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Say hello to the new crew: U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three is back on island and ready to work. Members of the detail turned up at low tide for an all-hands battalion photo following a double promotion ceremony.

SEABEES PROMOTED ON KWAJALEIN

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Two of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three's Sailors were promoted in a small oceanside ceremony Wednesday, June 21, following their arrival over the past two weeks to Kwajalein.

SWCN Zachary Sherrill, from Virginia Beach, Virginia, was promoted to Steelworker Third Class (SW3). He has served in the U.S. Navy for three years and hopes to catch a tuna while here on Kwajalein.

BUCN Michael Davidson, from Kiln, Mississippi, was promoted to Builder Third Class (BU3). He has served in the U.S. Navy for one and a half years and plays the electric guitar.

1) SWCN Zachary Sherrill, and 2) BUCN Michael Davidson, left, are congratulated by Chief Petty Officer Matthew Beckham this week after earning their promotion.



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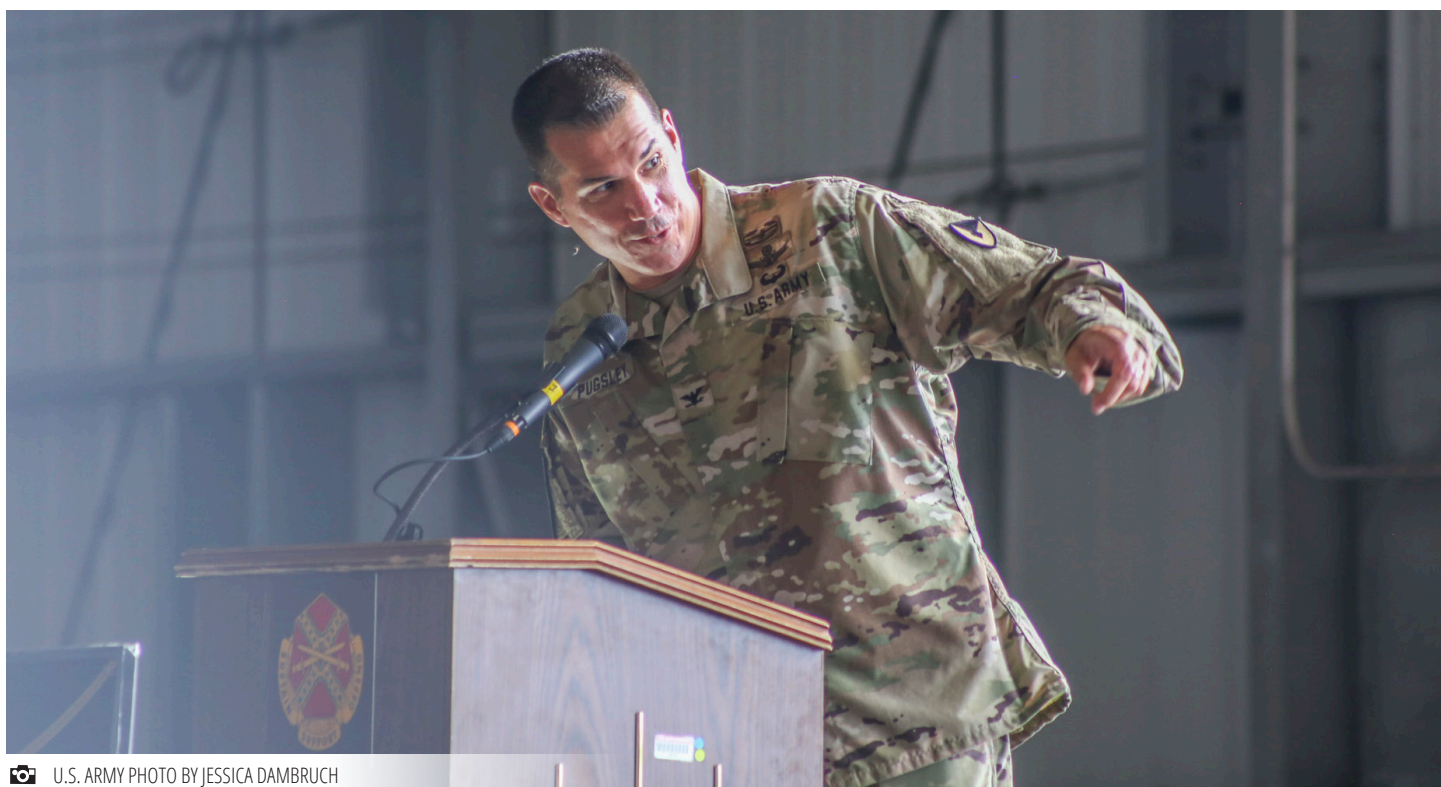
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USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley addresses guests during the 2021 Change of Command ceremony.

COMMANDER WORKED TO BUILD A STRONGER FUTURE FOR KWAJALEIN

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

After 18 months of stateside pandemic lockdowns, Col. Tom Pugsley assumed command of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll in 2021. He was happy to bring his family to the island community where they could enjoy the many experiences Kwajalein has to offer.

During his tour of duty, Pugsley strived to build bridges between work departments and island organizations to promote communication, transparency and a common sense of understanding about the nuances of island life and operations.

Together with his team of Department of the Army civilians, Pugsley took on more challenges than could perhaps be completed in 10 tours.

Some of these improvements will not be complete before the Pugsley family departs for their next duty station. Even so, it is the commander's hope that the connections forged and plans laid during his command will help to build a stronger future for Kwajalein.

Looking back on his tour of duty, Pugsley recently discussed his thoughts and observations about life in the unique island community he and his family have come to call home.

Jessica Dambruch: What things about life on Kwajalein have you enjoyed? I recall when you first came out that "Movie Nights with Dad" began to encourage the community to enjoy the outdoors together.

Col. Tom Pugsley: They are still going. I attended for my first six weeks on island. I took my kids to one or two movies a

week, and I'd say three quarters of the time we were the only ones there—and then, we had up to 86 people, sometimes standing room only, for "Movie Nights with Dad." I'm glad, and hope that continues and we continue to provide different opportunities to get people together and just hang out.

When I think about all my most fun times here, I think about the small group of friends that we have been able to hang out with to enjoy the island while fishing, scuba diving and floating.

The Kwajalein Swim Team is one of my favorite things about Kwaj. I challenge all incoming parents: regardless of what your kids want to do, Swim Team is the one thing I make my kids do, and they enjoy it. I think it's one of the few unbelievably great community activities that we have on Kwaj that brings most of the community together. I really love swim team. It's an awesome activity.

Of course, then there is the island weather itself—there are remarkable opportunities to get out there and to enjoy the outdoors.

Now, I keep joking with Shawna and the kids. I'll say, "Let's go to the beach." Their response is "Oh, not again"—because it's "all we do," right? I'll respond, "We're not going to see the beach for at least a year when we go back to the States, so enjoy it while you can."

As I mention in most newcomers' briefs, one year, two years, three years goes by in the blink of an eye. Don't be in the position at the end of your time here to regret not doing something.

Luckily, we did everything we wanted to, and we really enjoyed it. We'll remember our friends, the community we have here and how they came together for almost everything. It's remarkable. You won't find that at any other installation in the Army.

My original impression—and my current impression—is that Kwajalein place is still a beautiful place to work and live.

I have probably never had a two-year period in my career where I've been able to spend as much time with my family, especially being in command.

Most brigade commanders are up and out there at 6 or 7 a.m. and stay at work until 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. They routinely miss dinners with family. I make it a point 95 percent of the time to be home for dinner. Sometimes I've still got to come back into the office afterwards, but what a great opportunity to be able to get some quality time with the family.

There are other things about Kwajalein that I now understand more fully. I cannot think of another installation or job I've had where I've been able to do so much, even though we're fairly constrained by our resources in how we are able to support the community, our mission partners, higher headquarters and the three different bosses I have.

