



# HOME HELPER HOLIDAY GATHERING **CELEBRATES RMI CAREGIVERS**

**U.S. Army** Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Child and Youth Services hosted an annual event to celebrate the contributions of Marshallese domestic workers and caregivers at an annual athering held at the Garrison Commander's residence Dec. 1.

The Home Helpers Holiday party provides opportunities for friends in the island community to show their gratitude and appreciation for the many casual domestic workers employed by

many of Kwajalein households.

An effort conceived by former island resident and Community Activities Manager Kim Yarnes, together with cohost Cari Dellinger, Yarnes coordinated the effort to purchase and acquire donated gift items for the ladies. The afternoon of fellowship, food and gameshas continued, thanks to Yarnes' efforts to transfer sponsorship of the event to the USAG-KA Child and Youth Services Parent Planning Committee volunteers.

More than 50 guests attended this

year's event, and enjoyed gifts, games a special holiday buffet and dancining.

CYS values island home helpers and encourages new helpers to sign up for the CYS Caregiving Course. Offered twice per year, the free course is designed to help improve caregiving techniques. First Aid and CPR training are also provided in the course curriculum.

For more information about how you can contribute to the next home helper party, or for more information about the Caregiving Course, please contact CYS Central Registration at 5-2158.

## 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. O 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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1) Courtney Strouse, left, and Wagma Komak, get ready to invite guests to dine during a potluck holiday party meal. 2) Jacki Mondano-Crowder sports a pair of sassy holiday glasses. 3) Dancers perform during the gathering. 4) During the annual Home Helpers party, gifts from the community and off-island donors are wrapped and ready for guests to take home. 5) Competitors in a plastic wrap ball game react as a player has a bit of luck.

# THE FIGHT BEGINS THE BATTLE FOR KWAJALEIN, PART 1

#### WITH OPERATION FLINTLOCK. U.S. FORCES UNDERTOOK ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE AMPHIBIOUS MILITARY CAMPAIGNS IN HISTORY.

peration Flintlock, the code name for America's invasion of the Marshall Islands, would involve troop landings on the atolls of Majuro, Eniwetok and Kwajalein, resulting in the clearing upwards of 100 small islands of Japanese resistance and destroying critical enemy naval and air bases.

What follows are a series of stories on the invasion of Kwajalein Atoll, the fulcrum of Operation Flintlock, with a focus on Kwajalein Island, where the Army's 7th Infantry would take on the men of Japan's 6th Base Force, 6th Defense Force, amphibious brigades, naval special landing forces and South Seas detachments.

These stories come from a report by former Kwaj resident and Kwajalein Hourglass editor Pat Cataldo. They were printed in 1994 in a special edition for the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Kwajalein.

**Jan. 30, 1944**Kwajalein Island lay battered and burning after two days of pulverizing naval bombardment, intensive bombing and strafing by land and carrier-based planes.

The fires of destruction on Japan's principal naval base in the Marshalls were visible to men of the 7th Infantry Division (the "Hourglass Division"), veteran troops who waited for D-Day aboard vessels of the Southern Attack

Roi and Namur islands, the center of Japan's air power in the Marshalls, were under attack from planes and ships of the Northern Attack Force, while men of the 4th Marine Division, not yet tried in battle, also waited for D-Day.

That afternoon, the battleships Massachusetts, Indiana and Washington pounded Kwajalein with 1,000 rounds of 16-inch ammunition—an average of one 250-pound shell every 15 seconds of the four-hour bombardment.

The attacks on Kwajalein, Roi and Namur began early the day prior. Though weather was 'squally' and skies were overcast, planes from the carriers Cowpens, Monterey and Bunker Hill, positioned southwest of Kwajalein, took off an hour before sunrise for the first bombing run on Kwajalein's airfield and nearby buildings.

Despite intense and accurate anti-aircraft fire, the bombing and strafing continued over the entire island throughout the day.

