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HULIDAY TKEATS For atoll women's groups 8 U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS ROXANNE CABRAL, LEFT, AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 22 COMMAND-ER PAMELA RUBON CUT THE CAKE ON MAJU-RO FOLLOWING THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY FOR THE NEW POST.

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Personnel from U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, members of the newly formed American Legion Post 22 and Kwaj Post 44 members and island residents line up for a group photo on Majuro following Post 44's inaugural ceremony.

FIRST AMERICAN LEGION POST IN MAJURO ESTABLISHED

BY JORDAN VINSON

On Dec. 16, former U.S. service members living on Majuro officially established and joined the American Legion's newest post: Post 22, located at the Marshall Islands Resort on Majuro.

The Majuro post is now one of more than 12,000 individual American Legion posts located throughout the United States and overseas, from small farm towns in the American heartland, to the storied streets of Paris, to the remote, windswept atolls of Kwajalein and Majuro in the central Pacific.

The Majuro post members may not necessarily be citizens of the United States, but they all served—some as Soldiers and Airmen, others as Sailors, Coast Guardsmen and Marines-in America's armed forces. They earned both a place in the American Legion family and the honor of creating their own chapter, said Dan Farnham, Kwajalein's Post 44 commander. Invited to the capital to officially induct the members of Post 22, Farnham explained to the crowd gathered at the resort that the Post 22 members are now honor-bound to uphold and promote the American Legion's cardinal charter and "raison d'être." From rehabilitating disabled comrades and helping to care for dependents of those killed in action, to contributing to community fellowship activities and fundraising for charities like youth education, the duties of American Legion members to their fellow veterans and communities are diverse, Farnham said.

Presenting the Majuro chapter's gavel to its first commander, Pamela Rubon, and giving her a firm salute, Farnham announced to the crowd, "the post is now officially in action." And in his best effort at speaking in Marshallese, he said to the guests, "I now present to you the officers and members of Returning Warriors American Legion Post 22. Please join me in giving them a round of applause on this historic occasion."

Joining the Post 22 members for the poolside ceremony was an ensemble of VIP guests including RMI President David Kabua, U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Roxanne Cabral, Iroijlaplap Michael Kabua, Kwajalein Atoll Local Government Mayor Hirata Kabua, along with USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, RMI senators and a small handful of Kwajalein's American Legion Post 44 members.

The idea to establish a post on Majuro was a natural one: It is well known that Marshallese enlist in the U.S. armed forces at a greater rate per capita than any U.S. state. Some remain in America after their service, but many return to the Marshall Islands where they continue their service in different capacities as teachers, police officers, lawmakers and business owners. But getting Post 22 off the ground was not effortless, Farnham said.

In occasional discussions during the past five years, Majuro veterans flirted with the idea of setting up a post for the population center, but it was only recently, with interest coming from Kwajalein's Post 44 members and Cabral, the U.S. ambassador, and the State Department that it seemed doable, said Farnham.

While Farnham and other Post 44 members helped the interested Majuro veterans apply to the American Legion Department of Hawaii, which the RMI falls under, the Hawaii staff worked with the American Legion's national headquarters in Indianapolis to approve the Majuro chapter. Assistance also came

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from the U.S. embassy, which helped underwrite some of the costs associated with standing up the post, along with the logistics in ferrying the Kwajalein Atoll VIPs to the capital for the induction ceremony. Plenty of Majuro-based organizations, from the National Telecommunications Agency to the Office of the Nitijela Speaker and Spirit of America, a non-profit, also contributed.

The benefits American Legion posts bring to their communities firmly dovetail with the State Department's public diplomacy and charitable interests, Cabral said, making the embassy's support for the effort a no-brainer.

"Over the years the American Legion has influenced considerable social change, won hundreds of benefits for veterans and produced many important programs for children and youth," Cabral told the crowd. "As the newest member of the American Legion, the Majuro chapter will be an enduring symbol of pride and honor for the service many Marshallese have offered to the U.S. military."

With Post 22's charter official, its members and their comrades on Kwajalein have plenty to look forward to, Farnham said. USAG-KA and the Kwajalein post hope to have some of the Majuro members over to Kwaj for a Post 44 meeting to coincide with an event like Manit Day or the Marshallese Trade Fair. Likewise, Post 44 members hope to make it to Majuro for a big event, such as the New Year's block party.

But it's one step at a time, Farnham said: "With all the discussion already, we have several ideas, and I think they will happen once Post 22 has a little time to get up to speed on operating their post. They're off to a fantastic start and I know they will be a great post."

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1) Republic of the Marshall Is-lands President David Kabua addresses the gathering of Mar-shallese U.S. military veterans and friends. 2) Members of the post line up for an impromptu photo with U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Is-

lands Roxanne Cabral. 3) The ceremony included speeches by new members and post leadership. 4) Dan Farnham salutes American Legion Post 22 Commander Pamela Rubon. 5) Cabral makes an address during the ceremony.



SONGS AND SURPRISES AT WINTER HOLIDAY MUSIC CONCERT







BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Parents and friends packed the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room last week for the Kwajalein School System Winter Music Concert, featuring student performers in grades kindergarten through four.

With a little help from high school band musicians and music instructors to back up more than 100 elementary school-aged singers, music director Ashley Wright led students through a performance of holiday songs ranging in styles from big band to classic winter carols.

With each song, students demonstrated music skills practiced during the year like basic rhythm patterns, "solfeggio" singing in sol-fa syllables—and the listening skills necessary to perform music in a group ensemble. Student announcers stepped up to the mic to introduce each song and a few got to show off a specially choreographed dance routine.

The surprises didn't end with the night's music performances. Santa and Mrs. Claus made a special guest appearance to greet parents and students and stayed after to take holiday group photos.



1) All eyes are on GSES music teacher Ashley Wright, center, as she prepares to lead students in a song at the winter music concert. 2) Wright addresses the audience. 3) Student announcer Anaya Read takes the mic. 4) High school students and instructors accompanied the young singers during the performance. 5) Santa Claus greets students onstage before an impromptu holiday photo opportunity. Claus went on record and indicated his favorite holiday treat is peanut butter cookies and chocolate milk.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

1) Layleen Kabua prepares for a throw. 2) Casey Smith is about to nail this 38-yard pass. 3) USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel returns to the field to demonstrate long-range, strategic targeting skills. Pictured here, he lobs a pass more than 36 yards away. 4) KPD personnel and a few of the young participants in an afternoon of fun fitness with football rest by a squad car before the next round of "Punt, Pass, Kick."

KICKING IT WITH THE POLICE

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

There are those who love football, and then there are those who are from Wisconsin and love football, like Kwajalein Police Department Chief Dennis Johnson. When those enthusiasts pick a football and invite you to come outside and kick, you're in for a great afternoon.

Johnson and KPD personnel led an outdoor field day event Dec. 16. More than 25 island residents of all ages joined officers on DeMeo Field to toss the pigskin around and practice basic sports techniques. Kids biked up solo, and the parents who brought their children to participate couldn't help but join in the fun.

Officers tabulated the distance for each pass, throw and punt and scored each age group, with the youngest and oldest participants coming in at just over six years and 62 years, respectively.

"Each participant had two attempts to punt, pass and kick a football to achieve the greatest distance," wrote Johnson to the Hourglass the following week. "KPD personnel measured each attempt for distance and accuracy. We take the best

of each punt, pass and kick and combine for a total score in yards. So, the score reflects the furthest and most accuratenot just the furthest."

