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JESSICA DAMBRUCH





# TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY. 1

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Forget the sleigh** and reindeer. On U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, the Kwajalein community celebrates the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus in true Kwaj style—and these days, that means a grand entrance.

Eyes turned to the sky on DeMeo Field Dec. 4 as Santa and Mrs. Claus touched down in a Lakota helicopter.

After greeting the many young island residents who stepped up to share holiday gift suggestions, the Claus couple boarded a decorated vehicle and paraded to the downtown area to enjoy live music and dance performances provided by island volunteers. Following them were decorated golf carts and vehicles sporting tinsel and holiday swag.

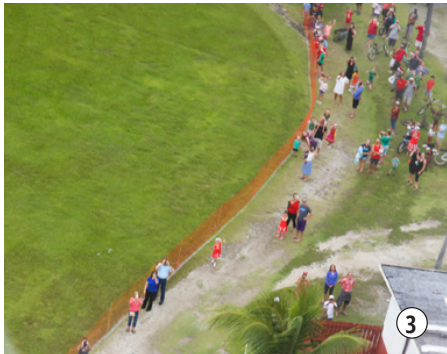
Spectators downtown shopped for gifts and treats at craft and food booths and enjoyed annual holiday dance performances by Karen Brady’s Tiny Dancers and the Ri-Katak students. Choir groups sang a medley of seasonal tunes and Nikki Childs and emcee Randall Hisle led the audience in a rendition of several holiday songs.

Finally, the big moment had arrived, and all eyes turned to the mainstage where USAG-KA Commander Col. Thomas Pugsley joined the senior class of Kwajalein High School to press the big red button to light the holiday tree.

The evening ended on a cheery note with island residents watching “The Santa Clause” on an inflatable outdoor movie screen and enjoying the lights, the good food and the community. The holidays had come to Kwajalein.



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1) Santa and Mrs. Claus fly to Kwajalein’s DeMeo Field in a Lakota helicopter. 2) Festive, decorated golf carts round the corner to the downtown area with the holiday parade. 3) The Claus’ view of island residents waving hello prior to landing. 4) A novel idea: Christina Sylvester devised a candy-catching device to use during the parade. 5) Pilots fly the parade route as floats, vehicles and the Kwajalein High School Marching Band make their way downtown for the tree lighting ceremony.

## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# KOMMOL TATA

**Thank you to all of the talented performers, guest volunteers and fundraising organizations who helped to make this year's holiday parade and tree lighting a success.**

1) Guest emcee Randall Hisle, left, gives the mic to MWR Event Coordinator Cynthia McKenzie during the tree lighting ceremony. 2) The Ha-ole-penos, a volunteer choir, perform holiday tunes on the ceremony mainstage. 3) Karen Brady's Tiny Dancers perform in festive red and white costumes. 4) USAG-KA Commander Col. Thomas Pugsley waves from a decorated golf cart during the parade. 5) The Kwajalein High School Marching Band performs classic holiday carols in the downtown area. 6) The illuminated holiday palm tree waves in the nighttime December trade winds. 7) Members of the KHS class of 2022 stand for a photo on the mainstage. Together with Pugsley, they assisted in lighting the holiday tree.





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*Kwajalein residents and Marshallese guests for the sixth annual Home Helpers Party at the Pugsley residence Dec. 2. The gathering is a chance to show appreciation for the Marshallese domestic employees who help maintain Kwajalein's households throughout the year.*

## KWAJ CELEBRATES HOME HELPERS AT ANNUAL HOLIDAY GATHERING

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

A special holiday appreciation event for Kwajalein's Marshallese home helpers occurred Dec. 2 at the home of the garrison commander. Coordinated through USAG-KA Child and Youth Services, the Home Helpers Party is an opportunity for employers of Marshallese domestic workers to say thank you for their hard work throughout the year.

Sporting festive holiday dresses, more than 40 home helpers—some of whom are also Kwajalein shift workers—joined their employers for a holiday lunch with games and gifts. In return and per custom, the home helpers performed a special series of dances as a thank you.

The Home Helpers party began in 2016 as an effort by Community Activities Director Kim Yarnes to recognize the helpers—a significant portion of the island workforce who did not have a formal end-of-year gathering.

With support from Jeanna Larsen, spouse of Col. Michael Larsen, Yarnes and island resident Cari Dellinger invited

the ladies to quarters to Qtrs. 241 for a fun afternoon that was destined to become an island tradition.

Over the years, the party planning effort has grown. Support activities begin months in advance and incorporate the talents and ideas of many on- and off-island volunteers.

Among their many contributions, USAG-KA CYS assists in coordinating supervised care for participating households with young children during the event. A CYS Parent Committee organizes donated gifts and funds to provide raffle items, food, desserts and tokens of appreciation, said Christi Cardillo, committee member.

