

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



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RONALD REAGAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE TEST SITE RANGE OPERATION ANNOUNCEMENT

A RANGE OPERATION IS SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 1 – 2. CAUTION TIMES ARE 7 P.M. THROUGH 2:11 A.M. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS OPERATION.

DURING OPERATIONS, NOTICE TO MARINERS (NOTMAR) AND NOTICE TO AIR MISSION (NOTAM) CAUTION AREAS WILL EXTEND INTO THE OPEN OCEAN NEAR THE KWAJALEIN ATOLL AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

THE MID-ATOLL CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED FROM 4:01 P.M. ON OCT. 28 THROUGH ACTIVITY COMPLETION. THE CAUTION AREA EXTENDS FROM THE SURFACE TO UNLIMITED ALTITUDE.

SEE THE ROLLER AND THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS DATED OCT. 21 FOR A MAP OF THE CLOSED AREAS. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO REAGAN TEST SITE (RTS) MISSION SAFETY OFFICE AT (808) 580-4841.

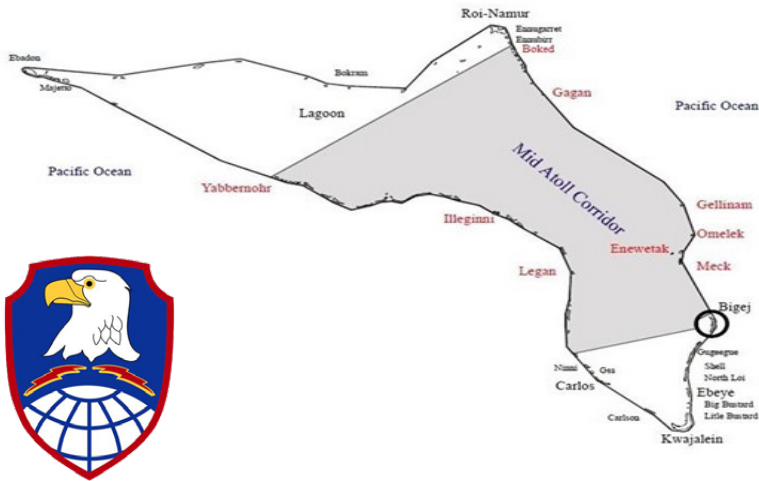
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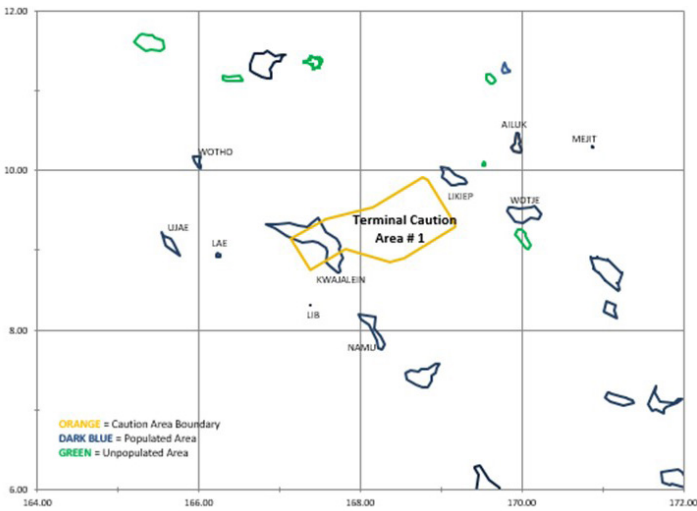
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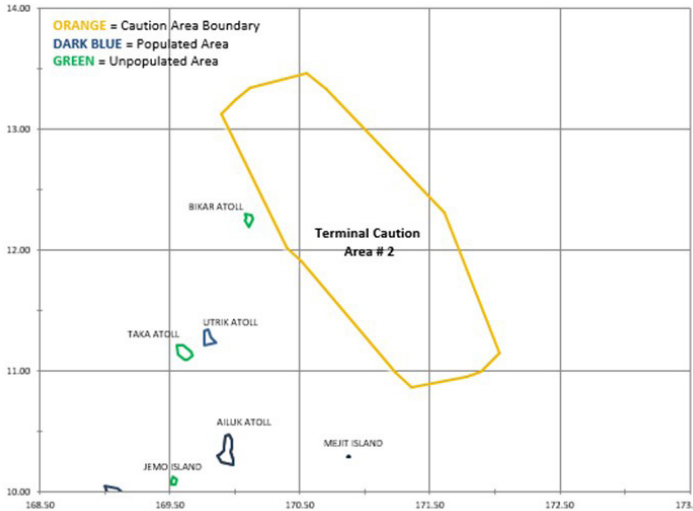
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The mid-atoll corridor will be closed from 4:01 p.m. on Oct. 28 through mission completion.



Broad Ocean Area and Caution Area #1



Broad Ocean Area and Caution Area #2

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USAG-KA COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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By Mike Brantley, Public Affairs Officer

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll hosted the Community Information Exchange on October 19 at the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room at the Kwajalein High School, where the community was briefed on emergency preparedness, housing and upcoming MWR events.

“Kwaj is important to the nation,” said Col. Drew Morgan, commander, USAG-KA. “How do we keep it relevant to the nation and how do I advocate for that?”

“First of all, we have missions here that have been part of the DNA of this place for the last several decades - missile testing, missile defense and space domain awareness - those types of enduring missions are never going away. They were important to the country and they always will be.

“Part of the Team Kwaj teammate pact is looking at the future, as well as being prepared for the future, and bringing in new opportunities or things we can do, from Kwaj, that are important now but maybe weren’t relevant several decades ago. With that, of course, I hope we can bring in new resources.

“On the flip side is our being prepared for the worst day on Kwaj - being prepared for that storm or that disaster than can cripple this place and take away our ability to provide that vital service to the nation.

“On our home side, I’ve mentioned multiple times a healthy ‘community of excellence.’ That is kind of our guiding light to ensure the community is safe and secure, equitable and thriving, and to optimize our quality of life. We have a lot of things here that we can harness and change in the way we resource them to optimize quality of life, and that’s very important.

People, Resources and Systems

“People are at the center of the pact. You’ve seen already I’ve invited and encouraged senior leaders to come here on the ground. You can’t understand this place unless you see it for yourself.

You’ve seen a lot of general officers coming through, as well as congressmen and staff delegations. I’m going to continue to invite them to see for themselves, so we can build those relationships and understand what they can do for Kwaj. Nobody who comes here to visit leaves without homework - I give them a list of things that we need to draw attention to.

“Those relationships that we build, and the timing of having the right people at the right time, allows us to tap into resources. Some things we have well established, but we can maybe look for new ways to pull in new resources.

And then, the systems in place: making sure we have the right systems that are leveraging the right command and control organizations, and that the way we are task organized is optimized for Kwajalein.”



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Kathie Rasmussen accepts a gift card from USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan during the Community Information Exchange on Oct. 19 at the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room.

Several presenters were on hand to discuss emergency preparedness, housing and upcoming fun events through Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Emergency Preparedness

“How are we as a community preparing for the worst day on Kwaj?” asked Josh Snow, US. Army Garrison - Kwajalein Atoll emergency manager.

“If there is one thing I want everyone to do, it is to go to the garrison emergency management webpage. Scan the QR code. On the website, home.army.mil/kwajalein, you will find all the emergency management information that you and your family will need - making a plan, building a kit and being informed.

“You can also register for the Alert System which is our system of record for mass notification. I really want to emphasize Alert because as the community knows, we have a lot of information mediums in the community that require you to actively go out and seek the information. Alert is one of the ways we can interrupt what you’re doing to be able to get critical information to you.

“What we’re working on now is the Little Voice System, an internal PA system that most installations have. We’ve collaborated with TribalCo in utilizing the VoIP phones to be able to use the speaker paging system across the installation.

“Right now, it’s just local to Kwajalein but we are looking at expanding that over to Roi and Meck. This is another tool in our tool belt to broaden our capability for crisis communication.

“We are doing a substantial purchase of bottled water and MREs to build the redundancy in case a bad day ever happens on this island, so we have a means to support the community.

“We are also in the process of purchas-

ing shelter kits to include cots, blankets, hygiene kits and other kinds of emergency supplies to staff our shelters.”

Snow added that we will also increase our exercises and drills, both notice and no-notice.

Housing

David House, interim Housing Manager, discussed several initiatives in regards to the housing on Kwajalein.

Updating the regulation: We are re-vamping the housing policy, 420-1, and adding a section to clarify things that we’re already doing. We are going to meet monthly with housing to talk about incoming and outgoing personnel. We are going to get more organized as a community. We’re adding a section for key custody if residents are off-island. We will have that out very soon.