Numbers aside, of course, it's impossible to quantify joy. An enthusiastic shout went up from the crowd as each boy and girl gave their all to execute a kick or throw. The entire party was surprised when USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel and Regan Bartel joined the afternoon-and even more surprised at the colonel's high score.

It's hoped that KPD will opt to make "Punt, Pass, Kick" a new holiday season tradition. Congratulations to the participants. Check out the scores below.

Aged 6 - 7: 1st place - Kai Bates, 25 yards; and 2nd place - Kai Sampayan, 6 yards.

Aged 8 - 9: Boys - 1st - James Kabua, 52 yards; 2nd - JJ Sampayan, 41 yards; and 3rd - Lucas Howe, 34 yards. Girls -1st - Lilly Debates (also third in the age group), 35 yards; 2nd - Layleen Kabua, 25 yards.



Aged 10 - 11: Boys - 1st place tie - Michael Melody and Cavin Smith with 42 yards. Girls- 1st place - Shayla Debates, 39 yards.

Aged 12 - 13: 1st - Java Corder, 51 yards; Rhino Smith, 48 yards; and 3rd -Nathan Melody, 45 yards.

Aged 14 - 15: 1st Phillip Kabua, 100 yards; and Akku Kabua, 59 yards.

AARP Division (over 55): Men - Dennis Johnson, 98 yards; Carl Read, 80 yards; and Mike Sakaio, 66 yards. Women - Rhonda Johnson, 17 yards.

Over 30: Men - 1st - Jon Debates, 121, yards; 2nd - Jeremy Bartel, 117 yards; and 3rd - Brannon Jones, 116 yards. **Women** - 1st Amber Bates, 48 yards; 2nd Reagan Bartel, 47 yards; and 3rd Kristin Delaney, 44 yards

Top three punts: 1st - Philip Kabua, 40 yards; 2nd place tie with 38 yards - Carl Read and Jeremy Bartel.

Top Three Passes: 1st - Jeremy Bartel, 51 yards; Casey Smith, 39 yards; and Brannon Jones, 38 yards.

Top Three Kicks: 1st - Jeremy Bartel, 47 yards; Brannon Jones, 45 yards; and Jon Debates, 38 yards.

Top Family Scores

1st - Sakaio and Kabua (5 participants), 302 yards; 2nd - Debates (3 participants) 195 yards; and 3rd - Smith (3 participants) 190 yards.

Overall Scores

- 1) Jon Debates 121
- 2) Jeremy Bartel 117
- 3) Brannon Jones 116
- 4) Casey Smith and Phillip Kabua 100
- 6) Dennis Johnson 98
- 7) Carl Read 80
- 8) Mika Sakaio 66
- 9) Akku Kabua 59 10) James Kabua - 52

HYDRATION TIPS

There are many simple tricks to staying hydrated throughout the day. Here are a few suggestions from the Centers for Disease Control to try over the holidays.

- Carry a water bottle with you and refill it throughout the day.
- Choose water over sugary drinks.
- Serve water during meals.
- Add a wedge of lime or lemon to your water. This can help improve the taste and help you drink more water than you usually do.





Check out the skies in this MIT LL photo of the great conjunction, a celestial event last observed in nighttime hours in 1226. 2) Kwajalein residents learn about the stars with MIT LL employee Dr. Sarah Willis.

SOLSTICE MARKED GREAT CONJUNCTION

by Jordan Vinson

Equipped with a microphone, projector and a deep knowledge of the night sky, local astrophysicist and Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory employee Dr. Sarah Willis led more than 100 Kwaj residents on a tour through the cosmos Monday night.

An accomplished starwatcher and astronomy communicator, Willis volunteered to give a 40-minute presentation at Emon Beach, covering everything from the evolution of stars, planetary systems and nebulae to the search for siblings to our sun and, of course, the conjunction of planets.

Held as part of the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club's "Talks On The Rock" lecture series, the presentation was timed to coincide with the "great conjunction" of Jupiter and Saturn, a rare celestial event that has captured the interest of planet Earth's humans the world over in the past few weeks.

In the days leading up to the solstice, Jupiter and Saturn had been increasingly inching closer together in the late evening sky until coming to within less than one-tenth of one arc-degree of one another, as viewed from Earth, on Dec. 21. The last time Jupiter and Saturn did a cosmic fist bump of this scale at such hours. it was the year 1226, a time when the Holy Roman Empire and

Francis of Assisi were pretty big deals. (Officially, the last major conjunction was in 1623, but its peak occurred during daylight hours.)

In the nights leading to Dec. 21, the apparent proximity of the two gas giants had made for impressive vistas of the planets in a single view even at high magnification in powerful telescopes. MIT staff, using a Lincoln Lab community outreach telescope, captured a photo Dec. 20 that put Jupiter and its four largest moons-Io, Europa, Callisto and Ganymede-practically next door to Saturn and one of its moonsthe mighty Titan.

The following night they had hoped to capture the very peak of the conjunction—also dubbed the "Christmas star," due to its proximity on the calendar to the winter solstice and Christmas. Having set up a few telescopes at the north end of the beach, the MIT volunteers planned to capture the planets and even closer moons

together directly following Willis' presentation. But of course, hoping is easier than doing in the hot, wet tropics. And almost on cue, a thick ridgeline of waterlogged clouds swept into the sky west of Kwajalein, during Willis' talk, mostly obscuring the view of the planets for the guests that night.

Still, kids and adults alike took turns peeping through eyepieces to marvel at the mare and craters of the moon, the Orion Nebula and open star clusters, among other targets in the sky. What went without a hitch was Willis' presentation, which was meant to provide event guests context behind the great conjunction and a better understanding of how the solar system came to be and where Earth fits into the great expanse surrounding the planet.

The number of people seen looking up into the sky around them as they took off on their bikes was a sign the event was a success.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JORDAN VINSON

Daniel DiBiase syncs a Lincoln Lab telescope and computer and prepares to observe the great conjunction Dec. 21.

KOMMOL TATA

Thank you, Kwajalein, for your donations to Christmas on Carlos.

The Kwajalein High School National Honor Society delivered gift items donated by Kwajalein residents to more than 45 children and their families Dec. 22. Special thanks to USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel and the USAG-KA catamaran team for providing safe travel to and from Carlos.

WATER OUTAGES For Jan. 8

Parsons has planned an eight-hour potable water outage Jan. 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The following locations will be affected: 905: Buildings 808, 907; 910; 1002; 1003; 1011; 1013; 1017; 1020: 1025: 1026: 1027; 1032; 1033: 1080; 1045: 1078: 1100; 1113; 1114: 1116; 1494. 1310; 1499: 1500; 1520; 1529; 1526; 1542: 1544; 1551; the BSR Ramp; Holmberg Fairways; Nan, Inc. office area; Parsons office area: Space Fence Sensor Site; San Juan LSA 1 (Echo and 2 (FSTK); Johnson Controls LSA; and San Juan Batch Plant and VM.

For more information, contact Lanie Allen at 5-1006.

MUSICAL NOTES HOLIDAY MUSIC TRADITIONS

KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS ARCHIVE

By Elizabeth Nolan

There is one musical masterpiece that towers above all others; the glorious oratorio Messiah composed by George Frideric Handel.