At Roi and Namur, planes from the carriers Essex, Intrepid and Cabot began their assault at dawn, dropping 2,000-pound bombs on runways and scouring numerous hits on hangars, fuel dumps and gun positions. Ninety-two Japanese aircraft were based on Roi, but U.S. planes at once gained command of the air, and after o800, no Japanese planes were seen flying airborne.

B-25s, flying from bases in the Gilbert





Islands, joined in the attack to drop 23 tons of bombs on Kwajalein and 15 tons

More than 400 sorties were flown over Kwajalein, Roi and Namur by carrier-based planes. U.S. losses totaled four Helicats and a torpedo bomber over Kwajalein. No U.S. ship was attacked by enemy aircraft.

In related actions over the past two days, the airstrip at Majuro had been completely neutralized by air attack, and Japanese installations on Wotje, Maloelap, Jaluit and Mili were severely damaged by bombing and strafing guns.

1) Exhausted enlisted crew members aboard aircraft carrier USS Lexington, CV-16, sleep in tangled patterns after 24 hours at General Quarters, off Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, Dec. 5, 1943. (Colorized WWII photo courtesy of Colourised Pieces of Jake). 2) The USS Indiana, en route to the Marshall Islands, January 1944. (U.S. Navy

## TRADITIONAL **BELIEFS**

**MARSHALLESE** LANGUAGE LESSON 15

Marshallese have traditional cures for just about anything that ails you. The Marshallese Cultural Center has some displays and has hosted past demonstrations and discussions on this topic. There are also a few books available on the Marshallese myths and legends in the Grace Sherwood Library.

#### **Helpful Words**

medicine Wuno Kautiej respect elders Rutto

Kabun religion, worship

Manit custom **Tomak believes** Etto ancient myth/legend Inon **Bwebwenato** talking stories weave

mat

Jaki

#### **Common Phrases**

Ewor ke nimom wuno in Majol? Do you have any Marshallese medicine?

Ewor ibben rutto ran. The elders have them.

Where are the elders?

Remoot im kabun. They went to worship.

Kwo jela ke renaj itok naat? Do you know when they will return?

Ij tomak enaj to aer itok. I believe it will be long before they return.

Lolab eo emoot im bwebwenato ko ninon in etto ko.

The old man went to tell stories of the ancient legends.

Lilab eo emoot im aj jaki. The old lady went to weave mats.

Ekwe, ijja kautiej manit im bar rol tok iliju. Well, to show respect to the custom, I'll come back tomorrow.



**GET REAL.** GET LOCAL. GET CURRENT.

CLICK THE LOGO TO CATCH THE LATEST EPISODE OF THE KWAJ CURRENT ON CHANNEL 29-1.



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.

- 1) EUCC (Protestant)
- (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

GET READY FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS! CHECK FOR UPDATES ON THE AFN ROLLER CHANNEL AND ON THE OFFICIAL USAG-KA **FACEBOOK PAGE.** 

FORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MWR AT 480-3331.

# DEAR KATHERINE

## JOHN D. SCHNEIDAU WRITES FROM KWAJALEIN

This week, The Kwajalein Hourglass continues the letters of Lt. Cmdr. John D. Scheidau, 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.

**Four days** have passed since I last wrote, and nothing has happened yet.

It seems amazing that we have not had any contact with the [Japanese] as we are now right in the midst of numerous islands he holds.

In fact, we are just about surrounded by [Japanese] bases. Of course, our planes and warships are pounding them continuously, but I didn't think they could neutralize them so completely.

Tomorrow is D-Day. If we are going to get anything at all, we'll get it this evening. Things are entirely too quiet and peaceful. It's hard to believe that we are steaming along completely surrounded by [Japanese] bases, the nearest not more than 70 miles away.

There is a tremendous armada of ships of all descriptions divided into various task forces which are now closing in on the objective from all directions.

Tomorrow morning will be the big day. Things will really start popping then.

The weather has continued to be as nearly perfect as we could wish it. Hope

it keeps up for the next two or three days, at least.

We'll need good weather for the small boats to land on the beach. These islands are all fringed by a coral reef and a heavy surf could cause lots of trouble.

