

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



STACEY MORGAN, LEFT, AND USAG-KA COMMANDER COL. DREW MORGAN JOINED TEAM KWAJ AT THE CAPT. LOUIS S. ZAMPERINI WARRIOR RESTAURANT ON NOV. 23 TO SERVE THANKSGIVING DINNER TO THE COMMUNITY.

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WHERE IS TEAM KWAJ THIS WEEK?



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Team Kwaj recently welcomed visiting active-duty personnel from a partner nation in the Indo-Pacific. U.S. Army Pacific Deputy Commanding General Maj. Gen. Christopher Smith, Australia; and Royal Australian Navy Maritime Security Advisor Lt. Cmdr. Lachlan Sommerville; spent two days touring sites on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. USAG-KA social media site Team Kwaj Commander shared details and photos from the visit in a recent Facebook post, stating that the overlapping visit from Australian personnel "reinforces that Australia is a steadfast and first choice partner and ally all over the globe, but especially in the Pacific. They are part of TEAM KWAJ!"

IN DECEMBER



FLU, FLU CHRISTMAS?

Don't let the flu get you down. Visit the Kwajalein Hospital to get your flu vaccine. For more information, call 480-2223 or 480-2224.



NATIONAL COOKIE DAY

A mainstay of Christmas Eve and holiday potluck dinners are Christmas cookies. Each year in December, we celebrate this tasty treat.



IT'S DECEMBER

The Latin namesake for the month is "Decem," or 10, harkening back to its ancient position in the 10-month Roman calendar.



CELEBRATE UNDERDOG DAY

Everyone loves an underdog. On the third Friday in December, rally around players and sports teams whose appeal is less about strength and more about struggle.



Since Kwajalein is located in time zone one, the atoll is one of the places he visits first. That means you can track his progress around the world.

Click the image to find out where Santa is going next with a little help from North American Aerospace Defense Command, or NORAD. You can also visit <https://www.noradsanta.org/en/>.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO

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U.S. ARMY PHOTO BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

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- 1) A gunner aims a Browning automatic rifle, or BAR, in the bow of a rubber landing craft to provide covering fire as a 10-man boat crew of Marine Raiders reaches the undefended beach of Pavuvu in the Russell Islands during Operation Cleanslate, circa February 1943.
- 2) Personnel from the 25th Infantry Division pull their rhib boat ashore in 2023 after completing field training exercises in and around U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

SPACE, FIELD TRAINING, AND THE KWAJALEIN MISSION

HOURLASS REPORT

This article continues a series exploring Team Kwaj and our mission with US-AG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan.

Kwajalein is an important place to our nations. It's important to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and it is definitely important for a free and open Indo-Pacific.

The island has played many important roles over the years. I think we are at the tipping point of a realization — that Kwajalein may be more important now than ever before in history.

Central to that concept is the legacy mission of missile defense testing and the uniqueness of Kwajalein's location on the planet. The addition of space domain awareness and the space mission over the past decade even more so bolsters its importance.

Also key to Kwajalein's prominence is that this island is a place that Soldiers can train. The 25th Infantry Division conducted training here because the idea of island hopping and littoral combat in areas like an atoll is now back on the Department of Defense "radar." This tactic is, for lack of a better term, "en vogue" again. This is a good place to do that



COURTESY OF USAG-KA COMMANDER COL. DREW MORGAN

USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan, center, commemorates field training exercises with members of the visiting 25th Infantry Division on the atoll.

kind of training.

Kwajalein is key terrain. This is an important place positioned in the Central Pacific. We're seeing interest from Indo-Pacific Command and U.S. Army Pacific in how Kwajalein can support a larger campaign plan here in the Pacific.

We are here at the right time and at the right place. I expect this place to quadruple in 10 years from now.

This is just going to be an awesome place.

FOR KWAJ COMMAND TEAM INFO & UPDATES



TEAM KWAJ COMMANDER



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U.S. ARMY GARRISON - KWAJALEIN ATOLL



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THANKSGIVING ON USAG-KA

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

TEAM KWAJ celebrated Thanksgiving with lunchtime meals at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Dining Facility and Cafe Roi on Nov. 23.

Food services personnel prepared hundreds of pounds of turkey and mashed potatoes and served up a variety of salads, breads and pastries. Decorative flourishes made with woven palm fronds added an island style flair to the dining areas.

Preparations for the biggest meal of the year began weeks in advance to assure that supplies were available for island cooks to prepare each dish.

In keeping with the Department of Defense tradition of serving the holiday meal, active-duty personnel served meals to the community. They were joined by family members and senior contract leadership. Special thanks to everyone who made Thanksgiving on the atoll an enjoyable experience.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH



1) Harold Bulles greets The Kwajalein Hourglass photographer from the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Warrior Restaurant. A longtime member of the dining services team, Bulles has served numerous Thanksgiving dinners at the dining facility, and at the island's former Yuk Club. 2) Team Kwaj and mission partners prepare to serve Thanksgiving dinner to Kwajalein. 3) Chuck Hensley, RETS Contract Deputy Program/Range Manager, serves a cut of steamship round to a member of the Kwajalein Fire Department.

Thank you to the personnel from the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Warrior Restaurant, Parsons, the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll who helped make Thanksgiving 2023 a success. Check out the following photos from this year's annual holiday observance dinners.





