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# ISLAND EMPLOYEES EARN AWARDS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**USAG-KA Command** congratulates the first recipients of the recent LOGCAP V2X employee award.

LOGCAP V—Kwajalein Atoll Task Order Manager Russ Hastings presented each employee with a special certificate of award and a gift card donated by his wife, Lilah, during a recent workforce town hall, Feb. 24.

“Congratulations to all of the recipients of LOGCAP V’s V2X/Vectrus employee award,” said Hastings. “In recognition of your superior performance and dedication to excellence in support of the task order. Your outstanding performance and commitment to excellence are appreciated and reflect great credit upon you, the task order and V2X.”

Recipients included employees from the island’s Public Works Department, MWR and Custodial Services.

USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley and Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller congratulated each employee for a job well done.

“It’s like I’ve said before,” said Pugsley. “We appreciate all that you do to support this garrison. This installation could not operate without you.”

## MWR

Dennis Joji  
Carlton Kumtak

## Department of Public Works

Mack Martin  
Danny Anjain  
Robinson Martin

## Quantum Dynamics

Santina Titus  
Rosanna Bolkeim

## Kwajalein School System

Rosita Sawej\*\*

## Watercraft Operations

Bokta Teljo\*\*



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1) LOGCAP V-Kwajalein Atoll Task Order Manager Russ Hastings, left, congratulates Carlton Kumtak, center left, while Dennis Joji, center right, is thanked by USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley during a Feb. 24 employee awards ceremony at the Island Memorial Chapel. 2) Hastings awards Public Works Department employees their certificates. From left, Mack Martin, Danny Anjain and Robinson Martin. 3) Rosanna Bolkeim and Santina Titus hold up their certificates. 4) Joji, left, and Kumtak give each other a congratulatory fist bump during the awards ceremony. \*\*Not pictured: Rosita Sawej and Bokta Teljo, who will receive their awards at a later date.



# MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**This month**, we remember the nuclear rights activist Darlene Keju-Johnson.

A powerful speaker, Keju-Johnson’s lasting impact on the international community continues to unite Pacific anti-nuclear activists and to raise awareness of the legacy

of nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands following World War II.

Born on Ebeye and raised on Wotje, Keju was raised downwind of Bikini and Enewetak during the years of the U.S. nuclear testing program. She graduated with

a master’s degree in public health from the University of Hawaii. Among the many international groups Keju-Johnson addressed are the 1983 Pacific Plenary of the World Council of Churches Assembly.

Watch the video of the Keju-Johnson’s address at [youtube.com/watch?v=1hxCGLA5oJQ](https://youtube.com/watch?v=1hxCGLA5oJQ).

## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley, center, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, center right, address contract leaders and members of the RMI workforce during a Feb. 24 town hall at the Island Memorial Chapel. The workforce town halls on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, respectively, provide opportunities for employees to ask questions about installation policies, facilities and work-related concerns.

## QUESTIONS RAISED AT RMI WORKFORCE TOWN HALLS

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Employees on Enniburr and Kwajalein raised questions about employment, employee benefits and island facilities during two late-February RMI workforce town halls on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, respectively. Here are a few of the questions and concerns raised during the town halls.

**Q: A lot of Marshallese don't know about the Town Halls. Is there a way to notify them?**

**A:** "My team will work with our mission partners to maximize dissemination that town halls are happening in addition to the newspaper and on the Roller channel," said USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley. "We will look into communications, and we'll work with the human resources representatives to maximize participation."

**Q: Why is there no translation during training? The training is not fair to us since it is not in our language. Some of us are ashamed we don't understand what is going on.**

**A:** "This comes down to safety. We will look for opportunities or options to maximize the efficiency of that training so it's not just you listening to the training and understanding only 75 percent of it because the presenter is talking so fast. We'll dig into this over the next couple weeks."

**Q: Why do the RMI dining facility employees now have to pay to eat meals?**

**A:** "We are not authorized or allowed to provide free meals to anyone. It has gone on like this for many years. When it was discovered, we had to end it. We are looking into an exception to policy and a reduced rate for our RMI teammates. Both efforts are still ongoing."

