

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



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JESSICA DAMBRUCH



COURTESY OF THE ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Members of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4, Detail Marshall Islands, pose for a photo in front of a new chapel placard with Island Memorial Chapel employees. Chapel staff, from left: Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil, Leti Sanchez, Ch. Brian Conner, Julie Makovec and Maui Wyatt. The placard is located near the chapel's Ocean Road entrance and displays service times and hours of operation.

## NMCB-4, DETAIL MARSHALL ISLANDS, INSTALLS ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL PLACARD

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

If you're looking for a sign, visit the Island Memorial Chapel.

On June 26, IMC personnel celebrated the newest addition to the chapel grounds: a large wooden placard bearing the chapel name and service times installed at the facility's Ocean Road entrance. Personnel from U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four, Detail Marshall Islands completed the installation June 25 and poured custom-designed concrete forms for the placard posts.

Progress on the placard's installation has been ongoing since 2017, but its history dates back even further. The chapel was dedicated in February 1945. The first service times were not advertised until 1951, according to former long-time resident and island historian Bill Remick.

Over the years the chapel had "a succession of such signs." Remick recalls a similar installation in 1975. On his first return visit to his "old hometown" island in 1989, Remick said he noticed that sign was gone.

"I would guess that as they fade or wear out, they get replaced with similar but different signs," he said.

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In 2017, the aforethought of expert carpenter Dan Tibbles made the current placard possible. During a chapel roof repair, he reserved a portion of unfinished lumber and built the placard's baseboard. Together with the island's

then-chaplains—Fr. Vic Langhans and Ch. Steve Munson, of the Catholic and Protestant congregations, respectively—they realized they had, essentially, received a sign.

The team got to work planning the placard. Munson assisted in sanding the large, natural wood panel while Langhans researched past versions in chapel files.

Generations of past Kwaj residents will be struck by how similar this latest placard is to previous iterations. Choic-

es made for lettering and design were informed by vintage photographs. The chapel reached out to a stateside sign shop that custom-designed a retro set of vinyl gothic letterforms in warm yellow and white.

Then, as sometimes happens, most of the people actively involved in the project PCS'd.

In late 2018, IMC Protestant Ch. Brian Conner inherited his chapel duties and the large wood panel that lay in the chapel's open-air antechamber. A year later,



COURTESY OF THE PHELON FAMILY

Laurie Noble, left, and Maj. Joshua Noble perform work on the chapel placard in February 2020.

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COURTESY OF THE ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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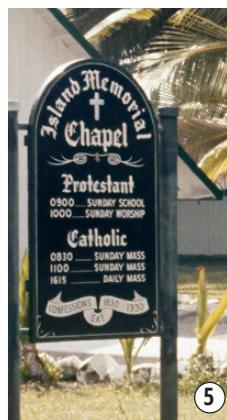


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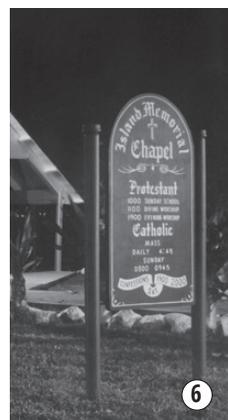
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he began the project anew with Fr. Jim Ludwikowski, IMC administrative staff and members of the Catholic congregation and chapel executive board.

Volunteers from the Noble and Phelon families assisted in affixing the vinyl lettering to the sign and sealing the placard with layers of polyurethane over several weeks. The novel coronavirus further stalled progress on installation until 2021. Thanks to NMCB-4, after four years, the work is finished.

“It doesn’t seem like much,” Remick said, “but on a remote island further isolated by the pandemic, even little changes receive attention.”

On an island with harsh environmental erosion, strict building codes and constant employee turnover, completing a multi-year project like the placard is no small feat. It stands as testimony to the power of vision and island teamwork. One might even call it a sign.

1) Patrick Phelon affixes vinyl letterforms to the chapel placard in February 2020. 2) Ch. Brian Conner, right, awards a member of NMCB-4, Detail Marshall Islands, a chaplain’s coin for a job well done. 3) Dan Tibbles, the carpenter who saved the lumber to make the placard, is pictured here performing a song in the Religious Education building at the 2019 National Day of Prayer Breakfast.

4) Special thanks to Bill Remick for granting permission to reprint these historic photographs of chapel placard placard history with their respective photographers: 4) U.S. Navy Cmdr. William J. Hall; 5) Rick Nemetz; 6) Bill Remick collection; 7) Jim and Patsy Duncan collection; 8) Bill Wagner; 9) Bill Remick collection; 10) Rev. Elden Buck; 11) Jessica Dambruch.

**For more information and updates about Island Memorial Chapel programs, activities and service times, please contact the IMC administrative office 5-3505.**



## INDEPENDENCE DAY ON USAG-KA

What an Independence Day it was. More than 300 island residents enjoyed the Fourth of July MWR Beach Bash at Emon Beach. The afternoon included a bike parade, a cash bar, and fun and games for the entire community. Check out the photos. —JD

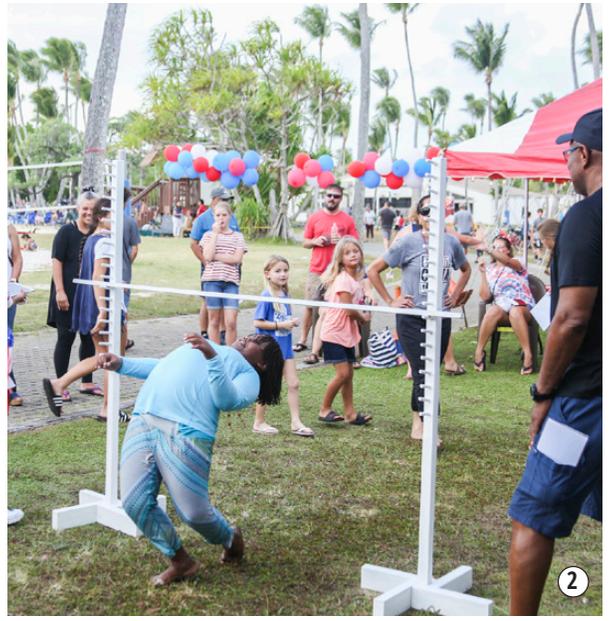
1) You can take a shot at the dunk tank, but first, do 10 push-ups. Dwight Whitehead, right, and Randal Navarre, left, count off for a young island resident before he takes aim. 2) The splash-down complete, USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega climbs up the dunk tank ladder for another shot. 3) USAG-KA Commander Col. Thomas Pugsley, left, and an island resident team up for the cornhole competition. 4) Even VIPs turn out for Independence Day. Pictured here,

U.S. Embassy Majuro Deputy Chief of Mission Jeremiah Knight takes a well-deserved cruise down Emon Beach. 5) Allena Childress leads the red, white, and blue bike parade down the Emon Beach walkway to officially begin the MWR Beach Bash. 6) Mon La Mike, a popular band from Ebeye, played classic American rock and Marshallese dance tunes during the celebration. 7) Tim Roberge and Christa Wingfield enjoy an Independence Day lunch, courtesy of MWR.

