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 JESSICA DAMBRUCH



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Friends from throughout the Pacific gathered together to celebrate Kwajalein Day Feb. 9 on Ebeve. From left: Pru Batley; Australian Ambassador to the RMI Brek Batley; Kwajalein Atoll local government Mayor Hirata Kabua; USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley; Annette Kabua; RMI First Lady Ginger Kabua; RMI President David Kabua; Marie Paul; and Kwajalein Atoll Sen. David Paul.

ATOLL CELEBRATES 79TH ANNUAL KWAJALEIN DAY

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Traditional leaders, distinguished guests and atoll community members celebrated the 79th annual Kwajalein Kamolol Day on Ebeve, Feb. 9, to commemorate the liberation of Kwajalein Atoll during WWII.

Guests enjoyed musical performances by the Ebadōn Tōt Band, the Kwajalein High School Marching Band from U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, The Kwajalein Atoll United Church of Christ Good News Choir and a special dance exhibition entitled “Biit,” by Ebadōn Tōt Jepta.

IroiJlāplap and Kwajalein Sen. Michael Kabua; RMI President David Kabua; Kwajalein Atoll local government Mayor Hirata Kabua; and U.S. Ambassador to the RMI Roxanne Cabral, delivered remarks during the ceremony. Cabral delivered the entirety of her remarks in

Marshallese.

This year, a student representative also joined the ceremony to speak. Andrew Danny Bing, of Ebeve Public Middle School, delivered an address entitled “Woden Kanol.”

The iroiJlāplap looked to the past while he encouraged those gathered to be mindful of the future. He noted the rich history of Marshallese navigation and encouraged the Marshallese community to take care of its members and the environment.

“If we don’t take good care of our environment, what’s going to happen,” Kabua said, noting the atoll’s important role in helping to maintain “peace and security for the U.S.A, and especially to our big, wide world.”

Following the event, distinguished visitors and invited guests enjoyed a public reception dinner. Festivities continued the next day with sports competitions.



Dancers from Ebadōn Tōt Jepta performed a high-energy dance exhibition during the 2023 Kwajalein Day Ceremony.

FEBRUARY IS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This month, the Department of Defense honors the culture, customs and contributions of Black Americans.



AMERICAN HEART MONTH

A healthy heart is a happy heart. Get informed about health-related issues and take steps to lead a healthy-heart lifestyle.



NATIONAL GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

Observed in February, this day celebrates the contributions of women and girls to sports history.



TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Take a moment to speak with the young adults in your household about healthy relationships and positive behavior.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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1) Per custom, distinguished guests and visitors receive wuts from women representing Kwajalein families. 2) RMI President David Kabua, left, chats with USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley before the processional march to the Bolkeim Community Center on Ebeye. 3) RMI First Lady Ginger Kabua, left, and RMI President David Kabua receive wuts and wut marmar. 4) Two leaders arm in arm: RMI President David Kabua, right, assists Irojlaplap and Kwa-

jalein Atoll Sen. Michael Kabua down from the speaker's podium during the ceremony. 5) A student representative from Ebeye Public Middle School, Andrew Danny Bing, delivered remarks focused on friendship. 6) Ebeye Mayor Hirata Kabua takes the microphone to address Kwajalein Day attendees. 7) The Kwajalein High School Marching Band provided music during the ceremony and the processional march of distinguished visitors for Kwajalein Day.



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1) Benjamin Hill performs a solo on saxophone with the Kwajalein Senior High School Band. 2) Band Director Kyle Miller conducts the Concert Band during the 2023 "Kwaj POPS!" concert Feb. 15.

STUDENT MUSICIANS ENTERTAIN WITH "KWAJ POPS!" CONCERT

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

If you missed the "Kwaj POPS!" concert Feb. 15, mark your calendars for next year. The Kwajalein High School spring music performance caters to lovers of music and popular culture alike, with three bands from Kwajalein High School performing the music of videogames, movies and television.

Highlights began with the Kwajalein Stage Band's rendition of songs by Al Jarreau and Elton John. The small ensemble included the piano talents of Michael Africano as well as multiple solos by alto saxophonist Benjamin Hill.