**Q: What's going on with the washing machines and dryers in the laundry facility by the Dock Security Checkpoints on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur?**

**A:** "This should be an easy switch out," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller. "It is AAFES-owned here and on Roi. The machines aren't here yet, but we do have extra outlets for them. AAFES leadership is visiting Kwajalein later this month."

**Q: Who at the dining facilities decides how much meat to give each diner?**

**A:** "We know it is an issue. We were trying to control portions to eliminate waste. You can now go back up to get more, seconds or thirds now," said Russ Hastings, LOGCAP V Kwajalein Task Order Manager for V2X.

**Q: We pay for dental insurance but can't use dental on Kwaj and have to go to Ebeye.**

**A:** "We will be looking into this."

**Q: Can Third Island get used government furniture? This will help the Marshallese here instead of the furniture being sent to Majuro.**

**A:** "The RMI government gets the right of first refusal on furniture items," said Col. Pugsley. "By law, they have 30 days to decide and then 30 days to pick it up. Next, we reach out to RMI Liaison Lanny Kabua and Kwajalein Atoll local government Ebeye Mayor Hirata Kabua. Finally, donated furniture is made available to Ebeye and Third Island residents."

**Q: What is the status of power on Third Island?**

**A:** Col. Pugsley said that we are working with the RMI government to tie in third

Island's power to Roi. "Hopefully in the next couple of years we'll be able to start providing power. It will be a huge win."

**Q: Some people have gone off island for medical treatment and lost their jobs upon their return. One man has a family to support. Another works at the dining facility, and there are one or two more at the housing office. All of them are Vectrus employees.**

**A:** Col. Pugsley said these individuals should approach their human resources offices to ask for documentation approving them to leave the island. It's an interaction between company and employee. He encouraged employees to speak with their HRs.

**Q: It seems unfair that new hires are receiving the same pay as RMI employees who have worked here for years. It may affect how they perform.**

**A:** From the V2X leadership: "There is no time-in-service bump for pay. Get with your HRs. Employees must know what opportunities they have afforded to them."

**Q: Supervisors tell employees their job title helps them get more money than new employees.**

**A:** Col. Pugsley said for them to get with their HRs or supervisors. The garrison has no say in who or how Vectrus' employees are hired, while Vectrus leadership said employees must be in position for six months and have had no disciplinary action.

**Q: Regarding the ability to purchase fuel at Roi's Small Boat Marina, can the hours change from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. to when more people can use it?**

**A:** "We'll look into it."





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1) Kwajalein AAFES Exchange Assistant Store Manager Isabella Jimenez, left, and Roi Shoppette Manager Robert Sharpe, hold up bike safety equipment and helmets the store donated to give away during the 2023 Bike Rodeo. 2) Ethen Miller, signals a left turn during the Feb. 24 Kwajalein Bike Rodeo. The annual safety and road skills workshop is an initiative of George Seitz Elementary School, the island's emergency services and the Kwajalein Police Department.

# STUDENTS PRACTICE SAFETY AT ANNUAL BIKE RODEO

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**Children in grades K – 4** participated in the Bike Rodeo Feb. 24. The annual joint initiative of the island's school system and Kwajalein Police Department brings together safety experts, volunteers and law enforcement to help the island's youngest commuters become familiar with the rules of the road.

"We want to make sure everyone is comfortable on the road, and feels safe riding their bicycles throughout the community," said Lt. Shawn Delaney, of the event.

For the island's youngest commuters, the rodeo is a fun learning experience that lets them practice valuable skills in an encouraging learning environment. Many are still learning basic directions and biking skills, in addition to basic balance and bike handling.

The course includes a classroom session for students to review road safety rules and directional hand signals. Sgt. Kalvinjohn Bayona met each student group to review reminders and tips for safe transit.

"When you come to a stop sign, what does that mean you're supposed to do? Does it mean I can keep going?" asked Bayona. When the students answered correctly, Bayona described the vehicles of all sizes they would see during a Kwajalein afternoon.