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1) MWR Fitness Instructor Allena Childress leads a Zumba dance hour at the big pavilion. 2) Young island resident Lily Taylor, center, pulls off an expert move during the limbo competition. 3) Kwaj kids attempt to outdo each other during an apple and cherry pie-eating competition.

# KOMMOL TATA

The Kwajalein Hourglass thanks all of the personnel and participants who helped make USAG-KA Independence Day a success. Kommol tata and great work. For more information about how you can volunteer or lend a hand at a community event, please contact MWR at 5-3331.

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## ISLAND YOUTHS TAKE ON THE COMMANDER'S 2021 SUMMER CHALLENGE

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Summer on Kwajalein is not all fun and games. The 2021 CYS Commander's Challenge is underway. Between now and July 28, more than 20 of Kwajalein's youths who have completed grades six through 12 will work through weekly challenges to complete academic and physical training and community service activities around the island.

Among their rigorous program goals, participants must pick up a weekly average of 75 pounds of trash and complete an average of seven hours of physical activity per week. They must also finish a four-part educational challenge in which they study aspects of island history or complete the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory Beaver Works Summer Institute program. Different program options are available for completing each segment.

Those who complete the program will join USAG-KA Commander Col. Thomas Pugsley for a trip on the USAV Great Bridge to Bigej for a Host Nation-sponsored activity.

Cheer on the island's hardworking young people when you see them doing their part this summer. For information about the program, parents and participants can reach out to coordinator Nate Rios at 5-3796.



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KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS ARCHIVE

1) Participants in the August 2020 Commander's Summer challenge pose for a photo before the USAV Great Bridge. 2) Teens pick up trash during a Bigej beach clean-up.



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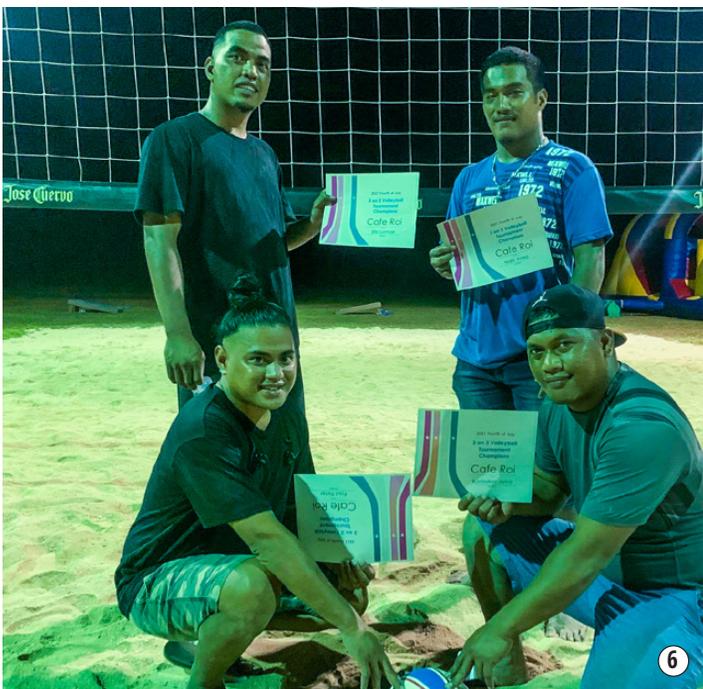
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## INDEPENDENCE DAY ON ROI-NAMUR

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**“The Fourth of July** was a huge success,” wrote MWR Roi Manager Rick Jameson to the Kwajalein Hourglass this week. More than 60 Roi residents and visitors from Kwajalein enjoyed a fun Independence Day weekend on Roi.

A total of eight teams competed for bragging rights in the sand volleyball tournament and 16 people took the plunge in a cannonball contest at the island’s pool.

1) Fireworks have nothing on this beautiful sunset. 2) No, your eyes aren’t playing tricks on you: That really is a bounce house on Roi. Residents and visitors enjoyed two inflatable bounce houses on Independence Day. 3) A team competes for the win during the sand volleyball competition. 4) Roi residents and visitors enjoy the cannonball competition with a mega-splash. 5) Sometimes it’s just nice to relax in the shade in the heat of the day. 6) Team Cafe Roi reigned supreme in the sand volleyball competition. Back row, from left: Elbi Lomae, Nabi Aneo. Bottom row from left: Paul Peter and Borlindon Jetnil.

U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY RICK JAMESON

# U.S. SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

You can't test a missile defense program without targets.

On July 8, 1997, Lt. Gen. Lester Lyles, director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, signed the Consolidated Targets Program Plan. BMDO was a predecessor to the modern-day Missile Defense Agency. Effective Oct. 1, the Department of the Army established the Ballistic Missile Targets Joint Program Office.

The BMTJPO was supported by the following offices: Space and Missile Defense Command Targets, Test and Evalu-

ation Division's Strategic Targets Product Office; Theater Target Product Office; Foreign Materiel Acquisition; and Cost Effective and Low Fidelity Targets. Under the initial direction of Col. George Birdsong, "the BMTJPO [provided] an effective low-risk integrated theater and strategic missile targets program to support the Department of Defense's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

As the designated executing agent for the BMDO Consolidate Targets program, the BMTJPO [developed] realistic, cost-effective ballistic missile targets of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps."



Members of the Kwajalein Provost Marshal Office pose for a photo on July 4 following a promotion ceremony for two security personnel. Sgt. Shawn Delaney is now a lieutenant with the PMO. Lt. Charles Goodson now serves as acting chief of police. From left: Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Debates, Sgt. Jon Donald, acting Chief Charles Goodson, Maj. Jason Grubb, Lt. Shawn Delaney, Sgt. Shawn Carroll and Sgt. Michael Way.

## KWAJ POLICE PROMOTED TO NEW LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll congratulates two members of the Kwajalein Police Department on two recent departmental promotions.

