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 JESSICA DAMBRUCH

KWAJALEIN HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NIGHT

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Scholarships were awarded to graduating Kwajalein High School seniors in last week's awards program.

Members of the Kwajalein Atoll Local Government were among the representatives who joined island community organizations and individual donors at the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room May 6 for the second annual awards ceremony. Together, they congratulated the recipients and their families.

Though each organization donated generously, it would be difficult to quantify how much the monetary gifts will represent to students in the upcoming years. Many expressed their abiding gratitude to the award representatives following the ceremony.

With each presentation, the students learned a bit about why their unique outlook, community contributions and future aspirations had caused their scholarship applications to stand out amongst their peers. Far-away family members watched the ceremony via a live stream supported by the V2X Audio Visual Department.

Some awards commended volunteerism, others participation in athletics and other activities. Three of the most memorable annual scholarships awarded honored the virtues and talents the recipients shared with former island residents Lee Allas, Ed Zehr and Stephanie Hibberts, Lindsay Davis and Mel Sanchez.

Kwajalein Girl Scout and Boy Scout leadership took to the stage with U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Command Sergeant Maj. Ernest Miller to honor scouts who had achieved the culminating rank and associated honors of senior scouting, to include two Girl Scout ambassadors and a notable five Eagle Scouts.

Additional awards were presented by the representatives of many island organizations, to include the following:

Schools-Affiliated Organizations: Kwajalein Schools Music Award, Kwajalein Sports Association, Spartan Scholarship, Ri-Katak Alumni Scholarship, and the Jinetiptip Women's Club.

Atoll Organizations: Kwajalein Atoll Local Government, Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club, Kwajalein Yacht Club, Island Memorial Chapel, Kwajalein Scuba Club, Kwajalein Art Guild, Kwajalein Atoll Local Government, Parent Teacher Organization, and the Kwajalein Atoll International Sport Fishing Club.

Corporate donors: TribalCo, Massa-

chusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory, and Louis Berger, who awarded generous scholarships in the amount of \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Notably, contractors Range Generation Next and V2X each awarded a scholarship to each of the 16 graduates.

Following this kick-off to commencement week, students and families enjoyed a dessert reception. The community thanks all of the participating organizations and individuals for their caring recognition of the island's students.

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Kwajalein Schools Music Award recipient Mary Naut accepts her award from KHS Band Director Kyle Miller during the 2023 Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room May 6.

Celebrate May

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

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Together with fellow scouts and students, the McCollum triplets performed service projects for the atoll community toward the completion of their senior Scouting requirements. 1) Makoa, (back row) and Matai (front row) with a few of the finished bike racks they built on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. 2) Maliana McCollum reads to Ebeye students as part of her early literacy-focused drive to collect and distribute books for young Ebeye students. 3) From left, the McCollum Boy Scouts are joined by fellow Scouts Andrew Strong, left, and Myles Sylvester, right.

SIBLING SCOUTS PERFORMED SERVICE PROJECTS FOR ATOLL COMMUNITY

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

With the help of dedicated friends, families and volunteers, over the past year, island siblings and graduating seniors Maliana, Makoa, and Matai McCollum earned top Scouting honors. While striving to attain their seniormost Scouting rank, they completed service projects for communities on the atoll.

These capstone service projects—the Girl Scout Gold Award and Eagle Scout Service Project, respectively—challenge Scouts to research, develop and lead all aspects of a community service project plan while building leadership skills. After observing and sharing many opportunities to help and volunteer in community life, the triplets chose projects that would meet the needs of three different atoll communities.

Maliana, a Senior Girl Scout and Ambassador Scout, completed her GS Gold Award earlier this spring with a focus on developing early literacy skills on Ebeye. Eagle Scouts Makoa and Matai have each completed Eagle Scout service construction projects, building bicycle racks for public use on Kwaj and Roi-Namur.

In completing their projects, Scouts learn to face challenges. They must finish their service projects before the age of 18 and all associated tasks, such as leading building activities, sourcing materials, and organizing volunteer labor. Senior Girl Scouts involved in a Gold Award Service Project must log a minimum of 80 hours of project time toward the completion of their goal.

On Kwajalein, Scouts must also submit a formal project briefing to the Garrison Commander, and often seek support from island personnel—especially in recent years, as the pandemic lockdown presented its own unique impacts on island life.

Matai’s Kwajalein Bike Racks
Island residents noticed and appreci-

ated the six custom-built bike racks that appeared at Emon Beach last summer after more than 100 hours of planning by Matai McCollum and his support team.

As a popular island hangout, Emon Beach has lots of bicycle traffic. From his lifeguard station, Matai could see the bike “parking jams” along the beach path as a potential safety obstruction.

He knew what could happen if emergency services personnel needed to get through to the beach to respond to an accident.

“He noticed from a ‘first responder’ perspective, so to speak, that he was having to move bikes because if the EMS had to come up for an emergency, they could not get through,” said Matai’s father, Mark McCollum.

Creating new bike parking would not just be a morale booster—it would be a community safety service.

Matai’s project plan grew to include others who could provide support services and supplies.

“Working on these projects really helped me learn how to be responsible with all the materials, and how to reach out to people,” Matai said.

With a team of support Scouts and volunteers, Matai cut lumber to size and built the bike racks. The hardware and lumber were donated by U.S. Navy Seabees, who also arranged for the materials shipping to support the service project.

Today, the finished racks are in good working order, of sound build and available for community use.

“I felt very accomplished,” said Matai, of the work. “I felt like I did a big thing for the community and seeing people park their bikes there makes me feel really good.”

Makoa’s Roi Bike Racks

You never know where an Eagle Scout may turn up to help another.

Longtime Roi residents Sharon and Bo Dearmon—the Eagle Scout—inspired Makoa McCollum’s Roi bike rack



COURTESY PHOTO

From left: Mark McCollum, Makoa McCollum, Maliana McCollum, Matai McCollum, and Masina McCollum.

project. Roi needed sturdy bike racks, as many of those available were in states of disrepair. Bo knew it could make great Eagle Scout Service Project and shared his idea.

Though Roi is a small community, it is also a travel hub and temporary home for TDY personnel, contractors, distinguished visitors, range technicians and Kwaj residents looking for a weekend getaway. Functional bike racks would raise their quality of life and be of much use.

Together with his father, Mark, Makoa documented the condition of the Roi racks to inform an initial project estimate. His project idea: to build two new bike racks for Roi beach shacks, and to repair up to 23 of the bike racks for the island.

With the help of his volunteer team, Makoa learned to lead the different phases of the project. His crew cut and prepared the lumber for the repair and building. He also worked to arrange logistical support. Materials and crew traveled to Roi-Namur via the USAV Great Bridge, where they would stay overnight to complete the construction over a long weekend.

The project exceeded its scope and was finished under its time estimate. The team moved ahead and repaired and painted 29 bike racks—every bike rack in the Roi housing area.

Each is sanded and sealed with “Kwaj brown” paint donated by the Public Works Department.

“Look at the build,” said Masina McCollum, the triplets’ mother. “It’s complicated. They put in a lot of time.”

Masina said Makoa chose to challenge himself by performing a project on Roi—an island which in some respects is overlooked when it comes to Scouting projects.

“People don’t really consider Roi,” Masina said. “The island hasn’t had any service projects. So, it was special that Makoa took the time to think about another community that he loved to go and visit.”

