

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



JAN POTTER, CENTER, HANDS OUT CANDY TO YOUNG VISITORS DURING A DAYLIGHT TRICK-OR-TREAT EVENT FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER YOUTH ON OCT. 28.

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WHERE IS TEAM KWAJ THIS WEEK?



Personnel from United States Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and the Republic of the Marshall Islands national government joined distinguished visitors from the Indo-Pacific region for facilities groundbreaking ceremonies on the island of Lib this week to bless and commemorate construction on a pier and medical center for the remote island community. From left: Japanese Charge d'affaires Hattori Takashi; Chuan Lan Wu, spouse of the RMI Taiwan Ambassador; Bwojenta Kabua; USAG-KA Host Nation Activities Director Maj. Dae Choi; RMI First Lady Ginger Kabua, spouse of RMI President David Kabua; Mary Milne Bejang; Minister Kitlang Kabua, RMI Ministry of Culture and Internal Affairs.

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LETTER FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL

EXTERNAL REPORT

Team,

It's the season of gratitude, and in that spirit, I'd like to draw your attention to a special observance taking place this month: Military Family Appreciation Month. As you all know, the work we do at SMDC would not be possible without the support and sacrifice of our families.

"People First," of course, is about more than just the individuals on our team—it's about the family members that stand behind them. We support Army families in many ways: The Family Advocacy Program provides resources for family-related issues in the military community, like domestic violence and child abuse; the Exceptional Family Member Program offers comprehensive services to support active-duty Soldiers with family members with special needs; and Child and Youth Services offers programs that foster personal development and life skills,

in addition to childcare and educational opportunities.

"We expect a lot from everyone in our Army, and we expect a lot of our families, too," said HON Christine E. Wormuth, Secretary of the Army. "So, we have a sol-emn obligation to take care of them as well." Mr. De Fatta, CW5 Dohogn, CSM Foley, SMSgt Payuyo, and I are committed to ensuring success for our teammates and your families because we recognize that your great work would not be possible without their selfless, 24/7/365 support.

**SECURE THE HIGH GROUND!
VIGILANT FOR THE WORLD!**

**Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler
Commanding General
U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense
Command**



THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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PHOTO COURTESY OF DAVID SHOLAR

Buck Polya, center left, and David Sholar, right, give out candy during a Halloween trick-or-treat event for Enniburr children and families on Roi-Namur Oct. 30

HALLOWEEN FUN FOR USAG-KA COMMUNITY ON KWAJ, ROI

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Together with friends from Ebeye and Enniburr, TEAM KWAJ spread the festive spirit of Halloween throughout the atoll with back-to-back events.

Children from the U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Child Development Center visited garrison office locations for a daylight trick-or-treat on Oct. 28. This year's class costumes featured multiple micro superheroes, videogame characters and a few small princesses.

Later that evening, the MWR events team threw a Halloween costume party for island residents aged 21 and older at Kwajalein's favorite haunt—the Oceanview Club. Themed as a haunted luau, the spooky celebration showcased three dance performances coordinated by Allena Childress and costume contests for multiple categories. MWR Events Coordinator Kara Larson encouraged a team of creative crewmembers to build spooky props to decorate the patio and stage areas, which were enclosed with palm fronds and studded with skulls on tiki pikes.

"I'm so impressed with what the guys came up with," said Larson, of the décor. "I love collaborating with people. I'm so proud of how they used their creativity to come up with these great ideas for the event."

Oct. 30 featured youth events on Roi-Namur and Kwajalein. This year marked the second annual Roi daylight trick-or-treat for Enniburr children and their families. After a ferry ride to the mission island, kids and parents enjoyed meeting mission personnel and collecting treats during an island walk-through.

Kwajalein youth connected to the Key-

stone Club and Namo Weto Youth Center decorated the facility for an annual fall festival and haunted house. More than 60 guests enjoyed student-led crafts, snacks, games and activities before and after braving a haunted maze in the facility's next wing.

