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FROM LEFT: COMMAND SGT. MAJ. ISMAEL ORTEGA, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 MICHAEL SCHAFER, MICHAEL MITCHELL AND MAJ. JAY PARSONS STAND READY TO SERVE THANKSGIVING DINNER AT THE CAPT. LOUIS S. ZAMPERINI CAFETERIA.

‘O’ JESSICA DAMBRUCH



THANKSGIVING ON USAG-KA

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

There are few other culinary productions as involved or rewarding as Thanksgiving on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. Last week, the island community was thankful to the many teams who contributed their talents and time to make dinner a special event.

In anticipation of the big day, on Kwajalein, food services personnel prepared more than 600 pounds of turkey, 250 pounds of ham and an array of desserts and sides, including deviled eggs, a USAG-KA cake and eggnog.

Preparatory work began two weeks in advance to ensure that tasty entrees, desserts, decorations and fresh fruits and vegetables were ready for the big event, said LOGCAP Food Operations Manager Kevin Guidry.

To serve dinner, members of the USAG-KA command team observed the Department of Defense tradition of assuming stations on the serving line at both the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Cafeteria and Café Roi.

For Dining Facility Manager Ronald Jenkins, the joy of cooking is in the complete journey—from the kitchen prep table to the dining table. He appreciates community members who shared their compliments for his hard-working team.

“The Marshallese employees at Zamperini really brought their ‘A game’ to make it a very joyous and festive day for us U.S. nationals,” Jenkins said. “I have—and will continue—to convey to them how pleased the community

was with the Thanksgiving meal as the compliments continue to come in.”

Thanks to a new holiday meal rate of \$9.55, Guidry estimated that the Zamperini Cafeteria hosted close to double the number of diners that visited in 2020. He appreciated how staff stepped up to the challenge of a busy day with a smile.

“I can’t say enough about my dining facility team,” Guidry said. “They did an excellent job, and I’m proud we were able to bring ‘home away from home Thanksgiving’ to the community.”

So, while the island community is grateful for tasty dinners and full stomachs, what are dining services personnel thankful for, on Thanksgiving Day?

The answer might surprise you. Here’s what Guidry had to say about holiday happiness.

“It is not joy that makes us grateful,” he said. “It is gratitude that makes us joyful. I love Thanksgiving because it’s a holiday that is centered around good food and family, and that’s the feeling I have when I work with both teams at Zamperini and Roi dining facilities.”



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1) Diners accept slices of turkey, ham and roast beef from servers during Thanksgiving at the Zamperini Cafeteria. 2) Members of the Kwajalein Fire Department enjoy dinner. 3) The line for the salad bar is nearly out the door, as diners partake of assorted fruits, nuts and vegetables.

Thank you to the personnel from the Zamperini Cafeteria and U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll who helped make Thanksgiving 2021 a success. Check out the following photos from this year’s annual holiday observance dinner—and enjoy your leftovers.



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1) The morning's food servers: Back row, from left: Lt. Col David Taylor, Maj. Jay Parsons. Front row, from left: Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Schafer, Capt. Hardy Temoney II, Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega and Sgt. 1st Class Jonathan Debates. 2) Left: Col. Robert Lehman, U.S. Army, retired; and Capt. Hardy Temoney II serve on the line together. 3) One half hour into Thanksgiving, the dining room at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Cafeteria is full of diners. 4) Lisa Forester, left, and John Thygerson are ready for dinner. 5) Joseph Roncal gives this dinner four stars. 6) Elani Matthew is ready to wipe down tables for the next guests. 7) Bernice Dora carries a cake to a prep station.





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1-3) An array of savory foods, desserts and fresh fruits were available on Kwajalein for Thanksgiving. 4) A table of friends make a toast during the meal. 5) Dining Services staff members pose for photos—before heading back to work. From left: Victor Fanechan, Tionjon Korok and John Edwards. 6) A “hello” from behind the scenes. From left: Mami Joran, Jokbet Aron and Mary Paul. 7) Activity behind the scenes of Thanksgiving is nonstop. Pictured here, John Edwards works at a dishwashing station.

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Family members, special guests and Kwajalein High School students enjoy skits, stand-up comedy and friendly competition during the Turkey Bowl—a pre-Thanksgiving Kwajalein School System tradition.

1) Members of the senior class perform their signature cheer. 2) Abri Makovec sings “Fireflies” by Owl City. 3) Morgan Dethlefsen takes the mic for original stand-up comedy. 4) It’s time for the Consumer Reports with Doug Hepler and Greg Vessar. 5) Cherish Corder performs a solo. 6) Members of the junior class perform a skit about going to the movies—what could possibly go wrong? 7) One of the final competitions between classes included eating oreos, potato chips and other foods, while emcee DJ Chong-Gum urged the seniors on to victory.



HOLIDAYS ON CARLOS

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Now in its second year after a long hiatus, Kwajalein High School students visited Carlos Nov. 29 for the “Holidays on Carlos” gift drop and presented the island’s teachers and students with donated treats and supplies in an early celebration of the winter holidays.

After months of sourcing community donations, NHS members packaged goods in boxes and bags for students, and traveled by catamaran with teachers, band members and personnel from the USAG-KA command team to share the gifts and a few unique surprises.

Collecting supplies for donation was a focused effort this year, as Carlos had expressed a need for school supplies, said NHS President Morgan Dethlefsen. Donors contributed student backpacks and other materials.

One small local team also made a big difference in collecting items to meet that need: the George Seitz Elementary School Student Council.

Ember Miller, council chair, coordinated the collection of school supplies and books from the Kwajalein School System, said GSES Advisor Misti French.

“It was fantastic to see our younger students and leaders with so much enthusiasm for helping others and partnering with the older students at the high school on NHS’s project,” French said.

“Our [NHS] chapter is grateful for all of the organizations that helped this event to be a success—USAG-KA Command, the Host Nation Office, the Kwajalein Marine Department, the Kwajalein School System, the community and the people of Carlos,” said NHS Advisor Mindi Gerber.

Dethlefsen agreed: “Planning and working with USAG-KA Command went really smoothly, and they were very supportive of the event.”

On Carlos, after presenting students with gift bags, the two schools traded songs.

Band Director Kyle Miller conducted a KHS woodwind quintet that provided instrumental accompaniment for high school carolers. In return, Carlos students raised their own voices in song.

“What’s more universal than music and giving, especially during the holiday season?” said Miller. “We were very happy to put together a small ensemble to share some Christmas carols with the Carlos community.”

Next came the opening of the large gift boxes. Together, students from both schools checked out the bounty of children’s books, classroom supplies, clothes and sports equipment. Spontaneous games of four-square commenced. For a while, it was all fun and games—just students being students.

“We had a great time playing games with the kids and connecting with the community on Carlos,” Dethlefsen said.

Carlos alap Juliet Kilma treated visitors to fresh coconut juice, presented wut marmars bedecked with shells and allowed the visiting students to go exploring before their journey home.

Kwajalein High School Principal Matthew Gerber recognizes the student-led event as a valuable opportunity for them to witness the reward of service firsthand. Together, he and Mindi Gerber hope the gift drop tradition will continue.

“Seeing people with tears in their eyes as they open the gifts—and knowing how so many came together to make it possible is so impactful,” said Matt Gerber. “Our students work so hard to pull this off. I continue to be thankful for this service project and wish everyone could have the chance to experience it.”

Both the Kwajalein students and teachers are appreciative of everyone who contributed to this year’s gift drop. Contact Kwajalein High School at 5-2011 to learn how you can contribute to next year’s “Holidays on Carlos.”



1) Carlos students sing for their Kwajalein guests. 2) Carlos school Principal Bojen Jorju addresses the gathering. 3) Students open gifts together. 4) A Kwajalein woodwind ensemble plays for Carlos residents.



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1) Guests and Carlos residents stand for a photo. 2-5) Together, students from Kwajalein and Carlos play, open gifts and check out new school supplies and clothes gifted by the Kwajalein community. 6) Carlos teacher Robinta Anitak, far right, and students, wear their snazzy holiday glasses for a parting photo.