Makoa thanked Bo and Sharon Dearmon, Capt. Ron Sylvester, his volunteers and the Seabees for their support.

“When I was growing up, I didn’t understand how much a leader has to do,” Makoa said. “Leading people who helped me with my project was a task. I had a learning curve. ... [This project] shaped me as a person to become more of a leader, and I want to be more of a leader going into the future.”

Maliana’s Literacy Project

Maliana McCollum was inspired by her mother’s compassion and expertise as an educator as she planned her Girl Scout Gold Award Project to promote early literacy for Ebeye children.

“My mom was the one who initially sparked this idea for my project because she’s been an educator, and she’s been working with kids for many years now,” said Maliana. “She’s also played a big role in [the Marshallese] community, as well.”

However, her drive for the project to

succeed evolved into a personal mission. It was a way to give back to the atoll communities that had raised her.

After issuing a social media call to action in December, with the help of her troop and project teammates, Maliana collected books suitable for children aged pre-K through second grade to be distributed to school children on Ebeye.

By March, Maliana had distributed more than 500 books at Ebeye’s eight elementary schools, according to a Girl Scouts Overseas social media post by Carrie Aljure. The McCollum household served as a depot for the numerous drop-offs.

The extended Kwajalein community of former residents even participated by mailing books to the atoll.

Maliana, her family, and the Scouts began to work to carry larger loads of books on each trip. Collectively, more than 300 hours of labor and planning went into the execution of each project, and book deliveries continue to the McCollum residence continue.

The positive impacts of the projects will continue. When Maliana departs from Kwajalein after graduation, the island’s Cadet Girl Scouts will continue the project as a troop endeavor, making regular book donations and visits to Ebeye schools.

She hopes to check on the young students on return visits to Kwajalein.

The service projects were a learning experience for them all, said Masina. “Scout projects involve the support of the whole family. Mark and I had to really learn to take a step back to allow the Scouts to lead.”

She said she is proud of the triplets’ efforts, as they continue a family tradition of service to others.

“Growing up, it was my culture to serve others,” Masina said. “[On Kwajalein] your friends are your family, and you help everyone. That’s just what we chose to do, and that’s how we chose to raise [the kids]. It makes a difference to your community.”

The Boy Scouts learned that something as simple as bike parking can provide a community with hope and resources. Looking back on his own project, Matai realized it had taught him more than how to build.

“I feel like that helped me grow as a person,” he said.

“Roi residents came to check out our work, and started parking their bikes at the racks,” said Makoa, of his bike rack build. “They would come out and talk with us while we were working.”

“He definitely wanted to give back,” Mark said, of Makoa. “He said, ‘You know, the people there were very appreciative.’”

“Growing up here and being involved in many different types of service projects to support our host nation community has definitely had a profound impact on my life, and how I choose to make decisions and on what I believe is important,” Maliana said. “I hope to see that within the younger scouts and see them start to develop that understanding, hopefully—that want and that drive to be of service to our host nation.”



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1) Makoa McCollum affixes a nameplate to a Roi bike rack to identify it as part of his Eagle Scout Service Project. 2) Maliana McCollum, center, commemorates a class visit for her Girl Scout Gold Award Project with a photo at an Ebeye elementary school.

COVID-19 TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS LIFTED FOR MARSHALL ISLANDS, UNITED STATES

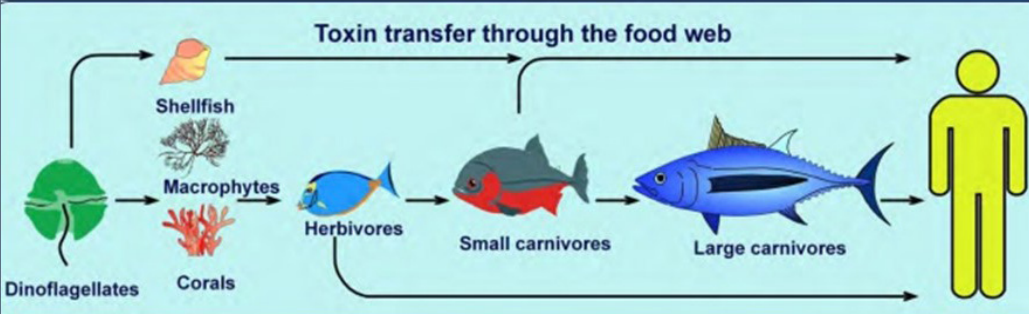
PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Press Release by the RMI Ministry of Health and Human Services

As of May 11, the existing Covid-19 travel requirements to enter the RMI have been lifted. This decision takes into careful consideration the global, regional, and national Covid-19 epidemiology, vaccination coverage, and capacity to respond to future outbreaks, as well as positional statements of the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention. WHO Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, in a statement released on May 5, stated that Covid-19 no longer constituted a public health emergency of international concern, but now has become an established health issue. This does not mean that Covid-19 is no longer a threat to human lives, but most countries are now in a better position to deal with this condition through widespread uptake of immunization and have mechanisms in place to prevent and respond to future outbreaks,

as well as epidemiological trends of very low rates of infection, hospitalizations, and deaths. Similarly, the United States CDC has announced that as of May 12, all non-citizens traveling into the U.S. will no longer need to present proof of Covid-19 vaccination. The public is advised of their need to continue to ensure their Covid-19 immunizations remain updated in accordance with the Ministry of Health and Human Services, WHO, and CDC recommendations.



Attention All Island Residents: Please Read for Ciguatera & Environmental Safety Information

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Dredging and filling operations will commence at Emon Beach to cover exposed beachrock on May 18. Shoreline construction activity can increase the potential for ciguatera poisoning in fish, and residents are advised to avoid consuming fish from this area. Questions? Call 480-0722.

Kójjelā ñan aolep bwe enaj wór jerbal in kób ion bedbed ak bulón lojet eo iturin wót Emon Beach May 18 raan ñan kókmanman lok im pinej drekā ko rewalok. Enaan in kakkól bwe jerbal kein remaroñ kóllaplok paijin in ciguatera ilo eek ko im jej karoñ aolep bwe komin jab enwód ak móñā eek ko jen area in. Call e 480-0722 ñan melele ko relaplok.

MIT LL Beaver Works Summer Institute To Return In July

HOURLASS REPORT

Press Release by MITLL

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory, is now accepting student applications for the fourth summer STEM program on Kwajalein. Scheduled to run July 5 through 31, the MIT Beaver Works Summer Institute – Kwaj is open to high school students within Kwajalein Atoll who have completed ninth grade and are eligible to apply. Applicants who are visiting for the summer are also welcome to submit their applications. Up to two courses will be offered this year. Medlytics combines computer science with a focus on medicine, and miniRACECAR will offer students the chance to experience computer science and robotics. Applications are due by May 23. Students selected will be notified by June 1. Reach out to Dr. Sarah Willis on Facebook to receive a digital copy or to receive more information.



It's a tough job, but someone's got to keep an eye on the RustMan triathletes. Pictured here, four of the island's lifeguards commemorate race day with a courtesy photo by Mark McCollum.

RUSTY FAMILY MINI-TRIATHLON

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Shortly after the Rusty Family Mini-Triathlon began, a downpour drenched participants during their first lap in the bike segment. It didn't deter the more than 40 competitors in this year's family friendly condensed triathlon event. In fact, some of them beat their recorded best times.

