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# KWAJ FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTS IN PATIENT TRANSFER AT BUCHOLZ ARMY AIRFIELD

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Firefighters** and emergency medical technicians prepare for the unprecedented and unexpected.

On Kwajalein last week, that training was put to work.

Members of the Kwajalein Fire Department assisted a patient from the Leiroj Kitlang Memorial Hospital on Ebeye in boarding a United Airlines flight departing May 14 from Bucholz Army Airfield.

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll had received the aid request from the Republic of the Marshall Islands government one week earlier. Working together, the Directorate of Host Nation Activities, Ebeye Hospital personnel and local commercial airline flight personnel helped coordinate the transfer with KFD personnel.

After traveling by boat from Ebeye on Tuesday, USAG-KA EMTs transferred the patient to an ambulance at Kwajalein's Dock Security Checkpoint to Bucholz Army Airfield.

The next step was not so routine.

Before the pandemic, the EMTs could have continued through the gate and directly transferred the patient to airline personnel and attending medical staff. However, Tuesday's patient was mobility-impaired, said acting Fire Chief Robert Baldrate, and required assistance in boarding the plane. The team of two fire crew chiefs, one firefighter, and two EMTs would have to enter the cabin to ensure the patient's safety and comfort.



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The operation would be the first instance in which Kwajalein EMTs were needed to render such a service during the pandemic, putting themselves near a potential source of infection from COVID-19.

The team had everything they needed to succeed, said Baldrate.

"Firefighters and firefighter EMTs donned all of the correct personal protective equipment and then carried the patient up the ramp to the aircraft. We were wearing tyvex suits, gloves, masks, and eye protection, and all of the guys that assisted had been vaccinated."

To ensure safety for the island community, after leaving the aircraft but before returning to their department headquarters, the crew met with a decontamination team on the runway. All PPE utilized was collected, and all medical equipment was fully deconned to ensure it was safe for future use.

KFD is grateful to be able to help a member of Kwajalein's host nation.

It's just part of what we do," Baldrate said. "We are more than happy to assist."



1) A familiar sight on the runway, a Kwajalein Fire Department fire and emergency crash rescue truck is stationed on Bucholz Army Airfield during routine flight operations in 2021. 2) Check out their gear and one can see that Kwajalein firefighters are prepared for just about anything. The KFD gear locker contains rows of uniforms, respirators and other protective firefighting equipment ready at a moment's notice.

## USAG-KA RMI WORKFORCE TOWN HALLS

ROI TOWN HALL  
JUNE 7 AT 1:15 P.M.  
AT THE TRADEWINDS THEATER

KWAJALEIN  
JUNE 8 FROM 11 A.M. - NOON  
AT THE ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL

### THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# MARSHALL ISLANDS - UNITED STATES TO HOLD FIRST ROUND OF COMPACT TALKS

EXTERNAL REPORT

## Press release by the Office of the RMI President

**MAJURO**—Negotiation teams from the Marshall Islands and the United States will soon meet to fashion what many Marshallese hope will be a fairer, mutually beneficial and enduring relationship under the Compact of Free Association.

Earlier this month, in his congratulatory message to President David Kabua and the Marshallese people on the occasion of the 43rd anniversary of the RMI Constitution, U.S. President Joseph Biden informed President Kabua that U.S. Compact chief negotiator Presidential Envoy Ambassador Joseph Yun and his team are ready to engage in talks to renew provisions of the Compact.

Responding to President Biden's warm words, President Kabua said he is greatly encouraged by the U.S. message and that the RMI negotiation team under the leadership of chief negotiator Minister Kitlang Kabua is ready to sit down with Ambassador Yun and the U.S. team in good faith negotiations.

President Kabua, in a letter to Biden, invited the U.S. negotiation team to visit the Marshall Islands later this month (May) to start the first round of talks.

Kabua said he hoped the renewed Compact agreement will serve to further strengthen the bonds of mutual trust



*Republic of the Marshall Islands Minister of Education, Sports and Training Kitlang Kabua, left, and U.S. Presidential Envoy Ambassador Joseph Yun, right, will lead discussions for the RMI and U.S., respectively, during the upcoming first round of talks for the Compact of Free Association.*

and friendship between Marshallese and Americans.

According to Minister Kitlang Kabua, the upcoming talks will focus on renewing for an additional 20 years the economic provisions of the Compact and refining other sections of the agreement, including the Military Use and Operating Rights Agreement, the fiscal procedures agreement, the federal programs and services, as well as other sections. The overall aim of the RMI, and most assuredly the U.S., is for both sides to work together to broaden the relations to improve the lives of Marshallese at home as well as those living in America.

Aside from the Kwajalein funding, which will continue

until 2086, the terms of the Compact, as amended, stipulate that all U.S. assistance and programs to the RMI will terminate on Sept. 30, 2023. After that date, RMI will live off the revenue from the Compact trust fund.

Due to strong support from many members of the U.S. Congress and senior Biden Administration officials, there is a sense of enthusiasm in the RMI that the U.S. will lend a sympathetic ear, offer a generous helping hand and consider the RMI needs and concerns with a sincere commitment to address outstanding problems. Chief among these are the Nuclear Legacy, Climate Crisis, the need to elevate the

quality of health and education services, the provision of essential infrastructure, such as world-class hospitals for Majuro and Ebeye, among others.