THE LIBERTY PASS

Your Kwaj Weekend and Activity Guide

FUNDRAISERS, FOOD, MUSIC AND MORE AT TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

It's the Kwajalein Tree Lighting Ceremony—now, with fried fish.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony officially kicks off the holidays on Kwajalein with the arrival of Santa, an evening of dance and vocal performances and fun for the whole community.

Read on for a sneak preview of a few details you will not want to miss.

Meet Your Hosts

The hosts of this year's Tree Lighting Ceremony are none other than the lovely Anne-Françoise Hisle and her spouse, AFN Manager Randall Hisle. This dynamic duo will introduce each special guest and performing ensemble during the evening.

Please give them a warm round of applause for volunteering for this special job. We triple-dog dare you to snap a selfie with the Hises before the end of the evening.



Tree Lighting Treats

Before you find your seat to watch the Tree Lighting Ceremony, be sure to stop by the Sunrise Bakery to try one of their special event plates.

While supplies last, the bakery team will be serving up comfort food entrées like nachos, fried chicken and fish with a choice of sides, pizza by the slice and for all you caffeine lovers out there, specialty frozen blended coffees in several new flavors. Special thanks to the bakery team for creating this special event menu.

Did Someone Say Vendor Fair?

Keep an eye out for members of the community, private organizations and fundraising groups approved by US-AG-KA Family & MWR bringing you special event tables. Support fundraisers with the purchase of an armload of snacks. Check out a special guessing game table with Kwajalein Girl Scout Troop 801. Proceeds support the purchase footwear for Marshallese children.

Left: Tree Lighting Ceremony 2021 hosts Randall and Anne-Françoise Hisle are ready to help kick off the holidays.

Check out the tasty details and prices below for the Sunrise Bakery Tree Lighting Ceremony special event menu. Please note items are available while supplies last and are subject to change.

Tree Lighting Ceremony Bakery Specials

Available from 5-7 p.m. or while supplies last:

Fried chicken plate

\$9

includes corn muffin and two sides (collard greens, mac & cheese, coleslaw, or french fries)

Fried fish plate

\$9

includes corn muffin and two sides (collard greens, mac & cheese, coleslaw, or french fries)

Southwestern nachos

\$6.50

Tortilla chips with ground beef, black beans, corn, nacho cheese and salsa served with cilantro rice

Bacon cheddar burger

\$8

includes french fries

Crab legs

\$9

Pizza by the slice:

Available from 5 to close or while supplies last:

Cheese \$2.50

Pepperoni \$3

Yokwe Kwaj Special \$3.50

Hand-Crafted Frappuccinos

\$2.50 each

Vanilla Bean Cookies n' Cream

Double Chocolate Cookies n' Cream

Strawberries n' Cream

Cotton Candy



AT THE MOVIES

Yuk Theater Kwajalein

Saturday, Dec. 4
"Coco" (PG)
105 min.

Sunday, Dec. 5
"The DaVinci Code" (PG-13)
189 min.

Monday, Dec. 6
"300" (R)
117 min.

Saturday, Dec. 11
"The Grinch" (PG)
85 min.

Sunday, Dec. 12
"The Last Christmas" (PG-13)
102 min.

Monday, Dec. 13
"300: Rise of An Empire" (R)
102 min.

C-Building Roi-Namur

Saturday, Dec. 4
"Ad Astra" (PG-13)
84 min.

Sunday, Dec. 5
"The Snowman" (R)
80 min.

Saturday, Dec. 11
"Daddy's Home 2" (PG-13)
100 min.

Sunday, Dec. 12
"Thoroughbreds" (R)
92 min.

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.



Coming Up Next

Arrival of Santa Claus

Saturday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

DeMeo Field, Kwajalein High School

See Santa land at DeMeo Field Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. and join the holiday parade to the downtown area to watch the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m.

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, Dec. 4 at 7:15 p.m.

Kwajalein Downtown Area

Enjoy bands, singers and dancers followed by the light of the Kwaj holiday trees. After the ceremony, check out shopping opportunities, crafts, food, fundraisers and stay to watch a special outdoor holiday movie.

George Seitz Elementary School

PreK-4 Winter Concert

Friday, Dec. 10, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room

Donations of packaged snacks, school supplies, and hygiene products are appreciated for our Ri-Katak program.

Light up the Night

Dec. 12 at the Kwajalein High School

Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Rides begin at 7:30 p.m.

Decorate your quarters or BQ window and register with MWR by Dec. 4. Winners will be chosen by the community during LUTN and announced Dec. 18.

Pictures with Santa during Light Up the Night. Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room. Parents—bring your cameras to capture that special holiday photo.

If you have a craft or concession you would like to sell at Light Up the Night, please contact MWR at 5-3331 to register for a table. Registration closes Dec. 4. Tables are available for a \$5 registration fee. All fundraisers must be approved by the FMWR office.

The YYWC presents "Let it Snow"

Monday, Dec. 13 from 1 - 3 p.m.

The Pugsley Residence, Qtrs. 241

Enjoy this special holiday potluck at the home of Thomas and Shawna Pugsley with tasty dishes, desserts, friends and special guests. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, contact YYWC President Debbie Proudfoot.

2021 Parade of Lights

Sunday, Dec. 19 at dusk

Don't own a boat, but want to participate? Contact the Small Boat Marina to reserve a B-boat to decorate for the parade. Ready to register or have questions? Call Clinton Smith at 5-3643 or Rick Jameson at 5-6580.

MWR New Year's Eve Party

70's, 80's and 90's Decade Party

Dec. 31, 7 p.m. at the Emon Beach main pavilion

Choose your favorite decade and buy your costume now. Celebrate the end of 2021 with music, food, games, a costume contest and fireworks display.



COURTESY PHOTO BY MIKE BRANTLEY



COURTESY PHOTO BY MAUI WYATT

1) Santa Claus, left, gets framed by Fr. Jim Ludwikowski at the Nov. 29 Holiday Market at the Corlett Recreation Center. 2) Community members decorate the Island Memorial Chapel for the winter holiday season. Check out the gigantic holiday tree in the main sanctuary on your next bike ride around the island.

2021 TREE LIGHTING

girl scouts
usa girl scouts
overseas

Visit the Girl Scout table
on Dec 4 to purchase tickets
for your chance to win!

\$5 each -or- 3 for \$10

Kids ↗

Guess How Many
are in the jar to win a
bluetooth speaker!

Prizes:

- 1 GoPro Hero 9 Camera
- 3 Wireless Speakers
- 1 Eco-Friendly Laundry Sampler

This fundraiser supports footwear for Marshallese children.
#GirlScoutsGiveBack

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

KWAJALEIN'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

Get ready for Light Up The Night, Kwajalein's annual driving tour of neighborhood holiday lights and decorated quarters.

Join In The Fun

Join the community Dec. 12 at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room for vendor sales, food, games and open-air shuttle rides through the island community to view holiday lights.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and open-air shuttle rides begin at 7:30 p.m. While you wait for your tour, check out a vendor fair and fundraiser sales.

Want to Participate?

Think you've got what it takes to make your quarters the most festive holiday home? Join the tour. Decorate your quarters or BQ window and register with MWR by Dec. 4. Winners will be chosen by the community during LUTN and announced Dec. 18. Contact MWR at 5-3331 to register.

Enjoy Pictures With Santa.

Parents, bring your cameras. Santa Claus will make a special guest appearance during Light Up The Night. Dress up in your holiday finest to snap a selfie with Saint Nick.

Are You a Vendor?

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WANT TO GO?

Dec. 12

Kwajalein High School Multi-Purpose Room

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Tours begin at 7:30 p.m.

Contact MWR at 5-3331 for more information



HOLIDAY COVID-19 TESTING SCHEDULE

ATTENTION ALL PASSENGERS

KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S DAY HOLIDAYS.

IF YOU ARE DEPARTING FROM KWAJALEIN ON UNITED AIRLINES DEC. 27 - 28 AND JAN. 3 - 4,

ALL COVID-19 TESTING ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO THOSE DATES.

PASSENGERS MUST VISIT THE HOSPITAL NO LATER THAN THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FLIGHTS TO MAKE PAYMENTS, AND MUST VISIT THE HOSPITAL LAB TO ARRANGE TESTING TIMES.