Maj. Jason Grubb, USAG-KA Provost Marshal Office, presided over the July 4 ceremony at the Kwajalein flagpoles to promote Sgt. Shawn Delaney to lieutenant and Lt. Charles Goodson to acting police chief, according to a July 4 post on department social media. The ceremony was attended by fellow personnel.

Both Delaney and Goodson joined Kwajalein's workforce in the past two years and have contributed to community events such as the annual Bike Rodeo.

For more information about the Kwajalein Police Department or to congratulate the officers, call Chief Goodson at 5-8859.



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1) Acting KPD Chief Charles Goodson, left, directs a young Kwaj resident during the annual Bike Rodeo in September 2020. 2) Lt. Shawn Delaney fields questions from George Seitz Elementary School students during the rodeo classroom segment.

This week's community questions explore two things we all have in common on Kwajalein: bills and the sun. In honor of July as UV Safety month, check out the tips below about how to deal with the pain of a common sunburn and what steps you can take to avoid a severe burn.

### Why did it take so long for me to get my Kwajalein Hospital bill?

The majority of our claims are sent via mail. As you are aware, mail may take a few weeks to reach the recipient and a few weeks to come back to us. Your insurance company should respond with an Explanation of Benefits and a payment for your services at the time your statement is generated.

If your insurance company asks for clarification or additional information, the Kwajalein Hospital will process this on your behalf and the mailing process will begin again. This is one example of how a simple visit could take four to 12 weeks just to get a response from the insurance company.

—Steven Kass, senior administrator, Kwajalein Hospital

### How can I avoid a sunburn?

The best method of sunburn management is prevention. Use of sunscreen, hats, and other coverings are essential, especially on Kwajalein. By the time you feel like you are getting sunburned, you probably are. When this happens, take cover, cool off,

and hydrate.

Despite best efforts, sunburns can still happen, and there are a few things you can do to ease the pain and facilitate a quick recovery:

- **Cool the affected area.** Cool water from the sink or shower, or a dip in the ocean or pool are effective ways to stop the burning process. Of course, if you are sunburned and opt to take a dip in the pool or ocean, be sure to cover up to avoid additional burning! Always avoid hot showers until the burns have healed.
- **For treatment of mild burns (no blisters or open sores), use over-the-counter after-sun care products containing aloe vera to soothe the burn.**
- **If you experience severe itching and/or hives, antihistamines like Claritin, Allegra, Zyrtec or Xyzal can help during the day, and at night consider Benadryl (which can cause drowsiness).**
- **For pain, take ibuprofen and/or Tylenol.**

Most minor sunburns heal within a few days and do not require medical attention. For sunburns with a large area of involvement, especially with blistering, consider a trip to the clinic for further evaluation.

—Dr. Nicholas Bird, chief medical officer, Kwajalein Hospital

## JOIN THE CONVERSATION

### Have a question?

The Health Connection supports the Commander's Ready and Resilient Council, an Army-wide initiative focused on the health and resiliency of Soldiers, family members and civilians. CR2C implements initiatives to address behavioral, physical, spiritual and environmental issues identified in the community.

### Join the Conversation

The USAG-KA CR2C team encourages community members to ask questions about general health, wellness and well-being.

Please send your question to [kwa-jaleinadministration@international-sosgs.us](mailto:kwa-jaleinadministration@international-sosgs.us). Responses will be published in the Kwajalein Hourglass Health Connection after being reviewed by International SOS staff members. Names of respondents will not be published.

### Examples of topics CR2C can address are as follows:

- What sea creatures should I avoid?
- Where can I learn First-Aid on Kwajalein?
- How do I get my spiritual needs met on Kwajalein?
- How does a Kwajalein medevac work?
- What will I be billed for at the Kwajalein Hospital?

### For More Information

For questions about CR2C, call the Kwajalein Hospital at 5-2223.

\* On USAG-KA, the CR2C program is administered by the USAG-KA Health Systems Specialist and implemented by LOGCAP IV contract and subcontract personnel. The U.S. Army does not endorse information included in the column or informational materials provided by International SOS or Amentum-DI.



# CLASSIFIEDS

The community wants to hear from you. Email announcements and advertisements to [kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com](mailto:kwajaleinhourglass@dyn-intl.com) Wednesday by close of business. Ads received after deadline will be published in the next issue of the Kwajalein Hourglass.

## HELP WANTED

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

**Truestone**, an AKIMA company, seeks a telephone operator. For more information about this position and to apply, please click the URL below to visit [https://akima.taleo.net/careersection/akimallc\\_cs/jobdetail.f1?job=TRU01055&tz=G-MT-05%3A00&tzname=](https://akima.taleo.net/careersection/akimallc_cs/jobdetail.f1?job=TRU01055&tz=G-MT-05%3A00&tzname=).

**Substitute teachers** wanted. Kwajalein School System seeks student-centered adults available from 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. to serve as substitute teachers or teacher aids. Contact Paul Uhren for more information at [uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com](mailto:uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com) or 5-3601.

**USAG-KA Child and Youth Services** seeks a Lead Preschool Teacher. Send your resume to CYS Coordinator Dr. Stephanie McCutcheon at [stephanie.mccutcheon@dyn-intl.com](mailto:stephanie.mccutcheon@dyn-intl.com).

**USAG-KA CYS** seeks a Sports and Fitness teacher. This position is unaccompanied. Requirements: Earned undergraduate degree in physical education, recreation or related field with six months' experience in a sports program or two years in a similar program with individual and team sports. Send resumes to [stephanie.mccutcheon@dyn-intl.com](mailto:stephanie.mccutcheon@dyn-intl.com) and apply online at [WRSSrecruiting.com](http://WRSSrecruiting.com), requisition ID: 2101305.

**Community Bank** seeks a part-time Banking Center Service Specialist, or teller. Submit applications and resumes to [www.dodcommunitybank.com](http://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](http://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 their team. Apply via <http://www.tribalco.com/jobs.html>.

**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](http://www.rgnext.com).

**Amentum** seeks qualified candidates for various positions. Current 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, 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.

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

**Kwajalein Ukulele Club.** The Kwajalein Ukulele Club is open to ukulele enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels. Bring your uke and join us for a strum-along each Friday in CRC room 6 from 6 – 7:30 pm.

This club is free for everyone. Join the mailing list to receive updates and sheet music: [kwajukeclub@gmail.com](mailto:kwajukeclub@gmail.com).