May 9 brought families and friends outdoors to cheer on the competitors, aged as young as 9 years, in their 500-yard swim, 10-mile bike and 2-mile run. All completed this year's events safely with zero injuries. The race back to the finish line was rewarded with the chance to enjoy fresh grilled hotdogs, hamburgers and popcorn, while timekeepers tabulated their results.

Be sure to check out the scores and photos to follow, and come on out to cheer on the mini-triathletes next year.



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1) Team Wentworth Family crosses the finish line. 2) Ben Venghaus splashes out of the lagoon at the end of the swimming segment. 3) David Sholar, left, high fives a young member of team Mack Attack at the finish line. 4) Glory Reed, of team Rock, Paper, Scissors, heads back to Emon Beach at the end of her running segment. 5) Attendees at a water station brave out a downpour to assist cyclists near the Kwajalein air terminal.

DO THE RUSTMATH

NAME	SWIM	BIKE	RUN	TOTAL
Rowen Primeaux.....	0:10:18	0:35:31	0:20:57	1:06:46
Ellie Miller.....	0:10:53	0:42:01	0:18:19	1:11:13
Elsie DiBiase.....	0:11:07	0:45:27	0:22:11	1:18:45
Anne Marie Zink.....	0:12:14	0:47:55	0:20:01	1:20:10
Lucas Tongue.....	0:12:48	0:47:34	0:20:21	1:20:43
Michael Melody.....	0:11:02	0:42:21	0:28:30	1:21:53
Emily Walter.....	0:13:45	0:43:37	0:24:53	1:22:15
Roy Tongue.....	0:14:08	0:46:12	0:26:04	1:26:24
Jackson Ladd.....	0:16:24	0:49:15	0:22:48	1:28:27
Benjamin Venghaus.....	0:09:58	0:56:29	0:22:37	1:29:04
Ava Sorenson.....	0:12:46	0:52:27	0:26:45	1:31:58
Alonzo Cardillo.....	0:11:57	0:58:15	0:23:47	1:33:59
Rachel Melody.....	0:11:33	0:58:52	0:29:31	1:39:56
Ezekiel Cardillo.....	0:13:34	1:04:46	0:24:41	1:43:01
Lucas Howe.....	0:14:41	0:58:56	0:30:51	1:44:28
Berkely Cardillo.....	0:13:41	1:04:43	0:27:10	1:45:34
Delina Cardillo.....	0:20:17	0:58:04	0:43:30	2:01:51
Amelia Nickell.....	0:15:45	1:07:52	0:38:56	2:02:33

TEAM	SWIM	BIKE	RUN	TOTAL
Two Cool For School Noah DiBiase, Nathan Melody, Philip Prim.....	0:10:09	0:33:03	0:20:55	1:04:07
Heavy W8s Jacob, Dustin & Tyler Waite.....	0:13:21	0:37:07	0:14:54	1:05:22
RK (Rusty Kings) Kristoff Sales, Ryan Butler.....	0:12:11	0:37:54	0:18:01	1:08:06
The Blondies Juliet Delisio, Krissy Behrends Lilly Debates.....	0:10:49	0:35:45	0:22:52	1:09:26
The Three Musketeers Jacob Hutchinson, James Kabua-Sakaio, Gabe Makovec..	0:10:48	0:43:06	0:17:50	1:11:44
Rock, Paper, Scissors Dani Makovec, Lizzy Waite, Glory Reed.....	0:10:40	0:41:54	0:22:37	1:15:11
What's For Dinner Danica, Daniel & Rose Primeaux.....	0:12:26	0:39:07	0:25:08	1:16:41
Kwaj-Es Nathan, Melissa, Madison, Owen & Alison Elkins.....	0:20:15	0:36:53	0:19:43	1:16:51
Barely Managing Eva, Ethan & Avery Acosta.....	0:12:30	0:35:06	0:29:57	1:17:33
Team Rios Nathaniel, Tori, Caedmon, Amerie & Lenore Rios.....	0:15:51	0:43:57	0:24:03	1:23:51
Ao, bajikal, eturr Kevin, Mandy & James Melody.....	0:14:52	0:38:24	0:30:51	1:24:07
The Neighbors Everett, Jared & Crockett Neighbors.....	0:13:50	0:43:42	0:27:46	1:25:18
Pirates Joshua Bell, Stephanie McCutcheon, Savanna Gastineau..	0:14:36	0:48:28	0:23:41	1:26:45
We Ladds Ben, Laura & Norah Ladd.....	0:16:33	0:49:07	0:24:24	1:30:04
Sorensen Squad Tom, Whitney, Reese & Tommy Sorenson.....	0:12:46	0:52:27	0:26:45	1:31:58
Team Jackson Ben, Audrey, Jameson & Charlotte Jackson.....	0:13:36	0:54:18	0:25:04	1:32:58
Nine-Ninety Nine Freddy, Paula & Jeffrey Fluhrer.....	0:17:17	0:54:10	0:26:02	1:37:29
Letter Family Emily, James & Luke Letter.....	0:15:43	0:57:16	0:26:30	1:39:29
Wentworth Family Jon, Mara, Camdon, Andrew & Connor Wentworth.....	0:21:48	0:54:19	0:27:57	1:44:04
Riccardi Party Nate, Suzy, Sadie & Hannah Riccardi.....	0:15:28	1:04:54	0:27:41	1:48:03
Catey's Carriers Patrick, Jacque & Catey Phelon.....	0:14:27	1:03:52	0:33:27	1:51:46
Finding Molly Yessenia, Yamila & Yenovi Johnson.....	0:20:05	1:04:04	0:38:32	2:02:41
Mack Attack Kaila, Wesley & Emerson Mack.....	0:17:49	1:22:10	0:23:29	2:03:28
I Don't Really Care Cora, Lee, Gabe & Jace Nickell.....	0:13:01	1:27:04	0:30:09	2:10:14

FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH: A TALE FROM THE RUSTMAN

BY MIKE BRANTLEY / USAG-KA PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 44th edition of the Annual Kwajalein RustMan triathlon recently concluded with the usual fanfare, personal bests, tears, effort and sweat. Many competitors try their hands, and feet, to do better than they did the previous year. This year, one competitor came back from what seemed to be a devastating injury during RustMan 43, to finally finish the competition. This is his story.

Rustman 43 in 2022 started off as a goal for Matt Griffin, an island resident on Kwajalein. “It was something I had never done,” said Griffin. “Honestly, I had never thought about trying such an event until here.” Griffin completed the 1-k swim and the 42-k bike, but it was during the 10-k run when tragedy struck – he fell to the ground with a broken leg.

“I really don’t know much other than hitting the ground,” said Griffin. “I don’t know why it broke. I didn’t know if I had a disease or something that was at the root of it.” Griffin added that he was heartbroken and demoralized after breaking his leg. “I put in a lot of training and was really wanting to have a good time. I just couldn’t believe it—the fact that it had happened was a shock.”

Griffin said he was happy with how he was treated on Kwaj and in Hawaii and was grateful to walk a few days following surgery and was back on Kwaj a month later. “The rehab was hard. I had to really figure out how to do it, but I had the goal of coming back in my mind the whole time. My doctor in Oklahoma said you will be lucky to run a mile, much less a 10-k.”

Griffin proved the doctor wrong recently as he completed RustMan 44 with a time of 31:44 on the 1-k swim, 1:59:19 on the 42-k bike, and, more importantly, finished the 10-k run with a time of 1:16:37.