After meeting U.S. negotiator Yun virtually last month, Kabua said he feels encouraged about the Compact talks this time around, having been reassured that both the RMI and U.S. negotiation teams will be able to discuss all outstanding issues.

There is high enthusiasm among RMI officials that the U.S. will come to the table with a can-do attitude and ready to roll up its sleeves and work hard to solve existing problems and unresolved issues.



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## NO ONE IS GOING ANYWHERE WITHOUT THESE EXPERTS ON THE JOB

**Each day**, the dedicated team at the Kwajalein Fuel Farm plays an important role in keeping the garrison's engines turning. Fuel farm handlers perform routine maintenance and refueling operations for the garrison's

mission islands. While they're on the job, they make it look good. Kwajalein fuel handlers worked last week to resurface and paint the loading rack at the island's Fuel Farm so that the facility is in top form. Keep up the

good work, guys. We appreciate you. Standing, from left: Ramney Benjamin, Sinty Slon, Zackios Kuli, Redner Amon, Fuels Manager Edgar Unite and Carson Mejdrick. First row: Gibson Balos.





# BLESSINGS

## FOR THE KWAJALEIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**More than** 300 family members and friends in the Ebeye and Kwajalein communities joined together at the Island Memorial Chapel May 15 for the 2022 Baccalaureate ceremony, an interdenominational, faith-based celebration to bless the graduates before high school commencement exercises later that same week.

Fr. Tadeuz Gegotek of the IMC Catholic congregation led the ceremony, which also included a special vocal performance by the Good News Choir of Ebeye's Kwajalein Atoll United Church of Christ.

Wearing matching purple print attire, students processed into the chapel to the popular 1990s rock song "Bittersweet Symphony," by The Verve. In use for years, the song is the longstanding an-

them for the event. During the song, junior classmen read each senior's prepared personal statement. Some offered thanks for the help and support of loved ones and friends, while looking into the future.

Each of the nights' speakers challenged the students to seek authenticity in their future lives. In his opening prayer, Gegotek described the milestone of baccalaureate as a lifechanging moment, indicative of beginnings and endings, and defined by relationships.

"Each moment both an end and beginning, and it compels us to pause and turn our frayed attention to you, to praise you, God, for being a god of both beginnings and endings, and for being present with us on the long journey between the two," Gegotek said. "Thank you for working with us individually and collectively—for orches-

trating the relationships we never expected, and now realize we could not have done without—for bringing others into our lives that introduce us to ourselves and to you."

Speaking on behalf of US-AG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley, Lt. Col. Ben Jackson welcomed guests and visitors. He encouraged the students to consider life as a journey, with the end of public education as but one step along the way.

"The students all come from different backgrounds, different hometowns, and they are all here at this time in history," Jackson said. He addressed the students: "And

that's important. ... [Your parents] are grinning ear to ear not because you're leaving, and not because you're the last one to leave the house. They see the potential you all possess, and they see what you can become. They're proud of you to get to this moment, and they're going to be even prouder when you move on from here. This is merely a step of many throughout the rest of your careers and your lives. I know you will all do great things. ... I think you can all be the change you want to be. You all have proven that here."

Keynote speaker Mindi Gerber provided words of en-



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

1) Fr. Tadeuz Gegotek gives an opening prayer May 15 during the Island Memorial Chapel Baccalaureate ceremony. 2) Friends and family from Kwajalein and Ebeye joined graduates at the chapel. 3) Lt. Col. Ben Jackson, USAG-KA director of logistics, welcomed attendees and provided encouraging words to graduates and their families. 4) Verlene Lorok performs a hula with classmates. 5) The graduating class chooses baccalaureate speakers. This year's guest speaker, Kwajalein School System teacher Mindi Gerber, challenged students to seek authenticity and truth in their future lives.



couragement to the graduates during her keynote address. Leaving a beautiful and remote home like Kwajalein might seem difficult, Gerber said, but for some, it would be a welcome change after years spent growing up in a “fishbowl” community of less than 2,000 people

“For some of you, you’ve loved it. You haven’t minded the closeness of our community. The constant ability for people to have a front row seat to your life, in your fishbowl. ...For some of you, the fishbowl has felt a little small. ...Maybe you’re hitting the glass wall, ready to escape your fishbowl.

“The uniqueness of our island community has shaped your identity. The time you have spent here will have a lasting impact on you. I caution you to focus on what you know to be true of you, and not to allow the labels placed on you by the viewers peering into your fishbowl, but by knowing and loving yourself, as God does. God says you are perfectly, and wonderfully made.”

Following remarks, US-AG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega presented each student with a US-AG-KA command coin, and the graduating women performed a class hula dance before the entire graduating class danced back down the aisle and out into the future together.

Following the ceremony, families and friends in attendance joined the graduates for an outdoor reception.



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1) The Good News Choir of Ebeye’s Kwajalein Atoll United Church of Christ performs during the ceremony. 2) Parents of the Class of 2022 watch proceedings on the chapel stage. From left: Deirdre Wyatt-Pope, John O’Rourke and Doug Hepler. 3) USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega carries on the longstanding tradition of presenting graduates with a commander’s coin. Ortega, left, awards graduate Dominic Aragon in this photo. 4) Annie Acosta is surrounded by well-wishers in the post-ceremony receiving

line. 5) Family doesn’t get much cooler than this. Pictured here, Darryl Lorok, left, and Martin Lojkar, right, get ready to celebrate during the ceremony reception. 6) Check out photos from the class of 2022 throughout the years, and you’ll see this familiar sight. Pictured here, Litokne Kabua leads his classmates down the aisle of the Island Memorial Chapel. 7) Helpful volunteer Mark McCollum restocks the desserts table with massive trays of pastries provided by parents of the graduating class for the reception.





