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The 20's came back with a bang—a fireworks display at Emon Beach by U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The days ahead were full of the promise of progress, and Kwaj residents looked forward to the new year.

1) Members of Parsons, Inc. broke ground on Bucholz Army Airfield in mid-January. 2) Why not celebrate the beginning of the year with dental work? Pictured here, Kwaj dentist Dr. Scott Berry and hygienist Blanche Adcock work on a patient. 3-5) Construction crews recovered a wallet that had been lost for more than

60 years inside old Kwajalein masonry. Using the scant few pieces of identification found in the wallet, Kwaj archaeologists were able to begin tracing the family of the owner. He was a U.S. Navy Sailor named Homer Bollinger. 6) January is a great time to begin adopting resolutions, but some early birds got a jump on their weight loss goals in the fall of 2019, thanks to the Kwajalein Hospital. Pictured here, MJ Jackson displays her weight loss score card. A rigorous routine of fasting and regular exercise helped Jackson lose more than 50 pounds and claim a cash prize for being the weight loss program's "Biggest Loser."





1) Members of the Republic of the Marshall Islands government and ambassadors to the RMI from the United States, Taiwan and Japan meet together in Majuro's Nitijela chamber following the inauguration of new RMI President David Kabua. 2) When U.S. Navy Seabees aren't at work, they take photos of sunsets, like this shot provided by Chief Rouel Agustin. 3) This tough little dog went down in history as

"Chief of Dogs" during the Navy's postwar tenure on Kwajalein. In this courtesy photo from Kwaj historian Bill Remick, Tinker, a canine survivor of the bombardment of Kwajalein, takes a minute to check out the beach. 4) A young island resident launches a paper airplane through double rings during a carnival fundraiser event at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room.

COVER STORIES

1) Cover art for the 2019 Year in Review. 2) Kwajalein welcomes year 2020 with a New Year's fireworks display at Emon Beach. 3) Personnel from USAG-KA Command, USAG-KA Directorate of Public Works, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Parsons

break ground on the Bucholz Army Airfield Renovation project. 4) The Republic of the Marshall Islands' newly elected President David Kabua, right, and First Lady, Ginger, are honored during the presidential inauguration ceremony at the Nitijela in Majuro.

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FEBRUARY

THIS CHAPEL
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GALLANT OFFICERS AND MEN
OF THE
ARMED FORCES OF
THE UNITED STATES
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN
THE CAPTURE OF KWAJALEIN
FEBRUARY FIRST TO FEBRUARY FIFTH
ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND
FORTY FOUR

REST IN PEACE

4 FEBRUARY 1945



Febbruary is a busy month on Kwajalein with school activities, winter sports and ceremonies on Ebeye and Kwajalein to honor historic dates in atoll history. Island residents took their lawn chairs to North point to watch for the telltale re-entry glow of an unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile test.

Developing news of an illness in China seemed like a distant concern, and travelers from Kwajalein continued to take annual leave. Late in the month, some residents were stranded by travel restrictions in their respective airports. Big changes loomed ahead.

1) Kwajalein photographer Linn Ezell captured this nice shot of an ICBM test launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, February 5. The Emon Beach Scuba Shack is visible to the right. 2) Well, that's one way to block an opponent. Turbo Turtle Brian Charleton, right, is a defensive flotilla of one for Spartans' Brent Cote during the 2020 Inner

Tube Water Polo Season Championship Game. 3) In February, the Island Memorial Chapel celebrated the anniversary of its consecration with a special ceremony. The original house of worship was built and rebuilt during the early post-WWII era. Over the years, the footprint of the religious campus has grown to include the Religious Education Building and a stained-glass window dedicated on the island's 50th anniversary of WWII. Myriad historical photographs capture changes in chapel architecture over the years, like this courtesy photo from Bill Remick. 4) Officers from the George Seitz Elementary School Student Council met with DI personnel to address reducing waste in the Ri-Katak school lunch program. 5) From left: USAG-KA Protocol Office Rick Krewson, Deetz Orlowski, Joe Orlowski and USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel. The colonel sponsored the Orlowskis so that Joe could fulfill a lifelong dream: to visit the atoll where his father had served in the U.S. Navy during WWII.





1) Happy Kwajalein Day: Feb. 9 marks the liberation of Kwajalein Atoll by American forces during WWII. The event is celebrated each year on Ebeye with a special parade, music and remarks by government personnel and traditional leaders. This year's Kwajalein Day included an appearance by the 10 newly elected officials of the Kwajalein Atoll government. 2) Iroi-jlaplap and Senator

Michael Kabua greets Ebeye Mayor Hirata Kabua at the mayor's inauguration. 3) US-AG-KA Host Nation Director Maj. Daniel Young discusses the career path that ultimately led him to seek military service in the U.S. military at the annual Kwajalein High School Military Career Fair. 4) A Kwajalein barge, pushed by the Mystic tugboat, approaches the Marine Department dry dock.

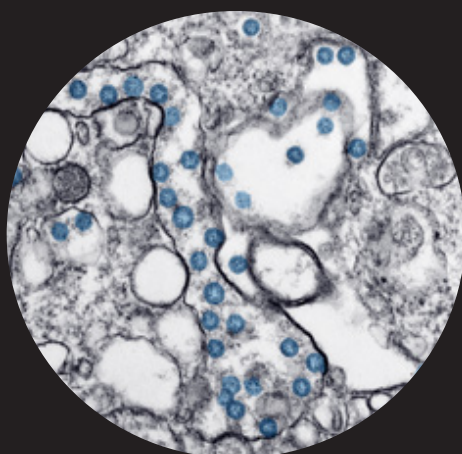
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1) Leathernecks of the 24th Regiment, 4th Marines Division, assault Japanese positions on Namur Feb. 1, 1944 during the American invasion of the Marshalls. 2) Jaer Elisha, a Marine Department crewman, handles a dock line in a 2.5-hour operation Jan. 30 to bring a garrison barge into drydock. 3) An unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile is launched in a test Feb. 5 from Vandenberg Air Force

Base, California. 4) George Seitz Elementary School Student Council Officers Morgan Selzler, left, Weisson Nam and Brooke Selzler meet with Jan Potter, back left, Ronald Jenkins and Steven Kass on a proposal to reduce waste in Ri-Katak school lunches. 5) Spartan Zach Hill, right, defends the ball from veteran Turbo Turtle Bruce Premo, left, during the 2020 Inner Tube Water Polo Championship game Feb. 25.

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MARCH





Few on island could have expected what March would bring.

As news of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, spread around the world, the Republic of the Marshall Islands quickly closed its borders to inbound travel. This move effectively stranded many Marshallese citizens and USAG-KA residents and also kept COVID-19 out of the country.

The RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services, National Disaster Committee and U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll began months of intense work together with on-island partners to develop safety and contingency plans for keeping COVID-19 out of the RMI. USAG-KA also carried on with the task of continuing mission support with essential person-

nel and island residents stranded off island and supply chains impacted by the global crisis.

In the months that followed, unique perspectives on 2020 would emerge. The Marshall Islands would become one in a handful of countries with no known active cases of COVID-19. Atoll residents stranded abroad by travel restrictions experienced the month in self-isolation wondering when they would be able to return. In the atoll, life was impacted by necessary safety precautions applied to cargo offload operations, travel and daily life. These changes would last through 2021.

It would still be several months before the first return residents set foot on Bucholz Army Airfield. As news of the

pandemic reached the island through friends and family members abroad, the community began to adapt to new Department of Defense safety regulations requiring social distancing. Without the immediate threat of COVID-19, many tried to continue daily life as normally as possible—and waited for what was to come.

