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 JESSICA DAMBRUCH

RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE RANGE OPERATION 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.

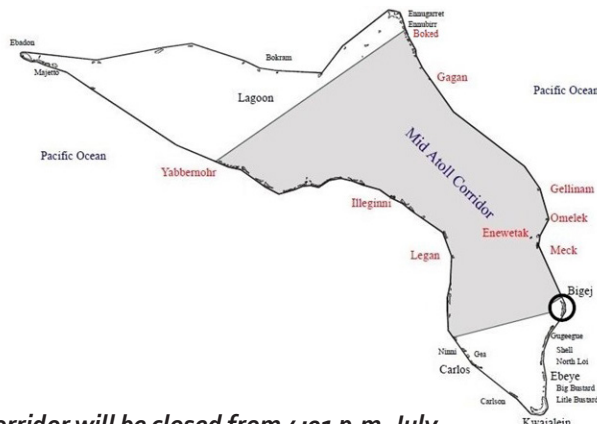
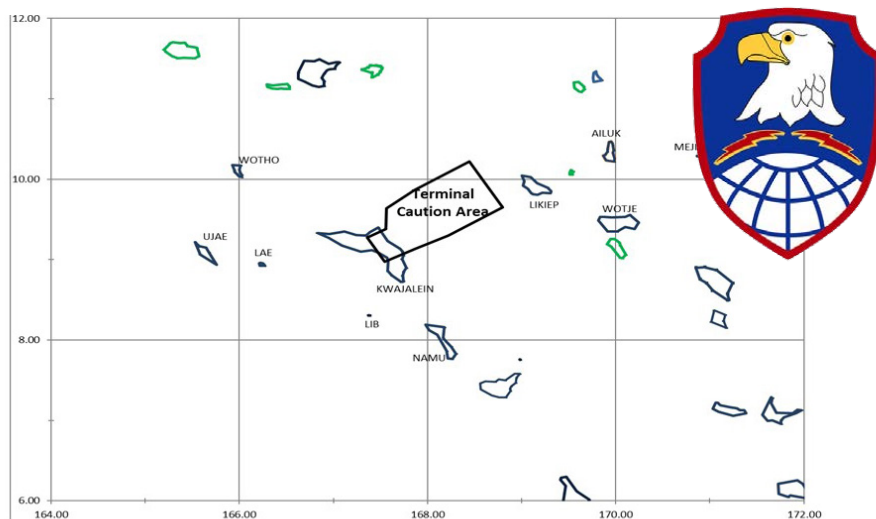
The mid-atoll corridor will be closed from 4:01 p.m. on July 30 through mission completion. The caution area extends from the surface to unlimited altitude.

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 rekawotota ej jen 6 p.m. jota nan 2:09 a.m. in jimarok.

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THE WAY FORWARD: USAG-KA COMMANDER DISCUSSES READINESS PLANNING

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The isolated communities of Kwajalein Atoll will have their first experience with COVID community spread after the Republic of the Marshall Islands opens its borders Oct. 1, 2022. The garrison command team continues to work with island contract partners and the RMI government to prepare atoll communities for a "newer normal" while developing plans to minimize impacts to the mission. In their arsenal are two years' worth of lessons learned by the global community and vaccines available at local healthcare centers.

There remain many unknowns and unanswered questions. As plans develop, USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley has also focused on informing the community and sharing his own thoughts and expectations for living with community spread on Kwajalein. He seeks to achieve a not-so-

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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.

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far-away goal: to beat the initial COVID-19 spike.

Please share with us your family's own experience with COVID-19.

When COVID hit, I was in Pennsylvania attending the U.S. Army War College. In hindsight, there were a lot of overreactions. For me, life under COVID was a lot of staying at home with my family and finding new, inventive ways to keep the kids entertained.

The school year ended after spring break. We did not make a lot of restaurant visits or store trips. Early on, I went to the store once every 10 days wearing gloves and a mask. I would do shopping—not purchasing toilet paper because there was none to be found—and I would come back and get hosed down outside by the wife.

Over the next year to 18 months, life under COVID became, “Hey, reduce your large gatherings and don’t hang out.” We managed with half our workforce at my duty station in South Carolina for 50 percent of the time. When you have half your workforce out, you’re not getting after your true mission.

I joked at the July 15 town hall that you could be standing at a hand-washing station and see two or three other hand sanitizer stations. They were everywhere. You got used to that.

Then, I came to Kwajalein and got used to shaking hands again. My first handshake in over a year and a half was on the day I was released from island quarantine.

For people who did not go off-island during COVID-19, living with it on Kwajalein will be interesting. My hope is that we avoid overreactions. Just because that’s what many of us lived two years ago doesn’t mean that’s what we must live now. Life in the United States changed, but later allowed for activities like movies and visiting restaurants to continue with adjusted requirements and spaced seating.

Life became thoughtful: “If you’re outside, that’s okay. Be cognizant of where you are. If you’re in small, enclosed spaces, consider wearing a mask and wash your hands.”

Often, it’s those simple things that are probably going to be sufficient to allow us to get through COVID with the least amount of impact to our lives and operations. I guarantee we’ll be happier for it. It’s hard to lock yourself into your house for a year and to not allow your kids to go play with other kids.

You cannot avoid something that’s largely inevitable. You can just learn to live with it, to try to make your peace with it, and to get the best out of it you can. That’s probably all we can hope to do.

Please discuss what our community can expect in the coming weeks.

At some point, the Marshall Islands’ borders will open, though even with reduced restrictions on quarantine and restrictions on movement, it’s inevitable

that COVID will enter the country.

We all knew it was coming. We now have a more informed idea of when: after October, when the border and quarantine restrictions relax.

Leading up to that, we need to focus on planning, preparation and messaging. In the next few weeks, the community will see an increase in active messaging campaigns in The Kwajalein Hourglass, on the radio and on the AFN roller channel to inform the community about things to do to prepare.

Most of the contractors and the garrison are going to be heavily involved in weekly meetings in which we’re to prepare the community for the introduction of COVID into the into the RMI.

What additional measures would you recommend that we assume to begin to individually prepare?

The foundational level for planning is personal or family-level preparation. The first and the most important thing any resident or community member can do is to get vaccinated. We still have a large portion of the community that is not vaccinated and there are plenty of vaccines. We need to get them scheduled and get them done.