"The ladies just enjoy laughing and having a good time," said Cardillo of the party. "Even if you don't have a home helper, getting to know these ladies can give you a different perspective on life."

Cardillo thanked the Pugsley household for allowing the party tradition to continue at Qtrs. 241 this year, and the many participating volunteers and donors who contributed to the party. Each year, she enjoys the chance to meet the

community's home helpers and to witness the Kwaj community spreading joy in a meaningful way. During the year, Cardillo occasionally spies a tote bag or gift item in use by a home helper—and for her, that is a great reward.

"I enjoy buying things for people," said Cardillo. "I enjoy finding things that they will appreciate and be able to use."

Most of all, the party allows due recognition for the important role home helpers play in the day to day life of Kwajalein. Cardillo, who has employed home helper Likma "Kima" Mabe for more than five years, said that over time, appreciates her enduring support and assistance with everything from household tasks to helping care for the Cardillo children.

Though the holidays come but once a year, Cardillo fondly recalls the positive impact Mabe has on the household all year long. The Cardillo children's drawings of the people in their family include parents, siblings and Kima.

"She really is a part of our family," Cardillo said.



*1) Home Helpers check out a buffet of sweet and savory foods in the Pugsley quarters dining area during the sixth annual Home Helpers party. The event is produced with funds donated by former and current Kwajalein residents. 2) The plastic wrap gift ball game is underway. Good-natured chaos is sure to follow before the end of round one.*





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1) Home helpers perform a dance during the Home Helpers party—and a few of their employers join in the fun. 2) Longtime friends and home helpers, Banua "Lomi" Antibas and Martina "Momi" Bolkheim stand for a photo. 3) Bags of donated gifts are arranged under the Pugsley holiday tree, along with saran-wrapped balls of gifts for a party game. 4) Stephanie Finley, left, and Masina McCollum prepare a drinks station before the party. 5) Christi Cardillo, center, keeps an eye on the good-natured struggle as partygoers try to unwrap the plastic wrap gift ball.





U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

More "New housing," a 1980s-era development on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll

# LET BYGONES BE BYGONES: ARMY CORPS HOUSING

EDITORIAL / JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Within a short walk** of Kwajalein High School and Emon Beach, the decayed remains of once-beautiful homes sag into the earth, prompting open speculation from the island community about their safety.

Most of "new housing," the late 1980s-era housing development that replaced Silver City quarters at Kwajalein's North Point has long stood vacant. Environmental and structural factors and their possible impacts to occupant health and safety led to the eventual closure of many of the quarters by the early 2000s.

Today, visible signs of that prudent decision are discernable from the street.

Just past the Corlett Recreation Center, the lower-floor supports in some units have caused the visible collapse of second-story rooms. Planks of plastic siding have fallen to lay pink insulation bare to the elements. Palm trees and foliage grow unabated and basketball courts and cul-de-sac playground areas stand empty.

Molds and mildew spread across the exterior siding of many units.

It wasn't always like this.

In its heyday, new housing was the talk of the island. It sported second-floor views, private backyards enclosed by privacy fencing, and larger storages areas and kitchens. With much aplomb, the garrison held a soft-opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony in 1988 to allow community members to tour furnished model homes.

Kwajalein Hourglass feature writer Megan Stegmann reported on plans for a March 1989 opening for the entire development. Occupancy was set to begin in August of that year.

Stegmann also spoke with then-acting site manager for USACE Rob Lewis, who said praised the construction and design: "The Morrison-Knudsen contractors went even beyond their scope of work in the design of the new homes, enlarging the total living space as well as usable storage and closet areas."

To understand the excitement, know that silver-sided modular homes, bach-

elor quarters and old Navy housing were the only housing available housing options on island at the time. The sheer size of the new quarters caused visitors to marvel, wrote Stegmann. Imagine—even more places to store things.

"After seeing the spacious home, one woman said, 'I was surprised [with the large size of the house] because it doesn't look that big from the outside.'

Remarking on the spacious homes, she said, 'I'd never have to ask someone to move so I could get up from the table. I'd never have to put my ironing board away, and I wouldn't need a ladder to get into my cupboards.'"

Of course, the big question on everyone's mind was who would be eligible to live in the beautiful new homes. In 1988, the garrison public affairs office reported that eligibility would be determined using a process like that utilized today—with one exception. Some of the three-bedroom units would be prioritized for families.

With the eventual closure of the homes came the loss of the island's most modern and sophisticated living

options. Yet the derelict homes persist, posing an uncomfortable ellipsis at the semi-ending to a bygone era.

While the loose insulation poses no health risk other than as a potential irritant, "spectators" have voiced concerns over the recent strong winds and potential for loose debris to be caught in the wind. The impending demolition will solve these concerns, and then some—when it happens. Adjustments to the original demolition date for the homes by the Army Corps of Engineers have been extended from 2019 into the future to an unforeseeable date.

