let me sleep. Am I crazy for saying that out loud? I see more stuff at night. The majority of the figures I see are shadow people who are very tall. I see them at the elementary school here. I try not to freak my friends out. I always see this one shadow person on the road right by Surfway, our local grocery store. The figure stands at about eight feet tall and every time I see him it gives me a bad feeling. I feel like I am being watched. There are rumors about the elementary school being haunted. That would explain why I see the figures more in that area and why the school bell goes off at random times at night.

I never like riding home in the dark because I never know whether I will encounter the shadow people lurking by the family pool, waiting to be seen. Sometimes when I am home alone, I can hear footsteps and doors opening. I have to tell them to stop, not because I am scared but because it annoys me. Sometimes they stop, sometimes they don't.

If you are reading this right now, remember spirits walk amongst us every day. Be careful not to make fun of them. Just like the living on earth, some are good and some are bad. It could be the shadow people, or it could be something much worse. You never know what might be lurking in the shadows.
GUARD DUTY

By Mike Brantley
USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer

The two Soldiers sat huddled, under a tree in the dank humidity of the tropical canopy. Palm fronds fluttering in the breeze as the full moon shone down upon their pale skin.

"It's your turn," said Nate, a young Soldier of 19, far from his home in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

"How long do we have to do this," said Carl, an older Soldier of 20 from Los Angeles.

"Until he comes home," replied Nate. "You know the rules." "I know the rules. I know the rules," said Carl. "I just wish we didn't have to do this.

"You know they can't be left alone when they get here, right?" asked Nate. "I know. But it makes me sad," replied Carl. "It makes me sad as well but a deal is a deal," responded Nate.

In the distance, a soft, glowing light appeared from behind a young coconut palm. The beam made its way towards the Soldiers, growing brighter as it neared.

The Soldiers at first could make out a faint face in the light, then it grew larger, and they could see the floppy ears and bright eyes of their new charge—a small beagle of seven years of age.

"Come here lil' ella," said Nate to the pup. "We've been waiting for you.

As the pup grew closer, Carl reached down to pick up him pup, cradling him in his arms and holding him to his chest. He could feel the dog's chest heaving with each breath, and he looked down and locked eyes with his young charge.

"There, there," Carl said, softly caressing the dog's forehead. "You're safe now.
"You're home," said Nate, moving closer to get a better look at their new pup. The dog puzzled Carl's uniform, playfully biting at its tattered sleeve. Hey lil' guy," said Carl, "this is my only uniform. Don't mess it up.

Nate looked over at Carl with a smirk on his face, "Like he could mess up your uniform.

Carl looked down sheepishly at the rest of his uniform—the shredded remains of pants, no shoes but one bony foot covered in a green sock. "I guess you're right.

"It's time to go," said Nate. As he and Carl began walking to the edge of the clearing, the young pup looked back in the direction that he had just walked from. He could see tiny and large faces. He could hear people sobbing. He could see his owner, a little boy named Kevin, holding onto a collar and leash, crying into his mother's arms while being x-rayed. The dog was shot by a Japanese sniper on Bougainville and died during the war, but were chosen to guide pets of the future to their final resting place.

"They are our guides," said Chance.

"They did a good job, but I miss my owners," Petey cried.

"You'll make new friends here, and, we'll always be near," said Carl. "They placed the pup on the ground and he immediately ran over to a tall headstone with the name Chance etched into it. He sniffed the stone and lay down on the ground. A handsome German shepherd appeared from behind the stone and gazed down at Petey.

"Nate and Carl took good care of you, didn't they?" asked Chance.

"They did a good job, but I miss my owners," Petey cried.

"You'll always have them in your heart, and one day in the future, you will see them again," said the larger dog. "But for now, we have Nate and Carl to watch over us and guide us as we wait.

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As the three walked through the brush, they entered a clearing and headed towards a raised area of land with headstones.

"This is where we will leave you, Petey," said Nate. "This is your new home.

"You'll make new friends here, and, we'll always be near," said Carl.