From its debut in Dublin, Ireland in 1742, Messiah has continued to increase in popularity, developing into a musical tradition that has become synonymous with Christmas. Performances of this beloved work occur worldwide every year.

George Frideric Handel was originally born in Halle, Germany in 1685, and spent the latter part of his life in England. As a composer he was prolific, contributing to every genre of music including opera and oratorio. Handel singlehandedly established the genre of English oratorio.

An oratorio is a large-scale narrative musical work created around a sacred theme, usually for choir, soloists and orchestra. It is performed without the theatrical tools of scenery, costume or action. The narration is either dictated by the choir or the soloists.

Composed in less than twenty-four days, Messiah had the following words written at the end of the original manuscript: "soli Deo gloria," or "Glory to God alone."

This postscript signified that Handel believed he had been divinely inspired to compose Messiah. Soli Deo gloria was one of the five Solas adopted by the Reformers following Martin Luther's 95 theses; sola scriptura, sola fide, sola gratia, solus Christus, and soli Deo Gloria.

The biblical text used in Messiah comes predominantly from the Book of Isaiah, but also features extracts from



A portrait of the composer George Frideric Handel. The painting is attributed to Balthasar Denner.

other books such as Matthew, Malachi, Luke, Acts, Revelation and 1 Corinthians. It was compiled by Charles Jennens, who had written a number of libretti for Handel, and was adapted from the King James Bible, the Coverdale Psalter and the Book of Common Prayer.

As a member of a choir, or as a member of the audience, every performance of Messiah still brings a renewed sense of wonder and reverence for such an exciting and influential work.

At a performance in Fort Worth in 2018, this writer had the great fortune to witness an audience of more than two thousand people stand to their feet and sing along to the Hallelujah Chorus. This performance by the Fort Worth Orchestra and the Southwestern Master Chorale, was simply breathtaking. Christmas celebrations would not be complete without a performance of this musical treasure, a testament to the genius and longevity of Handel's compositional prowess.



THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today, Vanuatu celebrates Family Day. Dec. 26 is also the first day of Kwanzaa and the second day of the "Twelve Days of Christmas."

For those of you keeping track, according to the lyrics of that song, if your true love is doing it right, you should receive two turtle doves. Check out these other notable events in Dec. 26 history.

1791 – Charles Babbage is born. The English mathematician and engineer invented the Difference engine.

1862 – Four nuns serving as volunteer nurses on board USS Red Rover are the first female nurses on a U.S. Navy hospital ship.

1941 – U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signs a bill establishing the fourth Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day in the United States.

1943 – World War II: German warship Scharnhorst is sunk off of Norway's North Cape after a battle against major Royal Navy forces.

1956 – American comedian, author and radio host David Sedaris was born Dec. 26. He became a regular contributor to National Public Radio's program "This American Life" in 1997.

1959 – Kōji Morimoto is born. The Japanese animator and director contributed to the film "Akira," and performed animation sequences for "The Animatrix" and "Kiki's Delivery Service."

1968 – The Communist Party of the Philippines is established by Jose Maria Sison, breaking away from the Partido Komunista ng Pilipinas-1930.

2004 – Measured at 9.1–9.3 Mw—moment magnitude the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake shakes northern Sumatra with a maximum Mercalli intensity of IX—violent. One of the largest observed tsunamis follows, affecting the coastal areas of Thailand, India, Sri Lanka, the Maldives, Malaysia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, and Indonesia.

2015 – During the December 2015 North American storm complex, a tornado outbreak occurred in the DFW Metroplex, with tornadoes measured as EF2, EF3 and EF4 events. The designation "EF" refers to the Enhanced Fujita Scale used to read wind speeds.



YYWC, RMI GUESTS TREAT EACH OTHER TO A HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club enjoyed a respite from the holiday rush and took the opportunity to visit with more than 50 friends during a recent cookie exchange at the Bartel residence on Kwajalein. The event was coordinated with volunteer support from the YYWC and Kwajalein organizations.

Attendees included Kwajalein residents, YYWC club members and visiting representatives from 16 Marshall Islands women's organizations. One special delegation representing the Kabua family included Leiroj Anta Kabua. Secretary Ann Lucky introduced the visiting guests and women's club members, and Kwaj resident Julie Makovec opened the event with a prayer. After welcome remarks by host Regan Bartel and YYWC President Debbie Proudfoot, everyone enjoyed the afternoon's main event: chatting with treats.

Sipping cups of fresh hot chocolate throughout the afternoon, guests sampled an array of desserts that covered the expansive Bartel dining table. Everyone present had contributed a dish. Homemade peanut butter cookies, brownies, gingerbread, colorful sugar cookies and flavored shortbread were displayed alongside peppermint-chocolate confections and thumbprint jam tarts. Marshallese guests shared two favorite local dishes: sweetened coconut candy and rice balls.

Cookies and conversation were not the only gifts exchanged, said Proudfoot.

"As the afternoon wound down, our Marshallese guests performed two beautiful songs," wrote Proudfoot to the Hourglass the following week. "The ladies presented gifts and expressed thanks and holiday wishes before departing for home."

The YYWC was honored to have Leiroj Anta as a special guest for the festivities and hopes to visit more with their new acquaintances soon.

"It was wonderful to witness the instant camaraderie among all those who attended the cookie party," said Proudfoot.

Following the afternoon visit, guests went home loaded with treats to share with family members, and home-made ornaments.

The YYWC thanked the Host Nation Office of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll for assisting in the sponsorship of Marshallese guests. The YYWC also thanked Pam Sakaio, Angeline Kabua, YYWC sponsors, Cynthia McKenzie and the RMI Liaison Office for their invaluable logistical support in coordinating a large group of visitors. The club additionally thanks the guests from the Marshall Islands who made the afternoon a memorable event.





1) Members of the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club and visiting guests from the Marshall Islands number 54 in this photo at the annual YYWC Cookie Exchange. 2) Leiroj Anta Kabua, right, and Tina Kabua enjoy a holiday photo opportunity at the Bartel's fireplace. 3) Guests partake of an array of home-baked holiday treats at the Bartel residence. The best part: There are plenty to take home to share with friends and family.









1) Marshallese guests sing for their Kwajalein hosts as a special thank-you for the afternoon holiday visit. 2) Guests make holiday ornaments out of sea glass and clay dough during the event. 3) YYWC President Debbie Proudfoot prepares to refill a cookie tray. 4) RMI Secretary Ann Lucky greets YYWC Publicist Joanna Battise during the afternoon greeting line.



Winter holiday break is now in session. School resumes on Jan. 6.

Contact Paul Uhren at uhrenp@kwajalein-school. com or Tarah Yurovchak at yurovcht@kwajalein-school. com for assistance during the holiday break.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE At Kwaj hospital

Free flu shots are available every day from 1 - 4 p.m. You can also visit during special extended hours for flu vaccination clinics from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 23 and 30 and Jan. 6, 8, 13 and 15.

To schedule an appointment during regular hours of operation, please call 5-2223 during. Special thanks to US-AG-KA and the DoD for providing the flu vaccine this year.

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Call Kwaj MWR at 5-3331 and Roi MWR at 5-6580 for updates.