Housing Inventory: There are a lot of houses that need major repairs: we have trees growing into some foundations while a lot in the community are uninhabitable. Until we can properly fix the units that are life, health and safety risks, that is a potential driver to this pause in movement. The good news is we’re getting better every day.

Mission Partner allocations: There is a number that you probably drive and hire with to plan your work. All of us are feeling the pinch because we are over-allocated.

Housing Office personnel: V2X has candidates out for permanent housing positions to get the right dedicated people in the office. But the takeaway is we are managing it.

From the Corps of Engineers and V2X

Blair Jones, area engineer, Kwajalein Area Office with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers out of Hawaii, spoke on the

teardown and upcoming construction of North Point Army Family Housing.

- For Phase 1, all the homes are down, debris is being removed and the slabs taken out. V2X is responsible for the demolition in Phases 2 and 3 but USACE will be responsible for the construction. Parsons was awarded the Phase 2 construction recently.
- Phase 1 will be 24 3-bedroom dome units. January 2025 should be the completion date. Parsons is building 3-bedroom cast-in-place concrete houses for Phase 2 and should be complete by July 2027.
- Phase 3 will be demolished by the end of the year but won't be awarded until summer 2024.
- Phase 2 houses are all demolished now. Phase 3 construction zone is now fenced off and vegetation removal is in progress.

"Stay out of that area," said Russ Hastings, V2X task order manager. "It's not safe at all."

V2X is observing no movement hours at North Point from 7 – 9 a.m.; 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3 – 5 p.m. to avoid children going to school.

"Safety is our number one priority for this project," said Hastings.

Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Curtis Brown, FMWR director, provided the following updates:

"In two weeks, the Small Boat Marina hours will be changed back to 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. here and from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Roi. This allows us to return to the popular 4.5-hour reservation period to give people more time on the water.

"Another change is modifying the hours at the Oceanview Club to 5 p.m. – midnight in part due to the alcohol-related incidents at the bar."

Kara Larson, MWR supervisor and event coordinator for V2X, discussed upcoming community events:

- Trick-or-Treat night is from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 31. We ask that rental carts be returned to Cart Rental by 6 p.m. Vehicle traffic in the housing areas will be shut down. The Directorate of Emergency Services will have personnel in the trick-or-treat area blocking access roads to North Point. We encourage residents who live north of Bunker Hill to come down and set up candy stations in open spaces such as outside the commander's residence.
- We're expecting 600 guests from Ebeye to come over for the event.
- Roi will have their second annual trick-or-treating on Oct. 30 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- "We have some exciting events coming up. The Oceanview Club will be a Haunted Tiki Bar and Luau on Oct. 28. Kwaj band Anywhere Atoll is playing on Roi Oct. 28.
- On Nov. 19, children will enjoy the



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

MWR Events Coordinator Kara Larson discusses upcoming activities on USAG-KA during the Community Information Exchange on Oct. 19 at the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room.

- annual Shaving Cream Social at Emon Beach.
- On Nov. 25, the community may attend the grand reopening of the Richardson Theater.
- Dec. 2 is the Tree Lighting Ceremony and arrival of Santa Claus.
- Dec. 10 is Light Up the Night, an open-air shuttle ride through brightly lit homes during the winter holidays.
- Dec. 16 is the Ugly T-Shirt Holiday Party at the Oceanview Club. The event is for those aged 21 and over.
- On Dec. 31, MWR will host a New Year's Eve party at Emon Beach.

Questions and Answers

1. In November 2022 when Lt. Gen. Karbler was here, there was a housing group formed. I was wondering, before the new regulation comes out, if that group could review and comment before it is widely released.

"We had a housing working group to determine certain houses that would be available to contractors," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, USAG-KA command sergeant major.

"We're currently writing in the regulation for that preferred housing area. Once the regulation is complete, the commander will sign it. However, just like any other regulation, the Army usually doesn't open it up for the public to comment. You are more than welcome to see it once it is ready."

2. What happened to the new golf carts?

There are two new carts on Roi. We have seven 4-seaters and two 6-seaters on Kwaj. There are new carts coming by spring 2024.

3. Some carts are being driven by people for work purposes and not for leisure.

If you use carts for work purposes, you can lose your privilege to rent carts.

4. There are a lack of golf carts at the golf course.

MWR carts are allowed to be used at the golf course.

5. At the furniture warehouse, there is a surplus of furniture for houses but not for BQs. Can BQ residents have access to that?

Col. Morgan: "We will talk to V2X about that possibility."

6. For Phase 3, is there going to be 2-bedroom housing?

We are short 2-bedroom houses. All Phase 1 – 3 houses will be three- to four-bedroom homes.

"In two years, we will have a surplus of large, multiple-bedroom homes," said Col. Morgan. "The inventory will be lopsided. But first, we have to get through this really tight era before we get into bedroom surplus. We're looking at a lot of options right now; we are going into uncharted waters."

7. Will there be a green space at North Point?

There will be some green space available. Parsons is working on the design.

8. Are Kwaj cats still available for adoption? I heard there was a kitten not available for adoption.

They are still available for adoption and all pets are microchipped. Col. Morgan added, "We are a cat-lover family. We gave up a beloved cat before we moved here because we didn't want it to become a stray Kwaj cat. It's being watched for two years while we are here."

"There is an active campaign here to trap, spay and neuter. That is ongoing. We are trying to increase the numbers to control the population because this is an ecologic balance that we have to strike. We are not euthanizing cats."

Several kudos went out to Ernest Curry, Surfway manager for the new items in the store. "If you see Ernest in Surfway, pat him on the back," said Col. Morgan. "He turned things around up on Roi and is doing the same here. We really appreciate it."

And finally, a big thank you for the workers at North Point: "Once the demo projects got underway, they moved very quickly, and I just want to compliment all the subcontractors who participated in that. It's been a very clean operation. The way they are moving the debris and demo materials to the other end of the island is neat and clean," said Morgan.



U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY STEPHEN ELSON

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COURTESY OF JAN POTTER

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MWR ZOMBIE RUN A SPOOKY SUCCESS FOR A “HALLOWEEND”

HOURLASS REPORT

Kwajalein residents had an enjoyable evening attempting to outrun zombies in a Halloween-themed MWR Zombie Run event Oct. 15.

Attendees hopped on a transport vehicle to a drop-off point near the Island Memorial Chapel. Their goal: to run-walk their way back to safety at the Emon Beach main pavilion on either a daylight course (for young children) or the evening’s all-out scare course. Friends and snacks awaited their return—if they could make it.

The route started at the Emon Beach pavilion. Participants continued on to encounter scare stations at the Kwaj Lodge, the island’s schools, the Corlett Recreation Center, and pathways in Army Family Housing.

“The route was decorated with signs and coconuts and most importantly, lined with zombies,” said Stephen Elson, who photographed the event. “Most of the zombie make-up was applied by volunteers while others did their own creations.”

The Zombies included MWR Employees, numerous volunteers from teacher, students and others around the island and Ebeye. Volunteers and community members added their own bit of Halloween by setting up scares and music along the route for participants to enjoy.

Special thanks to MWR and all the island’s zombies for a special evening.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY STEPHEN ELSON

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COURTESY OF JAN POTTER

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1) A banner along the MWR Zombie Walk warns of danger up ahead. 2) Zombies weren’t the only ghouls along the run route. Pictured here, a werewolf is spotted atop an emergency services vehicle. 3) A zombie approaches a group of brave participants. Anyone know if they made it past this zombie alive? 4) Island residents staffed water stations to ensure zombies and participants were properly hydrated. 5) Volunteers apply zombie makeup before the event. 6) A zombie commemorates this attack with a photo. 7) Creatures of the night converge upon a photographer during the Zombie Run.



A total of 27 community members, including teachers, 14 U.S. Navy Seabees, and personnel from the Reagan Test Site, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory, commemorated earning their TEAM KWAJ tabs with a photo during the Oct. 21 Commander's Call event at Kwajalein's Oceanview Club.



On Oct. 6, officials from the Marshall Islands national government commemorated the signing of a women's health policy dedicated to proving strategic oversight and supports to the fight against cervical cancer during the 34th WUTMI Conference on Majuro.

RMI MINISTER, SECRETARY OF HEALTH ENDORSE RMI CERVICAL CANCER ELIMINATION POLICY WITH SUPPORT OF WOMEN LEADERS

EXTERNAL REPORT

Press Release by the Office of the RMI President

On Oct. 6, 2023, recognizing the high rates of cervical cancer in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Ministry of Health and Human Services, Honorable Minister Ota Kisino and Secretary Francyne Wase-Jacklick, together signed the Cervical Cancer Elimination Policy and Strategy framework at Majuro International Conference Center.

