

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



MARSHALLESE VENDOR MAGGIE BOKIN GIVES CATALINA CREED A WOVEN FLOWER HANDICRAFT AT THE 18TH ANNUAL RMI TRADE FAIR, NOV. 6.

 JESSICA DAMBRUCH

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Attendees shopped at the 18th Annual RMI Trade Fair Nov. 6 - 7 at the Corlett Recreation Center on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

18TH ANNUAL RMI TRADE FAIR BRINGS COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Kwajalein welcomed vendors and artisans to the 18th Annual Marshallese Trade Fair to USAG-KA Nov. 6 and 7. The event was coordinated with support from the RMI Office of Commerce, Investment & Tourism, the RMI Liaison Office, Kwajalein Atoll Local Government and the USAG-KA Host Nation Office. This year’s vendors represented artisans and crafters from Ebeye and Majuro, including the Elefa and Misco Stores.

Island residents purchased unique foods, fresh fruits and vegetables, amimono (handicrafts), shirts, and sampled freshly grilled huli-huli chicken prepared by members of the Jinetiptip Club.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

A produce vendor discusses prices with a Kwajalein shopper at the RMI Trade Fair, Nov. 6.

NOVEMBER IS



NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

This month, the Department of Defense honors the culture, customs and contributions of Native Americans and Alaska Natives.



LUNG CANCER AWARENESS

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, “the most important thing you can do to prevent lung cancer is to not start smoking, or to quit if you smoke.”



DIABETES AWARENESS

It’s not as rare as you think. The CDC indicates one in five people living in the United States aren’t aware they have diabetes.



MILITARY FAMILIES MONTH

USAG-KA joins the Department of Defense in honoring our U.S. military members and their families.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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Members of the Jinetiptip Club grill chicken in the RMI Trade Fair outdoor concessions area. 2) Trade fair shoppers from Kwajalein speak with a jewelry vendor. 3) Mio Domnick stands near a display of amimono handicrafts and Marshallese jewelry. The Majuro vendor sources jewelry direct from artisans to sell at locations around the atoll. 4) Shoppers check out handcrafted baskets decorated with shells. 5) Trade fair vendors arrange bottles of Tobolar coconut oil and other coconut products for sale.



From left: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employees Jake Horton, Zac Dietrich, Cliff Birgado, Karl Hayes, Mike Geer, Dean Davis, Blair Jones, Ted Falcon, Kevin Kitchen, Kevin Haggerty, Mike Way and Pat Phung enjoy their adopt-a-spot location after a clean-up.

USACE HONORS VETERANS DAY WITH ISLAND ADOPT-A-SPOT

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Personnel from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stationed on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll recently claimed an adopt-a-spot project near the Kwajalein Golf Course. Together, the team has made the area more inviting for island residents to enjoy.

“We all pitched in, led by Mike Geer and Kevin Kitchen,” said island resident and USACE employee Michael Way. “We collected up vegetation debris, trimmed tree limbs that were obstructing the area, and picked up human garbage such as plastic, cans and stuff that had washed up from the ocean.”

Way said the team plans to continue regular maintenance at the site every six months to maintain the area in observance of Veterans Day. They are still picking clean-up dates for next year.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF KEVIN KITCHEN

“Our office has a long history of service to both our community and our country,” Way said. “We wanted to have an organization day that was more than just hanging out at Emon Beach, we wanted it to matter. Nine out of the 11 of us are veterans, and so the idea of a community service oriented clean up

caught on quickly once brought up. Our Area Engineer, Blair Jones, suggested that spot and the rest of the office pitched in to make it a reality.”

Want to adopt an area?
Those interested to adopt an area can reach out to Laura Sampayan at 5-2767.

USAG-KA'S NOVEMBER YARD OF THE MONTH WINNERS



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Congratulations to Tatianna and Michael Way, the winners of this months' USAG-KA Yard of the Month contest. Their quarters, known around the island as “The Buoy House,” features more than 100 buoys collected from the waters of the atoll. 1) From left: Vectrus Shelter & Billeting Manager Omie Weaver and USAG-KA Housing Director Lauren Jackson give Michael Way and Tatianna Way an AAFES gift card to commemorate their win. 2) Yes, Way! Tatianna Way, left, and Michael Way high-five in the yard of their quarters, “the buoy house.”



COMMUNITIES RAISE QUESTIONS AT KWAJALEIN AND ROI TOWN HALL MEETINGS

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USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley addresses island residents during the Kwajalein quarterly town hall meeting Nov. 5 at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room.

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

To fully inform the Kwajalein Community following the recent Town Hall meeting on November 5, the command team for U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll would like to discuss a few topics before addressing the concerns of the community.