1) From left: Reagan Test Site Director Lt. Col. Casey Rumpfelt, Sheila Rumpfelt, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joseph Karmozyn and Lt. Col. Travis Lynch are ready to kick off Thanksgiving. 2) James Wilson, Louis Berger Services, and Maj. Nathan Houston covered carving operations in the first hour of Zamperini Thanksgiving. 3) Standing room only: The long line the salad bar is an indicator of good foods to come. 4) Per tradition, Joe Roncal is among the first diners to be photographed with a resplendent platter of tasty foods. 5) Capt. Ibrahima Sady holds up a dinner roll in serving tongs during the first shift of active-duty servers. 6) The second shift has arrived! U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Matthew Beckham prepares a to-go box for a diner. 7) Island resident Blanche Adcock, left, dines with her brother Vernon in their aloha finest.



U.S. ARMY PHOTOS BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH



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1) The calm before the lunch rush calls for a photograph. Pictured here, Chief Warrant Officer Four Yessenia Johnson, center left, commemorates the holiday meal with members of the dining services team. 2) Employees lift a hefty steamship round onto a carving platter before lunch. 3) Two serving lines steadily deliver customers to the carving station inside the dining facility. Can you spot the AFN videographer? 4) "Backstage" during lunch, employees prepare lobster tails in the dining facility's containerized

kitchen. 5) Staff continued to prepare and restock the salad bar throughout the afternoon meal with fresh vegetables. 6) This "B Team" is on it's A-game: Midway through Thanksgiving, volunteer servers gave over their positions to the second shift. Pictured here, from left: Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Carpenter, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nathan Elkins and Capt. Mitchell McGee are ready to serve Thanksgiving. 7) Behind the serving line, employees prepare to restock the soft drinks station.



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COURTESY OF USAG-KA COMMAND



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1) Selfie with lunch: Pictured here, a dining services employee commemorates Thanksgiving with an entrée centerpiece studded with citrus fruits. 2-3) The dessert stations are ready, and these servers are pleased to greet you. 4) Roi-Namur diners wish you a happy Thanksgiving. Pictured here, USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller commemorates the meal with a selfie at Cafe Roi, where he and his spouse, Cat, served the community dinner. From left: Miller, Reanekia Berry, Melissa Hartley, Marcia Scott, Anthony "Mack" McAllister, and Frankie Graves. 5) USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan gets ready to fill a large order for multiple to-go Thanksgiving boxes. 6) Celebrities spotted at the salad bar. Pictured here, Daniel Kramer, left, and Yastamon Bolkeim of SixNineToo Productions, say hello from the Zamperini salad bar. The duo facilitated performances at the reopening of the Richardson Theater the following Saturday. 7) Cynthia McKenzie, center, of Parsons, assists patrons with their meals.

U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY



TRADEX capacitor banks, circa January 1962, in a courtesy photo from U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command.

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

On Dec. 1, 1962, the Advanced Research Projects Agency assigned operational control of the TRADEX radar to Lincoln Laboratory, as oversees for Project Pacific Range Electromagnetic Signature Studies, or PRESS.

Still operational today, TRADEX was the first of the radars constructed on Roi-Namur, part of the Kwajalein Missile Range in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Earlier that year, it had successfully acquired and tracked its first intercontinental ballistic missile, an

Atlas launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base California.

At that time the TRADEX included an ultra-high frequency tracker an L-band illuminator as well as a 24-inch telescope known as the Recording Optical Tracking Instrument, a Baker-Nunn slitless spectrograph, and three ballistic cameras for metric data collection.

The spectrograph would cease operations in 1964, while the ROTI was not decommissioned until 1969. In the interim, the telescope was upgraded to a 48-inch model in 1966.



FIGURE 1
COURTESY OF U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND

Above: TRADEX is visible in this 1969 courtesy photo from U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command.

ISLAND REORIENTATION

PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Ever hear the siren test and wonder what it means? Here are the basics of the garrison's siren warning system.

PENDING DISASTER AND SIREN WARNING SYSTEM

Two short blasts repeated five times at 25 second intervals. Tune radio to 101 FM and TV channel 14-1.

EVACUATE TO SHELTERS

One three-minute warble.

FIRE RECALL

One minute steady blast

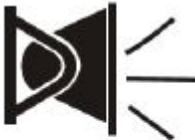
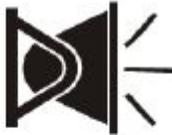
KPD RECALL

One 10-second blast, a 10-second pause, 10-second blast and a 10-second pause. The entire sequence will repeat.

ALL CLEAR

One 20 second blast. This blast also sounds each work day at 6 p.m.

New to Kwajalein? Need a refresher on where to go? No worries: The Kwajalein Hourglass can help. Check back here each week for island how-to's. To submit a request for information or a helpful tip, write to kwajaleinhourglass@vectrus.com.

 <p>Pending Disaster Two short blasts repeated five times at 25</p>	 <p>Evacuate to Shelters One three minute warble</p>
 <p>Fire Recall One minute blast</p>	 <p>All Clear One twenty second blast</p>
 <p>KPD Recall One ten-second blast ten-second pause - ten-second blast - ten second pause repeated once.</p>	



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MOLLUSCA: THE COCONUT OCTOPUS

BY ANNA COLELLO

The Kwajalein Hourglass presents island writer Anna Colello in Kwaj Writes, a featurette dedicated to communications produced by USAG-KA's correspondents in community. In this first article, Colello explores true facts about an unlikely candidate for a coconut home—the aptly named coconut octopus.

