

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



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LIAM ARON, LEFT, LIAHONA ENOS AND NEIMELU BOLKHEIM ARE THREE OF THE NEW CHENEGA ACCESS CONTROL OFFICERS WORKING AT KWAJALEIN'S DOCK SECURITY CHECKPOINT.

JESSICA DAMBRUCH

# RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT

A range operation is scheduled for Aug. 4-5. Caution times are Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. through 2:09 a.m. on Aug. 5. The back-up day of Aug. 5 has the same caution times. During this time, a caution area will extend into the open ocean east of the mid-atoll corridor.

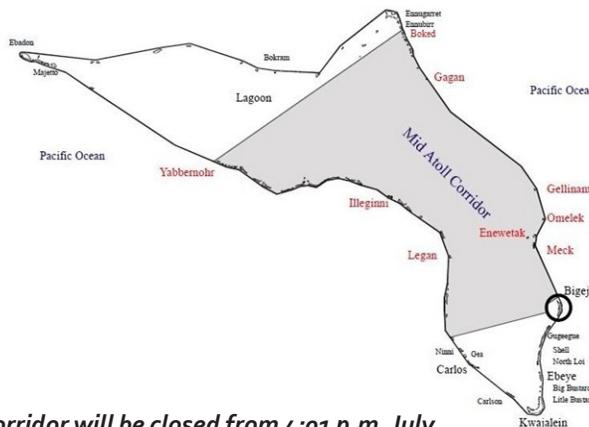
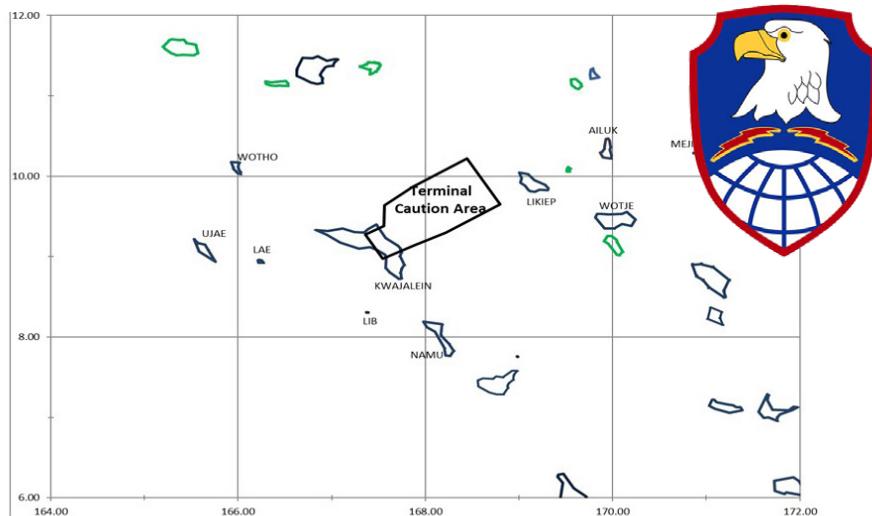
The mid-atoll corridor will be closed from 4:01 p.m. on July 30 through mission completion. The caution area extends from the surface to unlimited altitude.

See the AFN roller channel for a map of closed areas. Please contact the Reagan Test Site Safety Office at (805) 355-4841, or Mission Support at (805) 355-4420.

Juon ein kokemelmel enaj koman ilo ran in Thursday, 4 ran lok nan 5 ran in Aug. Awa ko rekawotota ej jen 7 p.m. awa jota lok nan 2:09 a.m. in jimarok. Ran in backup ej 5 ran lok nan 6 ran in August, im awa ko rekawotata ej jen 6 p.m. jota nan 2:09 a.m. in jimarok.

Malo im ene ko ilo iolap in aelon in (mid-atoll corridor) renaj kilok jen 4:01 p.m. awa elkin raelep ilo 30 ran in July nan ne ededelok kokemelmel kein.

Lake Hourglass ak roller eo an 23 ran in July im 30 ran in July nan am lale ia ko rej kilok. Ne ewor am kajitok jouj im call e lok Kwajalein Range Safey opija ilo (805) 355-4841 ak Mission Support iko (805) 355-4420.



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## COVID TOWN HALL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

“COVID is coming,” said Col. Tom Pugsley, commander, U.S. Army Garrison- Kwajalein Atoll, at a recent town hall meeting. “I would not be doing you any justice if I sugar-coated (the information). Knowledge is power and knowing is important so I’m not going to tell you everything is going to be okay.”

While it was understood that COVID-19 would eventually come to the atoll, Pugsley said, the Kwajalein community can now do a lot of planning and preparation to mitigate the impact of COVID once it enters this community.

“Once we do get community spread, which we think will be soon after implementation of the five-day Restriction of Movement on the RMI side, at some

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### TASKFORCE BULLETIN 02

U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

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.

## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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point after that we expect it to leech into the community,” Pugsley said. “There’s going to be a building period of about a couple weeks where one case will spread to two, four or six until we get a spike period of 21-35 days. We will see a vast spike of cases within the community and then it will level off over a couple weeks, and then burn off after about a month.”

Pugsley said that these are the same types of spikes we’ve seen many times back in the States. The difference here is that we have a community which, for the most part, has never been exposed.

“The good news is we’ve not been exposed to the really bad variants,” Pugsley said. “As you know, viruses try to infect as many people as possible, and tries not to kill them because that would not make for a very smart virus. This is why you see the impacts in hospitalizations and deaths across the U.S. drastically decrease with the various variants as time goes on.”

### COVID’s impact in the RMI

The RMI is a different population than what we have. The RMI is extremely densely packed so we will see fast community spread, for the most part more pre-existing conditions and medically vulnerable population than here on Kwaj. With that we have a new variant across the U.S. You are seeing spikes much more contagious.

With Omicron, for every person who got sick, they affected three to four people; with the new variant it’s 18.

The medical team estimates we are looking at infection rates of 15 - 30 percent with most numbers spread out over the entire peak. Based on our population, we are looking at anywhere from 225 - 450 cases. If you look at the average numbers across the U.S. that’s 11-20 hospitalizations and a lesser number of ventilators. We have some advantages compared to a lot of the analysis. “The vaccination rate in the U.S. is 34 percent while ours is 85 percent. The RMI’s rate is even higher, so we have that going in our favor,” said Pugsley.