"Our teenagers for their hard work in producing this year's event," said CYS Teen Center Lead Rachel Raczynski. "Every year they come up with a different theme, and we appreciate their hard work."

An inclement weather safety assessment led USAG-KA leadership to postpone USAG-KA's Halloween trick-or-treat night until Nov. 3. At the time of this writing, the garrison community has sponsored 600 guests from Ebeye to enjoy the event. Check for photos from Halloween night on USAG-KA in next week's Kwajalein Hourglass.



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U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY STEPHEN ELSON

1-2) Children from the Child Development Center trick-or-treat at at LOGCAP headquarters on Kwajalein, Oct. 28, 2023.



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The Namo Weto Youth Center haunted house was frightfully good afternoon fun. On Oct. 30, guests enjoyed student-led crafting, snacks and games stations, and checked out a haunted house maze at the youth center. Here are some spooky scenes from this year's events: 1) Guests mingle at the Namo Weto Youth Center craft and games area, while others watch a Halloween movie. 2) Youths color worksheets at a crafts station. 3) A slime-making station was popular among guests at the haunted house. 4) Ornaments aren't just for the winter holidays. Pictured here, youths work on Halloween crafts at the youth center. 5) Mitch Krueger strikes a cutting image as a costumed specter in the haunted house. 6) Mandy Melody (right) gets a scare from Josephine DiBiase, left.



NOAA PHOTO COURTESY OF THE OCEAN EXPLORATION TRUST

Coral reefs in the clear blue waters of Kure Atoll in Hawaii's Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.

Can a coral reef recover from bleaching?

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If local threats are reduced, coral reefs have a greater chance of surviving a larger climate event, such as bleaching.

Climate change and ocean acidification can result in mass coral bleaching events, increased susceptibility to disease, slower growth and reproductive rates, and degraded reef structure.

There are no quick fixes when it comes to a changing climate. In the long term,

coral reefs around the world will benefit the most from the reduction of greenhouse gases. In the short term, we can improve coral reef resilience by addressing local stressors, like runoff from land-based sources of pollution and overharvesting of fish.

NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program is helping local managers and communities do just that. The idea is simple. We know climate change is the single greatest global threat to coral reefs. Promoting reef resilience is a local solution.

A resilient coral reef is one that can either resist a large-scale stressful event or recover from it. For this to happen, local threats must be kept to a minimum to reduce stress and improve overall reef condition. Scientists are also honing ways to evaluate how resilient a coral reef ecosystem is so that managers can take targeted actions that have the greatest impact.

Healthy coral reefs support an amazing diversity of marine life and are often called the rainforests of the sea. Coral reefs provide many benefits to people, including coastal protection, food, jobs, medicine, and recreational activities.

Bananas

EXTERNAL REPORT

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

You can grow bananas in your yard on Kwajalein and have bananas to eat within 18 months. Bananas are one of the most common fruits available in Micronesia. They grow on nearly every inhabited island and are easy to grow.

The banana is a broad-leaved perennial (continuing to live from year to year) from 8 to 25 feet high.

The part of the stem below ground level is called a "corm."

The stem or trunk of the banana plant that is seen above ground is really the

overlapping leaf petioles, a leafstalk, and is commonly called a false stem.

The root system of the banana is very shallow and spreads out 10 to 20 feet from the stool.

The roots cannot adapt to heavy soils, water-logged soils or sour soils.

The leaves vary in number from 8 to 20, depending on soil fertility and variety. Normally, the leaves are 8 to 12 feet long and 2 to 3 feet wide. The leaves are so arranged that they adapt to varying weather conditions—in dry sunny weather, the leaf edges band downward to reduce the loss of water, while during rainy and cool weather, the edges of the leaves bend upward to increase evaporation.

The flowering stalk grows up through the center of the false stem.

Under normal conditions, the flowering stalk appears at the top in the form of a large bud, when the stem is 9 to 10



months old.

The stalk has three types of flowers. Starting from the base, you have the female, the hermaphrodite (having both male and female parts), and the male.

The fruit develops 60 to 80 days after the flower has pushed out the crown of the false stem. On Kwajalein, this may be 80 to 100 days.