1) The Keystone Club's Boys and Girls Club of America Variety Show was a highlight of the spring season. Talented community members and volunteers joined forces to produce the spaghetti dinner theater-style evening. Guest emcees Sam Partain, right, and DJ Chong-Gum marvel at typist Dominic Garcia's talent: He could be the fastest typist on the island. 2) In 2020, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll relaunched its military history lecture series, featuring guest speakers highlighting diversity and culture in military life. USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins spoke at the end of February on Black History Month. 3) Parents and students enjoy the Spring Art Show at George Seitz Elementary School. To adhere to DOD safety guidelines, like many other spring events, the art show admitted only small groups of attendees at a time. 4) One is never too small to do their part for the earth. Children at USAG-KA Child and Youth Services Child Development Center learned about recycling and counting with fun activities geared toward learning and developing environmental awareness. Pictured here, students report about how to recycle materials like cardboard, metal and aluminum.





By the spring, USAG-KA had devised a new system to vet community events and follow DOD guidelines. Each private organization submitted event plans in advance of their chosen dates to affirm they followed guidance on social distancing, hygiene and crowd size.

1) By March, George Seitz Elementary School teacher Misti French had devised a way to continue teaching her classes even though

she was stranded in the United States. Pictured here, French speaks to her class with the help of a live video feed and projector while her fifth-grade students follow their lessons. 2-3) Kwajalein High School Band Director Kyle Miller directs the annual spring pops concert with a special solo by Kye Lorok, on "Isn't She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder. 4) Unprecedented skills on the court made for an exciting finish to the 2020 Basketball Championships.

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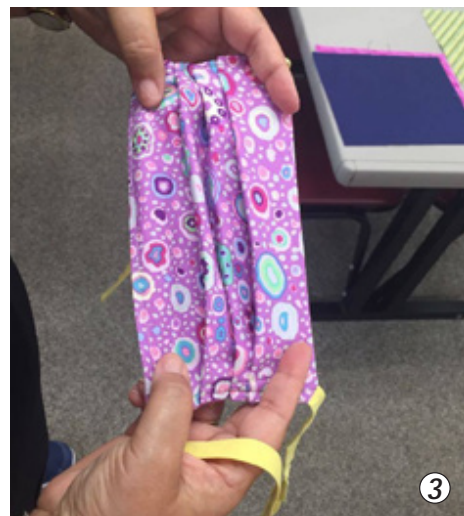
1) Minnie Snoddy performs March 1 at the Keystone Club's Boys and Girls Club of America Variety Show. 2) Kwaj Condition's Deirdre Wyatt-Pope, center, battles Ayele Corder, left, Maddy Nienow, Lana Kabua and Mackenzie Gowans of Spartans 1 Women's Basketball at the March 7 Basketball Champion-

ship Games. 3) Chevelle Eiswirth, left, and Kwajalein School System art teacher Jane Christy show their creative spirit with costumes at the March 17 George Seitz Elementary School Spring Art Show. 4) Logistics personnel at Echo Pier get ready to receive a really big shipment of groceries.

04

APRIL





By April, Kwajalein began to look different. Emergency services personnel—who had worked without days off to ensure seamless safety operations around the garrison for months—continued duty on Meck, Kwajalein and Roi-Namur with no break in sight. Social distancing reminders were posted at major points of sale like the Food Court and AAFES. Hand sanitizer practically flew off the shelves.

Perhaps one of the most telling changes was, by spring, how empty the Zamperini Cafeteria was at lunchtime as employees opted for to-go containers more often than they stayed to dine in. Kwajalein Dining Services also removed tables to enforce the distancing protocols as directed by the Department of Defense.

Together with USAG-KA Command, the Kwajalein Hospital activated an outdoor temperature-check station prior to entry, and enforced hand washing before appointments. Community volun-

teers began to pitch in and sew masks to “cover” the atoll.

In late April, a live COVID-19 drill allowed on-island groups to practice a strategy for accepting return residents—though when and how they would return remained uncertain. For USAG-KA MWR, a daunting task loomed: how to continue to provide services? Sometimes, there is no easy answer. One thing was for sure: Kwaj life had changed.

1) MWR devised a socially distant Easter Egg Hunt for young Kwaj residents on the island’s athletic fields. As participants waited for the signal to rush out onto the field, a cloudburst dumped rain on the island. The single tent available to shield tables of event prizes suddenly became the most popular spot on the island. Parents and children were able to band together under the small tent without fear of infection. Elsewhere, communities were forced to cancel hol-

iday festivities. 2-3) In small groups and in large teams, island crafters began to volunteer time on community mask-making projects, often donating or purchasing their own supplies. In April, Kwajalein had no known active cases of COVID-19. However, life on island changed as a result of global transit and travel regulations. Members of the community departing from Kwajalein appreciate the masks after regulations for outbound travel changed to require face coverings. The logistics crews supporting Bucholz Army Airfield used masks as part of their required personal protective equipment every day on the job. 4) A sign of the times: At Surfway, instructions indicate social distancing requirements required for patrons. Similar signs are posted at AAFES and other major points of sale. 5) A socially distant Easter sunrise service. Guest speaker Michael Love delivered the morning’s remarks. Pastor Brian Conner was stranded in Texas during Easter.



1) Kwajalein Hospital Deputy Administrator Shanah Darrah prepares materials for the first live USAG-KA Covid-19 drill at Bucholz Army Airfield. 2) Mary Beth Taylor, DI Community Activities director, prepares to speak during a USAG-KA Women's History Month lecture series event. 3) Island employees disinfest packages at the Kwajalein post office in mid-April

before scanning in and delivering them to island residents. 4) These familiar faces are proof Kwajalein is one big family: Kwajalein residents Steve Prudence, left, Mary Haynes and Kyle Johnson found each other while stranded in Honolulu. Together, the trio helped each other with transit to purchase food and other necessary items during their impromptu stay.

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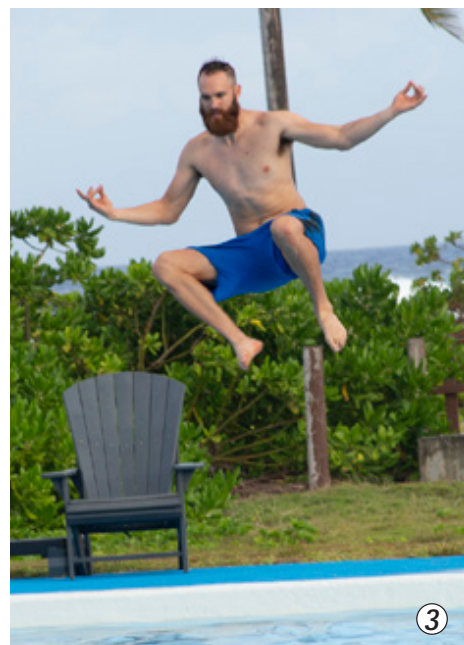
1) Immanuel Wilttrout, left, Janet Lang and Theo Partain announce the next act at the Parent Teacher Organization Talent Show. 2) Dan Laverly rocks out April 5 at the 20th Annual Spring Break Music Fest at the Kwajalein Yacht

Club. 3) Urijah Corder finds a golden ticket voucher April 11 during the MWR Egg Hunt. 4) George Seitz Elementary School kindergartener Tom Laginbelik reads an Earth Day haiku April 22 for students and parents.

05

MAY





May began Kwajalein's third month of 30-day-long travel restrictions as directed by the Republic of the Marshall Islands government, and island life adapted to meet the challenges faced by social distancing and growing staffing shortages.

