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 JESSICA DAMBRUCH



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USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley shared updates and information about changing quarantine and travel protocols for the Republic of the Marshall Islands at a July 15 Kwajalein community town hall at the Island Memorial Chapel.

COVID TOWN HALL: THE WAY FORWARD

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

On July 15, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll held a town hall meeting for the Kwajalein community to share the updates and information about the how the Republic of the Marshall Islands’ opening borders for the first time in two and a half years may impact community life, work and incoming travel in the coming months.

USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley spoke to more than 150 residents in attendance at the Island Memorial Chapel, providing information on the RMI’s procedures, the reduction of quarantine times in Hawaii and on Kwajalein and what the community can expect.

This is the first article in a series of weekly information bulletins to inform the community. Information will appear in The Kwajalein Hourglass, on the AFN roller channel (Channel 19-5 on Kwajalein and Channel 2 on Roi-Namur), the roller channel YouTube livestream and the official USAG-KA Facebook page, USArmyKwajaleinAtoll.

For more information, community members are encouraged to call the Commander’s Hotline at 5-1098.

“Thank you for showing up today for a topic most of you are pretty interested in for various reasons,” said Col. Pugsley. “Maybe you have plans to leave and you want to know what the impacts are going to be; maybe you have kids in school.

As you are aware, last week the RMI published their roadmap to reopening the borders. After two and a half years, they are serious about trying to off-ramp from the excessive tactics, techniques and procedures we’ve been living under.

That has opened up a lot of questions and unfortunately, a lot of speculations and assumptions. The purpose for the town hall today is to bring everyone together to share what we know right now, to share some expectations with you and hopefully do some expectation management so people aren’t making assumptions as to what is going to happen. More importantly, this meeting will allow you to understand what we can expect and allow us to start planning and preparing.

How will USAG-KA implement the RMI’s COVID program?

The RMI quarantine procedures and off ramp plan is slightly different than ours. Ours is a little more deliberate in

how we are reducing quarantine. We’ll talk about where we are headed over the next three months until Oct. 1, when the RMI expects to open its borders.

We’ll also talk about what opening the borders means. It does not mean what most people think it means.

We will talk about things you can do to plan and prepare for the inevitability of COVID entering this country. Many of us have been here throughout the entire pandemic. Some of us have been back to the U.S.

We want to make sure we all understand what we can expect so we can mitigate many of the mistakes made back in the States. Our goal here, our job, is to prepare this community to accept COVID, unwillingly, I know, and not to overreact. We can avoid pitfalls which the U.S. and every other country in the world, minus about three, have already lived through.

The rest of the world has moved on from COVID-19, and now it’s time for the RMI and us here on USAG-KA to go through the same process while hopefully avoiding some of the same experiences. Let’s learn from the mistakes and do it better and more efficiently and

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effectively, so that when COVID does come to this country, we can arrive at a steady state faster than others have and get back to the mission and operations.

Where have we been and where are we going?

The RMI was slow in reacting to changes that the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization and most of the world went through. We went about 25 months operating under COVID with a total reduction of about 16 days in quarantine. What we’ve seen over the last six months is more than 12 days of reductions. So, the RMI is getting much faster about making changes. For the first two years, we went about six or eight months without any significant change in the reduction of quarantine.

As of July 1, we are at three days of quarantine in Hawaii and 10 days here on Kwajalein.

Come Aug. 1, I’ve directed that we are going to go to zero days in Honolulu. Due to the testing requirements from the RMI, it will be nearly impossible to meet that. So, we are going down to two days in Honolulu. That will probably be where we will stay until the borders are truly open and there is no more quarantine or any restriction of movement requirements. That will probably be sometime after COVID sweeps through this country.

We are releasing our first tranche at 10 days this week. When I say 10 days, the RMI testing requirement requires us to do a Day 10 day-of-release test. Unfortunately, because of how long it takes us to run that many PCR tests, we actually don’t release until the morning of Day 11. That is how we will be operating for the next few months. It’s our hope working with the medical staff that we can work out a testing scheme where we can get people out on Day 10.

On Oct. 1, we will maintain two days



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Bearing personal protective equipment, Kwajalein Hospital employees await incoming residents at Bucholz Army Airfield.

of quarantine and testing in Honolulu. Individuals will check-in to the Hale Koa hotel, have a PCR test that night and an antigen test the next day. If both are negative, you will fly out the next day to Kwajalein. If either of those tests are positive, you are staying in quarantine there for a week and will retest with the next tranche, very similar to how we’re doing it now.

Oct. 1 and beyond

For the RMI to open the borders on Oct. 1, their mark on the wall, they have placed a stipulation of a vaccination rate of 95 percent for the country. But, don’t be surprised if it lasts a little longer.

The RMI is serious about the reduction of quarantine that follows their roadmap.

The reason the RMI had 21 border cases last week is because when travelers arrive in Honolulu, they got there two days earlier for the mandatory tests. There was no quarantine placed on them. People went out to restaurants and shopped. About eight or nine got COVID after their tests. The rest were from inter-quarantine spread here. That is why I am not a big fan of early testing.

If you’re coming to work on USAG-KA, we will keep you in quarantine in Honolulu for the two days of testing.

This helps to significantly mitigate

and reduce risk.

We will be relaxing some of the standards when we go down to the two to five days of quarantine. We will no longer require individuals in quarantine to keep their windows and doors shut. We will open up some outdoor space in their front and back yards so they will have access and the ability to go outside to take out the trash or let their pets out as long as you stay within the parameters marked in your yard with signage or a red spray-painted area. We will monitor and the community will monitor. If people break the rules, I will put them on the next plane out.

We will probably keep one special delivery instead of twice a week and reducing the number of people per residence for the quarantine facilities.

Check out next week’s edition of The Kwajalein Hourglass for more information about USAG-KA’s developing COVID-19 mitigation plans, as well as questions and answers from the July 15 COVID-19 town hall. The latest information will be shared across all island messaging platforms to help residents stay informed and to feel safe and secure in preparing for the changes to come.

For more information, community members are encouraged to call the Commander’s Hotline at 5-1098.

TRANCHE ATI (A) AND UNITED AIRLINES (UA) INFORMATION FOR JULY

Departures—UA155 (Mondays) to HNL

Inbound—UA154 (Departs Monday from HNL, arrives at KWA Tuesday)

Tranche 111 (A) Personnel scheduled to arrive July 19 (July 15 Hawaii Arrival Quarantine)

Tranche 111 (UA) Personnel scheduled to arrive July 19 (July 15 Hawaii Arrival Quarantine)

Tranche 112 (A) Personnel scheduled to arrive July 25 (July 21 Hawaii Arrival Quarantine)

Tranche 112 (UA) Personnel scheduled to arrive July 26 (July 22 Hawaii Arrival Quarantine)

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| 8-Jul | FRI | 1100 | 41 | UU | 7-Jul | THURS | 1730 |
| 13-Jul | WED | 1100 | 41 | | 12-Jul | TUES | 1730 |
| 16-Jul | SAT | | * | | 15-Jul | FRI | |
| 20-Jul | WED | 1000 | 41 | | 18-Jul | TUES | 1630 |
| 22-Jul | FRI | 1100 | 41 | UU | 21-Jul | THURS | 1730 |
| 26-Jul | TUES | 1100 | 41 | | 25-Jul | MON | 1730 |
| 28-Jul | THURS | 0920 | 41 | | 27-Jul | WED | 1600 |

- **Three-day quarantine** at the Hale Koa and reduced Kwajalein quarantine to 10 days effective July 5, Tranche 109
- **ATI passengers-** must provide LOA from your company or orders and passports
- **Space A:** Six categories limited to residents on island; those using Space A will use their organization tranche position to return (Cost \$36.65 outgoing; \$19.70 incoming)
- **The 480 program** is not open as of today, July 16
- **AMC/ATI flights** and/or check in times are subject to change and flights may leave earlier than stated
- **KWA check in time** for ATI: 8 – 8:15 a.m., unless a 9-9:20 a.m. departure, then earlier check in time 7:45 – 8 a.m.
- **C-17 pax** require closed-toed shoes, no PAX allowed if HAZMAT on board. Subject to be canceled without notice
- **55-R forms** are required for all personnel Entering/Exiting per USAG 190-10 (New, TDY, leave and return, visitors, etc.)