They placed the pup on the ground and he immediately ran over to a tall headstone with the name Chance etched into it. He sniffed the stone and lay down on the ground. A handsome German shepherd appeared from behind the stone and gazed down at Petey.

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As their last thoughts before they died so many years ago were of their childhood pets, Nate and Carl were chosen to guide pets of the future to their final resting place.

"We are lucky," said Carl to Nate. "How so?" replied Nate.

"Our loved ones have long forgotten about us—their memories have faded—but look how great it is to see humans love their pets even after they are gone," said Carl.

"I guess you're right," said Nate, looking at a torn, weathered photograph in his hand of a hound dog named Jake. "No, I know you are right.

In this undated photo, a Marine Corps German shepherd is comforted by his partner while being x-rayed. The dog was shot by a Japanese sniper on Bougainville and died of his injuries.
By Jessica Dambuch

The day the electrician—Arnej Arnej, from Jaluit—came back to Public Works without his tool bag stammering about quarters 117-F, they made him sit down and drink a glass of water. Heat exhaustion, we said. No, Arnej said. He filed his resignation that afternoon.

The Kwajalein Police Department blamed teenagers for yet another prank at an unoccupied government property. They stepped up patrols and erected a curbside perimeter. At lunch in the Zamperini, patrons offered lukewarm speculation before the incident faded. For a while, no one talked—except me and Chris Smith, the head of the electrical shop.

“His one of my best guys,” Chris said, stabbing the gravel with his cigarette. “The way the flights are going, it’ll be two years before I can get another electrician out here.”

On Saturdays, Chris and I chill at the seawall behind the Pit. Now, two weeks after the incident, the white noise of the tide couldn’t erase his unease. Chris was always busy. Now, he was busy and understaffed.

In the past few weeks, we’d all heard the scuttlebutt about Arnej. But Chris had read situation reports for the rest of the trouble—the earlier stuff. Today, he’d received a security missive: The PMO confirmed Arnej hadn’t boarded a plane or ferry. He was missing.

“It’s weird,” said Chris, “whatever happened to him on that job.”

117-F is located at North Point in what was once new housing. You know you’ve arrived when you see the sign indicating the end was near: a demolition that never happened. I call it ghost town. New housing was built in the late 1980s on the fumes of Reagan-era funding. Very quickly, things went wrong. The buildings were sick. The construction trapped water and heat that collapsed ceilings and buckled carpets. Veins of black mold burst through the walls. Most of the neighborhood closed.

I believe it or not, they saved a scant few units, and they are still occupied. Chris had been a journeyman electrician at DPW during the first wave of renovations. A few units like 117-F were converted into TDY housing. There wasn’t much work left to do at the address, said Chris. Just mundane wiring and fire code stuff. The problem was the guys who could do the work kept leaving.

“This isn’t the first time someone walked after a job at that place,” said Chris.

In two months, the island lost a carpenter, painter, fireman and now an electrician after receiving work orders for 117-F. I talked to people in each shop. The guys had returned visibly shaken. They didn’t want to talk with chaplains or the EAP Counselor. They wanted to leave.

The PMO called a work stoppage at the address. No one was allowed back—not even to retrieve the tool bag. Chris thought whatever had happened to Arnej was his fault.

“Don’t print any of this in the Hourglass,” said Chris. “You know we don’t print anymore,” I said.

“Just don’t, okay?” he said. “Also, you didn’t hear any of this from me.”

No one wants to be quoted anymore. So, I went to the police department.

“This is for an article?” Chief asked.

“Sure,” I said. “I mean, yes. How do you know everyone’s supposed to PCS actually leaves?”

“I’m not sure I understand your reasoning,” Chief said. “No one can stay on the garrison without proper clearance.”

“But what if they did,” I said. The PMO keeps the master list of arrivals and departures from different island tenant organizations. “It’s a non-issue,” he said. “No person without authorization can remain on the island. So, we treat the question as an if/when. If or when it happens, it’s simply not permitted. Trust me, it would be very hard for anyone to remain without us knowing.”