In the meantime, the homes continue to disintegrate within the confines of a safety enclosure.

Incongruously, across the street stand the island's dome homes—the most recent addition to island housing.

The opening of new housing was a noteworthy milestone in island history. Though some of the homes are still functional, its heyday has long since passed. Let's hope the new year brings a real opportunity to clear this space to make room for what comes next.



The remnants of a once-beautiful 1980s-era housing area on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll fall into further disrepair in this October photo.





*In this 2001 Kwajalein Hourglass photo by Thomas Eisele, Joshua Rich, Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician, helps oversee the unearthing of two 2,000-pound Japanese torpedoes found at the Roi-Namur golf course.*

## TORPEDOES FOUND ON ROI GOLF COURSE

### KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS ARCHIVE

**It's easy to overlook unexploded ordnance when you don't know what to look for.**

It was 20 years ago today that The Kwajalein Hourglass reported a unique find on Roi-Namur: a familiar and long-neglected protrusion on the golf course that turned out to be something far more deadly. Feature writer KW Hillis covered the story of how Kwajalein Explosive Ordnance Disposal stepped in to handle the threat.

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer  
Dec. 11, 2001

Over the years, a lot of people have walked behind the ladies' tee box on Roi-Namur golf course hole number two. They probably would have tread more carefully if they had known that 2,000-pound torpedoes rested under their feet.

Saturday, Dec. 1, golfer Bog Smooth took a second look at a familiar, eight-inch circular disk protruding an inch above the ground and called the police, said Thomas Eisele, senior explosive ordnance device technician.

"Lawnmowers running over it have flaked the metal away until [explosives] were exposed," Eisele said. "Apparently, a lot of people had seen it but didn't know what it was. [Smith was] an EOD laborer

on Kaho'olawe with me ... he knew what he was looking at and gave us a call."

Kaho'olawe is a Hawaiian island that was used as a bombing range and is now being cleaned of munitions, Eisele added.

"I saw what looked like clay, and that's what got my attention," Smith said. "We don't have clay out here. ...I knew it was something explosive."

The police immediately roped off the area, but IFT-7 took priority until EOD personnel could come to Roi-Namur Wednesday. After closing both the road and golf course as added precautions, the team started digging, said Joshua Rich, EOD technician and team leader.

"With such a little bit showing we thought it may be a 100-pound bomb," Eisele said. "It turned out to be two Japanese torpedoes ... one doesn't have much of a warhead, the other has over 500 pounds of high explosive. That was the one that was showing."

Although there is always a chance of explosion, the torpedoes were not fused, Eisele said, explaining that just the "explosives, body of the torpedo and propulsion system" were there.

The torpedoes are now being held in the ordnance holding area, but special precautions are being taken, said Rudy Gil, USAKA Safety acting chief.

"To my recollection, we have never

found anything as big as what we found on Roi this week," Gil said. "We have to put some restrictions around the area where they are stored."

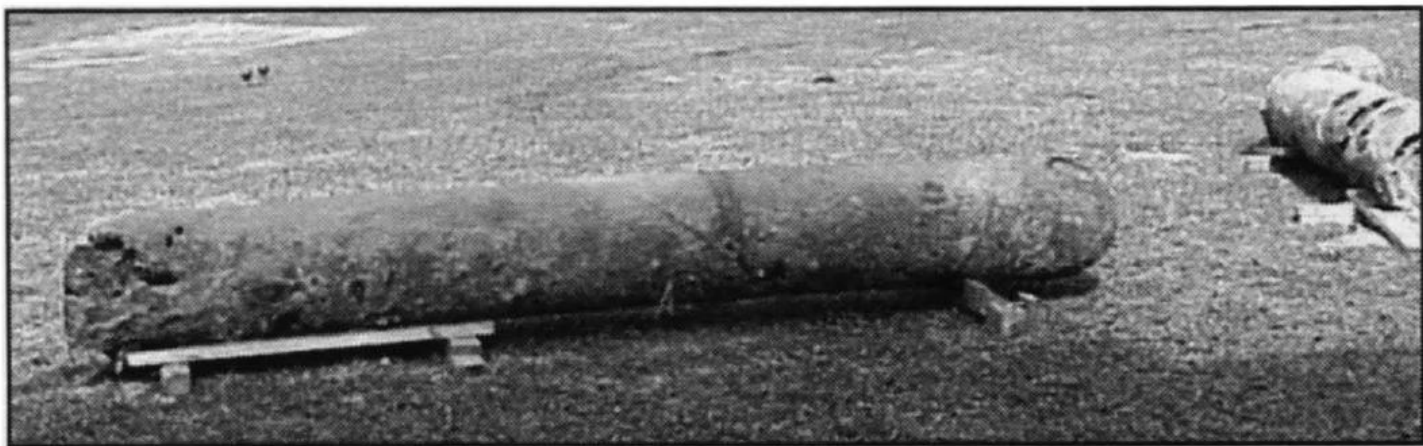
Areas include the Japanese cemetery and holes 12 and 13 at the golf course.