Scientifically called the *Amphioctopus Marginatus*, it has been nicknamed the coconut octopus for its unique behavior of collecting coconuts and shells to hide in. This octopus is a Benthic creature that lives about 600 feet under water.

Here on Kwaj, that's about five times the recreational scuba diving limit. Though these octopus are most commonly found throughout Indonesia, they are also found throughout the tropical sections of the Pacific Ocean.

Lucky for these funky little octopuses, they are the most minor concern for conservationists and are highly abundant in these waters.

Unique Adaptations

The most exciting fact about these unique octopuses is their use of their

environment to protect themselves from furious predators. They can walk using bipedal movements with six tentacles stuffed into a coconut and use the other two to move while in the coconut. They do this to be able to carry their coconut for protection, similar to humans walking on two feet.

Due to their long and short-term memory capabilities and being the only invertebrates capable of using tools for

protection and laying eggs, the coconut octopus has been called one of the most intelligent creatures.

In fact, the ratio of their brain size compared to their body is the same as that of mammals. These creatures' use of found protection dates replicates other mollusks' protection of a hard outer shell. In the view of predators, the octopuses in the coconut look like a coconut is walking or being pulled by a current. Yet, unlike these creatures, at any point, the coconut octopus can drop the shell and use its compressible and agile body to swim quickly and easily.

Even with such intelligence, these octopuses are relatively small. They weigh about 200 grams, which is about the weight of two medium-sized bananas. These little creatures don't live without danger, though, and are the prey of sharks, viperfish, and even other coconut octopuses.

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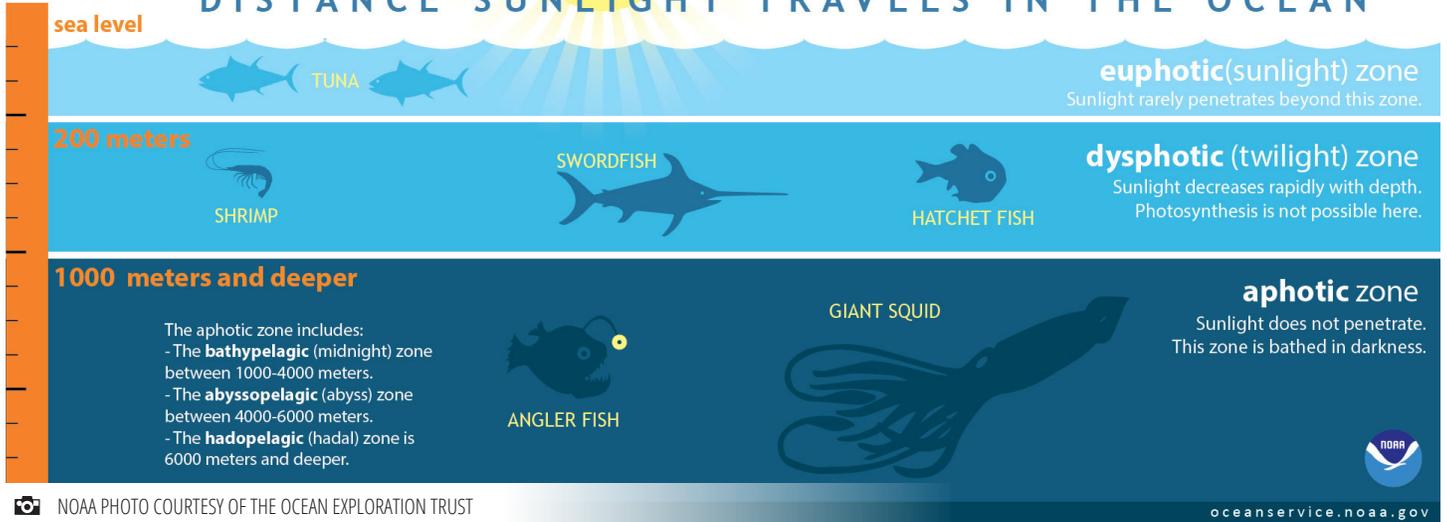
 COURTESY PHOTO

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

DISTANCE SUNLIGHT TRAVELS IN THE OCEAN



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oceanservice.noaa.gov

The ocean is divided into three zones based on depth and light level. Although some sea creatures depend on light to live, others can do without it. 'Photic' is a derivative of 'photon,' the word for a particle of light.

How far does light travel in the ocean?

EXTERNAL REPORT

Light may be detected as far as 1,000 meters down in the ocean, but there is rarely any significant light beyond 200 meters.

Sunlight entering the water may travel about 1,000 meters into the ocean under the right conditions, but there is rarely any significant light beyond 200 meters.

The ocean is divided into three zones based on depth and light level. The upper 200 meters of the ocean is called the euphotic, or "sunlight," zone. This zone contains the vast majority of commercial fisheries and is home to many protected marine mammals and sea turtles.

Only a small amount of light penetrates beyond this depth.

The zone between 200 meters and 1,000 meters is usually referred to as the "twilight" zone, but is officially the dysphotic zone. In this zone, the intensity of light rapidly dissipates as depth increases. Such a minuscule amount of light penetrates beyond a depth of 200 meters that photosynthesis is no longer possible.

ger possible.

