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LT. GEN. DANIEL KARBLER, COMMANDING GENERAL OF U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND, LEFT, TOURS ROI-NAMUR WITH USAG-KA COMMANDER COL. TOM PUGSLEY DURING A RECENT VISIT.

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# USASMDC COMMANDING GENERAL ADDRESSES USAG-KA COMMUNITY

### BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Lt. Gen Daniel Karbler, commander, Space and Missile Defense Command, held a Kwajalein Town Hall meeting November 5 at the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room at Kwajalein High School during his week-long visit to U.S. Army Garrison—Kwajalein Atoll. This is an edited transcript of that meeting.

Thanks very much for the awesome hospitality when I ... and my team got here. As the senior commander, it allows me to gain great appreciation for what you do here. As a test customer, I kinda got a sense for what is going on here and what everybody does, but now as the senior commander, thanks to Col. Pugsley and many of you out in the crowd, the last four days have been very, very fulfilling for me to understand what you do. So whether you are DPW, RTS, Emergency Services, the Clinic, Food Services, MWR, you name it, I have been able to go across the waterfront and see what you all do.

And you have my great appreciation and admiration for what you do. It is not lost

on me the challenges that we have out here: remote, the environment, corrosion we're all resource challenged. And by the way, the adversary is not taking a timeout.

The work that we do here is critically important and it is recognized by all of our national leadership, the importance of Kwaj.

# What I do

My job is to take everything that I will learn here in the 5 or 6 days ... here and take that with me and I'll start farming out tasks and asks, being the number one advocate for what we are doing on-island here at the Army Senior Leader level.

Don't get me wrong, Army senior leaders recognize the importance of Kwaj. We have to do a good job of articulating what the needs are out here and that is my job to take that message back to everybody, whether it's USARPAC, IMCOM, AMC, Army Contracting Command, Missile Defense Agency, you name it, I will make sure that at my level and above they are well



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

# IN DECEMBER



**FLU, FLU CHRISTMAS?** Don't let the flu get you down. Visit the Kwajalein Hospital to get your flu vaccine. For more information, call 480-2223 or 480-2224.



**NATIONAL CODKIE DAY** A mainstay of Christmas Eve and holiday potluck dinner tables are Christmas cookies. Each year in December, we celebrate this tasty treat.



### **IT'S DECEMBER**

The Latin namesake for the month is "Decem," or 10, harkening back to its ancient position in the 10-month Roman calendar.



### CELEBRATE UNDERDOG DAY

Everyone loves an underdog. On the third Friday in December, rally around players and sports teams whose appeal is less about strength and more about struggle.

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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aware of what we need out here.

A quote that really resonates with me is 'Once it's gone, we'll never get it back.'

You talk about the capabilities that we have out here—if we allow it to deteriorate, if we don't maintain, if we don't replace it, if we don't upgrade it, if we don't modernize it—once it's gone we're never going to get it back. So I have to make sure I carry that message forward.

If you look at all the strategic documents and national defense strategy, look at Army 2030 – the Army of 2030 will not be built in 2030. The Army of 2030 is being built today by the testing that we are doing, by all the things that we do out here at Kwaj.

There needs to be a sense of urgency in the Army that we are fixing and addressing the challenges that we have out here to ensure that we get the resourcing that we need. You have my full commitment on that.

### It's personal

I'm in this for the long haul. I have two kids: my daughter is a lieutenant in the Army stationed at Fort Bliss; I have a son-in-law who is a helicopter pilot, also stationed at Bliss; I have a son who is a Junior at West Point, so I have skin in this game.

The Army of 2030 isn't 'Dan Karbler is going to be retired for a few years,' the Army of 2030 for me will have a son who has been in the Army for six years and a daughter who will be in the Army for 10 years, and many of you probably have friends and family who are serving as well.

So, the commitment isn't just for the here and now for what we need to do now, but for those future generations who are going to stand on our shoulders like we stood on the shoulders of veterans ahead of us.

I got to meet the president (of the RMI) and he specifically made a point to thank the garrison for what they did to allow the RMI to pull through COVID, at the start of COVID, to be able to repatriate and bring people in to keep our missions going. He was appreciative and recognized how the garrison helped the RMI.

# Family

At SMDC, I don't have employees and I don't have force structure or a workforce: you are part of the SMDC team and you are a member of the SMDC family – team, family – not employee. When you have a sense of team or family it just engenders a different sense of belonging and a different sense of contributing. I'd like everybody to make sure you embody that—you are part of the garrison team or the garrison family.

And the other thing, if you are a tenant here at Kwaj, you are not a tenant. You are a joint mission partner.

You are part of the team, a member of the family, and a joint mission partner.

## Q&A

# Q1: Can we reasonably expect some additional resources for infrastructure around here?

**A1:** I've taken pictures of all the crumbling infrastructure, the rust and the corrosion on my phone. My phone will be my truth-teller. You can expect that I will go fight for the resources. I would hope that my arguments will resonate with people that the Army of 2030 has to start to be built today and it can't be built on a crumbling infrastructure that is not going to last until 2025.