FIRST DAY OF CLASSES



TURKEY BOWL

# IT'S TIME FOR THE NEXT ADVENTURE.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KWAJALEIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022!

*-The Kwajalein Hourglass*



GRADUATION WEEK

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# FIRST GRADUATION IS A BIG STEP FOR CLASS OF 2035

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Members of** the graduating Class of 2035 made the first big step toward public education in a commencement ceremony at the Corlett Recreation Center May 14.

The young graduates—currently enrolled at the Child Development Center on U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein Atoll just completed their pre-K education. Next year, they will join fellow students at George Seitz Elementary School to begin kindergarten.

Dressed in blue caps and gowns, the graduates marched into the room and took their seats before a room filled with parents and friends.

The ceremony was full of memorable moments for parents and teachers alike. CYS Lead Teacher Lisa Forrester shared her favorite memories about each student and thanked them for a wonderful year.

Together they watched a slideshow of photographs compiled throughout the year that illustrated the story of the class and how much they have learned. The grads laughed as they recognized friends, their own shy smiles and scenes from an array of fieldtrips and activities organized by CYS staff.

During the year, they visited USAG-KA command, the RTS Weather Station and studied nature and science on outdoor excursions in and around the immediate CYS neighborhood. There were also several humorous moments, as grads saw proof of their classroom antics.

At last, it was time to turn tassels and celebrate. Grads accepted their diplomas from their CYS teachers and flower leis and gifts at the stage apron before enjoying a family reception.



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1) Members of the Class of 2035 turn tassels during their pre-K graduation ceremony at the Corlett Recreation Center May 14. From left: Alexander Creed, Abigail Dawicki, Charlotte Jackson and Orion Miller. 2) A memorable moment in CDC history: Teachers Velma Matthew, left, and Lisa Forrester, right, pose with Alexander

Creed after delivering his diploma. 3) Kwajalein resident Liz Mefford gave each graduate a special strand of beads for a graduation gift. 4) Young graduates line up to greet their families. 5) It's photo time! The grads are surrounded by parents and friends with cameras following the ceremony.





# KWAJALEIN GIRL SCOUTS END YEAR WITH HONORS

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Members of Girl Scouts Overseas Troop 801 participated in an end-of-year awards ceremony at Camp Hamilton May 16 to deliver awards, mark achievements and to bid a fond farewell to PCS'ing members of the troop. 1) Members of Kwajalein Girl Scout Troop 801 hold up the Girl Scout sign. 2) Troop leaders Carrie Corley, left, and Maria Sadowski provide a brief

history of troop activities during the year. 3) Brownie Girl Scout Sophia Sadowski greets senior Scouts Tessa Delisio, left, Maliana McCollum and Kendal Warren during her bridging ceremony to Junior-level Girl Scout. 4) Troop leader Carrie Aljure hugs volunteer Jane Christy. 5) Charlotte Dawicki, left, and Lily Taylor roast s'mores at the Camp Hamilton firepit.

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All the Usual Suspects won the A League championship and bragging rights after defeating Lib in the USAG-KA Softball season May 14—but all is not lost for Kwajalein's favorite underdog. We fully expect Terry to join in the MWR Super Summer Sports Slam in early June. Call MWR at 5-3331 for more information and enjoy these shots from the game. 1) Referee Darryl Lorok has called it—and he means it. Special thanks to all of our hardworking referees. 2) Terry Lorok pitches to win. 3) It's All the Usual Suspects—and a coconut trophy. 4) Keith Brady is up at bat. 5) Players line up to wish the opposing team a job well done. 6) Team Lib's David Martin makes a run for the base. 7) Erik Hanson, left, and Shawn Brady of All the Usual Suspects check out the coconut trophy for this year's win.



# 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.

**ARMY REGULATIONS TOBACCO USE.** USAG-KA Policy Memorandum 600-8 protects others from the negative impact of tobacco use. On USAG-KA, smoking is permitted in designated smoking areas only. Smoking and cigarette butt receptacles must be at least 50 feet from the entrance of facilities.

**CANDLES** and open flames are not permitted in BQ rooms. The Kwajalein Fire Department thanks you for keeping your neighbors safe.

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

**CLASSES**  
**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.** Open meetings for this group are Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the REB, Room 213.

**BLDG. COORDINATOR TRAINING.** This training for building managers is required by AR 420-1. Kwaj training occurs on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 10 a.m. in the Religious Education Building. Roi-Namur training occurs on the second Wednesday each month at 9:30 a.m. in C-building. Call 5-3364 to register.

**SMOKING CESSATION.** Ongoing smoking and tobacco cessation counseling is available. Call the EAP at 5-5362 or email [marybeth.mawicki@internationalsosgs.us](mailto:marybeth.mawicki@internationalsosgs.us) for more.

**DRIVER'S TRAINING & LICENSING PROGRAMS.** Kwajalein Classes: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.; Automotive Area, Bldg. 856, Room 103. Roi Classes: Saturdays only, 9 – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m.; C-building. Call 5-3291 to register. Class size is limited. Please bring a valid U.S., international or Marshall Islands license with you to class.