The next day, I walked with Melaing, from the Help Desk, as far as the tennis courts before she boarded the ferry. Arnej is her cousin, and he’d just had a birthday. They’d given him a green tool bag. Melaing had been told Arnej moved back to Majuro, but she couldn’t reach him. Arnej took pride in his job. He wouldn’t just leave, she said.

“What do you think happened?” I asked.

The streets around the Dock Security Checkpoint were thickening with commuters carrying water jugs and backpacks home.

“If he did leave—we’d know,” she said. “Something is not good.”

She slipped into the crowd of passengers and was gone.

I called Chris to tell him, but he didn’t answer. The electrical shop told me he was leaving. It was sudden. He was scheduled to depart on the afternoon plane. Maybe he just doesn’t like good-byes,” offered his human resources department.

Flight Ops told me today’s plane was yesterday’s flight. It would fly.

I clocked out immediately and called the Help Desk. Darren answered. No one had seen Chris today.

“Look, what was his last job assignment? Can you say?”

“Check out the lights in the manager’s office,” said Darren. “Yesterday, he said he was going to go pick up some tools somewhere.”

By the time the plane had ascended, the sun had disappeared. I’d watched every single passenger that boarded. Chris wasn’t there.

I went out to the seawall for a while. I didn’t know what to do.

Ghost town begins where Lagoon road bifurcates the past and present. It sits on a parcel of land that didn’t used to exist: postwar construction. On the right are newer dome homes. Everything on the left is history.

I biked as far as the CRC and began walking where heaving palm frond shadows choked out the streetlight. I kept going, down Western Street, and stopped at the remains of a once-basketball hoop.

Somehow, it was worse in the dark. Night couldn’t hide the collapsed fences, sagging rain gutters and softills. Sidings had split walls like stomachs until radic insulation fouled the grass. Before this was ghost town, these townhomes seemed like mansions. Kwaj has a long history, but once we really lose a building, we can’t get it back.

The black voids of the windows were cracked with mold. What did they see that I couldn’t see?

A TDY engineer had once told me he’d never been any place as frightening as Kwajalein at 3 a.m. I stood alone in the dead street. I waited. Beyond the basketball hoop, light began to move inside the island’s most troubled building. A porch lamp flickered on and illuminated ragged shreds of caution tape in the yard.

I saw a green tool bag abandoned on the front slab. A voice I recognized called to me from the dark.
Kwajalein High School
National Honor Society needs your help!

Child Development Center

**Baru Classroom Water Play Days**
Saturdays are Water Play Day. Send your child with water clothes, a towel, dry clothes and swim diaper if needed.

**Bako Classroom**

- Tuesdays - Pre-K Music Class
- Tuesdays - STEAM Swim Day. Send your child with water clothes, a towel and dry clothes.
- Wednesdays - STEAM Functional Fitness
- Thursdays - Pre-K Music Class
- Thursdays - STEAM Library
- Saturdays - Pre-K Music Class
- Saturdays - STEAM Reading Buddies

**Important Dates**
Nov. 6 - STEAM Yoga
Pre - K Vacation Nov. 27 - 28

**Start Smart Sports**
- Soccer - Season runs through Nov. 12
- Toddler Swim - Registration begins Nov. 3 - 14 - Season runs Nov. 15 - Dec. 2

**School-Age Care**
- Tuesdays - Art
- Wednesdays - Functional Fitness - 2:30 p.m.
- Thursdays - STEM
- Fridays - Recreation
- Saturdays - Character

**4 - H**
Join the 4-H crew for November Health and Fitness every Every Wednesday and Friday from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Sports**
- Soccer - Season runs through Nov. 14

**Important Dates**
Nov. 10 - Veteran’s Day Celebration
Nov. 27 and 28 - Full Day Camp

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**Namo Weto Youth Center**
Tuesdays - Recreation, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Keystone Meetings - 11:40 a.m.
Wednesdays - Trivia and Game Night, 5 p.m.
Youth Action Council Meeting - 4 p.m.
Thursdays - Ted Talks - 4 p.m.
Fridays - Fitness Challenge

**Sunday Movies at 7 p.m.**
Legends of Cora

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Saturdays - Smoothies - 4 p.m.
Sundays - Keystone Officers Meeting - 4:15 p.m.
Sundays - Dungeon Masters - 4 p.m.
Sundays - Yoga - 6 p.m.