After a Saturday morning meeting with USAKA and Raytheon Safety, Environmental, Launch Ordnance and EOD, Gil said the restriction would remain in place until further notice.

"We are looking at a couple of different options, and we still want to get more information from Navy EOD on ways to dispose of these torpedoes," Gil said.

**You are sure to have noticed a few key differences in how Hillis described the island community from 2001. Two decades ago, the prime contract for base operations support and range activities was operated by Raytheon. The garrison was known as "USAKA"—a name still reflected in range safety literature today—before an official name change later.**

Other aspects of atoll life remain the same. Perhaps least surprising of all of is that UXO continues to be found in and around Kwajalein Atoll; we live and work on a WWII battlefield. Do your part by familiarizing yourself with the three r's of UXO found later in this issue of The Kwajalein Hourglass.



*This 2,000-pound torpedo was discovered at the Roi-Namur golf course Dec. 1, 2001. (Photo by Thomas Eisele)*



# U.S. SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

On Dec. 9, 1961, the Nike-Zeus Program conducted its "toughest test yet."

Largely unreported, it was a shallow angle firing over the extended range—or more specifically—a low altitude flight down the Pacific Missile Range from Pt. Mugu, California.

In contrast, all previous tests had been high altitude flights which proved easier to control using ground-based radar. The accomplishment was soon overshadowed. Five days later, the project office conducted three separate NIKE-Zeus tests within an hour.

From Pt. Mugu, the Nike-Zeus team achieved their longest and highest flight to date. At the Kwajalein Test Site, the Nike-Zeus was launched against a space point in the first firing from the facility. Finally, at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, the Nike-Zeus successfully acquired, tracked and intercepted a high altitude, maneuvering Nike-Hercules ballistic missile target.

Extant U.S. Army records from the test note the spotting charge burst was "well within the lethal radius of the Zeus warhead."

In what was described as "a major ABM system milepost," the team achieved the first intercept of a Hercules guided missile and the first successful integrated system test.

*Undated Nike-Zeus photo courtesy of U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command*



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## 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.

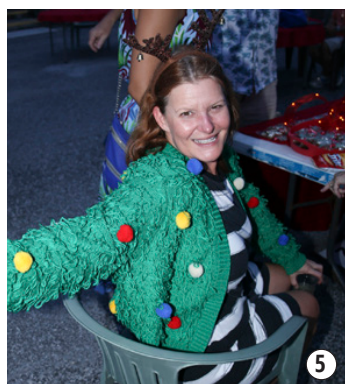
On Jan. 16, the angels and their families will attend a Kwajalein celebration and gift presentation. Plans for this event are to be determined. Updates will be announced.

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.



# THE LIBERTY PASS

## Your Kwaj Weekend and Activity Guide



## TAKE A TIP FROM THESE TREE LIGHTING TRENDSETTERS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**The weather outside** is far from frightful—which begs the question of just how to put together a snazzy outfit suitable for the winter holidays.

This past Saturday at the Tree Lighting, the Kwajalein Hourglass spotted several tropical trendsetters who have the holiday attire-thing down to a fine art. Of special note are “tropical” Santa suits, unexpected accessories and general creativity all around. Hit the online sales after this holiday to pick up festive accoutrements for next year’s ceremony, and check out these photos from the tree lighting ceremony.

1) *North Pole Mobile.* Christine Johnson, left, and Jan Potter in a decorated sleigh cart. Potter sports a classic red Santa suit cut off at the elbows and knees.

2) *Aloha Gear.* John Finley, left, and Jim Roby are wearing two of the best—by which we mean suitably ostentatious—holiday shirts we’ve ever seen.

3) *Chapeau on the Go.* When you’re on the go, like AAFES’ Marie Lebbe, all you need is

a Santa hat, a shaka and a winning smile.

4) *Have Tumbler, Will Travel.* Pictured here, Randy Brown is a convincing tropical Santa ready to hit the beach and relax.

5) *The Ultimate Holiday Sweater.* Pictured here, Veronica Moos wears her green holiday tree-top, complete with decorations.

6) *Concert Attire.* Maui Wyatt is dressed in a formal, black A-line dress and ready to perform with the Haole-penos choir, complete with white gloves and a festive cap.

7) *#Holiday Trendsetter:* Guest emcee Anne-François Hisle, pairs a red and white dress with antlers and an impressive wut marmar purchased at the RMI Trade Fair in November. Best of all, her co-host for the evening, her spouse Randall Hisle, has an aloha shirt to match.

8) *Christmas Commander.* USAG-KA Commander Col. Thomas Pugsley gets into the holiday spirit during his first island tree lighting with an elf-ear cap.