Also, medications have recently come out that will drastically decrease the impact of symptomatic patients by about 90 percent. With a combination of high vaccination rates, a later variant of COVID, and medication, we can reduce the impact of the spikes when it hits.

Flattening the curve – hopefully we will do it in three to four weeks, and not two years like we saw back in the States. We have very limited medical capabilities to the point we will probably close down the clinic once we have two patients on ventilators. We need to do our best to mitigate the extreme cases and spread that out over the curve when it eventually hits here.

### What can we do?

Follow CDC guidelines, <https://www.cdc.gov> of good personal hygiene, washing hands often, using hand sanitizer and wearing masks. Try to minimize expo-

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To order your tests, click here to visit <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

sure. We’re not cancelling school; we’re not going to overreact like we saw back in the States.

At some point we’ll have to consider when we wear masks; at some point we will have to consider our telework policy. That’s difficult. Early on, most Army organizations closed shop. We don’t have that flexibility. We have a mission that must be completed. How do we work around these levels of restrictions for COVID to try to maintain safety in the community but still continue to deliver the services that our mission depends on?

A lot of that is on the contractor—how we keep serving food and trash picked up, providing power to the installation. Some organizations have more flexibility. A good chunk of my team can do their mission from home. It’s not optimal but I can do it for a little bit of time.

We will start engaging with all the stakeholders across the installation to determine what that looks like for everyone and communicate it so everyone knows what to expect, what their roles and responsibilities are going to be to avoid any last minute panic.

The best-case scenario is that we have three to four months to prepare for this. Worst-case scenario is a mistake is made and someone who has a border case gets out and we’re dealing with this sooner than later. Hopefully that doesn’t happen. We’ve been successful with our quarantine process for the past two years so the odds are low but they are not insignificant.

We’ve had about 50 border cases between the RMI and U.S. in quarantine with no hospitalizations.

### Here are some things to think about going forward

What can you do now? First and foremost, the most important thing you can do to mitigate risk is to get vaccinated. Believe it or not, there are 200+ contractors on this installation not vaccinated. Hopefully, this announcement that

COVID is coming, it’s now only a matter of time that spurs some action out of some people. Contact [galean.v.rasmussen.civ@army.mil](mailto:galean.v.rasmussen.civ@army.mil) to get vaccinated.

Impacting the medical facility. What I don’t want is everyone who gets the sniffles, a headache or a sore throat to run to the clinic. You can order free at-home antigen tests at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>.

**Wash your hands.** Stock up on some masks and hand sanitizer. Please don’t hoard. Think about your neighbor. Preparing is smart but don’t over-prepare.

**Have a conversation with your family on what they can expect.** It’s important to be aware about what is likely to happen and deal with it now rather than reacting later. Be proactive. What’s the plan if one of your children gets sick? What if a family member gets sick? Who is staying home? Have you deconflicted with your work? What do you do at work if a colleague gets sick and has to stay home? Who is picking up that slack? It’s all about planning.

**Do you have someone who can help you out if someone in your family tests positive?** Someone who can pick up stuff for you and have it delivered? Families should have a mutual agreement to help each other out.

At some point I may have to restrict dining at the Zamperini or spread out tables, extend the hours to rotate people through. Additionally, I may have to limit the number of people. I’m hoping this doesn’t have to happen but I have to plan for it all the same. **Prepare. Plan. Pay attention.**

### Questions and Answers

**What’s the expectation here if someone has COVID?**

I hope the majority of people who get

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## GET READY TO MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBOR.

Watch the AFN roller channel and the official USAG-KA Facebook page for the latest updates and information on what you can do to get ready when travel restrictions relax this fall.

COVID aren't even aware of it. But, we have to consider the worst case scenario. 1.1 million people have died from COVID-related illness in the U.S. With the new variant, there is an uptick in hospitalizations and deaths as well, nowhere near the spikes that we saw last January. But my expectation is somewhere in the middle.

**Do I think that we're going to get through this with no one extremely sick? Odds would say no.**

It is possible we are going to get some extreme cases. It's very likely we will have to medically evacuate people and it's possible people will die.

There is a significant emotional event coming to this community. It's something that the rest of the U.S. and world have already dealt with and have been dealing with for two years and in a lot of ways, are now desensitized to it. I do think with good planning, preparation and communication, time is what we have right now. We can set ourselves to get through it the best way possible and come out the other end hopefully a little less worse for wear.

**When a PCR shows positive, how will we handle it?**

Antigen tests are very rarely inaccurate. You have to be contagious, shedding the virus actively, to trigger the antigen test. The PCR is notorious for having false positives. You can test positive on a PCR up to 90 days after and it has a cyclical process where you can take it and test negative and take it a week later and test positive.

When we get a PCR positive, especially if we know they've had COVID in the last 30 to 60 days, we follow it up immediately with an antigen test.

If that is negative, 24 hours later we do another. With two negative antigen tests following a positive PCR, you are considered a historical case and you're released (from quarantine). If you are positive on an antigen test, then you are truly positive. That's where you earn your extra time in quarantine.

**Is it true that it will be mandatory to be vaccinated to enter the RMI in October?**

The RMI has made it mandatory for their citizens to be vaccinated to enter the country over the past year. The RMI understands they cannot enforce a rule that I legally cannot uphold. I cannot legally mandate people to be vaccinated, other than the military.

Meanwhile, most tenant units and contractors are requiring vaccinations for their employees.

**Fully vaccinated. What does that mean?**

Two shots are fully vaccinated. I cannot enforce the booster shots but I can encourage it.

**Do we still need to show proof of vaccinations at the airport?**

That is something I can enforce. It's a requirement to have all the other vaccinations to come to Kwaj. COVID is so new and there is so much contention and friction over it, it's holed up in court.

**Are there enough COVID medications here?**

We did a test order a few weeks ago for a base level amount and made a larger order last week. I'm really confident in the next few weeks we will have what we need.

**If I test positive on a home test kit, what do I do?**

The medical staff is coming up with procedures to self-triage. It will be clear on when to go to the hospital.

**What will be the status of United flights once the borders open?**

As of now, we currently limit flights to one United per week. We do not plan to open up any other flights than the one per week. The reason is for logistics. The process I have goes like clockwork but having it increased will drastically increase the odds of us making a mistake. For the interim, we will only offer one tranche per week due to a limit on housing.

I can only bring in a certain amount of people per week. The quarantine process and tranche process remain in effect for the foreseeable future even if United opens to three flights a week.