**Special Events**
Oct. 31 - Frida Kahlo Face Painting
Nov. 7 - Green Thumb Gardening
Nov. 12 - Hand Turkey Art - 4 p.m.
Nov. 14 - Make & Take - Pillow Cases - 3:15
Nov. 15 - Snorkel Sunday - 2 p.m.
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Nov. 22 - Snorkel Sunday - 2 p.m.
Nov. 28 - Youth Center BBQ Event - 4 - 7 p.m.
Nov. 29 - Snorkel Sunday - 2 p.m.

**Parent Information**
Parent Advisory Board Open House - Please come and get information on upcoming events and to register for activities on Saturday Nov. 7 all day in Central Registration.

**All CYS Facilities will be closed Nov. 11 for Veteran’s Day and Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving Day.**

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**ATTENTION**

**MOTORIZED VEHICLES**
Do Not Go Around Barricades on the East-West streets by GSES and the CDC.
Please use other streets for the safety of our children.

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**HOLIDAYS ON CARLOS**
NHS will travel to Carlos Dec. 22 to donate supplies to form bonds with our Marshallese friends and to make their holidays a little sweeter!
Contact Mindi Gerber with questions at 5-2011 and also at gerbermi@kwajalein-school.com

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**Join Us**

**FOR A HOLIDAY PARTY HONORING OUR**
Home Helpers

**Thursday, Dec. 3 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Bartel residence, 241 Ocean Road**
Join Kwajalein at the movies. Unless otherwise indicated, all movies begin at 7:30 p.m. Contact MWR at 5-3331 for more information. Showtimes may vary for special “Movies Under the Stars” events.

**KWAJALEIN AT THE MOVIES**

SUNDAY, NOV. 1
"THE CURSE OF LA LLORONA" (R) 93 MIN.
Starring Linda Cardellini and Raymond Cruz
In 1970s Los Angeles, the legendary ghost La Llorona is stalking the night—and the children. Ignoring the eerie warning of a troubled mother, a social worker and her own kids are drawn into a frightening supernatural realm. Their only hope of surviving La Llorona’s deadly wrath is a disillusioned priest who practices mysticism to keep evil at bay.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31
“IT: CHAPTER TWO” (R) 170 MIN.
Starring Jessica Chastain and Bill Hader
Defeated by members of the Losers’ Club, the evil clown Pennywise returns 27 years later to terrorize the town of Derry, Maine, once again. Now adults, the childhood friends have long since gone their separate ways. But when people start disappearing, Mike Hanlon calls the others home for one final stand. Damaged by scars from the past, the united Losers must conquer their deepest fears to destroy the shape-shifting Pennywise—now more powerful than ever.

SATURDAY, NOV. 7
"POKEMON DETECTIVE PIKACHU" (PG) 104 MIN.
Starring Ryan Reynolds and Justin Smith
Ace detective Harry Goodman goes mysteriously missing, prompting his 21-year-old son, Tim, to find out what happened. Aiding in the investigation is Harry’s former Pokémon partner, wise-cracking, adorable super-sleuth Detective Pikachu. Finding that they are uniquely equipped to work together, as Tim is the only human who can talk with Pikachu, they join forces to unravel the tangled mystery.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8
"WHAT MEN WANT" (R) 117 MIN.
Starring Taraji P. Henson and Aldis Hodge
Passed up for a well-deserved promotion, sports agent Ali Davis wonders what else she needs to do to succeed in a man’s world. Hoping to find answers from a psychic, Ali drinks a weird concoction that suddenly allows her to hear what men are thinking. Using her newfound ability, Ali starts to turn the tables on her obnoxious male colleagues while racing to sign the next basketball superstar.