### Q2: SHARP has an excellent program here but it doesn't extend out to the contractors or their families. When we talk about resources and the importance of resources, could we have some type of resource available that would extend out from SHARP that would cover our families like a senior leadership or key spouse?

**A2:** So we talked about that today. There is a giant continental divide between what Col. Pugsley can do as the leader and what the rules allow us to do for the contractors. We should not have this divide. One of the people I'm going to talk with is Brig. Gen. Christine Beeler, Army Contracting Command commander.

The normal contracting model doesn't fit very well in Kwajalein. It makes no sense to have SHARP capability here that I can't share with the contractors.

### Q3: The One-Team philosophy does not apply to the housing policy here. How should we feel as one team with the policy the way it is.

**A3:** I will look at that with Col. Pugsley. I will make sure that there is equity. As we try to attract more experienced talent, we have to be able to ensure a sense of community and a sense of fairness is baked into the policy and it's not just categories that are government only and Category D is everybody else.

Q4: Housing—our neighbors just had to move out due to termites. But there is nothing in place to help people when they are forced to move. The only thing that is moved is government furniture and some of these people have lived here for some time.

Can we look into something to help people who are being forced to move and having to come up with all the things and cost to do it themselves?

**A4:** From Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega, former Garrison CSM: We have corrected that for any life, health or safety that the government forces people to move, the housing office will support with packing material and assist with moving. Col. Pugsley: The same thing goes for during renovations when we ask people to move that will be an expense and resources covered by the garrison because we are asking you to do it in support of the renovations.

Q5: Infrastructure and buildings issue. I just went to Carlos for the first time. The building there is in bad shape. It would be nice if there were a program in place where if people take on those roles and responsibilities that are in contracts for other companies, it would be nice if the company got points or credit for it for people to pitch in to help.



**A5:** Someone owns every building here. Someone is signed for it. We have to put somebody in charge of the buildings. Too often if no one is in charge, the responsibility crept away from who was responsible.

We can commit to if there are groups who want to go out there, we ought to be able to commit to support that but I don't want to let some contractually off the hook if it's their job to do it.

### Q6: What reading on leadership and the INDO-PACOM region do you recommend to understand how we can support the mission?

**A6:** I just finished the book 'Radical Candor.' 'Radical Candor' is a really good book about telling the truth and right upfront saying what is good and what is screwed up. You can't have radical candor if you don't have good relationships and have trust with each other.

Another book I am reading is called "Range." It's about broadening and not being a one-trick pony.

They use the example of Tiger Woods and Roger Federer. Tiger Woods is very specialized from a young age with golf. His dad taught him golf. Federer grew up playing soccer, swimming, track and tennis – very broad.

The purpose of the book is to show that when you have range you continue to really increase on your abilities. If you are specialized, you will get up to a certain point and then you will plateau. The book 'Hawaii' by Michener is a wonderful book about how Hawaii has developed over time and has a lot of history in it.

# Q7: I'm concerned about international developments in Russia and China, personally I'm concerned with what I am seeing. What is the Army's plan to how Kwajalein plays into that?

**A7:** When I meet with USARPAC on Monday I will ask how Kwaj plays in the Army of the Pacific.

We've talked a lot about missile defense, but Kwaj hasn't been a part of our discussion. I want him to become an advocate. He understands the strategic importance that Kwaj plays.

### Q8: Security posture on island. Due to recent events what are we doing to increase and better our security posture to include vetting people coming on and ensuring we have support if something happens on the island?

**A8:** Foundational is messaging and information and the garrison is currently looking for better mechanisms in which to rapidly inform the right part of the community to ensure incidents and issues are quickly messaged to the team so everyone has the right information as quickly as possible.

Second, not only trying to ensure the capacity of security forces, making sure they are at the right places at the right time, they are being random and providing the best coverage possible for the installation to mitigate and minimize risk as much as possible. Same thing goes for growing the PMO outside of security, we are about 70% there and looking at more patrols and trying to navigate and resource better and more experienced talent as well.

There is also the infrastructure piece and some installation-wide notification systems that we are trying to get after, there is also an installation-wide monitoring system we are trying to get after. For about two years we've been working a program to get CCTV cameras around the installation at key checkpoints and key locations to help monitor that. COVID got in the way of a lot of that and currently we have it on order through LOGCAP and the plan is when they arrive to implement them across the installation.

An underlying piece is the informational infrastructure, a lot of comms have to be run to help support those systems. Fundamental to the overall architecture is really trying to empower the community, if you see something say something, and on the garrison side we have to make sure that people are in place to do what is expected of them to support the community.

# Q9: Any update on the Fit to Fight teacher requirements from the last town hall?

**A9:** USAG-KA Requested relief from that requirement in the contract and it is at Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois at the moment. Every one of you is critical to the success of this mission. We can't afford to lose anyone. When we found out about this we addressed it rapidly to get a solution and hopefully it will be resolved.

### Q10: Which chain of command am I supposed to use here? I was in the Navy and I understand the chain of command. How do I figure out who to talk to for specific issues?

