

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



MARSHALLESE RI-KATAK STUDENTS GET READY TO PERFORM AT THE ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY.

 JESSICA DAMBRUCH

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Ri-katak students from the Kwajalein School System perform a dance routine during the Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 3.

# MUSIC AND MAGIC AT ISLAND TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus, live music by Majuro radio DJ and musical artist Yasta Man, and Kwajalein’s first recorded winter blizzard are only a few of the magical highlights of this year’s annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and holiday parade.

The evening began with a community parade featuring music by the Kwajalein High School Marching Band and carts and vehicles decorated for the winter holidays by community members.

Emcee Kevin Robertson led the program for the night’s entertainment, which included vocalists, dance per-

formers and special music by Mike Sakaio, Yasta Man, and Bed Shamory, of the Mon-la Mike Band.

To officially usher in the holidays, USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley called on the graduating class of 2023 to help him push the “big red button” to light the island’s holiday palm tree. With the tree aglow, a snow-storm ensued with a little help from some MWR holiday magic. Following the event, community members enjoyed a vendor fair, food and beverage sales, and a holiday movie.

Happy holidays, Kwajalein! Enjoy these photos from the ceremony.



Yasta Man, of Majuro’s Power 103.5 FM radio and SixNineToo Productions, performed a post-show for the Kwajalein community following the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

## 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.



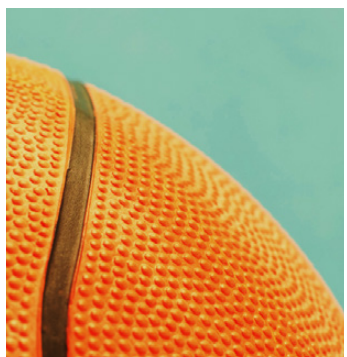
### NATIONAL COOKIE DAY

A mainstay of Christmas Eve and holiday potluck dinners 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.

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1) Young vocalists from the Island Memorial Chapel Kingdom Kids perform during the Tree Lighting Ceremony. 2) Mrs. Claus, left, and Santa Claus, wave from their float during the community holiday parade. The Claus family are Kwajalein's guests of honor each winter. 3) Ri-Katak students perform during the ceremony. 4) The Kwajalein High School Marching Band leads the way during the holiday parade. 5) MWR's "Da Guys" performed a choreographed dance routine. 6) Kwajalein residents walk along the parade route toward the downtown area for the 7) Kwajalein residents play in an impromptu blizzard with a little help from some MWR holiday magic.





# RI-KATAK LIFE

## ERENTY JACOB

For more than 20 years, the Kwajalein School System Ri-Katak Student Program has welcomed cohorts of Marshallese students to attend and matriculate from Kwajalein's schools—but it's not easy.

Kwajalein High School Senior and Ri-Katak Program student Erenty Jacob speaks plainly about the challenges of attending school on one island and living on another in her interview with Shannon Robert.

The Kwajalein Hourglass is proud to feature reporter Shannon Robert, a 2022 graduate of Kwajalein High School on US-AG-KA, as she embarks upon an original interview series to explore the lives and thoughts of Marshallese students who have participated in the KSS Ri-Katak student program.

BY SHANNON ROBERT

**Shannon Robert:** How would you describe the Ri-Katak life?

**Erenty Jacob:** It is tiring. Living in two different worlds and having to swap personalities is exhausting. It is mentally and physically tiring.

**SR:** To my knowledge, there is a misconception that Ri-Katak kids are “privileged.” What are your opinions on this idea?

**EJ:** I feel offended. I guess you can call us privileged, but I do not feel like that's what is happening. Yes, it is a privilege to come to school on an army base, but it also has downsides, like discrimination and what people think of us. It's just all about perspectives.

**SR:** What were some of the struggles you faced as a Ri-Katak student and as an Ebeye local?

**EJ:** Going back and forth between the two islands is a struggle. The boat schedule and how they are 30 minutes, or an hour apart is very time consuming—especially when we're supposed to be doing homework or chores at home.



