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Members of the Kwajalein Power Plant team stand for a photo following a recent engine repair. Back row, left to right: Mehidi Hasan, Volker Jaenke, Samu Laszlo, Miguel Cruz, Mario Tobar, Michael Amon, Junior Malta. Front row, kneeling, left to right: Jillong Antok, Kejai Boaz and Claude Thomas.

# TEAMWORK AT KWAJALEIN POWER PLANT

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

A successful mechanical repair after seeking a second opinion is common enough at an automotive repair shop—but how about at a 30-year-old power plant?

Technical experts at the Kwajalein Power Plant on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll have repaired the alternator for a disused plant engine—a move which extends the life of the historic US-AG-KA asset for mission support.

Maintained by multiple contract entities over the years, the engine’s large AC alternator last functioned in August 2015. The engine sat disused for six years.

The situation intrigued incoming Senior

Utilities Manager Samu Laszlo, who recently began work on the garrison. For years, Laszlo has supported operations at power facilities in locations like Afghanistan. He began to investigate the initial assessment.

“I asked ‘why,’” said Laszlo, “and I kept asking ‘why’ to try and ascertain the reason.”

Why not inspect the condemned components again?

Laszlo shared his impulse with Lead Electrical Engineer Volker Jaenke. Next, Lead Electrician Claude Thomas led the replacement of the two main bearings on the engine alternator and performed the necessary alternator winding and insulation tests.

“These tests proved acceptable,” Laszlo said.

The team obtained Army permission to test the machine and its newly refurbished components. Now with multiple tests at and above load capacity, the engine has so far continued to perform.

What began with a question led to an unlikely and welcomed success.

USAG-KA Directorate of Public Works Energy Manager Robert Sholar congratulated team members and specially recognized Thomas for the bearings’ replacement.

“The repair of this 30-year-old alternator in recent months is a major and unexpected achievement,” Sholar said.

## USAG-KA YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the winners of the USAG-KA Yard of the Month award.

1) Kwajalein’s November winners are the Popovich family. Pictured here: Wansiri, left, and Jiriatchaya Popovich. Not pictured: Mike Popovich. 2) Congratulations to the Gerber family, the island’s December winners. From left: Matt, Isaiah, Emeri and Mindi Gerber.



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## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley shares the good news about a January reduction in Honolulu quarantine for all fully vaccinated incoming travelers during the Dec. 9 USAG-KA town hall at the Island Memorial Chapel.

# USAG-KA KWAJALEIN TOWN HALL

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**At the end** of an eventful second quarter on U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll, USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley opened the Dec. 9 Kwajalein town hall with an invitation for continued communication between the community and his support staff of Department of the Army civilian employees.

“I hope you don’t believe this is the only opportunity you have to present an issue or a good idea,” Pugsley said. He and Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega maintain an open-door policy for all community members and encourage an open dialogue to share suggestions and innovative ideas.

In his opening remarks, Pugsley provided an overview of current garrison works in progress and a vision of the way forward for vaccinations, changes in quarantine procedures and the impending contract transition for base operations support.

## The Command Update

In the second year of the pandemic, despite logistical and transit challenges, mission support continues uninterrupted, said Pugsley. He commended the community for an excellent job facing adversity to “provide that critical support to the nation in support of U.S. national defense.”

“We remain fully mission capable, and a lot of that is due to the people here,” he said. “I do applaud you all for that.”

## Vaccination Clinics on Kwajalein

The Kwajalein Hospital is now distributing initial vaccines and booster shots for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine on an appointment basis. Those interested are encouraged to reach out to USAG-KA

Health Systems Specialist Suzanne Mosier to schedule their appointments. Email Mosier at [suzanne.m.mosier.civ@army.mil](mailto:suzanne.m.mosier.civ@army.mil).

Children aged 5 to 11 years are eligible to receive their vaccine. A first tranche of 36 island children has received their shots, said Pugsley.

Scheduling vaccines can be tough for those traveling over the holidays, based on the limitations of the scheduling process.

“We have to have the exact number of people there for the first and second dose,” Pugsley said.

## January Quarantine Reductions

After two months of negotiations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands government regarding quarantine procedures for incoming atoll residents, Pugsley shared an update.

“I just signed a memorandum of understanding with the government of the RMI to get a further reduction of quarantine in Hawaii from seven days down to three days,” he said. “This is a step in the right direction. They do understand—and our medical staff understands—that quarantine-free travel is not recommended by anybody.”

The MOU comes during a period of increased global concern about the impact of the omicron variant. In the interests of safety, both negotiating parties agreed to the new quarantine timeline after also exploring the possible application of applying a 24-hour test result mandate for all travelers. Because of the difficulty in obtaining such test results at a distance, Pugsley said, that issue will not be explored further at this time. The reduced quarantine time is expected to begin in January.