The Concert Band followed with selections from the "Pirates of the Caribbean" and popular videogames, but it was the Senior High School Band that boldly plunged into the anthem of "Sponge Bob Squarepants," a beloved animated series.

Check out these photos from the concert, and be sure to check an upcoming episode of The Kwaj Current TV Show for more highlights.



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3) Flutist Konelila Tagoleilagi performs with the senior high school band during their tribute to popular video game music. 4) Pianist Michael Africano, left, and percussionist Felix Prim, perform with the Kwajalein High School Stage Band.



RI-KATAK LIFE

MAMOLYN ANNI

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 Hourglass reporter Shannon Robert interviewed Mamolyn Anni, a 2015 graduate, about her experiences with the program.

BY SHANNON ROBERT

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

Mamolyn Anni: Ri-Katak life was an experience and a lesson. I learned discipline in the early mornings and late nights. Not many can say they lived on a crowded mile-long island and took a “bus on water” boat to school. It was hard, but fun.

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

MA: Yes, and no. People use privilege in both a negative and positive connotation. Us being able to go to an American private school is a privilege given to a select number of kids from Ebeye. But from my experience, I felt like as a Ri-Katak student there was a barrier between us and the Kwaj residential kids, and us with the students on Ebeye.

Some people would label the Ri-Katak students as privileged—like we didn't deserve our seats in the program but were taking it for granted along with the opportunities that came with the program.

I feel like a lot of Ri-Katak students were expected to excel after high school because we went to an American school. Because of the amount of pressure we got from family, it felt like more of a burden than privilege at times.

SR: What were some of the struggles you faced as a Ri-Katak student?

MA: Some of the struggles I faced as a Ri-Katak student were the lack of assistance I got for my assignments. I never had anyone who could help me with my homework or projects growing up. We would get assignments to do these projects, but some of the materials we needed weren't sold at the Ebeye stores.

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

MA: The teachers were always great at connecting with us students, so they shared a lot of stories about how they grew up and their college experiences.

I feel like my culture shock when I went to Chicago was not as extreme because my teachers prepared me.

I also had a lot of help from them, es-



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pecially Mr. Bowers and Ms. McCollum. Mr. Bowers helped me when he connected me with Ms. Melinauskus and the Doeres. I would have been stranded in Chicago had it not been for him.

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

MA: Yes, I had a good balanced life on both Ebeye and Kwaj. Because my house was always filled with family, I made sure I completed all my homework before going home. I had space to relax at home. My friends also provided a place for us to unwind after school.

SR: How has living on Ebeye and going to Kwaj for school shaped you for your future (as both islands are very different)?

MA: The things I learned from both my family and teachers really did shape me into the woman I am today.

Although I never got any help with homework from my family, I did get encouragement from them. My family, especially my grandmother, taught me to be respectful, giving, and strong willed.

My teachers motivated me not to be timid and to be headstrong.

SR: What was the school dynamic like?

MA: It was laid back. The teachers cared about their students, and they made it a point to help us. We were all friends with each other, and we always had fun together. No active bullying. No rivalries. Just a group of friends who treated each other like family.

SR: Do you feel everyone got along well and you created “a family away from home” and such?

MA: We were all great friends. The kids on Kwaj and their families always welcomed us into their homes and fed us. They provided a place for us to unwind after school before we made our exhaust-

ing trip back home on the boat.

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

MA: No, I had my group of friends that I was comfortable with. They accepted my moody craziness.

SR: What did that look like?

MA: We had a strong bond. We trusted each other and we had each other's backs.

SR: What motivated you to get up in the mornings?

MA: Coffee. I enjoyed going to school. We always had fun together and I liked the teachers. I was also a bookworm, so I was excited to get up so I could continue reading.

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

MA: Yes, we were always expected to be successful because we went to an American school.

SR: Tell me about a mentor you had?

MA: My mentors were Mr. Bowers and Ms. McCollum. They were both counselors.

Mr. Bowers helped me with my college and scholarship documents. He also made me aware that a four-year college wasn't the only answer. He made me aware that there were more options than going to a university.

SR: What is your favorite Ri-Katak memory?

MA: My favorite Ri-Katak memory was when we had a picnic and we had “The Battle of the Sexes.” We competed boys against girls in sports. I can still hear all the laughter from that day.