**FACILITIES**  
**RACQUETBALL COURT CODE.** Residents can obtain the door 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.

**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). Write to [kwajalein.hourglass@amentum.com](mailto:kwajalein.hourglass@amentum.com) to remove your listing.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.** This position provides daily administrative task support for operations at the Island Memorial Chapel. For questions or to submit a resume, please call 5-3505. Send to [kwajchapel@gmail.com](mailto:kwajchapel@gmail.com) and Ch. Brian Conner at [brian\\_conner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:brian_conner@sbcglobal.net).

**CALIBRE** seeks a Military Material Specialist. For more information, or to apply, visit <https://jobs.silkroad.com/calibresys/httpscalibresyscareerssilkroadcom/jobs/4013>.

**INTERNATIONAL SOS** seeks a dental assistant and applicants for administrative positions. Send your resume to [marykathleen.bryan@internationalosos.com](mailto:marykathleen.bryan@internationalosos.com).

**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.

**TEACHING ASSISTANTS WANTED.** The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory, Beaver Works Summer Institute seeks teaching assistants to support this year's program, which will run for the full month of July.

Summer TAs will help local high school students learn an introduction to coding in Python and robotics using the miniRACECAR curriculum.

All applicants must be at least 18 years-old by the program start date. Experience with coding is required, and Python experience is preferred. Top consideration will be given to candidates who apply before May 15. For more information, contact Dr. Sarah Willis on Facebook.



**U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL**  
**MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**  
**MAY 27 AT 4 P.M.**  
**THE ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

Interested candidates should fill out the application at the link below: [https://mit-bwsi.formstack.com/forms/beaverworks\\_job\\_application\\_2022?fbclid=IwAR35VAi34wk8xZMQwZGZLc2PJO1Z8WUR-RK7PmLi3urMVkZSIAMt6EWURK](https://mit-bwsi.formstack.com/forms/beaverworks_job_application_2022?fbclid=IwAR35VAi34wk8xZMQwZGZLc2PJO1Z8WUR-RK7PmLi3urMVkZSIAMt6EWURK).

**NAN, INC.** seeks a project engineer, welder, welding inspector, quality control manager (QCM), and site safety and health officer (SSHO). To apply, visit [www.nanhawaii.com](http://www.nanhawaii.com) and contact Clint Ueatari or Kevin Short at 5-2632, 5-4995 or 5-4996.

**QUANTUM DYNAMICS, INC.,** is accepting resumes for positions on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur in the following areas: Vehicle Maintenance, Transportation Motor Pool, Movement Control, and Custodial. Please apply to specific opportunities at <https://qdyncorp.com/home/careers/> or contact Ms. Trina Romeo, HR Manager at 5-1509 (office phone), email: [tromeo@Qdyncorp.com](mailto:tromeo@Qdyncorp.com) or stop by Building 1071 (Emergency

Operations Center) located at the southern end of Kwajalein.

**TRUESTONE** is hiring for multiple positions. Contact Tribalco Human Resources at 5-4344 and visit <https://www.akima.com/careers/>. Visit [www.tribalco.com/careers.html](http://tribalco.com/careers.html).

**RGNEXT, LLC** seeks qualified candidates to fill several open positions on Kwaj and Roi in engineering, technical and other areas. For more information and to apply, go to [www.rgnext.com](http://www.rgnext.com).

**USAG-KA CYS** 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.

**HOURS OF OPERATION**  
**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>.

## STAY CONNECTED TO PUBLIC WORKS WITH THESE NEW POINTS OF CONTACT

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Community members** play an important role in maintaining island housing units. Assigned occupants help the Army identify maintenance issues and safety-related concerns so they can be addressed. These efforts are appreciated.

The safety of your quarters is important to the Department of Public Works. Following LOGCAP V transition, some contact information for DPW has changed.

Read on for the best phone numbers to reach out to DPW

to get the help you need.

**For Service Orders**  
[PublicWorksServiceDesk@Vectrus.com](mailto:PublicWorksServiceDesk@Vectrus.com)  
POC: PW Service Desk 5-3550

**For Dig Permits**  
[DigPermitsDPW@Vectrus.com](mailto:DigPermitsDPW@Vectrus.com). POC: Darryl Lorok 5-2049

**Get to know ArMA.**  
ARMA will continue to be utilized for all routine "priority 3" requests for Army Family and bachelor quarters requests. If you are a new island resident, be sure to register

for your ArMA account online at <https://www.armymaintenance.com>.

The Army's online maintenance tracking system is a one-stop shop for reporting all routine service order requests for on-island quarters, to include both bachelor quarters and Army Family Housing units. Housing occupants can upload photos of maintenance issues and log maintenance requests through the website. The ArMa system maintains a permanent log of all records for issue tracking purposes.

### For Emergency Service Orders

To report emergency service order requests, call 5-3550. Emergencies include major water leaks, loss of all air conditioning, no operational toilets or inoperable appliances, smoke detectors, door locks or plumbing.





**AUTOMOTIVE LICENSING.** The Automotive Licensing Office has moved to Bldg. 808. Please visit during regular hours of operation to complete license testing and documentation.

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

**MWR RENTALS**  
**CART RENTALS.** All cart operations have moved to the Bowling Center on the first floor of Building 805. Call 5-3439 for more.