The event was organized by the MO-HHS Cancer Prevention Program after the presentation and validation of the policy during the 34th Women United Together Marshall Islands Conference.

This action serves to build upon National Comprehensive Cancer Control

Plan 2022 - 2023 that is aligned with recent developments in cervical cancer prevention, screening, management, and treatment.

The RMI is known to have the highest incident of cervical cancer in the world, the human papillomavirus, affecting women in their late 30s to early 40s. The new policy document outlines a vision for the elimination of cervical cancer in the RMI and a set of strategies and actions to move toward the elimination of new diagnoses of cervical cancer. These include including vaccination of girls and boys, screening of women for HPV, treatment for HPV positive, and management of those women with cervical cancer.

According to National Cancer Registry (MHHS, 2022) reported between the year 2017 - 2021 there were 61 wom-

en diagnosed with cervical cancer over five-year period. This includes 12 cases in 2017, 9 cases in 2018, 11 cases in 2019, 14 cases in 2020, and 15 cases in 2021.

Of these cases the youngest woman diagnosed with aged 27 and the oldest was aged 69, and the average age of diagnosis was aged 47.

The Cervical Cancer Elimination Policy and Strategy is in coalition with national policy frameworks, to provide roadmap for progress of national priorities in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, with the goal plan of "healthy lives and well-being of all ages" and objective as "Strengthened response and resilience to communicable disease, environmental health, and health emergency preparedness and "Provision of quality health care infrastructure, especially cancer care for all Marshallese."



NOAA PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OCEAN EXPLORATION TRUST

A vampire squid surrounded by marine snow is captured on film during a dive on the E/V Nautilus.

The vampire squid and the vampire fish

EXTERNAL REPORT

Two daunting aquatic creatures.

The vampire squid is a small (12-inch-long) cephalopod found in deep temperate and tropical seas. Originally thought to be an octopus because it lacks the two long tentacles that usually extend past a squid's eight arms, the vampire squid

possesses characteristics of both squid and octopi, and occupies its own order in taxonomy (scientific classification).

Its huge, bright blue eyes — proportionally the largest in the animal kingdom — dark color, and the velvety, cloak-like webbing that connects its arms give the vampire squid its common name. Its scientific name, *Vampyroteuthis infernalis*, literally means "vampire squid

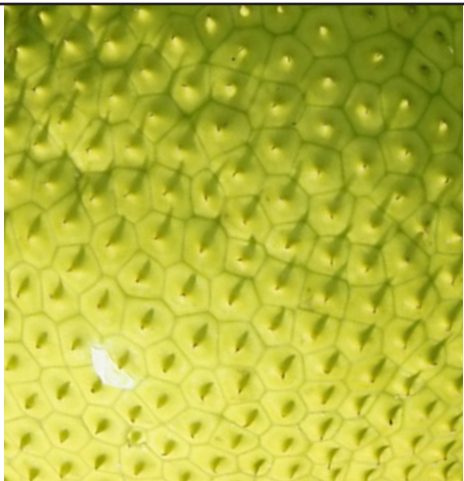
of Hell"! While it does not suck blood like its mythical namesake, the vampire squid is a "living relic" that evolved from an ancestor of the octopus, and its lineage goes back 165 million years in the fossil record.

The vampire squid is an extremophile, inhabiting the dark ocean depths from 2,000-3,000 feet. If threatened, this defensive deep-sea Dracula does not eject ink, as do most of its cephalopod cousins. Nor can it change color to confuse intruders the way its shallow-water cousins can; living as it does in the deep ocean, where little light penetrates, color-changing is a pointless strategy.

Instead, the vampire squid squirts a copious cloud of sticky, bioluminescent mucus toward would-be predators (and the occasional research ROV). Ewww!

On the freshwater side, the vampire fish is a nickname for the payara, an abundant gamefish found in the Amazon Basin. While this large, 1.5-to-3 foot fish does not suck the blood of its prey, its six-inch-long fangs, which protrude from an undershot jaw, result in a face only a (payara) mother could love.

In recent years, the payara has gained popularity as an occupant in large, "aggressive" freshwater aquariums. Live goldfish are among this fangy predator's favorite prey. Consequently, aquarists are advised to select tankmates too big to fit inside this vampire's saber-toothed maw!



Breadfruit

EXTERNAL REPORT

From "Gardening on Kwajalein," by the Garden Club of the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, 1983

Breadfruit is one of the most important foods for the people of the tropical islands in the Pacific Ocean.

Breadfruit is a rounded or oval fruit,

about the size of a child's head. Its rind is rough and the pulp inside is mealy. The fruit is gathered before it ripens. In the past it was cooked over heated stones. It can also be prepared so that it will keep for several weeks. This is done by baking the fruit whole in an underground baking pit.

Sometimes the breadfruit is beaten into a paste and stored underground where it ferments slightly.

The part of the breadfruit that is eaten lies between the skin and the core. The fleshy pulp looks and feels like new bread and makes an excellent pudding when mixed with coconut milk.

The inner bark of the breadfruit tree is made into a kind of cloth. The wood, when seasoned, resembles mahogany. It is used for the building of boats and furniture.

The breadfruit tree grows to a height of about 40 feet. The spreading branches bear glossy, deeply lobed, dark-green leaves over one foot in length.

The breadfruit hangs singly or in clusters of two or three, from short, thick stems. It is an important food in many central and south Pacific Islands.

A few breadfruit trees are grown in the Florida Keys in the United States.

Fruits weigh up to 10 pounds.

The fruit is high in carbohydrates, and is a source of Vitamins A, B and C.

Once established, young trees are difficult to transplant. Please do not attempt to transplant the newly planted breadfruit trees on Kwajalein.



Kajitok? Abnōnō?

Questions? Concerns?

Call the Commander's Hotline at 480-1098.



A SCARE IN TWO SENTENCES

If you had to scare someone in just two sentences, could you do it? We think the Kwajalein students featured here have aced this challenge from instructor Jennifer Newberry. Courtesy of Kwajalein's seventh-grade writers, please enjoy these mini tales of terror. Some writers have contributed two stories for double the scare. Thanks to all who contributed their stories.

I use to love hearing the children get out of school,
"Yay!" is what I heard.
I stopped loving it when I realized I didn't live beside a school but a "se-matary."

Ryan Butler

My mom used to sing songs to me using puppets. But now the puppets sing to me by themselves.

Juliet Delisio

I woke up at 3:54 A.M. last night to a bullet going through my chest.
When I woke up again, it was 3:53 and I could hear footsteps coming to my room.

Growing up with pets, I got used to the sound of something scratching on my door. Now that I live alone, it is a little bit more unsettling.

Brooklyn Hill

"Officer, I just looked away for a second and my little boy is gone," I cried helplessly.

"That's it, it sounds more convincing," he laughed. He then picks up the phone ,ready to call with a smirk on his face.

Ernest Morfitt

In tight spaces, I feel like someone is watching me. When I entered the old living room, I get so paranoid that I propped up a camera to make sure that there was no intruder.
After night, I checked the surveillance and... the camera caught a tentacle slithering back in the couch I use to sit on.

Joseph Naut

I stood over my friend's grave. Then I heard a voice.
As I walked home something attacked. As I was dying I saw a man with a chain-saw and blood in his hair.

Henry Powers

After I turned the light off and said her name 3 times nothing happened.
Then I heard her scream through the mirror.

Danica-Rose Primeaux

I loved hearing the footsteps of my dog coming to my room. It's weird now, since I don't have a dog anymore.

Eli Rumfelt

I was sleeping and I heard a growl next to me. I thought that it was my dog, so I just went back to sleep. Now that my dog is dead, I still hear the growl next to me when I sleep.

I thought I heard my mom calling for me. I got scared because my mom died yesterday.

I slept alone next to a graveyard. But then one night I felt someone sleeping next to me....

Tarzan Sheet

I had a dream that a man was watching me sleep outside my bedroom window. When I woke up, I found footprints inside next to my bed...

My brother woke my up last night to tell me an intruder was in the house.
He was murdered by an intruder two years ago.

Naomi Tongue



GHOSTLY ENTERTAINMENT

Some say the island hasn't changed very much. Others disagree. You can be the judge.
Check out what the island community was doing for entertainment backin October's past with these historic Hourglass clips.

Meet you at the movies!