“We’ve been very successful in catch-

## Communication with USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley

For more information, please call the Commander’s Hotline at 5-1098

USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley desires clear and transparent feedback between the different island tenant organizations, community members and the USAG-KA command team. Following initial reporting on town hall proceedings, the DA civilian team will publish answers to all community questions from town hall question and answer session within 30 days.

Community members are encouraged to use the commander’s open-door policy to share concerns, innovations and compliments.

“My promise to you is we’ll take diligent notes. We’ll provide immediate, next-week feedback, and next month, we’ll provide where we are and a resolution on issues. I can’t promise you’ll get the response you want, but you will receive a response,” said Pugsley at this month’s Kwajalein town hall. “Feedback is the most important element of communication.”

## Have an Idea to Contribute?

Call 5-1098 to give your great idea or innovation to USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer Mike Brantley. Ideas will be provided to the garrison commander for the chance to win a prize.

ing COVID in Hawaii and not here. We’re continuing to make progress. ... The [RMI government] will continue to look at reducing quarantine further on Kwajalein with an intermediate goal of 10 days. That’s a big change. Going from 14 days down to 10 days will be a significant step in the right direction. That’s our next step. We’re pretty excited about that.”

Looking ahead, Pugsley encouraged all USAG-KA residents to receive the shot, as he believed a vaccine requirement for DOD contractors was imminent.

“It’s going to come,” he said. “When it comes, I do not know.”

COVID-19 has also impacted available space-available travel for government employees. Pugsley extends his continued thanks to Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler, U.S. Space and Missile Defense Command, and Craig Deatrack, IMCOM-PACIFIC director, for their support in assisting a request to return some portion of space-A authorization approval to the garrison commander.

## Planning Ahead for 2022

The commander provided updates on several garrison projects designed to improve overall infrastructure and quality of life for USAG-KA residents with the completion of the Annual Work Plan, an initiative of all planned, funded projects coordinated with support from tenant organizations.

“We have 90-something projects in which we’re getting at critical infrastructure and quality of life on Kwajalein and Roi, and a few projects on some of the other defense sites,” said Pugsley. “It took months of planning and work with Amentum and the Department of Public Works to focus on those high-priority issues that affect day to day life.”

While the plan is complete, funding the many projects poses an ongoing challenge.

“As you all know, with a \$2.6 billion-dollar price tag to get this installation to standard, I only get \$90 million





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*Kwajalein Hospital Deputy Administrator Shana Darrah addresses attendees at the US-AG-KA town hall on Kwajalein Dec. 9.*

per year to fix it,” Pugsley said. “If you look at the degradation rate we have on the installation infrastructure here, it’s the most corrosive environment in the DOD. Our deterioration rate is bigger than our investment rate. Luckily, we’re getting some significant consideration and advocates from Congress. For this year’s budget, we actually got a bump-up in our budget which allows us to put more money into Facilities Sustainment, Restoration and Modernization program project funds. We’re also getting some good consideration for our DOD military construction projects—Bucholz Army Airfield, Dyess Army Airfield and the air traffic control tower. We’re looking at renovations this year for the dining facility, Roi Café and a renovation for Surfway.”

### Base Operations Support Transition

“Amentum-DI is moving out in the next six months, and Vectrus is coming in,” Pugsley said. “Hopefully, the transition will be fairly transparent. It is going to be a significant emotional event for my team and the contractors. There are a lot of moving pieces. We just ask you to be flexible and understanding. We’re going to try to not interrupt service delivery. We’ll try to make sure we communicate that to the community. There will be a big influx of personnel coming out to the island as we work through this transition between now and June.”

### The Community Activities Survey

Pugsley thanked the community for its participation in the first Community Activities Survey.

“There were a lot of things that I did not expect,” he said. “You caught MWR by surprise. We did pretty good.”

Pugsley said that more than 20 percent of the community had reported in with ideas for how to improve or augment community enjoyment at island facilities and recreational spaces and events.

“Thank you for the input,” Pugsley said. “It was well-received. We’ll do our best to use that as we look forward to a more responsive MWR in the future. There’s a lot of stuff I am looking forward to supporting.”

### FROM THE LAST TOWN HALL Phones in Bachelor Quarters

There is now at least one working emergency phone in each bachelor quarters building. Phones are located near exit doors.

Any issues related to emergency phones or phones in bachelor quarters should be directed to the USAG-KA command team.

### Supply Stock at Self-Help

The island’s home repair supply is consistently depleted of much-needed, popular items, like gardening equipment and paint.

“We’re working to make sure it’s more responsive to the community’s needs, that it’s providing the stuff you need,” said Pugsley.

### Bachelor Quarters Furnishings

More money has been allotted to refresh bachelor quarters furniture on a two-year and five-year cycle, respectively. Bedframes have been financed for this year. Next year, funding for ancillary furniture is tentatively planned.