The aphotic zone exists in depths below 1,000 meters. Sunlight does not penetrate to these depths and the zone is bathed in darkness.

The aphotic zone is further subdivided into the bathypelagic zone (or midnight zone) between 1,000 and 4,000 meters, the abyssopelagic (or the abyss) between 4,000 and 6,000 meters, and the hadopelagic zone (or hadal zone) 6,000 meters and deeper.

Infographic Transcript: Distance Sunlight Travels in the Ocean

The left side of this graphic (above) shows a measuring stick against a representation of the ocean; it shows three depths: sea level, 200 meters, and 1,000 meters and deeper.

The middle portion of the graphic shows the ocean divided into three zones. The first division from sea level to 200 meters is labeled as the euphotic (sunlight) zone and says "sunlight rarely penetrates beyond this zone." Graphic representations of

tuna are shown swimming in this first zone. The second division from 200 meters to 1,000 meters is labeled as the dysphotic (twilight) zone and says "sunlight decreases rapidly with depth; photosynthesis is not possible here." Graphic representations of shrimp, swordfish, and hatchet fish are shown swimming in this second zone.

The third division is labeled from 1,000 meters and deeper and is labeled as the aphotic zone and says "sunlight does not penetrate; the zone is bathed in darkness." Graphic representations of angler fish and giant squid are shown swimming in this zone.

The division labeled 'aphotic zone' contains this additional text: "The aphotic zone includes: The bathypelagic (midnight) zone between 1,000-4,000 meters; the abyssopelagic (abyss) zone between 4,000-6,000 meters; and the hadopelagic (hadal) zone is 6,000 meters and deeper.

A solid blue thin line is at the bottom of the graphic shows the website address of the National Ocean Service and the NOAA logo.

DECEMBER WINTER BREAK AT THE NAMO WETO YOUTH CENTER ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS

FRI., Dec. 15
National Lemon Cupcake Day, 3:15 p.m.

SAT., Dec. 16
Guardians of the Galaxy Movie Marathon, 5 p.m.

SUN., Dec. 17
Marshallese Movie, 3:10 p.m.
Wright Brothers Day Paper Airplane Race, 3:45 p.m.

WED., Dec. 20
Bath Bomb Making, 3 p.m.
Ping Pong Tournament, 4:45 p.m.

THURS., Dec. 21
Holiday Themed Scavenger Hunt, 4 p.m.

FRI., Dec. 22
Holiday Party White Elephant and Potluck, 4:30 p.m.

SAT., Dec. 23
Green & Red Jello Making, 4 p.m.
Home Alone Movie Marathon, 5 p.m.

WED., Dec. 27
New Year Resolution Group Poster, 3 p.m.

THURS., Dec. 28
Pool Tournament, 4:45 p.m.

FRI., Dec. 29
Tie-dye Making, 3 p.m.

SAT./SUN., Dec. 30-31
Lock-In 9, p.m. - 6 a.m.

For more information, please contact the Namo Weto Youth Center at 480-3796. Students are required to be registered at the Youth Center to attend.



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

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.

It's time to celebrate the season of Advent!

Hanging of the Greens Service

Stories, music, and scripture that explain the religious significance of decorating for Christmas.

Sunday, Dec. 3
6 p.m. at Island Memorial Chapel

Contact kwajchapel@gmail.com for more information.



ACTIVITIES

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.

VENDORS and entertainers wanted during Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 2. Visit the Grace Sherwood Library, 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.

HOBBY SHOP Holiday Workshops: Tropical Chip & Dip Bowl. Be prepared for your next gathering. Join us in making a personalized chip & dip bowl. Dec. 6 from 9 – 11 a.m. Fee is \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Hobby Shop hours are Tuesday – Closed; Wednesday and Thursday, 1 – 8 p.m.; Friday, noon – 8 p.m.; Saturday – Monday, noon – 6 p.m.

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

HOLIDAY-THEMED SCAVENGER HUNT, FOR TEENS. Thursday, Dec. 21. Meet with your team at 5:30 p.m. at

the Namu Weto Youth Center. Students are required to register with the Youth Center to attend.

TEEN HOLIDAY PARTY. CYS-enrolled youth are invited to a potluck and white elephant gift exchange at the Namu Weto Youth Center Dec. 22, at 4:30 p.m. Bring one gift. Do not bring candy or soda. Register at the youth center. Call 480-3796 for more information.

TEEN MOVIE MARATHON. HOME ALONE Movie Marathon for CYS-enrolled youth at the Namu Weto Youth Center. Saturday, Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. Register at the youth center. Call 480-3796 for more information.

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.). Call 480-8496.

CARTS

MWR is currently in Beta Testing with a select group of people to develop a new rental booking system. The link was recently shared outside of the testing group. This system is not ready for the public. Please refrain from using the link and visit the cart rentals facility for all future reservations. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

DRIVER LICENSING CLASSES

Kwajalein Driver Licensing classes meet Wednesdays, 9 a.m. – Classes for RMI Workforce; 1 p.m. – Classes for expat Workforce. Classes are in Bldg. 856 RM 101 Vehicle Maintenance Compound. Space is limited. Registration is encouraged. For more information, call 480-3376. To register, email brian.arnett@vectrus.com and kaisha.wilson@vectrus.com.