When I arrived, I did not have as deep an appreciation for how unique and special this place is amongst all garrisons. The number of different aspects that we must consider here make it a place like no other. My awareness of this was heightened during my initial assessment and took a while to build. Now, it's at the forefront of my understanding.

You get here, and think, "This place is beautiful." It is beautiful on the surface, and a great community of awesome people—but it is under resourced and fallen into that gray area of the Army/Department of Defense. For so many years, it has not received the advocacy and attention it needs to get where it needs to be. We still have a lot of work to do.

JD: Please tell us more about that.

COL: When you become more acclimated to the community and to the work that we do here, you recognize there's a problem: many plus years of neglect of infrastructure investments and facilities. Over the past year, our primary focus



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Members of the Pugsley and Caro families grab snacks for an indoor Halloween movie night in 2021 at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room. The Pugsley family made a point to frequent many of the family events on Kwajalein—especially “Movie Nights With Dad” at the Yuk Theater.

was to look at infrastructure, to look at the contract and to look at all these things that are unique in the Army and deviate from traditional Army issues.

This place could be so much better in so many ways with adequate resourcing. What we see is 50 years of slowly decreasing capacity and support to the community.

The Yokwe Yuk Club used to be a pillar of the community and was condemned for lack of investment. That’s how we look at the Richardson Theater and the things we are working on right now, and the bowling center—there is just a ton of opportunity that we missed out on. There is a lot of work to be done here.

That is what is highlighted the most for me after two plus years: the amount of work that still needs to be done.

JD: Hopefully we will see things pick up and continue, and those investments come through so we can get the life of those facilities back.

COL: It’s going in that direction. The problem is that this is one of the most expensive places to operate in the Army and the third most expensive place in the DoD. It is hard to get anything done here.

When you look at our limited resources, it’s a constant privatization battle. Do we get either fire stations or some investment for the bowling center? Do I get new houses? If I get new houses, do I get enough? There is always a constant back and forth over what must get prioritized, to get after: a long list.

The island’s annual workplan is 600-plus projects long. I could afford 40. Think about that. It’s like carving small chips out of a large, overarching problem. Meanwhile, the problem continues to crumble, and to get worse over the years. It’s an interesting problem.

JD: One thing you can count on, on Kwajalein, is that everything will rust.

Work and life are also in a perpetual balance, here. Please tell us about a few of the most memorable parts about serving as our garrison commander.

COL: Obviously there is COVID-19: talk about a significant emotional event for the garrison. When all was said and done, over almost two years during COVID-19 operations, we spent close to \$40 million.

We spent over \$5 million at just the Hale Koa alone, including per diem, meals and other things. That was the better part of our existence for the first year and half of my command. It is hard not to see that as a significant, memorable part of my time.

For numerous members of my team, supporting COVID-19 operations was their only job. For Command Sgt. Maj. Ismael Ortega, 90 percent of his work was dealing with COVID-19. We had a weekly process in place. Three thousand people came through repatriation and onboarding during COVID-19.

Fighting through COVID-19 was significant, too, but thank goodness it was relatively short. All told, it was about 28 days long, from when we mandated mask wear to taking off the requirement. I don’t think we could have done it any better.

Now, we had a lot of time to prepare, but I am proud of how the whole community came together and supported that. We got through it mostly unscathed. On Kwajalein, we had no hospitalizations and no deaths. I can’t really ask for more than that when the reports indicated that 40 percent of the community came down with COVID-19 within two weeks. I think it’s more accurately around 60 percent based on U.S. averages for non-reporting.

We could have done more if it wasn’t for COVID-19. My family came here with plans of doing a lot of activities and other travel, which obviously we couldn’t do, but we still had a lot of great times.

As I mentioned, this is a unique garrison, so the challenges here are unique to all the other garrisons. There is really no one for the only garrison run by LOGCAP to ask for guidance.

Trying to figure out how to navigate this with our nine primary mission partners and unique mission sets is a complex problem. Integrating and synchronizing, with one voice, all those various activities and needs across the garrison in support of our senior commander, Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler, was significantly challenging in a lot of ways.

It’s as if—and I’ve said this to my own team, and in committee halls—it’s almost as if the Department of Defense went out of its way to make things as hard as possible to do here.

Of course, that’s not true; it’s a culmination of decisions spread out over decades that led to where we are now, but it doesn’t mean that we just accept it.

We’ve all spent the better part of the last year and a half focusing on setting better conditions for the future. I think that challenge kept me on my toes and keeps my team on their toes. It’s one of the things I’ll remember the most about my time here as a garrison commander.

JD: Please share with us a few of the things you’re most proud of or happy with about this tour and what you would like the community to remember.

COL: One thing I am proud of is not that we’ve addressed or implemented any significant change, but that we have spent a ton of time this year trying to realign the contract to meet the needs of our community and our mission partners while also getting better cost accounting and better efficiencies for the U.S. government.

We’re going to start realizing changes to make us write better oversight and accountability, and to meet Department of the Army requirements and regulations. Those things are two, three and four years out.

Look at contracting, for example. No one “understands” LOGCAP. We’re a drop in the bucket. Enterprise-wide, LOGCAP is \$82 billion a year, and we represent about \$160 million of that. We are often not heard. We talk about that.

We’re the most expensive garrison in the Army for base operations and support services, and we’re one of the smallest. It doesn’t make a lot of sense, but it’s LOGCAP.

LOGCAP is expensive, but the DoD decided to bring LOGCAP here. That does not mean there aren’t things we can do to get more efficiency and better services for the community at a reduced cost.

We’ve done a lot to set conditions starting in this upcoming period of performance for the new contract, but just like anything, contracting-wise, it takes years to see if the fruits of your labor pay off. I’m really excited about what we’ve done here.

Another thing we’ve spent a tremendous amount of time on is infrastructure. Many organizations out there are happy to point fingers anywhere but themselves, about infrastructure, but you walk around this installation and see where we are, and you know that we didn’t get there overnight.



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Col. Pugsley joins staff and teenagers at the Namo Weto Youth Center for a briefing about the Commander's Summer Challenge.

There are decades of infrastructure neglect here.

I always chuckle when people talk about how great it used to be under Kwajalein Range Services, and other organizations, and how much better island life was with the Quality of Life Committee. I bet it was—because what they weren't doing is investing in infrastructure.

Being so expensive to do business limits what we can do on Kwajalein. We've set some great foundations for recapitalization of our infrastructure and are still limited in resources which represent a cost factor. We put together a great plan for how we can get after our most critical priorities when it comes to infrastructure while addressing some of those just-as-important aspects of quality of life—the bowling center, the Richardson Theater going up, a new theater on Roi—that kind of stuff.

It's going to take years. Everyone's going to be upset, but it takes years to get things done here. Know that anything I have put in motion won't be realized until the commander after me, or the one after him—but I think we made a lot of headway on infrastructure as well as in contracting.

Especially over the past six months, I think I have done a better job of providing a common level of understanding to the community.

You would be surprised how many questions I get about things that are squarely not in the garrison's purview. That's an education thing. I've been actively going out of my way to provide understanding about how this place works.

I'm proud of trying to "flatten those comms" and trying to put more emphasis on the leads of the mission partners to assume more of a leadership role.

Our mission partners all have leadership here, and they have a role to play in this as well. By providing that common level of understanding, you let people know that 95 percent of things that happen on this garrison are outside its control.

At our last town halls and other opportunities, I talked about contracting. You'd be surprised at how many people think that I have complete authority and control of the contract.

I don't have any. I have no authority to

direct the contractor at all.

I must lead through contract management.

Anything the contractor does is with the contractor. I have no say in how they manage their contract. All I can do is provide oversight on the quality of work they do, based on what's written in the contract—which is, again, why we're rewriting the contract to make sure it's a bit more definitive.

Our schools have all the ingredients to be some of the best schools. Look at the grades, the test averages and testing scores from standardized testing—look at all of that, and they are a little bit above average. We should be doing so much better.