For more information email: Command Sgt. Maj. Ortega at ismael.e.ortega.mil@army.mil



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Members of Kwajalein’s Marshallese workforce attend a town hall in late June 2022 at the Island Memorial Chapel.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS FROM THE RMI WORKFORCE TOWN HALLS

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Compiled by Mike Brantley, USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer

In June, members of the Marshallese workforce on both Kwajalein and Roi-Namur attended the Kwajalein RMI Workforce Town Halls to share their concerns and get their questions answered.

“Thank you for taking some time out of your day to come here,” said USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley, commander, U.S. Army Garrison – Kwajalein Atoll. “This is a team effort. This installation could not function without the dedication and support that the Marshallese workforce provides to this garrison.”

Can Vectrus provide the same opportunity for benefits (e.g. life insurance) like Range Generation Next does for its RMI employees?

Vectrus and its supporting LOGCAP V Kwajalein Atoll Task Order teammates offer life insurance for our RMI Employees, but do not offer a 401K retirement plan. We are looking into the feasibility of a 401K retirement plan for our RMI Employees, but the ability to do so is unknown at this time.

The last contract offered or provided a \$50K life insurance policy. Vectrus only provides \$10K. Can Vectrus increase the life insurance policy as an option with each employee paying into the increase?

Answer: Vectrus and its supporting LOGCAP V Kwajalein Atoll Task Order teammates are looking into providing a means for RMI Employees to purchase additional voluntary life insurance above the current company-provided life insurance offering should they so desire.

Do we get paid for un-worked hours when we are told to leave work (and return home) due to a mission requirement? For instance, if I work only two hours but then, am told to go home, will the six hours be paid for by Vectrus?

Yes, Vectrus will pay for the unworked hours due to mission requirement.

Why can’t Third Island residents fly out to Kwaj on the first flight from Roi?

There are hard seats for certain travelers on each duty day for mission or work. If a regular traveler or resident wants to go from Third Island to Kwajalein, and there is space available (no conflict with hard seat mission support personnel), our team will process them as passengers and manifest them for travel with no issue. If this is not the case please provide specifics (who denied them, when was it, what was the reasoning).

Can USAG-KA provide diapers and baby formula so they are available for sale for the RMI workers on Roi?

Please let the store manager know of your needs to see if they can provide

them. (Note: AAFES does sell items, but not the Roi Surfway)

Is it now a new policy that a resident sponsor must stay with the person(s) they sponsor 24/7 or continuously?

That has always been the policy. We’ve had cases of sponsored guests getting in trouble and their sponsors were nowhere to be found. The sponsor is responsible for the guest. They should be in proximity. For the most part, it is for security reasons.

Can a private boat enter the Roi-Namur harbor earlier than 7 a.m. (that is when the harbor is open for access)? Sometimes, C-badge workers travel to Roi by private boat and currently, we can’t step foot on Roi until 7 a.m. We want to see if we can get on Roi if traveling by private boat before 7 a.m. so that we have time to be ready for work.

According to USAG-KA 190-10, no vessels other than official USAG-KA vessels or USAG-KA-registered privately owned vessels shall be permitted to enter Kwajalein or Roi-Namur between the hours of sunset to sunrise without specific approval by the USAG-KA Commander or designated representative. Entry onto other defense sites is in accordance with Chapter Nine. As the marine department stated, it’s due to safety. The current process is 30 minutes after sunrise for entry and no later than 30 minutes before sunset arrivals,

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MARSHALLESE WORD OF THE WEEK

addemlokmej. (Archaic). Inalienable rights or property. Bwidej ko ad rej addemlokmej. “Our land belongs to us until death.”

all due to safety reasons.

Why can't C-badge workers sponsor their family members or guests anymore? We used to be able to do this, but now we are told that we can't.

We will investigate this, as quarantine measures are changing soon.

Can a Vectrus employee change jobs?

Yes, and they must have worked at least six months in their current job before changing jobs.

Do we get paid for overtime?

Yes.

How about grandfathered employees?

The time-and-a-half overtime pay is being reviewed, along with the benefits.

I am a veteran working here. If I get sick, can I use the Kwajalein Hospital?

If you are not a resident of USAG-KA or a grandfathered Marshallese employee, then you are not eligible for care at Kwaj Hospital. Veterans can go to the Veteran's Affairs website at <https://www.va.gov/> or call the 24/7 main information line at 1-800-698-2411.

Please note: the Kwaj Hospital will never turn away anyone experiencing an emergency.

Can we be paid on payday itself, and not two or three days later? If we do not get paid on payday, then RMI banks charge us late fees for our loan payments. So far, I have been charged \$600 in late-fee charges. Will the company reimburse me for the late fee charges that I paid?

Vectrus has multiple teammates as part of its LOGCAP V Kwajalein Atoll Task Order. All but one of the teammates pay their employees every two weeks, resulting in 26 pay periods per year; however, one teammate pays its employees twice monthly, on the first and the 15th of each month, resulting in 24 pay periods per year.

RMI employees were notified of their teammate payment schedules at the time of initial recruitment and hiring onto the LOGCAP V contract.

As Vectrus or its teammates have no insight into any loan repayment requirements of our RMI employees, it is incumbent upon the individual RMI employee to notify their bank of the employer payroll payment dates provided by Vectrus or its teammates so the bank can adjust any RMI employee's repayment schedule so as not to incur late fees.

Should RMI employees need documentation on scheduled payroll pay dates from their respective employer, this information can be provided so the RMI employee can provide the information to their respective bank.

If an RMI employee has been charged late fees for their loans because of the



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A member of Kwajalein's Marshallese workforce asks a question at a town hall in late June 2022 at the Island Memorial Chapel.

payment information not being provided to the RMI Employee's bank, Vectrus and its supporting LOGCAP V Kwajalein Atoll Task Order teammates will notify the bank of the new payroll payment schedule.

While we would hope the bank would not charge the RMI employees any late fees associated with this payroll pay date change due to the base operations services contract changeover, Vectrus or its teammates have no leverage with the bank to reimburse the RMI employee for any loan repayment late charges.

I've worked here for more than 21 years. When I met with Louis Berger recruiters, they told me that my pay will increase; there were around 11 witnesses there. It is now June, and I have not seen my pay increase. Why is that?

The offer letter would/should spell out what the company will be paying you.

Why do I have to sign a contract?

It is a business transaction; Vectrus requires it; and it also ensure that what was promised to you as a new employee is written and documented.

Can a 1645 ferry be added to the afternoon ferry schedule?

Not at this time. This would require more manning and an additional ferry to include additional crew operating hours. The contract is not set up for this.

Can we get lunch boxes when we go to work at the outer islets, like Meck?

Speak to your supervisor to see if providing lunch is within the contract; if it is not, work something out with your supervisor or company. You can also purchase a box lunch at the DFAC.

Can AAFES sell food items like rice?