**A10:** Talk to your boss. If it is a problem with the Garrison then talk with your boss and bring it up.

### Q11: Is there an ICE here?

**A11:** We are going to be standing up ICE, an interactive customer evaluation. We will work with USAG-KA Public Affairs to get the word out.

As a reminder, you can reach out to USAG-KA's Commander's Hotline at 480-1098; you can send a Message in Facebook from the USAG-KA Facebook page at @USArmyKwajaleinAtoll, or email Mike Brantley at james.m.brantley4. civ@army.mil



An undated WWII photo of Kwajalein circa 1944 from the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Archives shows Kwajalein's early military infrastructure.

# U.S. SPACE AND MISSILE Defense command history

### BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

**Prior to the** beginning of Operation Flintlock, leaders had determined that the Army would run Kwajalein and the air bases while the Navy would manage Roi-Namur.

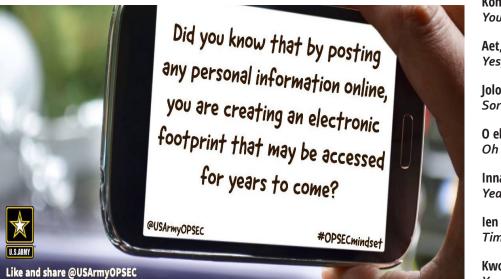
From the end of the battle until Dec. 1, 1944, operations on Kwajalein had been managed by GROPAC 2, operating under the Island Commander, an Army Brigadier General.

A GROPAC could take many forms, depending upon the location and requirements. Its focus was on operations of the harbor and the waterfront.

On Dec. 1, the Kwajalein base reached its next phase of development as the Navy formally established Naval Base Kwajalein under the command of Capt. Walter Thomson. The new unit was short lived, however, as it was replaced by U.S. Navy Operating Base Kwajalein under Admiral William Harrill, in June 1945. Unlike its predecessor, the NOB Kwajalein was under the commander of Kwajalein Atoll and over the Island Command.

Six months later, after the end of the war, on Dec. 22, 1945, Commodore Ben Wyatt was named the Commander of Naval Air Base Kwajalein. As the wartime command structure dissolved, as one source described the situation, Wyatt also assumed the duties of the former island commander, Kwajalein, Commander NOB Kwajalein, AtCom Kwajalein and ComMarGils (Deputy Military Governor of the Marshall and Gilbert Islands).

In addition to Kwajalein, installations at Roi-Namur, Ebeye, Majuro, Eniwetok, Tarawa, Marcus Island and the civil administration of the Marshallese and the Gilbertese were under his command.





As many Marshallese are actively involved in USAG-KA Sports programs. Their participation raises the level of competition and allows us to play more teams. Getting involved in sports is a great way to know our neighbors.

### **Helpful Words**

Ikkure	play
Bool	ball
Ri-ikkure	players
lakiu	softball
Botta im	bat
Limo	fun
Eonod	fishing
Ettor	movement, run
Boub	busy
Bolen	maybe

# **Common Phrases**

Kwo-konaan ke ikkure Do you want to play?

Aet, ikonaan ikure. Yes, I want to play.

Emman. Jej iten ikkure iakiu. Good! We're going to play softball.

Ewi botta im bool eo ao? Where are my bat and ball?

Eber ijen. Itok enaj limo! Bar boktok ri-ikkure. It's there. Come on, it will be fun! *Also, bring some more players.* 

Komij ettor jotanin ke? You're running this evening, right?

Aet, kwo-konaan ke ettor ibbem? Yes, do you ant to run with us?

Jolok, bwid, ak iboub. Sorry, but I'm busy.

0 ekwe, bolen bar juon ien. Oh well, maybe another time.

Inna—kabke iten enod. Yeαh—besides, I'm going fishing.

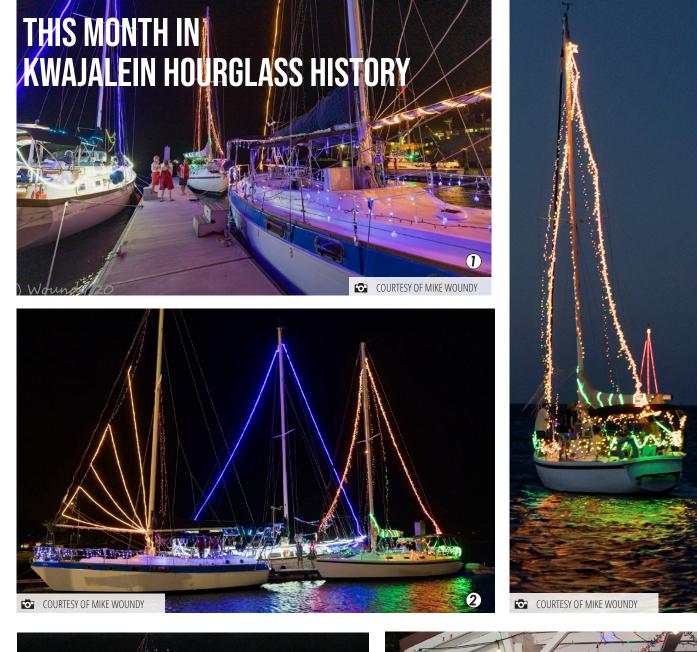
Ien kiki. *Time to sleep.* 

Kwoj ke itok ne eraan, ke ne ebon? You'll be coming during the day, or night?