MONDAY, NOV. 9
"BLOODSHOT" (PG-13) 109 MIN.
Starring Vin Diesel and Sam Heughan
Based on the bestselling comic book, Vin Diesel stars as Ray Garrison, a Soldier recently killed in action and brought back to life as the superhero Bloodshot by the RST corporation. With an army of nanotechnology in his veins, he’s an unstoppable force—stronger than ever and able to heal instantly. But in controlling his body, the company has sway over his mind and memories, too. Now, Ray doesn’t know what’s real and what’s not—but he’s on a mission to find out.

SUNDAY, NOV. 1
"ADDAMS FAMILY" (PG) 87 MIN.
Starring Raúl Juliá and Anjelica Houston
When a man claiming to be Fester, the missing brother of Gomez Addams, arrives at the Addams’ home, the family is thrilled. However, Morticia begins to suspect the man is a fraud, since he cannot recall details of Fester’s life. With the help of lawyer Tully Alford, Fester manages to get the Addams clan evicted from their home. Gomez realizes the two men are conspiring to swindle the Addams fortune and that he must challenge Fester.

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"MALEFICENT: MISTRESS OF EVIL" (PG) 119 MIN.
Starring Angelina Jolie and Elle Fanning
Maleficent travels to a grand old castle to celebrate young Aurora’s upcoming wedding to Prince Phillip. While there, she meets Aurora’s future mother-in-law—a conniving queen who hatches a devious plot to destroy the land’s fairies. Hoping to stop her, Maleficent joins forces with a seasoned warrior and a group of outcasts to battle the queen and her powerful army.
WHAT THE CRITICS ARE SAYING

ON “POKEMON DETECTIVE PIKACHU”: “It’s impossible to overstate how much this film owes to Ryan Reynolds: Even if you don’t understand Pikachu’s world, everyone can understand a great joke superbly delivered.” —Olly Richards, Empire

ON “WHAT MEN WANT”: “What Men Want is a wildly uneven stretch of a movie that’s more of a flail than a romp.” —Emily Yoshida, Vulture

ON “BLOODSHOT”: “Bloodshot” is a trash compactor of a comic-book film, but it’s smart trash, an action matrix that’s fun to plug into.” —Owen Gleiberman, Variety

ON “FLATLINERS”: “The original starred Julia Roberts, Kiefer Sutherland and Kevin Bacon, among others. The new one has Ellen Page and some horror movie tricks.” —Glenn Kenny, The NYTimes

ON “THE ADDAMS FAMILY”: “Home sweet horrible. Lavish, funny and visual-adventurous.” —Janet Maslin, the NYTimes

ON “IT: CHAPTER TWO”: “You can’t keep a bad clown down. And Pennywise is a very, very bad clown.” —Plugged In Staff

ON “THE CURSE OF LA LLORONA”: “Though it certainly could have been scarier and made better use of its premise, this film is still an accomplished, skilful effort in terms of its crisp, fluid look and spooky sound design.” —Jeffrey M. Anderson, Common Sense Media

ON “MALEFICENT: MISTRESS OF EVIL”: “With widespread death and destruction, this fairytale costume drama is by no means a child’s play. However, it has enough live-action magic to bring the big screen alive.” —Ronak Kotecha, Times of India

VETERANS DAY DINNER AT THE VET’S HALL

Veterans, active duty service members and their family members are invited to an American Legion Veterans Day dinner Saturday, Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Vet’s Hall. The Legion will provide meat and main dishes. Attendees are asked to contribute sides and desserts.

For more information, contact Dan Farnham at 5-8988.
HONOR WITH THANKS ON VETERANS DAY

By Marybeth Dawicki
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If this is your first Halloween on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, you are in for a great time.

On Kwajalein, children and young adults can trick or treat with no age limit. Siblings and friends from kindergarten through 12th grade put on their costumes, grab flashlights and candy bags and visit neighborhood houses along with guest trick-or-treaters from our host nation.

**TRICK-OR-TREATING ON USAG-KA**

- Island scooter rentals end at 4 p.m. Oct. 31
- Trick-or-treating begins at 6:30 p.m. and ends promptly at 8:30 p.m.
- Trick-or-treaters can travel in and around the old Navy housing and North Point housing
- For safety during trick-or-treating hours, only emergency vehicles are allowed in island housing areas
- An extra ferry is available to return guest trick-or-treaters to Ebeye at 9 p.m. Guests should return to DSC prior to 9 p.m. to return home safely

**MWR Treat Team**

Those BQ residents interested in volunteering to assist USAG-KA command in distributing candy may apply directly to Julia Sektnan at julia.m.sektnan.civ@mail.mil.