COUNTRY CLUB

Enjoy Country Club Brunch every first Sunday of the month. from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$12 for children. Enjoy a variety of brunch foods including fried chicken, bacon, eggs, quiche, sausage, hash browns, grits, pasta salad, pancakes, fruit and biscuits.

Menu selections are subject to change. No reservation required. Seating is limited. 45-minute time limit per table. For more information, call MWR at 5-3331.

Poetry Wednesdays. Poets wanted. Come experience the power of the spoken word on the last Wednesday of each month from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

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

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.** Enjoy activities like game nights, karaoke and live music.

ROI-NAMUR OUTRIGGER CLUB

Karaoke - Sunday nights at 8 p.m.

Blackened Mahi Sandwich - \$10 Six-ounce blackened mahi steak on a fresh baked bun with lettuce, onion and tomato, and a choice of side dish.

Grilled Milkfish Plate - \$10 Eight-ounce seasoned and grilled filet with rice and a choice of side dish.

Cauliflower Fried Rice - \$4 Add bacon with chicken or mushrooms for \$6. Mashed cauliflower - \$2 Cauliflower tater tots - \$2

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO COVID-19-AFFECTED MARSHALLESE CITIZENS IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

EXTERNAL REPORT

Press release by the Consulate – General of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Honolulu Office

The Republic of the Marshall Islands Government provided \$5,000 in humanitarian funds to the Marshallese Community Advisory Board in Spokane, Washington.

The organization was established in 2019 to assist Marshallese families to apply for health insurance but has expanded their services to include COVID-19 support.

There is an estimate of 8,000 Marshallese living in Spokane County in the state of Washington, many of whom continue to be affected by COVID-19. Loss of income due to closing of businesses and reduction of hours resulted in financial challenges experienced by families and individuals. The MCAB mobilized their membership in collaboration with Pacific Islander Community Association of Washington to provide food, masks and gift cards to the Marshallese community.

The MCAB and PICA-WA organized two outreach events at Rogers High School on Aug. 28 and Sept. 12. They were able to successfully reach around 1,000 Marshallese families collectively.

HISTORY WITH U.S. SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

The KREMS radars are an integral part of the Reagan Test Site. Many RTS structures and components are directly tied to the Army's missile defense programs beginning with the Nike-Zeus and running through Ground-based Midcourse Defense. However, the KREMS, while developed on a similar timeline, has a different origin.

On Dec. 9, 1959, the Redstone Arsenal newspaper, the Redstone Rocket, shared a Department of Defense announcement for a new program - "an experimental program to determine the efficiency of radar in the detection and identification of ballistic missile warheads."

Known as the Pacific Range Electromagnetic Signature Study facility or Project PRESS, the project was assigned to the Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency, located on Redstone Arsenal by the Advanced Research Projects Agency.

The Research and Development Division of ARGMA, under Col. M.R. Collins and Norman Buchholz, will carry out the experiments to test the radars as part of the Eisenhower Administration's Project DEFENDER which employed teams of scientists to explore new anti-missile technologies and concepts. As the Rocket reported, the tests were "designed to determine how early in their trajectories the positive identification of missile warheads [could] be achieved."

The article further explained that a special radar installation was planned for Roi-Namur, an island located 45 miles from the Nike facility on Kwajalein Atoll.

Under this original concept "the project will employ two radar systems. One is an improved version of the radar developed by the Radio Corporation of America and utilized in the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System.

The other is an advanced type radar produced by the Raytheon Corpo-

Raytheon Corporation for the Air Research and Development Command." There was a possibility that a rapid data processing device might be added at a later date.



INSULAR AREAS TO RECEIVE VACCINE THROUGH OPERATION WARP SPEED

EXTERNAL REPORT

Department of the Interior Press Release

WASHINGTON—U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, Douglas W. Domenech today applauded those working on Operation Warp Speed on the recent approval by the Food and Drug Administration of an Emergency Use Authorization for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for the prevention of coronavirus disease 2019

The U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau are included in the United States' schedule of COVID-19 vaccine distribution, whether Pfizer or Moderna, that will be managed through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The federal government has been working in close consultation with island leaders in these efforts.

"We applaud the President's strong leadership and strategy for Operation Warp Speed in coordinating the development of a vaccine to be delivered rapidly while ad-hering to standards for safety and efficacy," said Assistant Secretary Domenech. "We further applaud the White House team and our federal partners for their ongoing support to the U.S. territories and the freely associated states during this pandemic. Our federal partners have long maintained relation-ships in the Pacific Islands and in the Caribbean, and during these unprecedented pandemic circumstances, these relationships have been strengthened."

Vaccine distribution throughout the United States has already begun, with all the insular areas prepared to implement their plans for inoculation as soon as the vaccines received. Vaccination are plans for each of the insular areas have prioritized healthcare and frontline workers in line with CDC guidance, with the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam receiving their first shipment of the COVID-19 Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine on Monday, Dec. 15, Guam time. For the latest on the vaccine and distribution schedules, please consult with local health care officials in the insular areas or visit the CDC website.

The Dec. 11 statement from HHS and the Department of Defense on the FDA Emergency Use Authorization of a COVID-19 Vaccine Candidate can be viewed on the HHS website.

In March 2020, Interior applauded the announcement of \$2.7 Million that was provided to the insular areas through the Centers for Disease Control and Protection under the 2020 Supplemental Coronavirus Act. Since the announcement of the global pandemic, federal partners -including the Office of Insular Affairs—made funding and technical support available, holding teleconferences two to three times weekly, to track challenges and support the needs of the insular areas. The CARES Act and other legislation provided additional important support again to the U.S. territories and the freely associated states, who hold a special relationship with the United States under respective Compacts of Free Association.

For more information about the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, visit the website at www.doi.gov/oia or follow on Twitter at @ASIIADomenech. Also follow OIA on Facebook at https://www.facebook. com/InsularAffairs or watch related content on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/ playlist?list=PLDHjK6yOPNkuv7H_7y6GG7VRbzrHSnrj6.



For more information call 5-3505

New Kids Kingdom is now offered during all Sunday worship services.

New to island? Looking for a way to connect to the chapel community with your kids? The Island Memorial Chapel now offers Kids Kingdom, meetings during the Protestant services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m., and also during Sunday Catholic mass at 9:15 a.m. Children are welcome to join this fun weekly activity.

Sundays, 8:15 a.m. Traditional Service in small sanctuary.

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Catholic Service in main santuary.

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.

WATCH AND LISTEN EACH WEEK



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



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









Enjoy these photos from the Kwajalein Yacht Club Parade of Lights and Kwajalein Scuba Club Arrival of Scuba Santa event from Dec. 21. 1-3) Festive privately-owned yachts are ready to cast off and dazzle Kwaj residents during the annual boat parade. 4 - 5) Emerging from the waters of the lagoon, Scuba Santa, Mrs. Claus and several helpful elves toting a holiday tree greeted guests at the Emon Beach Scuba Shack. 6) The holidays are on the horizon in this photo of the Parade of Lights as seen from Emon Beach.



HOLIDAY SAFETY REMINDER: Think before you drink



Arrival on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll is filled with various emotions: excitement, apprehension and anticipation. Newcomers who connect with the community prior to arrival talk with residents to learn about island life and what to bring to the atoll.

The Kwajalein community is small, but a multitude of activities and possible friendships are available on this beautiful island. If consuming alcohol at gatherings becomes the easiest way to bridge your social alliances, it may be time to reassess your island lifestyle.