The second thing you can do is start planning. Have conversations with your family members about things like taking advantage of the free at-home antigen tests that anyone can order. The link is provided in community messaging. I’ve done it myself and ordered 16 tests in 45 seconds.

Do you have masks and hand sanitizer available? If not, purchase them. Reinforce the importance of good personal hygiene practices with your little ones, like washing your hands multiple times per day, and being careful about what you touch.

I’m not saying stop shaking hands, but if you do shake hands, make sure you keep some hand sanitizer with you. Wash your hands before eating. Look at these things, pay attention to it and take heart.

COVID is something almost every country including the United States has gone through. They had two years to figure it out. We have almost three months to prepare. Let’s take advantage of that time and those lessons learned and set the best possible conditions for us to get through this together. Let’s set conditions to work through and to fight

Get free at-home COVID-19 tests

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order a 3rd round of free at-home tests. Order yours today.

Order Free At-Home Tests

Need help placing an order for your at-home tests? Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

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

through the inevitability of COVID entering this country, and get us through it as fast as possible, with the least amount of impact to operations here in the community.

Please share with us any developing contingency plans surrounding essential services personnel if they get COVID.

My team is in discussion with island contractors as well as tenant and our partner organizations here on the island trying to figure out how we maintain mission operations and continue in the face of community spread.

We must prioritize our critical services. Next, it’s the minimal planning to meet requirements. How do we continue services like waste management and fire services in the face of COVID? That’s what “we’re really scared of,” right? One firefighter gets COVID, and we must isolate them and keep them

We must learn to live with it.

-USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley

away from the rest. This is all being planned now.

Many Army organizations just shut down during the initial pandemic. We do not have option. We must continue to maintain the mission. We must find a way in which to fight through.

You can probably tie that to the impacts to the Marshallese workforce as well. How do we continue to bring those critical workforce team members onto the island? We have more than 1,100 Marshallese citizens working to support the mission, and I need them.

I’m confident that we’ll find a good way forward over the next couple of weeks to set conditions for getting us through that as fast as possible, minimizing the impacts to services, the mission and the community.

Do you foresee any impacts to our internet bandwidth usage when COVID hits the island? When I think about COVID, I think of children staying home from schools and

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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.

people utilizing video chat instead of speaking face-to-face.

I don't believe we will see any more significant impacts than already exist in the community, though school is a bit different. If you have 200 students at home doing online classes or in-person Zoom meetings, that could be something to consider.

Once a shift has been made towards more of a telework scheme, the question is whether there is going to be a need for greater bandwidth. I bet some of the island contractors have employees who could work from home, as could our Department of the Army civilian employees.

We are unique in that there is not a lot we can do when it comes to bandwidth. We are, however, looking at ways to mitigate the impact to these types of operations until we get through this COVID spike.

It's just that spike window we're worried about. After that, we're going to be in line with the rest of the world. We will deal with resurgent spikes by implementation or increasing the precautionary levels. Everyone [in the U.S.] is more comfortable with this.

They know when and at what level they must start to consider wearing masks and to consider increasing or reducing telework options. These are all things we can work through.

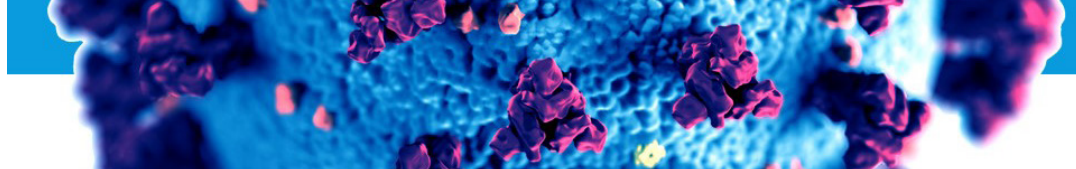
Do you foresee that vaccination will become mandatory?

I have no legal authority to enforce anyone to be vaccinated, at least from the government perspective. The contractors, on the other hand, do have that capacity. I believe the timeline is speculative after October 1.

It is probably in the best interests of the contractors, as well as the tenant organizations, to look at mechanisms in which to enforce or highly encourage their holdouts to get vaccinated. I had hoped, based on what we know now, that a good chunk of those holdouts only felt there was no need to be vaccinated while living in a COVID-free environment.

I hope they are encouraged to reach out to island health services to get vaccinated. I also believe the contractors will put more pressure on their employees to make sure they get vaccinated.

The best thing you can do to mitigate the potential impact to this organization, the mission and the community is to get vaccinated. I'm hoping to see a spike—not of infections, but in people signing up for vaccinations.



GET READY TO MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBOR.



WATCH THE AFN ROLLER CHANNEL FOR UPDATES ON THE USAG-KA COVID-19 RESPONSE POSTURE AND SAFETY TIPS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

Are you aware of any plans to curtail Air Marshall Islands flights for inter-atoll travel after COVID enters the Marshall Islands?

I have no control over how Air Marshall Islands decides to service the outer islands. I have a feeling they are not planning for any interruption in flights.

I believe they understand that once we have community spread that they are going to deal with it and that they will be ready. There may be some decisions by the National Disaster Management Office or the Ministry of Health and Human Services to try to mitigate or manage the spread of COVID once they do see it in their population centers.

It is likely that COVID will spread to the outer islands and the RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services will focus on spikes.

Do you foresee wearing masks and other personal protective equipment being a requirement for the community?

We already have a requirement for masks and personal protective equipment. Every time the Vector, Kwajalein Hospital and quarantine teams engage with quarantine operations, they're all in full PPE.

At some point, we must consider at what levels mask-wearing is appropriate

for the community—and this is all medically informed.

We will codify and develop how we scale our risk to the community. There is no other organization in the Army that we can really look to for advice. Most Army organizations use the county they're in or the state they're in to help drive their levels of concern based on caseloads per 100,000 people. We have a fraction of that number here, and we are working on what that means for us and drafting new safety levels; it's tied to what our capacity is to treat severe cases.

On those levels, I can foresee recommendations for telework and mandated mask-wearing in all government buildings. This is something the garrison will enforce, and we will expect the contractors to enforce, too.