The [Japanese] know we are coming by now because some of their planes spotted other groups of ships that are in the vicinity the day before yesterday.

There has been no report of any attacks on our ships by their planes, however. Seems like they would have tried to do something.

I guess maybe most of their planes have been knocked out and they may be saving what are left of the day of the big attack.

As far as we are concerned, this has been like a pleasure cruise up to now. On the last operation, we were attacked twice before D-day and shot down the bomber on the day before.

Well, no doubt tomorrow we will tell a different story.

In two or three days, I'll have plenty to write about, so until then—au revoir.



U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. John D. Schneidau was a photography enthusiast who captured images of wartime Kwajalein using his personal equipment.

# U.S. SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

#### BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

**On Dec. 15, 1969,** KT-15, SPARTAN Missile 800017 became the last Spartan developmental flight from Kwajalein Island. All fight objectives regarding the missile subsystem operations and the warhead/adaption kit were achieved.

The SPARTAN flight lasted for 440 seconds designed to gather environmental data over a long-range, medium altitude exo-atmospheric trajectory. The next phase of the Safeguard test program would move the program to Illeginni Island, to assess remote launch capabilities.

The silos on Kwajalein's Mt. Olympus were later filled with concrete in accordance with the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

An undated courtesy photo of a SPARTAN flight from the U.S. Space and Missile Defense Archives. Visible in the foreground are row upon row of silver trailers formerly utilized to augment residential housing on Kwajalein.



## WHEN THE VTC WAS THE BEST WAY TO PHONE HOME

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Many things about the island have changed over the years, but the joy of talking to loved ones and friends miles away has remained as constant as ever.

Over the holidays, Kwajalein residents look forward to the chance to make those long chats to catch up on the latest scuttlebutt and family news.

So, imagine making a call to your family—not from the comfort of your quarters—but right down the hall from the Range director. Not too long ago, the

Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site—in 1997, it was better known as the Kwajalein Missile Range—invited island residents to phone home from the Video Teleconference Center typically reserved for official meetings. Over several weeks, RTS accepted appointments for video chats with families and loved ones.

If that scenario isn't novel enough it's true, by the way—VTC technicians even offered to provide a recording of the session as a keepsake if you brought your own VHS tape to the studio. There are people living on Kwaj who own stacks of the VHS-equivalent of today's cellphone video conversations. Back then, they were a new amazing way to communicate. If any of these residents still have VHS players, they ought to break those out and watch a few, just to see what's changed. Chances are good the delight of seeing your family will come back like it was yesterday.

Check out the historic Kwajalein Hourglass article by Lynn Coppes below for more about one of the most innovative solutions for calling home in 1997.

Video teleconferencing enables residents to visit with family, friends

Story and photo by Lynn Coppes

It's a long way to the states, and if you can't travel there to see family and friends during the holidays, USAKA/KMR has the next best thing—a video visit

Video teleconferencing will be offered again this year in the USAKA/ KMR Video Teleconference Center to all Kwajalein and Roi-Namur residents from Dec 20 to Jan 3

A form requesting participation is on page 12 of today's *Hourglass* Deadline for submission is Dec. 15

We're taking reservations starting tomorrow, says Ray Harmon, video production specialist "We do our best with the many requests, but to ensure a visit residents should submit the form as soon as possible"

If you are an early riser Harmon suggests you take advantage of the morning slots starting at 5 30 a m All residents can submit a request, however, as in years past unaccompanied personnel will have priority

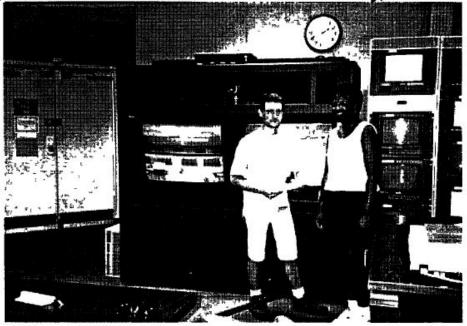
Harmon asks that people show up 15 minutes early for appointments Also, he advises those who would like a permanent momento of their video visit to bring along a blank standard VHS tape

"Participants have mentioned how meaningful these visits have been to them," says Harmon "It's a chance for people back home to see how the kids have grown and even to see babies for the first time. It's also fun for people to open gifts during the visit."