We were so young and carefree, enjoying our youth. When I feel sad, I always think about that day.

DECISION SPACE TEACHES USAG-KA EMPLOYEES ABOUT SPACE OPERATIONS

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

A recent Leader Professional Development at the U.S. Army Garrison – Kwajalein Atoll command headquarters building had teammates building the architecture for space. Literally.

Col. Tom Pugsley, USAG-KA garrison commander, presented his U.S. Army War College 2020 thesis project—a board game called Decision Space.

“Space architecture development is exponentially more complicated now that the space domain is no longer benign,” said Pugsley. “In the future, leaders and decision-makers must understand the subtle interactions and trade-offs between the elements of the space architecture.”

“Unfortunately, there are currently no tools available that can clearly articulate this complexity. What is needed is a tool that can demonstrate, in simplified terms, the trade-offs between competing elements of the space architecture.”

Pugsley, who came in off leave for this training, holds a PhD in Modeling and Simulations from the Naval Postgraduate School (2017), as well as a Masters in Space Systems Operations (Naval Postgraduate School 2007), and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the Army War College (2020).

“A war game is a perfect vehicle for conveying an understanding of complex issues in a relatively short period.”

The development of a space architecture war game that forces players to allocate limited resources between space architectural elements of services, pro-

tection, resiliency, C2, and SSA, will highlight the complexity of these trade-offs. By considering these trade-offs in the face of an adversary who is seeking to degrade your space advantages, a player will quickly develop an understanding of the compromises needed to create a balanced architecture. These insights should allow leaders and decision-makers to make better-informed decisions regarding the prioritization and resourcing of future space architecture,” he said.

Maj. Will Strouse, director, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, USAG-KA, was one of the participants and a player of the game.

“I liked it but wanted a few more plays,” he said. “Time constraints meant we weren't able to target ground infrastructure or pursue win conditions. You would need to dedicate an entire morning and afternoon for 2-3 complete iterations.”

He added that it is a great format that lends itself to shrinking down to a worksheet size or an app, and he “learned about the proliferation of small satellites, disaggregating capability among lots of different satellites, which seems to complicate targeting enough to all but force the opposition to target the ground segment.”

A player on the opposing team, Joshua Snow, USAG-KA's emergency manager, said that it “was a cool way of making something that is extremely complicated easier to understand.”

Snow said he learned about the variables that go into space operations – all



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY MIKE BRANTLEY

Col. Tom Pugsley, garrison commander, U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll, right, points out the fine points of building space architecture before his game, Decision Space, can be played. Pugsley presented his thesis project to members of USAG-KA during a recent Leader Professional Development.

the way from getting the right payload into space (within costs and weight), and what you are willing to give up in order to meet mission requirements. For example, do you provide more or better service or do you invest in defense and awareness? It was a great team building event.”



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USAG-KA NEWS

1) Lt. Col. Travis Lynch receives his rank from his oldest son, Jackson, during a promotion ceremony Feb. 2 across the street from U.S. Army Garrison – Kwajalein Atoll headquarters. Lynch is the director of emergency services on Kwajalein. 2) John Kirby, left, deputy to the garrison commander for USAG-KA, shakes Lt. Col. Travis Lynch's hand following administering the Oath of Office during his promotion ceremony.



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Kwajalein Hourglass reporter Shannon Robert checks out shots on her camera during the 2023 Kwajalein Day celebration on Ebeye.

BAR LO EOK TO REPORTER SHANNON ROBERT

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

This week, The Kwajalein Hourglass says farewell and "bar lo eok" to Shannon Robert for sharing her work and talents with the community while she served on the staff throughout the winter.