"Remember, when you come to a stop sign, you're looking for bikes, cars and golfcarts," he said. "Once you see that all of those are cleared from the road, you can go ahead and proceed and move forward."

Next, students demonstrated their skills on an outdoor learning course in a nearby residential neighborhood. As they passed each checkpoint on bikes and scooters, they received helpful reminders. For each checkpoint, they received stickers as rewards. By the time they complete the course, students have navigated obstacles and become more aware of the challenges posed by vehicles and the island's roadways.

"Careful—don't forget to look both ways," said an upperclassman at a simulated four-way stop. The student received a sticker and a high-five for getting the checkpoint right.

Some obstacles are even harder to detect.

Myles Sylvester, a senior at Kwajalein High School, volunteered to assist with the rodeo. Reflecting on a lifetime of island biking, he would like to remind new bikers about the impact of the environment. He stressed that hydration was important for bikers of all ages.

"It's hotter on Kwajalein than in other places, and we are biking all the time," Sylvester said.

More than 40 students and 20 vol-

unteers participated in the activity, said Mindi Gerber, a Kwajalein School System teacher. This year was her first rodeo. Gerber specially thanked the volunteers from the island's emergency services, law enforcement and religious services programs for volunteering along the course. She also thanked AAFES personnel for going the extra mile to support island road safety with donated giveaways of child-sized bike helmets and protective kneepads and elbow guards.



Sgt. Kalvinjohn Bayona delivers a road safety briefing to young students in the Coconut Room at George Seitz Elementary School. Students begin the annual Bike Rodeo with the classroom discussion before applying what they have learned on an outdoor learning course.





COURTESY OF CLIFF PRYOR

Carlton Kumtak joined the MWR Pools and Beaches team as a certified lifeguard in February. Among his many duties, Kumtak monitors facility safety, provides guarding services during special events and hours of operation and works with the MWR team to keep Kwajalein's pools and recreational centers safe. Be sure to congratulate Kumtak on your next visit to the Millican Family Pool or Emon Beach.

# CARLTON KUMTAK IS NEW KWAJ LIFEGUARD

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

**MWR is excited** about the newest member of the Pools and Beaches team. Carlton Kumtak is Kwajalein's newest lifeguard. He recently joined the team following the completion of American Red Cross Lifeguard and Waterfront Lifeguard certification. He additionally holds AED and first-aid training certifications.

"I'm really glad for the chance to help people," Kumtak said.

On any given day, Kumtak provides the required safety authority required for pool operations. At the Millican Family Pool during operating hours, he has performed maintenance and safety checks at pool facilities. He has also guarded the pool during special events, like the inner tube water polo championships.

While he enjoys swimming, he may wait another season to join a water polo match.

"I'm still learning the rules of the game," he said.

Kumtak has worked in support of island Community Services for several years with the department's team of recreation specialists. When he got the opportunity to acquire and use a new skill on the job, he welcomed the opportunity to train in a specialized skill set with Pools and Beaches Manager Cliff Pryor.

For his efforts, Kumtak was among a special group of employees recognized for excellence on the job during a recent USAG-KA Command town hall.

When you see Kumtak at the pool, remember—walk, don't run—to him to offer congratulations on his recent achievements.



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MWR Lifeguard Carlton Kumtak, center, receives congratulations from USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley, left, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, right, during a town hall employee awards ceremony Feb. 24.





 COURTESY PHOTO

Participants in the Child and Youth Services Soccerpalooza practice hone soccer skills during an afternoon practice at Brandon Field.

# CYS CELEBRATED SPORTS WITH SOCCERPALOOZA FOR EBEYE AND KWAJ KIDS

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

The USAG-KA Child and Youth Services Soccerpalooza, a month-long sports initiative, kicked off in January. The weeks of intense sports workshops were geared toward bringing together school children on Ebeye and Kwajalein, respectively, to form new friendships and build new sports skills.

A culminating game and celebration took place in early February.

“Each week was a little different, but essentially there were stations set up to practice the core fundamentals of soccer (throw-in drills, passing drills, trapping drills, volleying drills, and agility to name a few),” said Soccerpalooza volunteer Keith Brady. “Our overall goal was to really home in on the understanding of the rules and flow of the game.”