📷 COURTESY PHOTO

**SR:** Would you say you were fortunate to be a part of the Ri-Katak program?

**EJ:** Yes, because it's a benefit. If I had gone to school on Ebeye I wouldn't know as much about jobs here or my college plan. I feel like I would've been more alone. ... I have more mentors and teachers to help me plan out my future.

**SR:** Do you feel you had a good, balanced life on both Ebeye and Kwaj? If so, how did you balance it?

**EJ:** Right now, and throughout my whole high school career, I think that there hasn't always been a balance. It's either staying on Kwaj to do something or needing to go back home right away. I take it one day at a time and see what I should prioritize every day, instead of

laying it all out on a calendar. There's not really a balance for me.

**SR:** Were there times where you felt you did not fit in on both Kwaj and or Ebeye?

**EJ:** No, I feel like I don't fit in either worlds one way or another. On Kwaj, I feel like I am “too Marshallese” even though I'm as “white” on Ebeye.

**SR:** How has living on Ebeye and going to Kwaj for school shaped you for your future?

**EJ:** It has really taught me about time management. It's opened my eye to new perspectives.

**SR:** What was the school dynamic like?



**EJ:** To me, school has always felt the same each year. I wake up at dawn, get ready, hop onto the 7:15 boat and ride a bus to school. Morning has never changed drastically. Sports and after school activities are where we truly learned [about] prioritizing time management.

If we never signed up for said things, then we would not have learned the struggles of needing to take a shower at a friend's place 15 minutes before the boat leaves, or deciding whether to do our homework or rest 30 minutes before practice.

**SR:** Do you feel everyone got along well and you created "a family away from home," and such?

**EJ:** Yes, I do have family-like bonds here and I am forever grateful. My family bonds here are different than my family. Because I feel like I am not as close to them. I could talk about my struggles with the family I have here which brings us closer. We are also close because we experience the same things.

**SR:** Did you ever feel the need to "fit" into both worlds (Ebeye and Kwaj)?

**EJ:** No, I did not feel the need to "fit" into both worlds.

**SR:** What did that look like?

**EJ:** Both places made me feel like I am a black sheep. When I'm on Kwaj it seems like I'm too "Marshallese" and when I'm on Ebeye I am too "white." It never felt like I belonged to one place.

**SR:** What motivates you to get up in the mornings?

**EJ:** My parents and my auntie who wakes me up every morning. I wouldn't feel motivated to get up, but then I remember that I must get up and because it is my last year and I need to try hard this year.

**SR:** Have you ever felt pressure as a Ri-Katak student?

**EJ:** There is always pressure. It's either coming from parents, teachers, whoever, or even people that are related to me even though I don't know them. They think that since I go to school on Kwaj, I'm smart, I must have good grades, I must have a 4.0 GPA but really, it's not. I wish it were, but it's not.

**SR:** Tell me about a mentor you had?

**EJ:** Ms. Masina McCollum has been there the longest since kindergarten. I feel like she knows more about us. We have a close bond with her, and she is like a second mother.

**SR:** What is your favorite Ri-Katak memory?

**EJ:** Boat rides, because it is usually the time for us to play games, bwebwena-to (talk stories) and sleep. Sport events because we support each other, and we show it through cheering and others.

# SPORTS AND FITNESS CYPA



ANNIE HEPLER

Yokwe! I was born and raised here in the Marshall Islands and left briefly to attend college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (GBR!) where I earned my bachelor's degree in Psychology. After graduating, I moved back to Kwajalein and began working as an HR admin before making the switch to working as a lifeguard for pools and beaches. Now, I am so excited to be a part of the CYS team, joining the Sports and Fitness department. Having been a Kwajalein youth myself, I am thrilled for the opportunity to work with today's youth and to support the next generation of Kwajalein athletes.



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*"It's Santa!": Pictured here, young Ri-Katak students react during the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Parade Dec. 3 in Kwajalein's downtown area.*



# TRACK SANTA WITH HELP FROM NORAD

## EXTERNAL REPORT

Every day of the year, NORAD defends North America using an all-domain and globally integrated approach to track everything that flies in and around Canada and the United States. On Dec. 24, NORAD adds a special mission: tracking Santa.