9) *Good Thinking.* We spotted one person on the island who remembered that earmuffs count for holiday attire. Kwajalein High



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School banner bearer Mason Aljure rocked a set of red plaid earmuffs complete with antlers during the KHS Marching Band performance.

10) *Let’s face it—the 1000-watt smile* pulls this classic red outfit together. Pictured here, Department of the Army civilian employee Karen Acosta waves from the RTS “big red truck” during the parade.

11) *Sparkly Santa.* Sometimes sequins make the Santa, and recently out of quarantine, Cliff Pryor adopted that glam for the tree lighting ceremony.

12) *The Second Santa Suit.* It’s Jan Potter again—only this time in a festive green Santa suit. That’s twice in one day, folks. We think he might be the real Santa Claus.





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Santa and Mrs. Claus pose for a photo with members of the Kwajalein air terminal crew before boarding a Lakota helicopter Dec. 4.

# 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

Ready to register or have questions?

Call Clinton Smith at 5-3643 or Rick Jameson at 5-6580






## Coming Up Next

### **Spartan Expresso during Light Up The Night** **Sunday, Dec. 12 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** **at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room**

Join us for a warm drink, festivities and holiday cheer. Bring a reusable cup to get a punch card. After five punches, you receive a free drink. Muffins will not be for sale during this event.

### **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.**

Enjoy this fun community tour of the island's holiday lights. Winners will be chosen by the community during LUTN and announced Dec. 18.

During the event, enjoy pictures with Santa and Spartan Expresso. Parents—bring your cameras to capture that special holiday photo.

**\*\*Special reminder to all participating homes: Please turn your holiday lights on before LUTN begins.**

### **Pauper's Marathon** **Full Marathon or Relay Teams** **Monday, Dec. 13.**

Join this fun race that begins and ends at the Namo Weto Youth Center. A marathon-length run consists of 10 laps to travel 26.2 miles. Run as an individual or create a team of two to 10 people. Contact Bob and Jane Scholar to register at 5-1815 or email [janesholar@gmail.com](mailto:janesholar@gmail.com).

### **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 the garrison commander, Qtrs. 241, with tasty dishes, desserts, friends and special guests. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, contact YYWC President Debbie Proudfoot.

### **Winter Break Reading Challenge**

How many books can you read during winter break? Sign up at the MWR desk at the Grace Sherwood Library and find out. This winter reading contest is open

to all Kwajalein students enrolled in grades K – 6. Prizes will be given out for the most books and pages read in each age group.

Categories include K – 1; grades 2 and 3; grades 4 and 5; and grade 6.

The challenge begins on Dec. 17 at 11:30 a.m. and ends on Jan. 6 at 5 p.m.

Questions? Contact MWR at 5-3331.

### **2021 Parade of Lights** **Sunday, Dec. 19 at dusk** **Emon Beach**

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.

### **Scuba Santa** **Sunday, Dec. 19 at dusk** **Emon Beach Scuba Shack**

The Kwajalein Scuba Club invites you to experience one of Kwajalein's most anticipated events of the year—the arrival of Scuba Santa and his family. Bring your whole family for this fun island event. For more information, contact a KSC officer on Facebook.

### **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.

### **New Year's Eve Vendors Wanted.**

Registration and vendor applications for the MWR New Year's Eve Party are due to Family & MWR by Dec. 24. Contact MWR at 5-3331 to register if you have a craft or concession you would like to sell. A vendor table fee of \$5 applies. All fundraisers must be approved by FMWR.

### **MWR Community Fun Run** **Monday, Jan. 17.**

Start and end in front of the Grace Sherwood Library for this MWR fun fitness activity. Choose from distances of one half-mile, two- or four-mile run.

The half-mile run begins at 5:30 p.m. The two- and four-mile runs will begin when the half-mile run is complete. Registration for this event opens at 5 p.m. on the day of the event. Questions? Contact MWR at 5-3331.





# Spartan Espresso

Sunday, Dec. 12  
Light Up the Night  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
High School MP Room

Join us for a warm drink, festivities, and holiday cheer during Light Up the Night.

Remember to bring a reusable cup to get a punch card; after 5 punches, you receive a free drink.  
No muffins will be available during this event.



## AT THE MOVIES

**Yuk Theater  
Kwajalein**

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)  
1h 42 min.

Saturday, Dec. 18  
"The Star" (PG)  
87 min.

Sunday, Dec. 19  
"The Many Saints of Newark"  
(PG-13)  
1h 55 min.

Monday, Dec. 20  
"Still Water" (R)  
2h 19 min.

**C-Building  
Roi-Namur**

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 18  
"The Grinch" (PG)  
85 min.

Sunday, Dec. 19  
"The Last Christmas" (PG-13)  
102 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.