Following an alleged sexual assault in mid-August, USAG-KA advised every tenant organization to notify their employees—not once, but twice—of the alleged incident. Based on comments made at last week's community town hall, it has become evident that there were some within the community who had not been made aware of the reported incident.

While we want to ensure that the community has as much information as possible, we also have a responsibility to ensure that individual privacy rights as well as the integrity of the investigation are maintained to ensure a successful outcome of the case. It is important to note that when the time comes for the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Department to release informational updates about the case to the public, they will do so, and we will ensure the widest dissemination to the community.

Concerns were raised from the community regarding the contractor's impending actions against several teachers in the Kwajalein School System who do not meet body mass index standards or other health standards. We had not been made fully aware of this matter. USAG-KA is working with the Army Contracting Command and 413th Contracting Support Brigade for a way forward on this matter.

Additional concerns raised during the town hall included the following:

- Electronic badging at the airport and marina for 100 percent accountability, so we know exactly who is on the island. Everyone is vetted before arriving on Kwajalein, but previous offenses should be flagged to get the total-person concept.
- A message board for USAG-KA to inform the community about island events much more quickly, like the KSS Blackboard for mass communications to the parents.

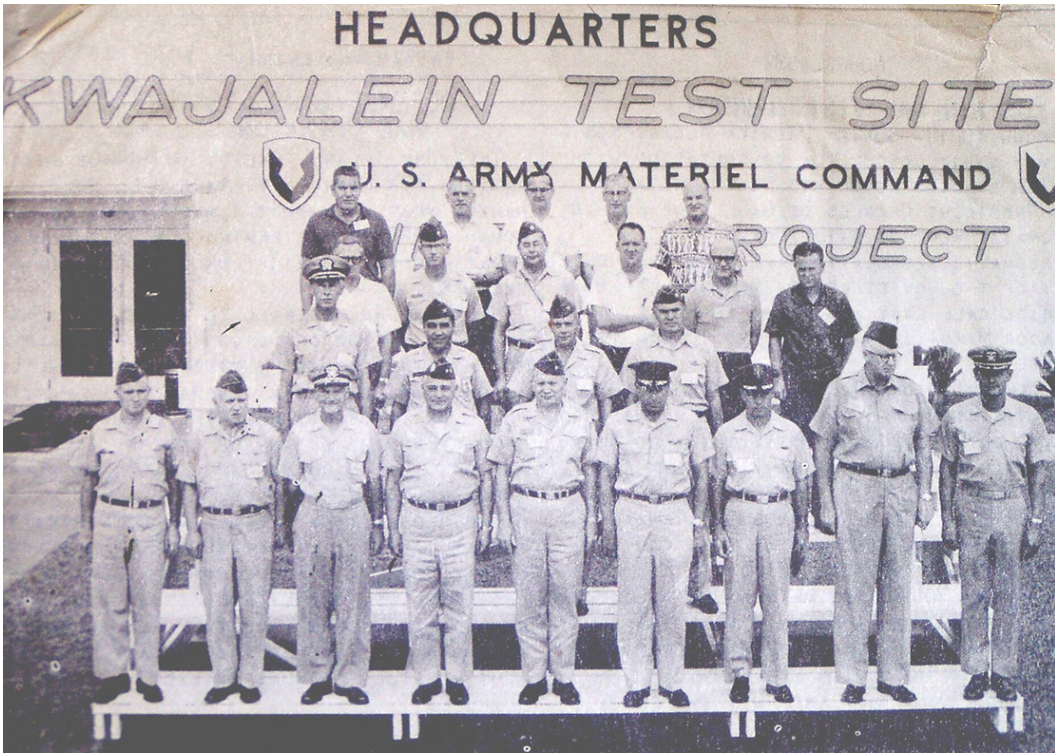
- Since the 480 process is now fully activated, island residents are encouraged to have medevac insurance in the case of an emergency while visitors are on-island.
- Completed background investigations for teachers before the school year begins
- Ensure an ACC Rock Island contracting official is available at the next town hall.
- Whether the interim security clearance requirement be expedited for a CNAC-I

Concerns from the Roi Town Hall earlier that day, included:

- HVAC issues in billeting
- Filters removed from the water fountains installation-wide
- Adjusting the Defense Commissary Agency orders so food is not expired soon after it arrives on Roi
- The availability of additional United Airlines flights
- Concerns over DA Form 4283s—Facilities, Engineering Work Requests—in the General Fund Enterprise Business System waiting for approval.
- Whether or not children are counted in the 480 visitor program scheduling process. Currently, Children aged 10 years and under are not counted against the 90-day maximum yearly allotment for visitors.
- Exploring courses of action to prevent misuse of the low-water washing machines on Roi-Namur.
- Proper monitoring of alcohol use and consumption at events to promote the health and safety of the Marshallese workforce. On USAG-KA, overuse of alcohol is not permitted. Alcohol use at parties and venues for our Marshallese workers and guests. (Monitor but
- Roi-Namur residents have asked for additional, planned social activities and events
- The status of new fuel pumps for Roi-Namur



USAG-KA Legal Counsel Dr. David Creed speaks to community members at a recent USAG-KA Town Hall, Nov. 5, at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room.