Privacy is ensured unless Harmon

Place your prepaid orders for CHRISTMAS TREES at the annual junior/senior class sale Monday 10 a m - 1 p m n the mini-mall p rch

Don't miss the 8th grade Christmas bake sale, same time same place!



Ray Harmon, video production specialist, and Sophia Gord n, assistant VTC technician, will be taking reservations for video visits starting t morr w Visits will be scheduled Dec 20 to Jan 3 Reserve your spot by filling out the form on pag 12 of today's paper

or Sophia Gordon, assistant VTC technician, is asked to help with a participant's visit

To make a reservation, simply fill out the form and mail it You will receive a confirmation instructions, and directions to the center

Following is a partial list of participating VTCs. If you do not see a VTC in the area you are interested in, call Harmon or Gordon at 53998

Gunter AFB—Montgomery, Ala
Ft Huachuca—Sierra Vista, Ariz
Edwards AFB—Los Angeles, Calif
McClellan AFB—Sacramento, Calif
Vandenberg AFB—Lompoc, Calif
Falcon AFB—Colorado Springs, Colo
Ft Carson—Colorado Springs, Colo
Eglin AFB—Ft Walton Beach, Fla
Patrick AFB—Cocoa B ach, Fla
Ft Gill m—Atlanta, Ga
Robins AFB—Macon, Ga

Ft Shafter-Honolulu, Hawaii Scott AFB, Belivili , III Ft Benjamin Harris n, Indianapolis, Ind Ft Leavenworth, Kansas City, Kan Ft Knox, Radcliff, Ky Hanscom AFB, Bedf rd, Mass Natick, Bost n. Mass Ft Meade, Od nton, Md TACOM, Warren, Mich Ft Bragg, Fayetteville, N C Kırkland AFB, Albuquerque, N M White Sands Missile Range, N M Griffiss AFB, Rome, N Y Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, Okla Letterkenny Dep t, Chamb rsburg, Pa Arnold AFB, Manchester, Tenn Brooks AFB, San Antonio, Texas Ft Bliss, El Paso, Texas Hill AFB, Oden, Utah Ft B Ivoir, Alexandria, Va Ft Monroe, Hampton, Va



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.

Ft Lewis, Seattle Wash

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/.



Volunteers at the NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center on Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., took time to have fun with equipping a stuffed bear with headset and playbook while answering calls and emails from children and parents across the globe tracking Santa's movements and statistics, Dec. 24, 2013. (Photo by Master Sqt. Charles Marsh)

## NORAD SATELLITES, FIGHTER PILOTS HELP TRACK SANTA

EXTERNAL REPORT

#### By Katie Lange, DOD News

**Every December,** millions of families around the world track Santa's Yuletide journey through the North American Aerospace Defense Command's Santa Tracker. "NORAD Tracks Santa" is a holiday tradition that started from humble origins — and as a fluke — but has now grown into a massive volunteer operation.

Kids across the U.S. have grown accustomed to following Santa's journey by tracking his flight path online or by making a good, ol'-fashioned phone call to find out where he is. They're also able to play games and watch videos of his progress through the mobile "NORAD Tracks Santa" app.

They can do all this thanks to the hard-working folks at NORAD, who start the task of tracking Santa each November when NORADSanta.org starts getting inquiries from families. About 70 contributors help set up the site, apps and phone lines, while more than 500 uniformed personnel, Defense Department civilians, their families and supporters volunteer time on Christmas Eve to answer children's questions on Santa's whereabouts. While COVID-19 has reduced volunteers at traditional call centers, virtual call center capabilities will be able to pick up any slack.