The plan to replenish outdated furniture items for bachelor quarters will support the longterm Army mission and ensure the island workforce has access to basic items to improve their quality of life, said Pugsley.

“The earlier system for lifecycle management was not very sustainable,” said Pugsley.

### Sign Up For 2022 Optical and Veterinary Appointments Now

An Optometrist and Veterinarian are expected to visit in February, said Hospital Deputy Administrator Shana Darrah. Community members are encouraged to sign up now to express their interest in a future scheduled appointment.

### Phonebooks

Currently, the Command team and support staff are working to create an island-wide phonebook with both commercial and residential listings for the community. The last phonebook of this type was produced in 2018.

“We are making some headway on

it,” said Pugsley. “We have most of the commercial piece done. We are verifying the residential piece. We are doing some other things with the phone book as well. We’ll be trying to make it usable through the Digital Garrison app. We’re trying to provide more opportunities to use it. We will be providing a digital document for sure.”

### COMMAND EXPECTATIONS FOR COMMUNITY CONDUCT

Pugsley encouraged the island community to look out for each other.

“We’re a small family,” he said, of the garrison. “Some people refer to the island as a fishbowl. For the most part, we have a good relationship with each other. If you see something, say something.”

Continuing to practice good neighbor behaviors can help the garrison mitigate unwanted activity and problematic decorum issues that have no place on an Army installation, Pugsley said: “Believe it or not, we still have issues with sexual harassment on island. More than zero cases is a concern.”

Community members are encouraged to actively work to foster and maintain a friendly, safe atmosphere.

“Look out for your buddies,” said Pugsley. “Look out for your team members ... If you look at all the incidents we have on island—and I see them all—most all of them have some basis in alcohol. This goes from sexual harassment to arguments.”

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

During the commander’s question and answer session, community members discussed topics of interest. Below are some of the items shared during the town hall.

- Incoming residents who are vaccinated will be granted three-day Honolulu quarantine in January. Those who are not vaccinated will still reside in Hawaii quarantine for 14 days.
- The limited access to United Airlines travel will be reserved for active duty military and Department of the Army civilians only until further notice.
- Shipping times for mail are impacting timely delivery of prescription medication for island residents.
- Shipping delays have impacted the supply of dairy products in Kwajalein’s Surfway grocery store.
- In celebration of New Year’s Eve, the garrison will host a fireworks display at Emon Beach at 10 p.m. during the Dec. 31 MWR New Year’s Eve celebration.
- Restoration of Emon Beach areas and the older beach pavilions is being addressed.
- Community members raised questions about the AFN roller channel and additional solutions to staying informed on Kwajalein.

### STAY INFORMED ON KWAJALEIN

The garrison command team is working to make information available through the Digital Garrison app. Make use of the AFN roller channel and USAG-KA Facebook page to stay informed about ongoing events and information.





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The Makovec residence is decorated with holiday lights during “Light Up The Night,” an annual tour of quarters decorated for the holidays.

# LIGHT UP THE NIGHT IS FAVORITE ISLAND HOLIDAY EVENT

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**More than 220** Kwajalein residents enjoyed the annual “Light Up the Night” tour of island quarters decorated for the holidays Dec. 12.

Beginning at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room, attendees registered for a holiday shuttle time and settled in to enjoy a winter wonderland.

While waiting for their shuttles, they watched holiday movies, played holiday games and sampled food and beverages purchased from the island’s registered private organizations and vendors.

Of course, no holiday event is complete without a photo with Santa Claus. Volunteer photographer Alan Williams shot portraits with guests and Santa and Mrs. Claus. No two homes on the holiday lights tour are the same. Quarters occupants dazzled their neighbors with their signature seasonal flair and distinctive lawn creations.

A favorite this year was the Premo household, with its classic gold and white lights. Some units opted to create “super-quarters”—conjoining two homes in one massive display with the same light strings, while others relied on multiple inflatable holiday characters or intertwined strings of lights around palm tree trunks.

One household created a multitude of small displays. Arranged around each palm tree in the Makovec family yard is a holiday story in lights. The quarters display included a large white star, a nativity scene and a young, spindly potted pine bearing a single red ornament in homage to the classic animated holiday movie, “Charlie Brown’s Christmas.”

The Makovec’s display also includes two large wireframe deer aglow with white holiday lights. Occupant Julie Makovec purchased the ornaments from Kwajalein’s AAFES, she said.

“If we were in the states, we’d have more room to store these during the year,” Makovec said. “Instead, every time we display them, we have the kids break them down and put them back

in the box so we can fit them inside for the year.”

For MWR Event Coordinator Cynthia McKenzie, the evening had many memorable moments. She appreciated the chance to bring a little of the home for the holidays feeling to Kwajalein.

“My favorite part was when I saw all the families and children sitting down and playing the games,” she said. “Good, old traditional family fun. It reminded me of home, playing games with my kids around the holiday times.”