The individual fruits vary greatly in size, shape, color and flavor, depending on the particular variety and growing conditions.

U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command History

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

Weather is often a factor as we review the history of the Safeguard Complex. We know, for example, that the Cavalier County Republican periodical reported on Nov. 2, 197, that it expected efforts to lay a unique telephone communication cable for the ABM system to come to "a screeching halt" as snow and colder temperatures were in the forecast.

The special cable which would connect the anti-ballistic missile system around Langdon, North Dakota was eventually deferred to the next spring.

The one-of-a-kind cable, composed of reinforced, double-taped armor, weighed approximately 22,000 pounds per reel. Given its size, weight, and the depth to which it had to be installed, the project required equipment much larger than any used in former cable installation projects.

On Nov. 2, 1994, Chief of Staff Lawrence Becker II lead 25 leaders from the Space and Strategic Defense Command Labor/Management Partnership Council and Quality Management Board on an unique excursion.



A U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command courtesy photo dated fall 1972 features the Missile Site Radar Complex.

The group visited the GM Saturn Corporation plant located in Spring Hill, Tennessee. Saturn was selected as they were "[pioneers] in establishing and maintaining partnership quality management philosophies through the involvement of all ...concerned."

During the tour, the SSDC team saw how "teaming, internal communications, empowerment, and a self-man-

aged team structure make for a healthy and successful labor/union and management partnership."

The SSDC Partnership Council, composed of 10-personnel was made office on Aug. 29 under the signatures of Deputy Commander Brig. Gen. Jan Van Prooyen and James Brothers, president of the Local 1858, American Federation of Government Employees.

Open call for student reporters

HOURLASS REPORT

Help The Kwajalein Hourglass tell the story of TEAM KWAJ.

The Kwajalein Hourglass content creation team seeks youth reporters writers to feature their original work with our community.

Are you a student who loves to write?

Please consider sharing your experiences and thoughts about living and growing up on Kwajalein Atoll. Additionally, student content creators with interests in visual arts, photography and graphic design are invited to submit original short poetry, photography and comics for an upcoming community arts insert.

Students of all ages are invited to participate in this program. Additional information and resources will be made available to teachers and island school administrators regarding program objectives and outcomes.

Please forward questions to kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.com.



U.S. EMBASSY MAJURO

US NAVY PHOTO

Pacific Partnership 2023, a peaceful joint naval exercise, has arrived in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. An opening ceremony was held last week at Majuro's International Conference Center in Majuro. "We are glad the USNS Mercy is here and hope their team enjoys their stay as much as we do - especially to learn and experience the lakwe Spirit of the RMI," an embassy spokesperson said.

NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

EXTERNAL REPORT

In November, we honor American Indians and Alaska Natives. This year's theme is Sovereignty, Trust and Resilience. Native Americans have profoundly shaped the character and cultural heritage of the nation.

During this month the Army will recognize the contributions of Native American Soldiers who have served in the U.S. Army with great honor, dedication and distinction, building a legacy of courage, professionalism and selfless service that will inspire future generations.

How does the Army recognize Native Americans?

During Native American Heritage Month, Army leadership encourages the entire Army family to recognize and express appreciation for the past and present contributions of Native American Soldiers, veterans, civilians and family members.

In celebrating National Native American Indian Heritage Month, the Army recognizes there is great strength in diversity.



For more information, please visit <https://www.army.mil/standto/2018-11-01>

What continued efforts does the Army have planned?

In celebrating Native American Heritage Month, the Army recognizes not only the significance of individual contributions, but also the value of diversity and an inclusive environment. The Army is dedicated to leveraging the strength of its diverse force and ensuring equality for all its members. Army leaders will continue to work to ensure that all Soldiers and civilians are given the opportunity to maximize their unique talents and potential.

Why is this important to the Army?

Throughout history, Native Americans have served in this nation's military with great courage and distinction. Historically, American Indians have the highest record of military service per capita when compared to other ethnic groups. Today, more than 9,000 Native Americans serve in the total force and are all critical members of the Army team.