THE YOKWE YUK WELCOME CLUB INVITES YOU
TO SHARE THE HOLIDAYS AND MEET NEW FRIENDS

AT THE

"LET IT SNOW"

CHRISTMAS PARTY

MONDAY, DEC. 13, FROM 1 - 3 P.M.

THE PUGSLEY RESIDENCE

QTRS. 24, OCEAN ROAD

THIS EVENT IS A POTLUCK. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.
BEVERAGES WILL BE PROVIDED.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY DEC. 7 TO DEBBIE PROUDFOOT ATYYWCINFO@GMAIL.COM,
OR CALL 5-3585 TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.



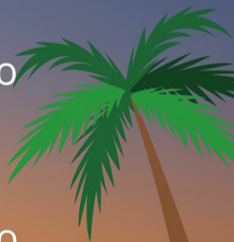
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MAILING RESTRICTIONS ON E-CIGARETTES, SIMILAR DEVICES

The United States Postal Service has posted its final ruling on part 47 of Publication 52, Hazardous, Restricted and Perishable Mail. The rule implements new restrictions on mailing Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems, or ENDS, including their liquids, parts, components and accessories.

ENDS devices include any device that delivers a substance—not just nicotine—via an aerosolized solution to users inhaling from the device. These include electronic cigarettes, e-hookahs or vape pens.

All such items are prohibited in inbound and outbound international mail effective immediately. This includes mail to and from overseas military and diplomatic addresses. For more information, visit the USPS Postal Pro online at <https://postalpro.usps.com/node/10267>.

-Kwajalein Post Office

IS IT YOUR APO BOX? THEN IT SHOULD BE YOUR MAIL, TOO.

Help U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and garrison Postal Operations do their part to protect physical security on island. Island residents are not authorized to share use of their mailbox with unauthorized customers.

Only yourself or registered members of your immediate island household may check and withdraw mail from your mailbox. Please do not give out the combination to anyone not authorized to collect your mail.

Registered APO holders on Kwajalein may elect to have an individual collect packages and letter mail during the APO box holder's extended travel. If this convenience is desired, APO box holders should visit the post office to arrange for temporary authorization for mail pick-up.

Questions? Contact the Kwajalein Post Office at 5-3461.

Kwajalein



MIA Project

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<https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/>

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

PARENT REMINDERS

Water Play Day Reminder

The pool is more fun when we are prepared for a great swim. Please send your child with water clothes, dry clothes, a towel and a swim diaper (if needed).

Parents, Did You Know?

- USAG-KA CYS childcare programs have no wait list.
- There are at least six spaces available in newborn to Pre-K, and 10 spaces available in the Pre-K Program
- A physical exam and other paperwork is required for enrollment. Most children can start classes within two weeks.
- CYS also provides limited services for hourly and drop-in childcare.

Want to learn more?

Call CYS registration at 5-2158.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Baru Classroom

Fridays - Infants and young toddlers
Water Play Day

Saturdays - Toddler Water Play Day

Bako Classroom

Tuesdays - STEAM Swim Day.
Wednesdays - Creative Movement
Thursdays - Library
Fridays - Functional Fitness
Thursdays & Saturdays - Pre-K music
Saturday - Pre-K music class

STEAM

Tuesdays - Swim Day.
Wednesdays - Creative Movement



UNITED STATES ARMY
CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES

Thursdays - STEAM Library
Fridays - STEAM Functional Fitness
Saturdays - STEAM Reading Buddies

NAMO WETO YOUTH CENTER

Tuesdays - Closed
Wednesdays - Tremendous Trivia - 4:30 p.m.
Thursdays - Documentary - 3 p.m.
Fridays - Frappaccinos - 3 p.m.
Fridays - Fitness Challenge - 4 p.m.
Saturdays - Smoothies - 3 p.m.
Sundays - Art Activity

SCHOOL-AGE CARE

Tuesdays - Art
Wednesdays - Culture, Functional Fitness
Thursdays - STEM
Fridays - Recreation
Saturdays - Character Counts



Compete in the New Year's Eve Cardboard Regatta Friday, Dec. 31

Emon Beach
5 – 6:30 p.m.
Register your cardboard boat by Dec. 28

Registration and rules are available at the Grace Sherwood Library. Call 5-3331 for more information.



A Movie night with Dad

Come join us!
The Movie:
"The Grinch"

Location: Yuk Theater
When: December 11
Time: 7:30 p.m.



A Time For Giving

This holiday season, give back to children in the Ebeye community.

Kommol tata to everyone who volunteered to pick an angel for the holidays. We have a total of 60 angels.

Please bring your angel's gifts to the RMI Liaison Office no later than Jan. 14. Contact the office if you would like to volunteer to wrap gifts on Jan. 15.

On Jan. 16, the angels and their families will attend a Kwajalein celebration and gift presentation. Plans for this event are to be determined. Updates will be announced.

The RMI Liaison Office is open Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Call 5-3600 to reach specialists Kalani Riklon or Hilary Hosia with any questions.



Kwajalein's original "Silver City," in this undated U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command photo.

A UNIQUE HOLIDAY “GIFT”: THE PRINZ EUGEN ARRIVES ON KWAJALEIN ATOLL

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

The Prinz Eugen

The Prinz Eugen came to be a part of the Kwajalein landscape in late December 1946.

A part of Nazi Germany's Kriegsmarine, the Prinz Eugen, a 654-foot, 15,000-ton German heavy cruiser, was launched in 1938 and entered service in 1940. Named for the 18th century Austrian general, Prince Eugene of Savoy, the Prinz Eugen first saw combat in Operation Rheinübung and the Battle of the Denmark Strait, an attempt by the German Navy to break out into the Atlantic Ocean in May 1941.

The Prinz Eugen and the Bismark battled the British battlecruiser, HMS Hood, and the HMS Prince of Wales battleship. During the battle which destroyed the Hood and damaged the Prince of Wales, the Prinz Eugen was redirected to raid Allied merchant shipping. Following a period in Occupied France for repairs, the Prinz Eugen returned to Germany and later deployed to Norway.

Three days after arriving, the cruiser was torpedoed by the Trident, a British submarine, and returned to Germany for repairs. After returning to active service, the ship deployed to the Baltic Sea and the Eastern Front to provide artillery support against the advancing Soviet army. In May 1945, the Prinz Eugen was surrendered to the British in Copenhagen and subsequently transferred to the Americans.

In 1946, the American Congress authorized atomic weapons testing at the Bikini Atoll. Operation Crossroads was designed to assess nuclear effects on naval vessels and determine the vulnerabilities. A flotilla of 95 target ships, including the Prinz Eugen, was assembled. Some ships were sunk in the initial airborne blast. More were sunk in the second test, conducted underwater a few weeks later.

The Prinz Eugen, on the outer limits of the test zone, was not affected by either



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The wreck of the German heavy cruiser USS Prinz Eugen rests in the waters of Kwajalein Atoll in August 2020.

blast. A collection of 50 ships, which had survived the blast to include the USS Saratoga, the USS Pennsylvania and the Prinz Eugen were towed to Kwajalein and anchored off Echo Pier. For the next several months, they were subject to inspection teams and decontamination squads which studied the effects of the two blasts and radioactivity upon the ships.

On Dec. 21, 1946, the Prinz Eugen began to take on water and list. Fearing the ship would block the harbor, Kwajalein Commander, Commodore George A. Seitz, ordered the ship be pushed across the lagoon and beached. These efforts failed as prevailing winds pushed the ship broadside on the reef. The Prinz Eugen officially capsized on Dec. 22, 1946 off Carlson Island.

There the ship has remained for decades, periodically leaking oil into the lagoon, as it gradually rusted away. The U.S. Navy addressed this issue in 2018. During a three-month operation, the Navy successfully removed 228,900 gallons of oil trapped in 173 of the fuel

tanks in the submerged hull. This mission eliminated the potential of a catastrophic release and helped preserve the local marine life.

George Seitz Elementary School

The presence of a school system was one feature which factored as an asset for Kwajalein as teams scouted the globe for a site suitable for the new Nike-Zeus missile defense test program.

The Navy had opened an elementary school in 1947. By 1959, elementary instruction for students in grades one through eight was housed in three wooden buildings on the northeast side of the island.