1) Jake Wamsley successfully makes it under the limbo bar during at the 2020 Sweetheart Dance, a parent-daughter event sponsored by the Kwajalein Parent Teacher Organization. 2) Members of the brass line of the Kwajalein High

School Stage Band—"The Pacific's Most Dangerous Band"—give a thumbs up before performing their next number at the annual Big Band Dinner Dance. Proceeds from the fundraiser support music program activities for KSS students. 3) Erik Hanson social distances from a great height. Pictured here, he easily clears four feet of air before leaping into the Adult Pool during the Memorial Day Weekend Cannonball Contest. 4) Members of the hardworking Marshallese workforce are some of the most long-time employees on the atoll. USAG-KA

CYS Lead Teacher Carmen Jeadrik has taught in Kwajalein's pre-K program for more than 20 years. 5) If you want the total story, you've got to meet Neilo Total from Custodial Services. After more than 30 years of keeping Kwaj clean, she knows the island like the back of her hand. 6) Kwajalein Dining Services' Justin Hamon is the hibachi master. Visit him mornings at the Zamperini Cafeteria for the perfect omelet. Hamon has perfected his egg-cooking skills after more than 15 years of service on island.



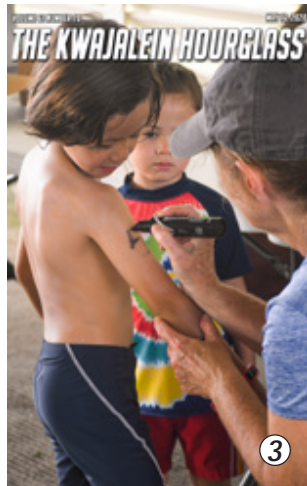
1) Kwajalein Girl Scout ambassadors facilitating a COVID-19 awareness workshop for younger scouts hold a reminder of how the pandemic is affecting island life. Pictured on the laptop screen is Maddy Nienow, a scout who was stranded off-island with family members for several months. 2) USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, left, and Kwaj resident Gary Stein dish up breakfast foods at the annual National Day of Prayer Breakfast. 3) Mandy Melody dashes through the finish line at the RustMan Triathlon as the fastest female runner of 2020. 4) Not your typical day at Surfway: Challenges to shipping schedules and additional maritime quarantine requirements affected food stocks in the early spring.



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1) Chad McGlinn melts pavement April 27 during the bike segment of the 41st Rustman Triathlon. 2) Kwajalein Girl Scouts Hannah Finley, left, and Brooklyn Hill display bottles of homemade hand sanitizer at a recent Covid-19 workshop. 3) Delina Cardillo, center, watches as her brother Berkeley receives a team number from Jane Premo May 11 for the Rusty Family Mini-Triathlon.

4) From left, Maikoa McCollum, Myles Sylvester and Matai McCollum visit together at Emon Beach park May 17 under a colossal rainbow before the annual hula review. 5) USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, left, leads Lt. j.g. Matthew Crider of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, Detail Marshall Islands in the Oath of Service in his May 24 Emon Beach promotion ceremony.



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JUNE



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A solution USAG-KA revealed in June had been months in the making: quarantine. Working with the Department of Public Works, the Kwajalein Hospital, on-island information technology services and many other departments, USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel announced the implementation of an on-island quarantine system to bring in a small number of emergency services personnel necessary to assure the life, health and safety of Kwajalein. On-island quarters were prepared to accept the incoming groups.

The first group to complete their 21-day tenure indoors included Godfrey Capelle and Benjamin Thomas, two Marshallese fishermen recovered after their powerless, small boat drifted at sea for 42 days. Next to follow: a small group of much-needed emergency services per-

sonnel. More would arrive in the months to come.

Elsewhere in the Indo-Pacific region, communities erected hand wash stations and shipped each other supplies to prepare to meet the challenges of COVID-19, all the while working to keep it out. The U.S. Navy Seabees continued public works construction projects to help their host nations prepare, as well.

Typically, June is also a month to celebrate high school graduation. While the Marshall Islands considered postponing school graduation ceremonies to avoid the potential for atoll residents to be stranded if COVID-19 should enter the country, USAG-KA determined how best to host the traditional baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies. Some creativity and elbow-grease resulted in heavy use of the MWR outdoor, inflatable mov-

ie screen to televise ceremonies with limited seating to an outdoor audience. With fall college admissions uncertain, the graduating class faced an uncertain future. For those hoping for the usual pomp and circumstance, 2020 was a very different year.

1) Before any arrivals on USAG-KA, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Roxanne Cabral, left, and US-AG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel attended an Ebeye town hall with members of Kwajalein Atoll local government to meet with traditional leaders and discuss the way forward for quarantine strategy. Emphasizing that Kwajalein and Ebeye are part of one community, Bartel asked for Ebeye community assent in allowing mission-essential personnel to disembark and quarantine on USAG-KA. 2) Island Memorial Chaplain Brian Conner delivers a recorded sermon to Kwaj residents while stranded in Texas, awaiting clearance to return home. 3) Lee Ann Stone receives a nasal swab as part of the health check-in procedure on USAG-KA. Stone is one in a handful of new arrivals in June on staff at the Kwajalein Hospital, and incidentally, also a Kwaj kid who returned to island to work. 4) From left, Lt. j.g. Matthew Cridder, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5, Detail Marshall Islands, officer in charge; Lanny Kabua, Republic of Marshall Islands liaison to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll; Scott Paul, KALGOV city manager; Tony Maika, councilman; and Builder 1st Class German Dunlop, NMCB-5, Detail Marshall Islands, operations chief, test a portable hand-washing station for atoll communities.



1) Making quarantine work is a team effort. Former Kwajalein DI Project Manager Richard Ellis, left, and DI Operations Director Patrick Dobson, right, discuss quarantine logistics plans with Kwajalein Hospital Senior Administrator Steven Kass. 2) That drilling sound you've heard all year is the San Juan team working to refurbish an island warehouse for future use by the Kwajalein Automotive Department. The crew has

battled exacerbated spalling for many months. 3) Former Kwajalein Hospital employee Rhonda Gleason prepares to speak at a June USAG-KA town hall. 4) Members of the Lelet family celebrate at the George Seitz Elementary School 6th grade graduation. 5) These ladies know everything there is to know about your lunch at Zamperini Cafeteria. From left: Mary Inok, Jeblali Leslai, Rosa Jibas and Herna Samson.

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1) Benjamin Thomas, right, and Godfrey Capelle, two Ebeye fishermen who survived a 42-day odyssey in a small, powerless boat, returned to Kwajalein May 28. 2) Kwajalein High School graduate Marina Lojkar is loaded with gifts following the June 5 graduation

ceremony. 3) Kwajalein Marine Department Welder Aaronlee Jeik works on a panel for an LCM Maintenance Project June 10. 4) USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins is now more than 18 months into his tour of duty on Kwajalein.

07

JULY





July is typically vacation season on Kwajalein. However, 2020 was a different sort of year. With no guarantee of safe travel due to COVID-19, many island residents opted to stay on island during the summer than—and this is a wild guess—ever before.

The unique flavor of the summer was capped off with Independence Day. Since pyrotechnics technicians could not make it to the island to set up a fireworks display, on July 4, Kwajalein watched a rerun of the previous year's fireworks.

Pick up sports, weekend trips to Roi-Namur and the USAG-KA Child and Youth Services summer camp offered garrison residents the opportunity to enjoy the summertime and adopt new hobbies. For some, that meant diving, and joining in the Kwajalein Scuba Club's annual Women's Dive event. For others, it meant sewing masks.

1) Kwaj residents marvel as MWR technicians erect the inflatable outdoor movie screen in the lagoon on Independence Day. 2) Personnel from logistics and USAG-KA Command load donated school supplies and materials for

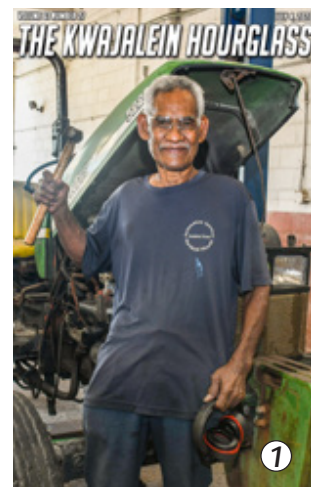


Ebeye Public Schools students onto a small watercraft. 3) The winners of the July 12 Roi-Namur Coconut Cup Race. Of the 19 participating contestants, three would take home bragging rights and be declared winners of this annual favorite event. The winning coconut, "Altair 69" belonged to Mark Swain (represented by his wife Laura Pasquarella-Swain, left). Sweeping second place was Roi-Namur Site Manager John Taylor, center.