Embracing and celebrating diversity makes the Army stronger, and the Army is dedicated to ensuring equality for all the Soldiers, civilians and family members.

USNS MERCY'S VISIT TO MARSHALL ISLANDS MARKS LAUNCH OF PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP 24-1

By Commander, Logistics Group
Western Pacific

On October 30, the United States Pacific Partnership has arrived in Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) to commence the largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific region.

The arrival of Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) to Majuro signifies the launch of the Pacific Partnership 24-1 mission, which will enable American and Marshallese participants to work together to enhance disaster response capabilities and foster new and enduring friendships.

"The Pacific Partnership 24-1 mission is one example of our longstanding commitment to the Indo-Pacific region, while further strengthening enduring relationships and cooperation with partner-nations such as the RMI," said Rear Adm. Mark A. Melson, Commander, Task Force 73 and Executive Agent for this year's mission. "The RMI is a long and respected partner with deep ties to the U.S. Navy and contributes to security and stability in the region."

At the invitation of host nations, Pacific Partnership's mission partners conduct tailored humanitarian civil action preparedness activities in areas such as engineering, disaster response, public health, and host nation outreach events.

This year marks the fifth time Pacific Partnership has been to RMI. This stop will provide tailored medical care focusing on surgeries, training for first responders, clinical care, subject-matter exchanges, and community education at Majuro, Ebeye and Aur Atolls.

Engineering projects will include school renovations at Long Island Elementary and Rita Elementary Schools, while experts in the field will share knowledge exchanges through exercises covering humanitarian and disaster relief topics.

Additionally, the U.S. Pacific Fleet Band will perform alongside Australian military musicians in a variety of community engagements.

"Pacific Partnership creates lasting bonds of friendships and trust between the United States, partner nations, and host nations," said U.S. Navy Captain Brian Quin PP 24-1 Mission Commander. "I am excited to continue the tradition and honored to be a part of such an important mission."

USNS Mercy will serve as the mission platform and a combined team of civilian crew members and uniformed military members make up the crew of Mercy, which can staff up to 1,200 medical personnel.

The ship has 12 fully equipped operating rooms, 1,000 hospital beds, radiological services, a medical laboratory, a pharmacy, optometry facilities, a CT scanner and an oxygen-producing plant. In addition to activities aboard the hos-



US NAVY PHOTO

The hospital ship USNS Mercy prepares to anchor off the coast of Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands, prior to its first mission stop for Pacific Partnership 2024-1 Oct. 30. Pacific Partnership, now in its 19th iteration, is the largest multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster relief mission in the Pacific and brings together more than 1000 participants from 8 partner and host nations.

pital ship, Pacific Partnership medical providers will work shoulder to shoulder with colleagues at the Majuro Hospital and Laura Clinic, ensuring that information exchange results in sustainable medical practices once USNS Mercy leaves the RMI.

Pacific Partnership focuses on multiple effort to help build resilience and host nation capacity to support essential humanitarian services.

As an added feature, RMI will partner with the Mercy's medical team and deploy the country's own hospital ship, Liwatoon Mour, to deliver health care services to outer atolls. They will take aboard and integrate Mercy medical staff to Aur Atoll in an effort to eradicate tuberculosis, a first-time collaboration for the Pacific Partnership mission.

This year's mission will also feature nearly 1,500 personnel from allies and partner nations including Australia, Chile, Japan, Germany, and New Zealand.

Born out of the devastation brought by the December 2004 tsunami that swept through parts of South and Southeast Asia, Pacific Partnership began as a military-led humanitarian response to one of the world's most catastrophic nat-

ural disasters. Building on the success and goodwill of this operation, the U.S. helped spearhead the inaugural Pacific Partnership mission in 2006. This mission leveraged partner militaries and the proficiencies of Non-Governmental Organizations to expand disaster relief capacity in Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Timor-Leste.

Pacific Partnership, now in its 19th iteration, is the largest annual multinational humanitarian assistance and disaster relief preparedness mission conducted in the Indo-Pacific.