**The Kwajalein Girl Scouts** are open to all school-aged K-12 girls on Kwajalein (USAGSO.org). Membership fees are \$45. Also seeking adult volunteers. For registration questions or more information contact Carrie Aljure at [whatacod@aol.com](mailto:whatacod@aol.com).

**Summer Softball Tournament.** Come on out to support summer softball now through Aug. 4. Teams require a minimum of eight players. Only 16 teams will be eligible to play. Cost of registration is \$50. Register and pay participation fees in the Grace Sherwood Library, Bldg. 805. Questions, call 5-3331.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

**The George Seitz Elementary School Office** will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed during lunch until August. **The Kwajalein High School office** will be closed until Aug. 6. Call 5-3601 or email [uhrenp@kwajaleinschool.com](mailto:uhrenp@kwajaleinschool.com) with school questions.

**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 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.

**Small Boat Marina** Summer 2021 Hours of Operation are now through Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Questions? Call the Small Boat Marina at 5-3643.

## NOTICES

**Alcoholics Anonymous** open meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the REB, Room 213.

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

**Tobacco Use on USAG-KA.** Smoking permitted only in designated smoking areas. All smoking and cigarette butt receptacles must be at least 50 feet from entrance of facilities. USAG-KA Policy Memorandum 600-8 sets forth specific policies designed for the protection from the negative impact of tobacco use. Smoking cessation programs are available. Contact Mary Beth Dawicki at 5-5362 or [Marybeth.Dawicki@international-sosgs.us](mailto:Marybeth.Dawicki@international-sosgs.us).

**Register with the Grace Sherwood Library.** The new card catalog system is ready and Grace Sherwood Library staff need your help. Please visit the library to sign up for an account to begin checking out books. Information needed includes the following: ID badge, quarters number, mailbox number and email address. Individual and family accounts are available. Contact the Grace Sherwood Library with questions at 5-3331.

**PCS'ing with a Pet.** Depending on your final destination please notify vet services to discuss travel planning for your pet(s) during the recommended timeframes below: CONUS, 45+ days prior to PCS; Honolulu and Guam, three to six months prior to PCS; and other countries, six months or more prior to PCS. If you plan to PCS in the next six months, contact Kwajalein Veterinary Services at 5-2017 to ensure your pet is up to date on annual diagnostics and vaccinations. For more, email the Kwajalein vet tech at [kwajaleinveterinaryclinic@international-sosgs.us](mailto:kwajaleinveterinaryclinic@international-sosgs.us).

**Electric bikes** are not allowed on the garrison per USAG-KA Regulation 56-4. You are authorized use of the bike on USAG-KA if you disconnect the motor. For more information, contact the PMO at 5-3530.

## TRAINING

**Building Manager Evacuation Coordinator Training** (Required for all managers by AR 420-1). Kwajalein training occurs on the first and third Wednesdays of each month beginning at 10 a.m. in the Religious Education Building. Roi-Namur training occurs on the second Wednesday each month at 9:30 a.m. at the C-building. Call 5-3364 to register.

## COUNSELING SERVICES

**Chapel Counseling Services.** The IMC chaplains are available for appointments on Roi-Namur and Kwajalein. Contact the Chapel office at 5-3505 to schedule a meeting. Discussions are kept private. Confidentiality belongs with the client.

**Counseling Available.** Schedule an appointment with the Employee Assistance Program by calling Mary Beth Dawicki at 5-5235 or emailing [marybeth.dawicki@international-sosgs.us](mailto:marybeth.dawicki@international-sosgs.us). Information shared in 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.

## ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICES

**Recycle Safely.** Please ensure that all aluminum cans are separated from household trash to prevent damage to the island incinerator. Doing your part keeps our island clean. For more information, contact DI Environmental at 5-1134.

## HAZARDOUS FOOD RECALL

Kwajalein's Surfway has confirmed the presence of recalled Tyson® Fully Cooked Oven Roasted Diced Chicken Breast – Boneless Skinless with Rib Meat, Seasoned.

The product is being recalled because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Products will bear the product UPC code: 023700016270 and best by date: Mar 11, 2022.

If you have this item in your home, please return it to Surfway for a full refund.

**All White Party**  
**WEEKEND**  
**WEAR ALL WHITE ATTIRE**  
**ROI-NAMUR**  
**DANCE PARTY: SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 7PM - UNTIL**  
**BEACH PARTY: MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021 3PM - UNTIL**  
**OUTRIGGER BAR & GRILL**



Many hands make light work: The Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club's Bargain Bazaar needs you. Do you want to make friends while making a big difference? Beginners to experienced volunteers are invited to get involved, including those interested in a leadership role. Please contact @Kelly Redmond today on Facebook, or email [kellyredmond.lmt@gmail.com](mailto:kellyredmond.lmt@gmail.com). Proceeds benefit the YYWC Education Assistance Fund and are used to support education grants in the region.

## ShopMyExchange.com Access

Who is eligible to shop at AAFES?

- U.S. Citizen Employees of firms under contract to the DoD when employed outside the U.S.
- U.S. Civilian DoD employees when stationed outside of the U.S.
- Full list of eligibility available at [shopmyexchange.com](http://shopmyexchange.com)

For more information, request an account form from Ian Morales at [moralesic@aafes.com](mailto:moralesic@aafes.com). Hardcopies are also available at the store.



Form verifies employment  
Accounts are good for up to two years.  
These forms can be reactivated after employment verification

## KWAJALEIN AT THE MOVIES

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

### KWAJALEIN YUK THEATER

Saturday, July 10  
"A Quiet Place"  
(PG-13) 90 min.

Sunday, July 11  
"The Art of Racing in the Rain"  
(PG) 109 min.

Monday, July 12  
"Black and Blue"  
(R) 108 min.

Saturday, July 17  
"The House with A Clock in Its Walls"  
(PG) 105 min.

Sunday, July 18  
"The Hustle"  
(PG-13) 92 min.

Monday, July 19  
"Red Sparrow"  
(R) 140 min.

### ROI – C-BUILDING

Saturday, July 10  
"The Unholy"  
(PG-13) 100 min.

Sunday, July 11  
"The Invisible Man"  
(R) 124 min.

Saturday, July 17 "The Hustle"  
(PG-13) 92 min.

Sunday, July 18  
"Red Sparrow"  
(R) 140 min.



## KWAJ FLIGHT INFORMATION

For UA departure policies and requirements, contact Aliceia Haacke at 805-355-1015 or 805-355-4852. For information on outbound covid test requirements, contact the Kwajalein Hospital at 5-2223.

### UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHTS

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.