The CDC does recommend those who are sick to wear masks inside their own home if they are trying to isolate. The repercussions for failure to follow those roles have yet to be determined, but I have a full range of potential options—everything from a verbal warning to removal from the installation. Hopefully, that is not necessary. I hope that most community members living on Kwajalein have an interest in the welfare of their neighbors

and are going to do everything they can to help mitigate and reduce the likelihood of infecting other people. That's my hope.

I ask the community to pay attention to the resources that we'll put out there to help you prepare. If you're not vaccinated, get vaccinated. Talk to your family and your kids. Let them know what could happen. Don't freak them out, but don't stick your head in the sand either.

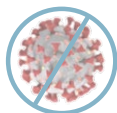
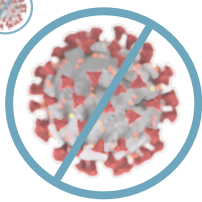
The problem is not going to go away. What we can do is to be proactive at planning and preparation. We can mitigate how much of an impact that will have on the community.

Let's be active and do all we can. Let's prepare. Let's not avoid or hide or ignore.

It's in our best interests to embrace it and work through it together. Once we get on the other side, we'll look back, and we'll probably still say we overreacted. That's just human nature.

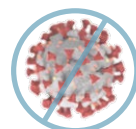
If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask. Start with your own employers. If you have questions for the garrison, feel free to ask, to send a private message to the USAG-KA Facebook page and to utilize the Commander's Hotline (5-1098). We will do our best to provide you the information you need.

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.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Young participants in the CYS Home Run Derby keep their eye on the ball during batting practice at Brandon Field July 15.

KWAJ KIDS UP TO BAT AT CYS HOME RUN DERBY

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

USAG-KA Child and Youth Services celebrated the culmination of summer softball training with the Home Run Derby, a combination batting-expo and fun field day at Brandon Field, July 22. The final act in a series of batting and sports clinics offers CYS-enrolled youths the opportunity to practice team and sports skills.

CYS staff and parent volunteers served as pitchers, basemen and friends in the audience cheered as youth grabbed helmets and bats to try their luck on the batter's mound. After conducting drills in two different areas, everyone enjoyed hotdogs from the nearby MWR food car.

Of special note were the number of Kwaj kids on the field for the event—both as staff and participants. Returned Kwaj kids Linda Webb, Keith Brady, Shawn Brady and Annie Hepler, who have all returned to work in CYS and Community Services programs, staffed the event and worked with young participants.

Of the batting clinic, Shawn Brady said he enjoyed the chance to give back to the current generation of Kwaj kids by supporting fun and educational programs. He said he takes pride in the responsibility to provide that continuity to the island's young people.

"If we don't take care of our community, who will?" Brady said.

For more information about US-AG-KA Child and Youth Services programs, please contact Central Registration at 5-2158.

1) Lucas Howe takes a swing at the ball during the Home Run Derby July 15. 2) Mighty midbaseman Van Bates, left, and Annie Hepler, do "strongman arms" during a short break. 3) Keith Brady, the pitcher, tosses the ball to batter a young island resident. 4) Matthew Walter, the batter, and Shawn Brady work on softball skills at Richardson field. 5) It's good! A young batter prepares to make a run for first base.





A conch trumpet player sounds a call during the coronation ceremony for IroiJlaplap and Kwajalein Atoll Sen. Michael Kabua July 21 at the Wilmer Bolkheim Gymnasium on Ebeye.

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KAILOOJOJ

THE MARSHALL ISLANDS CELEBRATES THE CORONATION OF IROIJLAPLAP AND KWAJALEIN ATOLL SEN. MICHAEL KABUA

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Wearing red to honor the special occasion, members of the atoll community gathered on Ebeye at the Wilmer Bolkheim Gymnasium for the Kailoojoj, the coronation of paramount chief IroiJlaplap and Kwajalein Atoll Sen. Michael Kabua July 21. The event drew thousands of Marshallese citizens, as well as distinguished guests and visitors representing the Republic of the Marshall Islands’ local and national governments, as well as the nation’s diplomatic allies.

The evening included a program of special remarks and performances in the gym, decorated for the occasion in fresh floral arrangements, Kabua family photographs and displays of Marshallese handicrafts, fans and handcrafted carved canoes. A grand opening procession featured representatives from numerous atolls and islands wearing traditionally woven Marshallese garments. Following the exchange of special gifts between Kabua and guests, attendees were treated to a special music and performance of the Jobwa Stick Dance. Per custom, the traditional dance is only performed for special occasions with express permission of the paramount chief.


The ceremony concluded with opportunities for friends, relatives and attendees to give their best wishes to the Kabua family before partaking in a buffet of traditional Marshallese delicacies, including dishes prepared with rice, shellfish and coconut. Ebeye jepta performance groups continued the celebration throughout the evening with dance exhibitions that continued until dawn.



Young Ebeye performers enter the Wilmer Bolkheim Gymnasium to present the Jobwa Stick Dance, July 21 at the Wilmer Bolkheim Gymnasium on Ebeye.



Iroijlaplap and Kwajalein Atoll Sen. Michael Kabua was crowned in a coronation ceremony honoring his continued role as a traditional leader and paramount chief July 21 at the Wilmer Bolckheim Gymnasium on Ebeye.

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1-3) Young Marshallese dancers perform the Jobwa Stick Dance during the coronation ceremony of Iroijlaplap and Kwajalein Atoll Sen. Michael Kabua at Ebeye's Wilmer Bolkheim Gymnasium on July 21. 4) The gym was decorated with fresh flowers, woven palm fronds, traditional Marshallese handicrafts and special touches like this personalized coronation mat.



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1-3) Marshallese dancers and vocalists perform the Jobwa Stick Dance during the coronation ceremony of Iroijlaplap and Kwajalein Atoll Sen. Michael Kabua at Ebeye's Wilmer Bolkheim Gymnasium on July 21. 4) The evening featured remarks by special guests. 5) Musicians and percussionists performed live music for the Jobwa Stick Dance.

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1) A large community meal was prepared by Kwajalein Atoll residents and served to event attendees from Ebeye's Mon la Mike Club.
 2-3) An array of Ebeye jepta dance groups performed throughout the evening following the formal coronation ceremony.