Each year the mission team works collectively with host and partner nations to enhance regional interoperability and disaster response capabilities, increase security and stability in the region, and foster new and enduring friendships in the Indo-Pacific.

For more information about Pacific Partnership visit www.facebook.com/pacificpartnership, www.instagram.com/pacificpartnership/ or <https://www.dvidshub.net/feature/PacificPartnership>. Pacific Partnership public affairs can be reached via email at cheryllcollins.pp24@gmail.com.

ARMY CODE TALKERS

EXTERNAL REPORT

Napoleon once said, "the secret of war lies in the communications." If he were around today, he might have revised it to "secure communications."

During World Wars I and II, the military needed a quick and reliable means of protecting its radio, telephone and telegraphic messages from enemy intelligence. American Indian tribes had their own languages and dialects that few outside the tribes understood, and many of their languages were not even written down. Their languages were ideal for the task at hand and fortunately, a large number of Indians had joined the Armed Forces.

World War I

In France during World War I, the 142nd Infantry Regiment, 36th Division, had a company of Indians who spoke 26 languages and dialects. Two Indian officers were selected to supervise a communications system staffed by 18 Choctaw. The team transmitted messages relating to troop movements and their own tactical plans in their native tongue.

Soldiers from other tribes, including the Cheyenne, Comanche, Cherokee, Osage and Yankton Sioux also were enlisted to communicate as code talkers. Previous to their arrival in France, the Germans had broken every American code used, resulting in the deaths of many Soldiers.

However, the Germans never broke the Indians' "code," and these Soldiers became affectionately known as "code talkers."

World War II

During World War II, the Army used Indians in its signal communications operations in both the European and Pacific theaters of operations. Student code talkers were instructed in basic military communications techniques. The code talkers then developed their own words for military terms that never existed in their own native tongue. For instance, the word for "colonel" was translated to "silver eagle," "fighter plane" became "hummingbird," "minesweeper" became "beaver," "half-track" became "race track," and "pyrotechnic" became "fancy fire."

The Army and Marine Corps used a group of 24 Navajo code talkers in the Pacific Theater, who fought in many bloody island campaigns.



In this WWI-era Oklahoma Historical Society photo, Choctaw Soldiers pause for a group photo during their training to make and receive coded radio and telephone transmissions.

In North Africa, eight Soldiers from the Meskwaki tribe in Iowa served as code talkers in the 168th Infantry Regiment, 34th Division. In Europe, the 4th Signal Company, 4th Infantry Division, was assigned 17 Comanche code talkers. From the D-Day landings at Normandy in June 1944, to the liberation of Paris and the Battle of the Bulge, they kept the lines of communications secure.

Soldiers from other tribes, including the Kiowa, Winnebago, Chippewa, Creek, Seminole, Hopi, Lakota, Dakota, Menominee, Oneida, Pawnee, Sac, Fox and Choctaw, served during the war. Some were killed and wounded and at least one was taken prisoner. As a testament to their professionalism, the enemy was never able to break the code talkers' communications.

Many of the code talkers continued in their military careers, serving during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Belated Recognition

For many years, the code talkers' work remained classified. Then on June 18, 2002, Congress passed the Code Talkers Recognition Act to recognize the important part that these Soldiers played in "performing highly successful communications operations of a unique type that greatly assisted in saving countless lives and in hastening the end of World War I and World War II." The act further states

that the code talkers operated "under some of the heaviest combat action ... around the clock to provide information ... such as the location of enemy troops and the number of enemy guns."

Congress recognized the remarkable-ness of the code talkers' achievements, despite societal discrimination against them. The act states that at "... a time when Indians were discouraged from practicing their native culture, a few brave men used their cultural heritage, their language, to help change the course of history."

Leaders of the U.S. House and Senate honored Native American code talkers in a Congressional Gold Medal ceremony held in Emancipation Hall of the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Nov. 20, 2013. The medal - Congress's highest expression of appreciation - was awarded in recognition of the valor and dedication of these code talkers as members of our Armed Forces during World War I and World War II.