Brady said the kids enjoyed the experience of focusing on one sport and engaging with new groups of peers. Each group showed talents.

“Sports are not only beneficial physically but mentally and socially as well,” Brady said. “Soccer is a great sport because it challenges you to learn individual skills as well as learning to work and play on a team.”

During the grand finale, kids from both islands were mixed into groups to help them meet new friends. Food was served and participating Ebeye kids received a special gift.

“Each kid was given a wristband and water bottle as well as a plate of food (hotdog, juice, vegetable kabobs, and fruit),” Brady said. “Additionally, the kids who traveled from Ebeye were all given a pair of tennis shoes to take home with them. My most memorable part of the

clinics was connecting with the kids and watching them enjoy a sport they don’t normally get to play. Seeing the enthusiasm and progression each week made the time on Ebeye very enjoyable.”

Brady hopes that the students will retain what they learned during the camp.

Together with the CYS volunteer team, he thanks everyone who helped make the camp a success.

“We would like to give a big thanks to all the Kwaj kids who spent their Mondays helping with the clinics on Ebeye,”

Brady said. “This could not have been done without all your help! Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with cooking and prepping for the main event, MWR for setting up the fields and providing inflatables/tents, USAGKA Command and the Dock Security Checkpoint for providing an efficient way of sponsoring these kids and their chaperones on island. Many people pooled together to make this happen and that is why we love the Kwajalein community so much.”



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1) A Soccerpalooza practice convenes at the Ebeye Beach Park in early January. 2) Participants in the Child and Youth Services Soccerpalooza grand finale stand for a group photo at Brandon Field.





 COURTESY OF ALAN WILLIAMS

# MWR BASKETBALL

These exciting shots from the Corlett Recreation Center feature Kwajalein's civic basketball teams during the week's playoff games. Printed here courtesy of island photographer Alan Williams, they capture the energy which is sure to follow at the March 4 championship tournament. Join the community at the CRC this Saturday night for the game, and be sure to thank Alan for sharing his beautiful photographs.

## RESTAURANTS

### MARSHALLESE LANGUAGE LESSON 25

Community holiday celebrations in the Marshall Islands often involve music, dancing other community events. Read on to learn helpful phrases and words that describe these occasions.

#### Helpful Words

<b>Buwae</b>	waitress/waiter
<b>Bakbok</b>	knife
<b>Book</b>	forks
<b>Wotar</b>	order
<b>Bao</b>	chicken, bird
<b>Kau</b>	beef/steak
<b>Rumwij</b>	late
<b>Mokaj</b>	early
<b>Emman</b>	good
<b>Nana</b>	bad
<b>Itok</b>	come

#### Common Phrases

**Ta ne kwo konan wotar?**  
*What would you like to order?*

**Elon ke bao?**  
*Is there any chicken?*

**Ejjelok ak ewor kau.**  
*There's none, but we have steaks.*

**Enaj ke mokaj aer komat?**  
*Will the cooking be a fast?*

**O, jet ien emokaj ak jet ien e rumwij.**  
*Sometimes it's fast, but sometimes it's slow.*

**Ekwe, letok mok ruo kau, komol.**  
*Well, give me two steaks, thanks.*

**Ta, kolak lale emman buae en ke enana?**  
*Say, do you think the waitress is good or bad?*

**Kwon mok bar ba buwae en en itok bwe ewor ao kajitok.**  
*Can you ask the waitress to come? I have a question.*

**Komaron ke letok juon bakbok im book?**  
*Can you give me one knife and fork?*





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1) Ensign Jacob Muenchau, left, and Construction Mechanic Third Class Alex Mendoza of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 clean up the Emon Beach playground on Feb. 23. NMCB-5 personnel adopted the beach park upkeep as a service to the island community during deployments. 2) Builder Third Class Libby Knudsen measures the height of the fire blocking to ensure proper spacing for the Richardson Theater project in February. 3) Equipment Operator Second Class Ricardo Najera is dry-fitting flexible electrical conduit for the power distribution of the Richardson Theater.