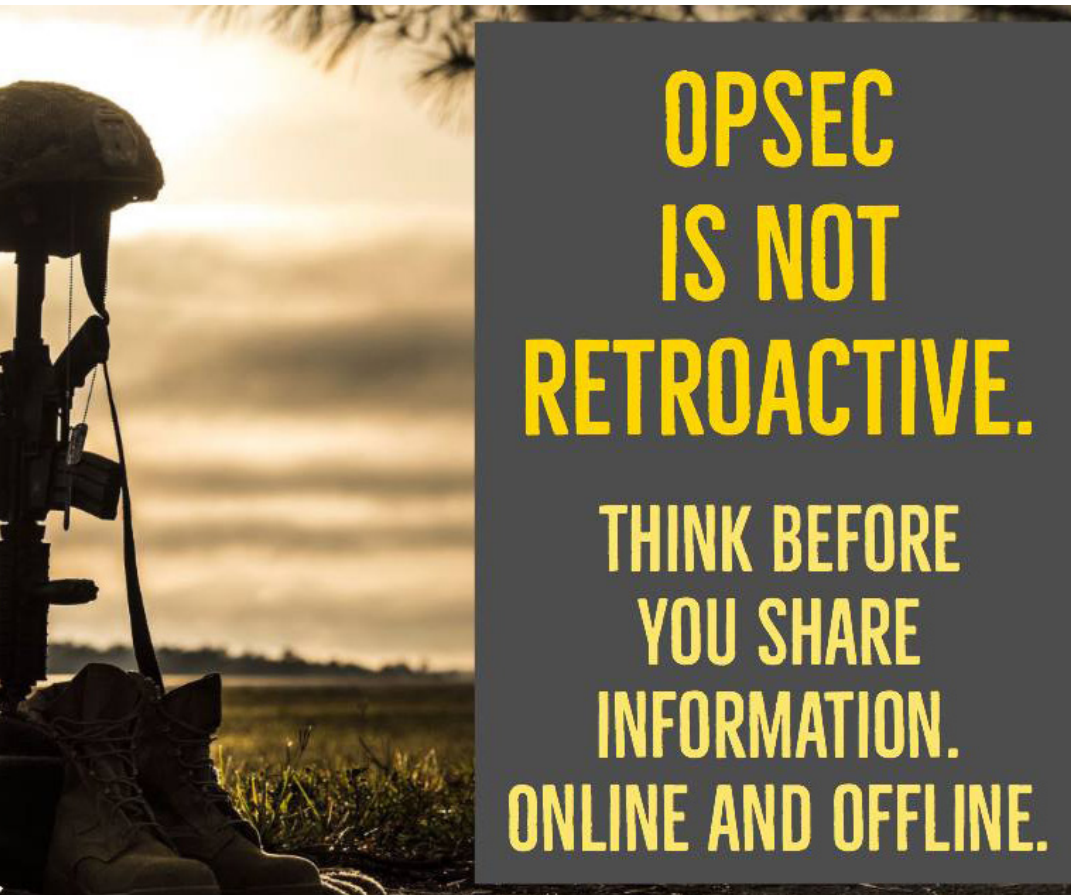
Shannon became interested in writing after reading poetry. Before graduating from Kwajalein High School in 2022, she read original work while attending poet activist Kathy Jetnil-Kijiner's Jo Jikum workshops on Majuro for creativity and climate awareness.

While attending high school, Shannon also served on the school's yearbook staff as a photographer where she practiced photography. She said work-

ing to produce strong photos without the benefit of significant post-production tools helped her to refine her skills.

Shannon came to work with the Hourglass in 2022 and began a series of illuminating interviews with Ri-Katak students about their experiences attending school while growing up on Ebeye. In December 2022, she was honored with a special command coin awarded by U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler during his visit to the atoll community.

Shannon recently departed from the atoll to pursue higher education with a focus on writing studies. Keep an eye out for her name in print in the years to come. We look forward to reading more of her good work in the years to come.



FOOD

MARSHALLESE LANGUAGE LESSON 23

Eating is an important part of socializing. The traditional Marshallese diet consisted of breadfruit for starch, seafood for protein, and pandanus, bananas, taro, and coconuts to round out the meal.

Although rice and canned meats are more common now, traditional foods are still offered when you are invited to gatherings and celebrations.

Helpful Words

Tonal	candy, sweet
Kola	soda
Kool-aid	Kool-aid
Mor	old
Kaal	new
Jitoob	stove
Obwin	oven
Toast	toaster
Bilawe	bread
Mona	food
Jibuun	spoon
Mon-wia	store

Common Phrases

Kwoj Ke etal nan mon-wia en?
Are you going to the store?

Aet bwe ij ten wia tonal.
Yes, because I am going to buy candies.