Like many origin stories, NORAD's mission to track Santa began by accident. In 1955 a young child, trying to reach Santa, dialed the misprinted phone number from a department store ad in the local newspaper. Instead of calling Santa, the child called the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Air Force Col. Harry Shoup, the commander on duty that night who answered the child's phone call, was quick to realize a mistake had been made and assured the child he was Santa.

After more incoming calls, Shoup assigned a duty officer to continue an-

swering calls and a tradition was born, that continued when NORAD was formed in 1958.

Each year since, NORAD has dutifully reported Santa's location on Dec. 24 to millions of children and families across the world. Because of the support, services and resources generously provided by volunteers and our government and corporate contributors, NORAD Tracks Santa has persevered for more than 65 years.

In fact, what started because of a typo has flourished and is recognized as one of the Department of Defense's largest community outreach programs.

Each year, the NORAD Tracks Santa Web Site receives several million unique visitors from more than 200 countries and territories around the world. Volunteers typically answer more than 130,000 calls to the NORAD Tracks Santa hotline from children across the globe.

In addition to the phone line and website, children and the young-at-

heart can track Santa through our mobile apps and our social media platforms:

### Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/noradsanta>

### Twitter

<https://twitter.com/NoradSanta>

### YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/NORADTracks-Santa>

### Instagram

[https://www.instagram.com/noradtrackssanta\\_official](https://www.instagram.com/noradtrackssanta_official)

### NORAD Tracks Santa Website

<https://www.noradsanta.org>

### NORAD Tracks Santa Newsroom

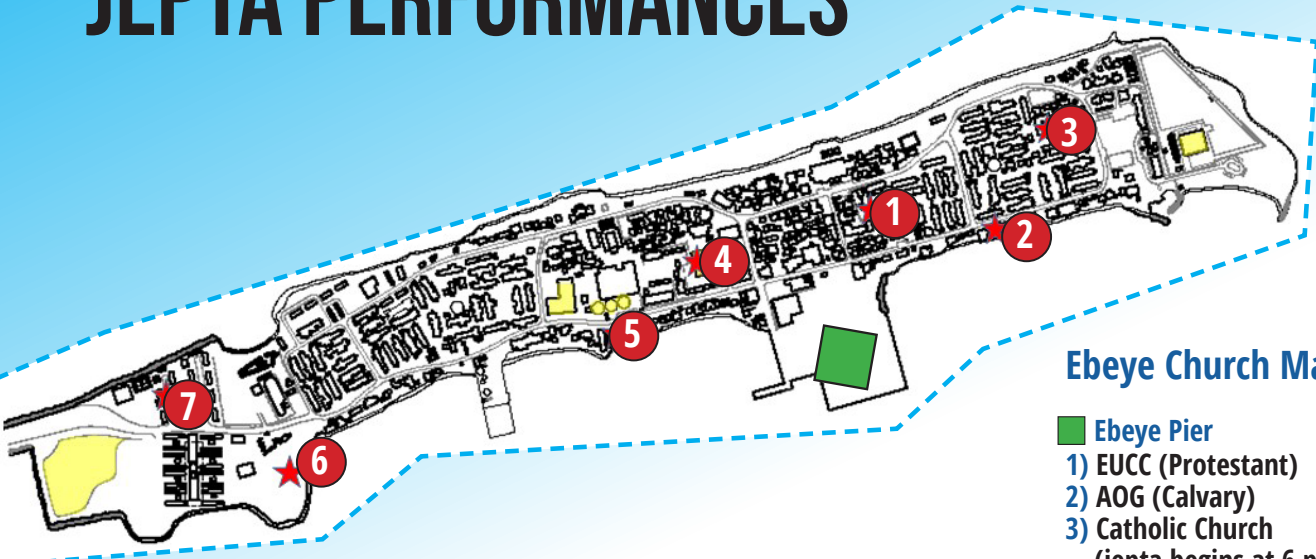
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Since Kwajalein is located in time zone one, the atoll is one of the places he visits first. That means you can track his progress around the world.