Attendees at the Kwajalein Test Site's 29th Range Commander's Council, as featured in the Nov. 4, 1966 issue of *The Kwajalein Hourglass*. Brig. Gen. Ivey O. Drewry, the former commander of the NIKE-X Project Office/Kwajalein Test Site, is in the center of the first row.

U.S. SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

On Nov. 3 – 4, 1966, the Kwajalein Test Site hosted the 29th Range Commander's Council.

This was the first time that the Council, an inter-service group established to review missile range instrumentation and range management problems, met on Kwajalein. Joining Brig. Gen. Ivey O. Drewry, commander, NIKE-X Project Office/Kwajalein Test Site at the meeting were representatives from Army Test & Evaluation

Command, the Air Force's Western Test Range at Vandenberg, the test site at Edwards AFB, Eglin AFB, White Sands Missile Range, Eastern Test Range, Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake, and the manager of the Air Force's Satellite Control Center.

Council members toured the test site, which was established in 1959 to support the development and testing of the nation's anti-missile missile systems. With equipment valued at \$500 million, the remote Kwajalein Test Site was home to 3,000 Americans.

USAG-Kwajalein Atoll Town Hall

with SMDC Commanding General
Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler

November 19
6:30 – 8 p.m.

MP Room at the Kwajalein Junior-Senior
High School



NO MATTER WHAT FIELD
YOU ARE IN,
OPSEC APPLIES TO YOU.

BIRTHDAYS

MARSHALLESE
LANGUAGE LESSON 10

The kemem, or first birthday celebration, remains one of the most important celebrations in Marshallese culture.

It is rooted in the past, where scant healthcare was available, and many children did not survive their first year.

If a baby reached their first birthday, it signified that the child was strong, and that event is still celebrated today.

Helpful Words

Kemem
first birthday party

Bujeen
Balloon

Keek
Cake

Boninin
Tonight

Wia
Buy

Komman
Make

Common Phrases

Kwoj ke etal nan kemem en?
Are you going to the first birthday party?

Aet, ij etal.
Yes, I'm going.

Naat kemem en?
When is the first birthday party?

Boninin ilo gym en.
Tonight at the gym.

Kom nanin ke wia bujeen?
Have you purchased the balloons?

Inna, ak wko-maron ke komman keek?
Yes, but could you make the cake?

Aet, imaron etal im kommane kio.
Yes, I can go and make it now.

Ekwe, lo eok boninin.
See you tonight.



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY SEAN KIMMONS

Staff Sgt. Jarred Webb, an ammunitions specialist with the 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, takes hand grenades out of their cardboard canisters during training at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji, Japan, Nov. 2, 2022. About 30 Soldiers from the battalion threw the grenades during a week of live-fire training that also included small arms and crew-served weapons to better prepare the unit for possible base defense missions.

ARMY SUSTAINERS FOCUS ON GRENADE SKILLS TO INCREASE LETHALITY

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Sean Kimmons
U.S. Army Garrison Japan
Public Affairs

Combined Arms Training Center, Camp Fuji, Japan—Before any hand grenades could blast more shrapnel into a pockmarked range, anticipation filled the air as 60 live grenades were taken out of their cardboard canisters and distributed to Soldiers.

From a concrete pit that overlooked the small range, Spc. Jermain Griffo tossed two of the grenades, creating loud booms that echoed through a surrounding wooded area near Mount Fuji.

“I was a little bit nervous, but once I got down there and remembered the training that I received I was comfortable with throwing the grenades,” said Griffo, an information technology specialist.

While it was “a rush” to hear and feel the nearby explosions, Griffo said the best part of the training was learning from the lane safeties.

“For me, it’s more about getting the proper techniques down,” he said, “so I’ll know how to deploy them without having a safety there.”

Griffo and about 30 other Soldiers assigned to the 35th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion qualified on grenades Nov. 2 during a week of live-fire training that also included small arms and crew-served weapons to better prepare the unit for possible base defense missions.

“We want our unit to be ready if duty calls,” said Staff Sgt. Saony Lopez, an operations noncommissioned officer who helped organize the training event. “So it is important for us to continue to make sure our Soldiers are ready and comfortable executing basic Soldier skills.”

Lopez served as one of the safeties during the live grenade event, in which each Soldier demonstrated the procedures of throwing a grenade.

She also had the chance to toss grenades, the first time she has been able to do so since she went through basic training 12 years ago.

“For every Soldier who gets to do this, it’s very exciting,” she said. “It gets them comfortable and builds more confidence ... to be ready to engage [the enemy] at any time.”