Since Kwajalein is located in time zone one, the atoll is one of the places he visits first. That means you can track his progress around the world.

Click the image to find out where Santa is going next with a little help from North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD. You can also visit https://www. noradsanta.org/en/.

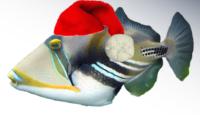








New to the island? Get ready for a fun holiday season. Enjoy these photos from the Kwajalein Yacht Club Parade of Lights and Kwajalein Scuba Club Arrival of Scuba Santa event from Dec. 21, 2020. 1-3) Festive privately-owned yachts are ready to cast off and dazzle Kwaj residents during the annual boat parade. 4 - 5) Emerging from the waters of the lagoon, Scuba Santa, Mrs. Claus and several helpful elves toting a holiday tree greeted guests at the Emon Beach Scuba Shack. 6) The holidays are on the horizon in this photo of the Parade of Lights as seen from Emon Beach.



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**On Jan. 19, 1944,** the tank landing ship USS Addison County, LST-31, left Pearl Harbor Navy Yard and returned to the Pacific Theater to support combat operations at Kwajalein Atoll.

LST-31 was a component of Task Force 52, the Southern Attack Force's Advance Transport unit. It carried a complement of 17 tracked landing vehicles, ammunition, supplies and fuel to support operations. For her mission into the Marshall Islands, LKST-31 received new 40 mm Bofuors guns, 20 mm Oerlikon cannons and an engine overhaul. She purred like a new car and wore a squeaky-clean shade of haze gray.

After arriving on Kwajalein Atoll Feb. 1 to offload cargo, transport Soldiers and equipment, the ship resupplied and prepared for the next operation: the battle of Eniwetok.

This week marks the beginning of LST-31's voyage to Kwajalein. To commemorate the ship's mission support, the Hourglass has reprinted materials by LST-31's Lt. Cmdr. John D. Schneidau, who described the voyage and conflict at Kwajalein Atoll in photographs and letters to his wife, Katherine.

Schneidau might have received a few surprised looks in January 1944 when his fellow officers saw the contents of his sea bag—several personal cameras—but then again, perhaps not. Schneidau, a native of New Orleans, where LST-31 was also laid down, was a photography enthusiast.

"Hope the sun is out so I can get some good pictures," he notes along the way.

Schneidau composed his letter—at one point, he calls it a "book"—as one massive text block over several days in late January 1944 before mailing it home. He also followed a strict format for his correspondence. There are no line or paragraph breaks. Writing in a diary or chronological format was prohibited by operational security standards, as was naming specific dates and locations.

In one passage, Schneidau says he's excited that there is a camera operator aboard from Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet Headquarters.

"There are several photographers aboard, and I have a couple of cameras myself, so I hope to get some interesting pictures," he says.

At first, Schneidau describes life aboard the ship as relatively uneventful: "Usually, in the afternoon around 3:30 [p.m.], I go out on deck in my shorts and pitch the medicine ball around with some of the officers to get a little exercise. Don't infer from this, however, that we have lots of leisure time. We haven't. Ship's work keeps us fairly busy most of the time. Our particular group of ships is considerably larger this time than last and is better escorted."

Of course, the quiet does not last. Those familiar with Kwajalein WWII history may find certain passages describing "heavily fortified islands" have resonance: "It is now two days after D-day and one day after troops landed on the main objective," writes Schneidau. "Yesterday morning before dawn, we steamed out of the lagoon to rendezvous in our area from which we were to take part in the operation. As we approached the island, the battleships opened their bombardment."

On the atoll, Schneidau describes violent scenes, casualties, and beaches illuminated at night by the glow of explosions and beacons. His post-bombardment photographs frame splintered tree trunks, but also several standing coconut palms, dispelling Kwaj myths of a lone coconut palm that withstood tons of shelling.

Schneidau went on to serve in the Pacific Theater at Eniwetok, Tinian, Okinawa and Saipan. Records of his many photos and letters have been widely archived in museum collections and are available online. While he was not part of an embedded public affairs support team, Schneidau's photos and writing are invaluable and instructive about the day-to-day life of Soldiers and Sailors.

The text of Lt. Cmdr. John D. Schneidau's letters has been gently edited for publication. The text of the letters can be found online in full, without line breaks online at the National WWII Museum.

### **Dear Katherine:**

Well, here we are, on the way to hit the [Japanese]. This is the first I have writ-

ten while we are underway although we have been going for a week now. I am not dating this as it is against regulations to keep a diary or to write in diary form. So, although I will add to the letter from time to time, I won't write it as a day-today chronicle, but merely as a continuous story.

Naturally, I won't mail it until a considerable amount of time after the operation is over and most of the stuff has been announced to the public.