Pollution and litter in and around the world's oceans poses a growing problem. Plastic waste and other discarded trash endangers wildlife, negatively affects natural habitats and ruins the natural world for all of us. Please remember to discard trash in the proper receptacles around Kwajalein.



# STEPHANIE BROWN: KWAJ KID TURNED TEACHER

USAG-KA Public Affairs Officer Mike Brantley invites you to meet Kwaj kid Stephanie Brown. This article is one in a series of three interviews with island residents who came back home. Keep an eye on next week's Hourglass for another Kwaj kid interview.

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

People say that Kwajalein is shaped like a boomerang and people eventually come back to it over time.

This is evident with several Kwaj kids, the term bestowed upon individuals who grew up part of their life on Kwajalein and have returned to live and work here.

### When were you here as a kid?

I lived on Kwajalein from 1993-2000, I was here from KAPS (what the preschool was called then) up to the fifth grade. I did not graduate from Kwajalein High School.

### How was it growing up here?

I absolutely loved growing up here. One of my favorite memories of living out here was hanging out at North Point almost every weekend, while my dad would windsurf.

One time, the fin of his board broke off on the reef. We snorkeled out to where he remembered it breaking, and I found it stuck on the coral. We were able to retrieve it and super glued it back to his board.

### Where did you go after graduation?

Once we PCS'd from Kwaj, my family relocated back to Boston.

I went to college at the University of New Hampshire and graduated in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work.

### What brings you back?

I have always wanted to return to Kwaj, ever since I left as a kid, for the unique experience as an adult.

### Do you think the island has changed?

I am still relatively new to being back on island, but I have noticed that a lot of buildings that used to host events are run down and non-operational, which I hope will eventually change.

### What is your role on Kwaj now?

I am the lead teacher of the Baru classroom at the Child Development Center. I am responsible for the infants, pre-toddlers, and toddlers.

### What inspired you to become a teacher?

I wanted to come back and teach Kwaj Kids because I wanted them to have the



COURTESY PHOTO

Christine Cruz, a 2017 graduate of Kwajalein High School, returned to Kwajalein to teach the island's youngest residents at Child and Youth Services.

same incredible experience that I did.

I can still remember all my teachers' names and how they made our school year fun and adventurous, given the environment. I think it's unique that I am teaching kids in the same building that I once attended preschool.

### What is the best part of Kwaj life?

For me, the best part of living on Kwaj so far has been reconnecting with a lot of Kwaj kids that I grew up with in the 90's, some of which I hadn't seen in over 20 years. I also really enjoy riding around.

### Are there drawbacks to living on Kwaj?

I would say the distance between here and the States is a slight drawback, only because it takes a few days to get back to see any family members.

### Tell me about the kids on Kwaj and why you dedicated your life to teaching.

The kids on Kwaj are full of energy! They are eager to learn and play. As I mentioned before, I took the opportunity to come back to Kwaj to teach because I felt that I wanted these kids to have a similar experience.

I want to be a model of the unique education that I experienced and grew up to tell everybody about back in the States.

### How long have you been back on Kwaj, and is this the first time you've returned since you lived here?

I just got back to Kwaj at the beginning of August 2022. Before that, I visited in 2009 and 2010.

## MOVIES

### Yuk Theater Kwajalein

#### Dad's Movie Night

Saturday, March 4

Yuk Theater for a special screening of "Puss in Boots" (PG) 90 min.

Sun., Mar. 5

"The Fablemans" (PG-13) 151 min.

Mon., Mar. 6

"She Said" (R) 129 min.

Sat., Mar. 11

"Toy Story 2" (PG) 90 min.

Sun., Mar. 12

"Ticket To Paradise" (PG-13) 104 min.

#### Family Movie Night Under the Stars

Sat., March 12

7:30 p.m. at Emon Beach  
"Puss in Boots" (PG) 137 min.

Mon., Mar. 13

"The Outfit" (R) 145 min.

#### Adult Movie Night Under the Stars

Sat., March 19

7:15 p.m. at the Adult Pool  
"Plane" (R) 107 min.