So, how did it feel to finally complete the RustMan?

“I felt kind of angry—I had a terrible time due to bike troubles,” said Griffin. “I wanted to do a 3-hour RustMan, but the bike was demoralizing.

“I was happy to finish, but truth be told, I knew I was going to,” said Griffin. “I knew when I had my surgery and was coming back, that I was going to finish. I don’t mean to sound cocky, but I was not going to have that be my only attempt at this. I knew I had the ability and determination to get it done.”

Griffin credits the physical therapist at Kwajalein Hospital with getting him into a routine of stretching and working on his mobility after surgery.

“I really couldn’t start doing much until August (2022),” said Griffin. “I did



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Kwajalein resident Matthew Griffin competes in the bike segment of the 44th annual RustMan Triathlon April 29.

a lot of resistance bands in quarantine and after I got out. Nikki (Delisio) got me running a little. I got to doing more and more as time went on, but I really had to let my body dictate what I could do. I miss running; I love it; but I had to be smart about it.”

Griffin said he worked on biking indoors 30 minutes to an hour. He then transitioned outside for distance. “It took a few rides,” Griffin explained, “but I really started to get back into the swing of it and was putting up nice practice times. I felt strong going into the RustMan with the bike—but my bike problems messed that up.

Griffin’s problem with his bike stemmed from riding with the brake on for 10-plus miles. “When I got on my bike, I was trying to clip in and fell. I guess when I did, I hit the front brake and it was touching the rim. It felt like a flat tire.

“Kevin Melody finally figured out my problem and I got to biking,” said Griffin. “Once the problem was solved, I killed the bike and left it all out there. I knew that was my best chance to make up any time. However, I didn’t make up as much as I would have liked.”

In addition to finishing the run, Griffin improved on his swim time by four minutes from last year. “My swim time was garbage, but I knew it was going to be. I was happy with my run even though I was beat after all the energy I had to expend on the bike. I kept my miles between 12 and 13 minutes, which was a pretty good pace.”

So what drives this Oklahoma native to

keep going even after an injury?

“I want to be the best,” said Griffin. “My problem is that I confuse that with doing my best. Sometimes I push too hard, get too invested and need to make myself relax. I have goals of what I want to accomplish. I am always trying to do it a little better. I really don’t compete against others. It is a battle of me against inner me. I know what I can do and want to push that envelope.”

Griffin wants to thank all the people who have supported, and continue to support him on his road back. “Since I got off the plane May 2022,” said Griffin, “I have heard people call me a rock star or an inspiration or things like that. They do feel good, but I am not any of those things. I am just a guy trying to get my life straight and get the most out of it as I can.

“Most everyone who knows me knows I don’t drink. I threw away 17 years of my life due to alcoholism. It was not my finest moment. I know I can’t get those years back, but I am trying to live my life to the fullest now. I am trying to become a success in the world in one way, shape or form.”

Griffin admits that his drive to do better can be exhausting, but it is what keeps him motivated to find his next goal. “Me without goals is like a ship without a rudder. It wanders aimlessly. I need to take some time to see what my next goals are going to be. As much as I hated my time in this RustMan, I finished it. I could have bailed when my bike had problems, but I was going to finish it one way or another. It was my dragon to slay.”



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U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

On May 11, 1978, United States President Jimmy Carter issued Presidential Directive/NSC-37 - National Space Policy.

The objectives, outlined in the seven-page policy, were twofold: “(1) to advance the interests of the United States through the exploration and use of space and (2) to cooperate with other nations in maintaining the freedom of space for all activities which enhance the security and welfare of mankind.” Eleven basic principles were defined by which the space program would be conducted.

These include for example, the following:

“(a) Commitment to the principles of the exploration and use of outer space by all nations for peaceful purposes and for the benefit of all mankind.

“Peaceful purposes” allow for military and intelligence related activities in pursuit of national security and other goals. ...

c. “Rejection of any claims of sovereignty over outer space or over celestial bodies, ...

d. The space systems of any nation are national property and have the right of passage through the operations in space without interference. ...

e. The United States will pursue activities in space in support of its right of self-defense.

f. The United States will maintain a

national intelligence space program.

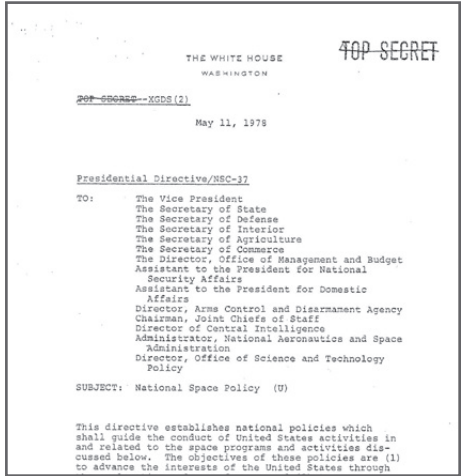
g. The United States will pursue space activities to increase scientific knowledge, develop useful civil applications of space technology, and maintain United States leadership in space.

h. The United States will conduct international cooperative space-related activities that are beneficial to the United States scientifically, politically, economically, and /or militarily.

i. The United States will develop and operate on a global basis active and passive remote sensing operations in support of civil, military, and national intelligence objectives ... j. The United States will maintain current responsibility and management relationships among the sectors focused on civil, defense and national intelligence objectives.

k. Close coordination, cooperation, and information exchange will be maintained among the space sectors to avoid unnecessary duplication and to allow maximum cross-utilization”

RIGHT: This courtesy graphic from U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command displays the first page of the declassified Presidential Directive/NSC-37 - National Space Policy, issued by United States President Jimmy Carter (above right) in May 1978.



U.S. Embassy Nuku'alofa opened this week with a flag-raising ceremony. Distinguished visitors and guests attended the observance, including Tonga's acting Foreign Minister Samiu Vaipulu. Deputy Chief of Mission Tony Greubel remarked that the event symbolized the renewal and strength of the bilateral relationship shared by the U.S. and the people of Tonga. Embassy social media shared photographs in a post earlier this week, and noted that the embassy's opening comes "less than a year after Vice President Kamala Harris announced the United States would pursue discussions to establish an embassy in Tonga. ...It is the beginning of a new chapter of #USwithTonga relations."



Call the Command.
If you have questions or comments for USAG-KA Command, call the Commander's Hotline at 480-1098.



U.S. NAVY PHOTOS BY CONSTRUCTIONMAN ELECTRICIAN FIRST CLASS FLOYD DAVIS.

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SEABEES AT WORK



U.S. NAVY PHOTOS BY CONSTRUCTIONMAN ELECTRICIAN FIRST CLASS FLOYD DAVIS

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U.S. NAVY PHOTOS BY CONSTRUCTIONMAN ELECTRICIAN FIRST CLASS FLOYD DAVIS

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U.S. NAVY PHOTOS BY UTILITIESMAN SECOND CLASS RYAN TUCKER



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1) Equipment Operator Second Class Ricardo Najera of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 moves shoring for the crew so they can set up scaffolding at the Richardson Theater onboard U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. 2) Builder Third Class Libby cuts bracing for the projection screen of the Richardson Theater on May 5. 3) Builder

Second Class Jacob Simpson Jenkins cuts sound board for the projection screen speaker boxes of the Richardson Theater. 4) On May 3, Ensign Jacob Muenchau of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 received his Seabee Combat Warfare pin from Steelworker Chief Juan Lopez, also of NMCB 5, at the theater.