We are trying to set conditions. We have written a lot of changes in curriculum requirements into the new period of performance. I believe this will set conditions for a much better outcome next year. In the long term, we are requesting that DoDEA return to re-survey Kwajalein to take over the schools. Getting DoDEA here to reassess their capacity to do this is, again, two to three years out.

We have contract-run schools. There is some uniqueness there, right? You've got to remember that this is the only school LOGCAP runs. They are unfamiliar with how to do it. I'm hoping things turn out well. We have some great teachers here. I think we can do a great job at standardizing curriculum, standardized education and providing top tier educators.

At the last town hall, people asked me about United Airlines. Pick 10 random people back in the States and ask them, if they had a problem with their airline, if they would contact the mayor, governor, or their senator. The answer is no—you'd probably call the airline. Here, the perception is still that the garrison runs everything. You see it on social media all the time. "What's the garrison doing to reduce costs of United Airlines?" I have no control over this.

JD: They must keep asking about what the garrison can do because they believe strongly in its ability to get things done when the going gets tough.

COL: It gets back to the "culture thing"—

how long people have been here.

USAG-KA has only been under Installation Management Command for nine years. It's only been "different" for nine years. Immediately before that, Space and Missile Defense Command had full responsibility for it. They owned the contract. They could direct the contractor through appropriate contracting means—all that stuff that set conditions for them to get after what they needed to do.

That's not the case anymore. I don't own the contract. I don't direct the contract. It's a unique environment.

On Kwajalein you have a community in which the average time for a civilian tour is far greater than that of any other Army garrison. I have people on my own team who have been here for decades as have many contractors. We have people within RTS who have been here more than 30 plus years—a lot of them. I believe the average time a contractor may stay on island is eight to 10 years.

Compare that to the military and the Department of the Army civilians who are here sometimes one to three years. An interesting culture develops that persists and unfortunately runs counter to how the Army operates. The Army is an organization of change, so we're always adapting to meet current requirements and regulations.

What has developed on Kwajalein over the years is a kind of "island fever"—not violent, but an island type of mentality that you see every day. The standard uniform for most organizations and mission partners is sandals, shorts and a T-shirt. You don't find that in any other organization in the Army. We try to understand that. It's the type of culture in which you must look at ways in which to implement change. It's been kind of a challenge.

I think people must catch up with how things have changed—and, again, the Army is an organization of change. People just need to catch up with what the expectations and standards are nowadays.

JD: Please speak about your own leadership style and how it played a role in your work and successes here.



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During his first year on island, USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley spoke at the George Seitz Elementary School Veterans Day ceremony in 2021.

COL: Interpreting successes can be broad. We've done a decent job trying to set conditions for success in the future. With any changes or modifications, inevitably there are those who are not happy with them.

I think I told you at our year-mark interview, when you asked me what was the biggest thing I had learned during the first year. I think I said something along the lines that I had to stop trying to make everyone happy. I learned you cannot ever make everyone happy.

In my second year, my approach was to do what I could to have the most positive impact for the community, knowing that some people aren't going to be happy with it.

Since I've been here, we have started to become a lot more inclusive at most of our garrison-led activities, like the annual work plan, 10-year plan, housing plan and town halls. I'm trying to support the message we're trying to convey. When you don't know what's going on, you tend to make assumptions. They may or may not be correct. Misperception can breed frustration and issues that just cascade out of control.

I've been big on transparency to ensure we share as much information as possible. We use every venue that we can to pass information along to give the "what" behind the "why" we are doing things and to remind people of that.

It's a team sport, right? The garrison does not run this organization. We help integrate and synchronize the various mission partners using the contract vehicles to support base operations and support services.

Our job is to bring all of that together based on senior commander's priorities as well as Army regulations, and to try to get the best fit for the greatest

amount of mission partners and people in the community. We try to do our best to make sure we're getting after those requirements. Not everyone is going to be happy.

I am trying to communicate the imperative for good relationships. This place runs by relationships. If we were forced to go through the contracting mechanisms or needed to be able to get something done quickly, or if we were forced to have to bring everyone together and get it "stamped" all the way up to senior leaders, this place wouldn't function.

It's the relationships that matter. I can have a conversation with Russ Hastings of Vectrus. I'm not being not directive. I never direct the contractor, but I can say, "Hey, these are some concerns that Garrison has for your situation." Those are the best ways to go after things. It's about transparency, inclusion and building good relationships.

When I got here, this place was riddled with friction, not only amongst the team, but within different contractors and mission partners. The misperception and friction could have been preempted with a little more communication.

There's still some friction, but I think we've gone out of our way to try to at least build a common level of understanding and to provide venues in which people can share their understanding.

Many people don't understand what the other people are doing around here. If you can bring everyone together to share the understanding, people understand what everyone else is doing, it kind of fits into place. Rather than trying to point fingers every different direction, people start to understand what's going on over there. Then, they're trying

their best, and they are not making assumptions that others are just out on the beach or diving all day long, or something like that.

JD: Every leader is supported by a team. Please tell me about the team who has worked for you, and with you, on Kwa-jalein.

COL: I have a great team. It's a small team. They are overworked. I'll be the first to tell you that there's probably no one on this installation that works more than the garrison team. I have maybe 35 Department of the Army civilians.

Right now, I've got all 12 military personnel managing a \$160 million dollar contract while doing their primary job—the standard military meeting requirements and regulations. They do their best.

I think they do a fantastic job, given the limited resources we're given and the amount of people we have compared to a traditional garrison, such as U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii. They are a lot bigger than us. Even some of the smaller garrisons like Wainwright and Greely have more people than we do.

In a lot of ways, we also depend on the contractor to get after some of those jobs. I have some people on whom I can truly depend. That's one of my leadership tendencies—to be hands-off, when I can.

I have a handful of people that I have utter confidence in. I can pass them a task and stop worrying about it. It's those types of people, and that type of team, that allow us to operate as well as we can, given the situation. I couldn't be happier with the team.

Mr. James Kirby is a great mentor. Command Sgt. Ernest Miller is fantastic. I have some good leaders that are trying to always do their best, and that goes into the contractor as well. I am a big fan of what they do every day to get after our priorities and our mission sets and our requirements.

JD: There is life beyond a tour on Kwa-jalein. What is the first thing you and your family want to do when you arrive in the states?

COL: We'll stop in Hawaii for a couple of days, just because. Why not? We'll probably eat, right?

A lot of people go to Hawaii and to go to the beach. We have spent two years on the beach. We don't need to go to the beach again. We're going to go get some good sushi, get some good steak, Chick-Fil-A, Chipotle, Panera—those places that we haven't gone for years. I think that will be our first stop.

Then, we look forward to traveling—to getting in the car and driving somewhere different.

I am really looking forward to getting back into travel. Something we did before COVID-19, and then during COVID-19, a lot, was to get around and visit national parks and to just go camping and to drive around on crazy road trips. We are looking forward to getting after that. The wife, not so much because we want to get our house settled first, but before I hit the ground running, and the new job, I want to take an opportunity to take a knee for a couple of weeks, and to go do

some of that stuff—to go to a real movie theater and to get some really overpriced popcorn and a \$6 Coke.

JD: What are a few things you would like to share with newcomers?

COL: Just like I say in the newcomers' brief, it's an unbelievable opportunity people are afforded by coming here. It's a place that even the richest people in the world cannot come to without my approval. Not that they couldn't overcome those hurdles. It took Elon Musk launching rockets to be able to get out here.

So, take advantage of the uniqueness of this place and do those things that you wouldn't otherwise do anywhere else. Don't procrastinate. If you want to learn to dive, do it right when you get here. You want to get your captain's license? Do it your first couple of months. Don't procrastinate because time goes by fast.

It's a great opportunity for family. Maximize that opportunity as much as you can. Develop those habits that you want to take with you when you leave here: family dinners, pizza, movie nights—the things that you really want to establish as foundation elements of your family life. Do them here because you have the time and the flexibility to do it. I think it's going to pay dividends in the long run.