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1) Members of an Ebeye jepta dance group perform during the evening's program of dance exhibitions. 2) Members of the Kabua family commemorate the coronation with a group photo at the culmination of the night's formal ceremony.

ISLAND MYSTERY SOLVED

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Last week, The Kwajalein Hourglass invited readers to submit guesses about a mystery object to Kwajalein Archaeologist Susan Underbrink. Several guesses were received, and two were correct.

The object is not an astrolabe, a Japanese slide rule or a telemetry artillery range finder—it's a WWII-era Japanese postal scale.

Congratulations to Dr. David Creed for submitting the winning answer. Creed

reached out to an acquaintance in Japan to confirm his guess.

Shortly thereafter, Kwajalein resident submitted a correct guess as well, along with some technical details about how the device was designed to function.

Special thanks to Kwajalein Archaeologist Susan Underbrink for providing the photos of this unique object.

Check back next week for the next object and the chance to submit your winning guess to help solve more archaeological mysteries.

Congratulations to Dr. David Creed for his willing guess for last week's mystery object from Kwajalein Archaeology. The object is WWII-era Japanese postal scale.



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U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

In 2004, the Arrow-2 interceptor system was tested for the first time in the United States.

Due to test-field safety restrictions in Israel, the live fire tests against the Scud C and Scud D missiles were conducted at Point Mugu Sea Range, California. For the first time, on July 29, 2004, an Arrow-2 battery successfully shot down a live SCUD missile in flight in a realistic scenario.

This test, part of the United States/Israel Arrow System Improvement Program was the 12th Arrow intercept test and the seventh test of the complete system.



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ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS 236TH ANNIVERSARY

EXTERNAL REPORT

From the United States Army Officer Candidate Course

U.S. Army Chaplaincy, one of the oldest branches of the Army, is 236 years old.

On April 19, 1775, Chaplain William Emerson, stood with the militia at the Battles of Lexington and Concord, praying for and encouraging them in battle. Then on July 29, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized pay for one chaplain for each regiment of the Army. Since that time, approximately 25,000 Army chaplains have served as religious and spiritual leaders for 25 million Soldiers and their families.

From military installations to deployed combat units and from service schools to military hospitals, Army chaplains and chaplain assistants have performed their ministries in the most religiously diverse organization in the world.

Always present with their Soldiers in war and in peace, Army chaplains have served in more than 270 major wars and combat engagements. Some 400 Army chaplains have laid down their lives in battle. Six have been awarded the Med-

al of Honor. Their love of God, country and the American Soldier has been a beacon of light and a message of hope for all those who have served our nation.

Currently, over 2,700 chaplains are serving the total Army representing over 130 different religious organizations. Over 900 chaplains and chaplain assistants are mobilized or deployed in support of contingency operations throughout the world.

What continued efforts does the Army have planned for the future?

Chaplains continue to be a safe, confidential source of help and counsel immediately available within a Soldier's own unit. Chapel centers and programs produce spiritually vibrant communities able to withstand the rigors of a compressed deployment cycle.

The chaplain-led Strong Bonds program for com-

manders continues to train our Army families to remain resilient. A study by the National Institute of Mental Health is showing increased marriage satisfaction and a two thirds divorce reduction after attending just one event.

Finally, the Chaplain Corps is working with the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program to increase the spiritual fitness of your Soldiers.

Why is this important to the Army?

Nearly nine years of combat have stressed our Soldiers and families. As Chaplain Carl Hudson accompanied the Soldiers of Task Force Smith in Korea 60 years ago, your chaplains will continue to accompany you every step of the way for religious support, counsel and spiritual programs.



'SOLDIERS OF GOD' — THE U.S. ARMY CHAPLAIN CORPS MARCH

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Paul Stamps, in an article submitted by Col. Robert Nay, Army chaplain

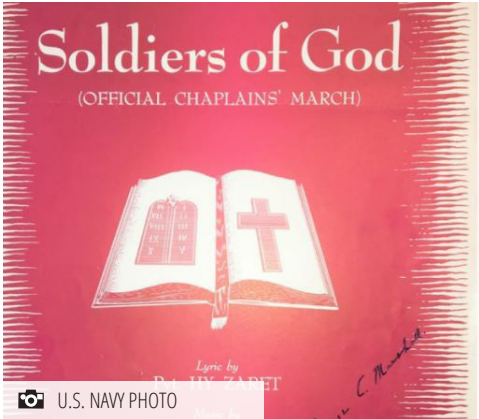
The Army Goes Rolling Along, also known as **The Army Song**, is the official song of the U.S. Army. Many other Army branches, corps, divisions, and regiments have their own individual official songs, as well. Music has helped to capture and sustain the legacy and essence of the Army.

During World War II, Army Chief of Chaplains (Maj. Gen.) William R. Arnold felt the Army Chaplaincy needed its own official song, and he chose **Soldiers of God**, which had been circulating in several unofficial versions.

In Circular Letter 281, dated Feb. 1, 1944, Chaplain Arnold wrote:

The Air Corps, Signal Corps, Artillery and Infantry all have had an official song representing the respective branch or service. Now the Chaplain Corps has an official song titled **SOLDIERS OF GOD**. The spirit-stirring music, composed by Ben Machan, is a catchy melody in thrilling march time. The lyrics, by Private Hy Zaret, are appropriate for a song that will be known everywhere as the Official Chaplains' March... A preliminary arrangement of the song is included in the January 1944 issue of **HIT KIT**. The final approved version is being published by Remick Music Corporation.

The first edition of **Soldiers of God** did not meet the intent of Chaplain Arnold. In a memorandum from the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain Arnold provided additional guidance. First, in all future publications, the word "call" would be in quotes, to emphasize the sense of divine calling chaplains carry



The official "Soldiers of God" sheet music was signed by Chaplain William R. Arnold and given to Gen. George C. Marshall.

with them as they minister to, care for, and counsel the soldiers, family members, and Department of the Army Civilians within their formations. Second, whereas Zaret's version started with, "We are there, with the fighters of the nation, Everywhere at a thousand battle stations," a new verse was added before Zaret's, starting with, "We are there, as the Chaplains of the nation, Everywhere with our fighting congregation."