Radar, Satellites and Fighter Jets

Since NORAD is the protector of the skies over North America during the rest of the year, it's specially equipped for this mission.

"Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, NORAD defends North America by tracking airplanes, missiles, space launches and anything else that flies in or around the North American continent," said Air Force Gen. Glen D. Van-Herck, NORAD's commander. "As we have since 1955, this Dec. 24th we are once again ready for our no-fail mission of tracking Santa."

NORAD's powerful radar system, called the North Warning System, has 47 installations across Alaska and north-

ern Canada. As soon as that radar system picks up on Santa departing from the North Pole, NORAD tracks him via globally-integrated satellites using their infrared sensors. Normally, those sensors allow NORAD to see heat from launched rockets or missiles. As Santa flies around the world, satellites track his position by detecting Rudolph's nose, which gives off an infrared signature similar to that of a missile.

NORAD also tracks Santa using U.S. Air Force F-15, F-16, F-22 and Canadian Air Force CF-18 fighter jets. On Christmas Eve, fighter pilots rendezvous with Santa off the coast of Newfoundland to welcome him to North America. They escort him safely through North American airspace until he returns to the North Pole.

#### **How the Tradition Began**

Back in 1955, the folks at the previously named Continental Air Defense Command Operations Center in Colorado were working a typical night shift when Air Force Col. Harry Shoup got a phone call from a child in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The boy had followed the directions in a department store's newspaper advertisement that told children how to call Santa — except the number had been printed incorrectly and instead called the operations center.

Shoup could have been a Scrooge about the whole thing, but he wasn't. He entertained the boy's call as well as the rest of the calls that came through due to the misprinted number. Throughout the night, Shoup and his operators answered calls, kicking off a new tradition.

The role of tracking the big guy rolled over to NORAD when it was formed in 1958, and it's been getting more popular and more technologically-savvy ever since. Aside from calling in to talk, kids can now use social media and a mobile app to follow St. Nick. Virtual assistant Amazon Alexa and vehicle navigation service OnStar are also helping to track him, and the website NORADSanta.org offers a countdown clock, games and

videos that are available in several languages.

The tracking of Santa is a holiday tradition around the world. In 2020, NORADSanta.org received more than 11 million visitors from 200+ countries and territories; call center volunteers answered more than 20,000 calls; Amazon Alexa was accessed more than 12.3 million times; and OnStar received about 12,400 requests to locate Santa. The @ noradsanta Facebook page currently has 1.89 million followers, more than 206,000 follow along at @noradsanta on Twitter, and about 14,400 people follow @NoradTracksSanta\_Official on Instagram.

The call center opens at 6 a.m. EST on Dec. 24. Kids can call 1-877-Hi-NORAD (446-6723) to find out where Santa is or use the above website, mobile app or social media. But officials warned that Santa only comes if children are asleep, so make sure they get into bed early so he doesn't miss delivering to their house.

Happy tracking, everyone!



Volunteers monitor phones and computers while tracking Santa at the NORAD Tracks Santa Operations Center at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., Dec. 24, 2013. Photo by Master Sgt. Charles Marsh



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

BY CHORON WATKING LONG LICASMOCHISTORIAN

*In preparation* for the interceptor and system tests planned for the Spartan and Sprint missiles at the Kwajalein Test Site, on Dec. 5, 1966, representatives from the Nike X Project Office were in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of their visit was to present new briefings to higher authorities on the need for 200 additional family housing units at KTS.

As Kwajalein history would subsequently record, "family quarters again became scarce during the NIKE-X/ SENTINEL build up, but in 1968, two large seagoing barges, carrying the answer to Kwajalein's latest housing problem, appeared off Echo Pier. They brought several dozen 55-foot house trailers: the first of 191 trailers that arrived on Kwajalein by the end of the year. The trailers were positioned on the "contingency" fill at the north end of the island. This new trailer camp, with row upon row of mobile homes of gleaming aluminum promptly became known as "Silver City.