**Will the number of people on United be increased after October 1?**

Yes. The limiting factor will be United and housing. Housing allows 50 people



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Patricia Smith asks a question at the USAG-KA COVID-19 town hall July 15 at the Island Memorial Chapel.**

per week into quarantine but I doubt that we will fill a United flight. We are going to align ourselves with the rest of the world and live with COVID.

**Regarding transportation from the Hale Koa to Hickam AFB, can we get a bus instead of individual cabs to minimize exposure to the virus?**

The risk of exposure in a cab is small. The cab company we contract is a COVID-safe company. We have left that up to the contractor to figure out the best mechanism to get passengers to Hickam. T

he risk is not at the terminal or on the cab ride. The risk is before you enter quarantine (in Hawaii) and at the airport.

Starting August 1, all contractors must fly on United to come here. The ATI will go back to being for military and their dependents, and retirees only.

**Are we prepared to keep the schools open on Kwajalein?**

Vectrus is working with the schools to come up with their plan. We are not going to overreact.

The plan is that school will open as designed. Once we start closing schools, it impacts the community. Who will stay home with the kids?

What's the impact to their education? Our goal is to continue to provide while mitigating risk. We are looking hard at this and will have a plan in the next few weeks.

**We have a lot of Marshallese workforce employees at Nan, Inc. Has any thought been given to in the case of COVID spread, transportation from Ebeye to Kwaj over the ferry system and how it will be affected?**

A much complicated problem is with the critical workforce that is the Marshallese workers. We have 1,108 Marshallese who work for the garrison.

This place will not operate without them. We are working through what happens once COVID hits Ebeye and how will that impact operations. We are also working on how the tenants will continue to operate when a good chunk of their workforce is probably going to be at risk?

Ten percent of Ebeye works on this installation and another 30 to 40 percent are dependent on this installation.

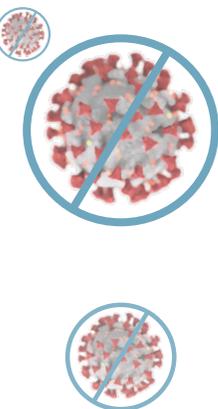
**Are you informing the RMI about this Town Hall?**

We will work with KALGOV to inform the Marshallese workforce. In a lot of ways, they are better prepared. Their hospital is much more robust, they have more beds and ventilators.

**I'm a retiree and a contractor. After August 1, how hard will it be for me to fly on the ATI for Space A?**

Leaving is easy. You just have to be on a tranche to return. Work with your human resources department to get onto a tranche.

**PLAN AHEAD BY PURCHASING THESE SUGGESTED ITEMS**



The tools below can help Kwajalein Hospital staff treat and evaluate you:

- Pulse oximeter for testing oxygen saturation levels
- Oral thermometers
- N95 masks
- Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen for adults and children

As you make purchases to prepare your home and workplace for the fall, please consider postal shipping timelines.



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From left: Chenega Security specialists George Luther, Liam Aron, Neimelu Bolkheim and Liahona Enos are among the newest Marshallese employees of the contract security company on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

## UP TO THE CHALLENGE: CHENEGA'S NEW SECURITY SPECIALISTS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Congratulations** to four new Marshallese employees with Chenega Global Protection, who were recognized in an awards ceremony at Kwajalein's Dock Security Checkpoint July 16.

Island residents can meet Access Control Officer George Luther at the Kwajalein air terminal Entry and Exit Office. Access Control Officers Neimelu Bolkheim, Liahona Enos and Liam Aron will work at the Kwajalein DSC.

"We are proud of the newest members of our workforce, and we can't wait to add their talents to our team," said Security Chief Chris Ramsey.

"They have all worked very hard to train, and we are grateful to be able to have them."

Officers complete a training program of 120 combined total hours of hands-on and on-the-job training activities. At work, they perform a variety of security duties, including passenger assistance, baggage checks and providing services to support safe travel for ferry passengers making their daily commutes to and from Kwajalein.

That means early days and late nights at work, but team members said the challenge and opportunity to try something new interested them to pursue a career in security.

"I'm grateful for the chance to do this work," said Aron, now one of only six Marshallese women currently serving with Chenega. "For me, it's a chance to give back to my people and my community while keeping them safe."

Chenega assumed security contractor services on Kwajalein in August 2021 and is one of the largest employers of Marshallese citizens on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

"I value our team like a family," said Ramsey. "We couldn't do this mission without our talented specialists. Their hard work and determination help us achieve success for the garrison and our community."

## 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 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)

ATI Calendar: Kwajalein to Hickam				HIK			
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6-Jul	WED	1000	41	5-Jul	TUES	1630	
8-Jul	FRI	1100	41	7-Jul	THURS	1730	SUU
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	21-Jul	THURS	1730	SUU
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

For more information email: Command Sgt. Maj. Ortega at [ismael.e.ortega.mil@army.mil](mailto:ismael.e.ortega.mil@army.mil)

# YYWC BOOK AUCTION TO SUPPORT EDUCATION GRANTS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

One of the island's oldest and most venerable historic organizations, the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club, invites you to support education in Micronesia by participating in a silent auction for an historic book.

Through this month, island residents can visit the Mic Shop to place bids on "Another Day in Paradise," a sizable tome by Kwaj historian Bill Remick.

The text chronicles island history, publications, organizations and the development of the island's infrastructure with photos and commentary. The book is currently out of print, and this copy can be yours—but that's just one of the best parts about the auction.

The Mic Shop, an initiative of the YYWC, will donate all proceeds from the auction, as well as sales from handicrafts and Micronesian gifts, to support education grants for Marshallese schools.

"It's incredible to see the difference that going to the Mic Shop and buying something makes for these kids," said Crockett Neighbors, a Kwajalein teacher and Mic Shop volunteer, during a recent interview. "Your contribution can go a long way. ...Buying something from the Mic Shop matters in so many ways. I'm just thankful that I get to be a little part of it. ...It's so humbling and such an honoring experience."

Schools utilize grant funds to pur-



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Kwajalein teacher Crockett Neighbors visited the AFN Radio Studio to discuss her involvement with the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club and an ongoing silent auction initiative to raise funds to support education in Micronesia. Visit the Mic Shop Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. and Fridays from 5 - 7 p.m. to place your bid before Aug. 1.

chase an array of materials—everything from curriculum items to books and other classroom supplies.