A single-story building housed the principal's office, the library and some classrooms. The remainder of the classrooms were in two single-story structures. With one principal and 10 teachers the school system supported approximately 200 students. At this

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U.S. ARMY PHOTO

Col. Charles Gambill, the Safeguard Site Activation Director for Missouri, presents the Safeguard Briefing to the local community on Oct. 12, 1970.

"SMDC," continued from p. 13

time there was no high school instruction on the island.

Students in grades 9-12, assisted by two teachers, continued their education through a correspondence program from the University of California. Students typically took four courses per semester, and annual tuition fees for this program were \$270.

With the expected influx of personnel and dependents with the Nike-Zeus program and to support recruiting efforts, additional facilities would be needed. Construction for the George Seitz school, named for Commodore George A. Seitz, USN, Commander of Kwajalein and Governor of the Marshall Islands in 1947, began in 1960.

The school opened two years later, albeit with a modest high school curriculum. (Continuing Education was also important to these new personnel and a University of Hawaii extension program was established at the same time.)

The student population soon outgrew the facility and "panelfab" buildings were added in 1964 to provide additional classroom and fine arts (music) space.

By 1967, an image of the George Seitz School, located in the dependent housing area, shows a compact campus almost filled to capacity with nearly 700 students in grades 1-12.

These issues were soon addressed. In January 1969, the construction projects for the Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School and the Ivey school for elementary students were due for completion.

Safeguard

The SAFEGUARD Anti-Ballistic Missile system, the first missile defense system deployed by the United States, was initially planned as a multi-phased deployment.

By 1971 construction was underway at the North Dakota, Colorado and Montana locations. The second phase called for additional sites in Sedalia, Missouri, near Whiteman Air Force Base, Warren AFB, Wyoming and the National Capital Region. The locations were selected based upon a computer study of 90 sites across the nation.

On Jan. 7, 1971, a plan for five sites was publicly announced for Sedalia/Whiteman AFB—a Missile Site Radar and four remote Sprint launch sites, with no immediate plans for construction. In March, authorization to proceed was granted and Whiteman was designated the Fire Control Center.

Initial assessments called for an influx of more than 2,000 people (workers and dependents) with construction scheduled to begin later that year. The expected completion date for the site, which would have 900 permanent Army employees (Soldiers and civilians) was 1976. A year later in 1972, the authorization was rescinded and the Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana site became the FCC.

For more information on the Prinz Eugen, visit <https://www.kbis-marck.com/prinzeugen.html>.

ONE ARMY FAMILY ONLINE AND OFFLINE

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

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

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

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



U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND

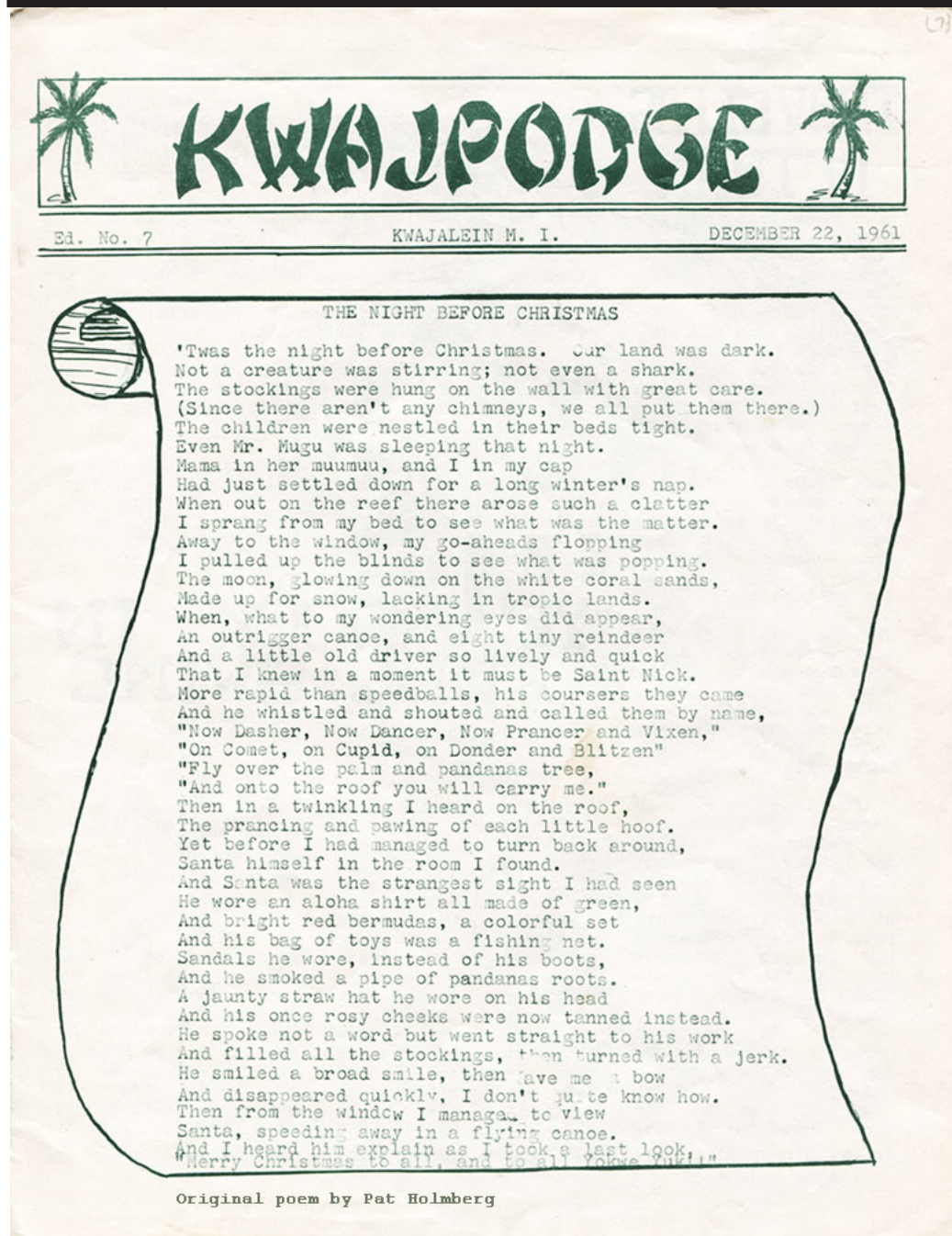
OUR MISSION TAKES US ABOVE AND BEYOND. CLICK TO READ MORE AT [HTTPS://WWW.SMDDC.ARMY.MIL/](https://www.smddc.army.mil/)

ISLAND HOLIDAYS PAST

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll welcomes Santa to town this year on Dec. 4, but his arrival is not the only island tradition celebrated over the years. Check out these gems from The Kwajalein Hourglass Archives.



Standing room only: The scene at the Island Memorial Chapel Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service in December 2019. Contact the chapel at 5-3505 for information about this year's ceremony.



Special thanks goes out to Kwajalein historian Bill Remick for providing the author's name for this beloved piece of island holiday history. The original poem above was written by former island resident Pat Holmberg. It ran in "The Kwajpodge," the George Seitz Elementary School student newspaper, on Dec. 22, 1961. Over the years, The Kwajalein Hourglass has adapted, reprinted and occasionally added to the original. For your enjoyment, here is the piece as it was originally published.

CHORUS TO PERFORM "MESSIAH"

Nov. 29, 1991

The Kwajalein Christmas Chorus will perform "Messiah," a sacred oratorio by George Frideric Handel, Sunday at 7 p.m. Sunday in the Island Memorial Chapel.

The 48-member chorus, along with soloists and instrumentalists, will present selections from the oratorio, concluding with the chorus, "Hallelujah."

Handel composed "Messiah" in 1741. It is his most successful and best-known oratorio, as well as one of the most frequently performed major sacred works. It was last performed on Kwajalein in 1983.

This year's presentation will include 10 of the choruses, and solos by Steve Thomas, Karen Eastburn, Alix Taylor, Ginny Briskle and Cheryl Shields. Sharon Cann will play piano assisted by Sarah Chiu, Nathan Ahlgren on flute and Francesca Dillman on oboe. Director for the ensemble is Dick Shields.

The use of cameras or recording devices will not be permitted during the performance. Anyone wishing to record or photograph the work is invited to the rehearsal on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel.