**EQUIPMENT.** 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.

**NOTICES**  
CALL THE Kwajalein Hospital to express your interest in securing a future optometry appointment at 5-2223.

**FLYROI.** FlyRoi has a new email address. Email flyroi@wsp.com for work and space-A request forms.

**VACCINES.** A wait list for persons 12 years old and under for the COVID booster or for your first or second vaccine; or to vaccinate children

aged 5- 11 years old, the list is now forming. Email Suzanne Mosier at Suzanne.m.mosier.civ@army.mil to get your child on the list.

**DON'T TAKE CULTURAL ARTIFACTS.** Remember, it is illegal to remove cultural resources from the atoll. This includes any protected species, unexploded ordnance, WWII-era artifacts and ancient Marshallese artifacts. These resources are protected under U.S. federal and RMI law. Please do not remove these precious pieces of atoll history from Kwajalein. For any questions about cultural resources, please contact the Kwajalein Archaeology Office at 5-9502.

**VETERINARY CARE**  
Call 5-2017 or email the Kwajalein Veterinary Clinic at kwajaleinveterinaryclinic@internationalsosgs.us to get on the list or make an appointment for prescreening conditions like dental care, diabetes, eye issues, lab work and medication.

**ORGANIZATIONS**  
**KWAJALEIN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.** Looking for active members and leadership positions to take the club to new heights. Contact the club at 5-2501 or email kwajradioclub@gmail.com to learn more.

**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.

**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. Contact Carrie Aljure at whatacod@aol.com.

**TWO LIFEGUARDS REQUIRED.** For safety reasons, an extra lifeguard is required for parties held at the Millican Family Pool. Questions, or to reserve the pool, contact Cliff Pryor at Clifford.PryorJr@amentum.com or 5-2848.

**MILITARY WORKING DOGS.** The community is advised to follow these tips for safety around military working dogs. WDs will conduct inspections at locations like BQs, transient facilities and other areas.

- Maintain a distance of five feet at all times.
- Do not attempt to pet or agitate the Working Dogs on patrol or at the K-9 kennel area
- Follow all instructions from the Kwajalein Police Department and K-9 dog handlers at all times.

Questions? Contact the Provost Marshal's Office at 5-2109, 5-8859 and 5-3530.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT THE ISLAND MEMORIAL CHAPEL**

*Join the congregations of the Island Memorial Chapel for weekly services and opportunities to join in fellowship and praise activities.*

*Be sure to keep an eye on Kwajalein social media for event announcements for the island's fellowship groups. Check out additional community services provided by the chapel team. Call 5-3505 to speak with a religious services team member about your specific worship needs.*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**  
Send prayer requests electronically to: m.me/IMCKwajalein

**COUNSELING SESSIONS**  
Counseling sessions are available by appointment. Call 5-3505.

**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**  
**Morning Services**  
Sunday, 9:15 a.m.  
Main Sanctuary

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

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

**ROI SERVICES**  
Protestant Services  
1st & 3rd Fridays  
at 6:30 p.m.

**CHAPEL ACTIVITIES**  
**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.

**BUILDER SMS MILITARY HOUSING INSPECTIONS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Dear Housing Residents,**  
U.S. Army Garrison Kwajalein will undergo an installation-wide facility inspection program between May 4 and June 11.

**WHERE:** USAG-KA Army Family Housing and Bachelor Quarters

**WHEN:** Through June 11, Tuesday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Housing residents are not required to be home during the inspection, which could take 60 to 90 minutes.

**WHY:** Inspections of Army Family Housing and BQ facilities are required by HQ IMCOM to document standardization of facility conditions. Inspections will allow consistent reporting to the Army's real property database and provide analytical data for re-sourcing of funding.

Housing-escorted contractor teams of two to five assessors from Wood, PLC, will be required to enter your housing unit to complete a visual inspection of building components. The contractors must access all interior and exterior spaces to take measurements and document findings.

The contractors are required to take photos of building components but will not take photos of residents or personal identifiable information such as names, photos and certificates.

A full schedule is being developed, and can be found on the next page. Please note there could be short-notice changes to the schedule. This is a mandatory inspection that helps standardize documentation of facility conditions.

**Before Inspection Day**  
To ensure safety for your pets and our inspection team, before inspections begin, it is required that all pet owners please notify Jim Streetman via email if you have a dog and/or cat residing in your house. Some team members may be allergic to cat hair and pet dander. All pets must be secured before entrance into the home and remain secured until our team departs your home.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work to provide you the safe, quality housing that you deserve.

**For more information, please contact Wood Field Project Manager Jim Streetman at jim.streetman@woodplc.com (704)-724-2708**

*This information was approved for release by Lauren Jackson, USAG-KA DPW Housing Manager*

**Kwajalein AFH Inspection Schedule**  
**Tuesday, May 24:** 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494  
**Wednesday, May 25:** 435, 436, 438, 439, 443, 437, 451, 495, 139B  
**Thursday, May 26:** 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 116, 156, 482  
**Friday, May 27:** 449, 452, 453, 454, 455, 402, 404, 407, 409  
**Saturday, May 28:** 456, 457, 470, 472, 474  
**Tuesday, May 31:** 476, 480, 484, 496

**Kwajalein BQ Inspection Schedule**  
**Tuesday, May 24:** Coral and Sands  
**Thursday, May 26:** Palm and Reef  
**Friday, May 27:** Ocean and Shell