The battalion has steadily honed its readiness through recent training events that had Soldiers brave a gas chamber as well as participate in a Best Warrior Competition.

Base security also played a key part in a weeklong field training exercise at Sagami General Depot in late September that led to last week’s live-fire training.

“When we are doing base defense we would have Soldiers with actual hand grenades on them,” said Command Sgt. Maj. Paul J. Denson, the battalion’s senior enlisted leader. “In order to ensure Soldiers know how to properly

use hand grenades, we got to train for it.”

As the only U.S. Army sustainment unit in mainland Japan, Denson said that his unit has to maintain its lethality.

“Many times, as sustainers, we do not get as many sets and reps as our maneuver brothers and sisters,” he said. “To build lethality, you have to ensure that you build sets and reps and confidence. And to do that you have to come out and do the hard work.”

Soldiers working hard together can then improve unit cohesion, which Denson was able to witness on the grenade range.

“It’s not often that units throw live hand grenades,” he said. “Just receiving some of the feedback from my younger Soldiers, they’re saying that it has definitely helped them build camaraderie.

“They won’t forget this day and they won’t forget the opportunity of throwing live hand grenades and being ready if called upon.”



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY SEAN KIMMONS

A hand grenade explodes on a small range at Combined Arms Training Center Camp Fuji, Japan, Nov. 2, 2022, during a live-fire training mission.



COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

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

VEGETATION. Per USAG-KA Regulation 420-1, vegetation (e.g. trees, bushes, plants) may not be planted in the ground without an approved permit. Residents may be asked to remove items if planted without approval. In addition, do not place sprouted coconuts in your yard.

CAC OFFICE

Bldg. 835 Office Bldg. #835

If trying to make an appointment using a NIPR account, please visit: <https://safe.menlosecurity.com>. Follow the instructions given to access the website. It will then ask you to enter the CAC appointment website which is as follows: <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>.

To schedule a CAC Office appointment, visit <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/> or search 'CAC Appointment' online. Enter 'Kwajalein' as the site location, click 'select' to the right of the map, and schedule your appointment using calendar.

CAC Office Hours
Tuesday – Friday
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
(Lunch: noon - 1 p.m.)
Sat. 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Ensure all paperwork is completed by your human resources representative before making an appointment. Bring two forms of government-issued IDs with you to your appointment. Walk-in appointments are welcome, but there may be a wait. Questions? Call 5-8496.

EAP SERVICES

The Kwajalein Hospital team welcomes Kenneth Thomas, the island's Employee Assistance Program counselor. Ken is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Clients can expect education about mental health disorders from a multicultural perspective with the goal of moving toward acceptance and ultimately to mitigate symptoms. Contact Ken at kenneth.thomas@internationalsofsgs.us or 805-355-5362. Contact 5-3550 with questions.

E-WARENESS

Atoll Formation

Atolls are formed from sunken volcanoes. Coral continues growing around, creating some of the most beautiful and biologically diverse habitats. Depending on their size and climate, atolls can take up to 30 million years to form.

Ene ko iloan aelon in rekar walok jen Volcano ko ibulen lojet. Wod ko ilojet ilo imetowan aelon in rej eddoklok ilo aer komman men ko reaiboujwoj ilo lojet eo. Juon aelon emaron in eddok jen lojet eo ekkar nan jonan im jokjokin lojet eo an iturinlok 30 million yio.

EVENTS

MILLICAN FAMILY POOL CLOSURE. The Family Pool will be closed Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the Kwajalein Swim Meet. The pool will be open from 2:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. for open swim.

FREE CAREGIVER COURSE. Sign up: Namo Weto Youth Center. Nov. 25 - 27 from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Requirements: Must attend all three sessions. 7th - 12th grade students and domestic helpers must preregister at the Youth Center.

BAKERS WANTED. The Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club needs bakers to contribute pies, cookies, cakes and breads for a Nov. 23 bake sale. Please contact Liz Haggerty at L_a_haggerty@yahoo.com for more information.

HOLIDAYS ON CARLOS. The Kwajalein High School National Honor Society invites you to help families on Carlos by gathering donations to be delivered Dec. 17. Donate hygiene products, school supplies, non-perishable food items at drop boxes located at George Seitz Elementary School, KHS, Child and Youth Services and the Provost Marshal's Office by Dec. 10. Donations will also be accepted at the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Light Up The Night events.

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.

JOBS

To research and apply for government employment opportunities on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and worldwide, visit usajobs.gov. Write to kwajaleinhourglass@vecrus.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

PASSPORT PROCESSING

Need to renew your passport?

- Complete the passport application at travel.state.gov.
- Print the completed form and ensure you have a copy of your existing passport and other documents, including parents' identification cards, birth certificates, etc.
- Photos must be from within the last six months. The applicant should not wear eyeglasses in the photo.