Store patrons are encouraged to speak with the AAFES manager to ask about special items desired. Call 5-3542 or 5-1010 to speak with Ian Morales.

Can C-badge workers have priority boarding on ferries, ahead of those on other sponsorship access?

For instance, during the graduation week, we had to wait for the later ferry runs because the ferries were already full. So, by the time we get to Ebeye, it was very late, and we must wake up early to come back to work.

USAG-KA ferries are first come first serve. The DSC staff is not contractually obligated to provide priority boarding or say who can or cannot get on the ferry based on a certain status. If this were to become a requirement this would increase staff at the DSC and would cause an increase in contract cost. There is not enough room inside/outside of the DSC to provide areas to set up a "priority boarding" area.

The staff at the DSC try to accommodate the best they can but it's not inside of their PWS to decide who gets on and who doesn't after they pass through screening.

Is it possible for a C-badge holder to have a meal card for at least one meal?

It is based on what is in their contract to have meal cards or not, per DA Pam 30-22 and stated in DOL Policy 30-1.

Why do non-RMI employees (Expats) have \$25K life insurance policies and RMI workers have only \$10K?

U.S. employees pay into their life insurance, so they have the option on the value of their insurance. Vectrus will investigate allowing RMI employees to pay for additional life insurance, should they so desire.

Pugsley added that, "I'm not oblivious to the fact that my team could get on a bus and drive off of a cliff and this place would keep going, doing its mission. It's because of the people here in this room who made that happen. I recognize and appreciate everything you do for this installation and thank you for your dedication."

KOMMOL TATA!

Kwajalein. Special thanks also goes to Kwajalein Atoll Sen. David Paul, KALGOV Mayor Hirata Kabua and RMI Liaison Office Staff Specialist Kalani Riklon for their support at the town hall.



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Lush and green, the mountains of Kosrae rise above the municipality of Utwe.

TRAVEL TO KOSRAE

FEATURE / JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Travel is integral to island life, but has not been so easy since the pandemic began.

As the Federated States of Micronesia gets ready to open its borders, it's good to review some of the unique experiences a Kwaj resident can try on their next vacation in Kosrae. An earlier version of this piece was published in July 2018 in The Kwajalein Hourglass.

The island state of Kosrae is just over an hour from Kwajalein Atoll by plane. Located in the Federated States of Micronesia, the largely rural island is split into six municipalities and dominated by a tropical mountain range shrouded in clouds.

Upon arrival, prepare to spend time out of doors at sites that make Kosrae a unique and memorable destination. The island's growing tourism industry welcomes hikers, divers and historians.

Resort staff can assist newcomers in securing transportation to most points of interest and suggest places to see. Travelers should bring funds to tip drivers, tour guides and storytellers. Remember to keep cash on hand to pay the departure fee at the airport.

To get to know the island and its history, check out the Kosrae State Museum and visit municipalities with Japanese fortifications that predate 1944. Hikers can enjoy learning about island folklore and indigenous plants on the way to the Menke Ruins, a tribal site dating back to 900 A.D. Experienced hikers who want a challenge should plan to make their way to the top of a peak in the mountain range. Seek a knowledgeable guide and a strong walking stick to make it through the forest of thick banana trees, banyan and bamboo. The view is worth it.

When the ascent and descent get

tough, don't despair. Following many hikes, visitors may be treated to limes, tangerines, sweet bananas, coconut milk and fresh fish.

For an afternoon on the water, grab a kayak or canoe and take a self-guided tour of the mangrove swamp. Divers can also visit the wreck of a pirate ship that belonged to Bully Hayes, one of many notorious pirates who terrorized Kosrae in the mid-1800s.

Last but not least, a must-see for any visitor is the secluded Yela Ka Forest. Located in the Yela Valley, the conservation area is only accessible by boat and is populated by the largest stand of Ka (*Terminalia carolinensis*) trees in the world.

Kosrae is even better when you see it for yourself. Visit the Federated States of Micronesia Visitors Board at visit-micronesia.fm/state/k_top.html.



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1) Hikers venture through a rainforest river to one of Kosrae's many waterfalls. 2) Signs of occupation: the ruins of a World War II-era Japanese military building lean into the beach. 3) An employee shreds banana tree fibers used in papermaking.



1) A 1,465-foot mountain rises above a historic chapel in the municipality of Malem. 2) Storyteller and guide Salik Wakuk checks out a tree stump near the Menke Ruins that bears a striking resemblance to a human face 3) A mighty ka tree rises from the rainforest floor in the Yela Valley. 4) Kosrae tour guide and adventurer Hamilson Phillip leads the way through the Lelu Ruins, the site of old religious and civic rituals. 5) A cement footbridge winds through the mangrove swamp at twilight. 6) A small mangrove blooms in shallow waters. 7) Outrigger canoes and artifacts on display at the Kosrae State Museum.



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NOBODY IS NOT INVITED: SAGGY G'S UKE PLAYER DISCUSSES THE KWAJ CULTURE OF BELONGING

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Kwaj band The Saggy G-Strings started showing up at Kwaj porch jams and talent revues in 2021 to perform alternative rock music. The band is on a summer hiatus, but if you've heard them play, you can't wait for the next show.

One band member in this "underground garage band" on an island with zero garages shared observations about music and community in a recent interview with The Kwajalein Hourglass.

John Thygerson is a Kwaj kid who came back home in 2021 with a ukulele in his hand, is an island network engineer with the LOGCAP V Information Management Directorate. He resides on island with his spouse, Lisa, and leads a ukulele players club which will reconvene in the fall.

Thygerson knows that the traditional "open door policy" of welcoming everyone and anyone to the block party is the best philosophy for keeping a Kwaj band going.

Please tell us about the Saggy G-Strings and how the band formed on Kwajalein.

We started essentially because there were extremely very few bands on the island. Our original guitarist Derek Miller was at karaoke night and our lead singer Nate Rios was singing his heart out. Derek said, 'Hey, you want to start a band?' He jumped in, and they had an awesome trio.

I happen to have the only key for the Adult Recreation Center practice space because I was starting my own project at the same time, and these guys said, 'Hey, can we hook up with you and trade off the key, and that kind of thing?'

They showed up for the first rehearsal, and said, 'Hey, do you want to jam with us? So, I did jam, and we became the

original four members.

"Supergroup" is the right way to describe us. The original band members were Derek Miller, David Bates, Nate Rios as on lead singer, and then me, on ukulele. We were joined by a couple of great instrumentalists: Dave Sholar, on trombone, and Kyle Miller, on the saxophone.

We're really happy to have them.

We also have a few people interested in joining us on guitar. Unfortunately, our drummer was TDY and he left. It's a transient place for some families and individuals.

We're always open to collaboration.

People who want to play some music are welcome. We're happy to have additional folks.

We have all different kinds of influences—everything opera to heavy metal—but we tend to gravitate more toward the 1990s alternative scene. We do some eclectic stuff and branch out into other areas like pop, hip hop, and country, and some more modern stuff here and there.

It sounds like you look on the bright side. It's always difficult when a friend PCS's, but then you get the chance to have more folks join you to jam. Tell us a little bit about what it's been like for you to come back to Kwajalein and do music. What do you enjoy the most about it?

It's great to be back on Kwajalein. I think that, growing up here and being a musician, you learn to be very flexible. So, one year I might be a drummer. In the next year, maybe a lead singer.

You have to be musically flexible to make it work on Kwajalein and to maintain some kind of continuity—because



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

John Thygerson gets ready to perform with Kwaj band the Saggy G-Strings during a spring performance.

people are always coming and going. Every year, you've got somebody who's PCS'ing. You have to figure out whether you have someone fill that spot with the same instrument, or whether you change your sound when a new person joins.