Former House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) stated in his remarks, "Because of them, deeds that may well have been relegated to legend will now live on in memory. And heroes, who for too long went unrecognized, will now be given our highest recognition."

For more information, please visit <https://www.army.mil/americanindians/>



Kajitok? Abnōnō?

Questions? Concerns?

Call the Commander's Hotline at 480-1098.

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.

Kwajalein Boating Orientation Class

Nov. 15 & 16 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. CRC Room #6



Class fee is \$40 per person. Register for the course in person at the Kwajalein Small Boat Marina Friday-Monday.

Must attend both class sessions. Contact Rick Jameson at 480-9205 or Gary John at 480-3643 with any questions.



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."

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CYS WORLDWIDE DAY OF PLAY. Nov. 12, 4 – 6 p.m. at the Namo Weto Youth Center Field. Student-led games open to all ages/everyone. Register at the small tent for a bracelet. Wear it and attend each game to receive a sticker. The number of stickers you receive equals the number of balls you throw at the dunk talk. Enjoy face painting, slip and slide, tug-of-war, cup stack-ing, musical chairs, water balloons and more.

ASVAB TESTING. The military entrance Processing Station – Hawaii, will Administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASV-AB) 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. Contact Mike Sakaio at 480-2103.

CHAPEL 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.

RICHARDSON THEATER. Get ready for the grand opening of the Richardson Theater, tentatively planned for Nov. 25 on Kwajalein. Please keep watch on island social media for more information.

SCAVENGER HUNT. Thanksgiving-Themed Scavenger Hunt for Teens. Sunday, Nov. 26. Meet with your team at 5:30 p.m. at the Namo Weto Youth Center. Students are required to register with the Youth Center to attend.

KWAJALEIN HOLIDAY MARKET. Nov. 27, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the REB. Complete your holiday shopping here.

53rd ANNUAL KWAJ OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT. Nov. 26 & Dec. 3. Entry fee is \$80, which includes a shirt, prizes, drinks, a banquet and a great game. The banquet will be at the Country Club on the evening of Dec. 3 for you and a guest. RSVP is required. Register Nov. 18 at the Country Club from 4:30 – 7 p.m. No registration is available on the day 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 information or to preregister for your team's tee time, contact Shelley Benkert (shellybenkert@yahoo.com) or Mike Winks (winksme@gmail.com). This event is cosponsored with USAG-KA MWR.

KWAJALEIN TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY PARADE CEREMONY. Participants wanted for Saturday, Dec. 2. 1) Decorate a parade float for

parade; 2) Decorate a golf cart for parade; 3) Decorate bikes for parade; 4) Performers for downtown ceremony; 5) Vendors during downtown ceremony; Stop by the Grace Sherwood Library or call 480-3331 or email Kara.Larson@Vectrus.com to register.

HOLIDAY-THEMED QUIZZO NIGHT. Sunday, Dec. 3 from 8 p.m. – midnight at the Oceanview Club.

HOLIDAY KARAOKE NIGHT. Saturday, Dec. 9, from 8 p.m. – midnight at the Oceanview Club. Enjoy holiday-themed music at this special event.

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: STORMWATER

Stormwater discharges are a significant source of pollutants. Stormwater can become polluted as it flows over contaminated surfaces. This leads to contamination of lagoon waters and potential damage to corals and other marine species. What can you do? Good housekeeping; preventive maintenance; spill prevention and quick response; sediment erosion control; manage storm water runoff; employee training. For more information on stormwater pollution prevention or training opportunities, contact Vectrus Environmental at 480-0722.

E-wareness: Kejbarok jen paijin in an toor dren. Ijoko elap an toor dren ie rej jikin ko elap menin paijin/kij ko remaron in bar walok ie. Ekka wot an jede paijin kein jen ijoko dren eo ej toorlok ie. Elane ej toor dren kein nan lojet innem enaj kakure lojet eo, wod ko ie im menin mour/eddrek ko ie. Ta komaron komane? Karreo; Kejbarok wot jermal ko bwe in driklok an nej walok jorren; kojerbal spill kit ko im mokaj nan jermal ko; lale men ko rej elejo bwe renjab toor nan lojet; manage e drenin wot ko ial ko; etal nan Training ko nan ekatak. Nan melele ko relaplok ikijeem wewein kein ak training, call e Vectrus Environmental ilo 480-0722.