**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.




**Pauper's Marathon**  
Full Marathon or Relay Teams  
Monday, Dec. 13  
Race starts/ends at Namo Weto Teen Center  
Contact Bob or Jane Sholar to register/ask questions at 5-1815 or janesholar@gmail.com



# 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.

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.

### 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





# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS



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

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

## 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@amentum.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.tribalco.com/careers.html).

NAN, INC. is seeks a quality control manager and site safety and health officer. To apply, visit [www.nanhai.com](http://www.nanhai.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](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 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](mailto: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



**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.**

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](mailto:kwajukeclub@gmail.com).

## NOTICES

**SMALL BOAT MARINA HOLIDAY HOURS.** In observance of the Christmas holiday, the Kwajalein Small Boat Marina will be closed Saturday, Dec. 25, and will reopen Sunday, Dec. 26 at 8 a.m. Questions? Please call the SBA at 5-3643.

**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](mailto: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.

**BARGAIN BAZAAR VOLUNTEERS, DONATIONS WANTED.** Hours are subject to change. Contact a BB volunteer to verify operating hours.



## 52ND ANNUAL KWAJ OPEN - DEC. 5 THROUGH 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.**



**ROUND #1 – SUNDAY, DEC, 5**  
**CHIP, PUTT, DRIVE – WEDNESDAY, DEC, 8**  
**HORSE RACES – THURSDAY, DEC, 9**  
**PUTTING COMPETITION – SATURDAY, DEC, 11**  
**FINAL ROUND – SUNDAY, DEC, 12**  
**BANQUET – FOLLOWS LAST ROUND AT KYC**

**FOR QUESTIONS OR TO PRE-REGISTER FOR YOUR TEAM'S TEE TIME, CONTACT SHELLY BENKERT, SUZANNE BUSSEY, MIKE WINKS, DEREK FINCH OR JEFF JONES.**

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Email [yywcinfo@gmail.com](mailto:yywcinfo@gmail.com) or visit the Bargain Bazaar Facebook page @KwajBargainBazaarYYWC. Proceeds benefit the 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.** 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, call 5-2158.

**MWR RENTALS.** When requesting a tent, two weeks' notice is required for dig permit approval. To request tables, linens, chairs, bounce houses, or MWR equipment, call 5-3331/3332 or visit the Grace Sherwood Library in Bldg. 805 Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**QUARANTINE DELIVERIES.** Drop off deliveries Mondays and Thursdays at Macy's. Delivery time remains the same. 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 Resources representative. Attention human resources departments: Contact [scott.m.beck7.mil@army.mil](mailto: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 Ord-

nance exists and could be dangerous if disturbed. Contact Deirdre Wyatt-Pope at 5-1442.

**The daily 8 p.m. departure to Ebeye from Kwajalein has changed to depart now at 8:30 p.m.**

## 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.**



## 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.**



## 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



MIA Project

**NEVER FORGET.**  
<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.

CYs will be closed Dec. 25 for Christmas.

### Want to learn more?

Call CYs registration at 5-2158.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

### Baru Classroom

**Fridays** - Infants and young toddlers  
Water Play Day

### Bako (Pre-K) Classroom

**Tuesdays** - STEAM Swim Day  
**Wednesdays** - Creative Movement  
**Thursdays** - Library  
**Fridays** - Functional Fitness  
**Saturday** - Reading Buddies

### Start Smart Sports

Ages 3 - 5:  
Parent/Child Yoga - Registration begins Dec. 22 - Jan. 5 - Season runs Jan. 12 - Feb. 2.

## NAMO WETO YOUTH CENTER

**Tuesdays** - Closed

**Wednesdays** - Tremendous Trivia - 4:30 p.m.

**Thursdays** - Documentary/Movie - 3 p.m.

**Fridays** - Frappaccinos - 3 p.m.

**Fridays** - Fitness Challenge - 4 p.m.

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

**Sundays** - Art Activity

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Dec. 11** - Family Feud - 7:30 p.m.

**Dec. 12** - Paper Snowflakes - 3 p.m.

**Dec. 12** - Light Up the Night & Keystone Concessions - 3 - 6 p.m.

**Dec. 17** - Wright Brothers Day

**Dec. 18** - Family Feud - 7:30 p.m.

**Dec. 19** - Past Ornaments - 3 p.m.

**Dec. 19** - Scuba Santa, 3- 6 p.m.

**Dec. 23** - Holiday Party - 4 p.m.

**Dec. 30** - Lock in - 9 p.m.

**Dec. 24** - 26 - Youth Center closed

## SCHOOL-AGE CARE

**Tuesdays** - Art

**Wednesdays** - Culture, Functional Fitness

**Thursdays** - STEM

**Fridays** - Recreation

**Saturdays** - Character Counts

Winter Camp begins Dec. 17. Sign up in Central Registration.

### Sports

Inner Tube Water Polo - Registration runs Dec. 21 - Jan. 4. Season runs Jan. 11 - Feb. 11.