Ak ainwot rej ba rejjab kaal.
But I thought they said they were not new.

O, re mor ke?
Oh—are they old?

Oh, ek we inaj wia wot kola.
Well, then I will buy a soda.

Ewor ke jitoob ilo monm-wia en?
Are there any stoves at the store?

Ekkelak akko ewor wot obwin.
Now, but they have ovens.

Ak ewor ke toast?
Then are there any toasters?

Kwoj ten mona bilawe toast?
Are you going to eat toasted bread?

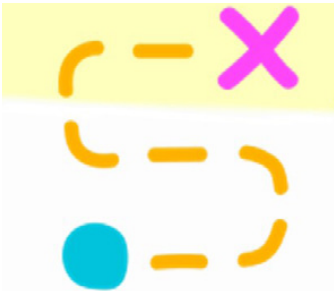
Aet, ako ewor ke am jibuun?
Yes, but do you have any spoons?

Kein ao boktake kool-aid e nimo.
It's to stir my kool-aid.

THE LIBERTY PASS

Kwaj Weekend and Activity Guide

Coming Up Next



Scavenger Hunt for Teens, sponsored by the Youth Action Council (YAC) Sunday, Feb. 19, begins at 4 p.m.

Meet with your team at 4 p.m. at the Namo Weto Youth Center for this fun event!

***This event is open to CYS-registered students only.*



Fat Tuesday Mardis Gras Golf Cart Parade & Party Monday, Feb. 20, begins at 5:30 p.m.

This event is for the whole community!

Courtesy of the Kwaj Krewe, all community members are invited to participate in this fun event! Join the parade at 5:30 p.m. and bring a dish to share to the 7 p.m. party at the Emon Beach main pavilion. BYOB is welcome.

***The parade starts at the Youth Center, travels down Lagoon Rd., up Ocean Rd. and ends at Emon Beach.*



Fat Tuesday Mardis Gras Party

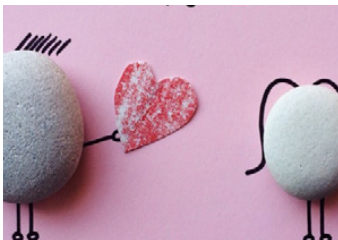
Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

Ocean View Club

This event is for age 21+

Grab your masks and beads, and get ready for the MWR Mardis Gras Party at the Ocean View Club!

***This party is for island residents aged 21 and up.*



Sweetheart Relay 2023

Tuesday, Feb. 21

Check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. outside the Grace Sherwood Library

***This event is family friendly**

Preregister for this fun Kwaj tradition for a unique twist on the 4x1 mile relay. Contact Bob and Jane Sholar with questions at 480-1815.



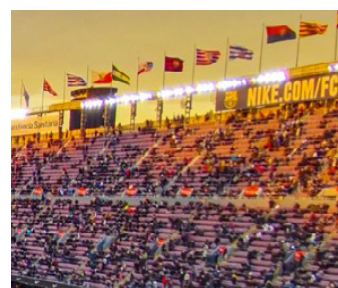
Kwajalein Yacht Club Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 25, begins at 5:30 p.m.

Kwajalein Yacht Club

Join the KYC for a 5:30 p.m. social hour, 6:30 p.m. meeting and a 7 p.m. potluck dinner at 7 p.m. The main dish (fish) will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert to share. Join the KYC or renew annual membership.

***This event is open to KYC members and prospective members.*



Super Bowl Themed Bingo & Re-Watch Party

Sunday, Feb. 26, begins at 4 p.m.

Namo Weto Youth Center

This event is for CYS youth

Join the fun! A Super Bowl-themed bingo game (4 p.m.) and re-watch (6 p.m.). Students must be registered at the Namo Weto Youth Center to attend this event.

At The Movies

Yuk Theater Kwajalein

Saturday, Feb. 18

“Three Amigos”
(PG) 106 min.

Sunday, Feb. 19

“Sweet Home Alabama”
(PG-13) 108 min.

Monday, Feb. 20

“The Long Kiss Goodnight”
(R) 121 min.

Saturday, Feb. 25

“Madagascar 2:
Escape to Africa”
(PG) 92 min.