MWR Administrative and Library Lead Amber Bates announced this year’s winners this week via email: first place—the Makovec family; second place—the Premo family; in third place, the Rios and Walter families. A special honorable mention goes to Tenille DeMello for her decoration at the Surf BQ. Winners are invited to visit the MWR desk at the Grace Sherwood Library this week to claim their prizes.

Thanks goes out to all the participants and guests who helped make the night a memorable, fun event.



1) High school students provide cookies, treats and other snacks for a donation during Light Up the Night. 2) Brian Dishman, left, and Jarek Bartel, right, pose for a photo with Santa Claus.





Mary Ruth Battise performs with student musicians and vocalists from Kwajalein's Pre-K and Kwajalein School System programs during the George Seitz Elementary School Winter Concert Dec. 10.

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# GIFT OF MUSIC: GEORGE SEITZ WINTER CONCERT

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Young vocalists** in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade and high school musicians joined elementary school-aged singers for the Dec. 10 George Seitz Elementary School Winter Music Concert. The annual winter performance at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room featured new elements and musical surprises.

Led by GSES music director Ashley Wright and KHS Band Director Kyle Miller, the performance included music, humor, and theater. To transition between songs, student actors performed mini monologues and dialogue to address peace, friendship and harmony during the holidays.

One might say that under Wright's direction, the students have truly found their voices. Of special note this year was the bold, technical skill exhibited by numerous small ensembles. A student septet performed "Auld Lang Syne" in multi-part harmony. Shimako Chong-Gum and Mary Ruth Battise performed solos, and the latter adlibbed many of her dramatic lines. Midway through the concert, the entire pre-K class joined their elementary school-aged peers onstage with the help of their upper-classman buddies to add their talents on select songs.

In closing, parents and friends in the audience joined the student musicians for a tradition that began last year—the singing of the school's anthem, "We're George Seitz."





1) George Seitz Elementary School music teacher Ashley Wright leads student performers during the Dec. 10 Winter Concert, featuring grades pre-K through four with accompaniment provided by the Kwajalein High School Stage Band. 2) Charlotte Dawicki, left, and Layleen Kabua perform a lyrical dance with silks during an opening song. 3) Kwajalein High School Director of Bands Kyle Miller pauses while leading the KHS Stage Band to check out the view from the conductor's podium. 4) Wright invites parents and guests to stand to sing the GSES school song, "We're George Seitz." 5) Shimako Chong-Gum, left, and Mary Ruth Battise take a seat together on the GSES Friendship Bench to sing a song about friendship.

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Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club members and officers await their special guests for the annual “Let It Snow” holiday gathering at Quarters 241. From left: Amber Bates, Claire Perdue, Nellie Walter, Emily Walter, Nicole MacTavish and Debbie Proudfoot.

# HOLIDAY CHEER TO LAST ALL YEAR WITH YYWC “LET IT SNOW”

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**New friendships** and mutual appreciation formed last week between the more than 60 guests hosted at the commander’s residence for the Dec. 13 Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club “Let It Snow” holiday party.

The event brought mothers, daughters, traditional leaders, government officials and Marshallese members of Kwajalein Atoll women’s clubs together with the USAG-KA-based YYWC membership to meet, exchange ideas and enjoy a festive respite.

In a spacious room glowing with three holiday trees, guests mingled over a potluck lunch and discussed life on the atoll and education fundraising initiatives for the new year—the main mission of the historic YYWC. As has become tradition, club members exchanged gifts, and the distinguished visitors formed a special receiving line to thank their hostess, Shawna Pugsley, for the afternoon.

To share a western holiday tradition, YYWC ladies performed three verses of “Joy to the World,” accompanied by music from the Mon la Mike Band at the invitation of Leiroj Anta Kabua, the queen of Kwajalein Atoll.

Of course, with good dance music, it’s hard to sit still.

“We call this a ‘line dance,’” said RMI Minister of Sports, Education and Training Kitlang Kabua, as the music began, inviting all the ladies to participate. “It’s similar to the cowboy line dance we see in John Wayne movies.”

The room filled with flowing multi-colored, floral and holiday dresses, as guests up to dance in long rows, forming a dance formation so large it filled the living room and wrapped into the dining area.

“On behalf of Leiroj Anta and the Women’s Club from Kwajalein Atoll, we’d like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and you families,” said Kitlang Kabua, during a formal pre-

sentation of gifts to the club. “This is a small token of our appreciation for your friendship and we only hope that it can grow stronger each and every day. To Shawna and the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club, we thank you once again.”

Kitlang Kabua asked YYWC President Debbie Proudfoot to join her in front of the room for a special presentation. She took her chair as the minister described how Proudfoot’s tireless work had strengthened the bond shared by the ladies of USAG-KA and Kwajalein Atoll. It is a bond that will endure.