Roi Driver Licensing classes meet second Wednesdays in C-building. No registration needed. Class times are as follows: 9 a.m. – Classes for RMI Workforce; 1 p.m. – Classes for expat Workforce.

E-BIKES

E-bikes are not authorized within USAG-KA. For information, please refer to USAG-KA Regulation 56-4, Motor and Non-Motor Transportation Vehicle Operation and Control; and Chapter 6 Personal Use/Private-ly Owned, Paragraph 6-2 Privately Owned Vehicles. Engine/motor powered privately owned electric vehicles and electric bicycles are not authorized within USAG-KA. Electric children's toys are allowed and not governed by this policy.

E-WARENESS: GIANT CLAMS

Two species of Giant Clams are found at Kwajalein Atoll, *Tridacna Gigas* and *Tridacna squamosa*. Both are protected throughout the atoll by the USAKA Environmental Standards (UES) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Please do not harass or collect living species, and do not collect or export giant clam shells. Giant Clam shells found in pack-outs or mailed packages can result in large fines.

Ruo kain mejen wod ko rellap rej bed ilo malo in Kwajalein, juon ne *Tridacna Gigas* im Juon *Tridactna squomosa*. Mejen wod kein rej bed umin kejbarok eo an USAKA Environmental Standards (UES) im Endangered Species Act eo ak (ESA). Jouj im jab ireji ak boki mejen wod kein. Joij im jab aini, kakoni, im komakiti ak jilkinlok nan ilikin mejen wod kein. Enaj wor fine ko rellap elane mejen wod kein renaj bed ilo mweik in pack-outs ko ak ilo mail ko.

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.

KWAJALEIN SMALL BOAT MARINA hours of Operation. 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday through Monday, and on holidays, excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas. Morning boat reservation times are from 7:30 a.m. –

TEAM KWAJ

Holiday Open House

hosted by Colonel & Mrs. Morgan

The Commander's Residence
Monday, December 18 from 6 – 9 p.m.

Bring a holiday treat to share and an ornament to add to the Team Kwaj tree that reflects you or your Kwaj story



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

noon. Afternoon boat reservations are from 1 – 5 p.m.

LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@wsp.com.

ROI-NAMUR SMALL BOAT MARINA Hurs of Operation. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Friday through Monday, and on holidays, excluding Thanksgiving and Christmas. Morning boat reservation times are from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Afternoon boat reservations are from 1 – 5 p.m.

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

HYDRANT TESTING BEGINS. The Kwajalein Fire Department will begin annual water hydrant testing beginning next weekend. Testing will begin on the south end of the island and is expected to continue through January 2024. The community is advised to stay clear of the hydrants during testing.

For more information, please call 480-3364 or email Chief Gregory Collins at gregory.collins@gov2x.com.

FLIGHTS

Please note that all flights are subject to change. For the latest update on your flights on United, ATI or Air Marshall Islands:
ATI: 480-2169; AML: 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.

FLYROI RESERVATIONS. To schedule reservations and for correspondence related to flights, email

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

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.

EAP SERVICES. The EAP provides mental health services on Kwajalein, Roi Namur and Meck which include but are not limited to the following:

- Psychological assessments
- Counseling
- Anxiety and depressive disorders
- Family distress
- Post-traumatic stress disorder assessment and counseling
- Job-and-work related counseling

Hobby Shop

TROPICAL CHIP & DIP BOWL Workshop

Be prepared for your next gathering.
Join us in making a personalized Chip & Dip Bowl.

Date: Dec. 6 Time: 9 – 11 a.m.
Price: Members \$10 Nonmembers \$15

Hobby Shop: Bldg. 815, Phone: 480-1700
Hours: Wed. & Thur. 1-8 p.m.; Fri. 12-8 p.m.
Sat.- Mon. Noon - 6 p.m.; Tue. - Closed

- Cross-cultural adjustment issues in counseling
- Crisis management consultation
- Conflict mediation/resolution
- Addiction counseling
- Consultation on violence in the workplace
- Crisis management for employees assigned to USAG-KA

EAP services are also available to the management structure to improve employee retention, performance improvement plans, workplace resilience, and the development of people management skills to build and maintain effective teams. Employee Assistance Program counselor (EAP) Kenneth Thomas MHS, LPC, LCADC, can be reached at kenneth.thomas@internationalssosgs.us or 480 – 5362.

ISLAND MEMORIAL 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.

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.

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.

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.

ARKEL International is hiring. Send CVs and resume to christopher.fuents@arkel.com and jasper.gomez@arkel.com. Visit Arkel online at <http://arkel.com>. Call 480-1006 for more information.

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 and Networks Administrator; Senior Networks Administrator; Cyber Security Specialist; Unified Capabilities (UC) Specialist; Infrastructure Technician; and 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. To apply, visit rgnext.com.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED. Kwajalein School System is now hir-

ing 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.

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

POST OFFICE

Kwaj Post Office Closures

Dec. 25, 2023 – Christmas Day; 2024:

Jan. 1 – New Year's Day;

Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day;

Feb. 19 – G. 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.

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://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.

FM99 THE WAVE & 97.9 ROI RAT RADIO. Tune in 7 - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 - 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday for live broadcasting, music, and community updates.

WIN A SIGNED COPY OF THE RAREST BOOK ON KWAJ!

TICKETS & INFO AT THE MIC SHOP NOV. 1-DEC. 18



OPEN MONDAY 12-2 P.M.
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 5-7 P.M.