Sunday, Feb. 26

“Tommy Boy”
(PG-13) 97 min.

Monday, Feb. 27

“World of OZ”
(PG-13) 116 min.



Dad's Movie Night

Join MWR Saturday, March 4, at the Yuk Theater for a special screening of “Puss in Boots” (PG) 90 min.

Unless otherwise indicated, all movies begin at 7:30 p.m. Contact MWR at 5-3331 for more information. Showtimes may vary for special “Movies Under the Stars” events.

“BE KIND, FOR EVERYONE YOU MEET IS FIGHTING A HARD BATTLE.”

– PLATO

THE 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 repre-

sentative before making an appointment. Bring two forms of government-issued IDs with you to your appointment. Walk-in appointments are welcome, but there may be a wait. Questions? Call 480--8496.

EAP SERVICES

The Kwajalein Hospital team welcomes Kenneth Thomas, the island's Employee Assistance Program counselor. Ken is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor. Clients can expect education about mental health disorders from a multicultural perspective with the goal of moving toward acceptance and ultimately to mitigate symptoms. Contact Ken at kenneth.thomas@internationalsosgs.us or 480-5362. Contact 480-3550 with questions.

FACILITIES

RACQUETBALL COURT CODE. Residents can obtain the door code from the MWR Desk at the Grace Sherwood Library. The code will not be given out over the phone. Contact MWR at 480-3331 with questions.

JOBS

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

AKIMA is hiring for the following on-island positions: Communications Clerk (ID: TRU01101); Communications Specialist (ID: TRU01100); and Fiber / Cable Technician (ID: TRU01099). Applicants must currently reside on USAG-KA and possess a valid passport. For more information and a list of required qualifications, visit https://akima.taleo.net/careersection/akimallc_cs/jobsearch.ftl. Apply online or send resume to Jeannette McIlwain at jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. This position provides daily administrative task support for operations at the Island Memorial Chapel. For questions or to submit a resume, please call 480-3505. Send to kwa-



Sgt. 1st Class Effie Banks
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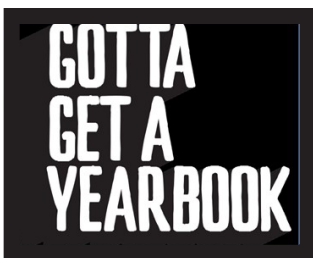
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CALIBRE seeks a Military Material Specialist. For more information, or to apply, visit <https://jobs.silkroad.com/calibresys/httpscalibresyscareerssilkroad.com/jobs/4013>.

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.

TRIBALCO is hiring for an infrastructure drawing specialist (AutoCAD drafter), a finance project control specialist, a telecommunication

specialist (CAIRS/database entry) and an Enterprise project specialist (scheduler). Applicants must meet job requirements. Apply online at tribalco.com/jobs.

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/>. You may also visit the HR Office in Bldg. 700. Contact the Human Resources manager at 480-0782 or administrative assistant at 480-4916 for more information.



RMI WORKFORCE TOWN HALLS

Please join us at the RMI workforce town halls!

Let USAG-KA Command know how it's doing. Please bring your questions, comments and solutions.

Kwajalein RMI Workforce Town Hall Meeting
Feb. 24 from noon – 1 p.m.
Island Memorial Chapel

Roi-Namur RMI Workforce Town Hall Meeting
Feb. 25 from 1 – 2 p.m.
Tradewinds Theater

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

RMI ENTRY REQUIREMENTS. Updated entry requirements for the RMI by air or seaport include the following requirements: Adults aged 18-years old and up must have completed one primary COVID-19 vaccine series. Primary series: Johnson & Johnson single dose; Pfizer completed series (two doses); or Moderna completed series (two doses) Boosters are not currently mandated. There is no vaccination requirement for children under age 18.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE. The oceanside perimeter road will close to pedestrian, bicycle and vehicle traffic 20 minutes prior to heavy aircraft arrivals and departures. Contact Airfield Operations at 480-2131 with any questions.

ISLAND ORIENTATION and Newcomer's Briefings take place in the Religious Education Building behind the Island Memorial Chapel. Email KWAJ_OSO_Ops@Vectrus.com or call 480-3511 to register.