Saturday

(3-D) Creature From the Black Lagoon (G)
(3 D glasses will be distributed)
In this black-and-white 3-D movie action comes right at you in the horror tale of an amphibious prehistoric gill-man who inhabits a mysterious lagoon
Richardson Theater 7 30 p m.
Bordell f Blo d (R)
A sultry vampire presides over an ultimate fantasy brothel where customers pay with their lives
Yokwe Yuk Theater 8 30 p m.
Mystery Science Theater 3000 (PG-13)
This is a comedy about a hapless human and his two quirky robot sidekick. They are forced to the far reaches of outer space to watch an endless stream of cheesy B movies as part of a fiendish experiment
Tradewinds Theater Ror-Namur 8 p m.

Halloween at the Yuk Club

October 31



**"Ghoulish Feast" Buffet
in the
Dining Room
5 p.m.**

**"Howling Halloween Haunting" Party
in the Lounge
Costume Contest
Shermie & the Fat Boys
8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.**



Bring the entire family to the Yokwe Yuk Club on Sunday for a buffet of roast beast, chicken a la witch, fillet of soul, assorted green things, baked shrunken head (potato) and lots of other frightfully good delights. Then head over to the Lounge for an evening of Halloween fun. Dance to the music of Screamin' Shermie and the Ghoulish Fat Boys, and take part in a costume contest. Contact the Yuk Club to make reservations for the buffet.

Look what we've cooked up for you!



**Costume Dance
Tonight, 7 30-11 30 p m
in the MP Room
Contest, games, prizes,
refreshments
High School students**
**Costume Contest
October 31, 6-7 p m
at the CRC
Preschool through 6th grade**



CHAT GPT HORROR STORY: ISLAND OF MADNESS

Some people find the artificial intelligence-driven language processing tool Chat GPT to be scary enough—but could Chat GPT write a spooky story? One island writer decided to find out. Read on for what happens when AI technology syncs with its inner Edgar Allan Poe.

BY STEPHEN ELSON

Part 1: Isolation

Nathan had always been a loner. It was part of the reason he had moved to this remote Pacific island years ago. There, on a tiny plot of land surrounded by endless ocean, he found the isolation he craved. The island was beautiful, covered in dense jungle, its sandy shores kissed by crystal-clear waters. Nathan had a small hut near the beach, and he spent his days fishing, exploring the jungle, and reading old books he had brought with him.

Life was serene, until the dreams began. Night after night, he was haunted by visions of an enigmatic underwater entity. It was as if a cosmic force was trying to communicate with him. The dreams were so vivid that they felt more like memories than mere fantasies. But Nathan was a rational man, and he dismissed them as the result of isolation and too much time spent in solitary contemplation.

Part 2: The Arrival

One sunny morning, as Nathan was gathering coconuts near the shore, he noticed a small boat approaching the island. It was a rowboat, and its lone occupant was a middle-aged man with a friendly, welcoming smile. He had a thick Canadian accent.

"Hey there! Mind if I land for a spell?" the man called as he rowed closer.

Nathan was taken aback but didn't want to seem inhospitable. "Sure, go ahead," he replied, albeit warily.

The man skillfully maneuvered his boat onto the sandy beach. He introduced himself as Roger, a traveler on a journey of self-discovery. Nathan found himself drawn to Roger's friendly demeanor and the tales of his adventures across the Pacific.

Over the next few weeks, Roger be-

came a regular visitor to Nathan's hut. They would sit on the porch, drinking coconut milk, and discussing life's mysteries. Nathan, who hadn't had a meaningful conversation with anyone in years, began to look forward to these visits.

Part 3: True Nature

One evening, as they were watching the sun set over the ocean, Roger broached a subject that made Nathan's heart race. "Have you ever heard of the Seekers of the Abyss?" Roger asked casually.

Nathan tried to hide his surprise but failed. "Yeah, I've read a bit about them," he admitted cautiously.

Roger chuckled. "You know, they're not as bad as some say. In fact, they're quite welcoming to newcomers. I should know; I'm a member."

Nathan's heart sank. He had always considered the Seekers of the Abyss to be nothing more than stories, not something real people believed in. "You're joking, right?"

Roger's friendly smile didn't waver. "Not at all. They believe that the Abyss holds the key to unlocking the secrets of the universe. And they're right. I've seen it with my own eyes."

Nathan felt a shiver run down his spine. "What have you seen?"

Roger leaned in closer, his eyes shining with fervor. "I've seen the ocean's depths open up, and the truth revealed. It's a sight to behold, my friend. You could see it too, you know."

Part 4: The Transformation

Over the next few weeks, Roger began to slowly introduce Nathan to the Seekers of the Abyss. At first, it seemed harmless enough - gatherings on the beach, chanting in a language Nathan couldn't understand, and meditation sessions meant to connect with the an-

cient knowledge of the Abyss. Nathan's dreams of the enigmatic entity grew more vivid and unsettling, but he couldn't deny that something was happening. He felt a strange compulsion to learn more about the Abyss, to dive deeper into the mysteries of the group.

As the days turned into months, Nathan noticed changes in himself. His once-reclusive nature had given way to a newfound sense of belonging and purpose. He felt like he was part of something bigger, something ancient and powerful.

Part 5: The Descent

One moonless night, as Nathan and Roger stood on the beach with a group of Seekers, the water began to churn violently. It was as if the very ocean itself was responding to their presence.

Roger turned to Nathan, his eyes filled with an eerie serenity. "It's time, my friend. The Abyss is calling us."

Nathan felt a strange mixture of fear and excitement as he waded into the water with the others. The Seekers began to chant in unison, their voices rising and falling in a hypnotic rhythm. Nathan could feel a presence, ancient and malevolent, lurking beneath the waves.

And then, it happened. A massive, otherworldly form rose from the depths, just as Nathan had seen in his dreams. It was the entity of the Abyss.

As the Seekers continued to chant, Nathan realized the horrifying truth. He had become one of them, a follower of a force that defied human comprehension. He had traded his solitude for a sense of belonging, but at what cost?

The monstrous eyes of the Abyss fixed on Nathan, and he felt his mind unraveling. In that moment, he understood the true nature of the group and the price of their knowledge. It was a descent into madness from which there could be no return.

As the entity's tendrils reached out to embrace him, Nathan's last thoughts were of the isolation he had once craved, and the terrible price he had paid to escape it.

The End

Welcome to

"Trick or Treat" Night on Kwaj

October 31

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

- All rented golf carts must be returned by 6 p.m. on Oct. 31
- Roads in all housing areas closed to vehicle traffic at 6 p.m.
- "Trick-or-treating" starts at 6:30 p.m.
- "Trick-or-treating" ends at 8:30 p.m.
- Only houses with lights on are participating
- See map for road closures and trick-or-treat route
- Residents living in off-limits areas are encouraged to trunk-or treat along the approved trick-or-treat route
- There will be an extra ferry to return guests to Ebeye at 9 p.m.

THE CLASSIFIEDS

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

DARTS TOURNAMENT

ADULT REC CENTER

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26
6:30 P.M.

NON-RESIDENTS MUST HAVE SPONSORSHIP TO ATTEND THE TOURNAMENT.

For more information call 480-3331 or visit us at the MWR Office, Bldg. 805.



ACTIVITIES

TALKS ON THE ROCK EBEEYE. Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Ebeye Gym. “Kubwij Bikini: Bukot Bwebwenato, Tur Jikin Ekaitoktok Limo. Exploring Bikini: Navigating History, Diving Adventure.”

AUTO & DRIVING

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

DRIVER'S TRAINING & LICENSING. Kwajalein Classes: Every Wednesday, 9 – 11 a.m. (RMI) and 1 – 3 p.m. (U.S.) at Automotive Area, Bldg. 856, Rm. 103. Roi Classes: second Friday of the month, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m. (U.S.) in C-building. Please email wkaisha@rmi.qdyncorp.com or barnett@rmi.qdyncorp.com to register. Class size is limited. ***Note: Bring a valid US, International, or Marshall Islands License with you to class***

ASVAB

ASVAB TESTING. The military entrance Processing Station – Hawaii, will Administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test on Kwajalein and Ebeye on the following dates: Nov. 6, Enlistment Test, Ebeye; Nov. 7, Kwajalein Atoll High School, Ebeye; Nov. 8, Kwajalein High School, USAG-KA; Nov. 9 – 10, all Ebeye schools. For more information, contact Mike Sakaio at 480-2103.

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.

CHAPEL

PRAYER AND PRAISE NIGHT. Every first Sunday at 7 p.m. in the large chapel on Kwajalein. This open worship night is free and open to everyone.

ROI SERVICES. Catholic Mass will take place on Roi at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Protestant services will take place every first and third Friday of each month.