#### Tradewinds Theater Roi-Namur

Sat., Mar. 4

"Mission Impossible Fallout" (PG-13) 147 min.

Sun., Mar. 5

"Only the Brave" (PG-13) 133 min.

Sat., Mar. 11

"Holmes and Watson" (PG-13) 90 min.

Sun., Mar. 12

"Ford VS Ferrari" (PG-13) 152 min.

Unless otherwise indicated, all movies begin at 7:30 p.m. Contact MWR at 480-3331 for more information. Show times may vary for special "Movies Under the Stars" events.



Have a question for the command team?  
Call the Commander's Hotline at 480-1098.





# THE CLASSIFIEDS

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## ACTIVITIES

**KWAJALEIN ART GUILD MEMBER-SHIP DRIVE & MEETING.** Thursday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Kwajalein Hobby Shop. If you live art, or want to become a registered home-based business/vendor for upcoming KAG Craft Fairs, join us to learn more about KAG membership. Snacks will be provided.

**BARGAIN BAZAAR DONATION PICK-UP.** Monday, March 13. For donation pick-up, please email or call Nellie Walter at [nelliew25@hotmail.com](mailto:nelliew25@hotmail.com), FB message, or by calling 480-0894. All donations benefit the YYWC Education Assistance Fund.

**KAG SPRING CRAFT FAIR.** March 27, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Kwajalein High School Multi-Purpose Room. Apply for a vendor license by March 6. Submit applications by March 20.

**EASTER BAKE SALE.** Saturday, April 8, from 4 – 6 p.m. across from AAFES at the Mic Shop. All proceeds benefit the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club Education Assistance Fund to assist schools in Micronesia. Bakers are needed to produce breads, pastries, cookies, pies and cakes. Please contact Liz Haggerty for more information at [L\\_a\\_haggerty@yahoo.com](mailto:L_a_haggerty@yahoo.com).

**HARBOR CLEAN-UP.** Monday, April 17, from 1-4 p.m. at the Small Boat Marina. We will scuba dive and pick up trash in the lagoon in honor of Earth Day. There will be no boat traffic. All divers must be present for the briefing at 1 p.m. to dive. The first 50 people to sign in on dive day will receive a Kwajalein Scuba Club towel. For more information, contact Cliff Pryor at [islecliff1@aol.com](mailto:islecliff1@aol.com).

## CAC OFFICE

Bldg. 835

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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](mailto: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

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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](https://akima.taleo.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/https://calibresyscareerssilkroad.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](http://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](http://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.

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](https://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).



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

Work: 480-0660

or 480-1419

**USAG-KA SHARP Pager:**

805-355-3241 #0100

**DOD SAFE Helpline:**

877-995-5247



## NOTICES

GLASS BEACH ACCESS LIMITED. Until April 15, access to the lower half of the beach is limited with the following restrictions. Contact Patrick Chauvey at 480-0129 with questions.

- 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.

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. Email to the post office to authorize pick up for 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.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## BARGAIN BAZAAR DONATION PICK UP DATE

### MONDAY, MARCH 13



For donation pick up, please email or call  
**Nellie Walter**

nelliew25@hotmail.com, FB Message or call 480-0894

All donations benefit the YYWC Education Assistance Fund

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.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY 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 480-3550.

KWAJALEIN FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE BUILDING MANAGER EVACUATION COORDINATOR TRAINING. BM/EC Training is conducted every first and third Wednesday every month on Kwajalein and the second Wednesday of each month on Roi. Classes occur at the Kwajalein REB Bldg. and Roi Bldg. 8212. To attend BM/EC training, you must first contact Celal Kosak of the Kwajalein Fire Prevention Office first at 480-2137 or Hubert Tish at the Roi Fire Department at 480-6334.

## PASSPORTS

Complete the passport application at [travel.state.gov](https://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.

Free passport photos are available. Contact Host Nation Activities at 480-2103 for more information.

### PASSPORT FEES

Adult passport renewal: \$130  
Adult passport (first 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 the post office.

## 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.





Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician Darren Wheeldon briefs young Child and Youth Services students on UXO safety during their Feb. 15 field trip to the Kwajalein EOD Office.