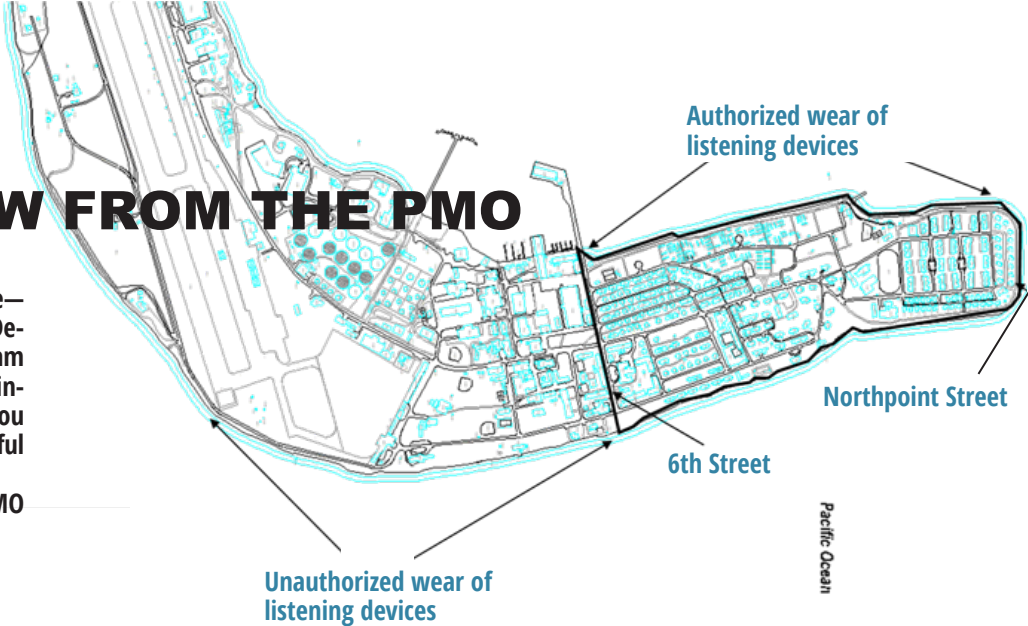
**Roi BQ Inspection Schedule**  
**Wednesday, June 8:** Ajax and Sprint  
**Thursday, June 9:** Apache, Zeus, Nike  
**Friday, June 10:** Ratak "A" and Ralik "B"  
**Saturday, June 11:** Spartan



# GOOD-TO-KNOW FROM THE PMO

The Kwajalein Provost Marshal's Office—better known as the Kwajalein Police Department—is located in Bldg. 806. The team welcomes the chance to help you and maintains an active Facebook page where you can private message questions and helpful information.

Read on for a few updates from the PMO about safety and island life.



## REGULATION UPDATE

USAG-KA Regulation 56-4 Motor and Non-Motor Transportation, Vehicle Operation and Control, was signed into effect April 26. (This action rescinds USAG-KA Regulation 190-5, Motor Vehicle, Non-Motor Vehicle and Bicycle Traffic Supervision, and consolidates its contents into USAG-KA 56-4).

If you enjoy listening to music or audiobooks while walking or doing physical fitness activities around Kwajalein, this regulation applies to you.

- Wear of portable listening devices is authorized only while walking, running, jogging and cycling on USAG-KA roads between 6th Street and Northpoint Street, so long as the device is not “noise canceling.”

Wear of listening devices south of 6th Street is unauthorized.

- Bicycles and/or riders are required to operate a form of lighting in use while operating on USAG-KA roads between sunset and sunrise. Headlamps on the rider and/or flashlights affixed to the bicycle are acceptable.
- Wear of protective helmets while cycling is a Sponsor’s decision. However, helmets are required when conducting “speed training.”

For more information, email [usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd-mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd-mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil)

## HOW TO SUBMIT GUEST SPONSORSHIP FORMS

The Provost Marshal’s Office will no longer accept hard copy forms. Only forms sent digitally will be accepted. All 55R’s, Community Exchange, 480’s and Day Guest forms will be sent to [usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd-mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd-mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil).

All documents must come from your servicing Human Resources representative. **All forms must be received 14 days prior to the beginning of travel of the sponsored.**

Questions regarding forms can be directed to the 5-4416 or 5-3739.

# KWAJALEIN READY TO WELCOME TDY OPTOMETRIST

## HOURLASS REPORT

The island community will welcome TDY optometrist Dr. William T. Black out of quarantine later this summer to conduct appointments on Kwajalein.

Island residents are strongly advised to contact the Kwajalein Hospital as soon as possible to be added to an appointment waitlist. Call 5-2223/5-2224 to join the list or to receive more information.

### About the Optometrist

**Dr. William T. Black** is a 1992 graduate of Pacific University. He earned his optometric physician’s degree with distinction and founded Family Eyecare Specialists in January 1994, with the vision to provide personalized, attentive and outcome-based care while also offering exceptional products and services to patients.

Dr. Black has grown his medical busi-

ness model to five locations, more than 50 staff and eight full time doctors.

He is a current member of the American Optometric Association, the Idaho Optometric Association, and the St. Alphonsus Foundation Board. He is also a former Caldwell School Board Trustee.