Participate in your kids' activities. So many people back in the states miss out on so much when it comes to their families, because of the daily grind of work and commutes. There's no reason you can't support that here. Take advantage of that.

There's a lot of room for opportunity here, so manage your expectations. Come here knowing that this place needs to work. It has a lot of things that must be fixed that we can do better and take as a challenge.

Ask yourself how you can leave this place better than you found it—just like when you go camping. What can you do in your time here, regardless of how long it takes, to make this place better—and not just for your organization, but for the installation and the community.

There are some great examples of people going above and beyond here. MIT Lincoln Labs is a great example. The stuff they do for the community is fantastic. Also, there are many individuals on the installation who go out of their way to contribute to the community and in our host nation.

I wish there could be more people like that. Take that as a challenge for coming here. Look for something that you can do to get involved with that not only better yourself and your family, but the community and the installation as well. It's ripe with opportunity here, so take advantage of it because there's a lot of great stuff that can be done.

I would say in closing, take advantage, be active, get out there, do stuff, meet people, develop good relationships. Be mindful that this place is not like any place back in the States.

Your words matter here, and your actions matter here.

Some people call Kwajalein a fishbowl. I call it a pressure vessel because there's no relief.

When friction starts to come up between elements of the community,

there's no place for it to dissipate. It just compounds and builds up on itself. New people coming in here: be careful.

Integrate yourself and be cognizant that your actions and frustrations can sometimes amplify if you don't quickly get them under control. They are counterproductive to everything we do here.

There's not a week goes by without some rift or disagreement between two elements of the community. There is impact to everything else across your organization or small team. Everyone knows each other.

No one is on this island without a purpose, so everyone is critical. We need everyone working together.

Come with a team attitude. Treat life

on island like it's a team sport, not a pocket of excellence, and not different organizations competing for different resources. We're all one team, so treat it like that. I think we're all going to be better off for it in the long run.

It's an honor to look back on this tour with a lot of fond memories and some frustrating ones as well. All in all, it was a good tour. Potentially coming back here in the future has crossed our minds. It bodes a lot more positives than negatives.

If we keep going on that path and can gain resource investments and advocacy, we can make this place better. I'm optimistic about what this place is going to look like five to 10 years down the road.



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1) Sharing a laugh during a May hail and farewell awards ceremony, USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, left, joins a photo with Capt. Hardy Temoney II, center, and USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley at the Island Memorial Chapel. 2) During his tour, Pugsley shared information about the garrison's plans for island life, infrastructure projects and other garrison activities during town halls and community information exchanges with the goal of increasing understanding, teamwork and communication amongst island residents and mission partners.



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Kapolei High School Class of 2023 graduate RuthyAnn Korab, left, and her mother, Kwajalein Hourglass journalist Yolanie Korab, right, take a photograph together during a break from graduation festivities in Honolulu earlier this spring.

My Daughter’s Graduation Day

BY YOLANIE KORAB

It was a beautiful day in Honolulu when my daughter, RuthyAnn Korab, graduated from Kapolei High School on May 19. It was not too hot and not too cold.

The graduation ceremony started at 6 p.m. As I arrived at the graduation ceremony, I could not help it but feel a sense of pride and joy. I had traveled in from the Marshall Islands, and I was a little bit late, but I made it.

As the graduates made their way into the football stadium, I spotted my daughter among the sea of caps and gowns. She looked stunning in the black dress she wore with her gown and gradu-

ation stole, and I smiled as she made her way to her seat.

The ceremony began with a procession of faculty members, followed by the national anthem. Then, the principal took to the stage to welcome everyone and introduce the guest speaker.

As the speaker shared words of wisdom and inspiration, I felt emotional. I thought about all the hard work and dedication my daughter had put into her education, and how far she had come since her first day of kindergarten.

Sending your children stateside for education is sad, though at the same time, it will be rewarding in the future. I know we won’t be able to see them, but many

take the opportunity and accept it for better education.

Parenting at a distance is very hard, not knowing what’s happening to your children daily. It is what it is—sad—though I have learned and accepted that my children are comfortable with their dad, my ex-husband.

Finally, it was time for the moment my daughter and her classmates have been waiting for—the presentation of diplomas, along with the honor roll awards. As each graduate’s name was called, they made their way across the stage to receive their diploma and shake hands with the principal.

When my daughter’s name was called, my heart swelled with pride. She walked confidently across the stage and accepted her diploma. As she made her way back to her seat, I could see the joy and relief on her face. Finally saying, “yes, I made it this far,” and looking at her dad, who’s been there for her all these years. She graduated cum laude, with a 3.7 grade point average, and the principal and faculty members recognized her on the honor roll.

The rest of the ceremony passed in a blur of speeches and applause, but I could not stop thinking about how proud I was of my daughter. The ceremony came to an end, and it was time for the Class of 2023 to walk back to their families. People from both sides got their leis ready for her. I hugged my daughter tightly and told her how much I loved her and was excited for her own future.

Later that evening, my ex-husband hosted a graduation party for my daughter with family and friends. He invited all who attend the graduation to eat at IHOP. I was amazed seeing all the smiling faces as we ate and talk to one another. I felt happy and grateful for this special day and the amazing young woman my daughter had become. She is quiet, and always stays home after school. She is the kind of person who does not hang out after school. She always thought about her homework first and the chores afterward, if she was done.

Right now, she is thinking about attending trade school. She likes building stuff. Even though her body is small, her brain is bigger, and wise. It’s only for two years, and tuition is not that expensive. There are not a lot of people in trade school these days, but whatever she decides in the future, I am here for her. She has my full support.



NEED A NOTARY? TRY HAWAII.

Until USAG-KA gets a new attorney on island, Kwaj and Roi-Namur residents can reach out to any of the following Hawaii Notaries for remote services. Remote means the notary can conduct notarizations over the internet and live audio-video call.

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| Harrop Grayson II | 808-372-6076 | gharrop@weginotary.com |
| Karin McCauley | 808-349-5216 | |
| Michelle Miller | 808-383-2298 | worldclassnotary@gmail.com |
| Nicolas Vargas Calvo | 808-304-6900 | |

<https://notary.ehawaii.gov/public/publicsearch.html>

NAN, INC. SAYS SAFETY FIRST BEFORE FY21 AFH DEMO

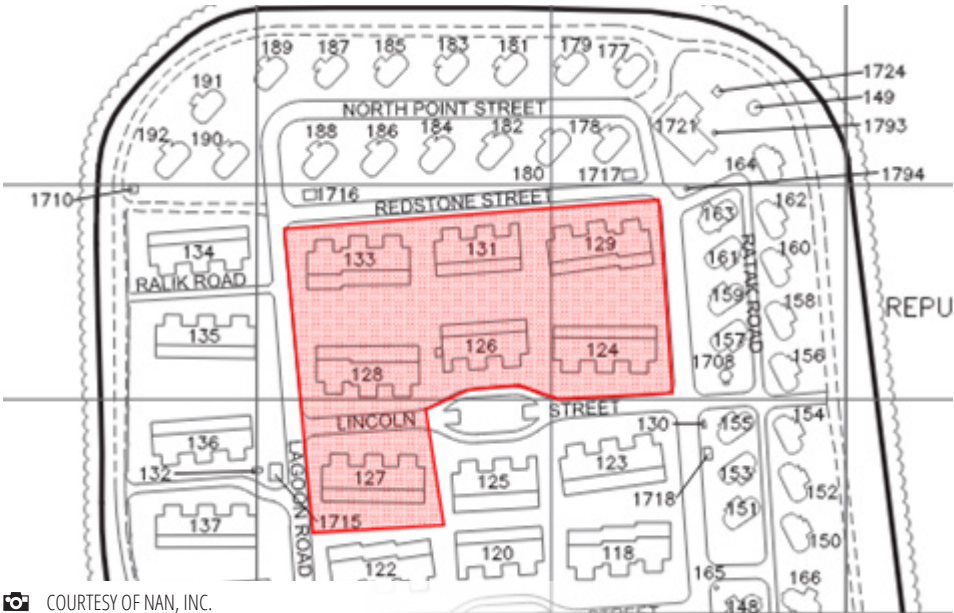
COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Nan, Inc. construction company has begun mobilization and preliminary activities for the upcoming FY21 Kwajalein Army Family Housing project in our community.