It is easy to use drinking as a coping skill to de-stress or manage other mental health-related concerns. If you are a social drinker, be especially warned: Binge drinking is the most common, costly and deadly pattern of excessive alcohol use in the United States. The Centers for Disease Control warn against episodes of binge drinking to prevent both short and long-term health consequences.

For women, binge drinking is considered the consumption of more than four drinks within two hours. Despite myths of greater alcohol tolerance, for men, the total drinks is five.

Don't let alcohol become your habit. It has the power to lower your inhibitions and leave you vulnerable to personal shame and regret. Drinking can irreparably damage health, friendships and complicate future relationships.

If drinking is a personal health concern, before the next social gathering develop a plan to limit your intake. If necessary, connect with a friend to help you maintain accountability so you can both enjoy the next party safely.

Remember—Kwajalein is a beautiful place, and many activities are best enjoyed mindfully. You can intentionally schedule activities for the day following a party to motivate you to limit your alcohol consumption. It's difficult to get full enjoyment out of a new day while managing a hangover and missing out on a dive.

Enjoy the holidays safely and responsibly. Seek honest, real friendships centered around activities that provide you with positive mental and physical health benefits. It can take time, but it's worth it.

For help and more information, contact Employee Assistance Program Counselor Mary Beth Dawicki at 5-5362.

Breathe easy

Find ways to relax and meditate. Take slow, deep breaths to improve your blood flow and concentration (maybe while you're soaking in the sun).

RMI TRAVEL BAN EXTENDED TO JAN. 5 RMI NOVEL COVID-19 UPDATED INTERIM HEALTH TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS ISSUANCE 20: AS OF DEC. 3, 2020

An extension of the total suspension of international travelers coming into the RMI via air travel will continue until **Jan. 5, 2021**. For more information about the Republic of the Marshall Islands Issuance 20, 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 reinstitution 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.

DECEMBER CHECK- IN TIMES UA 155 — 3:30 – 4:50 p.m. UA 154 — 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

DECEMBER FLIGHTS UA 155 — Dec. 28 (HNL) UA 154 — Dec. 29 (GUM)

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JANUARY FLIGHTS UA 155 — Jan. 15 (HNL) UA 154 — Jan. 16 (GUM)

2020 IS ALMOST HISTORY.

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JUST A FEW DAYS REMAIN IN THE YEAR 2020, and the New Year is Just Around the Corner.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN 2021?

SEND THOUGHTS AND NEW YEAR'S Resolutions to Kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl. Com.

Join as in the new year. The Marshallese Trade Fair has been postponed until Janury 2021, date to be determined.

All are welcome. Cash sales only. For more information, please contact the USAG-KA Host Nation office at 5-2103.



Wherever we are, we can change the world together.

Extend your service and join the CFC community to do even more to help those in need. As a member of the U.S. Department of Defense, you can give to the charities you care about through payroll allotment, sign up to volunteer, and *Be the Face of Change*.



Show Some Love at GiveCFC.org

For more information please contact Ms. Sampayan- 805-355-2767 or SSG Vazquez - 805-355-1419



CYS DECEMBER SPOTLICHT U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALCIN AT Child and Youth Services

Child Development Center

Baru

Saturdays - Water Play Day

Bako

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

Jan. 5 - Pre-K Vacation childcare will be available through Jan. 5 **Dec. 31-** CDC New Year's Party

Start Smart Sports

Parent and Child Yoga - Register through Jan.5. Season runs Jan. 14 - Feb. 4

School-Age Care

Tuesdays - Art Wednesdays - Functional Fitness - 2:15 - 3:15 p.m. Thursdays - STEM Fridays - Recreation Saturdays - Character Counts

SAC Sports

Ninja Warrior Challenge. Register through Jan.5. Season runs Jan. 12 - Feb. 9

Important Dates

Now through - Jan. 5 - Winter Camp

Namo Weto Youth Center

Tuesdays - Recreation, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. **Keystone Meetings -** 11:40 a.m. **Wednesdays -** Tremendous Trivia and Game Night, 4:30 p.m. **Youth Action Council Meeting -** 4 p.m. Thursdays - Ted Talks - 4 p.m.
Fridays - Frappucinos - 4 p.m.
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

Jan. 2 - B-boat Trip, 7:30 a.m. - noon.

Parent Information

All CYS Facilities will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

For CDC activities at the Millican Family Pool, parents are reminded to send children with water clothes, a towel, dry clothes and swim diaper if needed.



Kids enrolled in USAG-KC CYS programs can enjoy the water and learn safe swim skills through weekly programming. Call 5-2158 to learn more.

Hey, Kwaj kids. MWR wants to know how many books you can read during winter break.

The Grace Sherwood Library invites young Kwaj residents enrolled in grades K - 6 to join a fun reading challenge over the winter holiday.

Prizes will be awarded for the most books and pages completed in each of four age groups: K – 1st grade; 2nd – 3rd grade; 4th – 5th grade and 6th grade.

The reading challenge runs through Jan. 5 at 5 p.m. To register, visit the MWR Desk in the Grace Sherwood Library. For more information, call 5-3331.



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Flight Test-3 (FT-3) Draft Environmental Assessment/ Overseas Environmental Assessment

The United States Army Rapid Capabilities and Critical Technologies Office and the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, as Participating Agencies, have prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment / Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/ OEA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policv Act (42 United States Code 4321, as amended), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Parts 1500-1508, July 1, 1986), the Department of the Army Procedures for Implementing NEPA (32 CFR Part 651), and Executive Order 12114, Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions.

The Draft EA/OEA analyzes the impacts of the continuing collection of data to demonstrate a reduction of risk for a longer-range payload system. Specifically, the FT-3 would continue to develop, integrate, and flight test a payload system to demonstrate the maturity of key technologies. The U.S. Army RCCTO determined that a launch from the Pacific Spaceport Complex-Alaska to Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) was preferred. They also considered the No Action Alternative, as required by the CEQ regulations.

All missile demonstration programs proposed to occur at U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll (USAG-KA) and within the RMI territorial waters must comply with the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Environmental Standards (UES). A modified Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) is under development to outline the activities proposed to occur at USAG-KA and within the RMI. The proposed activity is located on Illeginni Islet and in the broad ocean area of the Pacific Ocean. As fully analyzed in the Draft EA/OEA, the U.S. Army RCCTO proposes one

experimental flight test.