Neighbors, who has lived on Kwajalein for one year, said that she enjoys the opportunity to support the Mic Shop with volunteerism.

"As an educator, I was compelled by the mission of the club," Neighbors said. "The Mic Shop volunteers were so kind and helpful, and in visiting the shop, I learned more about this beautiful place. Every day, I fall in love with another aspect of Kwajalein. I'm grateful for the chance to help its people."

In the past, the YYWC has often uti-

lized silent auctions featuring goods and unique items donated by current and former Kwaj residents to support its education mission.

Most recently, the YYWC auctioned a large, handmade Hawaiian quilt by Kwaj resident Lori Krueger.

For more information about the YYWC, please visit the club Facebook page. Island residents are also encouraged to attend an upcoming YYWC meet and greet, to be held at the Pugsley residence, Qtrs. 241, in early September, for a chance to learn more about volunteer opportunities and ways to assist the YYWC mission.



## MYSTERY OBJECTS FROM KWAJALEIN

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Sometimes even an archaeologist must ask for help in correctly identifying strange and ancient unidentified found objects.

The Kwajalein Archaeological office is calling on anyone and everyone who can help them determine just what this week's featured item is.

This item was one of several objects recently returned to Kwajalein by the relatives of a service member who brought them home after World War II.

"The object is not very large," said Kwajalein Archaeologist Susan Underbrink. "It's metal and about the size

of a small wallet.

We have not seen one of these before, but we encourage you to contact the office if you have an idea as to what this item could be."

Don't worry if you don't know what this item is. You'll get your chance to identify many more objects in the weeks ahead in this special column dedicated to the unknown.

Your guess is as good as ours—or better. Contact the Kwajalein Archaeological Office at 5-8867 for more information and email your guesses to [susan.underbrink@vecrus.com](mailto:susan.underbrink@vecrus.com) to help identify this unidentified object.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE KWAJALEIN ARCHAEOLOGY OFFICE

The Kwajalein Archaeology Office needs your help with an important fact-finding mission. The archaeologists invite Kwaj residents, former residents and anyone in the world who can help them identify this unidentified found object located on Kwajalein.



Young Marshallese dancers perform the Jobwa Stick Dance during the coronation ceremony of Irojilaplap and Kwajalein Atoll Sen. Michael Kabua at Ebeye's Wilmer Bolkheim Gym on July 21. Congratulations and best wishes to the Kabua family and the Republic of the Marshall Islands on this historic occasion. Check out more coverage on the ceremony in next week's Kwajalein Hourglass.

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## Kwaj Town Hall

**July 28**  
**5 p.m.**  
**Island Memorial Chapel**

Come share your complaints, kudos, comments or suggestions with USAG-KA Command. See you there!



## Roi Town Hall



**July 29**  
**12 p.m.**  
**Tradewinds Theater**



### Service Members and Veterans

Mr. Lennie Butterfield invites you to learn about VA Loans

**July 26, 4 - 6 P.M.**  
**@ CRC 6**

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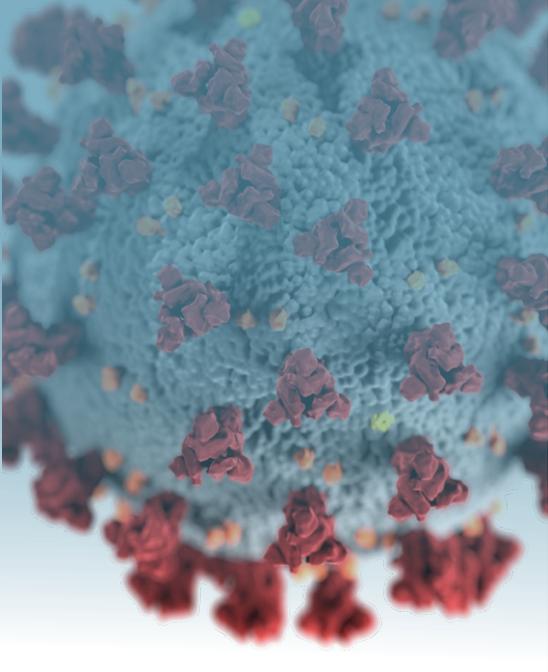
## EBEYE BACK2SCHOOL EVENT

### School Supply Drive

**Aug. 8 at 3 p.m.**  
**Wilmer Bolkeim Gym**  
**Ebeye**

For information on supplies needed as well as how to get the items to Kwaj, contact [janel143@hotmail.com](mailto:janel143@hotmail.com)

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## COMMUNITY TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19 DETECTED IN KOSRAE, POHNPEI

### EXTERNAL REPORT

By Press Release Federated States of Micronesia Information Services

**Palikir, Pohnpei—On July 19,** the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia became aware of multiple cases of COVID-19 in the communities of the State of Kosrae and the State of Pohnpei.

In the State of Pohnpei, the FSM Government is aware of seven cases of COVID-19.

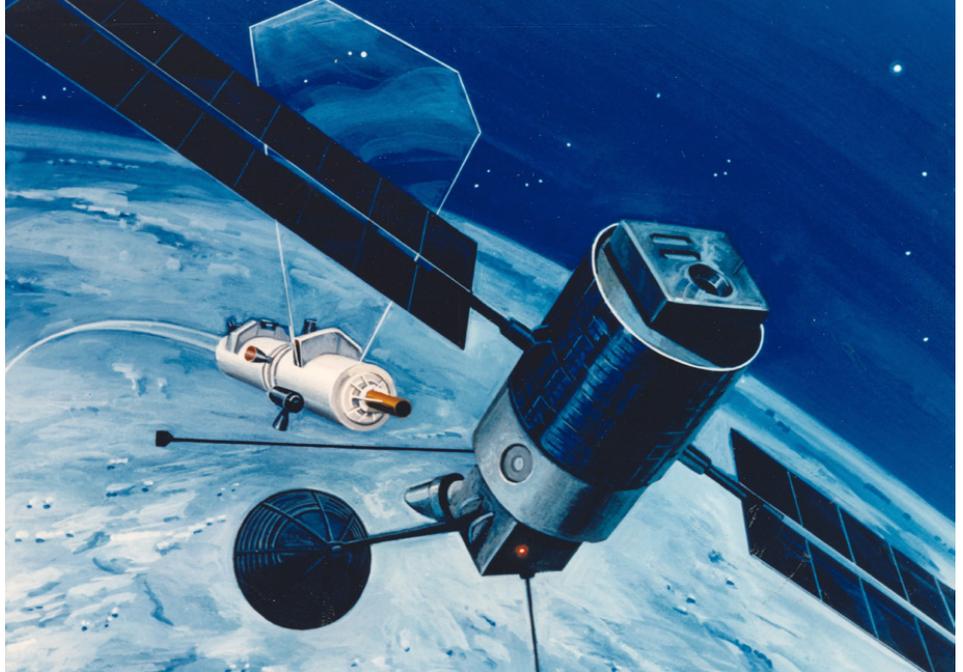
The FSM Government is aware that Pohnpei State Government’s request for all residents is to avoid public gatherings as much as practicable; to wear a facemask at all times; to get vaccinated if not done so already; and to visit the Pohnpei State Hospital if anyone has any flu-like symptoms. To the knowledge of the FSM Government, all public services will remain open. The public is urged to remain calm.