The Kwajalein Christmas Chorus takes a deep breath between selections (Photo by Jackie Siple).

CHRISTMAS CHORUS ELECTRIFIES CROWD

By Melinda Larson
Feature Writer
Nov. 29, 1991

The Kwajalein Christmas Chorus electrified the audience during their performance of George Frideric Handel's "Messiah," Sunday, at the Chapel. Directed by Dick Shields, the chorus adeptly led the audience through the variety of modes illustrated musically by the 17th century oratorio, or music drama.

The abbreviated rendition of the oratorio illustrated the foundations of Christianity that paralleled the prophecy of Christ's coming. His birth, life, death and resurrection.

The final number, "Hallelujah," turned the entire audience into a part of the chorus, as they stood and joined in singing of the resurrection.

The chapel was filled to capacity several minutes before the opening act, but, the night before the opening, the clear, cool night encouraged latecomers to enjoy the music on outdoor seats on the grass, surrounding the Chapel.

EAT ON KWAJ

HOURLASS REPORT

When hunger strikes, it's good to know where to get chow. U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll sports multiple dining locations where you can gather with family and friends to enjoy dinner or grab food before heading to Brandon Field to watch a game. Some special rules apply, so please check out the rates and regulations before visiting a facility.

The Kwajalein Hourglass is pleased to feature menu information for the Zam-

perini Cafeteria and Café Roi. Island vegetarians are in luck. Items with a star denote dishes prepared especially for you by the dining services team. Do you have a great food story to share? Write to kwajaleinhourglass@amentum.com to go on record with your lunch. Don't forget to fill out a comments slip to share your food thoughts and feedback with dining services. Slips are located on dining tables and can be deposited in comments boxes in each dining facility. Please note that menu items are subject to change without prior notice.

DINING FACILITY MEAL RATES

Standard*	
Breakfast	\$3.65
Lunch	\$5.85
Dinner	\$5.10
Holiday	\$9.55

*Customers without meal cards must pay with cash or credit card.

REMINDERS & REGULATIONS

Families are welcome to dine at the Zamperini Cafeteria Sunday through Friday for all meals.

Cafe Roi

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 11
Chicken Parmesan BBQ Pork Fried Rice Spaghetti Meatballs Seasoned Corn Veggie Lasagna	Beef Fajitas Chicken Cordon Bleu Breaded Catfish Steamed Rice Fried Potatoes Steamed Carrots Broccoli Parmesan Marinara Sauce Macaroni	Grilled Beef Flank Chicken Alfredo Caribbean Salmon Veggie Fried Rice Oven Potatoes Grilled Spinach Brussels Sprouts Eggplant Parmesan	BBQ Ribs Fried Porkchops Shrimp Scampi White Rice Macaroni & Cheese Seasoned Corn Black-eyed Peas Collard Greens Veggie Stir Fry	Grilled Chicken Thighs Lemon Pepper Catfish Fried Rice Baked Spaghetti Oven Red Potatoes Green Beans Zucchini-Squash Veggie Lasagna	Roasted Turkey Herbed Chicken Beef Pot Roast Garlic Mashed Potatoes Cornbread Dressing Seasoned Corn California Veggies Veggie Wraps	Sweet & Sour Porkchops Beef Tenderloin Fried Chicken Dirty Rice Baked Round Potatoes Seasoned Squash Calico Corn Cheese Manicotti

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 11
Grilled Chicken Thighs Italian Sausage Salisbury Steak Steamed Rice Oven Red Potatoes Mixed Veggies Veggie Lasagna	Teriyaki Chicken Oven Roasted Pork Salisbury Steak Steamed Rice Green Beans Marinara Sauce Macaroni	Cornish Hens Lamb Chops Baked Fish Taco Meat Steamed Rice Oven Red Potatoes Succotash Fried Cabbage Eggplant Parmesan	T-Bone Steak BBQ Diced Pork Crab Legs Baked Potatoes Fried Rice Mixed Veggies Mushrooms & Onions Veggie Stir Fry	Beef Oxtails Grilled Porkchops Fried Chicken Sweet Potatoes Loaded Mashed Potatoes Fried Cabbage Veggie Lasagna	Hot Wings Fried Wings Lemon Pepper Wings Grilled Catfish Baked Chicken Chili Mac Potato Wedges Stuffing Fresh Veggies Veggie Wraps	Corned Beef with Cabbage BBQ Chicken Hotdogs Wings of Fire Steamed Rice Diced Fried Potatoes Mixed Veggies Cheese Manicotti

Captain Louis S. Zamperini Cafeteria

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 11
Caribbean Beef Baked Chicken Oven Potatoes Steamed Rice Seasoned Corn Veggie Pot Pie Steamed Brown Rice Beef & Veggie Soup	BBQ Spareribs Lemon Pepper Chicken Garlic Potatoes Veggie Fried Rice Fried Cauliflower Oriental Veggies Rice Frittata Chicken Gumbo	Pepper Steak Lemon Baked Cod Oven Potatoes Steamed Rice Green Beans Steamed Carrots Black Bean Burger Brown Gravy Chicken & Rice Soup	Baked Turkey & Noodles Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes Steamed Rice Peas & Mushrooms Steamed Corn O'Brien Veggie Pizza Pasta w/Marinara Tuscan Soup	Baked Pit-Style Ham Trout Florentine Rice Pilaf Potato Corn Hash Baked Italian Squash Corn Fritters Veggie Wraps Pasta w/Marinara Tomato Soup	Ginger Pot Roast Chicken & Waffles Stuffed Pollock Steamed Brown Rice Potato Wedges Succotash Steamed Broccoli Stuffed Green Peppers Steamed Brown Rice Potato Corn Chowder	Meatloaf Fried Catfish BBQ Chicken Pork Hocks Macaroni & Cheese Mashed Potatoes Collard Greens Black-eyed Peas Avocado Pesto Pasta w/Marinara Broccoli-Cheese Soup

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Dec. 11
Chicken Parmesan Bratwurst w/Peppers Meat Lasagna Steamed Rice Roasted Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Acorn Squash Veggie Lasagna Potato Soup	Flank Steak Pineapple Chicken Steamed Rice Rosemary Potatoes Corn on the Cob Bok Choy Cheese Manicotti Pasta w/Marinara Cheesy Asparagus Soup	Chili Macaroni Roasted Pork Baked Potatoes Steamed Rice Fried Okra Seasoned Corn Eggplant Parmesan Pasta w/Marinara Potato-Leek Soup	Baked Chicken Italian Beef & Rice Baked Fish Oven Potatoes Macaroni & Cheese Herbed Broccoli Black Pepper Tofu Steamed Brown Rice Sausage-Zucchini Soup	Grilled Pork Chops Grilled Salmon Salisbury Steaks Mashed Potatoes Tossed Green Rice Seasoned Corn Glazed Carrots Broccoli Casserole Egg Drop Soup	Sweet & Sour Pork Chicken Pot Pie Steamed Brown Rice Garlic Cheese Potatoes Seasoned Carrots Steamed Cabbage Veggie Burritos Pasta w/Marinara Garden Veggie Soup	Prime Rib Shrimp Scampi Cornish Hens Rice Pilaf Baked Potatoes Steamed Asparagus Corn on the Cob Potato Frittata Pasta w/Marinara French Onion Soup