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.



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

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: MONTHLY TIP FROM THE USAG-KA FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries, yet nearly all of them are preventable. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove. Stay in the kitchen, be alert, and cook with caution.

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

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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.

FLYROI. Effective immediately, FLY ROI has a new email address for

reservations and correspondence related to flights: LCVKwajaleinFly-Roi@wsp.com.

HEALTH

KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL WALK-IN CLINICS. Available to the community now, 1:30 – 6 p.m. Flu shots are also available on a walk-in or appointment basis, Tuesday through Saturday, from 7:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 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 vac-

cine dose. To register, please email judy.wiser@internationalsosgs.us, or call 480-2223 for additional questions.

EAP COUNSELING. 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.

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.

VET SERVICES. 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: 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 a resume to Jeannette McIlwain at jeannette.mcilwain@akima.com.

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

NAN, INC. seeks a project engineer, welder, welding inspector, quality control manager, and site safety and health officer. To apply, visit www.nanhawaii.com and contact Clint Ueatari at 480-2632, 480-4995 or 480-4996.

PARSONS is now 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). Call MWR at 480-3331.

TUESDAY

5:30 - 6:30 a.m. FREE SPIN, CRC7

10:30 a.m. BEGINNER 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
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 @kwajalein-schools.org. Ex: uhrenp@kwajalein-schools.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. See something, say something. Counterintelligence aims to detect and deter threats by safeguarding information vital to the preservation of national security. Be cautious about sharing work details on social media or in public settings. Participate in Training: All employees on USAG-KA (military, contractor, civilian, and local nationals) are required to receive annual Threat Awareness and Reporting Program (TARP) training provided by KRO;

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.



Reporting: Report suspicious activities to the Kwajalein Resident Office at 480-9859/1293/8006 or Bldg. 1163.

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.

HOLIDAY MAILING DATES, 2023. For expected delivery before Dec. 5, ship by the recommended mailing dates. Ground Advantage Service: Nov 6; Priority Mail Service: Dec. 9; First class Mail Letters & Cards: Dec. 9; Priority Mail, Express Mail: Dec. 15.

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 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. 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://>



HOLIDAY PALLET TREE LOT

Monday, Dec. 4

Noon – 6 p.m. behind AAFES

***Pick up pre-cut pallet tree/pallet on Dec. 4.**

***Decorate w/your own supplies.**

***Display your pallet tree.**

***Obtain votes in the Facebook Reaction Challenge:**

1) To win votes, post tree pics to Kwaj Community Events FB page, OR

2) Email Event Coordinator

Kara.Larson@Vectrus.com to post the pic.



***Voting ends 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19.**

***Prizes for top three pallet trees.**



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 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 does 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 EBEYE

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.

It's the Marines 248th Birthday
It's time to celebrate
Nov. 10 • 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
 Join us at the Zamperini Warrior Restaurant.
 Guest speaker **Tonnie Williams**. Words of wisdom, the United States Marine Corps song and cake cutting tradition @ 11:30 a.m.

Lunch Menu	\$6.85	Short Order
Grilled Porterhouse Steak		We offer comforting and satisfying food, including classic pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw and pigs-in-a-blanket.
BBQ Chicken		
Fresh Mashed Potatoes		
Macaroni and Cheese		
Roasted Vegetables		
Corn on the Cob		
Vegetable Pizza (Vegetarian)		

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: \$80 (includes shirt, prizes, drinks, banquet).
Banquet: Dec. 3 at the Country Club for entrants & a guest. RSVP needed.
Sign up: Nov. 18, 4:30-7 p.m. at Country Club. No same-day registration.