FOUR TEAMS CLAIM SOFTBALL VICTORY IN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Kwajalein Softball Championships. The season’s exciting final games began last week and wrapped up with A-League finals on May 12. 1) A League winners Team Jikalum; 2) Women’s League champions Team Pancake Batters; 3) B League champions Team North Camp; and 4) Coed League champions, Team Rain Outs.



Mother’s Day Lunch
Sunday, May 14
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Café Roi & Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility

***Families welcome! Regular meal rates apply for customers who do not carry meal cards.*

Featured Menu Items

- Buttered Lobster
- Glazed Pit Ham
- Ribeye Steak
- Red Skin Mashed Potatoes
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Roasted Root Vegetables
- Green Bean Casserole
- Classic Chicken Salad
- Apple Walnut Salad
- Deviled Eggs
- Shrimp Cocktail
- Fruit Cobbler

What is the carbon cycle?

EXTERNAL REPORT

By the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The carbon cycle is nature’s way of recycling carbon atoms. Carbon is the foundation for all life on Earth. Carbon is the foundation of all life on Earth, required to form complex molecules like proteins and DNA.

This element is also found in our atmosphere in the form of carbon dioxide. Carbon helps to regulate the Earth’s temperature, makes all life possible, is a key ingredient in the food that sustains us, and provides a major source of energy to fuel our global economy.

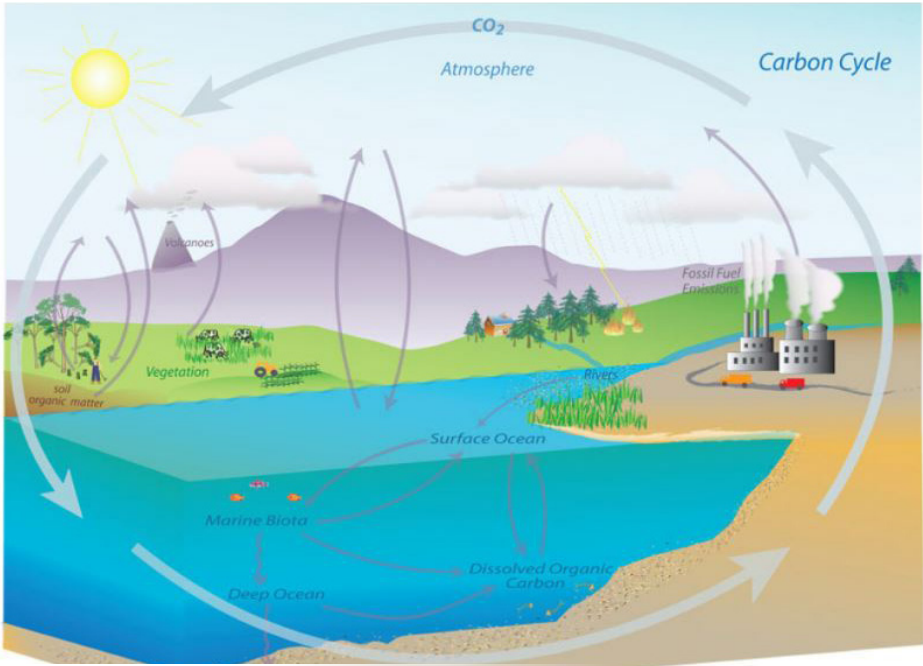
The carbon cycle describes the process in which carbon atoms continually travel from the atmosphere to the Earth and then back into the atmosphere. Since our planet and its atmosphere form a closed environment, the amount of carbon in this system does not change. Where the carbon is located—in the atmosphere or on Earth—is constantly in flux.

On Earth, most carbon is stored in rocks and sediments, while the rest is located in the ocean, atmosphere, and in living organisms. These are the reservoirs, or sinks, through which carbon cycles.

Carbon is released back into the atmosphere when organisms die, volcanoes erupt, fires blaze, fossil fuels are burned, and through a variety of other mechanisms.

In the case of the ocean, carbon is continually exchanged between the ocean’s surface waters and the atmosphere, or is stored for long periods of time in the ocean depths.

Humans play a major role in the carbon cycle through activities such as the burning of fossil fuels or land development. As a result, the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is rapidly rising; it is already considerably greater than at any time in the last 3.6 million years.



NOAA PHOTO

ADVANCING LEADERS
THROUGH OPPORTUNITY
ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH
KIMBERLY M. MITCHELL

BARGAIN BAZAAR SUMMER HOURS

June 1 through Aug. 30
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Wednesday Only
Wenje Wot
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

USAG-KA COMMUNITY TOWN HALLS



Roi—May 17, 1 p.m.
Tradewinds Theater

Kwajalein—May 23, 5:30 p.m.
Kwajalein High School Multi-Purpose Room

Measles International Travel Advisory

Protection Against Measles Importation Into The Marshall Islands

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Health and Human Services (MoHHS) in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) hereby issues this International Travel Advisory due to the current measles outbreaks now occurring in many countries, including all regions of the WHO and in some states of the United States.

The RMI is highly susceptible to measles introduction due to low immunity coverage of less than 90 percent, Vitamin A deficiency and stunting in 35 percent of children under age 5. Measles is highly contagious and can spread easily from person to person through the air, via breathing, coughing and sneezing, and impacts both children and adults.

Every case of measles on average infects 12 to 18 non-immune people exposed to those infected individuals. In addition to the measures outlined herein, the MoHHS will also be conducting supplementary immunization activities (SIA for measles) in the republic.

If the measles virus is imported to the RMI, transmission of measles will spread immediately and rapidly. Therefore, the Ministry is requiring all persons traveling to (including domestic travel to the neighboring islands) and from the Republic of the Marshall Islands to abide by the following requirements:

Outbound International Travelers: Effective Immediately

Infants of RMI Citizens and Foreign Residents (6 months of age up to 11 months) travelling internationally are strongly recommended (but not mandated) to be vaccinated against measles two weeks prior to travel.

This is called a “zero dose” and is given in addition to two doses of measles containing vaccine administered between 12 and 15 months of age, acquire long term

protection of 97 percent.

The measles containing vaccine used in the RMI is the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine. A copy of the infants travel document/E-ticket is required to receive this vaccination from Public Health.

RMI Citizens and Foreign Residents (children 12 months of age up to 66 years of age or born after 1957) traveling internationally are strongly recommended (but not mandated) to be vaccinated and up to date against measles two weeks prior to travel. A copy of the traveler’s E-ticket is required to receive this vaccination from Public Health.

Teenagers and adults with no evidence of immunity (no documentary proof of immunization), are strongly recommended (but not mandated) for a first dose followed by the second dose 28 days later.

All travelers planning to return to the RMI in the foreseeable future are encouraged to ensure that they meet the requirements of this TA and plan appropriately.

In addition, kindly review the TA’s of planning destinations.

All Incoming Travelers to the RMI & domestic travel to neighboring islands - Mandatory & Effective Immediately-

All children less than 5 years old must have their vaccinations for MMR (or Measles and Rubella) up to date. This includes immunization for infants aged between 6 and 11 months.

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required to receive this vaccination from Public Health.

Proof of vaccination must be presented upon arrival or entry will be refused.

Persons suffering from contagious disease, and persons who have been exposed to such disease, may be isolated and quarantined in accordance with regulations issued pursuant to Chapter 7 of the Marshall Islands’ Revised Code Chapter 1 Section 106 of the Public Health and Sanitation.