From June to August 2023, Nan personnel will establish clear boundaries by setting up fencing around the construction site. Additionally, vegetation removal will be carried out in compliance with environmental regulations.

Nan prioritizes safety and will implement strict protocols throughout the construction process. The company aims to minimize disruptions and to maintain open communication within the community and with residents.

For inquiries or more information, please contact the project team at 480-2632. Nan, Inc. appreciates the support and cooperation of the community for this transformative construction project.



COURTESY OF NAN, INC.

Above: Nan, Inc., will erect a safety perimeter around select areas of North Point Housing as the demolition of the 1980s-era homes is scheduled to begin this summer.



USASMDC PHOTO

An undated photo of a Nike-Zeus launch, courtesy of U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command.

U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

In April 1960, a Zeus missile “loaded into a concrete-lined underground cell erupted in the smoke and flame of its 450,000 pound thrust solid propellant booster, and zipped unscathed through the inferno in [an] ... initial test of the [new configuration of the launch] cell.

On June 22, the Nike-Zeus team conducted a repeat of this experiment using a new unvented underground launch cell.

Unfortunately the second test was not

as successful. As one newspaper reported “Test Missile Explodes Underground.”

The Army reported that the booster case ruptured upon ignition which was theoretically attributed “to an adverse interaction of the cell environment with the normal booster performance.”

Without the exhaust vent, the Zeus missile was exposed to the smoke, flame and burning gasses produced by the 450,000 pound thrust of the Nike Zeus booster. No one was injured in this incident.



COURTESY PHOTO

U.S. Embassy Majuro Charge d'affaires Henry Hand joined Acting Ministry of Health and Human Services Secretary Francynne Wase-Jacklick to hand over 60 computers, tablets, and other equipment as part of the United States' COVID-19 response support. This equipment will strengthen the Republic of the Marshall Islands's capacity to track, collect, and analyze COVID-19 data, and other health indicators. USAID is proud to partner with RMI to fight COVID-19, and remains committed to helping the people in the Pacific Island region.

What is seaspeak?

EXTERNAL REPORT

By the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Seaspeak is the official language of navigators the world over.

Have you ever wondered how crews on ships at sea communicate? Nowadays, crews consist of men and women from all over the world, and often, a single ship's crew comes from a number of different countries. That was not always the case.

Back in the 1960s, the United States and the United Kingdom dominated ocean traffic, and 80 percent of ships' crews were native English speakers. By the end of 1970s, however, the situation had reversed, and today, 80 percent of ship's crews do not speak English as a first language.

So what happens when a ship captain needs to communicate with his or her crew, to another ship, or to shore? Whether on the high seas or at port, misunderstood communication can lead to

serious and even dangerous situations. To avoid such confusion, in 1983 a group of linguists and shipping experts created a new system of communication called Seaspeak. English was chosen as the principle lexicon for Seaspeak because it was the most common language spoken on ships at that time, and, importantly, it was also the language of civil aviation. In 1988, the International Maritime Organization made Seaspeak the official language of the seas.

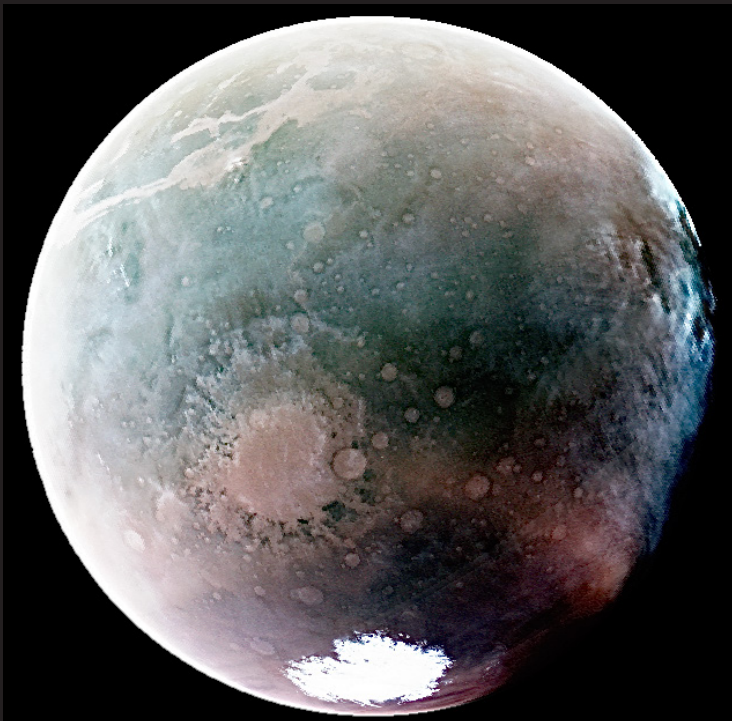
Seaspeak defines the rules of how to talk on a ship's radio. The number of words is limited to ensure that messages and conversations are short and clear. Eight words, called message markers, precede each sentence. These words are Advice, Answer, Information, Instruction, Intention, Question, Request, and Warning.

An important rule of Seaspeak is that numbers made up of two or more digits are spoken in single digits. For example, the number 33 is spoken as "three three" and the time 9:33 a.m. is spoken as "zero nine three three." Coordinated Universal Time—the primary time standard or international time scale by which the world regulates clocks and time—is always used at sea.



NOAA PHOTO

Whether on the high seas or at port, misunderstood communication can lead to serious and even dangerous situations. "Seaspeak", the official language of the seas, helps to prevent miscommunication.



NASA/LASP/CU BOULDER PHOTO

Mars, in July 2022 photo taken during the southern hemisphere's summer season. The photo was captured during the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile EvolutionN mission.

NASA's MAVEN Spacecraft Stuns with Ultraviolet Views of Red Planet

BY YOLANIE KORAB

NASA's Mars Atmosphere and Volatile EvolutionN mission—acquired stunning views of Mars in two ultraviolet images taken at different points along our neighboring planet's orbit around the Sun.

By viewing the planet in ultraviolet wavelengths, scientists can gain insight into the Martian atmosphere and view surface features in remarkable ways.

MAVEN's Imaging Ultraviolet Spectrograph instrument obtained these global views of Mars in 2022 and 2023 when the planet was near opposite ends

of its elliptical orbit.

The IUVS instrument measures wavelengths between 110 and 340 nanometers, outside the visible spectrum. To make these wavelengths visible to the human eye and easier to interpret, the images are rendered with the varying brightness levels of three ultraviolet wavelength ranges represented as red, green, and blue. In this color scheme, atmospheric ozone appears purple, while clouds and hazes appear white or blue. The surface can appear tan or green, depending on how the images have been optimized to increase contrast and show detail.

The first image was taken in July 2022 during the southern hemisphere's summer season, which occurs when Mars passes closest to the Sun. The summer season is caused by the tilt of the planet's rotational axis, similar to seasons on Earth. Argyre Basin, one of Mars' deepest craters, appears at bottom left filled with atmospheric haze (depicted here as pale pink). The deep canyons of Valles Marineris appear at top left filled with clouds (colored tan in this image). The southern polar ice cap is visible at bottom in white, shrinking from the relative warmth of summer. Southern summer warming and dust storms drive water vapor to very high altitudes, explaining MAVEN's discovery of enhanced hydrogen loss from Mars at this time of year.

The second image is of Mars' northern hemisphere and was taken in January 2023 after Mars had passed the farthest point in its orbit from the Sun. The rapidly changing seasons in the north polar region cause an abundance of white clouds. The deep canyons of Valles Marineris can be seen in tan at lower left, along with many craters. Ozone, which appears magenta in this UV view, has built up during the northern winter's chilly polar nights. It is then destroyed in northern spring by chemical reactions with water vapor, which is restricted to low altitudes of the atmosphere at this time of year.