We are on our way to invade the enemy in one of his biggest strongholds. In fact, this will be one of the most important and biggest operations in the Pacific war to date. Naturally, we are all proud to be able to play such a major part in it. The particular island our outfit is going to hit is the biggest and strongest of the group, so we expect plenty of trouble.

Makin and Tarawa were set-ups compared to what we are going into, since there will be enemy air bases all around us. Of course, they will attempt to knock these out before we get there, but it is highly doubtful if they can completely knock out all of them.

The last week has been one of very little activity. We just roll along day after day at our seeming snail's pace with nothing to see but blue water and sunny skies.

The weather really has been fine. Clear and sunny every day, and not much sea, just a long swell that makes us roll gently from side to side, but not enough to bother with, although some of the Soldiers get seasick the first few days. Time means very little out here on the ocean. I seldom know what day of the week it is. A thousand miles gets to mean little to you in such an illimitable expanse of water. In fact, from where we were this morning, one could travel a thousand miles in any direction and not see land. We play poker most every night in the wardroom as there is no other pastime except reading.

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Command Sgt. Maj. Finis A. Dodson, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command command sergeant major, visits Alabama A&M University and speaks during the college's Veterans Day ceremony, Nov. 8, 2022.

# TALK ABOUT YOUR MILITARY SERVICE

### EXTERNAL REPORT

### By Carrie David Campbell, USASMDC Public Affairs

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—The U.S.** Army Space and Missile Defense Command's senior enlisted leader encouraged veterans to talk about their experience of service to friends, family and even strangers, no matter where the opportunity arises.

Command Sgt. Maj. Finis A. Dodson told a group of faculty, students and alumni at the Alabama A&M University, Nov. 8, during their Veterans Day program that veterans sharing their stories can inspire future generations to serve the nation.

"Today, only 1 percent of our nation serves in the military, and 61 percent of those who serve are more likely to have been exposed to military life through friends and family," Dodson said. "Veterans have firsthand knowledge of the benefits of a military career and can bridge the gap between those who are familiar with military life and those who have never considered the military as a career."

All around the country these veterans serve as teachers, doctors, engineers, social workers, community leaders, first responders, elected officials and more, Dodson said.

"They continue to serve our communities by making positive contributions, building stronger futures and inspiring future generations," he said.

Veterans Day is an important day for the country to recognize all who have served the nation with honor and distinction, Dodson said.

"We honor the brave men and women from all walks of life who have stepped forward to defend our nation throughout our history," Dodson said. "Generations of patriots have dedicated themselves to the defense of our country to make us stronger and more resilient as a nation."

He said the Army is focused on its people and is committed to taking care of its Soldiers' health, readiness and development both personally and professionally.

"In the Army, we know our greatest asset is our people," Dodson said. "Our all-volunteer Army is a credit to Americans of all races, genders, and creeds. And our common commitment to the defense and love of country binds us together and unifies us."

The U.S. now has the largest population of young veterans since the Vietnam War, Dodson said.

"Duty to our country is a prime reason people want to serve in the Army, but the Army is great career," Dodson said.

"We owe it to these men and women

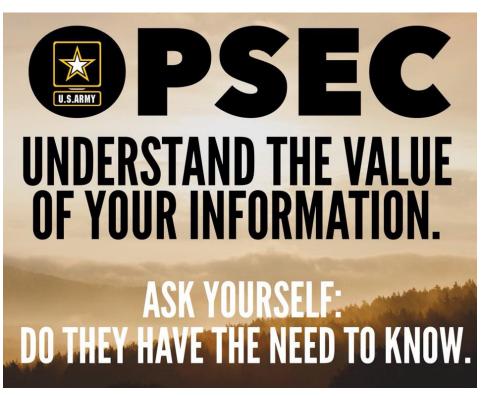
to make sure they transition from active-duty careers with skills and experiences to find meaningful employment."

Dodson reminded attendees that the nation did not unite and support its veterans during the Vietnam War.

"Unlike previous wars, this one came up close and personal to those at home who watched news coverage of the war on television, something not readily available in prior conflicts," Dodson said. "We must remember those who served and sacrificed for our country."

On Veterans Day, and every day, Dodson encouraged attendees to thank veterans for their service.

"As a nation, we must ensure that the service and sacrifices of our veterans are never overlooked or forgotten," Dodson said. "As we all know, freedom is not free."



# **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.

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

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 480--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@ internationalsosgs.us or 480-5362. Contact 480-3550 with questions.

# **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 480-3331 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@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 480-3505. 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.



# Sgt. 1st Class Effie Banks SHARP Victim Advocate

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CONTACT THE USAG-KA SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ ASSAULT Response and prevention victim advocate



# 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 480-2103 for information.



KAIHONUA is hiring for multiple positions. For more information or to apply, please contact Tribalco Human Resources at 480-4344 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 480-2632, 480-4995 or 480-4996.

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 480-0782 and dbakhsh@rmi.qdyncorp.com, or Sammy Juda, administrative assistant at 480-4916 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 480-0782 or administrative assistant at 480-4916 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 480-4344 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. Ques-



tions? Contact April Pacileo at 480-2278 during normal working hours.