Schedule of Fees

Adult passport renewal: \$130
Adult passport (first time application): \$165
Minor passport (15 and younger): \$135
Adult Passport Card: \$30
Minor Passport Card: \$15

Only money orders and cashier's checks payable to "U.S. Department of State" are accepted. These can be purchased from Community Bank or at the post office.

Passport Photos Are Now Available For Free

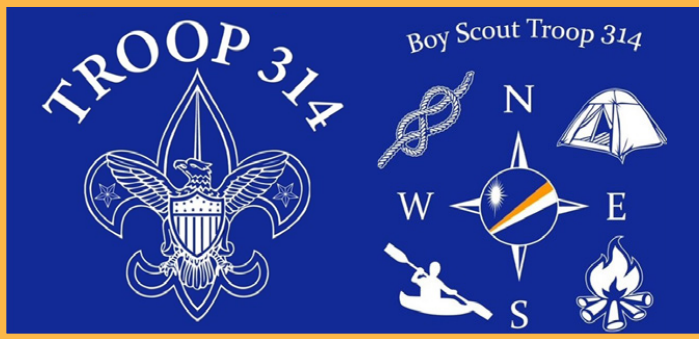
Contact Host Nation Activities at 5-2103 for more information.

information and a list of required qualifications, visit https://akima.ta-leo.net/careersection/akimallc_cs/jobsearch.ftl. Apply online or send resume to Jeannette McIlwain at jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com.

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

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

COMMUNITY BANK is currently hiring for a banking center manager. This is a fulltime position for an on-island hire. Applicants may apply online www.dodcommunitybank.com. Please call Rita Pyne at 5-2152 for more information.



If you are looking for adventure, Kwajalein Boy Scout Troop 314 has just what you need. For more information, contact Julie Makovec at 5-2435 or 5-3505, and email juliemak247@gmail.com.



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

**SHARP**
SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT RESPONSE & PREVENTION

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

Kwajalein Holiday Market

November 28, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
at the Religious Education Building
(Bldg. 671 behind the Chapel)

Complete your holiday shopping here!

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@internationalosos.com.

KAIHONUA is hiring for multiple positions. For more information or to apply, please contact Tribalco Human Resources at 5-4344 and visit <https://honoservices.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; and Apply 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.

QUANTUM DYNAMICS, INC., has immediate openings for the following on-island positions: Transportation Motor Pool; Production Control Clerk – GCSS-Army I; and on Kwajalein and Roi, Fault Repair and Heavy Equipment Mechanic – Vertical Lift. Contact the Human Resources manager at 5-0782 or administrative assistant at 5-4916 for more information.

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS. Kwajalein School System is hiring part-time

substitute teachers. These are on-island hire positions with no guaranteed hours. Minimum requirements: confidentiality, four-year degree and love of working with children in grades K – 12. Teaching certificate preferred. CNACI background check must be completed after receipt of job offer. Apply at Careers.Vectrus.com, search for “substitute teacher,” or, send 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.

NOTICES

INTERNET OUTAGE. There will be a temporary internet outage Nov. 29 and Dec. 12 – 14 from 5 – 11 p.m. The outage will be island-wide, affecting residential internet, commercial internet, banking, school, hospital

and credit card readers. Equipment is being upgraded for future bandwidth and reliability improvements. Questions? Contact April Pacileo at 5-2278 during normal working hours.

FLUSHING PIPES, NOV. 9 – 23. Water Plant personnel will be flush the potable water system main pipes from Nov. 9 through Nov. 23. No interruption of service is expected. You may notice some discoloration of your potable water due to sediment in the pipes being stirred up. 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 until the water runs clear. If the problem persists, call the Water Plant at 5-1847 for assistance.

RMI ENTRY REQUIREMENTS. Updated entry requirements for the RMI by air or seaport include the following requirements: Adults aged 18-years old and up must have completed one

primary COVID-19 vaccine series. Primary series: Johnson & Johnson single dose; Pfizer completed series (two doses); or Moderna completed series (two doses) Boosters are not currently mandated. There is no vaccination requirement for children under age 18.

WALK-IN FLU SHOT CLINICS. Fridays at Kwajalein Hospital from 4:30 – 6 p.m. No appointment necessary.

CHILD COVID-19 VACCINES. Children's COVID-19 Vaccines are available at the Kwajalein Hospital on the following dates: Oct. 26 at 1:30 p.m.: 6 Months – 4-years old; Nov. 2 at 1:30 p.m.: 5-years to 11-years old. Contact Sean Holbrook at sean.holbrook@internationalsosgs.us to register.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE. The oceanside perimeter road will close to pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic 20 minutes prior to heavy aircraft arrivals and departures. Contact Airfield Operations at 5-2131 with any questions.