MAVEN launched in November 2013 and entered Mars' orbit in September 2014. The mission's goal is to explore the planet's upper atmosphere, ionosphere, and interactions with the Sun and solar wind to explore the loss of the Martian atmosphere to space. Understanding atmospheric loss gives scientists insight into the history of Mars' atmosphere and climate, liquid water, and planetary habitability. The MAVEN team is preparing to celebrate the spacecraft's tenth year at Mars in September 2024.

THE CLASSIFIEDS

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

SATURDAY JUNE 24TH



KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB PRESENTS
ANYWHERE ATOLL
AND MATTHEW DAVIS

SOCIAL HOUR 5:30PM
KYC MEETING 6:30PM

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB

POT LUCK 7:00PM
LIVE MUSIC 7:30PM

WARNING: FACE MELTING ROCK-N-ROLL MAY OCCUR --- BRING FOOD AND DRINK TO SHARE

ACTIVITIES

ROI SOFTBALL LEAGUE. Registration is through June 28. A manager's meeting will be held July 5. Season begins July 11. For more information, call 480-6580, and visit the Kwajalein Community Activities Facebook page and the Roi MWR Office.

ROI-NAMUR CATHOLIC MASS. Catholic Mass will take place on Roi at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Visit the chapel and welcome back Fr. Jim Ludwowski.

QUIZZO. 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

Before your visit to the Common Access Card 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 – Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (Lunch: noon - 1 p.m.). Questions? Call 480-8496.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Employee Assistance Program counselor, Kenneth Thomas, can be reached at kenneth.thomas@internationalsosgs.us or 480-5362. Clients can expect education about mental health disorders from a multicultural perspective with the goal of moving toward acceptance and ultimately to mitigate symptoms.

CHAPEL COUNSELING AVAILABLE. For those who seek religious guidance, general counseling, and who may have questions related to family counseling,

MOVIES

Kwajalein Yuk Theater	Monday, July 24 "Cocaine Bear" (2023) (R) 95 min.
Saturday, June 24 "Ron's Gone Wrong" (2021) (PG) 107 min.	Saturday, July 29 "Sonic The Hedge- hog 2" (2022) (PG) 122 min.
Sunday, June 25 "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981) (PG) 115 min.	Sunday, July 30 "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (PG-13) 108 min.
Monday, June 26 "The King's Man" (2021) (R) 131 min.	Monday, July 31 "Scream VI" (2023) (R) 122 min.
Saturday, July 1 "Ice Age: Collision Course" (2016) (PG) 94 min.	Roi-Namur C-Building
Sunday, July 2 "Ant Man and The Wasp: Quantumania" (2023) (PG13) 124 min.	Saturday, June 17 "Ad Astra" (PG-13) 124 min.
Monday, July 3 "Men of Honor" (2000) (R) 129 min.	Sunday, June 18 "Game Night" (R) 93 min.
Saturday, July 8 "Toy Story 2" (1999) (G) 92 min.	Saturday, June 24 "Dunkirk" (PG-13) 106 min.
Sunday, July 9 "Champions" (2023) (PG-13) 124 min.	Sunday, June 25 "The Rhythm Section" (R -13) 110 min.
Monday, July 10 "Deadpool 2" (2018) (R) 119 min.	Saturday, July 1 "Holmes & Wat- son" (PG-13) 90 min.
Saturday, July 15 "Toy Story 3" (2010) (G) 103 min.	Sunday, July 2 "Blade Runner 2049" (R) 163 min.
Sunday, July 16 "The Bob's Burg- ers Movie" (2022) (PG-13) 102 min.	Saturday, July 8 "Isle Of Dogs" (PG-13) 90 min.
Monday, July 17 "John Wick: Chap- ter 4" (2023) (R) 169 min.	Sunday, July 9 "Black And Blue" (R) 108 min.
Saturday, July 22 "UP" (2009) (PG) 96 min.	
Sunday, July 23 "The Blues Broth- ers" (1980) (PG-13) 133 min.	

all are welcome to schedule an appointment with Ch. Brian Conner at the Island Memorial Chapel by calling 480-3505.

**E-WARENESS:
STORMWATER POLLUTION**

Prevent storm water pollution and protect surrounding waters by practicing good housekeeping, spill prevention, and sediment and erosion control at your shop or work-site.

****Contact Environmental at 480-0722 for more information.**

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****Ne ewor am kajitok kaki, call e lok Vectrus Environmental ilo 480-0722.**

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.

**FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS:
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

You are required to inspect each fire extinguisher in your areas of operation monthly or every 30 to 31 days. Check for the following: The extinguisher is properly mounted in its assigned location; immediately accessible (unobstructed) and visible; tamper seal and safety pins are in place, and the nozzle is free of obstructions; the pressure gauge is in the “green” to indicate it’s charged; and the cylinder in good shape. After the inspection, initial the extinguisher tag for that month. Contact the Public Works Service Desk at 480-3550 if any of the above steps require attention. For questions, email PublicWorksServiceDesk@Vectrus.com.

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.

GARRISON

USAG-KA NOTARY SERVICES UN-AVAILABLE. With the departure of the USAG-KA Legal Counsel, island notary services will be unavailable until further notice. Your continued patience is appreciated while the garrison team works to address this matter.

HEALTH

OPTICAL CARE APPOINTMENTS will be available July 25 through Aug. 12. Call 480-2220 to schedule a visit with Dr. Black of Kwaj Eyecare. Eye exams to examine dry eyes, eye disease, prescriptions for contacts and glasses for residents of all ages are available. For more information, visit www.kwajeyes.com and email drwtblack@aol.com.

COVID-19 BOOSTERS. A bivalent COVID-19 vaccine booster is available for those aged 65+ if it has been more than 120 days since their initial bivalent COVID-19 vaccine dose. To register, please email seanholbrook@internationalsosgs.us, or call 480-2223.

NOT FEELING WELL? Call 480-2223 to make an appointment for a COVID-19 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-19 TESTS. Get free at-home tests. 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.

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.

HOURS OF OPERATION

BARGAIN BAZAAR Summer Hours.

Now through Aug. 30, Wednesday only, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Jino Jen 1 ran in June nan 30 ran in August. Wenje Wot, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

MILLICAN FAMILY POOL Summer Hours of Operation: Closed for cleaning on Thursdays. Open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and Mondays. Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

JOBS

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

COMMUNITY BANK is currently hiring for a Banking Center Service Specialist (aka Teller). This is a part-time, 20 hr./week position for an on-island hire. Submit your application and resume to: https://www.dodcommunitybank.com/home/careers/application_process. Call call Stephanie Finley at 480-2292 with questions.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGER. KFS LLC is accepting resumes for a Health and Safety Manager to support an upcoming Environmental Project on Kwajalein.



A vibrant poster for a basketball tournament. The background is dark blue with glowing orange and yellow flames on the sides. In the center, the text "BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT" is written in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline. Below it, "3 ON 3" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Further down, "JUNE 25 2023 @ 5 P.M." is written in yellow. Below that, "SIGN UP WITH ATHLETICS DEPT (480-4198)" is written in yellow. At the bottom, "MAX 4 PLAYERS PER TEAM" and "COME PLAY WITH US!" are written in yellow. There are several logos: a basketball on the left, a basketball hoop on the right, a U.S. Army MWR logo at the bottom right, and a support logo at the bottom left. A QR code is also present at the bottom center.

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 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.

TEACHERS WANTED. Kwajalein School System is now hiring substitute teachers. Qualifications: 4-year degree in any field; confidentiality; love of working with children; favorable status for CNACI (will receive background check after accepting offer). Send resumes to uhrenp@kwajalein-school.com. For more information, please call 480-3601.

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.

MAINTENANCE

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.