“One of our own sisters is leaving us,” Kitlang said. “Mrs. Debbie Proudfoot will be PCS’ing in February. We are very saddened by this news. I am here on behalf of all the mothers of Kwajalein

Atoll—all the mothers of the Marshall Islands, our traditional leadership, our caretakers of our land, and most importantly, the students and children of the Marshall Islands.”

Kitlang addressed Proudfoot: “We recognize all your efforts in trying to lead this nation’s future—which is our children—by going out of your way to assist them, and in leading your strong group of women, working with the women of the Marshall Islands in trying to improve the quality of life of our students and our children. From the bottom of our hearts, we are very appreciative of all your efforts.”

Moved to tears, Proudfoot thanked Kitlang Kabua and all of the YYWC membership for their many years of



Leiroj Anta Kabua, left; Shawna Pugsley, Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club “Let It Snow” hostess; and YYWC President Debbie Proudfoot pose for a commemorative photo.





teamwork and dedication.

"This has been such a wonderful thing, working with this club," Proudfoot said. "Thank you so very much, everybody who came today. We've got a wonderful group here. Everyone is pitching in and helping and carrying on our cause. I know it's going to continue."

### Special Thanks

On behalf of the YYWC, President Debbie Proudfoot thanked the Pugsley family for allowing use of their quarters, and Eden Wyatt-Pope, Kimberly O'Rourke, Abri Makovec and Maddy Nienow for volunteering as servers and set-up crew. She recognized the USAG-KA Directorate of Host Nation Activities for its assistance in sponsoring and transporting the many special guests for the day.

"I want to thank our YYWC Cultural Liaison Pam Sakaio, for all her efforts in coordination with our visitors from Ebeye to make this a wonderful celebration with our Marshallese neighbors," Proudfoot wrote to The Kwajalein Hourglass this week. "Thanks to everyone in the community who pitched in to make this another wonderful, annual Kwajalein holiday tradition."



1) A festive line of dancers travels through the Pugsley residence dining room. 2) Guests form a receiving line to greet and thank Shawna Pugsley. 3) Sharing a laugh: Diane Swanby, left, accepts treats from Lise Sheet during the "Let It Snow" holiday gathering. 4) YYWC members sing holiday carols during the party. From left: Joanna Battise, Prescilla Price, Blanche Adcock, Pam Sakaio and Charlotte Nienow. 5) RMI Minister of Sports, Education and Training Kitlang Kabua, left, thanks YYWC President Debbie Proudfoot with a parting gift.



# THE LIBERTY PASS

## Your Kwaj Weekend and Activity Guide



## READY, SET, READ: WINTER BREAK STUDENT READING CHALLENGE

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Any **Harry Potter** enthusiast will recall how during his first winter break from classes at the wizarding boarding school Hogwarts, instead of traveling home to visit his human relatives, Harry stays at school. Among his gifts is a book about wizarding sports from his friend Hermione Granger.

I'm not about to dispense any spoilers in case there are those among us who haven't yet read this much-beloved young adult fantasy series. Instead, let's focus on author J.K. Rowling's subtle reminder to students that winter break affords nontraveling students a rare opportunity: the time to read whatever they want.

If that sounds like a gift, then keep reading.

This winter, MWR Administrative and Library Lead Amber Bates invites Kwajalein students enrolled in grades K through six to join the Grace Sherwood Library Winter Reading Contest. The goal from now through Jan. 6 is to read as many pages as possible for the chance to win bragging rights and a free small pizza of their choice from the Sunrise Bakery.

Students should register at the library and have parents initial their tracking sheets. When school begins in January, MWR will visit classrooms to present the winter reading awards and gift certificates.

"There are a lot of great young readers' series' on hand at the library," said Bates, who hopes the nontraveling students will participate in this year's event.

"We have the complete Harry Potter series, all of the James Patterson books and several new series available in the

library."

The library isn't the only group on island interested in encouraging reading. Parent Teacher Organization President Teresa Mitchell would like to remind the island's young readers that they can read through the winter break to support the PTO Read-A-Thon, a fundraiser to meet the PTO goal of "filling the child and young adult book shelves to better our community for years to come."

Mitchell encourages registered student participants to join in themed reading party events during winter break. The first one—Dec. 19, 6 p.m. at Emon Beach, just before the Parade of Lights. For more information, check out the PTO page on Facebook.

Bates hopes this winter's readers will exceed the summer reading program numbers. During summer break, the top K-1st grade reader completed 398 pages; in the grade 2-3 category, the winner cleared 1,169 pages; the fourth-fifth grade winner completed a total of 1,205 pages; and in sixth grade, the winning reader completed 3,929 pages. All of those numbers can be exceeded this winter.

"It's good to dive in when you have time," said Bates.

Better get reading. The challenge began Dec. 17 and ends Jan. 6 at 5 p.m.