## 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.

#### 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.



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.



### 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.**



# HEALTH, TRAVEL AND VACCINE UPDATES

## U.S. ENTRY REQUIREMENT

**Attention all residents** and TDY travelers departing from Kwajalein on United Airlines.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now require that all passengers have a negative COVID test one day prior to departure.

How does this impact you? If you are traveling to the U.S., you must come to the Kwajalein Hospital during the week prior to departure day for your COVID test and to schedule your weekend swab.

## FOR THOSE TRAVELING DEC. 27 - 28 AND JAN. 3 - 4

**The Kwajalein Hospital** will be closed for the Christmas and New Year's Eve 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 these 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.

## PFIZER VACCINE AND BOOSTER SHOTS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

**Pfizer vaccine** booster shots and initial vaccine shots are now available on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

To determine whether you qualify to receive the booster, or to schedule appointments to receive booster shots and initial vaccine shots, **please contact USAG-KA Health Systems Specialist at Suzanne Mosier at [Suzanne.m.mosier.civ@army.mil](mailto:Suzanne.m.mosier.civ@army.mil).**

## HEALTH CONNECTION: CONSTIPATION AND PERSONAL HEALTH

COMMUNITY CONNECTION / DR. NICK BIRD, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Last week, you heard from Dr. Nick Bird, Kwajalein Hospital chief medical officer, about lifestyle changes that can help alleviate hypertension.

This week, we get up close and personal with the trials and tribulations of the lower gastrointestinal system, as well as tips for alleviating pain and symptoms. Here's a first clue: Drink more water.

### Q) What is constipation?

Constipation results from having insufficient frequency and volume of bowel movements.

Slow transit of stool within the large bowel, or colon, contributes to drying, hardening and difficulty passing stool. For many, fewer than three bowel movements a week may suggest constipation. Constipation is frequently considered when passing small, dry, hard pellet stools—even if daily.

### What does constipation feel like?

Common descriptions include dry stools and the need to strain with bowel movements. Some experience abdominal fullness, lower abdominal cramping, bloating and the feeling of incomplete emptying with bowel movements.

Reduced energy, appetite, and a "feeling of heaviness" are frequently described. Straining may also produce hemorrhoids and minimal rectal bleeding.

### What factors contribute to constipation?

There are many factors associated with constipation. Key factors that make constipation more likely include a diet low in fiber found in whole grains fruits and vegetables; insufficient water intake; and inactivity.

Additional health factors that may increase the likelihood of constipation include stress, diabetes, certain medications, illness, pregnancy and being an older adult, although people of all ages can become constipated.

What can you do to maintain regular bowel habits?

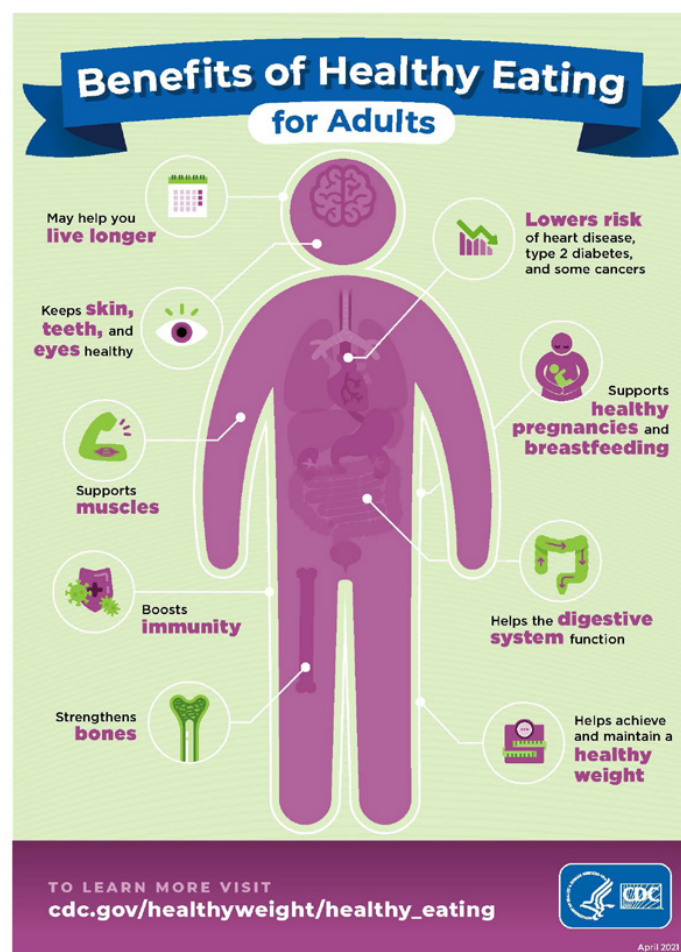
### Step 1 Lifestyle changes

- Add more fiber to your diet. Reduce the amount or stop eating processed foods, white bread, and white rice. Start eating more vegetables, fruits and whole grains or high fiber cereal and fiber supplements.
- Increase your consumption of water. If you are backed up, start with drinking about two liters of water per day. The goal is to have light-colored urine, an indicator of good hydration status, and good urine volume. If your urine is dark and of small volume, or you're only urinating one to two times per day, you are not drinking enough water.
- Exercise regularly—even if it's just an evening walk. Movement and activity are very helpful for reducing stress, keeping us healthy and encouraging bowel activity.