### WEEKLY JULY-OCTOBER

Check-In Times  
UA 155 - 3:30 - 4:45 p.m.  
UA 154 - 10:45 - 11:15 a.m.

### WEEKLY JULY-OCTOBER FLIGHTS

Mondays- UA 155 - (HNL)  
Tuesdays- UA 154 - (GUM)

### ELECTRONIC GUAM CUSTOMS, QUARANTINE AGENCY FORM

The Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency form has transitioned to an Electronic Declaration Form. All passengers and crew arriving and processing into the Guam International Airport Main Terminal will fill out the EDF on their mobile devices or desktop computers, 72 hours prior to their arrival into Guam.

United encourages everyone to take advantage of the 3-day eligibility window prior to boarding for a completely touchless entry process with Guam Customs. Links are as follows:

Mobile device link: <https://travel.guamedf.landing.cards>

Desktop computer: <https://guamedf.landing.cards>

The EDF kiosks are accessible in Guam airport baggage claim area for passenger's convenience.

### ATI FLIGHTS

ATI flights now occur on a twice weekly basis. Additional flights are for cargo movement. Check with your ATI flight representative to confirm check-in and flight departure times.

### What does this mean for the community?

- Guidelines for incoming passengers remain the same
- Outbound passengers will have more opportunities to depart
- Travel remains official for duty only. Please note the RMI travel ban is still in effect

### OUTBOUND ATI SCREENING PROCESS

The ATI medical screening process has changed.

- You must visit the hospital to complete your medical clearance on the last business day before your flight.
- Monday and Tuesday departures will be screened Saturday from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## RMI TRAVEL BAN APPLIES THROUGH JULY 31, 2021

### RMI COVID-19 TRAVEL ADVISORY & RESTRICTIONS ISSUANCE 27: JULY 1, 2021

An extension of the total suspension of international travelers coming into the RMI via air travel will continue until July 31, 2021. For more information about the Republic of the Marshall Islands Issuance 25, please contact the Commander's Hotline at 5-1098 or the USAG-KA Host Nation Office at 5-5235.

## DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

Stand to, everyone. Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega is on the lookout for "uniformity." Active duty service members are expected to follow regulations for arrangement and presentation of uniform pieces and regalia at all times. Please be sure you are assembled and ready before all official Command photographs.



## CONSTRUCTION AT RICH THEATER

**U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4, Detail Marshall Islands** will continue work at the theater foundation from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Please adhere to the caution tape and safety barriers around the site and keep the area clear.

Special thanks to NMCB 4 for rebuilding a Kwajalein community landmark. Please contact Deirdre Wyatt-Pope at 5-1442 with any questions.



## E-WARENESS

### C&D Debris

Separating construction and demolition debris at the source increases the percentage of materials diverted from unnecessary incineration and landfill applications. Separate C&D debris like scrap metal, glass, plastics, yard waste, compostable construction debris and materials destined for incineration.

**Kobij in alal, menoknok jen Jerbal In Ekkal im Rubrub**

**Kejenolak bwe** in alal im kobij in ekkal ak rubrub ej juon wewein bobrae an laplok menoknok ko rekar im jab ekar non tiili im jolok ilo landfill. Im ilo wewein ko im rej einwot scrap metla, plactic, ak kobij ko jet jen mweik ko im rekar bwe ren etal non jikin katil eo. Non kajjitok? Kir lok DynCorp Environmental ilo x1134.

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



**Read around the world.** This fun activity runs through July 28 and is open to all Kwajalein children finishing grades K - 6.

Enjoy travel-themed story time and crafts every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and a reading challenge and weekly scavenger hunt for readers in grades K - 6.

Enter for the chance to earn prizes in each age group (grades K - 1, 2 - 3, 4 - 5, and 6) for the most books and/or pages read.

To participate, pick up reading logs at the GSL, fill them out and return them to a library staff member.

**July 14: Africa**  
**July 21: Europe**  
**July 28: Celebration**

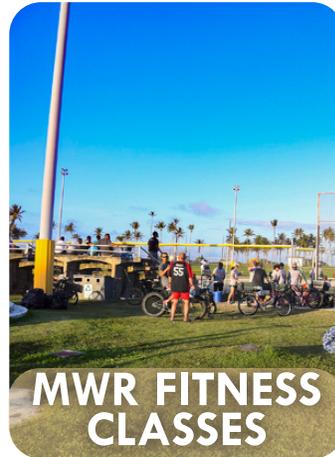
**For more information, call the MWR desk at the Grace Sherwood Library at 5-3331 or 5-3332.**



**All routine** service order requests for bachelor quarters and Army Family Housing must be reported through ArMA. Reporting jobs using ArMA provides residents with the ability to send pictures and have permanent records of their issues.

Register for your account and submit tickets at <https://www.armymaintenance.com>. To report emergency service order requests, call 5-3550.

Examples of emergency SORs include major water leaks, loss of all AC, no operational toilets, inoperable appliances, plumbing, smoke detectors or door locks. For ArMA questions, contact Scott Hill at 5-0133 or [michael.s.hill86.civ@mail.mil](mailto:michael.s.hill86.civ@mail.mil).



## MWR FITNESS CLASSES

**Unless otherwise noted, all classes are held in CRC Room 7 and are subject to change without notice. All classes require an MWR fitness pass. Passes can be purchased at the MWR Desk in the Grace Sherwood Library. For more information, please call MWR at 5-3331.**

### Tuesday

Zumba Dance, 9:15 a.m.  
Yoga, 5:30 p.m.  
Spin, 6:40 p.m.

### Wednesday

HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training), 5:30 a.m.  
Zumba Toning, 9:15 a.m.  
Zumba Dance, 6 p.m.

### Thursday

Spin, 5:30 a.m.  
Water Aerobics (Adult Pool), 9:15 a.m.  
Yoga, 5:30 p.m.

### Friday

HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training), 5:30 a.m.  
Zumba Toning, 9:15 p.m.  
Spin, 6:40 p.m.

### Saturday

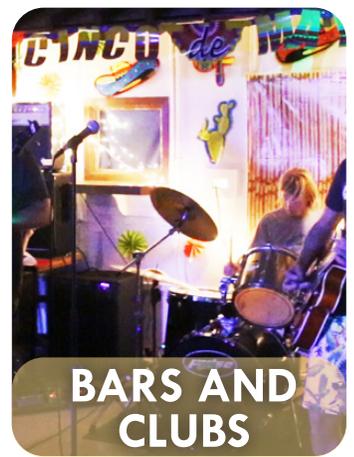
Spin, 5:30 a.m.  
Water Aerobics (Adult Pool), 6 p.m.