In the State of Kosrae, the FSM Government is advised that between July 16 and 17, several influenza-like illnesses were showing up in the community. A medical team investigated, and upon, going to a household of 11 persons and testing them all, determined that 10 of them were positive.

Additionally, 28 people showed up at the Kosrae Hospital’s outpatient area. Of this group, 25 were positive for COVID-19.

A repatriation flight to Kosrae State on Monday, July 18, brought in one passenger from Guam and three from Pohnpei. Of these four persons, two of them from Pohnpei State were found to be positive upon arrival into Kosrae.

*This is a rapidly evolving situation and that information within this release should be assumed to be out of date upon its publication. It is the intention of the FSM Government to meet with all State Governments and external partners at 9 a.m., Pohnpei time, on July 20, to determine next steps.*



An artist's concept of the KE-ASAT system developed and tested by the command in the 1990s.

## U.S. SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

By Sharon Watkins-Lang,  
USASMDC Historian

On July 7, 1976, National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft, issued National Security Decision Memorandum 333 on behalf of President Gerald Ford which addressed the Enhanced Survivability of Critical U. S. Military and Intelligence Space Systems.

It states “[t]he President has expressed concern regarding the emerging Soviet anti-satellite capability and the possible threat to critical U. S. space missions this implies. He considers preserving the right to free use of space to be a matter of high national priority. The U. S. trend toward increasing exploitation of space for national security purposes ... combined with the simultaneous trend toward a smaller number of larger, more sophisticated satellites emphasizes the need for a reassessment of U. S. policy regarding survivability of critical military and intelligence space assets.”

The short, intermediate and long-term survivability measures were to be predicated upon six U.S. objectives. The plan, which was due no later than Nov. 30, was to include a range of implementation schedules and funding profiles for Presidential consideration.

From July 12 - 14, 1997, the Army Theater Missile Defense Element from the U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command supported U.S. Atlantic Command’s exercise Coherent Defense 97. The ATMDE integrated the Force Protection Tactical Operations Center or the FPTOC into the AAMDC operations.

Under the Theater Missile Defense Initiative, USACOM was “to collect and coordinate TMD operational requirements” from the other Combatant Commands and create a list of Joint TMD-related tasks with conditions and standards to develop a joint TMD training guide.

The Coherent Defense ‘97 wargame was to “demonstrate and highlight service capabilities and contributions to joint TMD operations” with particu-



President Gerald Ford working in the Oval Office in January 1976.

lar interest in joint command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence or C4I architecture.

On July 21, 2016, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the In-Flight Interceptor Communications System Data Terminal located at Fort Drum, New York.

Part of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system, the IRIFICS is designed to send and receive messages from the Exo-atmospheric Kill Vehicle while in flight and relay data to the GMD Fire Control System.

Brig. Gen. William Cooley, Missile Defense Agency Program Executive for Programs and Integration explained, “This state-of-the-art facility has enhanced our ability to deter or defeat the limited use of long-range ballistic missiles against our nation. It is a vital asset provided to U.S. Northern Command to execute their critically important homeland defense mission.”

Attendees included Col. Timothy Lawson, commander, 100th Missile Defense Brigade; Brig. Gen. Paul Bontrager, 10th Mountain Division & Fort Drum acting senior commander; David Leach, Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division; Brig. Gen. Cooley; and Col. Bryan Laske, Fort Drum garrison commander.

Similar terminals are located at Fort Greely and Shemya, Alaska and Vandenberg Air Force Base, California.

# ARMY ANNOUNCES TOTAL ARMY COVID-19 VACCINATION STATISTICS

EXTERNAL REPORT

By U.S. Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Army announced COVID-19 vaccination rates and exemption requests for the Total Army as of July 7.

As the Army accesses and discharges Soldiers and continues to refine data tracking processes, the vaccination percentages will vary slightly.

The Army will publish additional details as they become available.

For additional information on Army vaccination rates, contact the U.S. Army Media Relations Division at [usarmy.pentagon.hqda-ocpa.mbx.mrd-press-desk@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-ocpa.mbx.mrd-press-desk@army.mil).

For queries specific to the Army National Guard, please contact the National Guard Bureau, [ng.ncr.ngb-arng.mesg.ngb-media-desk-owner@army.mil](mailto:ng.ncr.ngb-arng.mesg.ngb-media-desk-owner@army.mil).

For queries specific to the U.S. Army Reserve, please contact Mr. John Bradley, [john.b.bradley2.civ@army.mil](mailto:john.b.bradley2.civ@army.mil).

## U.S. ARMY COVID-19 VACCINATION DATA\*

Component	% Complete	% At Least One Dose	Refusals	Separations
Active Army	96%	97%	1,558	1,299
Army National Guard	87%	89%	12,229	0
Army Reserve	89%	90%	7,033	0

## U.S. ARMY COVID-19 PERMANENT EXEMPTION DATA\*

Temporary	Approved: (includes requests for permanent exemptions)		
Active Army	3,085		
Army National Guard	7,767		
Army Reserve	6,457		
Permanent Medical	Approved:	Disapproved:	Requested:
Active Army	23	689	742
Army National Guard	6	33	53
Army Reserve	0	252	297
Permanent Religious	Approved:	Disapproved:	Requested:
Active Army	19	1,239	4,782
Army National Guard	0	39	1,141
Army Reserve	0	31	1,778

\*As of July 7, 2022

# ARMY ESTABLISHES TWO NEW INITIATIVES TO COMBAT HARMFUL BEHAVIORS

EXTERNAL REPORT

By U.S. Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON — The Army has implemented two new initiatives to further remove the barriers on combating harmful behaviors and sustain positive command climates. The Safe-to-Report policy safeguards sexual assault victims from disciplinary action for minor collateral misconduct that might be in time, place, or circumstance associated with the sexual assault incident.