Since 1959, the Kwajalein Missile Range was seen as the ultimate missile test range. Situated as it is in the Pacific Ocean, the range can support testing for both national and theater missile defense mis-

sions.

At the same time the range's radars and telemetry provide a wealth of data to the Air Force for their Glory Trip program which evaluates the Minuteman missiles. Less well known is the relationship between Kwajalein Test Site—also called the Kwajalein Missile Range, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Reagan Test Site—and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Beginning with the Apollo program in the 1960s, Kwa-jalein radars have tracked NASA spaceships, satellites, and observatories. Since then, Kwajalein radars have participated in the Space Object Measurement Program, while the range has provided an equatorial launch site for variety of NASA research programs.

On Dec. 15, 1965, the Nike-Zeus Discrimination Radar and the Target Track Radar, on Kwajalein and at White Sands Missile Range provided support to the Gemini 6A manned space mission. During this 26-hour mission, astronauts Walter Schirra and Thomas Stafford were tasked "to demonstrate on-time launch procedures, closed-loop rendezvous capabilities, and station keeping techniques with Gemini 7." They were also "to evaluate the spacecraft reentry guidance capabilities, and conduct spacecraft systems tests and four experiments."

As part of the NIKE-ZEUS system—the Discrimination and Target Track Radars were two of the four radars needed to operate the system. When a battery was assigned a cloud of threatening objects, the Discrimination Radar would assess all components differentiating between the lethal and non-lethal

elements. Once it designated the target, the data was transferred to the Target Track Radar which would provide continued data on the small highspeed targets throughout the terminal phase of flight and intercept.

In a written statement on Dec. 17, 2002 President George W. Bush announced a plan to deploy, within two years, the first phase of a limited system designed to protect the United States against a ballistic missile attack.

"Throughout my administration, I have made clear the United States will take every measure necessary to protect our citizens against what is perhaps greatest danger of all—the catastrophic harm that may result from hostile states or terrorist groups armed with weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them."

This initial system, which consisted of interceptor missiles based at Fort Greely, Alaska, was "a starting point for improved and expanded capabilities later as further progress is made in researching and developing missile defense technologies and in light of changes in the threat."



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## **COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS**

The community wants to hear from you. Email announcements and advertisements to kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.com Wednesdays by close of business. Ads received after deadline will be published in the next issue of The Kwajalein Hourglass.

#### **ARMY REGULATIONS**

TOBACCO USE. USAG-KA Policy Memorandum 600-8 protects others from the negative impact of tobacco use. On USAG-KA, smoking is permitted in designated smoking areas only. Smoking and cigarette butt receptacles must be at least 50 feet from the entrance of facilities.

CANDLES and open flames are not permitted in BQ rooms. The Kwajalein Fire Department thanks you for keeping your neighbors safe.

METAL DETECTORS are not allowed on Kwajalein according to Army Regulation. Unexploded Ordnance exists and could be dangerous if disturbed.

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

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.ta-leo.net.careersection/akimallc\_cs/jobsearch.ftl. Apply online or send resume to Jeannette McIlwain at jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. This position provides daily administrative task support for operations at the Island Memorial Chapel. For questions or to submit a resume, please call 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.

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.



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

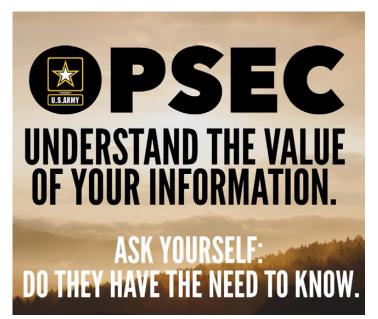
Work: 315-480-0660 or 315-480-1419 USAG-KA SHARP Pager:

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.

# 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 (USASM-DC), 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 USASM-DC 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.

## 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 ikijeen mejatoto eo itulik in lalin ak (U.S.) Space Force eo (USSF) ej kommane juon elmakwot ak kottobar nan kommalmale juon kein kettelok eo imejatoto eo im enaj ketelloke 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 (USASMDC), 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 makmake rej bed iumin tel im wonake eo an U.S. Missile Defense Agency eo ak (MDA eo).