**Questions? Call the Grace Sherwood Library at 5-3331.**

### PTO Read-A-Thon READING PARTY AT EMON



December 19 at 6p.m.

BEFORE THE YACHT CLUB'S PARADE OF LIGHTS & SCUBA CLUB'S SCUBA SANTA

WHILE WAITING FOR THE PARADE OF LIGHTS TO START, JOIN US FOR A QUICK READING PARTY AND STORY TIME! LOOK FOR US AT PAVILION #4 NEAR THE PLAYGROUND. BOOKS ARE PROVIDED. KIDS SNACK/TREAT POTLUCK.

SNACKS/TREATS/DRINKS ARE REQUESTED, PLEASE CONTACT BELOW.

This event is open to all registered participants of the Read-A-Thon. Registration is free, easy, and open to all kids. Contact below for more information. Please check with PTO before sending unattended kids, chaperones are limited. For registration information or questions please check Facebook 'KSS PTO Page' or below.

CONTACT: TERESA MITCHELL 5-1657 TJM010114@GMAIL.COM

## Holiday Open House at the Pugsley Residence

Dec. 27, 1 – 5:30 p.m. during  
your organization's time-slot  
Children are welcome to  
attend this event.

Join USAG-KA Commander Col. Thomas Pugsley and Shawna to celebrate the holiday season on Kwajalein.

Contact your supervisor for your organization's recommended time-slot.

Contact Rick Krewson: 5-5033 or [frederick.m.krewson.civ@army.mil](mailto:frederick.m.krewson.civ@army.mil) for more info.



## Coming Up Next

### 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.

### Kwajalein Yacht Club New Year's Day Sunfish Regatta.

Noon, Jan. 1

### Camp Hamilton and the Kwajalein Yacht Club

Everyone is welcome. Come to sail, watch and learn. Food and drinks are provided. Call 5-5987 with questions.

### 2022 Inner Tube Water Polo Season

Come on out to support Inner Tube Water Polo Tuesdays and Saturdays Jan. 11 – Feb. 26. Games take place at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Contact Cliff Pryor with questions at cliff.pryorjr@amentum.com.

### 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.



## AT THE MOVIES

### Yuk Theater Kwajalein

Saturday, Dec. 18

"The Star" (PG)  
87 min.

Sunday, Dec. 19

"The Many Saints of Newark"  
(PG-13)  
115 min.

Monday, Dec. 20

"Still Water" (R)  
139 min.

Saturday, Dec. 25

No Movies on Christmas Day,  
Happy Holidays!

Sunday, Dec. 26

"Free Guy" (HD) (PG-13)  
115 min.

Monday, Dec. 27

"My Cousin Vinny" (HD) (R)  
120 min.

### C-Building Roi-Namur

Saturday, Dec. 18

"The Grinch" (PG)  
85 min.

Sunday, Dec. 19

"The Last Christmas" (PG-13)  
102 min.

Saturday, Dec. 26

"The Star" (PG)  
87 min.

Sunday, Dec. 27

"Game Night" (R)  
101 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.**

**WHO NEEDS FIREWORKS? WE'RE SHOOTIN'  
FOR A DYNAMITE NIGHT ON ROI**

**SMELLS LIKE FISH!**

**OUTRIGGER BAR & GRILL  
FRIDAY, DEC. 31ST  
9 P.M.-ISH TILL???**

**PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES AND DANCE THIS CRAZY YEAR OUT WITH SLF!**



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- We will send notifications through the talent pool to let you know when positions are available

Please check these exciting opportunities with Vectrus' Subcontractors in the Marshall Islands.



**Berry Aviation (Aviation positions)** - please apply at <https://www.berryaviation.com/job-listings/>



**ISOS (Medical, Surgical, Optometry, Dentistry and Veterinary Services)** – please apply at <https://www.internationalsos.com/careers>



**Louis Berger International (Engineering, Electrical Utility Services)** - please apply at [www.lbs-inc.com/careers](http://www.lbs-inc.com/careers)



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Interested parties can also look up for these positions on [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com), [www.glassdoor.com](http://www.glassdoor.com), [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) and [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com).



[careers.vectrus.com](http://careers.vectrus.com)



# 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 hiring for a parttime banking center service specialist. This is a 20-hour per week position for an on-island hire. Submit your application and resume to [www.dodcommunitybank.com](http://www.dodcommunitybank.com). Call Rita Pyne at 5-2152 with questions.

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. seeks a quality control manager and site safety and health officer. To apply, visit [www.nanha-waii.com](http://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](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 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



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 from [Balfour.com](http://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.

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).

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. 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.

# 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).



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**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.** Store your golf equipment in your locker. Unclaimed bags or clubs not stored in lockers after Dec. 31 will be removed. 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 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.