All up-to-date vaccinated persons entering the RMI will need to “watch and monitor” their own health for three weeks upon arrival/return. Measles symptoms typically include:

- High fever (may spike to more than 104-degrees F)
- Cough
- Coryza or runny nose
- Conjunctivitis or red, water eyes
- Rash (develops 3-5 days after symptoms begin)

Any travelers who develop these symptoms must seek medical care immediately. Public Health officials contact information will be distributed at the ports of entry. These officials will require the ill patients to inform them of their recent travels to measles-affected areas, and these officials will need to know whether the travelers received a measles vaccination.

The most effective protection from measles is getting vaccinated. Protect yourself and your loved ones from measles. For further information, please contact the following:

Majuro - 692-625-3625 (24-Hour Hotline)

Ebeye - 692-329-9303 (24-Hour Hotline); Email inquiries: funderwood@rmihealth.org

KEY TIMES to Wash Your Hands



✓ Before

- Eating or preparing food
- Touching your face

✓ After

- Using the restroom
- Coughing or sneezing
- Leaving a public place
- Handling mask
- Changing a diaper
- Caring for someone sick
- Touching animals or pets

THE CLASSIFIEDS

MOVIES

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.

SUMMER SLAM 2023

EACH GAME WILL LAST 2 WEEKS BEFORE MOVING ONTO THE NEXT GAME UNTIL GAMES ARE OVER

Team roster of not more than 15 members. Final standings per event will go towards an overall 2023 Summer Slam Champion Award.

Teams must play in each event.

Happy Summer Slam & may the best team win!

Weeks 1-2
Water polo



Weeks 3-4
Volleyball



Weeks 5-6
Basketball



Following Weekend
Kickball



Kwajalein Yuk Theater	Roi-Namur C-building
Saturday, May 13 "Casper" (1995) (PG) 100 min.	Saturday, May 13 "Daddy's Home 2" (PG-13) 100 min.
Family Movie Night Under The Stars May 14 at 7:30 p.m., Emon Beach "Fireheart" (PG) 112 min.	Sunday, May 14 "IT" (R) 94 min. Saturday, May 20 "Geostorm" (PG-13) 69 min.
Sunday, May 14 "Creed" (PG-13) 133 min.	Sunday, May 21 "Thank You for Your Service" (R) 109 min.
Monday, May 15 "80 for Brady" (PG-13) 98 min.	Saturday, May 27 "The 15:17 to Paris" (PG-13) 114 min.
Saturday, May 20 "Lightyear" (PG) 100 min.	Sunday, May 28 "Instant Family" (PG-13) 119 min.
Sunday, May 21 "Creed II" (PG-13) 130 min.	Unless otherwise indicated, all mov- ies 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.
Monday, May 21 "Cocktail" (R) 104 min.	
Saturday, May 27 "Penguins of Mada- gascar" (PG) 92 min.	
Sunday, May 28 "The Mask of Zorro" (PG) 136 min.	
Monday, May 29 "The Mechanic" (R) 93 min.	

ACTIVITIES

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. Sunday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m., Emon Beach, enjoy "Fireheart," (PG) 112 min.

LIFEGUARD CLASS. Registration: Now through - May 20. Class Dates: May 28 - June 3. This course requires a series of tryout swim tests. Tryout date and time: Tuesday, May 23, 5 - 7 p.m. at Millican Family Pool. Questions or to register, contact Cliff Pryor at 480-2828 or clifford.pryor@vectrus.com. Participants must be at least 15 years-old by the last day of the course.

DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT. Sunday, May 21, 7 p.m. at the Adult Pool, enjoy "Creed III" (R) 117 min.

MILLICAN FAMILY POOL
Hours of Operation Starting Sunday May 28: Closed for cleaning on Thursdays. Noon - 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Sundays and Mondays: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

MEMORIAL DAY EMON BEACH BASH. Monday, May 29. Enjoy bounce houses, water slides, games and food and beverage sales from 5 - 6 p.m. If you would like to perform in this year's edition of Kwajalein Idol, please contact MWR at 480-3331. Special performance arrangements can be accommodated.

QUIZZO. Beginning May 10, every second Wednesday at the Ocean View Club is Quizzo night. Bring a friend and get ready for mind-bending, face-melting trivia!

CAC OFFICE

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. CAC Office Hours, Bldg. 835, are Tuesday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; (Lunch: noon - 1 p.m.); Sat. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Questions? Call 480-8496.

EAP SERVICES

The Kwajalein Hospital team welcomes Kenneth Thomas, the island's Employee Assistance Program 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.

E-WARENESS

No Fishing Areas
Call 480-0722 for more information.
No fishing areas exist at the Kwaj and Roi landfills, and in the Kwaj, Meck, Roi and Illegini Harbors due to PCB and/or heavy metals contamination.

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

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.

FLIGHTS

****Please note that all flights are subject to change.**** For the latest update on your flights on United, ATI or Air Marshall Islands:
ATI: 480-2169; AMI: 480-3469;
United: 480-4852 or 1-800-UNITED1;
Air Terminal Services: 480-2660; Flight Information Recording: 480-3589

UA Schedule Through June
Monday and Friday
UA 155 (HNL)
Check-in 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday and Saturday—UA 154 (GUM)
Check-in 10:45 - 11:15 a.m.

JOBS

To research and apply for government employment opportunities on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and worldwide, visit usajobs.gov. Write to kwajalein-hourglass@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 reside on USAG-KA and possess a valid passport. For 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.

CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES is hiring a facility director (req. 31990) and lead teacher (req.31991). All required background checks must be successfully completed and maintained. A health assessment is also required. Apply online at www.vectrus.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGER. KFS LLC is accepting resumes for a Health and Safety Manager to support an upcoming Environmental Project on Kwajalein. Visit <https://honuserVICES.jobs.net/en-US/job/health-and-safety-manager/J3N1RL6KDG9RWPTYQDF> for additional information, including the full job description, qualifications, and resume submission instructions.

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 at 480-2632, 480-4995 or 480-4996.

TRIBALCO is hiring for multiple positions. Applicants must meet job requirements. Apply online at tribalco.com/jobs, www.kaihonua.com, and www.akima.com. Contact Tribalco Human Resources at 480-4344. Visit www.tribalco.com/careers.html. An active security clearance is required.

QUANTUM DYNAMICS, INC., is accepting resumes for positions on Kwa-

jalein 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.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS. Kwajalein School System is hiring part-time substitute teachers for on-island hire with no guaranteed hours. Minimum requirements: confidentiality, 4-year degree and love of working with kids. Teaching certificate preferred. CNACI background check must be completed after receipt of job offer. Apply at careers.vectrus.com, 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.

KOMMOL TATA

****Send in your thank-yous, signed or anonymous, to kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.com****

KOMMOL TATA to the kids we saw down at the beach last weekend picking up trash along the shore. We are really grateful!

THANK YOU, VERY MUCH, to the complete stranger who helped fish my hat out of the water. -Chris

THANKS, DFAC. I am that guy who shows up late to get ice cream right before the end of the day. I like the toppings, and the staffers at the counter are always really nice.

NOTICES

NOTARY AND POWERS OF ATTOR-



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

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

Work: 480-0660 or 480-1419

**USAG-KA SHARP Pager:
808-580-3241**

DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247

NEY SERVICES will not be available between June and August 2023. Those who may need a Power of Attorney (e.g., for childcare, household goods, real estate closing, etc.) or have been delayed in notarizing something are advised to make an appointment with US-AG-KA Legal Counsel David Creed at david.m.creed.civ@army.mil.