Third place went to visiting Kwajalein resident Priscilla Price, right, who traveled to Roi for the weekend. 4) Now, this is just a great idea. Pictured here, young island residents chase donuts on a string as part of the USAG-KA CYS summer camp. The summer-long initiative included themed weeks to appeal to the wide variety of interests on the island. 5) Members of the "Masketeers," a volunteer sewing group, received

special recognition ceremony at USAG-KA headquarters for preparing and sewing more than 1,000 facemasks. The materials were made available to the community. From left to right: USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, Mike Brantley, Vickie Brantley, Linn Ezell, Pam Carroll (in green), Rhina Hampson (in black), Sally Bulla, Gary Stein, Jacklyn Crowder and former USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Kenyatta Gaskins.



1) Members of the Mon La Mike Band play at the Independence Day celebration at Emon Beach. 2) Kwajalein Archaeologist Caitlin Gilbertson displays the contents of a wallet recovered after more than 60 years on US-AG-KA. With the help of a writer from The Stars & Stripes, the wallet has been returned to surviving members of the Bollinger family. 3) You might see a familiar face at the DJ table at island

events. Johnny Cox was spotted frequently this year offering his volunteer services to add that finishing audio touch to island events. 4) Members of the Kwajalein diving community participate in the Padi Women's Dive Day event. 5) Former Kwajalein resident Kristine Haile shared the story of the cool, white goose-neck bicycle built by her father in the 1960s when her family lived on island.

COVER STORIES

1) Longtime mechanic Friend Kilinik is ready to get the job done at Kwajalein Automotive. 2) MWR Recreation Specialist Zachios Kuli prepares an inflatable movie screen for the Independence Day Fireworks presenta-

tion at Emon Beach. 3) Kwajalein Automotive Shop Foreman Mark Sakaio works on a Volvo L180H Loader. 4) RTS Weather Chief Meteorologist Jason Seltzer prepares to launch a weather balloon.

08

AUGUST



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For those living outside the atoll, it seems odd to describe the month of August as “the last month of summer.” After all, Kwaj is blessed with perpetual 86-degree weather. Nevertheless, as summer came to an end, Kwajalein’s newcomers enjoyed community beach celebrations and sports. Several mentioned being grateful for the end of quarantine and to have the chance to just go outside. USAG-KA also received special visitors from U.S. Embassy Majuro throughout the month.

1) Students board the U.S. Army Vessel Great Bridge to head back to Kwajalein

after a day’s reward—a beach clean-up on Bigej—for completing the Commander’s Summer Challenge. The program contained multiple activities to stimulate young minds during the summer break, and included volunteer, academic and physical fitness challenges. 2) MWR’s mini summer softball season was a hit and brought together teams on Ebeye and Kwajalein to vie for bragging rights. 3) This August, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Roxanne Cabral visited atoll communities and had the chance to dialogue with local, government and traditional leaders in addition to checking out Compact construc-

tion sites. Pictured here, Cabral, left, enjoys conversation in the shade with her host, Irojlaplap and Senator Michael Kabua. 4) Kwajalein Police Chief Dennis Johnson, left, high-fives a young resident of Carlos during a late-August excursion to help Kwaj resident Mary Haynes walk in her father’s footsteps. Haynes’ father, a U.S. Navy doctor during WWII, visited Carlos and spoke extensively with his family about “many islands in the Pacific.” For Haynes, visiting Carlos fulfilled a lifelong dream. 5) Haynes, far right, Carlos teacher Robinta Anita, and Ben Clancy share information about Haynes’ father with Anita’s class.



COVER STORIES

1) Guess who's back in town: Pictured here, the teaching staff of the Kwajalein School System prepare for the impending school year with a potluck and giant group photo. Not pictured are a few staff members who were completing quarantine at the time this photo was taken.

2) Julia Scholar, left, explains a group project to Rebecca DiBiase, center, and Morgan Dethlefsen during the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory Summer Beaver Works Institute. Based on the success of the program—a virtual program run on Kwajalein for the first time, with assistance from stateside advisors—it is planned that the program will expand in the future and increase Child and Youth Services STEM offerings around the world. 3) Nikki Lagrone sings her heart out at the first MWR Open Mic Poetry Night. The monthly activity is a chance for island creatives to read their creative works aloud. 4) Soccer season is back. Pictured here, Mason Finley, left, battles for the ball with Kristen Hosek.

1) U.S. Department of the Interior Grants Management Specialist Fred Nysta, left, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Roxanne Cabral, USAG-KA Host Nation Specialist Mike Sakaio and Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority Executive Director Anjo Kabua check out construction on Ebeye Compact projects July 29. 2) An Air Force Global Strike Command Unarmed Minuteman III intercontinental ballistic missile launched from Vandenberg

Air Force Base, California, reenters the atmosphere over Kwajalein Atoll Aug. 4. 3) Massachusetts Institute of Technology Lincoln Laboratory Dr. Tommy Sebastian prepares to donate fabric, sewing items and equipment to Ebeye residents for making facemasks Aug. 13. 4) Captain Ron Sylvester makes his rounds aboard the U.S. Army Landing Craft Great Bridge. 5) Mary Haynes visits Carlos island Aug. 17 to follow in her father's wartime footsteps.



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SEPTEMBER





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As the island community adjusted to its “new normal,” September brought fair weather, and a host of activities. Labor Day weekend was the scene of significant cardboard activity, as small teams entered cardboard boats in a race for bragging rights.

left, and members of the garrison command team joined personnel from U.S. Embassy Majuro and Marshallese veterans of the U.S. military for a virtual town hall with Veterans Affairs. The group explored questions about veterans’ benefits. U.S. Embassy Majuro issued the following statement related to the event: “On behalf of the American people, we thank them for their service and look forward to continuing the conversation.” 4) Alyssa England was named Overseas Region Military Youth of the Year in an announcement Sept. 3. England is eligible to continue on to the next tier of the annual Boys and Girls Club of America competition. 5) Bartel addresses the community at the quarterly USAG-KA Town Hall at the Island Memorial Chapel.

1) *Men overboard: Noé and Mateo Caro of team Paddle Power successfully piloted their cardboard RMS Titanic until just before*
 2) *Badki Lemari, left, and Kijenni Lokboj are longtime employees at the Kwajalein laundry with more than 70 years of employment between them.*
 3) *U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel,*



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1) USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, center, speaks with members of American Legion Post 44 during a meeting with U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Roxanne Cabral. 2) Tribalco employee Jamie Johnson checks out the wiring at a neighborhood network cabinet near George Seitz Elementary School during the refurbishment of the school's aged data infrastructure. The system is designed to support upgrades in the years to come. 3)

Kwajalein Fire Department Chief Charles Chambers addresses the community during the USAG-KA 9/11 ceremony. 4) With special help from Kwajalein School System and DynCorp International, the Kwajalein High School Library received a major upgrade. New texts, fresh paint on the walls, new furniture and partitions, and "wired" workspaces for students to integrate electronic media into their learning are only a few of the improvements students enjoyed this year.