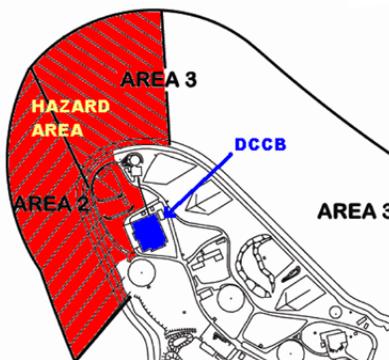
CELEBRATE THE KWAJALEIN TREE LIGHTING WITH THE SUNRISE BAKERY
SATURDAY, DEC. 2
Santa's elves will be serving:

- Pulled Pork Sliders
- Teriyaki Chicken on a Stick
- Smoked Turkey Legs
- Tuna and Chicken Wraps
- Hot Wings
- Assorted Pizza slices
- Christmas Cookies and Cupcakes
- Hot Dogs

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.

SMALL ARMS RANGE

SACC will be conducting a small arms range on Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. – noon. Please observe the RED FLAG hazard area. Questions? Contact 480-6445 with questions.



SURFWAY DELIVERY

Effective immediately, Surfway will no longer provide delivery services of groceries until further notice due to absence of contractual specifi-

cations currently rendering the service as a personal service, which is not authorized. This is permanent until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience.

TAXI SERVICE

Call 480-TAXI (8294) or 3341 to book your ride at least 24 hours in advance of your check-in time.

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 sa-

rongs. 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.

WATER PLANT. Water Distribution personnel are continuing with annual flushing of the potable water fire hydrants and pipes on Kwajalein. Over the next three weeks, the water coming out of faucets and showers on Kwajalein in the BQ's and the Housing area may turn reddish brown from rusty cast iron pipes in the water distribution system. If your water becomes discolored, let the tap run until the water clears up. If your water turns very red for a day or two, avoid washing white clothes until the clarity of the water returns to normal. Call Stan at 480-1847 with any questions.

MONTHLY FIRE TIP FROM THE USAG-KA FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE Christmas Safety

- Live cut trees are not permitted in the garrison's dining facilities, bachelor quarters, hospital, dispensary and Macy's.
- Dispose of any live greenery used to decorate when needles or leaves begin to easily fall off or the leaves turn brown. For live cut trees, choose a sturdy stand that holds at least one gallon of water.
- Place any live holiday trees a minimum of three feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources.
- Turn lights off before going to bed or leaving the home.
- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord and avoid areas where the cords can become a tripping hazard.
- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Safety first! More than one third of home decoration fires are started by candles, and more than two of every five decoration fires happen because decor was placed too close to a heat source.

Join us for our annual
Home Helper Holiday Party

THURSDAY, DEC. 7
FROM 11:30 A.M. – 1 P.M.
AT THE HOME OF
COL. & MRS. MORGAN
QTRS. 241, OCEAN ROAD
RSVP ON SIGNUPGENIUS

Additional Questions
Contact Mindi Gerber at 480-4558
2023HomeHelperParty@proton.me



Pauper's Marathon

Full Marathon or Relay Teams

Monday, Dec. 11, 2023
Race starts/ends at Namu Weto Teen Center

- Consists of 10 laps to make up 26.2 miles
- Run as an individual or create a team of 2 to 10 people
- Individual runners start at 3 a.m.; teams can start at 3 a.m. or 6 a.m.
- Contact Bob or Jane Sholar to register/ask questions at 480-0704 or janesholar@gmail.com

FOR KWAJ COMMAND
TEAM INFO & UPDATES



TEAM KWAJ COMMANDER

 
@TeamKwajCommander

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 U.S. ARMY GARRISON - KWAJALEIN ATOLL

  NASA ASTRONAUT ANDREW "DREW" MORGAN
@AstroDrewMorgan



MWR PALLET TREE DECORATING CONTEST



The MWR Tree Lot opens Dec. 4 from noon - 6 p.m. behind AAFES. Pick up your tree, decorate with your own supplies and display your tree until Dec. 19 for a chance to win. Contact MWR at 5-3331 with questions.

2023 Kwajalein Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Parade, Dec. 2

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

5:30 P.M.
PARADE FORMATION

6 P.M.
SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS ARRIVAL

6 P.M.
DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY DJ MUSIC

6 – 9 P.M.
VENDORS, FOOD AND BEVERAGES
DOWNTOWN

6:10 P.M.
PARADE BEGINS

6:50 P.M.
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY BEGINS

EVENT PROGRAM

Holiday Tree Lighting -
USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan,
Santa Claus and the KHS Graduating Class
of 2024

Sassy Christmas Dancers

Kwajalein High School Band
"Jingle Bell Rock"

Carrie Corley's 2nd Grade Class
"The Nutcracker"

Ri-Katak Students' Dance

KHS Band
"Let It Snow"

Sassy Christmas Dancers

Kwajalein High School Band
"Winter Wonderland"

Santa's Sweets Dancers



-  Do not park bikes here
-  Temporary bike rack area



LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

KWAJALEIN'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR

Get ready for Light Up The Night, Kwajalein's annual driving tour of neighborhood holiday lights and decorated quarters.

Join In The Fun

Join the community Dec. 10 at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room for holiday treats, games and open-air shuttle rides through the island community to view holiday lights.