The Office of Special Trial Counsel is an independent prosecution office that will be dedicated to the investigation, referral and trial-level litigation and prosecution of covered offenses such as murder, rape and child abuse.

## SAFE-TO-REPORT

This policy, directed by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, applies to all Service members who are victims of sexual assault, including cadets at the United States Military Academy, regardless to whom the victim reports the sexual assault, and regardless of whether the investigation or prosecution is handled by military or civilian authorities.

Studies have shown that victims consider the possibility of disciplinary action against them to be a significant barrier to sexual assault reporting within the military.

“We continue to look for ways to improve the Army’s Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention pro-

gram,” said Dr. James A. Helis, Director of the Army Resilience Directorate. “This directive helps reduce the stigma associated with reporting, so offenders can be held accountable for their actions and victims can get the support they need to heal.”

Examples of misconduct that commanders may deem minor under this policy include:

The victim was drinking while underage at the time of the assault.

The victim was involved in an unprofessional relationship with the subject at the time of the sexual assault.

The victim was in violation of lawful orders establishing curfews, off-limit locations, barracks policies or similar matters at the time of the reported sexual assault.

The Safe-to-Report policy provides commanders discretion in assessing whether an offense represents minor collateral misconduct. Commanders must consider the following mitigating factors when deterring whether collateral misconduct is minor:

The victim’s age and military experience level.

Whether the subject is in a position of authority over the victim or a higher grade than the victim.

Whether the subject engaged in actions to stalk, harass, haze, coerce and/or otherwise influence the victim to engage in sexual behavior.

Whether the command knew about the alleged collateral misconduct before the victim reported the sexual assault, and, if not, whether the collateral misconduct would have been discov-

ered if the victim had not reported an assault.

Whether the victim engaged in misconduct after the sexual assault, which may be related to symptoms of trauma. For example, whether the victim engaged in underage drinking as a coping mechanism to alleviate sexual assault trauma symptoms

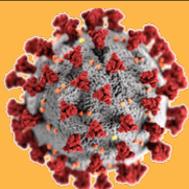
## OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRIAL COUNSEL

The office will report directly to the Secretary of the Army Christine E. Wormuth who recently signed Army General Order 2022-10 establishing the new office. The OSTC will take over independent prosecution of specific crimes by December 2023 as directed by the FY22 National Defense Authorization Act.

Offenses covered by the punitive articles of the UCMJ can range from minor disciplinary infractions to serious criminal offenses. The 11 covered offenses are Murder, Manslaughter, Rape, Sexual Assault, Rape of a Child, Sexual Assault of a Child, Other Sexual Misconduct, Kidnapping, Domestic Violence, Stalking, Retaliation, Child Pornography and Wrongful Broadcast.

Judge Advocates will be certified by The Judge Advocate General to serve as Special Trial Counsel and the Office will be led by a General Officer to be announced later, who will also be a Judge Advocate.

The Army’s military justice reforms are well underway, and the Army will continue to identify ways to implement improvements to investigation and prosecution of covered offenses.



# GET READY TO MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBOR.

Watch the AFN roller channel and the official USAG-KA Facebook page for the latest updates and information on what you can do to get ready when travel restrictions relax this fall.

# THE LIBERTY PASS

## Kwaj Weekend and Activity Guide

### Coming Up Next

# TRX Bootcamp

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

**Now through Aug. 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

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.

### C-BUILDING ROI-NAMUR

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

Introducing *Salsa Club*

**Bring a partner!** Friday Nights  
**Learn Latin** 7:15-8pm  
**dancing basics** Crc-6  
**with Herman** Free!  
**Allison**

**Check out this free community-led event!**



## Move over, Missile Burger. Cajun Crawfish Boil

**\$10 while supplies last**

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

# MARSHALLESE LANGUAGE PRIMER

## KATAK 4 - RELATIONSHIPS

An old Marshallese saying advises that asking about your family relationships guarantees wisdom. The saying reflects the reality of an island environment where everything from basic tasks like gathering and cooking food to more intensive projects like building houses and canoes are possible only through gorup efforts. Therefore, knowing your relatives was, and in many cases, continues to be, the basis for survival.

Baamle.....	Family
Ninnin.....	Baby
Jema-.....	Father
Jine-.....	Mother
Jimma-.....	Grandfather
Bubu.....	Grandmother
Jeiu.....	Older brother/sister
Jatiu.....	Younger brother/sister
Mweo.....	Home/house
Laddrik.....	Boy
Leddrik.....	Girl
Armij.....	People
Kejro maron ke etal nan ibben baamle eo am? .....	Can we go with your family?
Aet, kejro etal.....	Sure, let's (the two of us) go.
Einwot air, loe jinom im im jemom etal im jermal.....	I thought I saw your father and mother go to work.
Inna, rar etal ke ej jibbon	Yes, they went early in the morning.
Ak won ran nweo?.....	So who is at home?
Jimma im bubu wot.....	Just my grandfater and grandmother.
Ak ewor ke bar armij mwen?.....	Are there any other people at the house?
O, laddrik eo jatiu im leddrik eo jeiu rekurre ibben ninnin eo.....	Oh, my younger brother and older sister are playing with the baby.

# BUILD A COVID KIT

## HOURLASS REPORT

As Kwajalein Atoll moves closer to October 1, the date proposed by the RMI government to significantly relax quarantine and travel restrictions, the atoll community moves closer to living with COVID-19 on a daily basis.

It is recommended that island households prepare in advance with caregiving strategies, supplies and plans to prevent the spread of the virus throughout the community and to be ready for inevitable periods of convalescence.

On July 15, USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley recommended to the community to procure free, at-home COVID-19 test kits. These kits are available online. Pugsley also recommended for household members and work teams to discuss plans for continuing operations with sick members.

- If you or your spouse becomes ill, what is your plan for watching your children?
- If you are a single parent on Kwajalein, and you or your child become sick with COVID-19, what is your plan for continuing caregiving while meeting the needs of your family?
- If your coworkers become ill, what is the plan to continue uninterrupted services?