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/>.

## EBEYE CHURCH MAP FOR CHRISTMAS JEPTA PERFORMANCES



### Ebeye Church Map

#### ■ Ebeye Pier

- 1) EUCC (Protestant)
- 2) AOG (Calvary)
- 3) Catholic Church (jepta begins at 6 p.m.)
- 4) Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- 5) Full Gospel Church
- 6) New Beginning Church
- 7) Bukot Non Jesus

Kwajalein residents are fortunate to have the opportunity to visit Ebeye on Christmas Day and view community music and dance performances honoring the holiday. Check with Kwajalein's Dock Security Checkpoint for special holiday ferry hours of operation when planning your Christmas Day visit.

Visitors to Ebeye are reminded to be respectful of social customs. Men are asked to wear long pants and shirts with sleeves. Neither shorts nor tank tops are permitted. Women should wear modest garments that cover shoulders and knees.



# DEAR KATHERINE

JOHN D. SCHNEIDAU WRITES FROM KWAJALEIN

This week, *The Kwajalein Hourglass* continues the letters of Lt. Cmdr. John D. Schneidau, who wrote home to his wife, Katherine, as his tank landing ship, USS Addison County, LST-31, performed mission support operations during its January 1944 voyage to Kwajalein Atoll.

**Our particular group** of ships is considerably larger this time than last and is better escorted. This morning before dawn, one of the destroyers picked up two subs on the surface about ten miles away. They submerged before the DD could get near and we don't think our group was spotted: however, one never knows. Subs will not be as much of a bother, though, as planes.

I think we have enough escorts to take care of the subs if there are only one or two.

Tomorrow, we enter the area of enemy air search, that is, the area which the enemy probably patrols with his planes, and every day thereafter, the likelihood of being picked up by them becomes stronger.

We will probably make up a pool on when the first real General Quarters will be sounded. Took the crew up on the forecastle this morning and gave them the dope on the coming operation and also a little pep talk.

Think they are all raring to go.

So are we, for that matter.

Wonder if the [Japanese] know we are on the way yet.

Probably not.

He'll pick us up soon, though. Well, it won't make much difference as he has probably been expecting us anyhow.

What did we give Janet for her birthday? Today is her birthday, I believe. Give her my greetings, although she'll get them a month or two too late.

Incidentally, I guess we will be out here on this thing for at least a month and perhaps two. It's a sort of progressive affair and will take a good bit of time to finish everything up. When it's all over, I think we stand a good chance of getting sent back to the States this time. Hope so.

This ought to be one good show. There are several photographers aboard, and I have a couple of cameras myself, so I hope to get some interesting pictures.

Well, that's all, to date. Will write more when more develops, which shouldn't be long, now.

Tomorrow is possibly a little early but expect hot doings sure by day after tomorrow. Maybe we'll get a couple of more flags to paint on the bridge. -----



*A crewmember aboard LST-31 checks out their course.*

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

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDG HISTORIAN

**Even before** the development of long-range nuclear missiles, faced with an escalating arms race, President Dwight Eisenhower delivered his "Atoms for Peace" speech before the United Nations on Dec. 8, 1953.

"Let no one think that the expenditure of vast sums for weapons and systems of defense can guarantee absolute safety. ... The awful arithmetic of the atomic bomb does not permit any such easy solution." Eisenhower recommends that "experts ... be mobilized to apply atomic energy to the needs of agriculture, medicine, and other peaceful activities," but recognizes that "the coming months will be fraught with fateful decisions" for all nations.

View the speech online at <https://speakola.com/political/dwight-eisenhower-atoms-for-peace-iaea-1953>.