**Kwaj Halloween Checklist**

- Trick or treat bag
- Flashlight or glowstick for visibility
- Bottled water
- Wear comfortable shoes
- If you are a parent, bring a stroller and toys for your youngest ghouls
- Those distributing candy must adhere to the program start and end times for the USAG-KA trick-or-treating.

For questions about Halloween activities on island, contact the Commander’s Hotline at 5-1098.

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**ARE YOU READY?**

**NIGHTMARE ON OUR STREET**

**MWR COMMUNITY HAUNTED HOUSE**

5 – 8 P.M. OCT. 31
CORLETT RECREATION CENTER GYM

Visit MWR at 5-3331 or stop by the MWR desk at the Grace Sherwood Library in Bldg. 805 to learn more.

This event is not intended for young children. Parental discretion is advised.

**HALLOWEEN AT THE ROI OUTRIGGER**

Oct. 31 at 8 p.m.
DJ AND COSTUME PARTY

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KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB
SWASHBUCKLERS BALL

Sunday, Nov. 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Kwajalein Yacht Club

Arrrr you ready? Dress in your best pirate gear and join the crew! Open to all adults on island. Music provided by island DJs.

This is a potluck event. All food will be staged at Camp Hamilton. Be there or walk the plank!

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB

THIS WEEKEND!
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.

The cipher code for the racquetball court has been changed. Authorized residents can obtain the new code from the MWR Desk in the Grace Sherwood Library. Be sure to go out over the phone. Call MWR at 5-3331 with questions.

Water Safety and Swimming Courses 5-2848 for registration and questions. For more information, contact Cliff Pryor at 5-2848 or clifford.pryor@dyn-intl.com.

ARC Lifeguard Recertification Training. Refresher Course for those holding current certification in American Red Cross Lifeguard and do not expire before March 31, 2021. Nov. 9 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cost: $50.

American Red Cross Lifeguard Class. Session Dates: Nov. 29 - 30 and Dec. 6 - 7 and 14 - 13. Prerequisite: Swim Tests. Tue. Nov. 17 from 7 - 7 p.m. at the Millican Family Pool; Classes meet Sun., Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and 13: 6 - 7 a.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 7 and 14: 8 a.m. - noon. Cost: $150 (online class, pool mask, educational services). Registration open Nov. 3 - 14. Fee is due after the prerequisite skill session. Students must be at least age 15 by the last course day.

Get ready for big fish stories. All anglers from Kwajalein and Roi-Namur are welcome to join in this annual two-day tournament Nov. 8 and 9 honoring military service members in our communities. Come cheer on the teams at the Small Boat Marina pier awards ceremony Nov. 9. There will be excitement. There will be tears. There will be fish. For details, contact Rick Jameson at 5-6580.
ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL

SERVICE TIMES
For more information call 5-3505

Sundays, 8:15 a.m. Traditional Service in small sanctuary.
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Catholic Service in main sanctuary.
Weekdays at 5:15 p.m. Weekday mass 5:15 p.m. in chapel offices
Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Saturday night mass in small sanctuary.
Sundays, 11 a.m. Interdenominational Service. Rock out to modern praise and worship songs.
Men’s Bible Study Group meets Thursdays at 5:45 p.m. in the chapel conference room.

Sundays, 11 a.m. Kids Kingdom meets during the Interdenominational service. Children are welcome to join this fun weekly activity.