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.



Col. Thomas S. Pugsley, USAG-KA Commander,
cordially invites the community to attend USAG-KA's
Change of Responsibility Ceremony between

Command Sergeant Major Ismael E. Ortega

and

Command Sergeant Major Ernest E. Miller

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 3 p.m.
at the Island Memorial Chapel

Reception to follow at the Religious Education Building

5th Annual All Atoll Veterans Day Fishing Tournament Nov. 13 and 14

Two days of fishing from Kwajalein to Roi and Back! Visit us at Kwajalein Community Events Facebook page or visit at the Grace Sherwood Library for more information.



POST OFFICE

POSTAL CARETAKER. You can designate a postal caretaker to retrieve your packages and mail from the post office when you are not able to do so. Island residents may opt to assign a caretaker when planning vacation, while self-isolating after exposure to COVID-19 or a positive COVID-19 test, and while recovering from an injury. Email your caretaker request to von.jenkins@vec-trus.com and isaac.larios@vec-trus.com.

ABSENCES, PCS'ING, AND YOUR MAIL. The post office must be notified when customers leave for 30 days or PCS. Per DOD 4525.6-M, mail is only allowed to be held for 30 days with or without prior notice. On day 31, mail is considered "unclaimed" and will be returned to the sender. Send an email to the post office to authorize someone to pick up your mail and packages. When PCS'ing, provide a forwarding address. Contact James Smith with questions at 5-3461 and james.e.smith2295@army.mil.

COMMANDER'S 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.

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

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 5-8867.

NOTIFY THE VET. Please notify Kwaj Vet Services before going on leave if you have pets. A pet sitter authorization form for treatment is required prior to departing the island. You can reach Veterinary Services at 5-2017 Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Island Memorial Chapel's Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 13
6 p.m. in the
Religious Education Building.
Bring a friend or dish to share!

All are welcome!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Location: Youth Center Field
Who: Open to ALL ages/everyone!
Time: 4P.M. - 6P.M. Student-Led Games

Check-In 1st!

- Sign in at the small tent for a bracelet
- Wear it and go to each game
- After each game, get a sticker
- # of stickers equals # of balls you throw at the dunk tank!



Face Paint

Slip & Slide

Tug-of-War

Cup Stacking


Musical Chairs

Water Balloons

Nerf Target Practice

& More!

A fun Kwaj tradition



TURKEY TROT

Monday, November 21

Meet at Emon Pavilion at 5 P.M. to register; run starts at 5:30 P.M.


- A 2 mile prediction run/walk
- There are turkeys to be won by those who finish closest to their estimated time
- Other fun prizes in other eclectic categories
- To be fair, the use of watches/music is not allowed



Annual Holiday Party

for Kwajalein Home Helpers

Thursday, Dec. 1, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
The Garrison Commander's Residence, Qtrs. 241



Talks on the Rock



Presented by the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club and FMWR

Water Worlds: The Search for Life

By Dr. Sarah Willis

Sunday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m.
Emon Beach

Come learn more about why water is essential for life, how astronomers look for water in space, and what other planets might be capable of hosting life. The MIT telescope will also be set up for a unique view of the moon and stars.

KWAJALEIN TREE LIGHTING & PARADE Dec. 3

Please contact Grace Sherwood Library @ 5-3331 or Kwajalein Community Events Facebook page to register for Parade Float or Cart performers during tree lighting vendors booths downtown.

Tis the Season to Sparkle




Facebook Reaction Challenge

Post picture of your decorated tree in the thread on Kwajalein Community Events Facebook Page.

1 point for each "Like"
2 points for each "Laugh"
3 points for each "Love"








Or submit pictures and votes at Grace Sherwood Library. Prizes for top three Pallet Trees. All voting ends 6 p.m. on Dec. 19.




MOSQUITO FOGGING FOR KWAJ, ROI

Kwajalein: Tuesday, Nov. 29 through Thursday, Dec. 1, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 Roi-Namur: Wednesday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 9, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

To spray for mosquitoes and flies, island pest control services will utilize EcoVia EC, is a liquid botanical oil insecticide with Thyme and Rosemary oil as active ingredients. It is safe to use in and

around homes and near water. EcoVia is also safe to use around children and pets. The spraying schedule is dependent on weather conditions. It is recommended that island residents avoid fogged areas for 30 minutes.

Do your part to deter mosquitoes and flies

- Check for standing water where mosquitoes breed
 - Dump any accumulated water at least weekly
 - Trim heavy vegetation and eliminate accumulated leaves
- Do not add food waste directly into open trash cans such as the Emon Beach trash containers, large black trash cans, or residential green trash receptacles. Always seal food and animal waste inside trash/plastic bags before adding to trash cans. Periodically clean outdoor trash receptacles.