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

Questions or tee time pre-registrations:
 Shelly Benkert: shellybenkert@yahoo.com
 Mike Winks: winksme@gmail.com

Co-sponsored by USAG Kwajalein Atoll - Family & MWR.

MOVIES

KWAJALEIN YUK THEATER

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., 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

RFS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Following a rather wet and stormy week, this week looks to be on the drier side with the exception of Sunday and about half of Monday. A subtropical ridge, located north of the RMI is currently the main driving force on our weather patterns, as waves in the easterly flow along the southern edge of the ridge periodically spread showers over the RMI.

Expect mostly stray showers with periods of isolated showers during the next several days and mostly isolated showers with periods of widely scattered showers during the evenings, due to the additional support of nocturnal instability. Sunday and Monday have the best chance of higher rainfall amounts and potential thunderstorms due to a wave that is expected to move over the RMI from the east with Sunday likely being the peak of unsettled conditions. As the wave approaches, wind speeds are expected to gradually increase from the lower to mid-teens, up to the upper-teens by Sunday afternoon.

On Saturday, partly sunny with stray showers for the day and isolated showers the evening. Winds NE-E at 10-15 knots with higher gusts near showers. A stray thunderstorm won't be impossible but remains unlikely.

SUNDAY

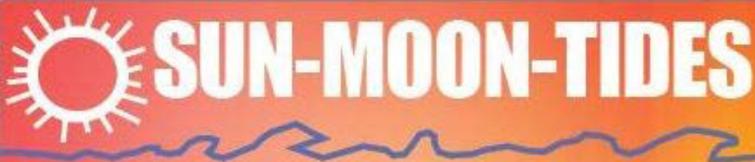
Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers and stray thunderstorms. Winds NE-E at 14-19 knots with higher gusts around 33 knots possible in and near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with isolated to widely scattered showers early, becoming only isolated showers for the second half of the day. Winds NE-E at 11-16 knots with gusts approaching 30 knots near the strongest of showers. A stray thunderstorm or two will be possible.

NEXT WEEK

Once the wave exits the RMI on Monday, the next 2-3 days look to be mostly dry until near the end of the work week where shower coverage will likely be elevated for the next 2-3 days from there. For the first half of the work week, expect mostly stray showers for the daylight hours and isolated showers for the evenings. Overall, winds look to be a bit elevated for next week, with several days forecasted to be in the mid-to-upper teens, mostly from the NE-E.

				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	12:03 a.m. 12:58 p.m.	8:59 a.m. 1.6' 9:26 p.m. 2.4'	3:11 a.m. 1.0' 1:39 p.m. 1.3'
MONDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	12:53 a.m. 1:41 p.m.	12:46 p.m. 1.8' -----	5:55 a.m. 1.0' 5:23 p.m. 1.5'
TUESDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	1:40 a.m. 2:20 p.m.	12:02 a.m. 2.4' 1:28 p.m. 2.3'	7:05 a.m. 0.8' 7:04 p.m. 1.2'
WEDNESDAY	6:39 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	2:25 a.m. 2:58 p.m.	1:08 a.m. 2.7' 1:54 p.m. 2.7'	7:39 a.m. 0.5' 7:47 p.m. 0.8'
THURSDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	3:09 a.m. 3:34 p.m.	1:48 a.m. 3.1' 2:19 p.m. 3.2'	8:05 a.m. 0.2' 8:20 p.m. 0.3'
FRIDAY	6:40 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	3:52 a.m. 4:10 p.m.	2:20 a.m. 3.3' 2:44 p.m. 3.6'	8:30 a.m. -0.1' 8:51 p.m. -0.0'
NOVEMBER 11	6:40 a.m. 6:26 p.m.	4:37 a.m. 4:47 p.m.	2:50 a.m. 3.5' 3:09 p.m. 4.0'	8:55 a.m. -0.4' 9:21 p.m. -0.3'

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll has resumed processing U.S. passports.

Please contact the USAG-KA Passport Facility at the following email address to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions:

usarmy.bucholz.id-pacific.mbx.usag-ka-passports@army.mil