ACTIVITIES

Nov. 1 – Prayer and Praise at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary
Nov. 2 – Youth Fellowship at 7 p.m. in the REB
Nov. 7 – Veterans Day Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. in the main sanctuary
Nov. 8 – Christian Women’s Fellowship Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the REB. All ladies are welcome.
Nov. 9 – Theology on Tap discusses “Creation” at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Recreation Center.
Nov. 16 – Youth Fellowship at 7 p.m. in the REB
Nov. 29 – Decorating the Chapel at 3 p.m.
Nov. 29 – Hanging of the Greens community service at 5:30 p.m. in the main sanctuary

Sunday, Nov. 15, 3 - 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Corlett Recreation Center Gym
All are welcome. Cash sales only. For more information, contact USAG-KA Public Affairs at 5-4848

Marshallese Trade Fair
Sports Heroes Who Served is a series that highlights the accomplishments of athletes who served in the U.S. military.

Robert "Bob" William Andrew Feller was a renowned pitcher for the Cleveland Indians from 1936 to 1941 and from 1945 to 1956. During his 18 seasons, he pitched 3,827 innings with a win-loss record of 266-162. He pitched 279 complete games, 44 shutouts and had a 3.25 earned run average. He was an eight-time All-Star and helped the Indians win the 1948 World Series.

Baseball great Ted Williams called Feller "the fastest and best pitcher I ever saw during my career." Feller most likely would have boosted the Indians' scoreboard even more, except for America's entry into World War II after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on Dec. 7, 1941.

After learning of the attack, Feller, then 23, decided that the right thing to do would be to serve. "The last thing on my mind right then was playing baseball. I immediately decided to enlist in the United States Navy," he said decades later. "People today don't understand, but that's the way we felt in those days. We wanted to join the fighting."

On Dec. 9, 1941, he gave up the chance to earn $100,000 with the Indians and became the first professional athlete to join the Navy after Pearl Harbor. In 1942, after basic training, Feller was stationed at Norfolk Naval Station, Virginia. He found time there to pitch for the base's Bluejackets baseball team, which went 92-8 that year.

Feller then served as a gun captain on the battleship USS Alabama. In 1943, they sailed in the North Atlantic in support of combat operations in Europe. In August 1943, they departed for the Pacific Theater. During that time through the spring of 1944, the Alabama served as a carrier task force escort, protecting the carriers from surface and air attacks. The ship also bombarded Japanese positions, fought off enemy aircraft, and, in some cases, supported amphibious landings on Betio, Ma-

The battleship USS Alabama sails in the Western Pacific in August 1944. Baseball legend Robert William Andrew Feller, a pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, served as a gun captain on the Alabama during WWII.

SPORTS HEROES WHO SERVED: BASEBALL LEGEND PAUSES CAREER FOR WWII

By David Vergun
Department of Defense News

Robert "Bob" William Andrew Feller

Feller was honorably discharged as a chief petty officer on Aug. 22, 1945.

In 2010, Feller died at age 92.
WE HONOR THEM
The Kwajalein Hourglass Community Photo Project

Each year, The Kwajalein Hourglass recognizes U.S. military veterans and active duty service members with an annual Veterans Day community photo gallery. The project pays tribute to the awesome service of our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen and is open to current and former Kwajalein residents. This year, we also commemorate the loved ones we honor in remembrance on Veterans Day. Active duty service members and veterans are invited to submit their military portraits and service photos.

Family members are encouraged to submit photos of their military loved ones. This project is open to current and former Kwajalein residents. Gold Star, White Star and Blue Star family members are strongly encouraged to participate.

Thank you for the chance to recognize the brave members of the U.S. military in your lives. Please send photos and the following information by Nov. 7 to kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com.

- A military service portrait or “on-the-job” service photo of the service member.
- All service photos should be at least 4x6-inches.
- Please include the full name and rank of the service member. Please indicate if the service member is retired.
- Branch and years of service
- If you are the service member, please include a brief observation about what your service means to you.
- If you are a family member, please include a brief observation about what your loved one and their service means for you and your family.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

On Oct 26, 1942, the Battle of Santa Cruz off Guadalcanal between U.S. and Japanese warships results in the loss of the Yorktown-class aircraft carrier USS Hornet, CV-8, pictured here underway in Hampton Roads, Virginia on Oct. 27, 1941. The Hornet fought at the Battle of Midway and the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo and was the last U.S. fleet carrier sunk by enemy fire. The Hornet earned four service stars among other service awards. In January 2019, the wreck of the Hornet was located off the Solomon Islands.