### Join MWR fitness.

Zumba Dance and Zumba Toning meet in CRC Room 1.

All other fitness classes will be held in CRC Room 7 unless otherwise noted. All MWR fitness classes require an MWR Fitness Pass. Purchase your pass from MWR in the Grace Sherwood Library, Bldg. 805.

All class dates and time are subject to change without notice. For more information, call MWR at 5-331.



## BARS AND CLUBS

Contact MWR at 5-3331 for updates and events about the garrison's bars and clubs.

### OUTRIGGER CLUB

Check with MWR for meal specials and activities at the Outrigger Club by calling 5-3331.

### COUNTRY CLUB

#### Birthday Bash

Come celebrate island birthdays with MWR every third Sunday from 6 - 9 p.m. Enjoy complimentary shuttle service available from the Ocean View Club every 30 minutes from 5 - 9 p.m.

### Saturday

Enjoy happy hour and play Uno every Saturday at 6 p.m.

### OCEAN VIEW CLUB

#### Wednesdays

Raise your glass and toast Wednesday at happy hour from 5 - 7 p.m.

### Saturdays

Enjoy fun activities like game nights, karaoke, theme nights and live music.

### Mondays

Enjoy Monday meal deals on Men's Night from 5 - 7 p.m.

### Shuttle Service

MWR offers shuttle service to and from the Country Club every 30 minutes from 5 - 8 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, contact Nikeya Lagrone at 5-9205 or 5-3331.



# USAG-KA DINING GUIDE

## ISLAND DINING FACILITIES

### CAPT. LOUIS. S. ZAMPERINI CAFETERIA - KWAJALEIN (5-3425)

**TUESDAYS - SATURDAYS\***  
5:30 - 8 a.m.  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
4:30 - 7 p.m.

**SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS\***  
6:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
4:30 - 7 p.m.

**MONDAYS\***  
6 - 9 a.m.  
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
4:30 - 7 p.m.

\*Families are welcome to dine at the Zamperini Cafeteria on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Sundays and Mondays.

Want to receive a daily copy of the menu? Contact Asia Williams at [asia.williams@dyn-intl.com](mailto:asia.williams@dyn-intl.com) to be added to the weekly emailed menu.

### CAFE ROI - ROI-NAMUR (5-6535)

**TUESDAYS - SATURDAYS**  
5:30 - 8 a.m.  
10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
5 - 6:45 p.m.

**SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS**  
7 - 9 a.m.  
10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
5 - 6:45 p.m.

**MONDAYS**  
6 - 8:30 a.m.  
10:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
5 - 6:45 p.m.

## DINING DOWNTOWN

### SUNRISE BAKERY (5-3445)

Tues - Thursday  
6 a.m. - 2 p.m.

### SUNRISE BAKERY PIZZA KITCHEN (5-3445)

Friday, Saturday and Sunday,  
5 - 9 p.m.

Monday, 5 - 9 p.m.

Don't forget about the late-night menu of rotating specials at the Roi-Namur Outrigger Club and Ocean View Club. For more information, please see the "Bars and Clubs" page.

## AAFES - KWAJALEIN DINING LOCATIONS

### AMERICAN EATERY

Located at the Kwajalein Dock Security Checkpoint  
(5-1605)

Sunday - closed

Monday - closed

Tuesday - Saturday,  
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

### ANTHONY'S PIZZA

Located at the AAFES Food Court  
(5-2735)

Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday - Friday,  
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### BURGER KING

Located at the AAFES Food Court  
(5-3402)

Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday - Friday,  
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

### SUBWAY

Located at the AAFES Food Court  
(5-3402)

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.

## TECHNOLOGY PROTECTION

### Threat Awareness & Reporting Program

#### Contact Information

Kwajalein Resident Office Building 1163  
Kwajalein Island, RMI  
(805) 355 - 9857  
(805) 355 - 9859

For more information, please visit  
[inscom.army.mil/isalute/](http://inscom.army.mil/isalute/)

Personnel subject to the UCMJ who fail to comply with the reporting requirements of ARMY Regulation 381-12 Threat Awareness and Reporting Program are subject to punishment under the UCMJ, as well as to adverse administrative or other adverse action authorized by applicable provisions

of the USC or Federal regulations. Personnel not subject to the UCMJ who fail to comply with the reporting requirements of Army Regulation 381-12 are subject to adverse administrative action or criminal prosecution as authorized by applicable provisions of the USC or Federal regulations.

## WHO IS AT RISK?

Cleared defense contractors and scientific researchers—because of who you are, what you research, and your knowledge of manufacturing processes, prototypes, and developed products.

## WHO ARE THEY?

**Traditional Collectors** | Foreign Governments and Foreign Businesses whose intent is to illegally acquire information or trade secrets.

**Non-Traditional** | Can be anyone: scientists, researchers and developers, students, or sometimes our trusted colleagues who work along side us.

## WHAT MAKES YOU A VALUABLE TARGET?

You have access to valuable insider and proprietary information. In the hands of the adversary, it can shorten their R&D efforts, counter our tech advantage, and cost us untold billions of dollars.

## HOW WILL THEY APPROACH YOU OR GAIN ACCESS?

**Official Foreign Visitors** | Collectors may pose as members of a foreign government organization, or an intelligence or security service. Vetted Official Foreign Visitors and their entourage may include last minute, unvetted substitutions.

**Conference/Expo/Tradeshow** | Public venues align new technologies and Subject Matter Experts. The adversary can collect personal information through registration and/or sign-in.

**Academic Solicitation** | "Innocent" requests for information may come from students, professors, scientists, or researchers; a foreign affiliation may not be readily apparent.

**Unsolicited Contact/Email** | The adversary may use the name of a well known company to send requests for military-related information. This method is fast and often undetected.

**Joint Research Ventures** | Alerts an adversary to current scientific initiatives and the military's latest activities, allowing for tailored contact attempts.

**Front Companies** | The adversary may shield their true identity by using a shell company or subsidiary typically financed by a foreign bank and with connections to a foreign business or embassy.

# THE SEVEN DEADLY SWIMS

- ☠ Swimming outside a designated swimming area
- ☠ Swimming without a life jacket
- ☠ Jumping into unknown waters
- ☠ Swimming under the influence of alcohol/drugs
- ☠ Holding your breath too long while swimming
- ☠ Challenging someone to swim across a cove, lake, or pond or to an object such as a buoy
- ☠ Swimming to rescue a person, boat, beach ball, or some other object



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## ARE YOU PREPARED TO SWIM SAFELY?