Finally, an introductory chorus was added, emphasizing the Chaplain Corps' service "on the battlefield today." Despite the changes, Arnold stressed that members of the Chaplain Corps had the option to sing all of **Soldiers of God**, or just parts of it.

The **HIT KIT** produced by the War Department's Special Services Division was a printed collection of Top 40 and patriotic songs, and it helped to gain some notoriety for **Soldiers of God**. The Special Services Division also produced a band arrangement for the song and a recorded version. When the song attracted the attention of Bing Crosby, he



chose to sing the introductory chorus and Arnold's first verse, at the Kraft Music Hall Radio Program on Easter, April 9, 1944, in what was considered the song's first public performance.

From World War II until 2004, many Chaplain Corps functions around the world included the complete singing of **Soldiers of God**. Since 2004, the song has fallen out of use, but the members of today's Chaplain Corps are encouraged to consider reintroducing the song to their official programs.

Mr. Michael Swingler, a former Army chaplain assistant and retired sergeant major, now serves as the Department of the Army Civilian deputy to the command chaplain for U.S. Army Installation Management Command.

Swingler has created a database of information for **Soldiers of God**, which includes more of the history of the song, the sheet music, and several recordings, including the first official recording of the song, done in September 2018 by the U.S. Army Band and Men's Chorus, after a great deal of coordination by Swingler.

COMMUNITY SAFETY FIRST, SAYS KWAJALEIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Kwajalein Police Department on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll is committed to improving traffic safety in our community by increasing compliance with traffic laws through education and enforcement.

We rely heavily on the cooperation of the public to be aware of, and to follow, all traffic laws, whether as a pedestrian, bicyclist or motorist.

The KPD supports a safe environment for all and believes that we can all make a difference. KPD personnel will conduct safety checkpoints to ensure all drivers have their driver's license, proper identification and dispatches while operating a vehicle on Kwajalein. The KPD also reminds motorists that parking is permitted only in authorized areas and that work vehicles are not to be utilized for personal use.

Remember, drive safely and don't drink and drive.



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AMC BRIEFS PACIFIC LEADER ON EFFORTS TO SET THE THEATER

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Alyssa Crockett

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala—The U.S. Army Pacific Command Commanding General Gen. Charles Flynn met with Army Materiel Command leaders during a visit July 22 to Redstone Arsenal to learn about AMC's support to operations in the Pacific.

Gen. Ed Daly, commanding general of AMC and major subordinate command leaders provided Flynn with an overview of AMC's support to Foreign Military Sales, surface distribution and installation readiness in the Asia-Pacific region. AMC plays a key role in setting the theater by delivering logistics, sustainment and materiel readiness from the installation to the forward tactical edge to ensure globally dominant land force capabilities.

"This is a recalibration to look worldwide and make sure we are nested with USARPAC and your intent, allowing us to continue to set the theater," Daly told Flynn. "I want to make sure everyone understands your perspective for setting the theater."

During the visit, Army Sustainment Command briefed Army Prepositioned Stock 3, or APS Afloat, highlighting how it supports operations and activities in the Pacific area of responsibility. ASC noted APS Afloat utilizes strategically placed vessels and equipment sets, giving combatant commanders flexibility to respond in crisis or conflict.



PHOTO BY ALYSSA CROCKETT

From left: Lt. Gen. Donnie Walker, deputy commanding general of Army Materiel Command, and senior commander of Redstone Arsenal; Gen. Charles Flynn, Army Pacific Command commanding general; and Gen. Ed Daly, AMC commanding general; during Flynn's visit July 22 to Redstone Arsenal.

"Rehearsing APS-3, the protecting and projecting, that's where this command helps us so much," Flynn said. "This is critical."

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command discussed surface distribution capabilities and their support to the Army, commercial partners and the joint force in the Pacific. Security Assistance Command provided an update on the FMS program and how it's critical to strengthening relationships with allies and partners globally.

"We absolutely can't do this without you. The joint force needs what only you provide. The theater enabling commands, the engineers, police, sustainers, contractors, medical, these are foundational capabilities that only the Army provides," Flynn said.

Installation Management Command briefed the Facilities Investment Plan and highlighted the building of over 1,200 new family houses on installations in Hawaii, with more expected in Alaska.

Daly also mentioned implementing additive manufacturing capabilities for Army facilities across the globe. 3D printing produces components rapidly, allowing the Army the ability to operate at the point of need, especially in contested environments.

"This capability of 3D printing as an expeditionary capability would be a physical demonstration to our allies and partners," Flynn said.

While at Redstone, Flynn also visited U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, and Joint Air Defense Operations Center, a subordinate of SMDC.

E-WARENESS ASBESTOS REMOVAL

Remember: There are specific environmental requirements for controlling asbestos emissions and properly disposing of asbestos-containing waste material. Contact ES&H at 5-1134 for more information.

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ARMY ANNOUNCES SOLDIER PREPARATORY COURSE

EXTERNAL REPORT

By U.S. Army Public Affairs

WASHINGTON—The Department of the Army announced today the creation of a new program designed to help potential recruits to meet the service’s rigorous enlistment standards.

The Future Soldier Preparatory Course pilot program - set to start in early August at Fort Jackson, SC - will provide education and training to help American youth overcome academic and physical fitness barriers to military service.

“The Future Soldier Prep Course allows recruits, who meet all other qualifications for enlistment, a path to serve,” said Gen. Paul E. Funk II, Commanding General, Training and Doctrine Command. “The young men and women who will participate in this pilot have the desire to improve themselves and want to honorably serve their country. This course is a great way to increase opportunities for them to serve without sacrificing the quality needed across our force.”

The course is in response to the precipitous drop in the number of young Americans meeting Army enlistment standards. Only 23 percent fully meet the Army’s eligibility requirements, down from 29 percent in recent years. The effects of the COVID pandemic over the past two years have only exacerbated barriers to enlistment for many young Americans, with drops in test scores and rising obesity across the nation.

“This course is one of many approaches the Army is taking to invest in America’s young people,” stated Funk. “We have to acknowledge that society has changed and help our youth improve so they can benefit from the training and opportunities that Army service provides. The Army is still the best place for young people to achieve their potential.”