This coconut crab was photographed by USAG-KA resident Art Bennis on Roi-Namur. It 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.

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.

TALK ON TRUK

Wednesday, Nov. 16

6:30 p.m.

Corlett Recreation Center Rm. 6

The Kwajalein Scuba Club invites you to the November membership meeting for a special lecture by photographer and author Brandi Mueller. Brandi will give a talk on the history and shipwrecks of Truk Lagoon.

*Pizza and drinks will be provided.
The entire community is invited to attend!*



Glass Beach opening

Glass Beach will have limited access to the lower part of the beach from Nov. 11 - Apr. 15, 2023 with the following restrictions:

- Top crest of the beach area, to include all vegetation near the orange fence are off limits
- Access to the beach only at the southwest end of the orange fence line; overstepping of the fence line strictly prohibited
- No large group/party gathering; pick up any trash before leaving
- Please report any violators to USAG-KA
- Avoid flight-operation hours and observe all applicable airfield-runway restriction/safety rules
- Questions? Contact Patrick Chauvey at 5-0129



Help Decorate the Chapel!

Friday, Nov. 25 at 5:30 p.m., come eat a light dinner and help us decorate both chapels and the REB for Christmas! Everyone is welcome!



2022 KYC Boat Parade of Lights Dec. 18 @ Sunset

Visit our Community
Events Facebook page
or Grace Sherwood
Library for more
information



MWR B-Boat use for this
special event approved to
decorate B-boats and
participate.

Register at Kwajalein
Small Boat Marina

Emon Beach SCUBA Santa Boat Parade of Lights



Holiday Music
Hot Cocoa &
Snacks

Dec. 18

**SANTA DIVES INTO THE SEASON
@Sunset**

Special Holiday Outdoor Movie
"Santa Claus is Coming to Town"
Showtime 8 p.m.

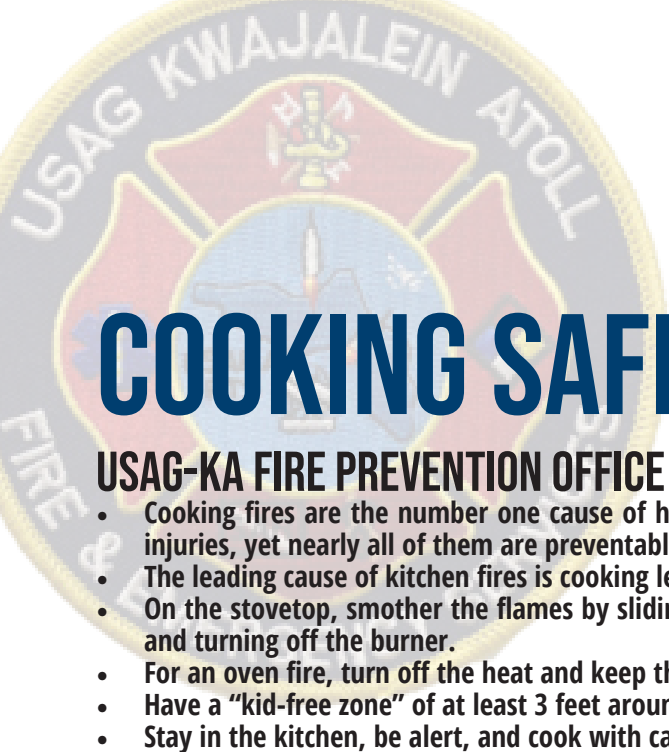


Kwajalein



MIA Project

NEVER FORGET.
<https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/>



COOKING SAFETY

USAG-KA FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE MONTHLY TIP

- Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries, yet nearly all of them are preventable.
- The leading cause of kitchen fires is cooking left unattended.
- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove.
- Stay in the kitchen, be alert, and cook with caution.

Please contact our office for questions or assistance at 5-2137.

PARDON OUR AERATION! FEEL FREE TO PLAY THROUGH



Contact US!
(805)355-4198



Welcome to Holmberg Fairways



ONCE A KWAJ RESIDENT,
ALWAYS A KWAJ RESIDENT.
HELP US PROTECT THE MISSION.
OPSEC DOESN'T END WHEN YOU PCS.
PLEASE THINK BEFORE POSTING PHOTOS
AND VIDEOS TO SOCIAL MEDIA.



UXO REMINDER

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Remember the three Rs of UXO: **Recognize** an item as possible Unexploded Ordnance. **Retreat** from the area of the UXO. **Report** suspected UXO immediately by notifying EOD (5-1433) or CPS (5-4445).