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

**NO NEW PETS IN BQ ROOMS.** With the exception of cats or kittens already adopted and currently residing with their owners, no animals or pets are allowed in BQ rooms. If you see an animal in distress, contact the Vet Tech at 5-2017 or kwajaleinveterinaryclinic@internationalsosgs.us.

**NEW CODE FOR RACQUETBALL COURT.** The door code for the Kwajalein racquetball court will change Dec. 18. Residents can obtain the new code from the MWR Desk at the Grace Sherwood Library. The code will not be given out over the phone. Contact MWR at 5-3331 with questions.

**QUARTERLY INNOVATION.** Do you

have an idea that would improve the community, your workplace, how we do business, or the quality of life here on Kwaj? Call the Commander's Hotline at 5-1098 or email USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer Mike Brantley at james.m.brantley4.civ@army.mil with your idea. Each quarter, USAG-KA will present an award to the person with the most impactful idea.

**SMALL ARMS RANGE ACTIVITY.** Security and Access Control will conduct a small arms range activity Dec. 22 from 9 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Please observe the red flag hazard area. If you have any questions, contact Chief Chris Ramsey at 5-4445 or 5-1643.

**AAFES Employee Appreciation Day.** Dec. 24, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Kwajalein PXtra and Dec. 29 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Roi Shopette. Sale items are limited to items found at the PXtra: air conditioners, refrigerators and diapers.

**POWER TEST SCHEDULED.** Building 806 will be testing the power on Friday Jan. 7 at 1 p.m.

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHTS

DECEMBER FLIGHTS

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

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

Please note that the travel ban for the Republic of the Marshall Islands is still in effect and all flights are subject to change.

**Key:**

- Accessible to Emergency Response personnel only.
- Accessible to all other vehicle, bicycle, and walking/running personnel.
- Re-route for large equipment/vehicles (crane, top loader, & trailer truck).

## 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 a gift to a child in the Ebeye community.*

Kommol tata to those 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 Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Call 5-3600 to reach specialists Kalani Riklon or Hilary Hosia with any questions.



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.



THE KWAJ CURRENT

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AFN ROLLER CHANNEL

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# RELIGIOUS SERVICES

## Island Memorial Chapel

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

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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

Saturday, Dec. 25  
Christmas Day Mass, 9:15 a.m.

### 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.

### 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

### 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](mailto:m.me/IMCKwajalein)

### COUNSELING SESSIONS

Counseling sessions are available by appointment. Call 5-3505.

## 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** - 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. 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

#### Sports

Inner Tube Water Polo - Registration runs now through Jan. 4. Season runs Jan. 11 - Feb. 11.



JOIN U.S. ARMY GARRISON KWAJALEIN ATOLL FOR TWO SPECIAL MEALS  
DEC. 25 IN THE CELEBRATION OF

# CHRISTMAS DAY



HOLIDAY LUNCH MEAL RATES  
STANDARD MEAL RATE  
(SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS) - \$9.55  
DINNER RATE - \$5.10

## CAFE ROI

**BREAKFAST: 7 - 8:30 A.M.**

### MENU

ROASTED TURKEY WITH GIBLET GRAVY  
OVEN ROASTED PIG  
BEEF PRIME RIB  
HONEY GLAZED HAM  
SEASONED GARLIC LOBSTER TAIL  
GIBLET GRAVY  
MAC AND CHEESE  
COLLARD GREENS  
COUNTRY STYLE GREEN BEANS  
SWEET POTATOES WITH MARSHMALLOWS  
LOADED MASHED POTATOES  
CORNBREAD DRESSING  
SHRIMP FRIED RICE  
CORN ON THE COB  
STUFFING

**LUNCH: 11 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

### SALAD STATION

DEVILED EGGS  
COLE SLAW  
CREAMY PASTA SALAD WITH CHICKEN  
SHRIMP COCKTAIL

### SHORT ORDER

HAMBURGERS  
FRENCH FRIES

**DINNER: 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.**

### DESSERTS

APPLE PIE  
PUMPKIN PIE  
SWEET POTATO PIE  
PECAN PIE  
VARIETY CAKE

## ZAMPERINI CAFETERIA

**BREAKFAST: 6 - 7 A.M.**

### MENU

ROAST TURKEY WITH GIBLET GRAVY  
STEAMSHIP ROUND OF BEEF  
WITH AU JUS  
BAKED MAINE LOBSTER  
SMOKED HAM WITH BROWN SUGAR GLAZE  
SIMMERED OXTAILS  
CLASSIC CHRISTMAS STUFFING  
MASHED POTATOES  
SWEET POTATOES AND CINNAMON SUGAR  
FRESH SWEET POTATOES  
COLLARD GREENS  
CORN ON THE COB  
GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE  
ROASTED ACORN SQUASH