Ien kommalmal in en aikuij in kommane ruo ien ketellok ko ak kommalmal 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 jerbal 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, USASMDC eo im kab MDA eo ekar etal kajjtok ko jen DAF eo bwe erro en jimor jerbal ippen dron ilo jerbal in enwot Ra ko Rej Ippen Dron ak Cooperating Agencies ko.

Jerbal in etale eo nae pelaak ko jimor ilowa im itulik ak EA/OEA im raar komman ikijeen jerbal in kommalmale 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 kommalmal 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 Jemdron ippen Amedka naetan Kon eo ilo

Anemkoj in Koba Lok ak Compact of Free Association ippen United States eo im ej aikuij lore kakien ko kemleti iumin NEPA eo. Etale eo ededelok ikijeen etale ko nae pelaak ko ilowa im itulik jimor ak EA/OEA ilo an naaj komman jerbal in kommalmale kein ketellok kein ak SSC Flight Test kein ekoba etale ko rej kwalok ke ejjelok jekjek ko rellap renaaj jelet pelaak kein ba kaki ak Finding of No Significant Impact ak (FONSI) rej kio bellok nan lali im etali ilo jikin in http://ussf-ssc-eaoea.gov-support.us. Im ebareinwot wor malan etale kein naetaer Final

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.

Armej eo maron kur lok ne ewor jabdrewot kajjitok, menin kenono, ak bok melele ikijeen etale ko jimor ilowa im itulik ak EA/OEA ilo an komman kammalmal kein imejatoto ej Leonard Aragon, 482 W 124th St, El Segundo, CA 90245. Maron in bar tobare Mr. Aragon ilo am kur lok (310) 653-1222, ak jeje lok ilo e-mail nan leonard.aragon@spaceforce.mil.



- 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

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. 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 or call 480-3511 to register. ARMA. Log in to ArMa, the Army



## 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 more information.



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.



**DON'T BE A BYSTANDER** 

SEXUAL ASSAULT

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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.

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.

ABSENCES, PCS'ING, AND YOUR MAIL. The post office must be notified when customers leave for 30 days or PCS. Per DOD 4525.6-M, mail is only allowed to be held for 30 days with or without prior notice. On day 31, mail is considered "unclaimed" and will be returned to the sender. Send an email to the post

office to authorize someone to pick up your mail and packages. When PCS'ing, provide a forwarding address. Contact James Smith with questions at 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 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.

### **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** 

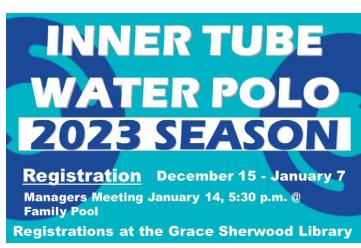
If you have symptoms, isolate yourself, correctly wear a mask (over your mouth and nose), and get tested—either at home test or at the hospital. Call the hospital during business hours if you have questions. If you test positive, report your result to the hospital at 480-2223.

# 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 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.

















# 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.







## **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 kojparok 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 REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE

**This Christmas,** give a gift to the world:

- Reduce waste
- Reuse materials
- Recycle metals, glass, and yard waste

For more information contact Environmental at 480-0722.

Ilo Christmas in, menin lelak non lal in ad:

- Kadrik lok kwobej
- Bar Kojerbal men kein
- Kojonolok Metals, Glass im kwobej ko ilo yard ko

Nan melele ko relaplok, call e Environmental ilo 480-0722.

#### DECEMBER FLIGHT CHECK-IN TIMES

#### **UNITED AIRLINES**

Monday UA155 (HNL) Check-in: 3 – 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday UA154 (GUM) Check-in: 10:30 – 11 a.m.

#### ATI

Check-in 8 - 8:30 a.m.

Departure Check-in 7:30 - 8 a.m.









MIA Project

NEVER FORGET.
https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/



### What's the weather?

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

MWR