We hope to have more opportunities to hear the Saggy G's play this year—even if it's at a house party down the street.

So, the entire island is invited to most of our events. Those are our favorite kind of parties. I think those are always the best kind of parties on Kwaj—the ones where, if you didn't get an invite, it's because invites didn't go out, but everybody's invited to stop by.

It is that kind of culture—where everybody's welcome. Nobody's not invited at any time.

SCRAMBLED DAYS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

We've all had those days, but the right food at the right time can make all the difference—especially if it's the breakfast bowl at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Cafeteria.

Those mornings usually start with rain that lasts through the morning commute. You squelch into the dining hall at the head of a line of soaked people hoping to fill the to-go boxes and make their contents last the whole day. It's either that or go out in the rain again. You're not a fan of that idea.

Clearly, the nightshift workers got here first because the contents of the serving pans are quite low. You are greeted by the sight of a lone blueberry and bacon confetti in their respective pans.

You think to yourself: Those folks in

quarantine don't know how lucky they are, to be stuck inside, warm, dry and eating the bacon that was here just moments ago.

Then, you see a tasty ray of hope: an aromatic breakfast bowl, glowing under the warmer lights. It's a decadent smorgasbord of hot breakfast foods invented by Dining Services Manager Ron Jenkins: scrambled eggs, cheese, seasoned potatoes, breakfast meats like chicken and sausage, greens and a dash of herbs on top.

The breakfast bowl is such a welcome sight on this cold, rainy day that it might convert a starving vegan.

The smiling server is filling your to-go box. The day suddenly looks brighter.

Jenkins came up with the idea as an alternative to the typical DFAC breakfast, he said.

"I went looking for new breakfast entrees to serve other than pork," Jenkins said. "Some of the other products such as the turkey bacon and sausages are healthier but fall short of being flavorful



and appealing. The breakfast bowl was the ideal solution. It's three courses in one serving, very tasty and filling. It is an Army recipe with a twist. It has become my favorite as well."

Try out the Breakfast Bowl on your next visit to Kwajalein Dining Services. It might just save your day.

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Recent overhaul readies submarine for mission support

Story and photo by Amy Golash

Sleek and compact the PC-14C-2 submarine went back into the water last week looking better than ever and ready to provide search and recovery support for upcoming missions. It spent the last seven months in the hands of specialists at Submersible Systems Technology Inc. undergoing a complete overhaul and modernization.

Raytheon contracted the Florida-based company to do the work. Mike Staehle, president of SST, explained that after the body was sandblasted to bare metal, the sub was rebuilt. Its entire electrical and propulsion systems were replaced, with the exception of the pressure hull and battery compartment. Staehle said the process slightly altered the sub's configuration.

The \$200,000 overhaul was a much-needed investment, said Hugh Bowling, Raytheon chief diver.

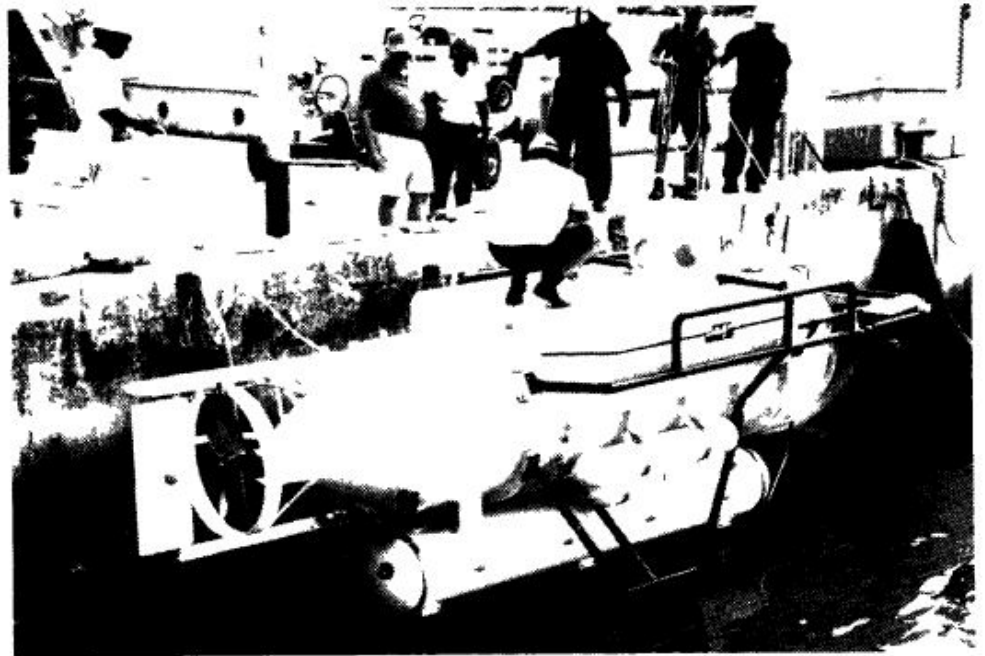
The submarine has been supporting missions at USAKA/KMR for more than 20 years, with only routine maintenance checks. According to Port Captain Bob Babcock of the RSE Marine Department, it was high time the PC-14C-2 was upgraded with more current technology.

Perry Submarine Builders built the PC-14C-2 in 1974. By 1991, Perry had sold its submarine division to SST.

Staehle is at Kwajalein for two weeks to test and train divers on the sub's new systems and equipment.

Measuring 21 feet long and 8 feet high and weighing 10,900 pounds, the PC-14C-2 is capable of carrying a payload of 400 pounds, plus a crew of two. It travels at a maximum speed of 2.5 knots per hour and can operate at a depth of 600 feet.

A typical daytime search and recovery operation for collecting mission debris lasts between six and eight hours. However, the sub is equipped with enough oxygen and carbon dioxide to stay submerged for as long as



Raytheon diver Mark Westaway steadies the PC-14C-2 submarine as it is lowered off Echo Pier Saturday. Looking on is Mike Staehle, standing second from left, president of Submersible Systems Technology Inc. SST was responsible for rebuilding and upgrading the sub.

three days in an emergency situation.

Divers keep in contact with the Marine Department at all times by using onboard communications equipment that includes underwater telephone and VHF radio. They navigate using the onboard directional gyro.

During a mission, the sub, the divers, and all support equipment, including a recompression chamber, are transported by an LCU. By visually scanning the water, the divers can locate the debris field. The LCU is then stabilized at a three-point moor over the area, as the divers set up a grid pattern with rope and stakes.

Once the divers leave the sub, they collect as much debris as possible, storing the pieces in bags and loading them on to the LCU.

Babcock said the divers are on call for any mission. Their next mission is scheduled for September.

Old Minuteman II boosters to deploy targets in MSLS mission

The Air Force Multi-Service Launch System is recycling on a grand scale. MSLS is a program in which old Minuteman II boosters are used to deploy ballistic missile targets.

For an upcoming mission, a Minuteman II booster with a U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense package aboard will be launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., targeted to the broad ocean area north of Bikini Atoll.

The object is to show that the system can kick out a heavy-weight object at the right time and place and do the same with decoys.

MSLS is preliminary to the exoatmospheric kill vehicle test program, scheduled to begin at KMR in November.



SCAM ALERT

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IN US & OVERSEAS





On the Pacific atoll of Funafiti, Army 1st Lt. Louis Zamperini peers through a hole in his B-24D Liberator made by a Japanese 20 mm shell over the Pacific Island of Nauru, April 18, 1943.