### Get Ready

Plan in advance by purchasing the following items online, as AAFES stock may not sufficiently provision all community members' pandemic-related needs:

- CDC-approved N95 or KN95 masks
- Cleaning wipes and sprays
- Sundries and over-the-counter medications such as ibuprofen
- Tissues
- Antibacterial soaps
- It is additionally suggested that island residents purchase foodstuffs that can be prepared on-hand to avoid making unnecessary trips to island points of sale and island dining facilities.
- Special get-well morale boosters, cough syrups or items that you would like to have when you get COVID-19

### Stay Connected

Residents reminded that staying connected while social distancing will be an important part of avoiding community spread.

Please plan to read the Kwajalein Hourglass, to review the AFN roller channel and to review communications from the garrison command team and your employer for directives and best practices.

For more information, call the Commander's Hotline at 5-1098.

**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.

**Soccer Registration**

Now – August 9

Season begins August 16

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

# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

The community wants to hear from you. Email announcements and advertisements to [kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://usajobs.gov). Write to [kwajalein.hourglass@amen-tum.com](mailto:kwajalein.hourglass@amen-tum.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](https://akima.ta-leo.net/careersection/akimallc_cs/jobsearch.ftl). Apply online or send resume to Jeannette McIlwain at [jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com](mailto: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](mailto:kwajchapel@gmail.com) and Ch. Brian Conner at [brian\\_conner@sbcbglobal.net](mailto:brian_conner@sbcbglobal.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](http://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](mailto: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/kaihonua>. 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](http://www.nanhawaii.com) and contact Clint Ueataari 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](mailto:dbakhsh@rmi.qdyncorp.com), or Sammy Juda, administrative assistant at 5-4916 and [sjuda@rmi.qdyncorp.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://Careers.Vectrus.com), search for "substitute teacher," or, send a resume and letter of application to [uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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>.

FLYRO! FlyRoi has a new email address. Email [flyroi@wsp.com](mailto: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@internationalsosgs.us](mailto:kwajaleinveterinaryclinic@internationalsosgs.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](mailto: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!  
Mondays & Wednesdays, 12 – 2 p.m.  
Fridays, 5 – 7 p.m.**

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.**



## 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](mailto: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.



## Water Plant to Flush Pipes Through Aug. 13

## COVID-19 Vaccine Waitlist



If you have children 6 months to 4 years old, contact Galean Rasmussen, USAG-KA health systems specialist, at [galean.v.rasmussen.civ@army.mil](mailto:galean.v.rasmussen.civ@army.mil) to be added to the vaccine waitlist.

## 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.

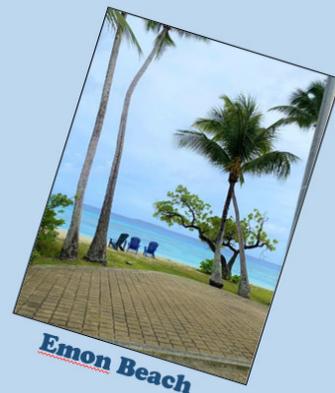
**WHAT?** 30-minute new hire and refresher UXO class explaining specific dangers on Kwajalein. Max 18 people per class.

**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.

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?



Email your choice to [james.m.brantley4.civ@army.mil](mailto:james.m.brantley4.civ@army.mil) by July 31.

Water Plant personnel will be flushing the potable water system main pipes now through Aug. 13. No interruption of services is expected. Due to sediment in the pipes being stirred up, you may notice some discoloration 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 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.

# 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.

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YOU ARE IN,  
OPSEC APPLIES TO YOU.

# EVERYONE CAN PLAY A ROLE TO REDUCE SKIN CANCER

## WHAT IS THE REAL COST OF SKIN CANCER?

Skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States, yet most cases can be prevented.

**5 MILLION PEOPLE**

are treated every year for skin cancer in the U.S.



Rates of skin cancer have been increasing every year over the last several decades.



**1 OUT OF 3**

young white women ages 16-25 indoor tan each year



**ABOUT 37%**

of U.S. adults report having been sunburned in the past year.



**3,200 PEOPLE**

a year in the United States seek care in emergency rooms with injuries from indoor tanning.



**NEARLY 9,000 PEOPLE DIE FROM MELANOMA EACH YEAR.**

**\$8.1 BILLION**

is the estimated annual cost of skin cancer treatment.



[www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin)





## 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](mailto:uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com) Kindergarten or any grade.

### Schools on Summer Break

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

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY U.S. Space Force – Space Systems Command Flight Tests Preliminary Final Environmental Assessment / Overseas Environmental Assessment (EA/OEA)

The United States (U.S.) Space Force (USSF) proposes to test a flight launch vehicle from launch facilities on Wake Island to the U.S. Army Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS), managed by the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (USASMDC), in the Kwajalein Atoll. While Wake Island is managed and controlled by the U.S. Air Force Pacific Air Forces Regional Support Center, the launch facilities themselves are controlled and operated by the U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA). The test mission would require two test flights, which would be executed by the U.S. Space Force (USSF) – Space Systems Command (SSC) Launch Enterprise, Small Launch and Targets Division, located at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. The Department of the Air Force (DAF) has environmental management and oversight authority for USSF and is therefore the lead agency for this National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. On 21 April 2022, the USASMDC and MDA were requested by the DAF to become Cooperating Agencies.

The Preliminary Final USSF SSC Flight Tests EA/OEA analyzes the environmental impacts from the test launch of up to two flight test demonstrations from Wake Island toward the RTS in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, which operates under a Compact of Free Association with the United States and follows regulatory provisions of the NEPA.

The Preliminary Final USSF SSC Flight Tests EA/OEA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available at <http://ussf-ssc-eaoea.govsupport.us>. Copies of the EA/OEA and Draft FONSI were placed in the Grace Sherwood Library, Kwajalein Island; the Roi-Namur Library, Marshall Island and the Wake Island Airport Lobby, Wake Atoll.

Public comments on the Preliminary Final EA/OEA and Draft FONSI will be accepted from **11 July 2022** to **9 August 2022** and can be provided in either of the following ways: (1) E mail comments by **9 August 2022** to [ussf-ssc-eaoea-comments@govsupport.us](mailto:ussf-ssc-eaoea-comments@govsupport.us); (2) Mail comments, postmarked no later than **9 August 2022**, to: USASMDC, ATTN: SMDC-EN (D. Fuller), P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807.