### Step 2 Medications (laxatives)

Stool softeners like Colace gently help, but they require you to drink sufficient water. These are safe and gentle.

Osmotic laxatives range from gentle (polyethylene glycol – Miralax) and milk of magnesia, to more aggressive options like magnesium citrate.



Miralax is safe and gentle and can be used both regularly and as needed. Magnesium citrate frequently causes cramping and should be used with some relative caution.

Stimulants like Senna (Senokot, Ex-Lax), and Dulcolax may cause cramping due to increased bowel activity. As with other laxatives, these work better when you also drink lots of water or combine with stool softeners.

If these things do not help after two to three days, or you would prefer to receive physician consultation prior to taking medications, please make an appointment.

**To make an appointment to speak to a physician at the Kwajalein Hospital, please call 5-2223.**





# The NEC Testing Center Is Open to the Community

Giving you the head start you need to thrive!

Open Tuesday through Saturday by appointment

Authorized Pearson VUE Test Center. Schedule A Test Today!  
usarmy.bucholz.516-sig-bde.mbx.nec-testing-center@mail.mil

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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 pickup.

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



# CORAL SANDS BONFIRE PIT REGULATIONS



- \* Coral Sands bonfire pit must be reserved in advance with MWR in Bldg 805
- \* All nails or fasteners must be removed from wood/materials before it is added to fire
- \* All fires must be completely extinguished by patrons before leaving the site
- \* Any wood/materials remaining after bonfire must be removed from Coral Sands by patrons after event

Have questions or want to make a reservation? Please contact MWR at 5-3331/5-3332



# CONNECT WITH USAG-KA ONLINE.

For community updates, and episodes of the Kwaj Current, please visit the official USAG-KA Facebook page and YouTube channel. For command information questions, please contact Public Affairs at 5-4848.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:kwajafnroller@amentum.com). To ensure your message meets Army regulations, contact AFN Manager Randall Hisle at 5-2114 or email [randall.hisle@amentum.com](mailto: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.





# 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.

### Kememej 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.



### This Christmas, give a gift to the world:

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

For more information contact Amantum-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 Amantum-DI Environmental ilo 5-1134.

## USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF



## SUN - MOON - TIDES

### WEATHER DISCUSSION

Pleasant conditions have been seen within Kwajalein Atoll over the last week thanks to limited atmospheric moisture and a muted subtropical ridge between low pressures in the central Pacific.

These conditions are expected to persist through the first half of the weekend until a trade wind push to finish the weekend brings moisture into the area.

Monday will see a higher likelihood of showers and gusty conditions, persisting into the start of the workweek.

Next week, moderate to fresh northeast to east breezes with occasional to frequent higher gusts for much of the time.

The back half of the workweek will see a reemergence of the Intertropical Convergence Zone within the area as the budding subtropical ridge from early in the week subsides, which allows the ITCZ to shift northward. Northeast to east-northeast winds will interact with east-southeast winds to create enhance convection within the Kwajalein Atoll region.

### SATURDAY

Sunny to mostly sunny with stray morning showers. NE-E 6-11 knots

### SUNDAY

Sunny to mostly sunny with stray to isolated evening showers. NE-E 5-10 knots becoming 9-14 knots with occasional higher gusts.

### MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with widely scattered to scattered showers. NE-E 11-16 knots with occasional to frequent higher gusts, especially near showers.

### NEXT WEEK

Moderate to fresh breezes from the northeast to east with gusty conditions are expected to start the workweek. Widely scattered showers are expected to become stray to isolated trade wind showers as the week progresses.

Later in the workweek winds are expected veer towards the east-southeast creating more widely scattered showers within the atoll as the ITCZ reenters the area and break wind speeds to moderate breezes from the east-northeast to east-southeast.

### SUNDAY

SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
6:54 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	1:43 p.m. 1:14 a.m.	11:58 a.m. 2.5' 11:51 p.m. 2.7'	5:20 a.m. 0.7' 5:45 p.m. 1.2'
6:54 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	2:21 p.m. 2:00 a.m.	1:04 p.m. 2.8' -----	6:30 a.m. 0.6' 7:08 p.m. 1.0'
6:55 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	2:59 p.m. 2:45 a.m.	1:01 a.m. 2.7' 1:49 p.m. 3.2'	7:19 a.m. 0.5' 8:02 p.m. 0.7'
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