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



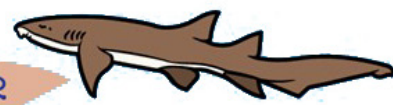
Enter your yard for the chance to win! The USAG-KA Yard of the Month program is for all residents of Kwajalein Army Family Housing. Each month, the Kwajalein Housing Office will choose three island quarters for consideration.

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 Calvin Alexander at 480-9188, or write to calvin.r.alexander2.civ@army.mil.



Tune in to local live radio, 7 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m., on AFN 99.9 and 97.9.



## HARBOR CLEAN UP DIVE

**MONDAY, APRIL 17 FROM 1 - 4 P.M. AT THE KWAJALEIN SMALL BOAT MARINA**

We will be scuba diving and picking up trash in the marina in honor of Earth Day. There will be no boat traffic that day. To participate, divers must be present for the 1 p.m. safety briefing. On dive day, the first 50 divers to register will receive a free Kwajalein Scuba Club towel. For more information, contact Cliff Pryor at islecliff1@aol.com

Kwajalein



MIA Project

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





E-wareness  
No-Fishing Areas

No fishing areas exist at the Kwaj landfill and in the Kwaj, Meck, Roi, and Illeginni Harbors due to PCB and/or heavy metals contamination.

Call 480-1134 for more information.

Ejjab melim enwod turin Kwaj landfill ak dump eo im bareinwot ob ko ion Kwaj, Meck, Roi, im Illeginni kin wot PCB im jonan lap in paijin ko ie rej walok jen metal ko.

UNITED AIRLINES  
FLIGHTS

March  
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.)

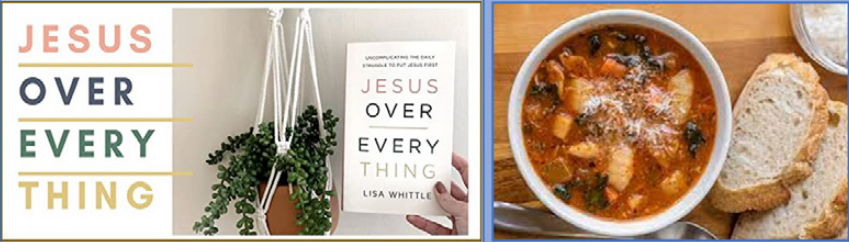
**\*\*Please note that all flights are subject to change.\*\***

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](mailto:crockettdavies@hotmail.com).



Christian Women's Fellowship - CWF  
Sunday, March 5 at 1 p.m.

Bring a friend & Join us in the REB for a light lunch and fellowship for our monthly bible study and dive into the book "Jesus Over Everything" by Lisa Whittle.

Want to Learn  
Marshallese for Free?

Join us at  
Kwajalein High School in the  
Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room

March 22, 29, and April 5 and 12  
from 6 - 6:45 p.m.



The Kwajalein Art Guild presents the 2023  
SPRING CRAFT FAIR

March 27, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

KJSHS Multi-Purpose Room  
Vendors wanted! Sign up to sell your art!  
Paperwork available at the Hobby Shop.  
Deadline to sign up:

Get your Vendor License in by March 6  
Submit your Fair Application by March 20





# VARIETY SHOW

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5**  
**KWAJALEIN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**DAVYE DAVIS MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**  
**SHOW BEGINS AT 7 P.M.**  
**COME EARLY FOR A COFFEE & POPCORN**  
**SOCIAL HOUR, 6 - 6:55 P.M.**

Get ready for a fun evening brought to you by USAG-KA Child and Youth Services, the Keystone Club and many talented volunteers from the community!

Donated proceeds from this event will go to Waan Aelōñ in Majel (WAM), a traditional Marshallese outrigger canoe building school that aims to empower Marshallese men and women by focusing on a skill deep rooted in Marshallese history and culture.