The Draft EA/OEA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact/Finding of No Significant Harm (FONSI/ FONSH) are available at www. ft3eaoea.govsupport.us and in the following locations: 1) Office lobby of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Environmental Protection Authority, Majuro, Marshall Islands

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

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 Roi-Namur Library Kwajalein, Marshall Islands Roi-Namur Marshall Islands
 Kodiak Public Library, Kodiak, Alaska
 Z. J. Loussac Public Library, Anchorage, Alaska

Public comments on the Draft EA/OEA, Draft FONSI/ FONSH, and Draft DEP will be accepted from December 18, 2020 to January 20, 2021 and can be provided in either of the following ways:

 E-mail comments by January 20, 2021 to ft-3-eaoeacomments@govsupport.us
 Mail comments, postmarked no later than January 20, 2021, to: USASMDC ATTN: SMDC-EN (D. Fuller) P.O. Box 1500 Huntsville, AL 35807

KÖJJELÄ KE EWÖR Ketellok Kein Kajilu Teej-3 (FT-3) Ek katak kin Pelaak Eo/Ek katak kin Pelaak Ko Itulik

United States (U.S.) Army Rapid Capabilities im kab Critical Technologies Office (RCCTO) ko kobalok ippen U.S. Army Space im Missile Defense Command eo (US-ASMDC), enwōt Ra ko rej Bok Kuṇaer, emōj aer kebooje juōn ek katak kin Pelaak ko ṇaetan Draft Environmental Assessment / Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/ OEA) ekkar ñan kakien eo naetan National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) iumin (42 United States Code 4321, enwōt an oktak), ekoba jen karōk ko an kumi eo naetan Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) im rej kakiene Jekjek ko loori iumin kakien eo an NEPA (Title 40 Code iumin kakien ko an Federal Regulations [CFR] Mottan ko 1500-1508, July 1, 1986), koba Repeltan ko an Department eo an Army ikijeen loori kakien ko iumin NEPA (32 CFR Part 651), im kab Karōk eo Jen Ilōñ Tata naetan Executive Order 12114, im ek katak eo kin añijwiwi ko rejelet likin jen Makitkit ko rellap an Kien eo an Federal raar kommane ek katak in.

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Aolep burokraam ko an kein ketellok ko rej kōtmene bwe renaaj bok jikier ilo U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein (USAG-KA) im iloan Atoll meto ko an RMI im rej aikuij in loori wōt kakien ko an U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Environmental Standards ak (UES). Juon pepa eo emoj ukot lok kobban naetan Document of Environmental Protection (DEP) rej kebooje wōt ñan kelaajrake ta makitkit ko rej kōtmen in naaj kōmmani ilo USAG-KA im iloan RMI in. Makitkit eo kōtmene enaaj

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Aolep melele ko jen armej otemjej kin Draft EA/OEA, Draft FONSI/FONSH, im kab Draft DEP renaaj maroñ boki jino jen December 18, 2020 mae January 20, 2021 im remaroñ jilkinitok ilo wewein kein:

 (1) Ilo E-mail melele ko ren tōbrak tok rumwij tata ilo January 20, 2021 ñan ft-3-eaoeacomments@govsupport.us
 (2) Ilo jilkintok ilo Mail, ren kōkalle enjab rumwij lok jen January 20, 2021, ñan: US-ASMDC

ATTN: SMDC-EN (D. Fuller) P.O. Box 1500 Huntsville, AL 35807

There's a lot going on. Tuberculosis screenings. School immunizations. Occupational health. Wellness exams. Blood draws. Nutrition and personal health. Physical exams. General health. Annual check-ups. Eye Exams. Early onset arthritis. Geriatric care. Family member health benefits. Sports injuries. COVID-19. Cold Season. Flu season. Accidents around the house. Child nutrition. UV Protection. Health and fitness classes. Changes in diet. Proper hydration. Get the science first.



Have questions about the science behind masks, general health and personal well-being? Planning to start a healthy lifestyle change? Just want to ask questions? Contact Kwajalein Hospital at 5-2224.

KWAJALEIN AT THE MOVIES

JOIN KWAJALEIN AT THE MOVIES. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED, ALL MOVIES BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. CONTACT MWR AT 5-3331 FOR MORE INFORMATION. SHOW-TIMES MAY VARY FOR SPECIAL "MOVIES UNDER THE STARS" EVENTS.

YUK THEATER KWAJALEIN

SATURDAY, DEC. 26 "The Star" (PG) 86 Min.

Mariah Carey and Zachary Levi

A small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day, he finds the courage to break free, embarking on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a lovable sheep who has lost her flock, and Dave, a dove who has lofty aspirations. Along with three camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become accidental heroes in the greatest story ever told—the first Christmas.

SUNDAY, DEC. 27 "Tenet" (PG-13) 150 Min.

Elizabeth Debicki and Robert Pattinson In "Tenet," director Chris Nolan's latest science-fiction thriller, a secret agent embarks on a dangerous, time-bending mission to prevent the start of World War III.

MONDAY, DEC. 28 "Once upon a deadpool" (PG-13) 117 min.

Fred Savage and Ryan Reynolds

Wisecracking mercenary Deadpool meets Russell, an angry teenage mutant who lives at an orphanage. When Russell becomes the target of Cable—a genetically enhanced soldier from the future—Deadpool realizes that he'll need some help saving the boy from such a superior enemy. He soon joins forces with Bedlam, Shatterstar, Domino and other powerful mutants to protect young Russell from Cable and his advanced weaponry.

SATURDAY, JAN. 2 "Pitch Perfect 3" (PG-13) 96 Min.

Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson

After the highs of winning the world championships, the Bellas find themselves split apart and discovering there aren't job prospects for making music with your mouth. But when they get the chance to reunite for an overseas USO tour, this group of awesome nerds will come together to make some music, and some questionable decisions, one last time.

SUNDAY, JAN. 3 "Abominable" (PG) 97 Min.

Chloe Bennet and Albert Tsai

After discovering a Yeti on the roof of her apartment building, teenage Yi and her two friends embark on an epic quest to reunite the magical creature with his family. But to do so, they must stay one step ahead of a wealthy financier and a determined zoologist who want to capture the beast for their own gain.

MONDAY, JAN. 4 "Angel has fallen" (r) 121 min.

Gerard Butler and Morgan Freeman Authorities take Secret Service agent Mike Banning into custody for the failed assassination attempt of U.S. President Allan Trumbull. After escaping from his captors, Banning must evade the FBI and his own agency to find the real threat to the president. Desperate to uncover the truth, he soon turns to unlikely allies to help clear his name and save the country from imminent danger.

TRADEWINDS THEATER ROI-NAMUR

SATURDAY, DEC. 26 "The New Mutants" (PG-13) 94 Min.

Anya Taylor-Joy and Maisie Williams Five teenage mutants—Mirage, Wolfsbane, Cannonball, Sunspot and Magik—undergo treatments at a secret institution that will cure them of their dangerous powers. Invited by Dr. Cecilia Reyes to share their stories, their memories soon turn into terrifying realities as they start to question why they're being held and who's trying to destroy them.

SUNDAY, DEC. 27 "LAST CHRISTMAS" (PG-13) 102 MIN. Emilia Clarke and Henry Golding

Nothing seems to go right for young Kate, a frustrated Londoner who works as an elf in a year-round Christmas shop. But things soon take a turn for the better when she meets Tom—a handsome charmer who seems too good to be true. As the city transforms into the most wonderful time of the year, Tom and Kate's growing attraction turns into the best gift of all— a Yuletide romance.