Provide the following information: Location (building #, GPS, landmarks, etc); Size (compared to common items - football, scuba cylinder, etc). Treat UXO like you would treat dangerous sea creatures. Look but do not touch. For a detailed refresher, please attend the Island Orientation Briefing on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

Kememj R ko 3. Recognize (kile) juon kwopej bajjok emaron Bokutan ak kein kabokkolok (UXO). Retreat (Jenliklik) bed ettolok im jab kepaak UXO eo. Report (Ripoot e) boktun ak kein kabokklok eo ien eo emokajtata non EOD ilo nomba kein (5-1433) ak CPS (5-4445).

Ken melele kein: Ia eo (nomba in ijo, GPS, kakolle in ijo, etc.); Jonan (jonan e ibben jet kain mweik - football, taan in turan, etc.). Tiljek kon UXO kein einwot am kojparok menin mour in lo-jet ko rekauwotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakememj eok, eok-we jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemjej.

Postal Notice:

USAG-KA Post Office Holiday Mailing Deadlines

Military Mail Addressed To and From	Priority Mail Express Military Service*	First-Class Mail Service	Priority Mail Service	Retail Ground Service
APO/FPO/DPO AP ZIPs 962-966	N/A	25 NOV	25 NOV	5 NOV

To ensure timely delivery by Dec. 25, the Postal Service recommends that cards and packages be sent to military APO/FPO/DPO addresses overseas no later than the mailing dates listed. The item must be in active shipping by the dates above.



Questions? Contact James Smith at 805-355-3461, james.e.smith2295.ctr@army.mil





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WEATHER STATION



SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:41 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	10:17 p.m. 10:28 a.m.	6:14 a.m. 2.6' 6:25 p.m. 3.6'	12:27 a.m. -0.1' 11:57 a.m. 0.2'
MONDAY	6:41 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	11:09 p.m. 11:18 a.m.	6:48 a.m. 2.3' 6:59 p.m. 3.2'	1:03 a.m. 0.3' 12:25 p.m. 0.6'
TUESDAY	6:42 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	11:59 p.m. 12:05 p.m.	7:33 a.m. 2.0' 7:48 p.m. 2.8'	1:50 a.m. 0.6' 1:00 p.m. 0.9'
WEDNESDAY	6:42 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	----- 12:50 p.m.	9:03 a.m. 1.7' 9:18 p.m. 2.5'	3:04 a.m. 0.9' 2:05 p.m. 1.3'
THURSDAY	6:42 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	12:47 a.m. 1:31 p.m.	11:49 a.m. 1.9' 11:26 p.m. 2.5'	5:07 a.m. 1.0' 4:46 p.m. 1.4'
FRIDAY	6:43 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	1:34 a.m. 2:11 p.m.	12:57 p.m. 2.4' -----	6:30 a.m. 0.7' 6:35 p.m. 1.1'
NOVEMBER 19	6:43 a.m. 6:25 p.m.	2:21 a.m. 2:50 p.m.	12:42 a.m. 2.8' 1:34 p.m. 2.9'	7:14 a.m. 0.4' 7:30 p.m. 0.7'

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

A ridge will remain in place during the day on Saturday. Stray to isolated showers expected during the day. A gradual increase in showers expected late Saturday night into the day on Sunday from a low-level trough pushing through. Series of disturbances will lead to scattered showers and potential isolated thunderstorms from Monday through at least the middle of next week. Winds will remain in the low to mid-teens through the forecast period outside of showers. Cloud debris will be heavy starting next Monday continuing through the rest of the next week as the result of low-level disturbances pushing through the area.

SATURDAY

Mostly to partly cloudy with stray showers in the morning increasing to isolated showers in the afternoon. Winds E-ESE at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Winds ENE-E at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms possible. Winds ENE-ESE at 8-13 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

A series of low-level disturbances will contribute to periods of showers...locally heavy at times with the threat of isolated thunderstorms early this week. By the middle of the week into the end of the week, a trade wind surge will lead to areas of localized speed convergence posing continued threat of unsettled weather conditions. Generally, conditions will be stable with moderate to potentially fresh trade winds especially middle into the end of the upcoming week.



Work and play safely.

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

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHTS THROUGH OCTOBER

Monday

UA155 (HNL)

Check-in: 3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

UA154 (GUM)

Check-in: 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

FLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Monday

UA155 (HNL)

Check-in: 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday

UA154 (GUM)

Check-in: 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.



Enter your yard for the chance to win! The USAG-KA Yard of the Month program is for all residents of Kwajalein Army Family Housing. Each month, the Kwajalein Housing Office will choose three island quarters for consideration. One lucky winner will take the prize and bragging rights for a month! Prizes could include a free MWR cart rental, pizza from the Sunrise Bakery, or a game of bowling. For more information, contact USAG-KA Public Affairs at 5-4848.

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Winter Concert

Friday, December 9

5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Multipurpose Room, Kwajalein Jr/Sr High School

Donations of packaged snacks, school supplies, and hygiene products appreciated for Holidays on Carlos, hosted by NHS.