Hypertension Complications

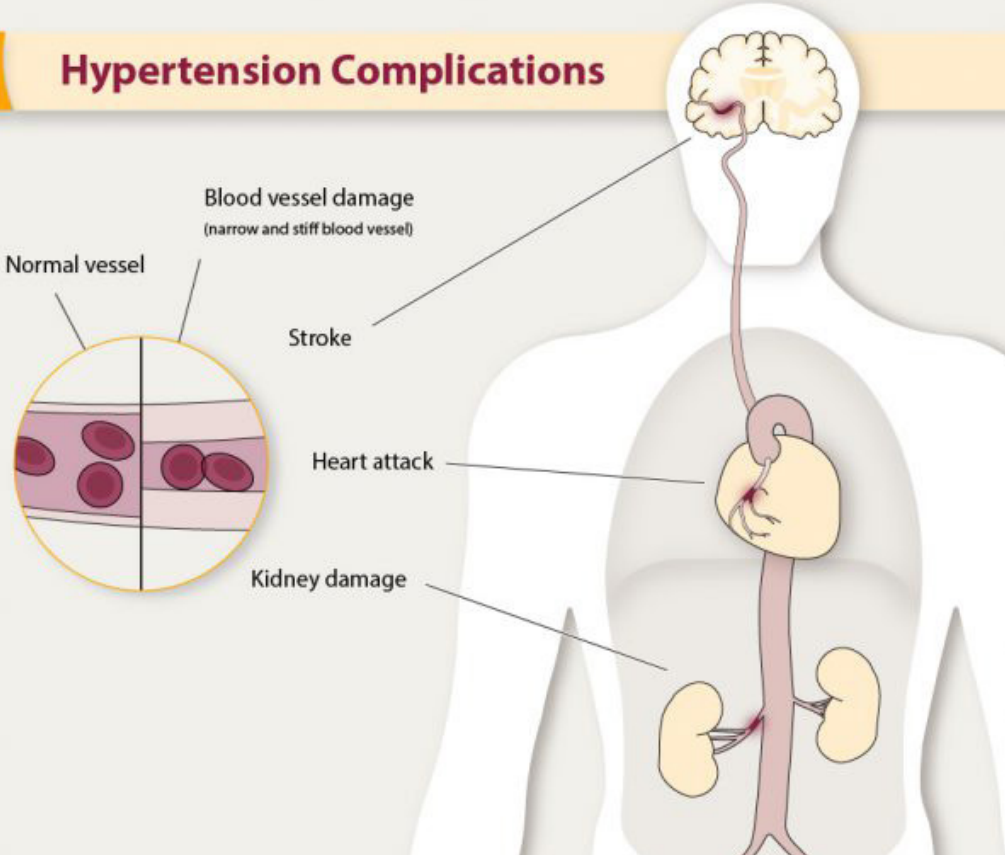


Image from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

HYPERTENSION

COMMUNITY CONNECTION / DR. NICK BIRD, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Hypertension, or elevated blood pressure, is a very common condition that, when left untreated, increases the risk of heart attacks, stroke, and kidney disease. Most people with hypertension have no symptoms and can thus remain undiagnosed and untreated.

The first step to determining if you have high blood pressure is to see your primary care physician. Hypertension is the pressure against which your heart must push to get blood to your organs and limbs. Over time this increased work can enlarge your heart and make it more prone to arrhythmias (irregular rhythms) and failure. Hypertension also damages our kidneys, and increases the risk of kidney failure and strokes.

What steps can you take?

- Find out if you have hypertension and if treatment is warranted.

- Increase your activity level. Regular exercise—30 minutes a day, five days per week—or walking is a constructive way to lose weight, reduce stress, and lower blood pressure.
- Stop smoking
- Lose weight. This one step can have dramatic effects on blood pressure and overall health.
- Change the way you eat. Choose foods lower in salt and fat and increase the ratio of vegetables and fruits in your diet. As a place to begin, cut out processed snack foods.
- Monitor your blood pressure. If over 140/90 or you have known risk factors to include: diabetes, smoking, obesity, sedentary lifestyle, family history of heart attacks or stroke in close relatives younger than 50 years old, or high cholesterol, come see your doctor.

Taking small steps to improve your diet, body weight, and lifestyle, along with regular check-ups (and possibly medication), can significantly reduce your risk of heart attacks, strokes or kidney disease and extend your lifespan.

TRAVEL AND FLIGHT INFORMATION

U.S. ENTRY REQUIREMENT FOR UNVACCINATED TRAVELERS

Attention unvaccinated residents and TDY personnel departing Kwajalein via United Airlines. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now require unvaccinated passengers to have a negative Covid-19 test one day prior to departure.

If you are traveling to the U.S., you must visit the Kwajalein Hospital during regular business hours the week before your departure to pay for your Covid-19 test and to schedule your weekend swab. The hospital is open 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact USAG-KA Health Systems Specialist Suzanne Mosier at 5-2354 or call the Kwajalein Hospital at 5-2224.

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHTS

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

DECEMBER FLIGHTS

Monday
UA155 (HNL)
Flight: 6:20 p.m.
Check-in time: 3:30 – 4:50 p.m.

Tuesday
UA154 (GUM)
Flight: 12:50 p.m.
Check-in time: 10:45 – 11:20 a.m.

E-FORMS FOR GUAM

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 accessible online at <https://traveller.guamedf.landing.cards> (mobile) and <https://guamedf.landing.cards> (PC).

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

Flight Requirements

- No COVID-19 test is required if flying on the ATI or United Airlines if you are flying on official government orders. All other UA passengers must have a negative COVID-19 test one to three days before traveling. This is a requirement of the Centers for Disease Control to enter the United States.
- Call the Kwajalein Hospital to schedule your test at 5-2223. The cost for the test is \$125. Passengers must bring a copy of their UA flight itinerary at the time of appointment as proof of flight.
- All passengers tested are required to pick up results at 4 p.m. on the day of testing.

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

ATI FLIGHTS

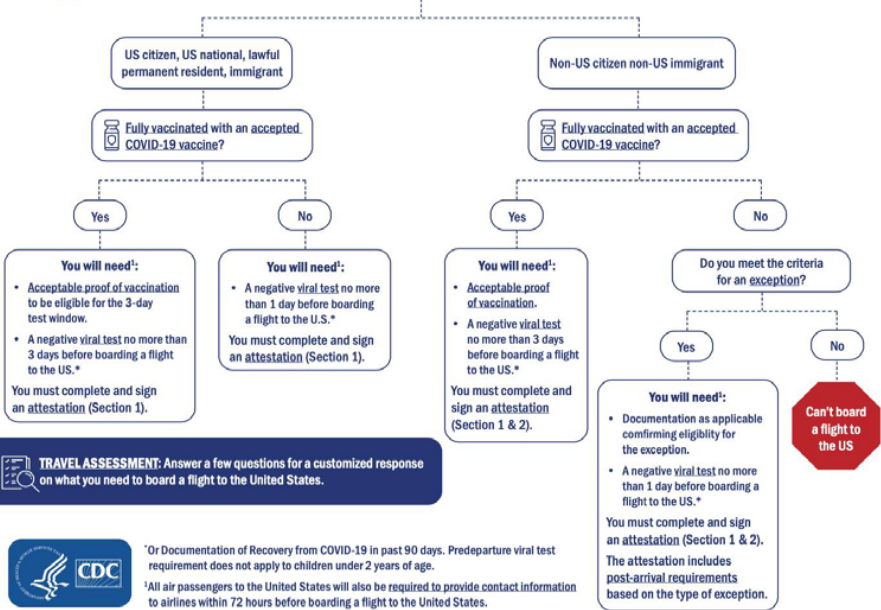
ATI flights now occur on a twice weekly basis. Additional flights are for cargo movement. Check with your ATI flight representative to confirm check-in and flight departure times.

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

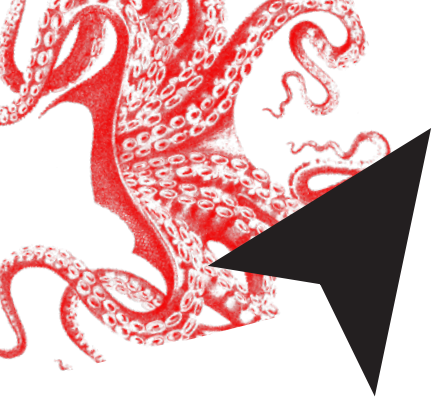
OUTBOUND ATI SCREENING PROCESS

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

TRAVELING TO THE UNITED STATES FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY BY AIR



*Or Documentation of Recovery from COVID-19 in past 90 days. Predeparture viral test requirement does not apply to children under 2 years of age.
*All air passengers to the United States will also be required to provide contact information to airlines within 72 hours before boarding a flight to the United States.



KWAJ COMMUNICATION

For a small island, Kwajalein has a lot going on. Any given weekend, friends and community organizations host events and opportunities to meet others and try new hobbies.

Many private organizations and meet-ups make exclusive use of Facebook to contact their general membership. To reach an even wider audience—including those not on Facebook—check out some of the official channels below.

USAG-KA FACEBOOK PAGE

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll posts community-wide updates to its official Facebook page.