CHAPEL COUNSELING AVAILABLE. For those who seek religious guidance, general counseling, and who may have questions related to family counseling, all are welcome to schedule an appointment with Ch. Brian Conner at the Island Memorial Chapel by calling 480-3505.

E-WARENESS: DIG PERMITS

Any excavation more than 6 inches requires a Dig Permit. A signed dig permit

must be on site for ALL excavations on USAG-KA. The permit holder is responsible for all stipulations of the permit, such as, marking known utilities and having a monitor on site during excavations. For more dig permit information call the Vectrus Public Works at 480-0002.

Aolep ien kob ko remulalak jen 6 inij reai-kuj dig permit. Permit ej aikuj bed jikin kob ko ion USAG-KA. Eo ej an permit eo aikuj loori kakien ko enwot, maak e utilities ko ejela kaki im eai-kuj wor juon eo ej monitor ilo ien kob. Nan melele ko relap-lak ikujeen dig permit, call e Vectrus Public Works ilo 480-0002.

FACILITIES & HOURS

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.

MILLICAN FAMILY POOL. 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.

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.

FIRE SAFETY

The early signs of a fire: Fire drills are conducted annually by the Building Manager/Evacuation Coordinator. The BM/EC should ensure the facility has a Fire Evacuation Plan in place. Fire Reporting Procedures: Call 9-1-1, activate the fire alarm, or shout, “Fire, fire, fire!”

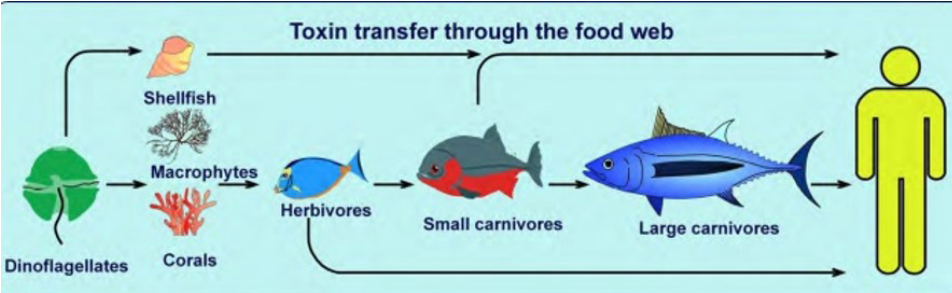
Once outside, report to a pre-designated area for accountability. Once out, stay out. No one is to return, until the “all clear” is given. Complete a fire drill report to document that the fire drill was conducted. Maintain a record of all the fire drills conducted at your facility. Please contact our office for questions or assistance at 480-2489.

If you notice any of these signs, evacuate the building and call 911.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT: CIGUATERA

Dredging and Filling Operations are in progress at Emon Beach to cover exposed beach rock. Shoreline construction activity can increase the potential for Ciguatera poisoning in fish, and residents are advised to avoid consuming fish from this area thru Oct 26. Questions? Call 480-0722.

Kójjelā ñan aolep bwe enaj wór jermal in kób ion bedbed ak bulón lojet eo iturin wót Emon Beach Oct 17 raan ñan kókmanman lok im pinej drekā ko rewalok. Enaan in kakkól bwe jermal kein remaroñ kóllaplok paijin in Ciguatera ilo eek ko im jej karoñ aolep bwe komin jab enwód ak móñā eek ko jen area in Oct 26. Call e 480-0722 ñan melele ko relaplok.





Island Memorial Chapel's Thanksgiving Dinner

**Monday, Nov. 13
6 p.m. in the REB**

Bring a friend or dish to share!
Write to kwajchapel@gmail.com
for more information.

All are welcome!



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

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 Effective Now
Monday and Friday—UA 155 (HNL)
Check-in 2 – 4:50 p.m.
Wednesday—UA 133 (HNL)
Check-in 2 – 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday and Saturday—UA 154 (GUM)
Check-in 10:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Effective immediately, FLY ROI has a new email address for reservations and correspondence related to flights: LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@wsp.com.

HEALTH

KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL WALK-IN FLU CLINICS. Available to the community on Nov. 2 from 1:30 – 6 p.m. Starting Nov. 3, flu shots are available on a walk-in or appointment basis, Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. For additional questions, please call Kwajalein Hospital at 480-2223.

Employee Assistance Program counselor, Kenneth Thomas, can be reached at kenneth.thomas@internationalsogs.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.

COVID-19 BOOSTERS. A bivalent COVID-19 vaccine booster is available for those aged 12+ if it has been more than 120 days since their initial bivalent COVID-19 vaccine dose. To register, please email judy.wiser@internationalsogs.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.

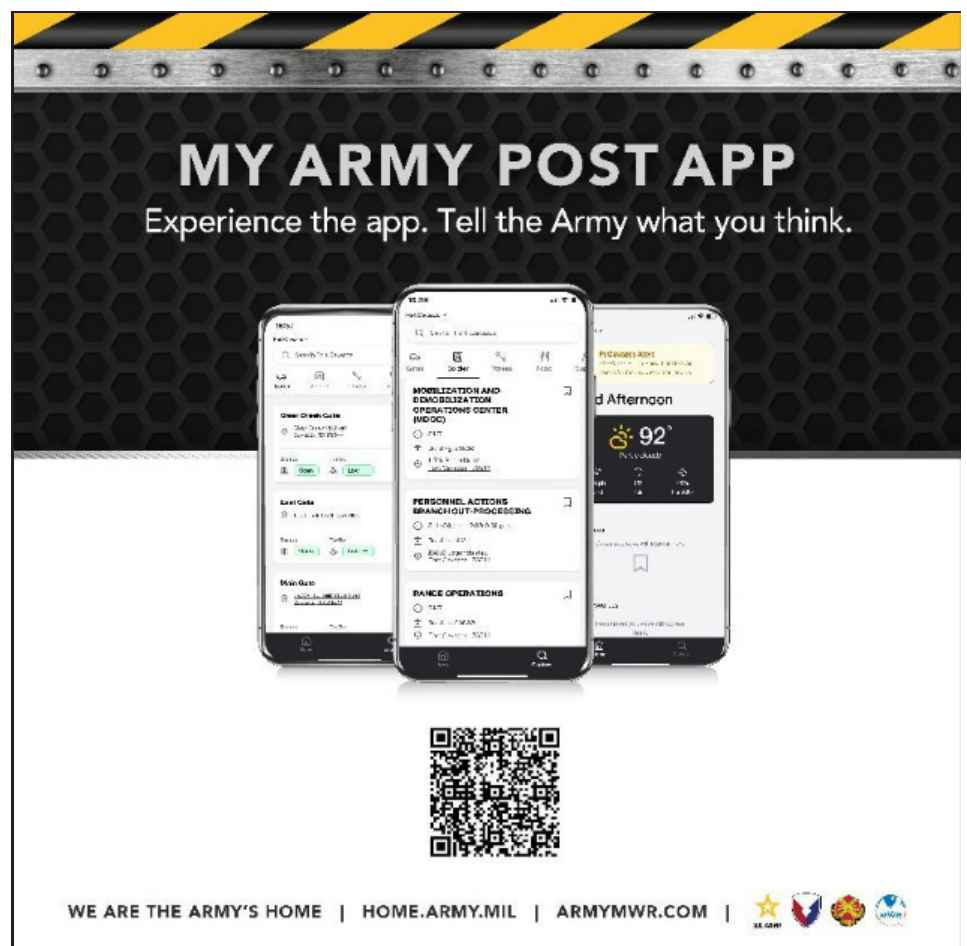
NOTIFY THE VET. Pet owners must notify Kwaj Vet Services before vacation. A pet sitter authorization form for treatment is required prior to departing Kwaj. Reach Vet Services at 480-2017 Tuesday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

KWAJ SALON staff cannot treat headlice. Thank you for your understanding.


JOBS

To apply for government employment opportunities on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and worldwide, visit usajobs.gov.

AKIMA is hiring for the following on-island positions: Communications Clerk (ID: TRU0101); Communications Specialist (ID: TRU0100); and Fiber / Cable Technician (ID: TRU0109). 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/akimallcs/jobsearch.ftl>. Apply online or send resume to Jeannette McIlwain at jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com.



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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/J3N1RL6K-DG9RWPTYQDF> 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.

PARSONS is accepting applications for an office clerk, heavy equipment operator, quality control technicians, concrete finisher, general labor and masonry. Please visit the Parsons office to apply or apply online <http://parsons.com/careers>.