The pilot program will provide focused academic and fitness instruction to help recruits meet the Army’s desired accession standards for body fat composition and academic test performance prior to basic training. It includes two separate tracks: a fitness program and an educational program for recruits who need help improving their scores on the Armed Forces Qualification Test.

Individuals in both tracks are projected to remain in the FSPC for a maximum of 90 days, with opportunities every three weeks to leave the program and ship to basic training if they meet

or exceed the Army’s desired accession standards.

As part of their pre-enlistment process, all trainees will still have to take the gender-neutral Occupational Physical Assessment Test, administered by a recruiter, to qualify for the physical demand level required for an Army MOS prior to their participation in the preparatory course. Access to this program will allow these individuals who already meet all other qualifications for enlistment - to include moral and medical accessions standards - a path to serve. Recruits admitted through this program will further be required to meet all Department of Defense enlistment and training standards, ensuring the overall quality of the force.

Recruits with an Armed Services Voluntary Aptitude Battery score of 21-30 may only participate in the academic track. Recruits with an ASVAB score between 42-49 may be allowed to voluntarily participate in both tracks, the fitness portion prior to basic combat training and the academic portion following basic training. Individuals who improve their score above a 50 move into the desired higher standard test score categories and are potentially eligible for additional MOS opportunities or enlistment incentives. A score of 31 is the minimum required under current accessions guidelines for recruits in the fitness track.

The fitness course is an expansion of the current Assessment of Recruit Motivation and Strength (ARMS) 2.0 program, which allowed recruits above the two percent body fat standard. Those recruits shipped straight to basic training, were closely tracked throughout their enlistment, and ultimately subject to existing Army physical fitness standards. The expansion of ARMS 2.0 will place recruits who exceed the accession body fat composition standard by greater than two percent, but no more than six percent in the fitness track of the Future Soldier Preparatory Course.

“This course gives us an opportunity to unleash unrealized potential by surrounding trainees with experts that they likely would not have access to at home,” said Brig. Gen. Patrick Michaelis, the U.S. Army Training Center and Fort Jackson Commanding General. “With the right instruction and professional support, we are confident they will be able to perform successfully and meet the standards expected of every Soldier.”

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.

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Kwaj Weekend and Activity Guide

Coming Up Next



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

MOVIES

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

YUK THEATER KWAJALEIN

- July 30
"Jurassic Park-The Lost World"
(PG-13) 129 min.
- July 31
"West Side Story"
(PG-13) 156 min.
- Aug. 1
"The Matrix: Resurrections"
(R) 148 min.
- Aug. 6
"The Bad Guys"
(PG) 100 min.
- Aug. 7
"Thor: Ragnarok"
(PG-13) 130 min.
- Aug. 8
"Memory"
(R) 114 min.
- Aug. 13
"The Nut Job"
(PG) 85 min.
- Aug. 14
"Dirty Dancing"
(PG-13) 100 min.
- Aug. 15
"Monster's Ball"
(R) 111 min.
- Aug. 20
"The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature"
(PG) 91 min.
- Aug. 21
"Independence Day"
(PG-13) 145 min.
- Aug. 22
"The Northman"
(R) 137 min.

C-BUILDING ROI-NAMUR

- July 30
"Zombieland 2: Double Tap"
(R) 99 min.
- July 31
"A Star is Born"
(R) 136 min.
- Aug. 6
"Judas and The Black Messiah"
(R) 126 min.
- Aug. 7
"Ocean's 8"
(PG-13) 110 min.
- Aug. 13
"Suburbicon"
(R) 105 min.
- Aug. 14
"Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales"
(PG-13) 129 min.
- Aug. 20
"Thank You for Your Service"
(R) 109 min.
- Aug. 21
"Pitch Perfect 3"
(PG-13) 93 min.



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
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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.

Not allowed on USAG-KA: bow and arrow, air guns, paint ball and other projectile weapons.

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 kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.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.taleo.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/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 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.

RGNext, LLC seeks a full time Administrative Assistant. This is an on-island hire. To apply, email Stella Lorok at Stella.Lorok@rgnext.com or call 5-1976.

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 degree, 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 atjames.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@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 whatacad@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

Soccer Registration

Now – August 9

Season begins August 16

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



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

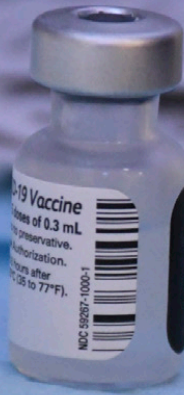
Protestant Services
1st & 3rd Fridays
at 6:30 p.m.

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.

COVID-19 Vaccine Waitlist



If you have children 6 months to 4 years old, contact Gaele Rasmussen, USAG-KA health systems specialist, at 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.

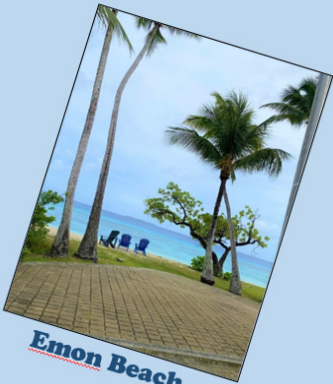
The directional sign at the old terminal is being refurbished and is moving! And you can be a part of history. Where should it go?



Brandon Field



Another location?



Emon Beach

Email your choice to 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.

Water Plant to Flush Pipes Through Aug. 13



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.

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.

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 (USASMD), 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 USASMD 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; (2) Mail comments, postmarked no later than **9 August 2022**, to: USASMD, 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 (USASMD) 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, USASMD 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 renaj 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 renaj keteloki imejatoto im renaj 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.

Etale eo imaan tata im eliktata an USSF SSC kin wewein an jeral in komalmale kein ketelok kein jelet pelaak ko/pelaak ko itulik ekoba etale eo ej loe ke ejjelok jekjek im wewein ko relap renaj jelet pelaak ko naetaer aolep EA/OEA kab Draft Finding of No Significant Impact ak (FONSI) rej bed ilo jikin in nan am maron lale ilo <http://ussf-ssc-eaoea.govsupport.us>. Malen ko ilo jeje ikijeen etale kein naetaer EA/OEA kab Draft FONSI raar bareinwot drori ilo Grace Sherwood Library, Kwajalein Island; Roi-Namur Library, Marshall Island im kab Wake Island Airport Lobby, Wake Atoll.