COVER STORIES

1) Kwajalein laundry employees Badki Lemari, left, and Kijenni Lokboj are two of Kwajalein's most longtime employees. 2) Mateo Caro, left, and Noe Caro of team Paddle Power are ready to pilot their RMS Titanic in the Sept. 7 Labor Day Cardboard Regatta. 3) Brandon DeWitt, left,

and Alfonse Zito of TribalCo renovate the George Seitz Elementary School communications system in August. 4) Diver Mike Hodges, left, and Engineman Rudimch Langidrik from the U.S. Army vessel Patriot hoist a dinghy into the waters of Eniwetak Sept. 5.

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OCTOBER





REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date Released: 28 October 2020

Official Statement: COVID-19

Health Alert: Confirmed Two Positive cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the MARSHALL ISLANDS

28 October 2020 The Marshall Islands first border cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) have been identified on the military base on Kwajalein Atoll. These two people arrived yesterday, Tuesday, October 27th, 2020 on the ATI Flight that flew directly from Honolulu, HI to Kwajalein Atoll. **The National Disaster Committee, in close coordination with the President and the Cabinet and USAG-KA, are rapidly responding to these cases and we can assure the public that these are strictly border cases and were discovered while these people 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 October 27th 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. This will determine if this COVID-19 case is indeed a historical infection, meaning the person previously had COVID-19 and is not infectious/contagious.

Case #2, a 46-year old male, tested positive earlier today, October 28th, after also arriving on previous day on the same flight as Case #1. As with Case #1, we are still waiting for the results of the antibody test. As far as we know, this person previously did not have COVID-19.

The 2 cases are not epidemiologically linked and protocols in place on USAK-GA have ensured they have not had contact with the community and 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.

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The month of October marked the 34th anniversary of the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The auspicious occasion was commemorated in a ceremony on Majuro at the International Conference Center. Kwajalein also received a special guest from Majuro: Attorney General Richard Hickson at the second Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club community lecture event. In addition to speaking on family law, Hickson entertained the audience with stories about cases he has tried in the past, and the many travels which brought him from his native Australia to the RMI.

October is also the month when new island residents truly learn the mean-

ing of the term "Kwaj busy." A flurry of community holiday activities begins and doesn't quite wind down until the following year—USAG-KA Manit Day, the Kwajalein Scuba Club Haunted Wreck Dive, and MWR Shaving Cream Social are only a few of the activities that happen before Halloween trick-or-treating.

Just days prior to Halloween, atoll residents received word that two individuals in quarantine on USAG-KA had tested positive for COVID-19. With the news, the RMI lost its place among the dwindling list of nations who have not yet had an active case or positive test results but gained huge benefits in return. The garrison community and RMI had proof that quarantine procedures—planned, refined and altered for months—work

as they were designed to do.

As a result of the tests, incoming residents and repatriated Marshallese will stay in Honolulu quarantine for a longer period of time before beginning US-AG-KA quarantine. The lessons learned from October will ultimately save more lives in the Indo-Pacific region.

1) U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Roxanne Cabral and RMI Minister of Trade and Foreign Affairs Casten Nemra slice celebratory cakes decorated with the flags of the U.S. and RMI during a ceremony to honor the 34th anniversary of the Compact of Free Association at the International Conference Center in Majuro. 2) Young island residents participate in the annual MWR Shaving Cream Social at the Richardson Ravine. Armed with two cans of plain shaving cream, kids engage in friendly battle. Though it has been held in other months, the Shaving Cream Social heralds in Kwajalein's Halloween. 3) RMI Attorney General Richard Hickson addresses Kwajalein residents at a Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club "Talks on the Rock" evening lecture at the Island Memorial Chapel. 4) George Seitz Elementary School art teacher Jane Christy, left, and MWR Business Liaison Teresa Mitchell met with GSES students to add a decorative touch to the growing MWR mural downtown at Macy's. The downtown beautification project encourages individuals and private organizations to adopt a space to paint with their vision of Kwajalein.



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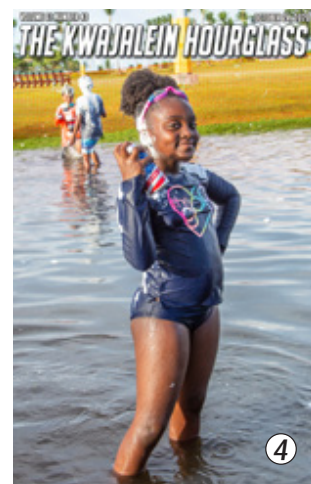
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1) Wayne Ten, Light Vehicle Mechanic, checks out the undercarriage of a Kwajalein fleet vehicle to make repairs. Maintenance on Kwajalein's fleet is an uphill battle against rust. 2) Kwajalein Work Control employee Darryl Lorok is all about safety and helping the island community connect maintenance issues to the technicians who can resolve them. 3) Kwajalein residents enjoy the MWR Oktoberfest event at Camp Hamilton. Yes, the event was held in the month of October, in-

stead of September, but we chalk this up to "being on island time." 4) Lynne Cheek, International SOS operating room nurse shares about her career at the annual Kwajalein High School College and Career Fair at the Corlett Recreation Center Gym. This year's event was coordinated to allow students from Kwajalein High School on Guegeegue to attend. 5) Jan Potter is the scariest Halloween clown at this year's MWR Haunted House event—and he appears to take this role very seriously.

COVER STORIES

1) Dancers from Ebeye perform Sept. 28 at the USAG-KA Mani Day celebration at Kwajalein's Marshallese Cultural Center. 2) Ayele Corder paints her signature senior year logo on Lagoon Road Oct. 15 during the annual senior class street painting event. 3) Light Vehicle Mechanic Wayne Ten

works on a gear hub in the Automotive Light Shop Oct. 6. He is part of a team keeping the island's fleet of vehicles in working order. 4) Kwaj resident Kenndi Gaskins is ready for battle at the Oct. 17 MWR Shaving Cream Social. 5) Logistics personnel complete vessel offload operations at Echo Pier.

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NOVEMBER





November marked several ceremonies, musical tributes and events to celebrate U.S. military veterans on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. At least one of these events involved two days of intense fishing on a run to Roi-Namur and back. What better way to celebrate service to one's country than with a fishing tournament?

As the winter months progressed, Kwajalein residents faced the hard reality that travel to visit family and friends over the holidays would not be possible. Kwaj reinvested itself back into the community. More than ever, friends became a second family.

Some turned their energies to local philanthropic events and threw themselves into volunteer work. Others stepped up their video chats to households back home and used the time on island to attend gatherings they would typically miss during their annual leave.

Some Kwaj residents taking their nightly walks began to notice the glow of holiday lights. The gleam was perhaps brightest at quarters 241, where the Bartel family festooned multiple palm trees and areas of their front yard with lights early in the winter. Soon, inflatable characters and holiday projections of snowflakes and reindeer began

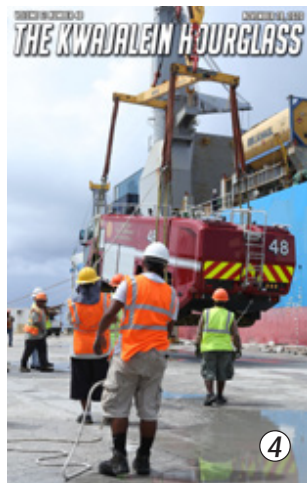
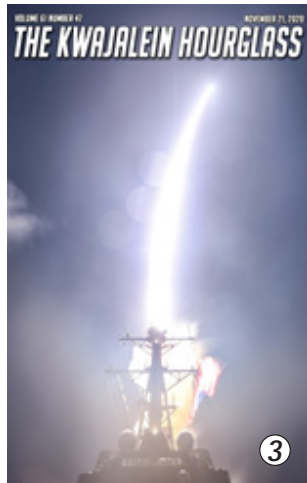
to appear with more frequency around Kwajalein. Despite the troubles of 2020 and the challenges of the "new normal," Kwajalein was determined to see the holidays through.