**Support  
Waan Aelōñ  
in Majel!**





# SPM

**CONNECT  
TO PROTECT:  
SUPPORT IS  
WITHIN REACH**

**WE'RE IN THIS  
TOGETHER**

**"We are all brothers and sisters of the same Army Family and we need to look out for one another. That's what I would expect my Family to do for me. Take time to notice when things aren't right, then take action."**

— Pfc. Julio Nunez Oliveros - 142nd Military Police Company,  
94th Military Police Battalion, 19th Expeditionary Sustainment Command.

We all experience hardships, contact a friend, Family member, Chaplain, or professional for help. We can find support in each other and together we will see things get better.

If you or a loved one are thinking about or experiencing thoughts of suicide, please call the Military Crisis Line by dialing **988** and **pressing 1**. In Europe, dial 00-800-1273-8255. In Korea, dial 0808-555-118.



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[www.armyresilience.army.mil](http://www.armyresilience.army.mil)






# Calling All Hands!! Help gather food/water for the families of Ebaddon!



- **(Why)** The community of Ebaddon has and continues to experience droughts, low water supply, and food shortages. They need our help immediately!
- **(What)** Requesting water, canned, dry, and transportable food stuffs, other donations such as hygiene kits, soaps, medical supplies will be accepted and delivered.
- **(When)** Deadline of **April 6**, donations can be dropped off at the local RMI office, downtown Kwaj, or picked up by calling **480-1824/0133**.



## USAG-KA WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

### WEATHER DISCUSSION

A weak trough moving southwest through the Marshall Islands will bring some showers to Kwajalein Atoll later Saturday into Sunday morning.

A few spots could receive over a quarter of an inch of rainfall. Otherwise, the drier than normal weather pattern extends into next week following a very dry February. Winds will freshen to around 15 knots from the NE-ENE later, on Saturday.

It will be breezier next week before winds slacken closer to next weekend.

NE-ENE at 12-17 knots late. Occasional higher gusts, especially near showers.

### SUNDAY

Partly to mostly sunny with widely scattered showers early decreasing to stray showers. Winds NE-ENE at 12-17 knots with occasional higher gusts, especially near showers.

### MONDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers. Winds NE-E at 12-18 knots with occasional higher gusts, especially near showers.

### NEXT WEEK

Breezier with isolated showers. NE-E winds at 13-20 knots are forecast to slacken late in the week. Wednesday and Thursday are expected to be the windiest days.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	7:01 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	5:18 p.m. 5:22 a.m.	3:49 a.m. 3.2' 3:52 p.m. 4.1'	9:36 a.m. 0.2' 10:12 p.m. -0.2'
MONDAY	7:01 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	6:05 p.m. 6:04 a.m.	4:11 a.m. 3.6' 4:17 p.m. 4.4'	10:02 a.m. -0.1' 10:34 p.m. -0.4'
TUESDAY	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	6:50 p.m. 6:43 a.m.	4:33 a.m. 3.9' 4:41 p.m. 4.6'	10:28 a.m. -0.3' 10:56 p.m. -0.6'
WEDNESDAY	7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	7:35 p.m. 7:21 a.m.	4:57 a.m. 4.1' 5:05 p.m. 4.7'	10:54 a.m. -0.5' 11:18 p.m. -0.6'
THURSDAY	6:59 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	8:20 p.m. 7:59 a.m.	5:20 a.m. 4.3' 5:29 p.m. 4.6'	11:21 a.m. -0.5' 11:40 p.m. -0.6'
FRIDAY	6:59 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:06 p.m. 8:36 a.m.	5:45 a.m. 4.4' 5:54 p.m. 4.4'	11:48 a.m. -0.4' -----
MARCH 11	6:58 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	9:54 p.m. 9:16 a.m.	6:11 a.m. 4.3' 6:19 p.m. 4.1'	12:03 a.m. -0.5' 12:17 p.m. -0.3'



**Work and play safely.**

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

## EASTER BAKE SALE

**Saturday, April 8, 4 - 6 p.m.**  
across from AAFES  
at the Micronesians Shop





All proceeds benefit the YYWC's Education Assistance Fund to assist schools in the Marshall Islands and beyond



## OPSEC SAVES LIVES

TO LEARN MORE, ASK YOUR SECURITY OFFICER