## KOJJELA KE EDEDELOK Jen U.S. Space Force – Space Systems Command eo Etale eo imaan tata ikijeen Kommalmale Kein Ketelloke Eo Ekoba etale eo eliktata ikijeen Pelaak ko/Pelaak ko Itulik ak (EA/OEA)

United States (U.S.) Space Force eo ak (USSF) ej kotmene in kommane juon kommalmale juon kein jeral eo renaj keteloke imejatoto jen jikin keteloke eo ej bed ion Wake Island im buki tok U.S. Army Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site ak (RTS) eo, ej bed iumin kejebarok an U.S. Army Space im Missile Defense Command ak (USASMDC) eo, im ej bed ion ene in Kwajalein. Ilo an jikin in Wake Island bed iumin kejebarok im tel eo an U.S. Air Force Pacific Air Forces Regional Support Center eo, jikin keteloke ko ie rej bed iumin maron im tel ko an U.S. Missile Defense Agency ak (MDA) eo. Ien kommalmal in enaaj kommane ruo ien ketelok ko, ko im renaj komman jen U.S. Space Force ak (USSF) eo– ekoba Space Systems Command ak (SSC) eo Launch Enterprise, Small Launch im Targets Division eo, rej bed ilo jikin in Kirtland Air Force Base eo, ilo New Mexico. Department eo an Air Force ak (DAF) eo ewor an maron im eddo ion pelaak ko ekoba maron ion ra eo an USSF eo im kin menin ej ra eo ej bok eddo in aolep makitkit ko rejelet etale ko rej uwaan lok kakien eo an Amedka ikijeen Pelaak ko ak National Environmental Policy Act ak (NEPA) eo. Ilo 21 April 2022, USASMDC im kab MDA eo ekar etal kajjotok nan erro jimor jen ippen DAF bwe erro en jimor jeral ippen dron ilo makitkit kein.

Etale eo imaan tata im eliktata an USSF SSC kin ien kommalmale kein jeral ko renaaj keteloki imejatoto, ekoba etale eo ikijeen pelaak ko/pelaak ko itulik rej jimor etale wewein ko remaron jelet im lanwotwot im walok jen ien kommalmale ruo kein jeral ko renaaj keteloki imejatoto im renaaj buki jen Wake Island im keteloki lok nan RTS eo im ej bed ilo Republic eo an Marshall Islands, eo im ewor an juon Bujen Jemjera ippen Amedka im ej bareinwot loor ejja kakien eo an NEPA.

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# STAY INFORMED

Watch the AFN roller channel and the official USAG-KA Facebook page for the latest updates and information on what you can do to get ready when travel restrictions relax this fall.



# RTS WEATHER STATION



## RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

### WEATHER DISCUSSION

The Intertropical Convergence Zone, which is the dominant rain producing feature during our rain-season, will push northward towards the Kwajalein Atoll over the coming days.

By this weekend a Tropical Upper Tropospheric Trough, which is a low-pressure system fueled by a slug of upper-level cold mid-latitude air will work in tandem with the ITCZ.

As the TUTT positions itself in a favorable location, to the northwest of RMI, it will add fuel to the fire and result in surges of heavy rain, gusty winds and even a thunderstorm or two as the ITCZ flares-ups.

The TUTT helping to cool mid-level air will also help improve lightning production with areas of deep convection.

By the start of next workweek, the TUTT will have exited the region, but the ITCZ will remain in place. Convection will simmer over RMI as the ITCZ resides overhead during the start of the workweek, but without any external mechanisms, weather is not expected to be above that is typically observed during the rainy-season conditions.

Eventually the ITCZ will re-establish itself south of Kwajalein during the second of the coming workweek which will provide additional

relief by reducing cloud and shower coverage over central and north half of RMI.

### SATURDAY

Mostly cloudy to cloudy with scattered showers and stray thunderstorms, especially in the morning. Light to moderate winds from the SE-E at 9-14 knots with higher gusts near showers and thunderstorms.

Winds could become briefly strong in and around heavy showers and thunderstorms.

### SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Mostly cloudy to cloudy with isolated showers increasing to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms at times periodically throughout this weekend.

Winds will vary from the E-SSE at 7-12 knots with strong gusts possible near showers and thunderstorms.

### NEXT WEEK

Elevated cloud cover and shower activity is expected for the first half of the workweek while the ITCZ remains overhead.

Eventually the ITCZ will shift south of Kwajalein, which will result in a reduction in cloud cover and shower activity during for the second half of the workweek.

Winds from the S-SE at 7-12 during the beginning of the workweek before backing to the ENE-ESE and increasing to 11-16 knots for the remainder of the workweek.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:39 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	2:40 a.m. 3:34 p.m.	1:22 a.m. 3.1' 1:53 p.m. 2.3'	8:09 a.m. 1.0' 7:35 p.m. 1.0'
MONDAY	6:39 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	3:26 a.m. 4:25 p.m.	2:16 a.m. 3.4' 2:47 p.m. 2.5'	8:57 a.m. 0.6' 8:27 p.m. 0.7'
TUESDAY	6:40 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	4:15 a.m. 5:16 p.m.	2:58 a.m. 3.6' 3:27 p.m. 2.7'	9:34 a.m. 0.3' 9:08 p.m. 0.5'
WEDNESDAY	6:40 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	5:05 a.m. 6:06 p.m.	3:35 a.m. 3.9' 4:00 p.m. 3.0'	10:06 a.m. 0.1' 9:45 p.m. 0.2'
THURSDAY	6:40 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	5:57 a.m. 6:55 p.m.	4:08 a.m. 4.1' 4:31 p.m. 3.2'	10:36 a.m. -0.2' 10:18 p.m. 0.0'
FRIDAY	6:40 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	6:48 a.m. 7:41 p.m.	4:39 a.m. 4.3' 5:01 p.m. 3.4'	11:05 a.m. -0.3' 10:50 p.m. -0.1'
JULY 30	6:40 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	7:37 a.m. 8:24 p.m.	5:10 a.m. 4.4' 5:30 p.m. 3.5'	11:34 a.m. -0.3' 11:21 p.m. -0.1'



**Work and play safely.**  
For additional weather information, please click the logo to visit the RTS Weather Station online.



### 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



### UNITED AIRLINES JULY FLIGHTS

### RMI TRAVEL ISSUANCE #40

Travel issuance #40 remains in effect until July 31.

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

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

### 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.

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



*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.

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

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



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