KWAJALEIN POOLS ARE CLOSED. Due to mechanical issues, both the Millican Family Pool and Adult Pool are closed until further notice. Your patience is appreciated.

Not feeling well? Call 480-2223 to make an appointment for a COVID test, Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. If you are not feeling well, please wear a mask when you are around others in the community.

COVID TESTS. Get free at-home COVID-19 tests this winter. Every US household is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. Need help placing an order for your at-home tests? Call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

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

Memorial Day Emon Beach Bash

Monday, May 29

Bounce Houses, Water Slides and Games

Food & Beverages available from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

7 p.m.
Kwajalein

If you would like to perform, please contact MWR @ 5-3331 (Karaoke, Acapella and special arrangements can be accommodated)

Idol

departures. Contact Airfield Operations at 480-2131 with any questions.

ISLAND ORIENTATION and Newcomer's Briefings occur in the REB, behind the Island Memorial Chapel. To register, email KWAJ_OSO_Ops@Vectrus.com or call 480-3511.

ARMA. Log in to ArMa, the Army Maintenance Application, to report issues for all buildings maintained by the Department of Public Works. Contact Public Works at 480-3550.

AUTOMOTIVE LICENSING. The Automotive Licensing Office has moved to Bldg. 808. Visit during regular hours of operation to complete license testing and documentation.

DON'T TAKE CULTURAL ARTIFACTS. 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. Do not remove these pieces of atoll history from Kwajalein. For questions contact the Kwajalein Archaeology Office at 480-8867.

NOTIFY THE VET. Pet owners must notify Kwaj Vet Services before taking vacation. A pet sitter authorization form for treatment is required prior to departing the island. Reach Veterinary Services at 480-2017 Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

POST OFFICE. Customers must notify the post office before leaving for 30 days or PCS'ing. Per DOD 4525.6-M, mail is only allowed to be held for 30 days with or without prior notice. Mail is considered unclaimed on day 31 and will be returned to the sender. Email 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.

MAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Pets give us comfort, friendship, and unconditional love. Our connection to them can be among the strongest relationships in our lives. However, pets can cause fires. We need to be careful with pets in the home.

- Some pets are chewers. Watch

pets to make sure they don't chew through electrical cords.

- Pets are curious. They may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops.
- Make sure pets are included in your family's fire evacuation plan. Build an evacuation kit for each pet in your household.
- Fact: Pets or wild animals have a part in starting about 750 home fires per year. These involve cooking equipment, fireplaces and chimneys, space heaters, lamps, bulbs, wiring and candles.

PASSPORTS

Passport services are temporarily on hold until the U.S. State Department approves a new head of facility for Kwajalein. The community will be notified when services resume. Questions? Contact Mike Sakaio at 480-2103.

PASSPORT SERVICES. Complete the passport application at travel.state.gov. Print completed forms and ensure you have a copy of your existing passport and other documents, including parents' identification cards, and birth certificates. Photos must not be older than six months. Applicants should not wear eyeglasses in the photo. Free passport photos are available. Contact Host Nation Activities at 480-2103 for details.

PASSPORT FEES. Adult passport renewal: \$130; Adult passport (first application): \$165; Minor passport (15

and younger): \$135; Adult Passport Card: \$30 ; and Minor Passport Card: \$15. Only money orders and cashier's checks payable to "U.S. Department of State" are accepted and 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.

NOT ALLOWED ON USAG-KA: bow and arrow, air guns, paintball and other projectile weapons.

VEGETATION. Per USAG-KA Regulation 420-1, vegetation may not be planted in the ground without approved permits. Residents may be asked to remove items if planted without approval. Do not place sprouted coconuts in yards.

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

TAXI

CALL 480-TAXI (8294) or 3341 to book your ride at least 24 hours in advance of your check-in time for United Airlines and ATI flights. The Automotive Department thanks you.



Covid-19 Vaccine Boosters Available For Ages 65+

Those 65 years and older may now receive a bivalent Covid-19 booster if it has been over 120 days since their initial bivalent Covid-19 vaccine dose.

To register, please email Seanholbrook@internationalsosgs.us, or call 480-2223 to make an appointment

If an emergency or disaster occurred, would you and your family be notified?

- 1) Visit the USAG-KA Emergency Management webpage at <https://home.army.mil/kwajalein/index.php/my-fort/EM>**
- 2) Click on “Mass Notification”**
- 3) Follow the registration instructions.**

Don't wait. Connect to the information flow.

8-BALL TOURNAMENT



Saturday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Outrigger Bar

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT US AT THE
MWR OFFICE, BLDG. 8224, OR CALL 480-6580.



8-BALL TOURNAMENT



Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

ADULT REC CENTER (ARC)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT US AT THE GRACE SHERWOOD LIBRARY OR
OUR KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY EVENTS FACEBOOK PAGE (480-3133)



**QUIZZO
OUTRIGGER BAR**

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY, MAY 20 at 7 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US AT THE MWR OFFICE,
BLDG 8224. (480-6580)



OUTRIGGER BAR TOURNAMENTS

BAGGO

7 P.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 27



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT US AT THE MWR OFFICE - 480-6580

DOUBLE 6 DOMINOES

MAY 19



7 P.M.

ADULT REC CENTER (ARC)

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SHERWOOD LIBRARY OR OUR KWAJALEIN
COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE.
(480-3133)



SPADES TOURNAMENT



MAY 18, 7 P.M.
ADULT REC CENTER (ARC)

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COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE. (480-3133)



ROI SAND VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Registration Aug. 4 – Aug. 11

Managers Meeting Aug. 12



Season Begins Aug. 19

For more information, please visit us at our Kwajalein Community Sports
Facebook Page, Community Activities Office ROI, or call 480 - 6580



**QUIZZO
OCEAN VIEW CLUB**

TRIVIA NIGHT

**Every second Wednesday
of the month**

Beginning May 10



Kwajalein



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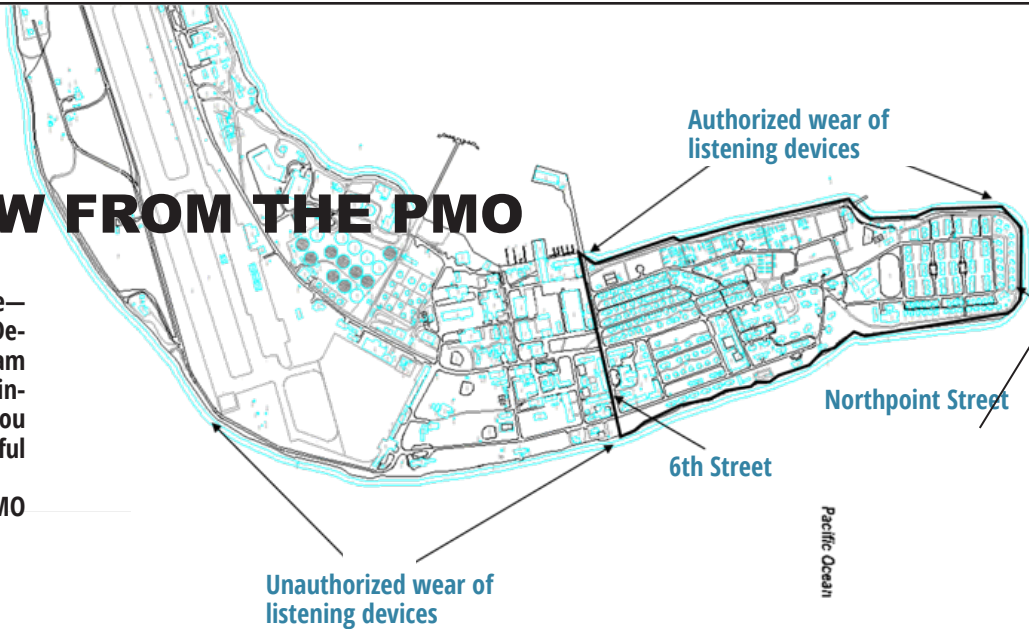
NEVER FORGET