Naan ko jen aolep armej ikijeen melele ko aer makmake kin etale kein naetaer Preliminary Final EA/OEA kab Draft FONSI renaj maron in boki jino jen **11 July 2022** mae **9 August 2022** im remaron in bar etal ilo jekjek kein: (1) Melele ko lilok ilo E mail ren jab rumwij lok jen **9 August 2022** nan ussf-ssc-eaoea-comments@govsupport.us; (2) Melele ko lilok ilo Mail, ren kokalle en jab rumwij lok jen **9 August 2022**, nan: USASMD, ATTN: SMDC-EN (D. Fuller), P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807.

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.

TRANCHE ATI (A) AND UNITED (U) INFORMATION

AUGUST 2022

Inbound:

United (U) - UA154 (Mon. from HNL, arrive KWA Tues.)

***2 Day Quarantine at Hale KOA begins Aug 2022
Tranche 113 (A/U) Personnel Scheduled to arrive Aug. 2 - (July 30 HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)

Tranche 114 (A/U) Personnel Scheduled to arrive Aug. 9 - (Aug. 6 HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)

Tranche 115 (A/U) Personnel Scheduled to arrive Aug. 16 - (Aug. 13 HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)

Tranche 116 (A) Personnel Scheduled to arrive on Aug. 22 - (Aug. 19 HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)
Tranche 116 (U) Personnel Scheduled to arrive on Aug. 23 - (Aug. 20 HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)

Tranche 117 (A/U) Personnel Scheduled to arrive on Aug. 30 - (Aug. 27 HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)

Departures:

United: UA155 (Mondays to HNL)

- 2-day Quarantine at the Hale Koa and 10 days in Kwajalein effective August 1
- ATI passengers- must provide LOA from your company or orders & 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)
- 480 program is not open as of today
- 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 required closed-toed shoes, no PAX allowed if HAZMAT on board. Subject to be canceled without notice
- 55-Rs are require for all personnel Entering/Exiting per USAG 190-10 (New, TDY, Leave and Return, visitors, etc.)
- SUU= TRAVIS Flights no PETS allowed

SEPTEMBER 2022

Tranche ATI (A) and United (U) Information SEP 2022:

Inbound:

United (U) - UA154 (Mon. from HNL, arrive KWA Tues.)

Tranche 118 (A/U) Personnel Scheduled to arrive Sep. 6 - (Sep. 3 HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)

Tranche 119 (A/U) Personnel Scheduled to arrive Sep. 13 - (Sep. 10 HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)

Tranche 120 (A) Personnel Scheduled to arrive Sep. 19 - (Sep. 16 HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)
Tranche 120 (U) Personnel Scheduled to arrive Sep. 20 - (17 SEP HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)

Tranche 121 (A/U) Personnel Scheduled to arrive Sep. 27 - (Sep. 24 HI ARRIVAL QUARANTINE RQMT)

For more information, contact USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega at Ismael.e.ortega.mil@army.mil.

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MONTHLY ISLAND ORIENTATION AND NEWCOMER'S BRIEFING

Monday, Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. in the Religious Education Building, behind the Island Memorial Chapel. Email KWAJ_OSO_Ops@vectrus.com or call 5-3511 to inquire.

USAG-KA LEGAL SERVICES

USAG-KA Attorney Ben Clancy is on travel leave. For notary services, contact Attorney Dr. David Creed at David.m.creed.civ@army.mil for an appointment. USAG-KA Legal is not able to provide real estate closing services or estate planning services—only Powers of Attorney.

COCONUT CRABS ARE A PROTECTED SPECIES



This coconut crab, photographed by USAG-KA resident Art Bennis on Roi, is one of many on USAG-KA-maintained islands that are protected by environmental standards enforced by the Army and the Marshall Islands.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Environmental Standards for U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll identify the coconut crab as a protected species. For this reason, USAG-KA residents and personnel should not touch, harass, injure or kill coconut crabs. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Environmental Office at 5-1134.

The coconut crab (Birgus latro), known locally as barulep, is a type of land-based hermit crab. Unlike other hermit crabs, the coconut crab does not make use of a shell beyond the juvenile stages of its life. It is this characteristic that allows the coconut crab to grow so large in size.

Despite their name, coconut crabs have a varied diet which includes other fresh fruits and even meats, usually smaller crabs or dead animals. They use their strong sense of smell to locate food when they emerge from their burrows to hunt at night and, typically, remain inside their burrows during the day to protect themselves from the heat.

Coconut crabs can be found on many of the small islands throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans. The state of their population remains unknown. For this reason, some nations have given this species protected status.

NEW ON ISLAND?

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN
SUPPORTING EDUCATION IN THE MARSHALL
ISLANDS & MICRONESIA?

Join the Yokwe Yuk
Welcome Club!

OPPORTUNITIES AT THE MIC SHOP,
BARGAIN BAZAAR, FUNDRAISING &
CULTURAL EVENTS

PLEASE CONTACT
YYWCINFO@GMAIL.COM



PROTECT YOUR WORKERS FROM HEAT STRESS

Develop an acclimatization plan

Acclimatization is the result of beneficial physiological adaptations (e.g., increased sweating efficiency and stabilization of the circulation) that occur after gradual increased exposure to a hot environment.

TIP 1

Gradually increase the time spent in hot environmental conditions over a 7–14 day period.

TIP 2

For new workers, the schedule should be no more than 20% exposure to heat on day 1 and an increase of no more than 20% exposure on each additional day.

TIP 3

For workers who have had previous experience with the job, the acclimatization schedule should be no more than:

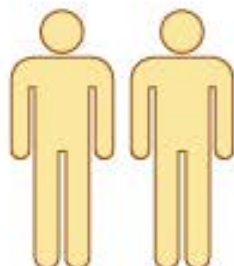
DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
50% EXPOSURE	60% EXPOSURE	80% EXPOSURE	100% EXPOSURE



Set up a buddy system

Check your workers routinely to make sure...

- ☒ they make use of readily available water and shade.
- ☒ they don't have heat-related symptoms.



Schedule and encourage frequent rest breaks...

...with water breaks in shaded or air-conditioned recovery areas.



Encourage workers to drink plenty of fluids...