1) Got fish? U.S. Army veteran Pam Hess displays an admirable effort in the 2020 MWR All Atoll Veterans Day Fishing Tournament. More than 30 U.S. military veterans and active duty service members were among the more than 55 bold anglers from Kwajalein Atoll on the water for an action-packed fishing adventure: the MWR Veterans Day All Atoll Fishing Tournament. Two days on the water to Roi-Namur and back had been filled with camaraderie and good fish—some caught, and some recorded and released per tournament regulations. As the B-boats returned to the Kwajalein Small Boat Marina, 12 teams anticipated whose catch would win the coveted All Atoll Champions category. **2) Employees** from Berry Aviation International present Ebeye Queen of Peace School Principal Jessica Calep a check for \$5,000 in donated education tuition funds to support students at the school. **3) Lifting a multi-ton vehicle** into the air is never an easy task to accomplish, but an experienced team can make it happen. Such was the scene during an operation at Echo Pier as logistics personnel worked to load a fire truck onto a container vessel. **4) US-AG-KA personnel line up** for a group photo with RMI Minister of Education, Sports and Training Kitlang Kabua following the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Island Memorial Chapel.



1) Casual domestic workers—on Kwajalein called home helpers—and their employers and friends assemble for a commemorative moment at an annual holiday party in the honor of the Bartel residence. The Home Helper party is an initiative of USAG-KA Child and Youth Services. 2) Longtime Kwajalein resident and athlete Bob Sholar, center, delivers a safety briefing to participants in the annual Kwajalein Running Club Turkey Trot—a fun run that challenges participants to estimate their best time for the chance to win entrees and side dishes before the Thanksgiving holiday. 3) Megan Ameigh, left, and Abri Makovec flash a big smile for the camera. The two

talented vocalists sang the U.S. national anthem at the George Seitz Elementary School Veterans Day Celebration at the Kwajalein High School Multi-Purpose Room. 4) The team at the Kwajalein Fire Department is ready to help you 24 hours per day. From left: Jonah Africano, William Livingston, Angelo Smith, Devin Taylor, Christopher Simon, Victor Lawrence, James Ezekiel, Chelsea Gibson, Christopher Cox, Charles Chambers, Clay York, Manuel Cardenas and Ronald Botts. Additional team members are currently serving on Meck and Roi-Namur. Many members of the KFD have worked more than 300 days without a day off to support the garrison's safety needs.



COVER STORIES

1) Firefighter Robert Barker performs a routine maintenance test on a self-contained breathing apparatus on Roi-Namur. 2) Anthony Strong displays a beautiful strawberry grouper caught during the MWR Veterans Day All Atoll Fishing Tourna-

ment. 3) An SM-3 Block IIA is launched from the USS John Finn, an Aegis ballistic missile defense system-equipped destroyer, as part of Flight Test Aegis Weapons System-44. 4) Logistics personnel hoist a disused fire truck onto a vessel at Echo Pier.



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DECEMBER

THIS KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS IS DEDICATED TO THOSE WE LOST IN 2020. WITH THIS ISSUE, WE HONOR THE MEMORY OF EMJAR NINJINE, A BELOVED FRIEND ON THE ATOLL.



Get Kwaj kids from different generations together to talk about life on island, and inevitably Santa Claus will make his way into the conversation. Some remember Santa arriving at Bucholz Army Airfield in years past. Others recall how each year, Santa boarded a big, red fire engine to travel to the downtown area tossing candy to the excited crowd. This year, Santa touched down at DeMeo Field with Mrs. Claus in a helicopter after touring the atoll and checking out sites like the Prinz Eugen and Ebeye.

Santa arrives early in December, and a busy holiday schedule follows. This year, the Claus family made their appearance at the George Seitz Elementary School Winter Music Concert, MWR's Light Up the Night holiday lights tours and at

a special photo session for families at Building 805.

One of this year's most unique sightings took place in the hushed quiet of the Kwajalein High School Library. Following the night's music concert, the the Claus family video-chatted with a family in quarantine who would be released into an 86-degree winter just a few days after Christmas. Now, after this year, that's a present.

Of course, there are many more stories to tell about 2020. We end this hard year on Kwajalein surrounded by turquoise water, friends, families and the beauties and challenges that emerged with preserving atoll safety during one of the most challenging global events in recorded human history. Hard work,

sweat, strict quarantine plans—and revisions to those plans—all continue to help the pulse of daily life on island run uninterrupted.

As residents of time zone one, Kwajalein gets to check out the new year a little earlier than some places around the globe. Happy Holidays and Iokwe Yuk as we head into the future. Check back next next week for stories and photos from 2021.

1) Trailed by an enthusiastic crowd of Kwaj residents, Santa and Mrs. Claus make their way to the parade float that will take them to the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. 2) Mrs. Claus checks out the view from the helicopter. 3) USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, left, and emcee Sam Partain are joined by members of the Kwajalein High School Class of 2021 to press the big red button and officially light the holiday tree. 4) A Ri-Katak student performs during the Tree Lighting Ceremony. With the help of Pamela Sakaio, Kwajalein residents donated foods, treats, drinks and snacks to dinner bundles for students to thank them for performing after a long day at school. 5) Speaking of long days, employees at the Kwajalein post office processed more than 85,000 pounds of mail in early December after a backlog of cargo arrived. The team worked additional hours—including Christmas Day—to get island residents their mail. On the day of this photo, the line of customers at the Kwajalein post office in early December reached all the way to the Surfside Salon. Pictured here, Kwajalein stylist Donnie Corzine knows this is no time to check the mail. 6) Surrounded by packages, post office employee Isaac Larios throws up a shaka and carries on: All good here.





1) During the Kwajalein Yacht Club Parade of Lights, you want to be in one of two places: on a boat or on the shore to check out the lights and greet the Kwajalein Scuba Club's Scuba Santa after he completes a night dive. This year's Santa was accompanied by several helpful elves and Mrs. Claus. Pictured here, the Kwajalein Yacht Club Parade of Lights sets the water of the lagoon aglow in this courtesy photo from Kwaj resident Heather Miller. 2) USAG-KA personnel pause for a photo before serving Thanksgiving dinner to island residents at

the Zamperini Cafeteria. 3) Food Services Operations Manager Kevin Guidry, center, and several of the Dining Services employees huddle up for a group shot before showtime on Thanksgiving Day. 4) Island residents turned out in droves to enjoy treats and celebrate the holidays at the annual MWR Hobby Shop Open House. 5) USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel addresses guests at the Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony for Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega. The newest member of the garrison team resides on island with his wife Elizabeth.

COVER STORIES

1) USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel serves Thanksgiving Dinner Nov. 26 at Zamperini Cafeteria—a holiday the Hourglass covers in December. 2) The Claus family is about to board a helicopter to the Kwajalein Tree Lighting Ceremony. 3) USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, right, presents the garrison colors

to Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega during the Assumption of Responsibility Ceremony. 4) U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Roxanne Cabral, left, and American Legion Post 22 Commander Pamela Rubon cut the cake following a ceremony establishing American Legion Post 22 in Majuro.



***Join us in the new year.
The Marshallese Trade Fair is
postponed until a future date
to be determined.***

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



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



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 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.

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

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


KOMMOL TATA

The Kwajalein Hourglass would like to thank the many talented writers and photographers who shared their creative works for publication in 2020. Many exceptional photographs included in this issue of the Kwajalein Hourglass would not be possible without their distinct vision.

Special thanks goes out to the editorial team for U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll; U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command Public Affairs, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; the Missile Defense Agency; Sharon Watkins-Lang, USASMDC historian; Regan Bartel; Steve Munson; Kwajalein Explosive Ordnance Disposal; personnel at U.S. Embassy Majuro Public Affairs; the RMI Liaison Office; personnel at the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site; AFN Kwajalein; Hilary Hosia; the Dambruch family; the Wamsley family; and the Gaskins family.