**LUNCH: 11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.**

### SALAD STATION

DEVILED EGGS  
POTATO SALAD  
SHRIMP COCKTAIL  
CREAMY CRAB AND PASTA SALAD  
ASSORTED SEASONAL FRESH FRUITS  
AND NUTS  
SALAD BAR WITH  
ASSORTED SALAD DRESSINGS  
ASSORTED FRESH FRUITS

**DINNER: 4 - 5:30 P.M.**

### DESSERTS

DUTCH APPLE PIE  
PUMPKIN PIE  
PECAN PIE  
STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE  
SWEET POTATO PIE  
DINNER ROLLS WITH BUTTER PATS  
ASSORTED WHOLE GRAIN BREADS

*In this National Archives photo, Capt. Louis Zamperini, left, makes a broadcast to the United States after spending 28 months in a Japanese Prison Camp. The Kwajalein dining facility was rededicated in January 2013.*







**The NEC Testing Center  
Is Open to the Community**

*Giving you the  
head start you  
need to thrive!*

Open Tuesday through Saturday  
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NEC Testing Center  
FN1008-153  
#5-5332



## HEALTH CONNECTION

BY THE CR2C TEAM

**Q) What is the status on the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccines on the island? Who is eligible to get the vaccine?**

Children aged 5 to 11 years old are eligible to receive the pediatric vaccine. Currently all doses on Kwajalein are reserved, but there is a waiting list for the next shipment.

Children aged 12 and older are eligible to receive the initial vaccine. Appointments are scheduled in blocks of six people. Register now to claim your place on the waiting list for the vaccine.

Those aged 16 and older are eligible to receive the Pfizer booster shot. Scheduling is ongoing.

**Please contact Sue Mosier at Suzanne.m.mosier.civ@army.mil for all COVID related appointment.**

## 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**

## VETERINARY APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Does your pet need to be seen by a Veterinarian? Call or email the Kwajalein Veterinary Clinic to get on the list or make an appointment for prescreening conditions like dental care, diabetes, eye issues, lab work and medication.**

**Write to:  
kwajaleinveterinaryclinic@  
internationalsosgs.us or call  
5-2017.**

## 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.**

## 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.

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 emokajjata 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 MINIMIZE HOLIDAY WASTE

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

**Questions? Call Environmental at 5-1134.**

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

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

## USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

### WEATHER DISCUSSION

Predominately dry weather will continue, courtesy of high pressure north of the Marshall Islands, and sinking air at higher altitudes. Just a few passing showers can be expected from time to time, with below normal rainfall accumulation expected over the next several days.

Winds will be breezy from the northeast to east and will begin to slacken later Monday or Tuesday as high pressure is replaced by low pressure north of the Marshalls.

The slackening trend in winds will continue well into next week. Slightly better chances for rainfall could be seen around the middle of

next week, mainly for southern Kwajalein Atoll.

**SATURDAY:** Partly to mostly sunny. Isolated showers, mainly in the morning. Winds NE-E at 14-19 knots with higher gusts near showers.

**SUNDAY and MONDAY:** Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 14-19 knots with occasional higher gusts.

**NEXT WEEK:** Slackening northeast to east trades. Slight to moderate increase in clouds along with a few more showers possible around mid-week, especially for southern Kwajalein Atoll.



## SUN - MOON - TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	6:33 p.m. 6:42 a.m.	4:12 a.m. 3.1' 4:24 p.m. 4.2'	10:00 a.m. -0.2 10:51 p.m. -0.4
MONDAY	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	7:24 p.m. 7:33 a.m.	4:44 a.m. 3.1' 4:54 p.m. 4.3'	10:31 a.m. -0.2 11:22 p.m. -0.5
TUESDAY	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	8:15 p.m. 8:24 a.m.	5:15 a.m. 3.0' 5:24 p.m. 4.2'	11:01 a.m. -0.2 11:54 p.m. -0.4
WEDNESDAY	6:59 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	9:07 p.m. 9:13 a.m.	5:48 a.m. 3.0' 5:56 p.m. 4.1'	11:33 a.m. -0.1 -----
THURSDAY	6:59 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	9:58 p.m. 10:01 a.m.	6:21 a.m. 2.9' 6:30 p.m. 3.9'	12:28 a.m. -0.2 12:06 p.m. 0.1'
FRIDAY	7:00 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	10:48 p.m. 10:45 a.m.	6:59 a.m. 2.8' 7:07 p.m. 3.7'	1:04 a.m. -0.0' 12:42 p.m. 0.3'
DECEMBER 25	7:00 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	11:37 p.m. 11:29 a.m.	7:43 a.m. 2.6' 7:50 p.m. 3.5'	1:44 a.m. 0.2' 1:25 p.m. 0.6'



**Click the logo to visit RTS Weather online.**



## OPSEC SAVES LIVES

TO LEARN MORE, ASK YOUR SECURITY OFFICER





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## READ ALL ABOUT IT. THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

### 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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<https://www.smdc.army.mil/>

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