SPORTS HEROES WHO SERVED: OLYMPIC RUNNER LOUIS ZAMPERINI

EXTERNAL REPORT

By David Vergun, DOD News Service

Sports Heroes Who Served is a series that highlights the accomplishments of athletes who served in the U.S. military.

In 1936, 19-year-old Louis Zamperini qualified for the Summer Olympics in Berlin. Even today, he remains the youngest American to qualify in the 5,000-meter track and field event.

He didn't earn a medal at the Olympics, but several years later he would take part in actions that resulted in medals earned for acts of valor.

In 1938, Zamperini attended the University of Southern California, where he set a national collegiate record of 4 minutes, 8.3 seconds in the mile, despite being intentionally spiked in the shins from competitors during that race.

The runner would soon shift gears in his career. He didn't wait for America's entry into World War II. Instead, Zamperini enlisted in the Army Air Corps in September 1941 and soon was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

In late 1942, he was stationed on the Pacific atoll of Funafiti. It and other islands at the time were a British colony, known as the Gilbert and Ellice Islands.

The Seabees had constructed a runway there, which was used by Consolidated B-24 Liberator heavy bombers. Zamperini was a bombardier. The bombardier sat in the cockpit, where .30-caliber Browning M1919 machine guns were mounted on both sides for forward protection of the aircraft. The navigator could man one of the guns if necessary.

Missions included bombing runs on

Kiribati, one of the Gilbert Islands occupied by Japan, and another, Nauru, which was administered by Australia at the time.

On one return flight from a successful bombing mission over Nauru, Zamperini's aircraft was attacked by three Japanese Zero fighter aircraft. He and the other gunners successfully fought them off, but one of the crew members was killed, four others were injured, and the aircraft sustained severe damage, though it managed to land back at Funafiti.

Next, Zamperini was transferred to Hawaii, where he was a crew member on another B-24. Their mission this time was searching for lost crew members and aircraft.

On May 27, 1943, his aircraft experienced mechanical problems during a mission and ditched into the ocean 850 miles south of Oahu, Hawaii. Only three men survived the crash, including Zamperini.

They inflated life rafts and floated about for weeks. They captured two albatrosses that landed on their rafts.

They ate one, and they used the other as bait to catch fish. Fortunately for them, it rained enough to supply drinking water.

There were some close calls. A shark brushed up alongside their rafts, but it left when they hit it with a raft paddle. They nearly capsized during a storm, and they were strafed a number of times by a Japanese bomber.

After 33 days, one of the three men died.

On Day 47, Zamperini and Russell Allen Phillips, who was the pilot of the doomed B-24, landed their raft at Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, where they were immediately taken prisoner by Japanese sailors. He and Phillips were later transferred to a number of prisoner of war camps on mainland Japan and were separated. They wouldn't meet again until after the war.

Zamperini eventually was transferred to the infamous Naoetsu POW camp in northern Japan, where he remained until the end of the war.

The camp was infamous because of prison guard Mutsuhiro "The Bird" Watanabe, who relished torturing the men. After the war, Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur listed him 23rd among the top 40 most wanted war criminals in Japan. However, he was spared execution.

Marine Corps Maj. Greg "Pappy" Boyington was held at the same POW camp. In Boyington's book, "Baa Baa Black Sheep," he wrote that Zamperini described Italian recipes to the men to keep their minds off their miserable situation. Zamperini grew up in an Italian family, and he didn't even learn to speak English until grade school.

While Zamperini was held captive, he first was declared missing at sea and later as killed in action.

After the war, Zamperini said, he drank heavily and was extremely bitter about Watanabe and others who mistreated the prisoners. The life-changing moment for him, he said, came when he was attending a Rev. Billy Graham crusade in Los Angeles in 1949, which resulted in him becoming a born-again Christian.

He returned to Japan the following year, where he met many of his former guards to tell them he'd forgiven them. However, Watanabe refused to meet with him, so he wrote a letter of forgiveness to him.

In 1998, Zamperini participated in the torch relay for the 1998 Olympic Winter Games in Kyoto, Japan. In 2010, Laura Hillenbrand wrote a book about him: "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption." Four years later, actor Jack O'Connell portrayed Zamperini in the film "Unbroken."

Zamperini died in 2014 in Los Angeles at age 97.



Japanese-occupied Nauru Island in the Pacific is attacked by U.S. Army B-24 Liberator bombers in April 1943.

OPSEC AND SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES

Social Networking Sites (SNS) like Facebook and Twitter, are software applications that connect people and information in spontaneous, interactive ways. While SNS can be useful and fun, they can provide adversaries, such as terrorists, spies and criminals, with critical information needed to harm you or disrupt your mission. Practicing Operations Security (OPSEC) will help you recognize your critical information and protect it from an adversary. Here are a few safety tips to get you started.

SAFETY CHECKLIST

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Do you keep sensitive, work-related information off your profile?
- Keep your plans, schedules and location data to yourself?
- Protect the names of coworkers, friends and family members?
- Tell friends to be careful when posting photos and information about you and your family?

POSTED DATA

- Before posting, did you check all photos for indicators in the background or reflective surfaces?
- Check filenames and file tags for sensitive data (your name, organization or other details?)

PASSWORDS

- Are your passwords sufficiently hard to guess?
- Unique from your other online passwords?
- Are your passwords adequately protected (not shared or given away)?

SETTINGS AND PRIVACY

- Did you carefully look for and set all your privacy and security options?
- Determine both profile and search visibility?
- Sort “friends” into groups and networks and set access permissions accordingly?
- Verify through other channels that a “friend” request was actually from your friend?
- Add “untrusted” people to the group with the lowest permissions and accesses?

SECURITY

- Remember to keep anti-virus software updated
- Beware of links, downloads and attachments just as you would in emails.
- Beware of “apps” or plugins, which are often written by unknown third parties who might use them to access your data and friends.
- Look for HTTPS and the lock icon that indicate active transmission security before logging in or entering sensitive data (especially when using wi-fi hotspots).

Think before you post! Remember, your information could become public at any time due to hacking, configuration errors, social engineering or the business practice of selling or sharing user data. For more information, visit the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff’s website.

Stay informed and keep your online information safe. For more information about U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll OPSEC regulations, contact IMCOM Security Manager James Eversole at 5-2110.

Think. Protect. OPSEC.
www.ioss.gov



Notice for Price Increase

Effective July 10



| LETTERS (STAMPED) | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Weight Not Over OZ | Current Price | After July 10 | |
| 1 | \$0.58 | \$0.60 | |
| 2 | \$0.78 | \$0.84 | |
| 3 | \$0.98 | \$1.08 | |
| 3.5 | \$1.18 | \$1.32 | |

| LETTERS (METERED) | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Weight Not Over OZ | Current Price | After July 10 | |
| 1 | \$0.53 | \$0.57 | |
| 2 | \$0.73 | \$0.81 | |
| 3 | \$0.93 | \$1.05 | |
| 3.5 | \$1.13 | \$1.29 | |

If you have questions send an email james.e.smith2295.ctr@army.mil or call 5-3461.

Notice for In/Outbound Mail



- Parcels containing pre-owned, damaged, or defective electronic devices with **lithium batteries** are prohibited in inbound and outbound international mail.
- Customs Forms submitted at MPOs with items containing **lithium batteries** are **NON-MAILABLE** and MPOs are instructed to **RTS** the item.
- This restriction also applies to AMC flights due to the parcel entering the domestic network once arriving in the U.S. Items containing **lithium** shipped from retailers, in original packaging, and free of damage or defects may be allowed to ship to MPOs. **The determination of authorized retailers is at the discretion of USPS.**
- If you have questions send an email to james.e.smith2295.ctr@army.mil or call 5-3461

THE LIBERTY PASS

Kwaj Weekend and Activity Guide

Coming Up Next

TRX Bootcamp

**Free trial class for a month
every Thursday**

**July 21 - August 25
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
CRC 7**



*"Perfect for that lunch time workout
Work your mind and your body at the same
time."*

MOVIES

**Movies begin at
7:30 p.m.**

YUK THEATER KWAJALEIN

Saturday, July 16
"Fantastic Beasts and Where
to Find Them"
(PG-13) 172 min.