Right: U.S. Navy Douglas SBD-3 “Dauntless” dive bombers from scouting squadron VS-8 from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet approaching the burning Japanese heavy cruiser Mikuma to make the third set of attacks on her, during the Battle of Midway, 6 June 1942. Mikuma had been hit earlier by strikes from the Hornet and USS Enterprise (CV-6), leaving her dead in the water and fatally damaged.
WEATHER DISCUSSION: We were relatively dry mid-week with the Intertropical Convergence Zone south of us. A weak disturbance will pass south of Kwajalein Saturday and Sunday but will bring the ITCZ northward again, along with increased chances for weekend rain.

Winds are trending higher initially but fall and become more southerly as the ITCZ comes overhead. October will end with Kwajalein having received nearly 140 percent of normal. The yearly accumulations are just about equal with average expected year to date.

SATURDAY: Party sunny with widely scattered to scattered showers. Winds ENE-ESE at 10-15 knots with higher gusts within showers.

SUNDAY: Partly to mostly cloudy with widely scattered to scattered showers. Winds E-SE at 7-12 knots with higher gusts within showers.

MONDAY: Mostly cloudy with scattered showers. Winds turning from the NE-E at 7-12 knots.

MID-WEEK: Normal precipitation to end of week.
**RMI TRAVEL BAN EXTENDED TO NOV. 5**

An extension of the total suspension of international travelers coming into the RMI via air travel will continue until Nov. 5. For more information about the Republic of the Marshall Islands Issuance 18, please contact the Commander’s Hotline at 5-1098 or the USAG-KA Host Nation Office at 5-5235.

**ISLAND HOPPER FLIGHT SCHEDULE**

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

These flights are for outbound travel only. No passengers are authorized to disembark. The current RMI travel restriction is applicable through Nov. 5.

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

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**HUNGRY? GRAB DINNER AT AAFES**

- **AMERICAN EATERY**
  - Sunday – closed
  - Monday – closed
  - Tuesday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

- **BURGER KING**
  - Sunday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Saturday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

- **ANTHONY’S PIZZA**
  - Sunday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
  - Monday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Saturday, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**EXCHANGE**

**Saturday. Check out this original, Kwaj radio show on AFN 99.9 The Wave at 5 p.m. Saturdays and noon on Tuesdays. Listen on the AFN roller channel, 19-5 for Kwaj and 45-1 for Roi.**

**THE KWAJ CURRENT.**

Kwaj Current. Catch the latest episode of Kwaj’s local TV show on KTV 20-2.

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**E-WARENESS: SECONDARY CONTAINMENT**

HMWPP is hazardous materials, wastes and petroleum products. All facilities that store HMWPP shall have appropriate containment for preventing a release. Secondary containment devices shall be:

- capable of holding the content of the largest container or 10 percent of all non-gaseous HMWPP stored in the area, whichever is greater.
- PCBs require secondary containment of twice the volume of the largest container or 25 percent of the total volume stored, whichever is greater.

**Aolep Facilities**

- Ej akuij im tiljok non bobrae 10% in container non-gaseous ilo HMWPP.
- PCBs ej require bar secondary containment rou kotan loplak jen jonon container ko ak 25% loplak ilo jikin kalon ko ak emar- ron loplak.

E-Wareness is a weekly product of DI Environmental. Contact the team at 5-1134. Bane elon am kajjiktok, jouj im kurlok DI Environmental ilo 5-1134.
How our newspaper got its name

The shoulder sleeve insignia of the 7th Infantry Division consists of two black, equilateral triangles placed vertically on a red circular disc giving it an hourglass shape.

The hourglass of the insignia was consequently used in the title of the island newspaper, The Kwajalein Hourglass.

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GET THE WORD OUT. SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNITY UPDATES AND EVENT FLIERS TO KWAJALEINHOURGLASS@DYN-INTL.COM WEDNESDAYS BY 5 P.M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER MIKE BRANTLEY AT 5-4848.