...such as drinking small amounts of water before becoming thirsty.

During moderate activity in moderately hot conditions, workers should drink about...



**1 cup every
15 to 20 minutes.**



Learn more about heat stress at: www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health





SMALL ARMS RANGE ON JULY 19

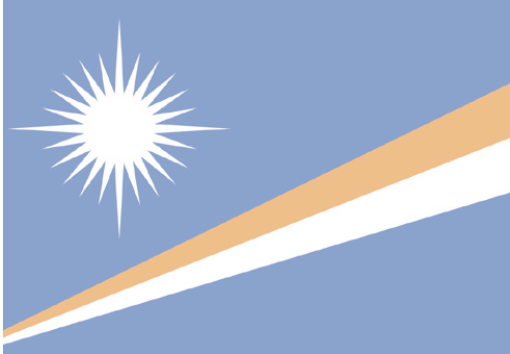
Security and Access Control will conduct a small arms range on Aug. 3 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please observe the red flag hazard area. Contact Security Chief Chris Ramsey or Cpt. Bryan Mesey at 5-4445 or 5-9046 with any questions.

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
janell143@hotmail.com

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RMI TRAVEL ISSUANCE #40

Travel issuance #40 remains in
effect until July 31.

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHTS

JULY

Monday
UA155 (HNL)
Check-in: 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday
UA154 (GUM)
Check-in: 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

AUGUST - OCTOBER

Monday
UA155 (HNL)
Check-in: 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday
UA154 (GUM)
Check-in: 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

ADDITIONAL ROI-NAMUR FERRIES ADDED FOR JULY 30 AND AUG. 4 - 5, IF NEEDED

JULY 30

Run #	ETD Roi	ETA Enniburr	ETD Enniburr	ETA Roi	Vessel
1	5:30 a.m.	5:40 a.m.	6 a.m.	6:10 a.m.	FB
2	6:40 a.m.	6:50 a.m.	7:10 a.m.	7:20 a.m.	FB
3	1 p.m.	1:10 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:40 p.m.	FB
4	5 p.m.	5:10 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	5:40 p.m.	FB
5	7:50 p.m.	8 p.m.	8:20 p.m.	8:30 p.m.	FB

AUG. 4 - 5*
* IF NEEDED

Run #	ETD Roi	ETA Enniburr	ETD Enniburr	ETA Roi	Vessel
1	5:30 a.m.	5:40 a.m.	6 a.m.	6:10 a.m.	FB
2	7:40 a.m.	7:50 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	8:20 a.m.	FB
3	2 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	FB



RTS

WEATHER STATION



RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION: Drier than normal weather is expected over the next several days as a persistent influx of drier air in the mid-levels keeps the Intertropical Convergence Zone generally weak and disorganized over the Marshall Islands.

The drier weather will be interrupted on occasion by weak disturbances bringing widely scattered showers to Kwajalein, especially Monday morning and again around the middle of next week.

Winds will generally be gentle to moderate from the ENE to ESE.

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds

ENE-ESE at 11-16 knots with a few higher gusts.

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny with stray showers increasing to widely scattered showers at night. Winds ENE-ESE at 8-14 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY: Partly sunny with widely scattered showers, mainly early morning. Winds ENE-ESE at 8-14 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK: No significant disturbance expected at this time, though slight to moderate increase in showers possible Wednesday and Thursday. Prevailing winds expected to remain light to moderate from the ENE-ESE.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:40 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	8:26 a.m. 9:05 p.m.	5:39 a.m. 4.4' 6:00 p.m. 3.5'	12:02 p.m. -0.3' 11:52 p.m. -0.1'
MONDAY	6:40 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	9:13 a.m. 9:45 p.m.	6:08 a.m. 4.4' 6:30 p.m. 3.6'	12:30 p.m. -0.3' -----
TUESDAY	6:41 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	9:59 a.m. 10:24 p.m.	6:38 a.m. 4.2' 7:02 p.m. 3.5'	12:23 a.m. 0.0' 12:59 p.m. -0.1'
WEDNESDAY	6:41 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	10:46 a.m. 11:03 p.m.	7:10 a.m. 4.0' 7:38 p.m. 3.5'	12:58 a.m. 0.2' 1:31 p.m. 0.0'
THURSDAY	6:41 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	11:33 a.m. 11:44 p.m.	7:45 a.m. 3.6' 8:22 p.m. 3.3'	1:37 a.m. 0.4' 2:06 p.m. 0.3'
FRIDAY	6:41 a.m. 7:10 p.m.	12:24 p.m. -----	8:30 a.m. 3.1' 9:20 p.m. 3.2'	2:27 a.m. 0.7' 2:50 p.m. 0.5'
AUGUST 6	6:41 a.m. 7:09 p.m.	1:17 p.m. 12:28 a.m.	9:35 a.m. 2.7' 10:44 p.m. 3.1'	3:38 a.m. 1.0' 3:52 p.m. 0.8'

YYWC Silent Auction for

"Just Another Day in Paradise"
by Bill Remick
Happening now at the Mic Shop!

Mondays & Wednesdays,
noon – 2 p.m.
Fridays, 5 – 7 p.m.

This is a chance to own an out-of-print book about the history of Kwajalein. Proceeds from this silent auction will be donated to the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club Educational Assistance Committee. The auction is open through Aug. 1 at 2 p.m.



Work and play safely.

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



SHARP

SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE & PREVENTION

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



Sgt. 1st Class Effie Banks
SHARP Victim Advocate
Work: 805-355-0660
or 805-355-1419
USAG-KA SHARP Pager:
805-355-3241 #0100
DOD SAFE Helpline:
877-995-5247

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.



In this undated photo, American actor, comedian and USO entertainer, Bob Hope autographs a photo for a U.S. servicemember on Kwajalein during a post-WWII visit.



SHARING STORIES FROM THE MISSION.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

The shoulder sleeve insignia of the 7th Infantry Division consists of two black, equilateral triangles placed vertically on a red circular disc giving it an hourglass shape. The hourglass of the insignia was consequently used in the title of the island newspaper, The Kwajalein Hourglass.

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

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

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

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Send announcements, community updates and event fliers to kwajaleinhourglass@vctrus.com.



Kwajalein Hourglass Archive photos



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