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WATER SAFETY IN AND AROUND KWAJALEIN.  
CONTACT YOUR CONTRACT SAFETY OFFICER OR USAG-KA SAFETY OFFICER  
DEIRDRE WYATT-POPE AT 5-1442.



Parents and CYS-enrolled children in grades K - 2 enjoy the culmination of the CYS Inner Tube Water Polo Season at the Millican Family Pool July 3.

# U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES CYS SPOTLIGHT

## SCHOOL-AGE CARE

Summer Camp runs through Aug. 7, Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Register in Central Registration.



**July 13 - July 17**  
Sports Hall of Fame



**July 20 - July 24**  
Harry Potter



**July 27 - July 31**  
Space and Beyond



**Aug. 3 - Aug. 7**  
Mini City

## NAMO WETO YOUTH CENTER

**Tuesdays**  
Closed

**Wednesdays**  
Water Wednesday - 12:30 p.m.  
Tremendous Trivia - 4:30 p.m.

**Thursdays**  
Movies with Popcorn - 4 p.m.

**Fridays**  
Frappaccinos - 4 p.m.

**Saturdays**  
Smoothies - 3:30 p.m.

**Sundays**  
Surprise - 6 p.m.

## YOUTH CENTER EVENTS

**\*Now through July 28\***  
Commander's Challenge

**July 11 - Surprise Sunday - Bob Ross Painting**

**July 16 - B-Boat trip- 7:30 a.m.**

**July 17 - Water Wednesday - Ski Steps Snorkel - 12:30 p.m.**

**July 18 - Surprise Sunday - Solar Oven S'mores - 4 p.m.**

**July 21 - Water Wednesday - North Point Rapids - 12:30 p.m.**

**July 25 - Surprise Sunday - Kool-Aid Playdough - 4:30 p.m.**

**July 28 - Water Wednesday - Japanese Tide Pools - 12:30 p.m.**

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

### Baru Classroom

Fridays are Water Play Days for infants and young toddlers. Saturdays are Water Play Days for toddlers. Please send your child with water clothes, dry clothes, a towel and swim diaper (if needed).

### Bako Classroom

Tuesdays - STEAM Swim Day. Please send your child with water clothes, dry clothes, a towel and swim diaper (if needed).

Wednesdays - STEAM Functional Fitness

Thursdays - STEAM Library



PHOTO COURTESY OF KWAJALEIN CYS

USAG-KA Commander Col. Thomas Pugsley, right, joins his son Max and CDC kids and fathers at the "Donuts with Dads" Father's Day event. Visit USAG-KA CYS on Facebook for pictures and information about our events and programs. <https://www.facebook.com/USAGKACYS/>. For more information and to register for a program, call Central Registration at 5-2158.

# REMEMBER THE THREE RS OF UXO

## PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Remember the three Rs of UXO: Recognize an item as possible Unexploded Ordnance. Retreat from the area of the UXO. Report suspected UXO immediately by notifying EOD (5-1433) or CPS (5-4445).

Provide the following information: Location (building #, GPS, landmarks, etc); Size (compared to common items - football, scuba cylinder, etc). Treat UXO like you would treat dangerous sea creatures.

Look but do not touch. For a detailed refresher, please attend the Island Orientation Briefing on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Kemeymej R ko 3. Recognize (kile) juon kwopej bajjok emaron Bokutan ak kein kabokkolok (UXO). Retreat (Jenliklik) bed ettolok im jab kepaak UXO eo. Report (Ripoot e) boktun ak kein

kabokklok eo ien eo emokajtata non EOD ilo nomba kein (5-1433) ak CPS (5-4445). Ken melele kein: la 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 kakemeymej eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemej.



## NO-SMOKING REMINDER

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Kwajalein residents, smoking is permitted only in designated smoking areas.

All smoking and cigarette butt receptacles must be at least 50 feet from entrance of facilities.

USAG-KA Policy Memorandum 600-8 sets forth specific policies designed for protection from the negative impact of tobacco use.

Smoking cessation programs are available. For more information, contact Mary Beth Dawicki at 5-5362 or by email at Marybeth.Dawicki@internationalsogs.us.

# USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH

## RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

### WEATHER DISCUSSION:

Better late than never, as the rainy season finally arrives to the party providing the Kwajalein Atoll with some much-needed rain. The atmosphere is fully saturated, and all that is needed to kick off the rainfall is some surface forcing.

The end of this week as well as the end of next week will see several surface waves passing overhead, triggering convection over the region. This will result in increased rainfall chances, some of which could come down fairly heavy at times.

While it doesn't appear as though there will be a blockbuster event in store for the Kwajalein Atoll any time in the near future, this broad area of ripe, moist air will preside over the Marshall Islands just waiting for the chance to prove to us all that the rainy season is here to stay.

**SATURDAY:** Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers in-

creasing to scattered showers at times late. Isolated thunderstorms are possible. ENE-ESE at 11-16 knots winds with higher gusts near showers.

**SUNDAY:** Mostly cloudy to partly sunny with isolated showers increasing to widely scattered overnight. ENE-ESE at 11-16 knots winds with occasional higher gusts.

**MONDAY:** Partly sunny with isolated showers. Winds ENE-E at 12-17 knots with occasional higher gusts.

**NEXT WEEK:** Several disturbances will make their way into the region, increasing rainfall chances as they do. Several bouts of rain are expected, becoming increasingly more likely later in the week. Isolated thunderstorms will be possible as next weekend approaches.

Winds will be ENE-E 13-18 knots, but some showers and thunderstorms may contain strong gusts. Overall cloud cover will steadily increase as the weekend nears.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
<b>SUNDAY</b>	6:36 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	7:19 a.m. 8:16 p.m.	4:57 a.m. 4.4' 5:20 p.m. 3.3'	11:25 a.m. -0.3' 11:08 p.m. -0.0'
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:37 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	8:12 a.m. 9:05 p.m.	5:30 a.m. 4.5' 5:55 p.m. 3.4'	11:59 a.m. -0.3' 11:43 p.m. 0.0'
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:37 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	9:05 a.m. 9:51 p.m.	6:05 a.m. 4.4' 6:31 p.m. 3.4'	12:33 p.m. -0.2' -----
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:37 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	9:57 a.m. 10:35 p.m.	6:40 a.m. 4.3' 7:09 p.m. 3.3'	12:20 a.m. 0.1' 1:09 p.m. -0.1'
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:37 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	10:48 a.m. 11:19 p.m.	7:19 a.m. 4.1' 7:53 p.m. 3.3'	12:59 a.m. 0.3' 1:49 p.m. 0.1'
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:38 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	11:39 a.m. -----	8:02 a.m. 3.8' 8:45 p.m. 3.2'	1:45 a.m. 0.5' 2:33 p.m. 0.3'
<b>JULY 17</b>	6:38 a.m. 7:13 p.m.	12:29 p.m. 12:02 a.m.	8:55 a.m. 3.5' 9:51 p.m. 3.2'	2:41 a.m. 0.8' 3:26 p.m. 0.5'



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# COVID-19 PANDEMIC NOT OVER, CONCERNS OVER DELTA VARIANT GROWING

EXTERNAL REPORT

By C. Todd Lopez  
Department of Defense News

Nearly 68 percent of active duty personnel have been vaccinated against COVID-19 with at least one dose. But that still leaves many service members vulnerable to the delta variant of the virus, health officials at the Pentagon said.