Sunday, July 17
"Jujutsu Kaisen-The Movie"
(PG-13) 112 min.

Monday, July 18
"The Godfather Part II" (R)
202 min.

Saturday, July 23
"Rat Race" (PG-13) 112 min.

Sunday, July 24
"Death on the Nile" (PG-13)
127 min.

Monday, July 25
"The Godfather Part III" (R)
162 min.

Saturday, July 30
"Jurassic Park-The Lost
World"
(PG-13) 129 min.

Sunday, July 31
"West Side Story" (PG-13)
156 min.

Monday, Aug. 1
"The Matrix: Resurrections"
(R) 148 min.

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Saturday, July 16
"Annabelle: Creation"
(R) 109min.

Sunday, July 17
"Annabelle Comes Home"
(R) 106min.

Saturday, July 23
"The Shape of Water"
(R) 123 min.

Sunday, July 24
"Phantom Thread"
(R) 130 min.

Saturday, July 25
"Zombieland 2: Double Tap"
(R) 99 min.

Sunday, July 31
"A Star is Born"
(R) 136 min.



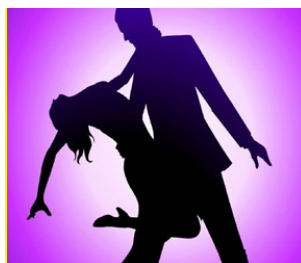
Oceanview Club
Kwajalein Atoll

Show the OV some love! Bring a friend out to enjoy one of these special monthly music events. For more information, contact MWR at 5-3331. Please drink responsibly and ask our bartenders about our complimentary Angel Shots.



**Karaoke Night
First Saturdays
8 p.m.**

Ocean View Club
Get ready to sing at this annual MWR event at the Oceanview Club for attendees aged 21 years and up.



**Salsa Night
Second Saturdays
Ocean View Club
8 p.m. - midnight**



**Country Music Night
Third Saturdays
8 - p.m. to midnight
Ocean View Club**



Move over, Missile Burger. Cajun Crawfish Boil

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**Introducing the limited run special that we've
all been waiting for, served exclusively at the
Outrigger Bar & Grill while supplies last.**



BUILD THE GO-BAG

HOURLASS REPORT

Will you and your family be ready in the event of an emergency? Read on to learn about items to purchase order to complete your own survival kit. In the event of a crippling event, such as a destructive typhoon, you'll be glad you did.

First grab a large waterproof travel bag or suitcase and then cram it with the items you'll want to bring to the evacuation shelter in the event of a disaster or emergency.

- 1) A one-gallon jug of water for each person in your household
- 2) A one-day supply of non-perishable food to cover every person in your household
- 3) Manual can opener
- 4) Eating utensils, plates, cups and so on
- 5) Sensible clothing
- 6) Rain gear, such as ponchos
- 7) One blanket for each family member
- 8) First-aid kit
- 9) Short-term supply of all required prescription medications taken by members of the household
- 10) Short-term supply of over-the-counter medications
- 11) Personal hygiene items like travel-sized shampoos, soap and toothpaste
- 12) Battery powered radio
- 13) Flashlight
- 14) Fresh batteries
- 15) Entertainment items for kids
- 16) Plastic bags to protect items from water
- 17) Pet food

In addition to preparing a go bag to take along to the evacuation shelter, you should also prepare a post-disaster supply kit. This should be packed in a water-tight container and left inside your living quarters. It could be a game changer during the post-disaster phase after residents clear out of evacuation shelters. Here's what you'll need.

- 1) A three-day supply of fresh water for each person in your household. *One gallon per person per day
- 2) Three-five-day supply of non-perishable food to cover all family members
- 3) Hats
- 4) Sunscreen
- 5) Insect repellent
- 6) Baby wipes
- 7) Towels
- 8) Matches and/or lighters for starting fires
- 9) Propane or charcoal for grill
- 10) Short-term supply of all required prescription medications taken by members of the household
- 11) Short-term supply of over-the-counter medications
- 12) Pet food

MARSHALLESE LANGUAGE PRIMER: KATAK 3 - FAMILY

Relationships are very important to Marshallese. Learning some of the words and phrases that define relationships in the Marshall Islands will benefit you.

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Ba kajjen | Introduce |
| Ri- | Nationality/Originality |
| Rimajol | Marshallese |
| Ribelle | American |
| Nejin | Child of |
| Jerbal | Work/Job |
| Etan | His/her name |
| Jekan | Stateside |
| Jen | From |
| Won en? | Who is that? |
| Ba kajjen nan io. | Introduce him to me |
| Etan in | His/Her name is |
| Nejin | Son/daughter of |
| E ria? | What nationality/originality is he/she? |
| E Rimajol/Ribelle/jen Kwajalein | He/she is Marshallese/American from Kwajalein |
| Ej itok jen ia? | He/she came from where? |
| Jen jekan | From stateside. |
| Ej jerbal ia? | Where does he/she work? |



Check out the official USAG-KA Facebook page for community updates and information. Remember, OPSEC is everyone's business. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/USArmyKwajaleinAtoll/>

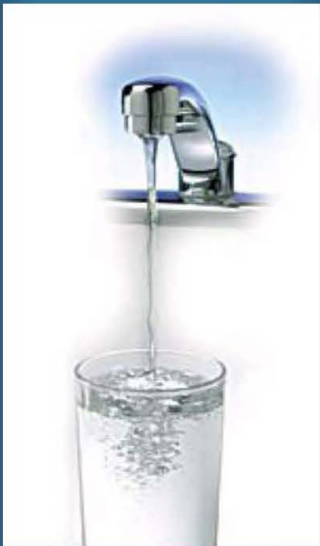
SCHOOLS ON SUMMER BREAK

Summer break is now in session. School resumes in August. Contact Paul Uhren at uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com for assistance during the break.

COVID-19 TESTS NOT REQUIRED TO FLY

There are new United Airlines Pre-Departure COVID-19 Testing rules for arrival in the U.S. from any foreign country. Passengers do not need to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test before departing Kwajalein for Hawaii. While the Center for Disease Control and Prevention action removes the requirement for airline passengers to provide a negative COVID-19 test prior to traveling to the U.S., all other CDC restrictions related to international air travel remain in effect, to include wearing masks.

2021 Water Quality Report



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2021 WATER QUALITY REPORT IN
ENGLISH AND MARSHALLESE.