ARMA. Log in to ArMa, the Army Maintenance Application, to report issues for all buildings maintained by the Department of Public Works. For more information, please contact DPW at 480-3550.

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



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.

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.

Free Passport Photos Now Available

Contact Host Nation Activities at 480-2103 for more information.

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

PASSWORDS ARE LIKE TOOTHBRUSHES.

DON'T SHARE THEM
- even with friends.

Do your kids know that, too?



GLASS BEACH

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.

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.

LIMITED DENTAL CLINIC HOURS. The Kwajalein Dental Clinic will be open for emergency care only from Feb. 28 - March 3.

SCHEDULE OPTOMETRIST APPOINTMENTS NOW. Call 480-2220 to schedule your appointment. Appointments are available from Feb. 21 through March 4. For more information, contact drwtblack@aol.com and visit www.kwajeyes.com.

ADULT POOL CLOSED FDOR REPAIRS. The Kwajalein Adult Pool is closed for repairs to an overhead lighting fixture that failed due to high winds. Your patience is appreciated.



BIKE BLESSINGS

Monday, Feb 20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Free basic bike maintenance provided by volunteers from the Island Memorial Chapel! We'd love to help you. Stop by the tent on 7th Street behind the Shopette.



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 kabok-kolok (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 koprok menin mour in lojet ko rekau-wotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakemejmej eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemjej.



Monday
UA155 (HNL)
Check-in: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
UA154 (GUM)
Check-in: 10:45 – 11 a.m.

April – June

Monday and Friday
UA 155 (HNL)
Check-in 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
(Flight at 5:15 p.m.)

Tuesday and Saturday
UA 154 (GUM)
Check-in 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.
(Flight at 1 p.m.)

****Please note that all flights are subject to change.**

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

The Micronesian Handicraft Shop seeks volunteers to fill the following positions:

- Board Secretary
- Handicraft Buyer for Pohnpei, Kosrae and RMI products

For more information, contact Crockett at crockettdavies@hotmail.com.



Electrical Safety

Monthly tip from the USAG-KA Office of Fire Prevention

You do not need a flame to start a fire. Fires can start when heat builds up near things that burn.

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- Major appliances should be plugged directly into a wall outlet receptacle.
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters to reduce the risk of shock.
- Test GFCIs monthly or according to the manufacturer's recommendation.
- Make sure electrical cords are not running across doorways or under carpets.
- Use a light bulb with the right number of watts as indicated on your fixture or lamp.

If you have frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers, report it to: PublicWorksServiceDesk@Vectrus.com or call 5-3550.

Kwajalein MIA Project



NEVER FORGET

<https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/>

EVERYONE CAN PLAY A ROLE TO REDUCE SKIN CANCER

WHAT IS THE REAL COST OF SKIN CANCER?

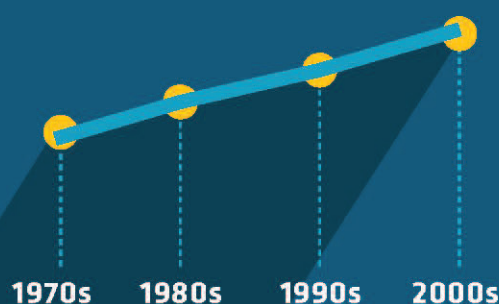
Skin cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the United States, yet most cases can be prevented.

5 MILLION PEOPLE

are treated every year for skin cancer in the U.S.



Rates of skin cancer have been increasing every year over the last several decades.



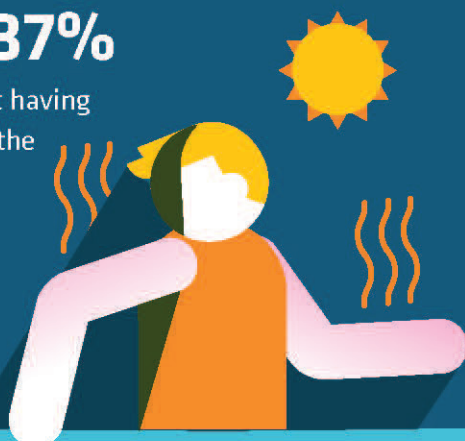
1 OUT OF 3

young white women ages 16-25 indoor tan each year



ABOUT 37%

of U.S. adults report having been sunburned in the past year.