Check daily for information about flight restrictions, travel delays, safety and updates to garrison residents and employees at <https://www.facebook.com/USArmyKwajaleinAtoll/>.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

The Kwajalein Hourglass contains news, USAG-KA Command updates, event information, articles about island life, activities and safety messaging.

The Kwajalein Hourglass is available online each week via a link on the USAG-KA Facebook page and the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command homepage. A print version of the KHG is also posted each week at the Kwajalein post office—and chances are good that’s where you are reading this.

To receive a copy of The Kwajalein Hourglass via email, or to run announcements and advertisements, send an email to kwajaleinhourglass@amentum.com. Ads are due Wednesdays by 5 p.m.

THE AFN ROLLER CHANNEL

Get the word out to the community via the AFN roller channel. Updates to the channel occur twice per week on Wednesdays and Saturdays, respectively.

Help wanted ads, private organization event advertisements and health and safety messaging are just a few of the types of messages you may see roll by during the week.

Email messaging to kwajafnroller@amentum.com. To ensure your message meets Army regulations, contact AFN Manager Randall Hisle at 5-2114 or email randall.hisle@amentum.com.

ISLAND BULLETIN BOARDS

Going to the gyms, libraries or schools? Check the bulletin boards for posted messages about upcoming activities. Some of these boards are specially allocated for use by MWR.

Contact MWR at 5-3338 for information about how to advertise your messages using the boards.



Ladies and gentlemen, we have a speed trap. Barely visible in this courtesy photo by Jan Potter is a Kwajalein Police Department squad car near the pine trees just off Ocean Road. Consider this a friendly reminder to all vehicle operators to abide by all residential speed limits. To all you newcomers out there, yes—you can get a speeding ticket on USAG-KA.



The new Wideband SATCOM Operations Management System for Charlie Company, 53rd Signal Battalion, in this undated U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command photo.

U.S. SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY


BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMD C HISTORIAN

Charlie Company, 53rd Signal Battalion, conducted a Ribbon Cutting for the new \$55 million Wideband Satellite Communications Operations Center facility in Landstuhl, Germany.

As they transitioned to the new facility, the crews of C Company successfully maintained dual oper-

ations of for defense communications satellite and a wideband global satellite communications satellite at each of their facilities. They were assisted by a link which transmitted from one building to the other and concurrently finished the installation and integration of new equipment at both locations.

The project was completed on schedule and achieved operational capability achieved soon thereafter.



Christian Women's Fellowship

Sunday, Dec. 5

Religious Education Building

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a delicious homemade meal, some Christmas carols, and an optional "Favorite Things" gift exchange. Gift value should be \$25 or less.

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

The community wants to hear from you. Email announcements and advertisements to kwajaleinhourglass@amentum.com Wednesdays 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. Done hiring? Write to kwajalein.hourglass@amentum.com to remove your listing.

Community Bank is currently hiring for a Banking Center Service Specialist (AKA Teller). This is a part-time, 20-hour per week position for an on-island hire. If interested submit your application and resume to www.dodcommunitybank.com. Please call Rita Pyne at 5-2152 if you have questions or would like more details about this opportunity.

KAIHONUA is hiring for multiple positions. For more information or to apply, please contact Tribalco Human Resources at 5-4344 and visit <https://honuserVICES.jobs.net/page/kaihonua>. Applicants must meet job requirements.

TRUESTONE is hiring for multiple positions. Contact Tribalco Human Resources at 5-4344 and visit <https://www.akima.com/careers/>. Applicants must meet job requirements. For more information, visit www.tribalco.com/careers.html.

NAN, INC. is seeks a quality control manager and site safety and health officer. To apply, visit www.nanha-waii.com and contact Clint Ueatari or Kevin Short at 5-2632, 5-1260 or 5-2998.

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.

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 has openings for new employees and coaches. Required experience levels vary. All children of head coaches play for free. Visit Central Registration or call 5-2158 in Building 356.

REFEREES WANTED for paid and volunteer positions for all sports. Schedules are flexible and training is provided. Contact Dolly Bakhsh at 5-3872 or dolly.bakhsh@amentum.com for more information.

TRAINING

BLDG. MGR. COORDINATOR TRAINING is ongoing and 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.

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICES

SEPARATE aluminum cans from household trash to prevent damage

to the island incinerator. Doing your part keeps our island clean. For more information, contact Environmental at 5-1134.

UKULELE CLUB. The Kwajalein Ukulele Club is a free club 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 p.m. Sign up for the mailing list to receive updates and sheet music by writing to kwajukeclub@gmail.com.

NOTICES

COMMON ACCESS CARD OFFICE is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Schedule appointments at <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco>.

KWAJALEIN GIRL SCOUTS. 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.

SELF HELP. The Self Help Center is located in Bldg. 1791. Hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Visit Self Help to for tools and materials to complete household upkeep projects.

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE. To schedule deliveries and pick-ups of furniture, please call the Army Housing Office at 5-3450.

BARGAIN BAZAAR VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS WANTED. Hours are subject to change. Contact a BB volunteer to verify operating hours. Email yywcinfo@gmail.com or visit the Bargain Bazaar Facebook page @KwajBargainBazaarYYWC. Proceeds benefit the YYWC Education Assistance Fund and support education grants.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS. Open meetings are Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the REB, Room 213.

SMOKING CESSATION. Ongoing smoking and tobacco cessation counseling is available. Please call the EAP at 5-5362 or make an appointment with a physician.

TOBACCO USE. On USAG-KA, smoking is permitted in designated smoking areas. Smoking and cigarette butt receptacles must be at least 50 feet from the entrance of facilities. USAG-KA Policy Memorandum 600-8 protects others from the negative impact of tobacco use. Smoking cessation programs are available. Contact Mary Beth Dawicki at 5-5362 or Marybeth.Dawicki@internationalsosgs.us.

CYS PARENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING. The board meets first Saturday of the month at 11:30 a.m. in Central Registration, Bldg. 358. All parents are invited to attend. For more information, please call 5-2158.

MWR RENTALS. When requesting a tent, two weeks' notice is required for dig permit approval. To request tables and linens, chairs, bounce houses, to MWR equipment or for more information, call 5-3331/3332



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



CW3 Michael Schafer
SHARP Victim Advocate
Work: 805 355 3421

USAG-KA SHARP Pager:
805 355 3241 #0100

DOD SAFE Helpline:
877 995 5247



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FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR
WOMEN AND GIRLS AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

MAIN EBEYE OFFICE: 625-4296
455-1724, 456-1724 AND 456-6409 TO GET HELP.

2022 EKATAK YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE

\$65 Order Online by Balfour.com
School Name: Kwajalein School
For questions or to pay with cash for high school orders, contact Don or Cindy Engen at 5-2011. For elementary school orders, contact Jennifer Hill at 5-3601.

or visit the Grace Sherwood Library in Bldg. 805 Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

QUARANTINE DELIVERIES. Drop off quarantine deliveries Mondays and Thursdays at Macy's. Package delivery time remains the same. Please contact Patrick Dobson at 5-0506 or Mike Snyder at 5-3929 for more information.

NOTICE TO ALL GOLFERS. Did you leave a bag of golf clubs in the corner of the golf course locker room? Please be sure to store your golf equipment in your locker. Any unclaimed bags or clubs not stored in lockers after Dec. 31 will be removed. Please note: Push and pull carts will not be removed, but please ensure that they are labelled with the owner's name and contact information. Call MWR at 5-3331 with questions.

USAG-KA DEPARTURE READINESS. All permanent residents PCS'ing must complete and turn-in USAG-KA Form 137-2a (USAG-KA Installation Clearance Record). Instructions are on the form; receive the form from your Human Re-

sources representative. Attention human resources departments: Contact scott.m.beck7.mil@army.mil if you have not received the form.


WALK-IN AT DENTAL CLINIC. Temporary Walk-in hours available at the Kwajalein Dental Clinic for limited and emergent treatment. Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:45 a.m. – 11 a.m.; 12:45 – 4 p.m. in Bldg. 357. Services are on a first come first serve basis. Please bring your insurance card with you.