TRIBALCO is hiring for Intermediate Systems Administrator, Intermediate Networks Administrator, Senior Networks Administrator, Cyber Security Specialist, Unified Capabilities (UC) Specialist, Infrastructure Technician, Infrastructure Drawing Specialist (AutoCad). 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. 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 WANTED. Kwajalein School System is now hiring substitute teachers. Qualifications: 4-year degree; confidentiality; love of working with children; favorable status for CNACI (will receive background check after accepting offer). Send resumes to uhrenp@kwajaleinschools.org. For more information 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.

V2X JOBS. V2X has several opportunities for on-island hires: Harbor Controller I (35649), Logistics Analyst (32717), Inventory Associate (35067), and Bartender (32355). Apply online at www.careers.vec-trus.com or stop by the HR office in building 700.

MWR FITNESS CLASSES

All classes meet in Corlett Recreation Room 7 unless otherwise noted. All classes require a Fitness Pass. Purchase annual, 6-month and 8-month passes at the MWR desk in the Grace Sherwood Library (Bldg. 805). All classes are subject to change without notice. Call MWR at 480-3331.

TUESDAY

5:30 - 6:30 a.m. FREE SPIN CRC7
10:30 a.m. BEGINNERS YOGA CRC7
5 p.m. YOGA CRC7

6 p.m. ZUMBA CRC1
6:30 p.m. SPIN CRC7

WEDNESDAY

9:15 a.m. ZUMBA TONING CRC1
5 p.m. BEGINNERS YOGA CRC7
6 p.m. WATER AEROBICS ADULT POOL

THURSDAY

6 a.m. SPIN
9:15 a.m. ZUMBA CRC1
11:30 a.m. TRX BOOT CAMP CRC7

KWAJ KIDS!!

Oct. 15 - 31

Visit the Hobby Shop and use acrylics to paint a Halloween decoration.
No charge/no membership needed.

Parent, guardian or adult will accompany child.

Wear closed-toe shoes.
No flip flops.

Hobby Shop Hours:

Wed./Thu.	1 – 8 p.m.
Friday	12 – 8 p.m.
Sat./Sun./Mon.	12 – 6 p.m.

SHAVING CREAM SOCIAL

Emon Beach, Sunday, Nov. 19

4:30 – 4:40 p.m. Pre-School
Must be accompanied by an Adult in the Pit.

4:30 – 5 p.m. K – 2nd Grade

5:10 – 5:30 p.m. 3rd – 6th Grade

5:40 – 6 p.m. Jr. and Sr. High
Meet at the Main Pavilion

Each participant will receive 1 free can of shaving cream.
Participants are encouraged to wear goggles.
No gel, menthol, or mint creams allowed.

Inflatables, sprinklers and water slides will be set up for more fun after the shaving cream social.

For more information stop by the Grace Sherwood Library or call 480-3331.

WELCOME TO THE HAUNTED LUAU AND TIKI BAR.

OCT. 28 8P.M.



COSTUME PARTY AT OCEANVIEW CLUB.
COSTUME CONTEST FOR MOST ORIGINAL, SCARIEST, FUNNIEST, BEST DIY, BEST COUPLE AND BEST HAUNTED LUAU OUTFIT.

5 p.m. YOGA CRC7
6 p.m. WATER AEROBICS ADULT POOL

FRIDAY
5:30 - 6:30 a.m. FREE SPIN CRC7
6 a.m. YOGA FLOW (EMON BEACH)
9 a.m. ZUMBA CRC1
5:30 p.m. POWER HOUR (Strength & cardio circuit) CRC7
6 p.m. ZUMBA TONING CRC1

SATURDAY
5:30 - 6:30 a.m. FREE SPIN CRC7
8 a.m. TRX + CORE CRC7
10:30 a.m. WATER AEROBICS ADULT POOL

SCHOOL
SCHOOL SYSTEM EMAILS. KSS emails have changed. School email addresses now end with @kwajaleinschools.org. Ex: uhrenp@kwajaleinschools.org.

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.

OPSEC. 500th MI KWAJALEIN RESIDENT OFFICE
Counterintelligence aims to detect and deter threats by safeguarding information vital to the preservation of national security. Operational Security (OPSEC): Be cautious about sharing work details on social media or in public settings. Participate in Training: All employees on US-AG-KA (military, contractor, civilian, and local nationals) are required to receive annual Threat Awareness and Reporting Program (TARP) training provided by KRO; Reporting: Report suspicious activities to the Kwajalein Resident Office at 480-9859/1293/8006 or Bldg. 1163. See something, say something.

POST OFFICE
Kwaj Post Office Holiday Closures 2023:

- Nov. 11 – Veterans' Day;
- Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving;
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day;

2024:
• Jan. 1 – New Year's Day;
• Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day;
• Feb. 19 – George Washington Birthday;
• May 27 – Memorial Day.

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: Click submit.

REGULATIONS
TOBACCO USE. USAG-KA Policy Memorandum 600-8 protects others from the negative impact of tobacco use. On US-AG-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. Contact the Kwajalein Archaeology Office at 480-8867.

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.

RADIO
Ham Shack Amateur Radio Operators. All amateur operators will now be required to file for a Marshall Islands callsign. Please

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

KARAOKE NIGHT

HOLIDAY-THEMED MUSIC

SATURDAY, DEC. 9, 8 P.M. – MIDNIGHT

OCEANVIEW CLUB

Spill Response Training and Exercise

What: Day 1: Training | Day 2: Functional Exercise (Fire Dept., Marine Dept., Public Works)

When: Nov. 8-9, 8am-4:30 p.m.

Where: CRC 6

Who: Those who work with/around HAZMAT. Personnel participating are encouraged to attend the training on Nov. 8.

RSVP NLT Nov. 4:
Josh Snow
(Joshua.m.snow6.civ@army.mil)
Gus Aljure
(Gustavo.a.aljure.ctr@army.mil)



On Oct. 31, Kwajalein Trick-or-Treat Night, all cart rentals will be returned by 6 p.m. Roads through housing will be blocked by 6 p.m. Visitors for trick-or-treat night are encouraged to skip houses without porch lights on.
Please have fun and be safe, and have a happy Halloween!



contact Lisa @V73ML1@gmail.com for an application and information.

RF EQUIPMENT. Bringing new Radio Frequency equipment or wireless devices on island? Please contact the NETCOM Spectrum Management Office. This may require three months' approval process. Report any interference problems ASAP. Home use of commercial electronics do not require approval. For more information, please call 480-4135.

TAXI SERVICE

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.

WARDROBE FOR VISITING EBEBE

When visiting Ebeye in the Marshall Islands, it is advisable to dress modestly and respectfully, considering the local cultural norms and the warm tropical climate. Here are some general guidelines for both men and women by Yolanie Korab.

CLOTHING FOR MEN

Opt for lightweight, breathable fabrics such as cotton or linen to stay comfortable in the warm and humid weather. Wear collared shirts or T-shirts that cover the shoulders. Avoid sleeveless shirts or tank tops, as they may be seen as inappropriate.

SHORT OR TROUSERS: Choose knee-length shorts or trousers. Avoid wearing excessively short shorts or swimwear in public areas.

CLOTHING FOR WOMEN

DRESSES OR SKIRTS: Wear knee-length or longer dresses, skirts, or sarongs. Loose-fitting and lightweight fabrics are recommended.

TOPS: Select modest tops that cover the shoulders and avoid low necklines or revealing clothing.

HEAD COVERINGS: Hats or caps are useful for protecting yourself from the sun, especially during the hot daytime hours.

SUN PROTECTION: Apply sunscreen, wear sunglasses, and carry a light shawl or umbrella for extra sun protection.

FOOTWEAR FOR MEN AND WOMEN: Comfortable shoes or sandals are suitable. Bring a pair of sandals that are easy to slip on and off when visiting home or certain establishments.

These guidelines are intended to help you show respect for the local customs and traditions of Ebeye Island.

Ship Early

2023

Holiday Mailing Dates

For expected delivery before Dec. 25,
Ship by the recommended mailing dates:

Ground Advantage Service	Priority Mail Service	First Class Mail Letters & Cards	Priority Mail Express Mail
Nov. 6	Dec. 9	Dec. 9	Dec. 15

Kwajalein Holiday Market

November 27, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
at the Religious Education Building
(Bldg. 671 behind the Chapel)

Complete your holiday shopping here!

KEYSTONE
The Ultimate Teen Program

WORLDWIDE
DAY OF PLAY

UNITED STATES ARMY
CHILD/YOUTH SERVICES

Nov. 12

Youth Center Field

Open to ALL ages/everyone

4 – 6 p.m.; Student-led games

- Sign in at the small tent for a bracelet.
- Wear it and go to each game.
- After each game, get a sticker
- # of stickers equals # of balls.
you throw at the dunk tank!