Open-air shuttle rides will run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. While you wait for your tour, enjoy holiday music and, cocoa and snacks.

Want to Participate?

Think you've got what it takes to make your quarters the most festive holiday home? Join the tour.

Decorate your quarters or BQ window and register with MWR at the Grace Sherwood Library. Contact MWR at 480-3331 to register.

Enjoy Pictures With Santa.

Parents, bring your cameras. Santa Claus could even make a special guest appearance during Light Up The Night. Dress up in your holiday finest to snap selfies and enjoy snacks from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Are You a Vendor?

If you have a craft or concession you would like to sell at Light Up the Night, please contact MWR at 480-3331 to register for a table. All fundraisers must be preapproved.

WANT TO GO?

Dec. 10

Kwajalein High School Multi-Purpose Room
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Contact MWR at 480-3331 for more information at 5-3331. Email kara.larson@gov2x.com to register.





I Want to Help Someone

Understanding the physical, psychological and emotional effects of sexual assault on a survivor is essential to their healing process. Reactions to sexual assault can be physical, psychological or emotional.

Physical and Psychological

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Difficulty focusing
- Isolation
- Low self-esteem
- Fears or phobias
- Nightmares
- Post-traumatic stress
- Flashbacks (remembering the assault)
- Alcohol or substance misuse
- Thoughts of self-harm, including body mutilation and suicide
- Emotional
- Denial
- Fear
- Sadness
- Embarrassment
- Detachment
- Anger
- Shock
- Shame
- Lack of control
- Confusion
- Emotionlessness

Pay Attention to What You Say to a Survivor

The most important thing to remember is to let the survivor lead the conversation.

Here are some conversation starters:

- “It took a lot of courage to tell me about this.”
- “Thank you for trusting me with your story.”
- “I care about you and am here to listen and help any way I can.”
- “This shouldn’t have happened to you. It must be tough.”

Empower them to make decisions on which steps to take:

- Ask, “There are resources available to help you recover and report what happened. Are you ready to talk about that?”
- Ask, “We don’t have to talk or decide about this right now, but can I send you a message with some resources?”
- Encourage the survivor to practice self-care to help them cope with the short- and long-term effects of a sexual assault.
- Say, “It’s important to keep your body healthy and strong to support your recovery.” And ask, “Can you think about a time when you felt physically healthy? Is there anything you did to start the day off right or wind down at the end of the day?”
- Say, “Emotional self-care means different things to different people. And ask, “Can you think about a time when you felt balanced and grounded? What activities did you enjoy? Was there someone, or a group that made you felt safe and supported?”



For more information, visit www.armyresilience.army.mil/sharp/pages/support.html

How Can I Help if I Witness Something? Take Action!

As a band of brothers and sisters, we have a duty and obligation to act.

Here are three things you can do:

- 1. Notice the event.**
- 2. Interpret the event as a problem.**
- 3. Decide how to intervene: direct, distract, delegate, take action.**

The 3D’s of Bystander Intervention

Direct

•Address the perpetrator: “You need to stop.” “Why would you say that?” “That is so inappropriate.”

•Remove either the potential victim or perpetrator from the situation/hostile environment, and say, “Hey, I want to show you something. Come over here with me.”

•Have personal courage to intervene, and say, “I don’t see how ____ is appropriate or relevant to this conversation.”

Distract

•Do anything that distracts the perpetrator: change the subject, ask the perpetrator or potential victim to do something else, or say, “I think someone is coming.”

Delegate

•Delegate others to intervene: have friends, squad/section members or co-workers take the perpetrator or potential victim out of the situation.

•Send someone to intervene (e.g., chain of command, MPs).



ARMY RESILIENCE DIRECTORATE



SHARP
SEXUAL HARASSMENT/ASSAULT
RESPONSE AND PREVENTION

FACTSHEET

UPDATED DECEMBER 2020

HELP FOR SOLDIERS

(AND MILITARY DEPENDENTS 18+)

IF YOU HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED



GO TO A SAFE LOCATION AWAY FROM THE PERSON WHO SEXUALLY ASSAULTED YOU

If you're in immediate danger, CALL 911 (inside the U.S.) or your installation's emergency services.

Please know what happened isn't your fault. Nothing you did or didn't do caused this to happen.



CONSIDER SEEKING MEDICAL CARE

Seeking medical care may not feel like a priority, especially if you don't have visible physical injuries.

However, it can be helpful to receive medical care and/or a sexual assault exam to assess for less visible injuries and risks for sexually transmitted disease or pregnancy.



GET HELP – YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS ALONE

If you aren't sure what to do or just want someone to talk to, contact DoD Safe Helpline: 1-877-995-5247.

You can also reach out to the service providers listed on the back of this fact sheet under "Who can help?". You can receive contact information for these providers by contacting DoD Safe Helpline or visiting the DoD Safe Helpline website: www.safehelpline.org

SOLDIERS HAVE OPTIONS ABOUT HOW TO REPORT

Restricted Report

Confidentially disclose the assault to a SARC or VA without notifying your command or law enforcement. Receive healthcare, advocacy services, and legal advice. You may change a Restricted Report to an Unrestricted Report at any time.

Unrestricted Report

Receive healthcare, advocacy services, legal advice, and initiate a criminal investigation. Your chain of command will be notified, and you may request protective and support measures like Expedited Transfers or Military Protective Orders.