Upcoming Kwajalein School System Information Sessions

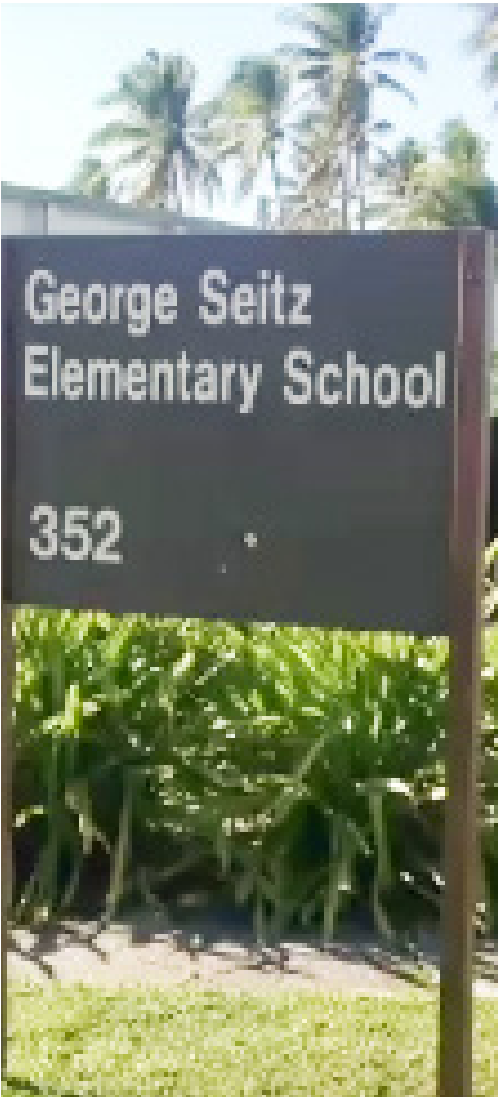
New to Kwajalein High School?

If you are new to Kwajalein or moving up to the 7th grade, please join us for an informational session Aug. 6 at 5 p.m. at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room. Students and families are welcome to attend.

New parent to a George Seitz Elementary School student?

If they answer is yes, please plan to attend a special informational session at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, in the Coconut Room, located in Bldg. 342, next to the Surfway grocery store. This session is specially designed for new parents of elementary school-aged students.

For more information, please contact Kwajalein School System Superintendent Paul Uhren at uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com Kindergarten or any grade.



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.

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

The community wants to hear from you. Email announcements and advertisements to kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.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.

Not allowed on USAG-KA: bow and arrow, air guns, paint ball and other projectile weapons. Please contact Deirdre Wyatt-Pope, USAG-KA safety officer, at 5-1442 with any questions.

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 for more.

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. Write to kwajalein.hourglass@amtum.com to remove your listing.

AKIMA is hiring for the following on-island positions: Communications Clerk (ID: TRU01101); Communications Specialist (ID: TRU01100); and Fiber / Cable Technician (ID: TRU01099). Applicants must currently reside on USAG-KA and possess a valid passport. For more information and a list of required qualifications, visit https://akima.ta-leo.net/careersection/akimallc_cs/jobsearch.ftl. Apply online or send resume to Jeannette McIlwain at jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com.

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 and Ch. Brian Conner at brian_conner@sbcglobal.net.

CALIBRE seeks a Military Material

Specialist. For more information, or to apply, visit <https://jobs.silkroad.com/calibresys/https://calibresyscareers.silkroad.com/jobs/4013>.

COMMUNITY BANK seeks a banking center service specialist/teller. This is a part-time on-island hire position for 20 hours per week. Submit applications to www.dodcommunitybank.com. Call Camellia Bobo at 5-2292 for more information.

INTERNATIONAL SOS seeks a dental assistant and applicants for administrative positions. Send your resume to marykathleen.bryan@internationalsos.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/kaiahonua>. Applicants must meet job requirements.

NAN, INC. seeks a project engineer, welder, welding inspector, quality control manager, and site safety and health officer. To apply, visit 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. Apply to specific opportunities at <https://qdyncorp.com/home/careers/>. Contact Dolly Bakhsh, HR manager, at 5-0782 and dbakhsh@rmi.qdyncorp.com, or Sammy Juda, administrative assistant at 5-4916 and sjuda@rmi.qdyncorp.com. You may also visit the HR Office in Bldg. 700.

RGNEXT, LLC seeks qualified candidates to fill several open positions on Kwaj and Roi in engineering, technical, COMSEC and other areas. For information and to apply, go to www.rgnext.com.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS. Kwajalein School System is hiring part-time substitute teachers. These are part-time on-island hire positions with no guaranteed hours. Minimum requirements include a four-year de-

gree, love of working with children in grades K – 12 and confidentiality. A teaching certificate is preferred. A CNACI background check must be completed after receiving a job offer. Those interested should apply at Careers.Vectrus.com, search for “substitute teacher,” or, send a resume and letter of application to uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com.

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.

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.

NOTICES
COUNTRY CLUB AND GOLF COURSE ARE CLOSED. Until further notice, the Kwajalein Country Club & Golf Course are closed from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the road closure. Your continued patience is appreciated.

ISLAND ORIENTATION and Newcomer's Briefings take place in the Religious Education Building behind the Island Memorial Chapel. Email KWAJ_OSO_Ops@Vectrus.com or call 5-3511 to register.

ARMA. Log in to ArMa, the Army Maintenance Application, to report issues for all buildings maintained by the Department of Public Works. For more information, please contact DPW at 5-3550.

QUARTERLY INNOVATION CHALLENGE. Send great ideas for improvements and innovations to Col. Tom Pugsley. Winners will receive an official innovator's award and a special AAFES gift card. To submit your idea, call the Commander's Hotline at 5-1098 or email USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer Mike Brantley, at james.m.brantley4.civ@army.mil.

OPTOMETRIST APPOINTMENTS. Call the Kwajalein Hospital to express your interest in securing a future optometry appointment at 5-2223.

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

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>.

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

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.

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 pieces of atoll history from Kwajalein. For questions contact the Kwajalein Archaeology Office at 5-9502.

CALL THE VET CLINIC. Call 5-2017 or email the Veterinary Clinic at kwajaleinveterinaryclinic@international-sosgs.us to make an appointment.

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

EQUIPMENT 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.

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.

DRIVER'S TRAINING & LICENSING PROGRAM

Kwajalein Classes
Dates: Wednesday Only
Times: 9 – 11 a.m.; 1 – 3 p.m.
Location: Automotive Area, Bldg. 856, Rm. 103

Roi Classes
Dates: 2nd Saturday of the month

Times: 9 – 11 a.m.; 1 – 3 p.m.
Location: C-building
Call 5-3291 to Register. Class size is limited. Automated scheduling tool coming soon!

Note: Bring a valid US, International, or Marshall Islands license with you to class

Silent Auction for Bill Remick's Book "Just Another Day in Paradise"

Happening now, at the Mic Shop!
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Join us for the chance to place the winning bid on an out-of-print Kwajalein History book. The bid begins at \$80. There is only one copy available for auction. All proceeds will be donated to the YYWC Education Assistance Committee.

**Auction is open until
August 1 at 2 p.m.**

UXO HAZARD AWARENESS CLASSES

Kwajalein EOD conducts monthly UXO Hazard Awareness Classes on the first Wednesday of every month. The next class date is Aug. 3.

WHAT? 30-minute new hire and refresher UXO class explaining specific dangers on Kwajalein. Max 18 people per class.

WHERE? Bldg. 1025 (below Telemetry Hill)

WHEN? The first Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. (minus holidays)

HOW? Call 5-1550 to register. Workshops can be conducted at different worksites to accommodate large groups of employees. Call to schedule.

E-WARENESS: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Segregate household hazardous wastes (paints, aerosols, batteries, etc.) from regular trash and recycling for curbside pick-up. Make sure wastes are properly contained. Questions?

Call Environmental (5-1134).

Kojenolak kwopej ko rekauwotata jen mon jokwe ko (enwot uno, kuwat in propane, battery...im ko erlok wot) jen kwopej ko jet im kwopej ko im jemaron in recycle i, likit er ilo curb ko nan aer ton pick-up. Etale kwopej ko bwe ren kon. Kajitok?

Call e Enviromental ilo (5-1134).