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.

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 480-2131 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 480-3511 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 480-3550.

# **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 resisdents may opt to assign a caretaker when planning vacation, while self-isolating after exposure to COVID-19 or a postive COVID-19 test, and while recovering from an injury. Email your caretaker request to von.jenkins@vectrus.com and isaac.larios@vectrus.com.

ABSENCES, PCS'ING, AND YOUR MAIL. The post office must be no-

tified 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 480-3461 and james-.e.smith2295@army.mil.

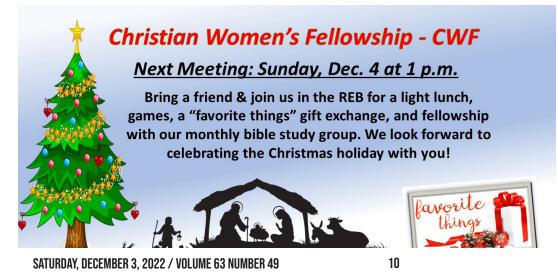
# COMMANDER'S QUARTERLY

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 480-1098 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 ARTI-FACTS. 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 480-8867.

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 480-2017 Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



# **ROI INSECT FOGGING**

### PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, Dec. 7 through Friday, Dec. 9, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**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.

# **GLASS BEACH OPENING**

### PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Glass Beach** will have limited access to the lower part of the beach from now until April 15, 2023, with the following restrictions.

- The 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; do not pverstep the fence line.
- No large group/party gatherings are permitted. Visitors should pick up any trash before leaving the area.
- Please report any violators of these safety orders to USAG-KA
- Avoid flight-operation hours and observe all applicable airfield-runway restrictions and safety rules.

Contact Patrick Chauvey at 480-0129 with questions.

# 2022 KYC Boat Parade of Lights Dec. 18 @ Sunset

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

Register at Kwajalein Small Boat Marina

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

# Emon Beach SCUBA Santa **Boat Parade of Lights**

**Holiday Music** Hot Cocoa & Snacks

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# SAMTA DIVES INTO THE SEASON

Special Holiday Outdoor Movie Santa Claus is Coming to Town<sup>99</sup> Showtime 8 p.m.



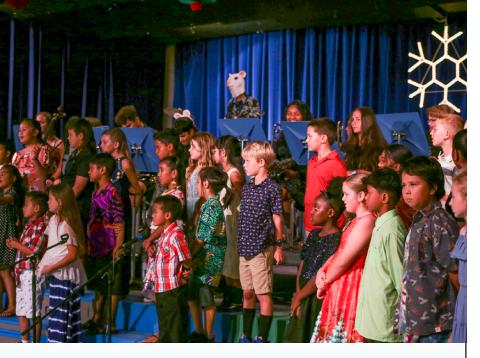
# A Time For Giving

This holiday season, give back to children in the Ebeye community.

Pick one of the 55 angels from the tree inside the RMI Liaison Office downtown by the Mic Shop now through Saturday, Dec. 10. Each angel corresponds to a deserving boy or girl. Some things the angels need are school supplies, clothing and toys.

On Jan. 14, the angels and their families will attend a Kwajalein celebration and gift presentation to ring in the New Year. Please bring your gifts to the RMI Liaison Office no later than Jan. 7, 2023.

The RMI Liaison Office is open Tues. - Sat., 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Call 480-3600 to reach the office specialists with any questions.



# George Seitz Elementary School K-4 Winter Concert

The community is invited to attend the final concert in this semester's Kwajalein School System annual winter music concert series at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room.

### Friday, Dec. 9, from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

Featuring students in pre-K through 4th grade accompanied by Kwajalein High School students and faculty.

Donations of packaged snacks, school supplies and hygiene products are appreciated for Holidays on Carlos, hosted by the National Honor Society.

# For more information, please contact Paul Uhren at 480-3484







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 480-4848.

# **HOLIDAYS ON CARLOS**

Kwajalein High School National Honor Society needs your help!

NHS will travel to Carlos Dec. 17 to donate supplies to form bonds with our Marshallese friends and to make their holidays a little sweeter.

In search of food items, personal hygiene items, children's clothing, toys and craft items. Donation boxes are available at George Seitz Elementary School, Kwajalein High School and USAG-KA Child and Youth Services.

Contact Mindi Gerber with questions at 480-2011 and gerbermi@kwajalein-school.com.

# 2022 Kwajalein Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Parade, Dec. 4

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PARADE FORMATION 4:30 P.M.

SANTA CLAUS & MRS. CLAUS ARRIVE 5 P.M.

PARADE BEGINS 5:15 p.m.

HOLIDAY PERFORMERS DOWNTOWN 6 P.M.

VENDORS, FOOD AND BEVERAGES 6 P.M.

TREE LIGHTING 7 p.m.