*President Dwight Eisenhower delivers his "Atoms for Peace" speech before the United Nations on Dec. 8, 1953.*



## A Holiday Message From Veterinary Services

Food isn't always the best gift for our pets

### Foods to Avoid:

Fat Trimmings  
Turkey Skin, Bones,  
Drippings  
Raisins & Grapes  
Garlic & Onions  
Stuffing, Nuts and Nutmeg  
Mushrooms  
Xylitol and Alcohol  
Candied Yams  
Chocolate (of any kind)  
Cooked Bones (of any kind)

### Foods Safe for Pets:

Lean Meats & Fish (no bones)  
Cranberry Sauce  
Mashed Potatoes (no butter)  
Plain Sweet Potatoes  
Green Beans (plain, not  
casserole)  
Carrots, Broccoli and  
Cauliflower  
Pumpkin (plain, not pie)  
Apple Slices

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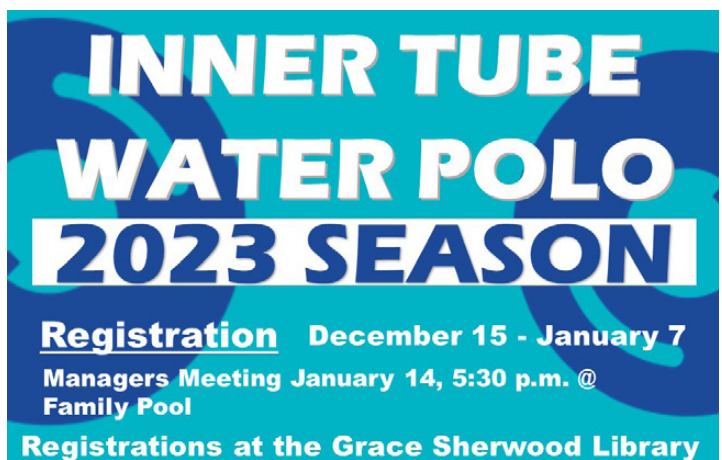
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# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY U.S. SPACE FORCE – SPACE SYSTEMS COMMAND FLIGHT TESTS FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT / OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA/OEA)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The United States (U.S.) Space Force (USSF) proposes to test a flight launch vehicle from launch facilities on Wake Island to the U.S. Army Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS), managed by the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (USASMD), in the Kwajalein Atoll. While Wake Island is managed and controlled by the U.S. Air Force Pacific Air Forces Regional Support Center, the launch facilities themselves are controlled and operated by the U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA).

The test mission would require two test flights, which would be executed by the U.S. Space Force (USSF) – Space

Systems Command (SSC) Launch Enterprise, Small Launch and Targets Division, located at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

The Department of the Air Force (DAF) has environmental management and oversight authority for USSF and is therefore the lead agency for this National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis. On 21 April 2022, the USASMD and MDA were requested by the DAF to become Cooperating Agencies. The Final USSF SSC Flight Tests EA/OEA analyzed the environmental impacts from the test launch of up to two flight test demonstrations from Wake Island toward the RTS in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, which operates under a Compact of Free Association with

the United States and follows regulatory provisions of the NEPA.

The Final USSF SSC Flight Tests EA/OEA and signed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available at <http://ussf-ssc-eaoea.govsupport.us>.

Copies of the Final EA/OEA and Final FONSI were placed in the Grace Sherwood Library, Kwajalein Island; the Roi-Namur Library, Marshall Islands; and the Wake Island Airport Lobby, Wake Atoll.

The point of contact for questions, issues, and information relevant to the Flight Tests EA/OEA is Leonard Aragon, 482 W 124th St, El Segundo, CA 90245. Mr. Aragon also can be reached by calling (310) 653-1222, or by e-mail at [leonard.aragon@spaceforce.mil](mailto:leonard.aragon@spaceforce.mil).

## KOJJELA KE EWOR ETALE KO REDREDRELOK AN U.S. SPACE FORCE EO – IKIJEEN JERBAL IN KOMMALMALE KEIN KETELLOK KO IMEJATOTO AN SPACE SYSTEMS COMMAND EO ETALE EO AN PELAAK KO / ETALE EO AN PELAAK KO ITULIK AK (EA/OEA)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Jikin Kottorak eo an Amedka ikijeem me-jatoto eo itulik in lalin ak (U.S.) Space Force eo (USSF) ej kommane juon el-makwot ak kottobar nan kommalmaale juon kein kettelok eo imejatoto eo im enaj ketteloke jen ion Enen-kio ak Wake Island im buki lok kein ketellok in nan jikin in U.S. Army Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site ak (RTS eo), eo ej bed iumin wonake eo an U.S. Army Space im Missile Defense Command eo ak (USASMD), ion ene in Kwajalein Atoll. Ilo an Wake Island bed iumin tel im wonake eo an U.S. Air Force Pacific Air Forces Regional Support Center eo, jikin ketellok ko mak-make rej bed iumin tel im wonake eo an U.S. Missile Defense Agency eo ak (MDA eo).