Black serves as the President of Family Eyecare Specialists and specializes in diabetic eye health, glaucoma, cataracts, dry eye and general primary optometric care. With a passion for children, he established a pediatric clinic in 2006 that serves Idaho Health and Welfare youth under the age of 21.

Additionally, his professional time is spent travelling as a national contact lens speaker and facilitator for Alcon Vision, as well a consultant for Keplr Vision, a practice acquisition company.

Black enjoys traveling, hot yoga, social hours, golfing and spending quality time with his wife Abby, and their two daughters and son-in-law.



*Don’t miss him. TDY optometrist Dr. William T. Black will visit Kwajalein later this summer to perform eye exams. Contact the Kwajalein Hospital at 5-2223 to be added to an appointment waitlist.*

# REDUCED HAWAII QUARANTINE BEGINS JULY 1

Beginning with tranche 109 on July 1, the mandatory quarantine time in Hawaii will be three days only. Two weeks’ quarantine on Kwajalein is still in effect.





# NEW LUNCHTIME HOURS AT CAFE ROI

Beginning this week, Cafe Roi lunch hours have changed to 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.



# QUARTERLY INNOVATION CHALLENGE

The Garrison Commander wants to hear from you.

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll is looking for great ideas to help make innovations and improvements to our island community life. You can help.

## You can win the Quarterly Innovation Challenge.

Winners will receive an official innovator's award and a special AAFES gift card presented by Col. Tom Pugsley.

## Submit your great idea:

- Call the Commander's Hotline at 5-1098.
- Send an email to USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer Mike Brantley, at james.m.brantley4.civ@army.mil.
- USAG-KA Command thanks AAFES for supporting this special community initiative.

# U.S. ENTRY REQUIREMENT A REMINDER TO ALL DEPARTING ON UNITED AIRLINES

It is a requirement of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 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 call the hospital no later than a week prior to your departure to schedule your COVID test. Payment will be expected at the time of service.

\*EXCEPTON: Government, Active Duty or DoD Civilians/dependents traveling on official orders do not require a COVID test to fly on United Airlines.

# No Wipes in Our Pipes!

Many household products are labeled as "flushable." They are not. Toilet paper is the only product that can safely be flushed down a toilet.

## What Can You Do to Help?

Please never flush any consumer item that is not toilet paper! Failure to follow these guidelines may result in sewage backing up into your residence. Call Vectrus Environmental at 5-1134.

## Kojbarok Pipes Ko: Jab Flush Wipes Ko!

Jab Likiti "Flush ii" ak julaki" ilo toilet bowl ko.

Ne ewor am kajitok kaki, call e lok Vectrus Environmental ilo 5-1134.



# KWAJALEIN AIR TERMINAL SHUTTLE BUS

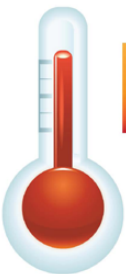
Need a ride?

Call 5-TAXI to book your ride to the terminal at least 24 hours in advance of check-in for your United or ATI flights.

# QUARANTINE DELIVERY PICK-UP TIMES



Package pick-up for deliveries to personnel in quarantine will depart from Macy's on Mondays at 10 a.m. and Surfway on Thursdays at 2 p.m. A delivery vehicle will arrive 30 minutes before departure. Please ensure all deliveries are securely packed and labeled with the recipient's name and quarters number. Questions? Please call Clint Weaver at 5-2465 or Hugo Arce-Hodgson at 5-8865.



# BEAT THE HEAT: Extreme Heat

Heat related deaths are preventable

## WHAT:

Extreme heat or heat waves occur when the temperature reaches extremely high levels or when the combination of heat and humidity causes the air to become oppressive.

## WHO:





# THE LIBERTY PASS

## Kwaj Weekend and Activity Guide



## MOVIES

Movies begin at 7:30 p.m.

### YUK THEATER KWAJALEIN

**Saturday, May 21**  
"Encanto"  
(PG) 112 min.

**Sunday, May 22**  
"Anchorman: The Legend  
of Ron Burgundy"  
(PG-13) 94 min.

**Monday, May 23**  
"Another 48 Hours"  
(R) 103 min.

**Saturday, May 28**  
"Top Gun"  
(PG) 111 min.

**Sunday, May 29**  
"Anchorman 2:  
The Legend Continues"  
(PG-13) 119 min.

**Monday, May 30**  
"Flags Of Our Fathers"  
(R) 135 min.

**Saturday, June 4**  
"Despicable Me 2"  
(PG-13) 98 min.

**Sunday, June 5**  
"Blacklight"  
(PG-13) 104 min.

**Monday, June 6**  
"Jackass Forever"  
(R) 96 min.

### C-BUILDING ROI-NAMUR

**Saturday, May 21**  
"Birds Of Prey"  
(R) 109 min.

**Sunday, May 22**  
"Three Billboards  
Outside Ebbing"  
(R) 115 min.

**Saturday, May 28**  
"Stuber"  
(R) 93 min.

**Sunday, May 29**  
"Atomic Blonde"  
(R) 115 min.

**Saturday, June 4**  
"Blockers"  
(R) 102 min.

**Sunday, June 5**  
"Boogie"  
(R) 90 min.



### Namo Weto Youth Center

Students are required to be registered at the Youth Center to attend.