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KWAJ WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Dry and breezy trade wind conditions will close out the workweek at Kwajalein Atoll.

A robust subtropical high-pressure ridge will keep the Intertropical Convergence Zone well south of the atoll area, driving moderate to fresh east-northeasterly trade winds across the region.

Subtle areas of low-level wind speed convergence in addition to nocturnal instability will yield the occasional boost in showers over the next few days, but any activity will likely remain weak, short-lived, and shallow, given the dry moisture profile aloft and limited upper-level support.

Next week, a strengthening subtropical ridge well north of the RMI will lead to increased trade winds and low-level convergence across the Kwajalein Atoll area.

As a result, expect isolated to widely scattered showers to kick off the coming workweek, some of which will be locally heavy.

Sustained winds in the upper teens to around 20 knots are anticipated, gusting to the upper 20s to around 30 knots near showers.

Showery weather will wane during the second half of the week due to dry-air advection in the mid-levels and diminishing low-level convergence, but trade winds will remain elevated until the following weekend.

SATURDAY

Partly to mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-ENE at 13-18

knots with higher gusts in the low to mid-20s, especially near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy to mostly sunny with stray showers. Winds NE-ENE at 13-18 knots with higher gusts in the low to mid-20s, especially near showers.

MONDAY

Partly cloudy with stray showers, increasing to isolated showers at times. Winds NE-ENE at 13-18 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

A strengthening subtropical ridge will lead to surging trade winds and increased low-level speed convergence over the RMI, bringing showery, gusty conditions on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Expect isolated to widely scattered showers and ENE trade winds in the mid-teens to around 20 knots, gusting to the upper 20s near showers. A few strong gusts exceeding 30 knots could be possible in/near heavy showers.

Sinking dry air aloft will suppress shower depth and lightning chances, but a stray thunderstorm cannot be ruled out with the strongest convective cells. Blustery, but drier conditions will prevail for the latter half of the workweek as the mid-levels dry out and low-level convergence diminishes.

A few isolated showers will be possible on Friday due to subtle trade-wind troughing, but otherwise expect dry conditions to prevail by the end of next week.

MOVIES

All shows start at 7:30 p.m.

ROI-NAMUR C-BUILDING

For a listing of upcoming Roi-Namur movies, please contact MWR at 480-3331 or visit the Grace Sherwood Library.

THE RICHARDSON THEATER

Sunday, Dec. 3

"A Christmas Carol" (1996) (PG) 96 min.

Saturday, Dec. 9

"Polar Express" (G) 100 min.

Sunday, Dec. 10

"Earnest Saves Christmas" (PG) 95 min.

Saturday, Dec. 16

"The Muppet Christmas Carol" (G) 85 min.

Sunday, Dec. 17

"The Nightmare Before Christmas" (PG) 76 min.

Saturday, Dec. 23

"It's a Wonderful Life" (1946 original) (PG) 130 min.

Sunday, Dec. 24

"Miracle on 34th Street" (1994) (PG) 114 min.

Saturday, Dec. 30

"Jack Frost" (PG) 101 min.

Sunday, Dec. 31

"Home Alone" (PG) 103 min.

THE YUK THEATER

Saturday, Dec. 2

"Hidden Figures" (PG) 127 min.

Sunday, Dec. 3

"Transformers" (PG-13) 144 min.

Saturday, Dec. 9

"Superbad" (R) 113 min.

Sunday, Dec. 10

"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (PG-13) 97 min.

Saturday, Dec. 16

"Superbad" (R) 113 min.

Sunday, Dec. 17

"Crimson Tide" (R) 116 min.

Saturday, Dec. 23

"Jingle All The Way" (PG) 89 min.

Sunday, Dec. 24

"The Santa Clause" (PG) 97 min.

 SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
SUNDAY	6:49 a.m. 6:28 p.m.	11:33 p.m. 11:35 a.m.	7:25 a.m. 2.2' 7:34 p.m. 3.1'	1:35 a.m. 0.4' 12:58 p.m. 0.7'
MONDAY	6:50 a.m. 6:28 p.m.	----- 12:16 p.m.	8:23 a.m. 2.0' 8:30 p.m. 2.8'	2:27 a.m. 0.7' 1:48 p.m. 1.1'
TUESDAY	6:50 a.m. 6:29 p.m.	12:19 a.m. 12:54 p.m.	9:55 a.m. 2.0' 9:52 p.m. 2.6'	3:37 a.m. 0.9' 3:12 p.m. 1.3'
WEDNESDAY	6:51 a.m. 6:29 p.m.	1:03 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	11:39 a.m. 2.2' 11:27 p.m. 2.5'	5:02 a.m. 0.9' 5:13 p.m. 1.4'
THURSDAY	6:51 a.m. 6:29 p.m.	1:46 a.m. 2:06 p.m.	12:44 p.m. 2.6' -----	6:11 a.m. 0.7' 6:43 p.m. 1.1'
FRIDAY	6:52 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	2:29 a.m. 2:43 p.m.	12:39 a.m. 2.6' 1:28 p.m. 3.0'	7:00 a.m. 0.5' 7:39 p.m. 0.7'
DECEMBER 9	6:52 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	3:14 a.m. 3:21 p.m.	1:31 a.m. 2.8' 2:04 p.m. 3.4'	7:39 a.m. 0.3' 8:22 p.m. 0.3'