# TREE LIGHTING MENU

**FRIED SHRIMP PO BOY** W/ Cole slaw, french fries

\$10

PHILLY CHEESESTEAK W/ FRIESSHAVED RIBEYE STEAK, PEPPERS, ONION,MUSHROOMS, SHREDDED CHEESE\$9

**PIZZA BY THE SLICE** 

\$4

\$2

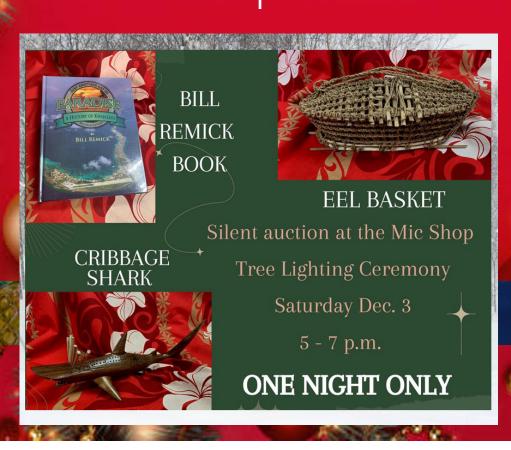
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PRETZEL DOGS

HOLIDAY COOKIES SNICKERDOODLE, GINGERBREAD, AND RED VELVET HOLIDAY CUPCAKES

HOLIDAY CUPCAKES RED VELVET, GERMAN CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE PEPPERMINT



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# ree Lighting Party

Sunday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. outside Cafe Roi

TABLES AND SEATING WILL BE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE CAFE ROI. **GUESTS ARE INVITED TO BRING THEIR FAVORITE HOLIDAY SNACKS AND BEVERAGES TO SHARE.** 

# Kwaj Kids

Visit the Hobby Shop anytime before Christmas to be creative and paint a 2022 holiday ornament.

You must bring a parent or adult with you. You must wear closed-toe shoes - no flipflops.

No payment or membership.



Hobby Sh	op Hours:
Wednesday	1 - 8 p.r
Thursday	1 - 8 p.r
Friday	12 - 8 p
Saturday	12 - 6 p.
Sunday	12 - 6 p.
Monday	12 - 6 p.



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Pauper's Marathor

**Full Marathon or Relay Teams** Monday, December 12 Race starts/ends at Namo Weto Teen Center

- Consists of 10 laps to make up 26.2 miles
- Run as an individual or create a team of 2 10 people
- Individual runners start at 3 a.m.; teams can start at 3 a.m. or 6 a.m.
- Contact Bob or Jane Sholar to register/ask questions at 5-1815 or janesholar@gmail.com

# **EOD OPERATIONS**

FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 2022 EOD WILL BE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS AT UXO DISPOSAL SITE KWAJALEIN 9:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. The Area Indicated in the map below will be off-limits until operation is complete.





# *Light Up the Kight* KWAJALEIN'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY, LIGHT'S TOUR

Get ready for Light Up The Night, Kwajalein's annual driving tour of neighborhood holiday lights and decorated quarters.

# Join In The Fun

Join the community Dec. 11 at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room for holiday treats, games and open-air shuttle rides through the island community to view holiday lights.

Open-air shuttle rides will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. While you wait for your tour, enjoy holiday music and, cocoa and snacks. Want to Participate?

Think you've got what it takes to make your quarters the most festive holiday home? Join the tour.

Decorate your quarters or BQ window and register with MWR at the Grace Sherwood Library. Contact MWR at 480-3331 to register.

# **Enjoy Pictures With Santa.**

Parents, bring your cameras. Santa Claus will make a special guest appearance during Light Up The Night. Dress up in your holiday finest to snap a selfie with Saint Nick from 6:30 -8:30 p.m.

# Are You a Vendor?

If you have a craft or concession you would like to sell at Light Up the Night, please contact MWR at 480-3331 to register for a table. All fundraisers must be preapproved.

# WANT TO GO?

Dec. 11 Kwajalein High School Multi-Purpose Room 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Contact MWR at 480-3331 for more information at 5-3331.



# 9 December 2022

Frozen ej jinoe 7 awa jota nan aolep ajiri. Itok juon itok aolep!



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**Both movies are** FREE!

Elf @ 9:00 F

# SPILL RESPONSE TRAINING

Dec. 14 - 15 from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Island Memorial Chapel.

This training is for first responders, EOC members and those who work with and around HAZMAT.

Please RSVP no later than Dec. 10 to Josh Snow at joshua.m.snow6.civ@army.mil and Gus Aljure.ctr@army.mil

# FLU SHOT WALK-IN CLINICS

Walk-in clinics are available at the Kwajalein Hospital Tuesday through Saturday from 1 – 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

**COVID-19 Reporting Reminder** 

@ 7:00

If you have symptoms, isolate yourself, correctly wear a mask (over your mouth and nose), and get tested-either at home test or at the hospital. Call the hospital during business hours if you have questions. If you test positive, report your result to the hospital at 480-2223.