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**  
**7:30-9:30 P.M.**  
Welcoming all new students  
to the Youth Center

**Welcome  
DANCE!**

**Memorial Day Emon Beach Bash**  
May 30, 4 p.m.  
Bounce Houses, Water Slides and Games  
Food available from 4 – 9 p.m.  
Beverages available from 4 – 11 p.m.  
Kwajalein Idol 7 p.m. – ?

If you would like to perform,  
please contact MWR @ 5-3331  
(Karaoke, Acapella and special  
arrangements can be  
accommodated)

7 p.m.  
Kwajalein  
Idol

**Summer Sports Super Slam**  
Inner Tube Water Polo, Indoor Volleyball,  
Basketball and Kickball

Register your team in up to four sports for the chance to win  
prizes and bragging rights in the Summer Sports Super Slam.  
Teams can compete for individual event prizes and an overall  
Summer Sports Super Slam Championship award.

Register now through June 1  
Season begins June 7  
For more information, contact the MWR Desk  
in the Grace Sherwood Library @ 5-3331.

**Father's Day Sunday, June 19**  
**DODGEBALL WITH DADS!**  
**DADS & TEENS are invited**  
2 - 3:30 P.M. CRC GYM

Students are required to be  
registered at the Youth  
Center to attend.





# RTS

## WEATHER STATION



SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	12:20 a.m. 12:18 p.m.	8:50 a.m. 3.6' 10:13 p.m. 2.4'	2:06 a.m. 1.0' 3:56 p.m. 0.9'
MONDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	1:10 a.m. 1:13 p.m.	10:24 a.m. 3.3' -----	3:39 a.m. 1.4' 5:33 p.m. 0.9'
TUESDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	1:55 a.m. 2:05 p.m.	12:00 a.m. 2.7' 11:59 a.m. 3.2'	5:37 a.m. 1.4' 6:45 p.m. 0.8'
WEDNESDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	2:37 a.m. 2:53 p.m.	1:08 a.m. 3.1' 1:08 p.m. 3.4'	7:02 a.m. 1.1' 7:33 p.m. 0.6'
THURSDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	3:17 a.m. 3:40 p.m.	1:54 a.m. 3.5' 1:58 p.m. 3.5'	7:58 a.m. 0.8' 8:10 p.m. 0.4'
FRIDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:03 p.m.	3:56 a.m. 4:26 p.m.	2:30 a.m. 3.9' 2:37 p.m. 3.5'	8:41 a.m. 0.5' 8:41 p.m. 0.2'
MAY 28	6:29 a.m. 7:04 p.m.	4:35 a.m. 5:13 p.m.	3:02 a.m. 4.2' 3:12 p.m. 3.6'	9:17 a.m. 0.2' 9:10 p.m. 0.1'

### RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

#### Weather Discussion

Mostly dry and pleasant weather will prevail into the start of the weekend as an upper trough northwest of RMI directs mid- to upper-level dry air into the area. Breezier conditions will begin to develop this weekend, leading to an increase in low-level convergence and shower activity Sunday evening into Monday.

Winds are expected to remain below Small Craft Advisory levels, but strong gusts may be expected with any heavier showers, especially on Monday and Tuesday. Late in the week, the Intertropical Convergence Zone will begin to strengthen over RMI but mostly south of the atoll, leading to periods of heavier shower development into the end of the week.

Outside of showers, winds will remain in the upper single digits to lower teens for Saturday and much of

Sunday, increasing to the mid-upper teens through the remainder of the forecast period.

#### Saturday and Sunday

Partly sunny with stray showers, increasing to isolated showers Sunday evening. Winds ENE-E at 7-12 knots, increasing to 10-15 knots on Sunday with higher gusts near showers.

#### Monday

Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers and a possible stray thunderstorm in the morning, decreasing to stray showers in the afternoon. Winds ENE-E at 14-19 knots with higher gusts near showers.

#### Tuesday through Thursday

Partly to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers on Tuesday, decreasing to isolated showers into mid-week. Winds NE-E at 13-18 knots with higher gusts near showers.



## Work and play safely.

For additional weather information, please click the logo to visit the RTS Weather Station online.



## SHARP

SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE & PREVENTION

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



Sgt. 1st Class Effie Banks  
SHARP Victim Advocate

Work: 805-355-0660

or 805-355-1419

USAG-KA SHARP Pager:

805-355-3241 #0100

DOD SAFE Helpline:

877-995-5247

### RMI TRAVEL ISSUANCE #38



The Republic of the Marshall Islands government has insituted Travel Issuance 38. This travel restriction applies through May 31.

### UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHTS FOR APRIL-MAY

Monday  
UA155 (HNL)  
Check-in: 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday  
UA154 (GUM)  
Check-in: 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

# SUSTAIN THE MISSION. SECURE THE FUTURE.

## A PARTNERSHIP FOR THE PLANET.



### FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

<https://www.un.org/en/climatechange/what-is-climate-change>

[https://www.army.mil/e2/downloads/rv7/about/2022\\_army\\_climate\\_strategy.pdf](https://www.army.mil/e2/downloads/rv7/about/2022_army_climate_strategy.pdf)





*Coastal erosion has worn away sand and rock, exposing the roots of an oceanside pine tree.*

 U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

# SHARING STORIES FROM THE MISSION. THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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.

USAG Kwajalein  
<https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/index.php>

USAG-KA Garrison Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/USArmyKwajaleinAtoll/>

U.S. Space and Missile Command  
<https://www.smdc.army.mil/>



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