Due to the effectiveness of the Defense Department's ongoing vaccination program, COVID-19 case counts across the department are dropping and installation commanders have been reducing local health protection conditions, or HPCON levels, Dr. Terry Adirim, the acting assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said during a press briefing today at the Pentagon.

"However, the delta variant poses a threat to that return to normal," Adirim said. "We are particularly concerned with the impact of the delta variant on our unvaccinated or partially vaccinated population, and its potential spread at installations that are located in parts of the country with low vaccination rates."

According to the military health system, the delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is more transmittable, causes more severe disease, and results in higher cases of hospitalization and death than any other strain of the virus.

The DOD has an active whole genome sequencing program in place to identify what strain of the virus is present in those who test positive for COVID-19, Adirim said.

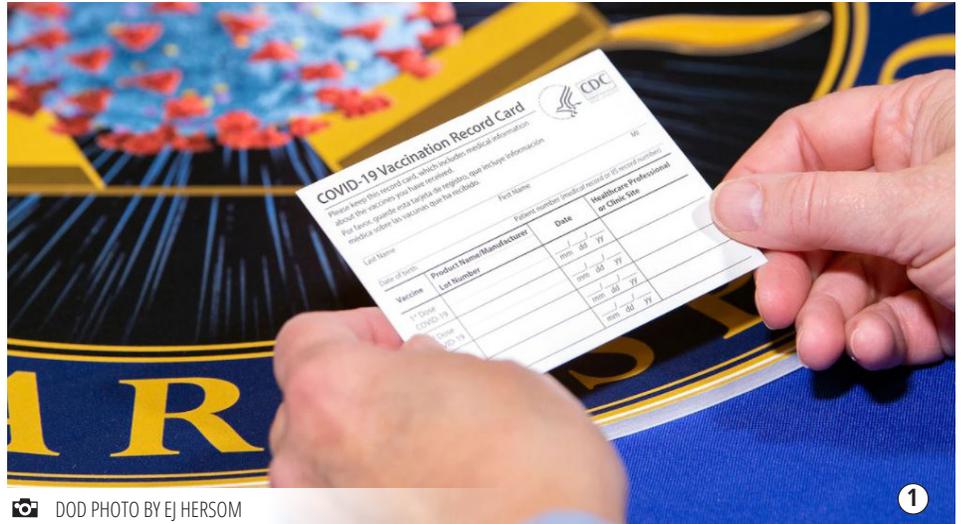
"We're closely watching our DOD case counts, positivity rates and the prevalence of the delta variant among all the other variants of concern," she said. "We anticipate that health protection conditions could change at some of our installations in the future based on outbreaks that result from the high transmutability of the delta variant."

The more virulent delta variant is spreading quickly through communities with lower vaccination rates, she said, and it is likely to become the predominant variant in the United States.

"The delta variant poses a threat to our service members who are not fully vaccinated," Adirim said. "The best way to beat the delta variant is to be fully vaccinated."

Studies have shown that one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine is only about 33% effective against the delta variant, while two doses are at least 88% effective, Adirim said.

"We are investing great effort into ensuring our service members and other



DOD PHOTO BY EJ HERSOM

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USMC PHOTO BY 1ST LT. KEVIN STAPLETON

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1) A Department of Health and Human Services employee holds a COVID-19 vaccine record card Nov. 13, 2020, in Washington D.C. The cards will be sent out as part of vaccination kits from Operation Warp Speed. 2) U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Orbie VanCurine, assigned to

the Combat Logistics Battalion 22, Camp Lejeune, N.C., prepares a COVID-19 vaccine during the opening of the state-run, federally-supported Center City Community Vaccination Center at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, March 3, 2021.

beneficiaries get both doses," she said. "So the bottom line is: get vaccinated, they are safe and effective."

Across the entire Defense Department, including military personnel, family members, civilians and contractors, there have been 303,000 cases of COVID-19 and 355 deaths related to the disease.

Right now, there are about 21 individuals hospitalized for COVID-19 in DOD facilities, Army Lt. Gen. Ronald J. Place, director of Defense Health Agency, said.

"This is a decline from a peak of 240 inpatients on January 8 of this year, essentially the lowest point we've had since the earliest days of the pandemic," Place said.

If those who have not yet been vaccinated need further proof of the vaccine's effectiveness, Place said, it's the status of those currently hospitalized within the military's health system. Of the 21 COVID-positive individuals in DOD hospitals, he said, none of them are vaccinated.

"As we approach Independence Day, all indicators within the Department of Defense are moving in a positive direction," he said. "We thank our service members and DOD personnel who have been vaccinated and continue to strongly encourage our remaining service members, DOD retirees, all of their families, and DOD staff to get vaccinated — for themselves, for their families and for the community."

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO GET YOUR VACCINE ON KWAJALEIN? CONTACT THE KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL AT 5-2223 TO SPEAK WITH A STAFF MEMBER. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL USAG-KA HEALTH SYSTEMS SPECIALIST SUZANNE MOSIER AT 805-355-2354.**



## 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 hour-glass shape.

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

Read The Kwajalein Hourglass each week on the official USAG-KA Facebook page and on the U.S. Space and Missile Command website.

Send announcements, community updates and event fliers to [Kwajalein-hourglass@dyn-intl.com](mailto:Kwajalein-hourglass@dyn-intl.com) Wednesdays by 5 p.m.



*Above, the before and aftermath of battle during WWII, as Marines work to liberate Roi-Namur from enemy combatants.*



**CLICK THE 7TH INFANTRY DIVISION LOGO TO VIEW PHOTOS FROM THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS ONLINE.**