# MONTHLY FIRE TIP FROM THE USAG-KA FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE **Christmas Safety**

- Live cut trees are not permitted in the garrison's dining facilities, bachelor quarters, hospital, dispensary and Macv's.
- Dispose of any live greenery used to decorate when needles or leaves begin to easily fall off or the leaves turn brown. For live cut trees, choose a sturdy stand that holds at least one gallon of water.
- Place any live holiday trees a minimum of three feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources.
- Turn lights off before going to bed or leaving the home.
- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord and avoid areas where the cords can become a tripping hazard.
- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Safety first! More than one third of home decoration fires are started by candles, and more than two of every five decoration fires happen because decor was placed too close to a heat source.



# All MWR services will be closed on Christmas and New Year's





# INNER TUB AS E/

Registration December 15 - January 7 Managers Meeting January 14, 5:30 p.m. @ Family Pool

**Registrations at the Grace Sherwood Library** 



# **UXO REMINDER**

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Unexploded ordnance should be treated like dangerous sea creatures: Look, but do not touch. You can play an important role in keeping Kwajalein safe by knowing what to do when you spot unexploded ordnance.

### Remember the three R's of UXO:

- Recognize an item as possible unexploded ordnance;
- Retreat from the area of the UXO; and
- Report suspected UXO immediately.

If you discover an object that could be UXO, notify Kwajalein Explosive Ordnance Disposal immediately by calling 480-1433. You can also call CPS at 480-4445. Provide the following information about what you found:

- Location. Note helpful details like the building number, GPS coordinates and any prominent landmarks
- Size of the UXO as compared to common items like a football or scuba air cylinder

For a detailed refresher on UXO safety, attend the new island orientation or call Kwajalein EOD at 480-1433.

Kemejmej 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 (480-1433) ak CPS (480-4445).

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 kojparók menin mour in lojet ko rekauwotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakemejmej eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemjej.



# **E-WARENESS LEAKS FROM VEHICLES**

It is each driver's responsibility to ensure vehicles are not leaking fluids other than air conditioning condensate. Call 911 to report spills and to arrange with automotive for routine maintenance.

Please call Environmental at 480-0722 with questions.

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Ak kiir Environmental ilo 480-0722.

# **USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH**

**RTS WEATHER STATION STAF** 

## WEATHER DISCUSSION

## SATURDAY

Conditions should remain mostly dry today, with sunny skies and gentle to moderate winds. Tomorrow into Sunday, isolated to widely scattered showers should develop as a weak wave moves over.

After that, high pressure will strengthen to our north which will start to increase winds out of the northeast. Speeds will start to ramp up late Sunday into Monday into the 15-20 knot range and then to 16-22 knots, with higher gusts, for the midweek period.

Areas of enhanced convergence within this stronger surface flow will bring in periods of widely scattered showers from time to time, however, the atmosphere should remain dry and should keep thunderstorm activity minimal.

Partly sunny with widely scattered showers. Winds ENE-ESE at 11-16 knots, with strong gusts possible near showers.

### SUNDAY

Partly sunny with widely scattered showers continuing. Winds ENE-E at 12-17 knots, with occasional higher gusts.

### MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 15-20 knots, with occasional higher gusts.

## NEXT WEEK

UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHTS

FOR DECEMBER

Isolated to widely scattered showers. Winds out of the NE-E increasing to 16-22 knots Tuesday and continuing through the remainder of the week.

# Work and play safely.

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



**TO LEARN MORE. ASK YOUR SECURITY OFFICER** 

Check-in: 3 – 4:45 p.m. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022 / VOLUME 63 NUMBER 49

Monday

**UA155 (HNL)** 

# **SUN - MOON - TIDES**

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:50 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	1:34 a.m. 3.1'	7:48 a.m. 0.1'
	6:28 p.m.	3:16 a.m.	2:12 p.m. 3.6'	8:24 p.m. 0.2'
MONDAY	6:50 a.m.	4:11 p.m.	2:19 a.m. 3.2'	8:23 a.m0.1'
	6:28 p.m.	4:04 a.m.	2:46 p.m. 3.9'	9:04 p.m0.1'
TUESDAY	6:51 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	2:57 a.m. 3.2'	8:54 a.m0.2'
	6:29 p.m.	4:53 a.m.	3:18 p.m. 4.2'	9:39 p.m0.3'
WEDNESDAY	6:51 a.m.	5:40 p.m.	3:31 a.m. 3.2'	9:24 a.m0.3'
	6:29 p.m.	5:44 a.m.	3:48 p.m. 4.3'	10:12 p.m0.4'
THURSDAY	6:52 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	4:03 a.m. 3.2'	9:53 a.m0.3'
	6:29 p.m.	6:36 a.m.	4:17 p.m. 4.3'	10:43 p.m0.5'
FRIDAY	6:52 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	4:35 a.m. 3.1'	10:22 a.m0.3'
	6:30 p.m.	7:28 a.m.	4:46 p.m. 4.3'	11:15 p.m0.5'
DECEMBER 10	6:53 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	5:06 a.m. 3.0'	10:52 a.m0.2'
	6:30 p.m.	8:21 a.m.	5:16 p.m. 4.2'	11:47 p.m0.4'

Tuesday

**UA154 (GUM)** 

Check-in: 10:30 – 11 a.m.