After an unprecedented year, the Hourglass also recognizes thanks and recognizes the efforts of USAG-KA Commander Col. Jeremy Bartel, the Republic of the Marshall Islands government, the RMI National Disaster Committee, RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services and many Kwajalein departments, activities and organizations for time, talents and energy contributed to the difficult task of protecting the RMI during a tumultuous year.

—JD



Monday,
January
18th

6:30pm at the ARC
Topic TBD

BIBLE STUDY

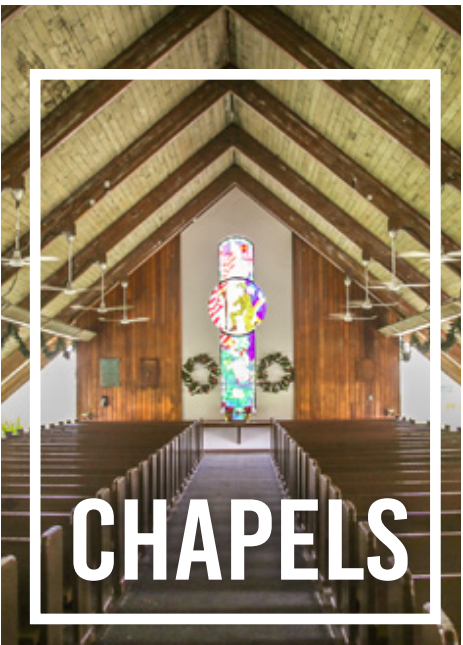
*** Ladies Study: 9:15am Thursdays
at 405B Taro. Contact Sally 5-9804**

**Jan 7th - New Study on
The Book of Revelation**

NIGHT OF PRAYER & PRAISE

**First Sunday Monthly
7pm - Large Chapel**





For more information call 5-3505

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 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.

Christian Women's Fellowship. Sunday, Jan. 10 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the REB. Join us for soup and salad as we continue our study, "We Saved You A Seat...Friendship Takes Service."

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Jan. 7 at 5:30 p.m.
at the Kwajalein Island Memorial Chapel

Jan. 6 at 1 p.m. in the
Roi-Namur Tradewinds Theater



PET POLICY

Restricted facilities for pets include, but may not be limited to: public dining areas; clubs; theaters; recreation areas; public event facilities; retail; health care (except as indicated for approved diagnostic purposes), and religious facilities; and publicly-used beaches, including Beach, Coral Sands Beach and Camp Hamilton Beach (except walkways). Citations will be issued by animal control personnel or the Provost Marshal's designated authority. -USAG-KA Reg 210-8 Animal Control

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.

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: Buildings 808, 905; 907; 910; 1002; 1003; 1011; 1013; 1017; 1020; 1025; 1026; 1027; 1032; 1033; 1045; 1078; 1080; 1100; 1113; 1114; 1116; 1310; 1494; 1499; 1500; 1520; 1526; 1529; 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.



CYS JANUARY SPOTLIGHT
U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL
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
Jan. 8 - STEAM Yoga

Start Smart Sports
Parent and Child Yoga - Register through Jan.5. Come reach for it in our parent and child yoga class. Session 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

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Wednesday and Friday from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Join us in January as we explore this month's exciting theme: robotics.

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

Important Dates
Now through - Jan. 5 - Winter Camp

Jan. 9 - Open Recreation- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Namo Weto Youth Center
Tuesdays - Recreation, 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Keystone Meetings - 11:40 a.m.
Wednesdays - Tremendous Trivia, 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays - Ted Talks - 4 p.m.
Fridays - Frappucinos - 4 p.m.
Saturdays - Smoothies - 3:30 p.m.
Sundays - Keystone Officers Meeting, 4:15 p.m.
Sundays - Board Games - 4 p.m.
Sundays - Yoga - 6 p.m.

Special Events
Jan. 17- Bowling, 7-9 p.m.

Parent Information
All CYS Facilities will be closed Jan. 16 for Staff Training Day and Jan. 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. 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.

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.





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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

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.



KWAJALEIN SCHOOLS ON WINTER BREAK

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.

KWAJ BUCKET LIST

AMAZE MY FRIENDS.
SWIM WITH SHARKS.
EAT A ROI MISSILE BURGER.
BECOME KWAJ-FAMOUS.
PUT ANNOUNCEMENT ON ROLLER.

HAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY?
GET THE WORD OUT ON THE AFN ROLLER CHANNEL Send YOUR MESSAGE OR SLIDE TO KWAJAFNROLLER@DYN-INTL.COM.

#ROLLWITHIT
#HOWIROLL
#KWAJROLLERFAN

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 Policy 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
- 3) Grace Sherwood Library Kwajalein, Marshall Islands
- 4) Roi-Namur Library Kwajalein, Marshall Islands
- 5) Kodiak Public Library, Kodiak, Alaska
- 6) 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:

- (1) E-mail comments by January 20, 2021 to ft-3-eaoea-comments@govsupport.us
- (2) Mail comments, postmarked no later than January 20, 2021, to: USASMD C ATTN: SMD C-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-ASMD C), enwöt Ra ko rej Bok Kuṇaer, emōj aer kebooje juōn ek katak kin Pelaak ko ṇaetan Draft Environmental

Assessment / Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA) ekkar ṇan kakien eo ṇaetan National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) iumin (42 United States Code 4321, enwöt an oktak), ekoba jen karōk ko an kumi eo ṇaetan 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 ikijeon loori kakien ko iumin NEPA (32 CFR Part 651), im kab Karōk eo Jen Ilōñ Tata ṇaetan Executive Order 12114, im ek katak eo kin añijwiwi ko rejelet likin jen Makitkit ko rellap an Kien eo an Federal raar kōmmāne ek katak in.

Ek katak in ṇaetan Draft EA/OEA ear etale ta añijwiwi ko remarōñ walok ilo aer naaj wonmanlok wōt im aini melele ko ṇan kwalok ke enaaj driklok joñan menin uwata ko nae juōn kein ketellok eo aetok ialen an kelok. ṇan tibdriki, FT-3 enaaj wonmanlok wōt im ejaake, kako-baiki im kokemmalmele juōn kein ketellok eo ṇan an marōñ kwalok kin an emman lok kein jermal im joñan kapeeliker ko im rej kejerbali ilo kein ketellok eo. U.S. Army RCCTO ear karōke ke juōn ien naaj ketellok jen jikin eo rej ṇaetan Pacific Spaceport Complex-Alaska lok ṇan Kwajalein Atoll, ilo Republic eo an Marshall Islands (RMI) ej jikin eo raar kōṇan in ṇan ketellok ṇane. Raar bareinwōt lemnak kin karōk eo tok juōn kin Ejjelok Makitkit En Kōmman ak No Action Alternative, enwōt an kemlet iumin karōk ko an CEQ eo.

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

bok jikin ilo ene in Illeginni bareinwōt ilo jikin eo rej ṇaetan broad ocean area eo ilo malo in Pacific Ocean. Enwōt an lukkuun in wōr etale kake ilo ek katak eo ṇaetan Draft EA/OEA, innem U.S. Army RCCTO ej kōmman an elmakwōt im kōtmene ko ṇan kōmman juōn ien ketellok im kōmmalmele kein ketellok eo.

Ek katak in natean Draft EA/OEA im kab Draft Finding of No Significant Impact/Finding of No Significant Harm (FONSI/FONSH) aolepaer komarōñ loi ilo jikin in www.ft3eaoea.govsupport.us ekoba ilo jikin kein jet:

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

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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, JAN. 2
“PITCH PERFECT 3” (PG-13) 96 MIN.

Anna Kendrick and Rebel Wilson
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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.