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WHAT THE CRITICS ARE SAYING

ON "TENET": A big, brashly beautiful, grandiosely enjoyable one that will provide succor to audiences long-starved for escapist spectacle on this beefy, made-for-Imax scale. -GUY LODGE, VARIETY

ON "ONCE UPON A DEADPOOL": Cynics might call it a blatant cash-grab, but this retooled, less graphic take on Deadpool 2 is a more accessible, still entertaining version of the sequel. —SANDIE ANGULO CHEN, COMMON SENSE MEDIA

ON "PITCH PERFECT 3": Although Kendrick's pint-size dynamo once pushed the Bellas beyond their la-la-la comfort zone, she basically sleepwalks through this third go-round. —SUSAN WLOSZCZYNA, WASHINGTON POST

ON "ABOMINABLE": Visual dazzle helps animate a familiar creature-rescue story. —GLENN KENNY, THE NYTIMES

ON "ANGEL HAS FALLEN": Angel Has Fallen starring Gerard Butler and Morgan Freeman is an out-and-out commercial action potboiler which relies heavily on action sequences and its lead actors. **—SIFY MOVIES**

ON "THE NEW MUTANTS": Despite a game cast, The New Mutants' horror elements aren't very scary and as a superhero movie it fails to truly excite. A disappointing finale to Fox's X-Men franchise. —AMON WARMANN, EMPIRE

ON "LAST CHRISTMAS": A recognizable cast—including "Game of Thrones" star Emilia Clarke and "Crazy Rich Asians" actor Henry Golding—can't save "Last Christmas," a holiday rom-com that is neither romantic nor funny.

-JOHNNY OLEKSINSKI, NEW YORK POST

ON "THE STAR": The movie is sincerely Christian in its outlook, while also a slapstick animal 'toon. It's a mix that works only intermittently. But when it doesn't pop, it thuds.

-JANE HORWITZ, WASHINGTON POST

SMDC CTO ADDRESSES SPACE COMMUNITY ON ARMY COOPERATION

External report

By Jason Cutshaw USASMDC Public Affairs

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Alabama—A U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command technology leader spoke with the community to address space science and technology initiatives.

Dr. Steve Pierce, USASMDC chief technology officer, addressed the Huntsville Chapter of the Montgomery, Alabama, AFCEA Chapter during a virtual meeting Dec. 10 on "How Space Enables Multi Domain Operations in the Army."

During his time, Pierce discussed the 21st century "landscape;" to include global trends, the strategic environment and operational context. He then talked about what is unique about the cyberspace, space, air, sea and land combat domains.

"The Department of Defense is increasingly dependent upon space-based capabilities to accomplish the defense mission," Pierce said. "The Army is the biggest user of space and the threat has clearly recognized DoD reliance on Space and is developing capabilities to limit our Space capabilities. The bottom line is both the demand and risk are increasing in space support to the warfighter."

He said the mission of SMDC is to develop and provide current and future global space, missile defense, and high altitude capabilities to the Army, joint force, and our allies and partners, to enable multi-domain combat effects; enhance deterrence, assurance, and detection of strategic attacks; and protect the nation.

"U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command develops, fields and executes tactical space capabilities," Pierce said. "SMDC is unique in that it is an organization that is responsible for combat development, identifying and developing new technologies as well as training, equipping and manning our space forces.

"The Army and other services are developing doctrine to support multi domain operations," he added. "Space capabilities – to include satellite based global communications; intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance; weather; and early missile warning – are critical to successfully executing multi domain operations."

Pierce said the synchronization of the command's mission areas is an ongoing process that advances in three key directions: Horizontally throughout the command



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and with our close partners at Joint Functional Component Command for Integrated Missile Defense, Joint Functional Component Command for Space and other Army Service Component Commands; Vertically with Headquarters, Department of the Army, U.S. Strategic Command and our major subordinate elements; and laterally with the rest of U.S. Government, our allies, partners and industry.

He then talked about two of the command's brigades that conduct 24/7 space operations in support of the Army and the joint force.

Pierce talked about the 1st Space Brigade and how it conducts space operations to deliver decisive combat power in support of the Army and joint warfighting communities. Headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the brigade supports joint forces and their critical dependence on space capabilities and products through the unique mission sets of its subordinate battalions and associated unit battalion.

The second brigade he mentioned is the U.S. Army SATOPS Brigade. The brigade integrates as a modular element within Combined Force Space Component Command's SATCOM Integrated Operations Division. It is operationally postured for presentation of satellite communications forces to the joint commander, and manages satellite payload controllers, managers and planners organized under a single commander to improve operational agility and synchronized action.

He then talked about the Space and Missile Defense

Center of Excellence where concepts begin for space, high altitude and global missile defense and integration into the fight is executed. The SMDCoE develops concepts, codifies requirements and rapidly integrates innovations to enhance Army and joint warfighting capabilities.

Pierce also described the SMDC Technical Center and explained how it conducts research, development, test and evaluation; executes space and missile defense research and development; researches high energy laser technologies to counter rockets, artillery, mortars, UAS, and other threats; investigates space-based capabilities in low earth orbit to directly enable next-generation Army communications and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance tactical systems; conducts test execution support for space, missile defense, and hypersonic technologies and ballistic missile targets; operates the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site; and executes space operations and space surveillance missions in support of U.S. Space Command.

"SMDC plays a critical role in the execution of multi domain operations, providing space capabilities down to the warfighter and protection of our homeland," Pierce said. "It also ensures that our doctrine and concepts of operations support the principles of multi domain operations while identifying and developing new technologies that will provide our warfighters the advantage in future conflicts."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Army regulation 600-200 describes the harmful practice of bullying.

Bullying is any conduct whereby a service member or members, regardless of service, rank or position, intends to exclude or reject another service member through cruel, abusive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful behavior, which results in diminishing the other service member's dignity, position or status. Absent outside intervention, bullying will typically continue without any identifiable end-point.

Bullying may include an abuse of authority. Bullying tactics include, but are not limited to, making threats, spreading rumors, social isolation, and attacking someone physically, verbally or through the use of electronic media."

According to the reg, every service member and civilian who lives and works on Kwajalein Atoll deserves the right to work and live in an environment free of hostility. Please, think twice before you post.



This holiday season do what's best for you and your loved ones

Being away from family and friends during the holidays can be hard.



Hard choices to be apart this year may mean that you can spend many more years with your loved ones.



Do what is best for your health and the health of your loved ones. This year spend time with those in your own household.





When you talk with your friends and family about plans, it's ok if you decide to stay home and remain apart from others.



Doing what's best for you includes eating healthy foods and getting enough sleep.



Make time to take care of your body and stay active to lessen fatigue, anxiety, and sadness.



Take breaks to relax and unwind through music, sports, gardening, or new hobbies

Find new ways to safely connect with family and friends, get support, and share feelings



CLASSIFIEDS

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

HELP WANTED

To research and apply for government employment opportunities on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and worldwide, visit usajobs.gov. Done hiring? Write to kwajalein. hourglass@dyn-intl.com to remove your help wanted listing.

Community Bank seeks a parttime Banking Center Service Specialist, or teller. Submit applications and resumes to www.dodcommunitybank.com. Contact Rita Pyne at 5-2152 for more information.

Nan Inc. seeks a qualified quality control manager and site safety and health officer. To apply, visit www.nanhawaii.com and contact Clint Ueatari or Kevin Short at 5-2632, 5-1260 or 5-2998.

Tribalco seeks experienced and highly motivated senior, mid- and junior network technicians to join our team. Apply via http://www.tribalco.com/jobs.html. Email sekinat. lawal@tribalco.com and shelly. benkert@tribalco.com for additional information.

RGNext, LLC seeks qualified candidates to fill several open positions on Kwaj and Roi in engineering, technical and other areas. For more information and to apply, go to www.rgnext.com.

DynCorp International is looking for qualified candidates for various positions. Current DI open positions on USAG-KA include administrative services, data analysts, education services, aviation and airfield operations, marine operations and public works among others. To apply, go to www.dilogcap. com or contact your local HR representative.