<https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/>

GOOD-TO-KNOW FROM THE PMO

The Kwajalein Provost Marshal's Office—better known as the Kwajalein Police Department—is located in Bldg. 806. The team welcomes the chance to help you and maintains an active Facebook page where you can private message questions and helpful information.

Read on for a few updates from the PMO about safety and island life.



REGULATION UPDATE

USAG-KA Regulation 56-4 Motor and Non-Motor Transportation, Vehicle Operation and Control, was signed into effect April 26. (This action rescinds USAG-KA Regulation 190-5, Motor Vehicle, Non-Motor Vehicle and Bicycle Traffic Supervision, and consolidates its contents into USAG-KA 56-4).

If you enjoy listening to music or audio-books while walking or doing physical fitness activities around Kwajalein, this regulation applies to you.

- Wear of portable listening devices is authorized only while walking, running, jogging and cycling on USAG-KA roads between 6th Street and Northpoint Street, so long as the device is not “noise canceling.”

- Wear of listening devices south of 6th Street is unauthorized.
- Bicycles and/or riders are required to operate a form of lighting in use while operating on USAG-KA roads between sunset and sunrise. Headlamps on the rider and/or flashlights affixed to the bicycle are acceptable.
 - Wear of protective helmets while cycling is a Sponsor's decision. However, helmets are required when conducting “speed training.”


For more information, email usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd-mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil

HOW TO SUBMIT GUEST SPONSORSHIP FORMS

The Provost Marshal's Office will no longer accept hard copy forms. Only forms sent digitally will be accepted. All 55R's, Community Exchange, 480's and Day Guest forms will be sent to usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd-mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil.

All documents must come from your servicing Human Resources representative. **All forms must be received 14 days prior to the beginning of travel of the sponsored.**

Questions regarding forms can be directed to the 5-4416 or 5-3739.

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Effective: June 25, 2023							
KWAJALEIN (KWA)							
INFO	SUNDAY NO FLIGHT	MONDAY UA155	TUESDAY UA154	WEDNESDAY UA133	THURSDAY UA132	FRIDAY UA155	SATURDAY UA154
ARRIVING FROM		Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae	Honolulu, Majuro	Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei	Honolulu, Majuro	Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae	Honolulu, Majuro
CHECK-IN COUNTER CLOSES NINETY (90) MINUTES PRIOR TO SCHEDULED DEPARTURE							
*CHECK-IN COUNTER HOURS		2:00PM - 4:50PM	10:30AM - 11:15AM	2:00PM - 4:15PM	11:15AM - 11:55AM	2:00PM - 4:50PM	10:30AM - 11:15AM
ARRIVAL TIME		5:40PM	12:05PM	4:45PM	12:25PM	5:40PM	12:05PM
PASSENGER SCREENING		2:00PM - 5:00PM	10:30AM - 11:25AM	2:00PM - 4:25PM	11:20AM - 12:00AM	2:00PM - 5:00PM	10:35AM - 11:25AM
BOARDING BEGINS IMMEDIATELY AFTER CABIN INSPECTION IS COMPLETE							
DEPARTURE TIME		6:20PM	12:45PM	5:45PM	1:25PM	6:20PM	12:45PM
DESTINATION		Majuro, Honolulu	Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Guam	Majuro, Honolulu	Pohnpei, Chuuk, Guam	Majuro, Honolulu	Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Guam
*Passenger must be checked-in NO LATER THAN NINETY (90) minutes prior to scheduled departure time.							
Cargo must be booked 48 hours prior to tendering day of flight							
TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE							

Effective June 25, the Island Hopper will resume full service to Kwajalein Atoll.





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BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY.

HOBBIES SHOULDN'T
COMPROMISE OPSEC.

Visitors and residents on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll must abide by applicable physical security regulations for island photography. Please contact an island security representative for more information about how you can do your part to take great pictures while supporting the mission of the U.S. Army.



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:01 p.m.	2:10 a.m. 2:18 p.m.	12:21 a.m. 2.7' 12:20 p.m. 3.5'	5:57 a.m. 1.3' 7:04 p.m. 0.6'
MONDAY	6:30 a.m. 4:01 p.m.	2:55 a.m. 3:11 p.m.	1:23 a.m. 3.2' 1:25 p.m. 3.7'	7:16 a.m. 0.9' 7:51 p.m. 0.3'
TUESDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:01 p.m.	3:38 a.m. 4:01 p.m.	2:08 a.m. 3.7' 2:14 p.m. 3.9'	8:11 a.m. 0.5' 8:28 p.m. 0.1'
WEDNESDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:01 p.m.	4:20 a.m. 4:52 p.m.	2:45 a.m. 4.2' 2:55 p.m. 4.0'	8:55 a.m. 0.1' 9:01 p.m. -0.1'
THURSDAY	6:30 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	5:03 a.m. 5:44 p.m.	3:19 a.m. 4.5' 3:32 p.m. 3.9'	9:34 a.m. -0.1' 9:32 p.m. -0.2'
FRIDAY	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	5:48 a.m. 6:37 p.m.	3:52 a.m. 4.7' 4:06 p.m. 3.8'	10:11 a.m. -0.3' 10:02 p.m. -0.2'
MAY 20	6:29 a.m. 7:02 p.m.	6:35 a.m. 7:32 p.m.	4:23 a.m. 4.8' 4:40 p.m. 3.7'	10:46 a.m. -0.3' 10:31 p.m. -0.1'

WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

It has been a relatively quiet week for Kwajalein with light winds due to a weak pressure gradient, giving us a bit of that doldrums feel. Our only real wet day was on the eighth of May with just over two inches of rain.

The Intertropical Convergence Zone is sitting just south of Kosrae, and is trailing back to Majuro. Most of the ITCZ's convection is occurring to the east near the date line, where the lower and upper levels are favorable for growing and maintaining precipitation.

The ITCZ is expected to grow westward, but still remain south of the central RMI, which means no major outbreaks of rain for the weekend.

We are mostly looking at trade wind speed conver-

gence induced isolated to widely scattered showers.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with isolated to widely scattered showers. Winds ENE at 10-15 knots, with occasional higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny to occasionally partly sunny with isolated showers mainly in the morning, and a stray possible thunderstorm. Winds ENE at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Mostly sunny with occasional isolated showers. Winds ENE at 12-17 knots with higher gusts near showers.

EARLY WORK WEEK

Mostly sunny with occasional isolated showers. Winds picking up a bit to 13-18 knots out of the ENE with higher gusts near showers.

UXO SAFETY 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 Boku-tan 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.



**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.**