SATURDAY, JAN. 9
“CARS 3” (G) 102 MIN.

Owen Wilson and Armie Hammer
Blindsided by a new generation of blazing-fast cars, the legendary Lightning McQueen finds himself pushed out of the sport that he loves. Hoping to get back in the game, he turns to Cruz Ramirez, an eager young technician who has her own plans for winning. With inspiration from the Fabulous Hudson Hornet and a few unexpected turns, No. 95 prepares to compete on Piston Cup Racing’s biggest stage.

SUNDAY, JAN. 10
“THE BROKEN HEARTS GALLERY” (PG-13) 108 MIN.

Dacre Montgomery and Phillipa Soo
What if you saved a souvenir from every relationship you’ve ever been in? The Broken Hearts Gallery follows

the always unique Lucy, a 20-something art gallery assistant living in New York City, who also happens to be an emotional hoarder.

MONDAY, JAN. 11
“THE LAST SHIFT” (R) 90 MIN.

Richard Jenkins and Shane Paul McGhie
Calling it quits after 38 years, an ageing fast-food worker trains his young replacement on the graveyard shift at Oscar’s Chicken and Fish.

TRADEWINDS THEATER ROI-NAMUR

SATURDAY, JAN. 2
“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.

SUNDAY, JAN. 3
“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.

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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 “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 “CARS 3”: ‘Cars 3’ opens with Lightning losing to a new, state-of-the-art rival Jackson Storm, a hotshot who trains on a videogame-style simulator and boasts a host of technical improvements. —MICHAEL O’SULLIVAN, WASHINGTON POST

ON “THE BROKEN HEARTS GALLERY”: ‘The Broken Hearts Gallery’ hits all the stops on the road to romantic-comedy gold. So, why did it take the exit onto Meh Boulevard? —JOHNNY OLEK-SINSKI, NEW YORK POST

ON “THE LAST SHIFT”: Despite some unexpected character choices and other small stumbles, this indie drama gets by on great performances, bitter-sweet humor, and many snapshots of heartbreaking truths.
—JEFFREY M. ANDERSON, COMMON SENSE MEDIA

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.



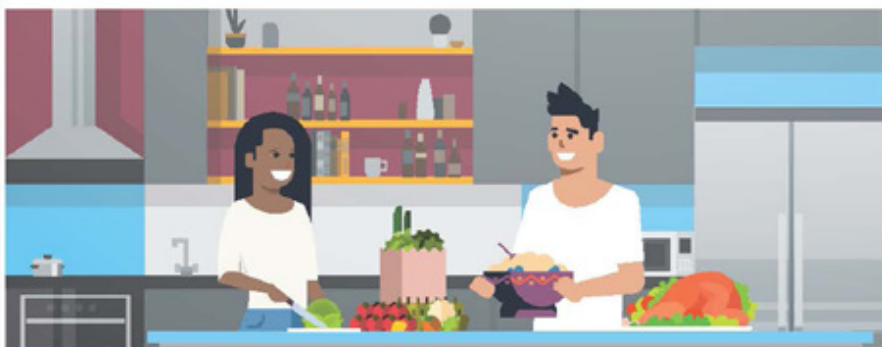
Hard choices to be apart this year may mean that you can spend many more years with your loved ones.



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 kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com to remove your help wanted listing.

Community Bank seeks a part-time 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 over-the-counter drugs; pills, tablets and capsules; ointments; creams; lotions; 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 cooperation.



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

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

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

DOD SAFE Helpline:
877 995 5247

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.

Spring Dance Collective with Courtney Strouse. Classes for all age groups in a variety of styles run Jan. 13 - April 30. Email dance-kwaj@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 DebbieProudfoot@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.

BURGER KING

Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday - Friday,
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday, 11 a.m. - 8 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.

ANTHONY'S PIZZA

Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday - Friday,
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
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COACH'S MEETING: JAN. 7

SEASON: JAN. 12 - FEB. 20

QUESTIONS?
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Petroleum Product
Storage Tank Management

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.

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

Ken melele kein: Ia eo (nombra in ijo, GPS, kakolle in ijo, etc.); Jonan (jonan e ibben jet kain mweik - football, taan in turan, etc.).

Tiljek kon UXO kein einwot am koprok menin mour in lojet ko rekawotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe.

Non bar kakememej eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemjej.

Each department owner of petroleum product storage tanks is required to:

- Designate trained storage tank custodians.
- Conduct weekly storage tank inspections.
- Conduct annual storage tank inspections.
- Document storage tank inspection deficiencies and perform associated corrective actions or contact the Service Desk (5-3550) for support.

For more information contact DI Environmental at 5-1134.

Owner eo ilo department eo an petroleum product storage tank ko ej aikuj:

- Kolaajrake rijerbal ro ekkar nan tank ko remaron jerbal ie
- Etale storage tank ko aolep week.
- Komman ien nan jeek e storage tank ko aolep yio.
- Jeiki aolep jorren im likjab ko rar walok im pikwot kilen jerbale jorren ko. Ne ejab, kir lok Service Desk ilo 5-3550.

USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH



RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

SUN - MOON - TIDES

WEATHER DISCUSSION:

Kwajalein continues to enjoy mostly dry and breezy weather on this New Year's Eve. A wave moving along the intertropical convergence zone over the southern RMI could bring increased showers overnight and into New Year's Day, especially for southern Kwajalein Atoll.

The forecast gets tricky after New Year's Day as an upper level trough approaches from the east. This feature is forecast to weaken as it moves over the Marshall Islands, but could increase the risk for some thunderstorm development around Kwajalein Atoll over the weekend. It will remain breezy throughout, while prevailing wind speeds are expected to stay below Small Craft Advisory.

SATURDAY:

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

SUNDAY:

Partly sunny with widely scattered showers and a thunderstorm possible. Winds NE-E at 15-20 knots with occasional higher gusts.

MONDAY:

Partly sunny with widely scattered showers and a thunderstorm possible. Winds NE-E at 15-20 knots with occasional higher gusts.

MID-WEEK:

Residual mid-level moisture and weak trade wind disturbances expected to produce occasional cloudiness and widely scattered showers. Winds NE-E 15-20 knots.

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:05 a.m. 6:42 p.m.	10:23 p.m. 10:17 a.m.	6:43 a.m. 3.1' 6:54 p.m. 4.2'	12:47 a.m. -0.4' 12:30 p.m. -0.0'
MONDAY	7:05 a.m. 6:43 p.m.	11:16 p.m. 11:04 a.m.	7:26 a.m. 3.0' 7:36 p.m. 3.9'	1:27 a.m. -0.2' 1:13 p.m. 0.3'
TUESDAY	7:05 a.m. 6:43 p.m.	----- 11:49 a.m.	8:17 a.m. 2.9' 8:26 p.m. 3.5'	2:11 a.m. 0.1' 2:05 p.m. 0.6'
WEDNESDAY	7:06 a.m. 6:44 p.m.	12:08 a.m. 12:33 p.m.	9:22 a.m. 2.8' 9:31 p.m. 3.1'	3:04 a.m. 0.3' 3:14 p.m. 0.9'
THURSDAY	7:06 a.m. 6:44 p.m.	1:00 a.m. 1:18 p.m.	10:45 a.m. 2.9' 10:59 p.m. 2.8'	4:10 a.m. 0.5' 4:52 p.m. 1.1'
FRIDAY	7:06 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	1:54 a.m. 2:05 p.m.	12:14 p.m. 3.1' -----	5:28 a.m. 0.6' 6:41 p.m. 0.9'
JANUARY 9	7:07 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	2:49 a.m. 2:55 p.m.	12:36 a.m. 2.7' 1:26 p.m. 3.5'	6:46 a.m. 0.5' 8:02 p.m. 0.5'



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**WE'RE HERE BECAUSE
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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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