3,200 PEOPLE

a year in the United States seek care in emergency rooms with injuries from indoor tanning.



NEARLY 9,000 PEOPLE DIE FROM MELANOMA EACH YEAR.

\$8.1 BILLION

is the estimated annual cost of skin cancer treatment.



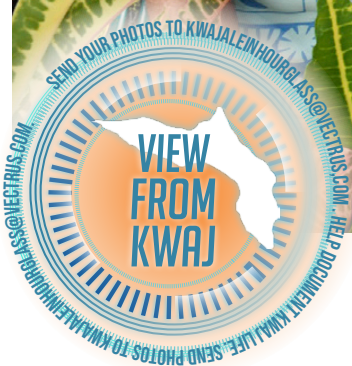
www.cdc.gov/cancer/skin





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Kwajalein Atoll Sen. David Paul, left, is interviewed by AFN Kwajalein's Lucky Tolum, center, and Anjowest Nashier, during the Feb. 9 Kwajalein Day celebration on Ebeye. Be sure to watch an upcoming episode of *The Kwaj Current* TV Show for the interview and more coverage.



USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Kwajalein Atoll will experience a dry and increasingly windy weekend. The brief strengthening of the subtropical ridge on Sunday evening will last through Tuesday, increasing winds to 16-21 knots with the potential to reach 17-22 knots.

Small Craft Advisory conditions are possible but unlikely, but the peak winds will coincide with seasonally high tides. Showers may develop ahead of the wind increase, but they will remain shallow. Combined seas will increase from 5-7 feet on Saturday to 6-8 feet late Sunday and through Tuesday.

SATURDAY

Mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-ENE at 12-17 knots with occasional higher gusts.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers. Winds NE-ENE at 14-19 knots with occasional higher gusts.

MONDAY

Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Winds NE-ENE at 16-21 knots with occasional higher gusts.

NEXT WEEK

Dry, windy weather will continue through the week. Isolated showers may develop on Wednesday if the subtropical ridge weakens northeast of the Marshall Islands. Otherwise, expect mostly sunny with stray showers throughout the work week.

Winds will remain in the 15-20 knot range, though if showers develop on Wednesday expect a drop to 13-18 knots.

SUN-MOON-TIDES

	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:07 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	5:58 a.m. 5:57 p.m.	3:57 a.m. 3.5' 4:04 p.m. 5.0'	9:43 a.m. -0.3' 10:32 p.m. -0.9'
MONDAY	7:06 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	6:54 a.m. 6:59 p.m.	4:33 a.m. 3.9' 4:43 p.m. 5.3'	10:24 a.m. -0.7' 11:06 p.m. -1.0'
TUESDAY	7:06 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m. 7:57 p.m.	5:08 a.m. 4.2' 5:19 p.m. 5.3'	11:02 a.m. -0.9' 11:39 p.m. -1.0'
WEDNESDAY	7:06 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	8:33 a.m. 8:52 p.m.	5:42 a.m. 4.4' 5:53 p.m. 5.1'	11:39 a.m. -0.8' -----
THURSDAY	7:05 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:18 a.m. 9:45 p.m.	6:15 a.m. 4.4' 6:25 p.m. 4.7'	12:09 a.m. -0.9' 12:15 p.m. -0.6'
FRIDAY	7:05 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10:01 a.m. 1:21 a.m.	6:47 a.m. 4.2' 6:55 p.m. 4.1'	12:38 a.m. -0.6' 12:50 p.m. -0.2'
FEBRUARY 25	7:05 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	10:45 a.m. 11:28 p.m.	7:18 a.m. 4.0' 7:23 p.m. 3.5'	1:05 a.m. -0.2' 1:25 p.m. 0.2'



Work and play safely.

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



Is something going right? Did someone do an outstanding job? Tell us all about it. We're bringing back the old school community "thank-you." Send your thoughts in to the Kwajalein Hourglass to thank your volunteers, coworkers and services for a job well done. (and yes, anonymous writings are fine). Write to kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.com.

OPSEC SAVES LIVES

TO LEARN MORE, ASK YOUR SECURITY OFFICER