Ien kommalmaale in en aikuij in kom-maneruo ien ketellok ko ak kommalmaale imejatoto, ko im remaron in kommani jen iumin tel im karok ko an U.S. Space Force eo ak (USSF eo) – Space Systems Command eo ak (SSC eo) ilo karok ko an kumi in ketellok eo ak Launch Enterprise eo, eo im ej bok eddo in jermal in ketellok ko redrik ak Small Launch im Targets Division eo ej bed ilo Kirt-

land Air Force Base eo, ilo New Mexico.

Ra eo ej bok eddo in Jarin Tarinae Ko Imejatoto ak Department eo an Air Force eo ak (DAF eo) ebed ippen eddo im maron eo nan kejebarok pelaak ko, im ebed ippen maron im eddo eo ion USSF eo im kin menin ej Ra eo ej bok eddo in aolep makitkit otemjej ekoba loloorjake etale ko kemeleti ilo kakien eo ej kiene pelaak ko otemjej ak National Environmental Policy Act eo ak (NEPA).

Ilo 21 raan in Eprol 2022, USASMD eo im kab MDA eo ekar etal kajitok ko jen DAF eo bwe erro en jimar jermal ippen dron ilo jermal in enwot Ra ko Rej Ippen Dron ak Cooperating Agencies ko.

Jermal in etale eo nae pelaak ko jimar ilowa im itulik ak EA/OEA im raar komman ikijeem jermal in kommalmaale kein ketellok kein ak SSC Flight Tests kein an USSF eo, rekar etale ta wewein koremaron jelet pelaak ko ilo an naaj komman ruo ien kommalmaale ko rej elmakwot in kommani jen ion ene in Wake Island ilo aer naaj buki kein ketellok kein nan jikin ko ilo RTS eo im rej bed ilo lal eo an Republic eo an Marshall Islands, eo im ewor juon an Bujen Jemjera im Jem-dron ippen Amedka naetan Kon eo ilo

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EA/OEA im kab Final FONSI im rebareinwot bed ilo Grace Sherwood Library, Kwajalein Island; Roi-Namur Library, Marshall Islands; ekoba bed ilo Wake Island Airport Lobby eo, Wake Atoll.

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## Pauper's Marathon

### 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](mailto:janesholar@gmail.com)



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# 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 Macy'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.



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# 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 Shop Hours:

Wednesday	1 - 8 p.m.
Thursday	1 - 8 p.m.
Friday	12 - 8 p.m.
Saturday	12 - 6 p.m.
Sunday	12 - 6 p.m.
Monday	12 - 6 p.m.









# COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

The community wants to hear from you. Email announcements and advertisements to [kwajaleinhourglass@vecrus.com](mailto: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

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@internationalsogs.us](mailto:kenneth.thomas@internationalsogs.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](http://usajobs.gov). Write to [kwajaleinhourglass@vecrus.com](mailto: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 information and a list of required qualifications, visit [https://akima.ta-leo.net/careersection/akimallc\\_cs/jobsearch.ftl](https://akima.ta-leo.net/careersection/akimallc_cs/jobsearch.ftl). Apply online or send resume to Jeannette McIlwain at [jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com](mailto:jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com).

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.** This position provides daily administrative task support for operations at the Island Memorial Chapel. For questions or to submit a resume, please call 480-3505. Send to [kwajchapel@gmail.com](mailto:kwajchapel@gmail.com) and Ch. Brian Conner at [brian\\_conner@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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>.

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](http://www.nanhawaii.com) and contact Clint Ueatari or Kevin Short at 480-2632, 480-4995 or 480-4996.