SCHOOL

SCHOOL SYSTEM EMAILS. KSS emails have changed. School email addresses now end with @kwajalein-schools.org. Ex: uhrenp@kwajalein-schools.org. The former email ad-



Contact the USAG-KA Sexual Harassment/ Assault Response and Prevention Victim Advocate

**Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nate Elkins
SHARP Victim Advocate**

Work: 480-0660 or 480-3421

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

DOD SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247

COCONUT RACE



Sunday July 9 @ 7 p.m.

SURF SHACK BEACH

POC: ROI MWR OFFICE BLDG 8224 (480-6580)



resses will work through the summer. However, please begin using the new email addresses.

NEWCOMERS

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.

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

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.

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, taken without glasses. 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.

DOMINO NIGHT

Outrigger

July 16 @ 7 p.m.



POC: ROI MWR OFFICE BLDG 8224 (480-6580)

POST OFFICE

PCS & VACATION TIPS. 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.

TO USE ICE. Step 1: Visit ICE Home at disa.mil. Step 2: Click "search." Step 3: Choose USAG-KA Post Office and select "general site comment." Step 4: Let your voice be heard. Then, click submit.

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.

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.

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.

SAFETY

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

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

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.

VENDORS WANTED

Calling all vendors!

MWR invites you to participate in Kwajalein's Fourth of July celebration. Call 480-3133 and email kara.larson@vctrus.com for details.



Namo Weto Youth Center's Summer Game Tournaments

Every Sunday at 3:30 P.M. !

Foosball!

Ping Pong!

Giant Connect 4!

Pool!



Students are required to be registered at the Youth Center to attend.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 9

New Summer Arrival?

Call 480-3601 to complete enrollment paperwork.

School Website: KWAJALEINSCHOOLS.ORG



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.

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL CELEBRATES

Independence Day

Join the community and celebrate July 4 with an afternoon of red, white and blue fun, games and food! For more event information, please contact USAG-KA Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation at 480-3133.

Kwajalein and Roi-Namur July 4th Community Exchange

Residents wishing to sponsor guests must submit their Community Exchange Sponsor Form to the Provost Marshal's Office by 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 29. Up to five guests are permitted per sponsor. Email submissions to usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cimd.mbx.usag-pmo@army.mil.

EMON BEACH EVENTS

BIKE PARADE DECORATION BOOTH
4 p.m.

BIKE PARADE
5 p.m.

FOOD & BEVERAGES
5:30 - 9 p.m.

BAGGO TOURNAMENT
5:30 p.m.

BOUNCE HOUSES & WATER SLIDES
5:30 - 7 p.m.

MUSIC PERFORMANCES
5:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

FIREWORKS PRESENTATION
8 p.m.

EMON BEACH MENU

Food and beverage service will be available from 5:30 – 9 p.m. in the Emon Beach main pavilion. For more information, please call 480-3133 and visit the MWR Desk in the Grace Sherwood Library, Bldg. 805.

Quarter chicken w/ two sides	\$8
Pulled Pork w/ two sides	\$8
Half Rack BBQ Ribs w/two sides	\$12

SIDES	
BBQ Baked beans	\$2
Coleslaw	\$2
Potato salad	\$2

DRINKS	
Water	\$1
Soda	\$1

JULY 4TH EMON BEACH BASH MAP



To help facilitate teambuilding and enhance esprit de corps, pavilions are reserved as follows :

Pavilions #1863/#1864	RTS/RGNext, MIT, MDA
Pavilion #1865	NETCOM/Tribalco
Pavilion #1882	USACE/500TH
Pavilion #1883	V2X
A-Frame #1884	USAG-KA

Decorate your Ride for 4th of July!

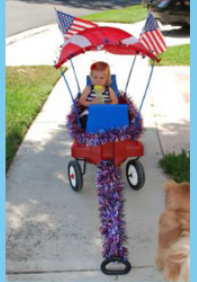


**Decorate your wheels (no golf carts).
Child, Adult and Pet Friendly Fun!**



- 4 – 4:45 p.m. Decorate your ride (*materials provided*) at decorating tent
or decorate at your residence
- 4:45 p.m. Line up for parade
- 5 p.m. Parade your ride along path towards Pavilion #1

Photo Fun! Display your ride at the basketball court near Emon!



**Decorating tent and parade line up will be located at tent north
of Teen Center near Emon Beach**
POC: MWR Library Bldg #805 (480-3133)



INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4 AT EMON BEACH

EVENT SCHEDULE

BIKE PARADE DECORATION BOOTH 4 P.M.

BIKE PARADE 5 P.M.

FOOD & BEVERAGES 5:30 – 9 P.M.

BAGGO TOURNAMENT 5:30 P.M.

BOUNCE HOUSES & WATER SLIDES 5:30 – 7 P.M.

MUSIC PERFORMANCES 5:30 – 7:45 P.M.

FIREWORKS PRESENTATION 8 P.M.



FIREWORKS

JULY 4TH @ 8 p.m.

EMON BEACH



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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

JULY 4 on Roi-Namur

MUSIC, FOOD & FUN FOR ALL

4:30 – 10:30 P.M.

POOL PARTY 4:30 P.M.

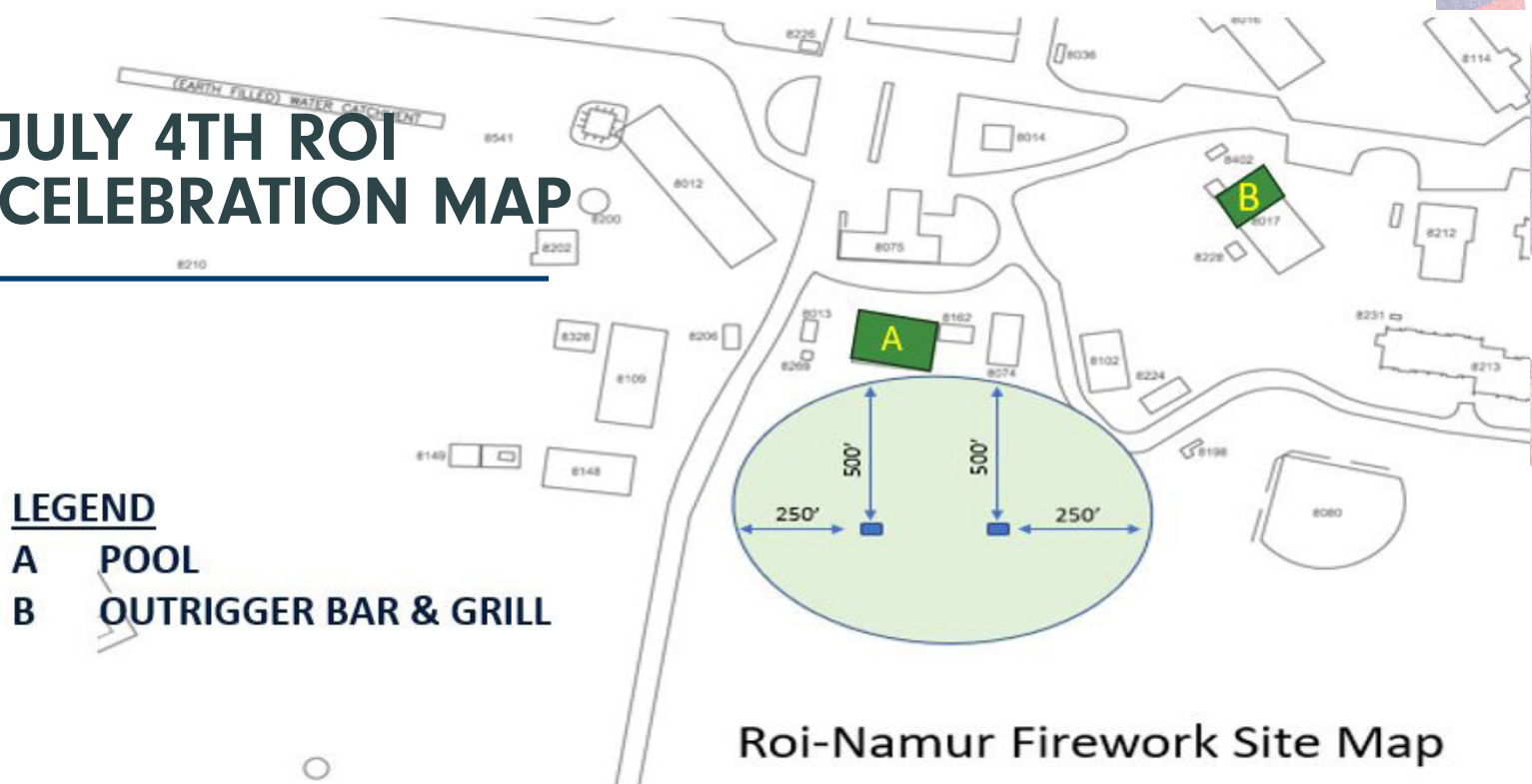
FOOD & BEVERAGES 4:30 P.M.