Face Paint
Slip & Slide
Tug-of-War
Cup Stacking
Musical Chairs
Water Balloons
Nerf Target Practice
& More!

SPORTS HEROES WHO SERVED: 2 ATHLETES DOUBLE DOWN ON VALOR DURING WWII

EXTERNAL REPORT

By David Vergun, DOD News

Aquilla James “Jimmie” Dyess and William Edwin “Ed” Dyess, distant cousins, had much in common. Both grew up in the South. Both played football in school. Both joined the military in the 1930s. Both served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Both attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. And, both performed acts of heroism.

Aquilla James “Jimmie” Dyess

Jimmie was born in Andersonville, Georgia, in 1909. In 1927, he enrolled in Clemson University, where he played on the Tigers football team for three years.

Jimmie’s interest then shifted from football to shooting. He joined the Reserve Officer Training Corps rifle team during his junior and senior years at Clemson.

His marksmanship skills were so exceptional that he was selected to be on the ROTC rifle team representing 25 colleges throughout the South that competed in the 1930 National Team Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

In 1928, Jimmie earned national fame when he rescued two women from rough surf off the South Carolina coast. For his bravery, he was awarded the Carnegie Medal.

Upon graduating from college in 1931, Jimmie was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserve. In 1936, he opted for an interservice transfer and was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve.

In 1937 and 1938 he was a member of the Marine Corps Reserve Rifle and Pistol Team Detachment at Camp Perry, distinguishing himself by earning many shooting awards.

In 1940, Jimmie went on active duty. By 1943, he had advanced to the rank of lieutenant colonel. In 1944, he joined the 4th Marine Division, during the Battle of Roi-Namur in the Marshall Islands, which began Feb. 1, 1944. Roi-Namur are two islands connected by a causeway.

On Feb. 1, 1944, six Marine snipers were on patrol on Namur Island where Japanese forces had taken up protected positions. The patrol unknowingly moved behind enemy lines, where they became pinned down on three sides by Japanese forces shooting at them from concealed positions.

One of the Marines was killed instantly, and four others sustained injuries. Jimmie braved heavy enemy fire to rescue the five survivors.

The next day, Jimmie was killed by enemy machine gun fire while standing on the parapet of an anti-tank trench directing a group of infantrymen during a flanking attack against the last Japanese position in the northern part of Namur Island.

For his valor, Jimmie was awarded the Medal of Honor. He is the only Medal of Honor recipient to also be awarded the Carnegie Medal.

In 1945, the destroyer USS Dyess was named in his honor.

William Edwin “Ed” Dyess



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1) Marine Corps Lt. Col. Aquilla James “Jimmie” Dyess is pictured during World War II, Aug. 8, 1943. 2) Army Maj. William Edwin “Ed” Dyess poses for a photo Jan. 1, 1943. 3) Marine Corps Col. Franklin A. Hart, left, commander of the 24th Marine Regiment, briefs his staff on the operation plan for the invasion of Roi-Namur. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Aquilla James “Jimmie” Dyess is at the far right. The scene takes place on a ship off the coast of Roi-Namur, Jan. 28, 1944.

Ed was born in Albany, Texas, in 1916. He played football and was on the track and field team in high school.

After graduating from John Tarleton Agricultural College, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Air Corps in 1937 and completed flight training.

In November 1941, he took command of the 21st Pursuit Squadron, which deployed to Nichols Field, Manila, Philippines.

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japan attacked installations on Oahu, Hawaii, and shortly after that invaded the Philippines.

Ed’s squadron ran out of ammunition during the Battle of Bataan, so he and his men transitioned to infantrymen.

On April 9, 1942, Ed was captured by the Japanese. On April 4, 1943, he and others escaped from their prisoner of war camp at the Davao Penal Colony, Mindanao, Philippines.

Dyess and two others were rescued by the submarine USS Trout in July 1943 and were taken to Australia.

After being promoted to lieutenant

colonel later that year, he was assigned to fly P-38 Lightning fighters in the U.S., in preparation for his return to combat.

However, on Dec. 22, 1943, his aircraft lost an engine due to a fire after taking off from Grand Central Airport in Los Angeles, California. He could have bailed out, but since he was flying over a densely populated area, he chose to remain in the aircraft. He was killed upon crashing in a vacant lot.

Ed’s medals include two Distinguished Service Crosses, Silver Star, Legion of Merit and two Distinguished Flying Crosses.

In 1957, Abilene Army Airfield, Texas, was renamed Dyess Air Force Base in his honor.

In 2015, Ed was posthumously awarded the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

It is not known whether or not Ed and Jimmie ever knew each other.

<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Features/Story/Article/2387194/sports-heroes-who-served-2-athletes-double-down-on-valor-during-wwii/>



Got pests?

Put in a service ticket for pest control services by calling 480-3550.



Kwajalein Mosquito Fogging Schedule

Nov. 7 – 9, 14 – 16 and 21 – 23, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Weather dependent

Avoid fogged area for ~30 minutes

Do your part to eliminate mosquitoes

Check for standing water where mosquitoes breed

Dump any accumulated water at least weekly

Manage vegetation and eliminate accumulated leaves

Do your part to eliminate flies

Do not add food waste directly into open trash cans such as the Emon Beach trash containers, large black trash cans, or residential green trash receptacles.

Always seal food and animal waste inside trash/plastic bags before adding to trash cans.

Periodically clean outdoor trash receptacles.

Fogging with Eco-friendly EcoVia EC Insecticide

Liquid botanical oil insecticide

Active ingredients include Thyme Oil & Rosemary Oil

Safe to use in and around homes and near water

Safe to use around children and pets



53rd Annual Kwaj Open

Nov. 26 & Dec. 3



Entry Fee - \$80 which includes a shirt, prizes, drinks, a banquet and a great time.

The banquet will be at the Country Club on the evening of December 3rd for you and a guest. RSVP required.

Sign up Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Country Club from 4:30 – 7 p.m.

No sign ups will be taken on the days of the event.

Round #1 – Sunday, Nov. 26

Chip, Putt, Drive – Wednesday, Nov. 29

Horse Races – Thursday, Nov. 30

Putting Competition – Saturday, Dec. 2

Final Round – Sunday, Dec. 3

Banquet – Follows last round at Country Club

For questions or to pre-register for your team's tee time, contact Shelly Benkert (shellybenkert@yahoo.com) or Mike Winks (winksme@gmail.com).

Co-sponsored with USAG Kwajalein Atoll - Family & MWR

PRESENTED BY



HAUNTED HOUSE & CARNIVAL

LOCATION: NAMO WETO YOUTH CENTER

DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

TIME: 2-4 P.M.

WHO: ALL AGES/EVERYONE!

Enter if you





PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

CAN

Express your opinions and participate in peaceful non-partisan public demonstrations when off-duty and not in uniform.

CAN'T

Engage in partisan political activity or act in a manner that could imply Army approval or disapproval of any political party, campaign or candidate in a partisan election.

Actively participate in a public demonstration that is organized by a political party, campaign or candidate.

Actively participate in a public demonstration that is likely to become violent or a breach of the peace.

MUST

Follow all orders and directives about specific activities that may be issued by appropriate civil and military authorities or found in the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

SHOULD

Review Department of Defense Directive 1344.10, Department of Defense Instruction 1325.06 and Army Regulation 600-20 for basic guidance concerning participation in protests and other political activities.

CAN

Remember you represent the Army when you are on- or off-duty; be wise with the use of your social media accounts to express your personal views.

Donate money, sign petitions and express your personal opinions when you are off-duty and not in any official capacity.

Follow, friend or like a political party or candidate running for partisan office on a personal social media account, when off-duty.

CAN'T

Post, share or link to material from a partisan political party, group or candidate. Even when off-duty. This restriction also applies to 'Further Restricted' civilian employees, such as members of the Senior Executive Service.

ARMY CIVILIANS

CAN

Express your opinions and participate in peaceful non-partisan public demonstrations when off-duty and not wearing an official uniform or identifying badge.*

CAN'T

Engage in a political activity in a manner that could imply Army approval or disapproval of any political party, campaign or candidate in a partisan election.

MUST

Follow all orders and directives that may be issued by appropriate civil authorities.

SHOULD

Review the provisions of the Hatch Act of 1939 (U.S. Code Sections 7321-7326 (and Office of Special Counsel guidance concerning permitted and prohibited political activities.

*The rules regarding political activities for a limited class of employees, such as members of the Senior Executive service, may be more restrictive.

SOCIAL MEDIA

CAN

Post, share or link to material from a partisan political party, group or candidate, when off-duty and not in a government building, but not to subordinates.