METAL DETECTORS are not allowed on Kwajalein according to Army Regulation. The potential for sub-surface Unexploded Ordnance exists and could be dangerous if disturbed. Contact Deirdre Wyatt-Pope at 5-1442.

The ski boat area steps will be closed for repairs until Dec. 5. Please avoid the area while work is in progress.



Kwajalein Scuba Club



Annual Safety Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 8, MP Room

The annual safety meeting is mandatory for all members to renew

Membership Renewals
beginning at 6 p.m.

Safety Meeting at 7 p.m.

We will have the KSC Dive Locker on-site, and Spartan Espresso will be open and slinging your favorite coffee drinks.

 Must attend to renew membership

 2022 dues and compressor fee: \$150

 2022 Nitrox Fee: \$40

 Complete and print membership form from the KSC Facebook page

 Don't forget your C-card (highest certification and Nitrox)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

Regular trash and recycling pick-ups will resume Dec. 4, following the completion of planned equipment testing at Kwajalein's solid waste management facility.

The regular pick-up schedule for all materials has resumed. Please ensure that all household trash and recyclable items are properly separated before discarding them at island collection receptacles.

LIVE LOCAL RADIO.



Enjoy original local programming with AFN Kwajalein. Listen to live local radio on 'The Wave' Tuesdays through Saturdays from 7 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m. and also on the AFN roller channel, 19-5.

KWAJ CURRENT CHECK IT OUT.

CLICK THE ICON BELOW TO WATCH THE LATEST EPISODES OF THE KWAJ CURRENT ON THE OFFICIAL U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL FACEBOOK PAGE.



Island Memorial Chapel Services & Worship

Christmas at the Chapel

Friday, Dec. 24
Evening Mass, 5 p.m.
Dessert Fellowship, 6 p.m.
Candlelight Service, 7p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day Mass, 9:15am

Join the congregations of the Island Memorial Chapel for weekly services and praise and worship opportunities. Everyone is welcome.

Protestant Services

Early Sunday Services
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.
Traditional Worship
Small Chapel

Mid-morning Services
Sunday, 11 a.m.
Contemporary Service
Main Sanctuary

Catholic Services

Sunday, 9:15 a.m.
Main Sanctuary

Daily Mass
Tuesday through Friday
5:15 p.m.
Island Memorial Chapel office

Saturday Evening Mass
5:30 p.m.
Small chapel

Roi Services
Protestant Services
1st & 3rd Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

Kwajalein Youth Fellowship
Join us in the REB this fall at 6 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 18; Nov. 15; and Dec. 6. For more information, contact the Island Memorial Chapel at 5-3505.

Night of Prayer and Praise
Join the Island Memorial Chapel for a night of worship. Event meets monthly at 7 p.m. on first Sundays in the IMC main sanctuary.

Prayer requests
Send prayer requests electronically to: m.me/IMCKwajalein

Counseling sessions
Counseling sessions are available by appointment. Please call 5-3505 for more.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

The ski steps/scuba steps (FN 1874) will be closed for replacement
December 1 - 5

Please avoid the area while work is in progress



USE CAUTION AT ROAD BLOCK

Now through Dec. 20 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., please exercise caution at the designated areas on Lagoon Road. For more information, contact USAG-KA Safety Officer Deirdre Wyatt-Pope at 5-1442.



52ND ANNUAL KWAJ OPEN - DEC. 5 AND 12

TEE OFF SOCIAL - FRIDAY, DEC. 3, FROM 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.
THE KWAJALEIN COUNTRY CLUB ENTRY FEE - \$80 MEMBERS, \$100 NON-MEMBERS
INCLUDES SHIRT, PRIZES AND A GREAT TIME. THE BANQUET WILL BE AT THE KYC ON THE EVENING OF DEC. 12 FOR YOU AND A GUEST - RSVP REQUIRED.





UXO REMINDER

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Unexploded ordnance should be treated like dangerous sea creatures: Look, but do not touch. You can play an important role in keeping Kwajalein safe by knowing what to do when you spot unexploded ordnance.

Remember the three R's of UXO:

- **Recognize** an item as possible unexploded ordnance;
- **Retreat** from the area of the UXO; and
- **Report** suspected UXO immediately.

If you discover an object that could be UXO, notify Kwajalein Explosive Ordnance Disposal immediately by calling 5-1433. You can also call CPS at 5-4445. Provide the following information about what you found:

- **Location.** Note helpful details like the building number, GPS coordinates and any prominent landmarks
- **Size of the UXO** as compared to common items like a football or scuba air cylinder

For a detailed refresher on UXO safety, attend the new island orientation or call Kwajalein EOD at 5-1433.

Kemejmej R ko 3.

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

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

Tiljek kon UXO kein einwot am koprok menin mour in lojet ko rekawotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakemejmej eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemjej.



E-WARENESS REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

This Christmas, give a gift to the world:

- Reduce waste
- Reuse materials
- Recycle metals, glass, and yard waste

For more information contact Amendum-DI Environmental at 5-1134.

Ilo Christmas in, menin lelak non LAL in ad:

- Kadrik lok kwobej
- Bar Kojeral men kein
- Kojonolok Metals, Glass im kwobej ko ilo yard ko

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

USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH

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SUN - MOON - TIDES

WEATHER DISCUSSION

A southward diving jet stream and a surface trough of low pressure over the northern Marshall Islands has resulted in a temporary lull in winds and shower activity over the Kwajalein Atoll area, which looks to last into Saturday morning.

As the general pattern shifts west, the threat for showers and possibly a few thunderstorms will increase on Saturday, with winds becoming breezy from the south to southeast. A return to breezy northeast to east trades is expected over the weekend with generally sparse shower coverage. For next week, brisk trades continue with increasing chance of showers as the Intertropical Convergence Zone shifts into the southern Marshall Islands.

HIGH SURF AND INUNDATION

Very strong winds north of the Marshall Islands are generating a large northeasterly swell which will affect mainly north and northeast exposures of Kwajalein Atoll over the next several days with hazardous surf of 8-12 feet. The swell is arriving during

King tides and will likely produce nuisance inundation on Roi-Namur and Third Island around times of higher high tides from Dec. 4-7. Some damage to seawalls and adjacent roads can't be ruled out.

SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy and becoming breezy with scattered showers and stray thunderstorms. Winds becoming SE at 12-20 knots with higher gusts.

SUNDAY

Partly to mostly sunny with isolated showers. Winds becoming NE-E at 12-18 knots with occasional higher gusts.

MONDAY

Most sunny with isolated showers. Wind NE-E at 13-19 knots with occasional higher gusts.

NEXT WEEK

Some increase in cloudiness and showers Tuesday with brisk northeast to east trades.

As ITCZ lifts north, increased chance for showers Wednesday and Thursday while winds stay breezy from the northeast to east.

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:50 a.m. 6:29 p.m.	7:26 a.m. 7:23 p.m.	4:33 a.m. 3.7' 4:49 p.m. 5.0'	10:25 a.m. -0.8' 11:19 p.m. -1.0'
MONDAY	6:51 a.m. 6:29 p.m.	8:33 a.m. 8:28 p.m.	5:16 a.m. 3.5' 5:30 p.m. 4.9'	11:05 a.m. -0.6' -----
TUESDAY	6:51 a.m. 6:29 p.m.	9:38 a.m. 9:34 p.m.	6:00 a.m. 3.2' 6:14 p.m. 4.5'	12:04 a.m. -0.8' 11:46 a.m. -0.4'
WEDNESDAY	6:52 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	10:38 a.m. 10:35 p.m.	6:46 a.m. 2.9' 7:00 p.m. 4.1'	12:50 a.m. -0.5' 12:29 p.m. 0.0'
THURSDAY	6:52 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	11:32 a.m. 11:33 p.m.	7:39 a.m. 2.6' 7:51 p.m. 3.6'	1:41 a.m. -0.1' 1:18 p.m. 0.4'
FRIDAY	6:53 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	12:19 p.m. -----	8:46 a.m. 2.3' 8:55 p.m. 3.1'	2:40 a.m. 0.3' 2:19 p.m. 0.9'
DECEMBER 11	6:53 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	1:03 p.m. 12:25 a.m.	10:20 a.m. 2.3' 10:19 p.m. 2.8'	3:55 a.m. 0.6' 3:49 p.m. 1.2'



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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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