MUSIC 4:30 P.M.

FIREWORKS PRESENTATION 8 P.M.

MIDNIGHT OUTRIGGER BAR & GRILL AFTER PARTY 10:30 P.M.

JULY 4TH ROI CELEBRATION MAP



Roi-Namur Firework Site Map

Kwaj Yacht Club Meeting

**Main: Brisket, please
bring sides or desserts**

**Saturday, June 24
Social Hour @ 5:30 p.m.
Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Special Performance: Anywhere Atoll !!!
plays after the meeting**

COMMUNITY HOUSING OVERVIEW

U.S. ARMY GARRISON-KWAJALEIN ATOLL

JULY 8

KWAJALEIN HIGH SCHOOL

DAVYE DAVIS MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

The Kwajalein Community is invited to a housing overview at the high school's Multi-Purpose Room.

Following the briefing, those residents still living in condemned housing will meet with the Garrison Commander in order to discuss their concerns and movement plans.

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

2 - 3:30 P.M.

ARMY FAMILY HOUSING RESIDENTS

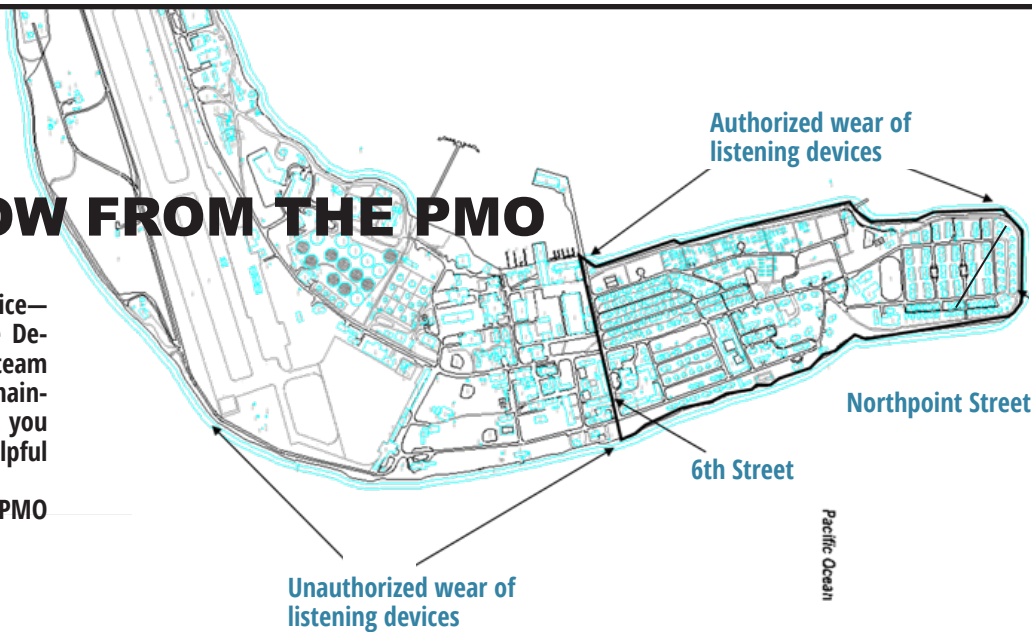
3:30 P.M.



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 audiobooks 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 480-4416 or 3739.



United States Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll

Change of Command

June 28
3 p.m.

Bucholz Army Airfield,
Fixed Wing Hangar, Bldg. 898

Kwajalein



MIA Project

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

WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Mostly pleasant conditions will prevail on Saturday after early morning showers taper off, as the subtropical ridge takes control with dry subsidence aloft. The Inter-tropical Convergence Zone will remain disorganized and well south of Kwajalein, but low-level trade wind perturbations will provide periods of showery weather this weekend, especially on Sunday.

The upper levels will be neutral to marginally supportive, and sufficiently strong surface forcing could yield a stray thunderstorm or two. This pattern will continue throughout the coming workweek, with increased potential for convection and shower activity during the mid-week period before quiet weather settles in by the following weekend. E

levated trade winds may induce speed convergence in the low levels, leading to increased showers from time to time. In between bouts of showers, expect partly sunny and breezy conditions, with moderate to fresh ENE trade winds this weekend into next week.

SATURDAY

Partly to mostly sunny with isolated showers early, decreasing to stray showers. Winds will be NE-E at 12-17 knots, with higher gusts in the low 20s possible near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers and a possible stray thunderstorm. Winds NE-E at 11-16 knots, with gusts in the mid- to upper 20s possible near showers.

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers early, becoming partly to mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-E at 12-17 knots with higher gusts near showers.

EARLY WORK WEEK

We can expect isolated to widely scattered showers to remain in the picture due to trade wind speed convergence at the surface, with partly sunny skies in between the showers. Winds will be east-northeasterly between 10-15 knots.



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 Bokutan ak kein kabokkolok (UXO).
- **Retreat** (Jenliklik) bed ettolok im jab kepaak UXO eo.
- **Report** (Ripoot e) boktun ak kein kabokklok eo ien eo emokajtata non EOD ilo nomba kein (480-1433) ak CPS (480-4445).

Ken melele kein: Ia eo (nomba in ijo, GPS, kakolle in ijo, etc.); Jonan (jonan e ibben jet kain mweik - football, taan in turan, etc.).

Tiljek kon UXO kein einwot am kojparok menin mour in lojet ko rekawotata. Kalimjek wot jab jibwe. Non bar kakemejmej eok, eokwe jouj im koba lok ilo Island Orientation allon otemjej.

SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:33 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	11:56 a.m. -----	8:16 a.m. 3.4' 9:04 p.m. 2.7'	1:53 a.m. 1.0' 2:55 p.m. 0.8'
MONDAY	6:33 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	12:40 p.m. 12:24 a.m.	9:08 a.m. 3.1' 10:11 p.m. 2.8'	2:48 a.m. 1.2' 3:47 p.m. 0.9'
TUESDAY	6:33 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	1:24 p.m. 1:00 a.m.	10:14 a.m. 2.9' 11:25 p.m. 2.9'	4:03 a.m. 1.3' 4:49 p.m. 0.9'
WEDNESDAY	6:33 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	2:11 p.m. 1:38 a.m.	11:34 a.m. 2.8' -----	5:35 a.m. 1.3' 5:55 p.m. 0.9'
THURSDAY	6:34 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	3:00 p.m. 2:18 a.m.	12:34 a.m. 3.2' 12:51 p.m. 2.8'	6:59 a.m. 1.1' 6:56 p.m. 0.7'
FRIDAY	6:34 a.m. 7:11 p.m.	3:54 p.m. 3:02 a.m.	1:31 a.m. 3.6' 1:55 p.m. 2.9'	8:03 a.m. 0.7' 7:50 p.m. 0.5'
JULY 1	6:34 a.m. 7:12 p.m.	4:53 p.m. 3:51 a.m.	2:22 a.m. 4.0' 2:50 p.m. 3.1'	8:56 a.m. 0.2' 8:40 p.m. 0.2'

FOR ALL FIRE AND EMS
EMERGENCIES