Friend, follow and like a political candidate when off-duty and not in a government building.

Identify a political affiliation on a personal social media profile.

CAN'T

Post partisan political articles, websites or political cartoons, memes or gifs while on-duty and when or not using an alias.

Link to the political contribution of any partisan group, or like, share or retweet a solicitation, including an invitation to a fundraising event.

Engage in political activity on an account that is used for official business.

RESOURCES

Hatch Act

<https://osc.gov/Services/Pages/HatchAct.asp=x>

Hatch Act Social Media Guide

<https://osc.gov/Documents/Hatch%20Act/Social%20Media%20Quick%20Guide.pdf>

DoD Directive 1344.10

<https://www.esd.whs.mil/Portals/54/Documents/DD/issuances/dodd134410p.pdf>

Army Social Media Guidance

<http://www.army.mil/socialmedia/soldiers>

All Army Team members should Think, Type, Post:

- Think about the message being communicated and who could potentially view it.
- Type a communication consistent with Army Values.
- Post only those messages that demonstrate dignity and respect for self and others.



A FRIENDLY E-WARENESS REMINDER FOR WHAT NOT TO MAIL IN TO KWAJ

APO AP 96555 Mail Restrictions

One of the many restrictions for mail to ZIP Code 96555 is a prohibition on fruits, vegetables, live animals and live plants.

Please do not order these items to be delivered to APO AP 96555. Live plants are prohibited in the mail.

For a complete list of restrictions to all post office destinations, see the most recent Postal Bulletin pull-out section at the post office.

For a list of restrictions specific to 96555, go to: <https://postcalc.usps.com/MilitaryRestrictions> and enter zip code 96555. For more information on mailing restrictions to Kwajalein, keep reading.

Other than for the Priority Mail Express Military Service and the exceptions listed below, a customs declaration PS Form 2976 or PS Form 2976-A is required for all items weighing 16 ounces or more, and for all items (regardless of weight) containing potentially dutiable mail contents (e.g., merchandise or goods) addressed to or from the 96555 zip code.

Other than the exceptions listed below, all PMEMS mailpieces—regardless of mail contents or weight—addressed to or from this ZIP Code must bear a properly completed PS Form 2976-B. The surface area of the address side of the mailpiece must be large enough to contain the applicable customs declaration. The following exceptions apply to known mailers, who for this purpose are defined as follows:

- Business mailers who enter volume mailings through business mail entry units or other bulk mail acceptance locations, pay postage through advance deposit accounts, use permit imprints for postage payment, and submit completed postage statements at the time of entry that certify that the mailpieces contain no dangerous materials prohibited by postal regulations. Such business mailers are exempt from providing customs documentation on non-dutiable letters and printed matter.
- All federal, state, and local government agencies whose mailings are regarded as "Official Mail." Such agencies are exempt from providing customs documentation, except for any items addressed to a post office to which this restriction applies.
- Firearms of any type are prohibited, except firearms mailed to or by official U.S. government agencies. This restriction does not apply to firearms mailed from this zip code, provided ATF and USPS regulations are met. Antique firearms do not require an ATF form.
- Replica weapons and inert explosive devices such as grenades and weapons parts are prohibited.
- Fruits, vegetables, live animals, and live plants are prohibited.
- All alcoholic beverages, including those mailable under Publication 52, Part 421 are prohibited.
- Synthetic cannabinoids used to stimulate the central nervous system commonly known as "synthetic marijuana," "K2," or "Spice" are prohibited.
- Priority Mail Express Military Service is not available.



Based on a photo by Raj Palgun

MOVIES

KWAJALEIN
YUK THEATER

Sat., Oct. 28
"Fantastic 4:
The Rise of the Silver Surfer"
(PG) 92 min.

Sun., Oct. 29
"So I Married An Axe Murderer"
(PG-13) 93 min.

Monday, Oct. 30
"The Rocky Horror Picture Show"
(R) 100 min.
Guests are invited to dress up and sing.

Sat., Nov. 4
"Elemental" (PG) 101 min.

Sun., Nov. 5
"Are You There God? It's Me Margaret"
(PG-13) 106 min.

Mon., Nov. 6
"Clerks III" (R) 100 min.

Sat., Nov. 11
"Lightyear"
(PG) 100 min.

Sun., Nov. 12
"Harry Potter and the
Deathly Hallows Pt. 1" (PG-13) 146 min.

Mon., Nov. 13
"Heat"
(R) 170 min.

ROI-NAMUR
C-BUILDING

Sat., Oct. 21
"Scary Stories to Tell In The Dark"
(PG-13) 108 min.

Sun., Oct. 22
"Murder on The Orient Express"
(PG-13) 114 min.

Sat., Oct. 28
"Wonder Woman 1984"
(PG-13) 51 min.

Sun., Oct. 29 "The Old Man & the Gun"
(PG-13) 93 min.

Sat., Nov. 4 "Moral Engines 2"
(PG-13) 108 min.

Sun., Nov. 5
"Father Figures" (R) 113 min.

Sat., Nov. 11
"Ford Vs. Ferrari" (PG-13) 51 min.

Sun. Nov. 12
"Phantom Thread"
(R) 131 min.

All shows start at 7:30 p.m.



KWAJ WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

A subtropical ridge will be gradually building back into the RMI over the next few days over this weekend. As this is occurring, weak waves along the southern fringes of the ridge will bring periods of widely scattered showers to the atoll, mainly while nocturnal instability aids in shower formation during the over-night and early morning periods.

Stray lightning strikes will be a possibility with some of the stronger cells throughout the forecast period. Look for wind speeds to gradually increase to the mid-to-upper teens as the ridge builds back in.

Wind speeds look to reach their peak on Monday and early Tuesday before decreasing to moderate winds by Tuesday afternoon and further decreasing to rather light winds by Wednesday.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers in the early morning, decreasing to stray showers for the late morning and afternoon until returning to widely scattered showers that evening.

Winds ENE-ESE at 6-11 knots with higher gusts near showers. A stray thunderstorm or two will be possible for the early morning and evening hours.

SUNDAY

Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers for the early morning, becoming party to mostly sunny with stray to isolated showers for the rest of the day. Winds NE-E at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers. A stray thunderstorm is possible.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers, increasing to widely scattered showers Monday evening. Winds NE-E at 14-19 knots with gusts approaching 30 knots near the strongest of showers. A stray thunderstorm is possible.

NEXT WEEK

A strong trough is expected to move into the area by early Tuesday morning, bringing scattered showers and stray to isolated thunderstorms with it throughout the day.

With the elevated winds, rather high wind gusts approaching 30 knots will be possible with the stronger showers.

Conditions look to greatly improve by late Wednesday morning as both showers and winds look to greatly decrease bringing a mostly pleasant weather day before on and off showery activity likely returns for the next several days next week, starting as early as Thursday afternoon.



	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	6:42 a.m. 6:51 p.m.	4:16 a.m. 4.1' 4:30 p.m. 4.4'	10:20 a.m. -0.8' 10:41 p.m. -0.7'
MONDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	7:29 a.m. 7:31 p.m.	4:42 a.m. 4.0' 4:56 p.m. 4.5'	10:43 a.m. -0.7' 11:10 p.m. -0.7'
TUESDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	8:19 a.m. 8:16 p.m.	5:08 a.m. 3.8' 5:23 p.m. 4.4'	11:08 a.m. -0.6' 11:41 p.m. -0.6'
WEDNESDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:32 p.m.	9:12 a.m. 9:05 p.m.	5:36 a.m. 3.4' 5:51 p.m. 4.2'	11:33 a.m. -0.4' -----
THURSDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	10:09 a.m. 9:59 p.m.	6:07 a.m. 3.0' 6:24 p.m. 3.9'	12:15 a.m. -0.3' 12:00 p.m. -0.1'
FRIDAY	6:37 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	11:09 a.m. 10:58 p.m.	6:42 a.m. 2.6' 7:04 p.m. 3.5'	12:54 a.m. 0.1' 12:30 p.m. 0.3'
OCTOBER 21	6:37 a.m. 6:31 p.m.	12:09 p.m. 11:59 p.m.	7:30 a.m. 2.1' 8:04 p.m. 3.1'	1:47 a.m. 0.5' 1:10 p.m. 0.7'

Check out more news and entertainment about Kwaj life on the USAG-KA YouTube Channel, at <https://www.youtube.com/USArmyGarrisonKwajaleinAtoll>.



Trick-or-Treat Night on USAG-KA is a spooky good time that brings atoll friends and families together for a night of fun. Team Kwaj, please enjoy these photos from Hallowneens past as you get ready for this year's special events!