### Sgt. 1st Class Effie Banks SHARP Victim Advocate

Work: 315-480-0660

or 315-480-1419

USAG-KA SHARP Pager:

805-355-3241 #0100

DOD SAFE Helpline:

877-995-5247



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



# 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.



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](mailto:dbakhsh@rmi.qdyncorp.com), or Sammy Juda, administrative assistant at 480-4916 and [sjuda@rmi.qdyncorp.com](mailto: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](http://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](http://Careers.Vectrus.com), search for “substitute teacher,” or, send resume and letter of application to [uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com](mailto:uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com).

TRUESTONE is hiring for multiple positions. Contact Tribalco Human Resources at 480-4344 and visit <https://www.akima.com/careers/>. Visit [www.tribalco.com/careers.html](http://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 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](mailto:KWAJ_OSO_Ops@Vectrus.com) or call 480-3511 to register. ARMA. Log in to ArMa, the Army Maintenance Application, to report



**Need to renew your passport?**  
Complete the passport application at [travel.state.gov](http://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 more information.

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 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@vectrus.com](mailto:von.jenkins@vectrus.com) and [isaac.larios@vectrus.com](mailto:isaac.larios@vectrus.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

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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.



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.

PCS’ing, provide a forwarding address. Contact James Smith with questions at 480-3461 and [james.e.smith2295@army.mil](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.



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



**NEW DATE!**

*Ladies Holiday  
Party*

**Monday, December 19  
1-3 p.m.  
241 Ocean Road  
Hosted by Shawna Pugsley**  
  
Please bring a dish to share!

# 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

**@Sunset**

**Santa Dives Into the Season**

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







# EOD OPERATIONS

FRIDAY, DEC. 16, 2022

EOD WILL BE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS AT UXO DISPOSAL SITE KWAJALEIN FROM 9:15 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. THE AREA INDICATED IN THE MAP BELOW WILL BE OFF-LIMITS UNTIL OPERATION IS COMPLETE.





## Christmas at the Chapel

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**Saturday, December 24**  
Christmas Evening Mass @ 5 p. m.  
Dessert Fellowship @ 6 p. m.  
Candlelight Service @ 7 p. m.

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**Sunday, December 25**  
Protestant Traditional Service @ 8:15 a. m.  
Christmas Day Mass @ 9:15 a. m.  
Protestant Contemporary Service @ 11 a. m.





# *Light Up the Night*

## KWAJALEIN'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS 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 pre-approved.

### **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 480-3331.**







# 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.

Kememey R ko 3.

- **Recognize (kile)** juon kwopej bajjok emaron Bokutan ak kein kabok-kolok (UXO).
- **Retreat (Jenliklik)** bed ettolok im jab kepaak UXO eo.
- **Report (Ripoot e)** boktun ak kein kabokklok eo ien eo emokajata non EOD ilo nombra kein (480-1433) ak CPS (480-4445).

Ken melele kein: la eo (nombra 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 koprok menin mour in lojet ko rekawotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakememey eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemmej.



# E-WARENESS GIANT CLAMS

**Two species** of giant clams are found at Kwajalein Atoll, Tridacna Gigas and Tridacna squamosa.

- Both are protected throughout the atoll by the USAKA Environmental Standards and the Endangered Species Act.
- Please do not harass or collect living species.
- Please do not collect or export giant clam shells.

Giant clam shells found in pack-outs or mailed packages can result in large fines.

- Ruo kain mejen wot ko relap rej bed ilo malo in Kwajalein, juon ne Tridacna gigas im Juon Tridacna squamosa.
- Mejen wot kein rej bed umin kejbarok eo an USAKA Environmental Standards (UES) im Endangered Species Act eo ak (ESA).
- Jouj im jab ireji ak boki mejen wot kein.
- Joij im jab aini, kakoni, im komakiti ak jilkinlok nan ilikin mejen wot kein .
- Enaj wor fine ko relap elane mejen wot kein renaj bed ilo mweik in pack-outs ko ak ilo mail ko.



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



## What's the weather?

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