COVID-19 Vaccine Waitlist

If you have children 6 months to 4 years old, contact Gaele Rasmussen, USAG-KA health systems specialist, at gaele.v.rasmussen.civ@army.mil to be added to the vaccine waitlist.

The directional sign at the old terminal is being refurbished and is moving! And you can be a part of history. Where should it go?



Brandon Field



Another location?



Emon Beach

Email your choice to james.m.brantley4.civ@army.mil by July 31.

Water Plant to Flush Pipes Through Aug. 13

Water Plant personnel will be flushing the potable water system main pipes from July 12 through August 13. No interruption of service is expected.

Due to sediment in the pipes being stirred up, you may notice some discoloring of your potable water.

If you experience brown or rusty potable water, do not use your washing machine for one day. Only resume using the washing machine after you flush the sink and shower for several minutes, and until the water runs clear. If the problem persists, call the Water Plant at 5-1847 for assistance.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

- Now – Aug. 16
- Season begins Aug. 23

For more information, contact the MWR front desk at 5-3331

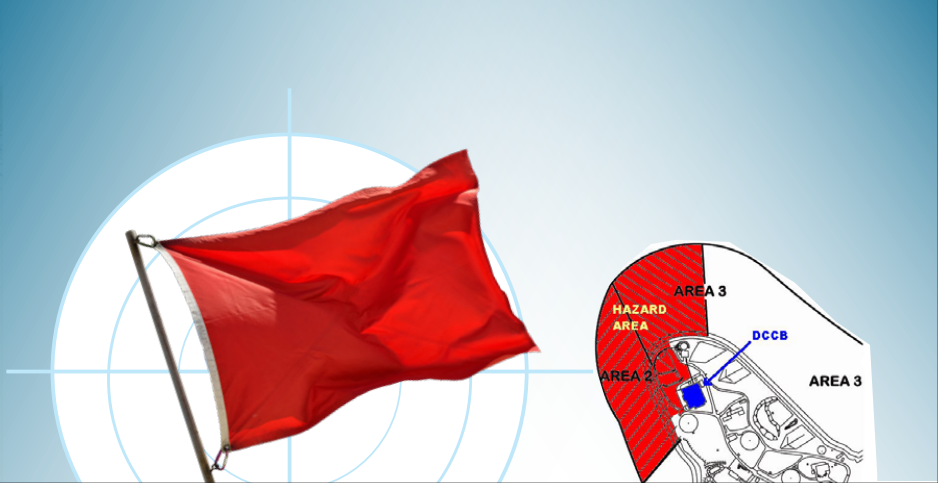
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SMALL ARMS RANGE ON JULY 19

Security and Access Control will conduct a small arms range on July 19 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please observe the red flag hazard area. Contact Security Chief Chris Ramsey or Cpt. Bryan Mesey at 5-4445 or 5-9046 with any questions.

Phone/Commercial Internet outage

When? **July 21, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
Where? Quarters **461, 463 - 466, 468, 488 - 489**
Why? Replace copper cabling

Questions? **Call 5-8505/0113**



INTERNET OUTAGE



Grilling Safety

Monthly Safety Tip from the
USAG-KA Fire Prevention Office

- The grill should be placed well away from the home (10 feet minimum, according to IAW AR 420-1), deck railings and out from under the eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grilling area.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of reach of children and away from heat sources.
- Never leave the grill unattended.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Man Camp BBQ!

July 25, 11 a.m.
Join us at Coral Sands for
lunch and fellowship!

Come meet new friends, eat, socialize & enjoy fellowship with one another. Island Memorial Chapel & congregation will provide the food to share.



RTS

WEATHER STATION



RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

The Intertropical Convergence Zone will remain south of Kwajalein over the next few days while a Tropical Upper Tropospheric Trough shifts west of the area. This will lead to periods of expanded shower coverage with a slight potential for lightning on Saturday, followed by drier conditions this weekend as the TUTT moves further away.

Winds will be moderate out of the ENE-E on Saturday, decreasing to the single digits and veering ESE at times during the coming weekend. The ITCZ will begin to shift further north on Tuesday, leading to what may be a quite rainy latter half of the workweek.

An increase in deep moisture and low-level convergence will bring intermittent

periods of heavier, more widespread rainfall and potential thunderstorms, especially toward the end of the week as the ITCZ lifts overhead.

SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers at times. A stray thunderstorm or two will be possible. Winds ENE-E at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with stray to isolated showers. Winds ENE-ESE at 7-12 knots with higher gusts possible near showers.



TUESDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers. Winds ENE-ESE at 8-13 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Mostly cloudy to overcast at times with intermittent heavier showers and potentially a few thunderstorms, especially toward the end of the week.

Moderate ENE-ESE trades look to prevail, becoming gentle to light at times with occasional shifts toward the southeast.

KWAJ BUCKET LIST

AMAZE MY FRIENDS.

VISIT EBEYE.

SWIM WITH SHARKS.

EAT A ROI MISSILE BURGER.

BECOME KWAJ-FAMOUS.

PUT ANNOUNCEMENT ON ROLLER.

HAVE A MESSAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY? GET THE WORD OUT ON THE AFN ROLLER CHANNEL. SEND YOUR MESSAGE OR SLIDE TO JAMES.M.BRANTLEY4.CIV@ARMY.MIL.

Work and play safely.

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

| SUN-MOON-TIDES | | | | |
|----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | SUNRISE SUNSET | MOONRISE MOONSET | HIGH TIDE | LOW TIDE |
| SUNDAY | 6:38 a.m. 7:13 p.m. | 10:29 p.m. 9:48 a.m. | 6:37 a.m. 4.7' 7:08 p.m. 3.5' | 12:15 a.m. -0.2' 1:06 p.m. -0.3' |
| MONDAY | 6:38 a.m. 7:12 p.m. | 11:13 p.m. 10:42 a.m. | 7:19 a.m. 4.3' 7:51 p.m. 3.4' | 12:58 a.m. 0.0' 1:45 p.m. -0.0' |
| TUESDAY | 6:38 a.m. 7:12 p.m. | 11:54 p.m. 11:32 a.m. | 8:00 a.m. 3.9' 8:38 p.m. 3.2' | 1:44 a.m. 0.4' 2:25 p.m. 0.3' |
| WEDNESDAY | 6:39 a.m. 7:12 p.m. | ----- 12:20 p.m. | 8:44 a.m. 3.3' 9:33 p.m. 3.0' | 2:34 a.m. 0.8' 3:08 p.m. 0.6' |
| THURSDAY | 6:39 a.m. 7:12 p.m. | 12:34 a.m. 1:08 p.m. | 9:35 a.m. 2.8' 10:44 p.m. 2.9' | 3:36 a.m. 1.1' 3:57 p.m. 0.9' |
| FRIDAY | 6:39 a.m. 7:12 p.m. | 1:14 a.m. 1:55 p.m. | 10:49 a.m. 2.4' ----- | 5:04 a.m. 1.3' 5:03 p.m. 1.1' |
| JULY 23 | 6:39 a.m. 7:12 p.m. | 1:56 a.m. 2:44 p.m. | 12:08 a.m. 3.0' 12:30 p.m. 2.3' | 6:53 a.m. 1.3' 6:25 p.m. 1.1' |



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 #40



Travel issuance #40 remains in effect until July 31.

UNITED AIRLINES JULY FLIGHTS

Monday
UA155 (HNL)
Check-in: 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

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

HELP US PROTECT OUR MISSION. OPSEC DOESN'T END WHEN YOU PCS.
PLEASE THINK BEFORE POSTING PHOTOS AND VIDEOS TO SOCIAL MEDIA.