USAG-KA Child and Youth Services is hiring coaches. No experience necessary. All children of head coaches play for free. Visit Central Registration or call 5-2158 in Building 356.

NOTICES

Alcoholics Anonymous meets

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the REB, room 213 for open meetings.

Ongoing Smoking and Tobacco Cessation. Please call EAP at 5-5362 or make an appointment with a physician.

The chaplains at the Island Memorial Chapel are available for appointments on both Roi-Namur and Kwajalein. Contact the Chapel office at 5-3505 to schedule a meeting. Discussions in pastoral counseling are kept private, and confidentiality belongs with the client.

The Employee Assistance Program Counselor Mary Beth Dawicki is ready to listen. Contact Dawicki at 5-5235 or email at marybeth. dawicki@internationalsosgs.us to make an appointment. Information shared during appointments is confidential. As an alternative to in-person meetings, phone consultation or virtual meetings are available utilizing a HIPAA compliant platform. Call 5-5362 for more information.

Don't Rush to Flush: Kwajalein Drug Take Back Program. Cleaning out your medicine cabinet? Don't flush old medicines in the Kwaj water system. You can safely discard expired materials at one of two island collection receptacles. Discard drugs at the Kwajalein Hospital Pharmacy during business hours Tuesday through Saturday and at the 24-hour collection bin at the Kwajalein Police Department, Bldg. 803. Items eligible for collection include prescription and overthe-counter drugs; pills, tablets and capsules; ointments; creams; Iotions; powders and no more than 4 oz. liquid medicines.

Metro Flights. Eating and drinking on Metro and helicopter flights is strictly prohibited. For your own safety and the sanitation of flights, we ask that you refrain from consuming food and beverages during flights. All drinks and snacks should be enjoyed in the air terminals or upon arriving at your destination. We appreciate your coop-



CONTACT THE USAG-KA SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ ASSAULT Response and prevention victim advocate

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

eration. Contact Lee Holt at 5-2102 and Fly Roi at 5-6359.

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

The Kwajalein Hospital now accepts the following five insurance providers: Geo Blue/BCBS, Tricare, United Healthcare, Aetna and Cigna. For those patients not covered under these providers, pay and claim is in effect.

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

USAG-KA SHARP Pager: 805 355

3243/3242/3241/0100 USAG-KA SHARP VA

DOD SAFE Helpline: 877 995 5247

Spring Dance Collective with Courtney Strouse. Classes for all age groups in a variety of styles run Jan. 13 – April 30. Email dancekwaj@gmail.com for the details.

FUNDRAISERS

The Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club will begin plant sales to raise funds for Education Assistance Committee in 2021. All varieties of potted plants are accepted at sale date. Contact Julie Makovec on Facebook and email Debbie Proudfoot at YYWCinfo@gmail.com.

HOURS AND OPENINGS

Self Help is located in Bldg. 1791. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:30 a.m. -6 p.m. Visit Self Help to pick up tools to complete a number of household maintenance and upkeep projects.

Kwajalein Furniture Warehouse. To schedule deliveries and pickups of Family Housing or BQ furniture please call the Army Housing Office at 5-3450.

HUNGRY? GRAB DINNER AT AAFES

AMERICAN EATERY

Sunday – closed Monday – closed Tuesday – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

SUBWAY

Sunday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Wednesday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. – 7 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.









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.



E-WARENESS MINIMIZE HOLIDAY WASTE

Waste generation increases during the holidays. Help minimize waste this holiday season. Remember, the beauty of a gift itself, not in excessive packaging.

For more information contact DI Environmental at 5-1134.

Tore eo elap an lap in lon kwobej ej ilo ein kein raurok ilo jemlok in juon yio. Jiban kadriklok an walok bwobej! Kememej, emon in juon menin lelok ejjab walok ilo box eo im jokjok in an wrap.

Nan melele ko relaplok, call e DI Environmental ilo 5-1134.

SUN - MOON - TIDES

USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION: The intertropical convergence zone has redeveloped over the central Marshall Islands and will produce occasional showers and perhaps a stray thunderstorm into Friday morning, mainly over southern Kwajalein Atoll. Strengthening of the subtropical ridge on Friday will result in decreasing showers during the afternoon. Looking past Friday, the subtropical ridge should keep significant shower activity confined to the southern RMI into early next week. It will remain breezy, with wind speeds near the Small Craft Advisory level at times.

SATURDAY: Partly to mostly sunny with isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 15-20 knots with occasional higher gusts. SUNDAY: Partly sunny with isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 16-21 knots with occasional higher gusts.

MONDAY: Partly to mostly sunny with isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 15-20 knots with occasional higher gusts.

MID-WEEK: Partly sunny with widely scattered showers Tuesday and Wednesday. Winds will be NE-E at 15-20 knots.

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	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:02 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	2:34 a.m. 2.8'	8:28 a.m. 0.2'
	6:39 p.m.	4:15 a.m.	2:55 p.m. 3.7'	9:20 p.m. 0.1'
MONDAY	7:02 a.m.	5:01 p.m.	3:11 a.m. 2.9'	9:02 a.m. 0.0'
	6:39 p.m.	5:04 a.m.	3:28 p.m. 4.0'	9:54 p.m0.2'
TUESDAY	7:02 a.m. 6:40 p.m.		3:47 a.m. 3.1' 4:00 p.m. 4.2'	9:36 a.m0.2' 10:27 p.m0.4'
WEDNESDAY	7:03 a.m.	6:43 p.m.	4:21 a.m. 3.2'	10:09 a.m0.3'
	6:40 p.m.	6:49 a.m.	4:32 p.m. 4.4'	11:00 p.m0.6'
DECEMBER 31	7:03 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	4:54 a.m. 3.2'	10:42 a.m0.3'
	6:41 p.m.	7:43 a.m.	5:05 p.m. 4.5'	11:34 p.m0.6'



Click the logo to visit RTS Weather online.



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NEW VEAR'S EVE

PARTY ON ROI-NAMUR BEGINS AT 8 P.M. DEC. 31

OUTRIGGER BAR AND GRILL DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH DJ FRED, AND ENJOY GAMES, PRIZES, CHAMPAGNE AND FOOD SPECIALS.

EMON BEACH BLAST

DEC. 31 FROM 8 P.M. - 1 A.M. EMON BEACH MAIN PAVILION ENJOY FOOD, MUSIC, BEVERAGE SPECIALS AND GAMES WITH THE KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY AS WE RING IN THE NEW YEAR.

TOGA PARTY DEC. 31 EROM 10 PM - 2 A

DEC. 31 FROM 10 P.M. - 2 A.M. OCEAN VIEW CLUB . ADULTS AGED 21 AND OVER ONLY. COME DANCE, JOIN THE FUN, AND RING IN THE NEW YEAR. ASK THE BARTENDERS ABOUT SPECIALS ON HOLIDAY BEVERAGES TO TOAST THE NEW YEAR.























EVERY WEEK, KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS ISSUE PHOTOS ARE UPLOADED TO AN ONLINE PHOTO-GALLERY FOR YOU TO SHARE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY. PHOTOS ARE FREE FOR DOWNLOAD. VISIT HTTPS://WWW.FLICKR.COM/PHOTOS/ KWAJALEINHOURGLASS/ALBUMS.



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.

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