

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



GUESTS PERFORM A LINE DANCE DURING THE ANNUAL HOME HELPERS HOLIDAY PARTY, DEC. 7 AT QTRS. 241.



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WHERE IS TEAM KWAJ THIS WEEK?



Pictured here, USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, center, and members of TEAM KWAJ participate in an early-morning heritage bike ride on Dec. 15. The event counts toward earning the TEAM KWAJ tab.

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IN DECEMBER



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.



TEAM KWAJ OPEN HOUSE

The community is invited to Qtrs. 241 Dec. 18 from 6 - 9 p.m. for a Holiday Open House. Bring a treat to share and your home-made ornaments for the Team Kwaj tree!



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.



SHIPPING DELAYS

Even Santa's helpers need a helping hand. The community is reminded that shipping delays may postpone mail delivery of packages to the island.



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/>.

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USAG-KA COMMANDER DISCUSSES THE HONOR AND CHALLENGE OF TAKING THE CALCULATED RISK

HOURLASS REPORT

NASA astronaut and U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Drew Morgan joined the AFN staff to share his thoughts on pursuing inherently dangerous work.

I've always had a hard time explaining what the thread through my career is. The bottom line is I enjoy challenges.

I love being challenged. I like risk taking in a calculated fashion. Parachuting and military diving—the military approaches those things as calculated risk. It's always a risk trade, a risk discussion. It's the same thing at NASA almost to an extreme, the way they analyze problems and break them down. It's all calculated risk. When the risk is worth taking, it's very exciting.

When you've put all that effort in and bring it to a point where you decide "this is a go," or "ready for launch"—that sort of mentality—it's a lot of fun to be part of high performing teams doing

those types of things. I've always been drawn to high performing teams that pursue challenges. I love solving complex problems. If you think about it, all those elements make sense.

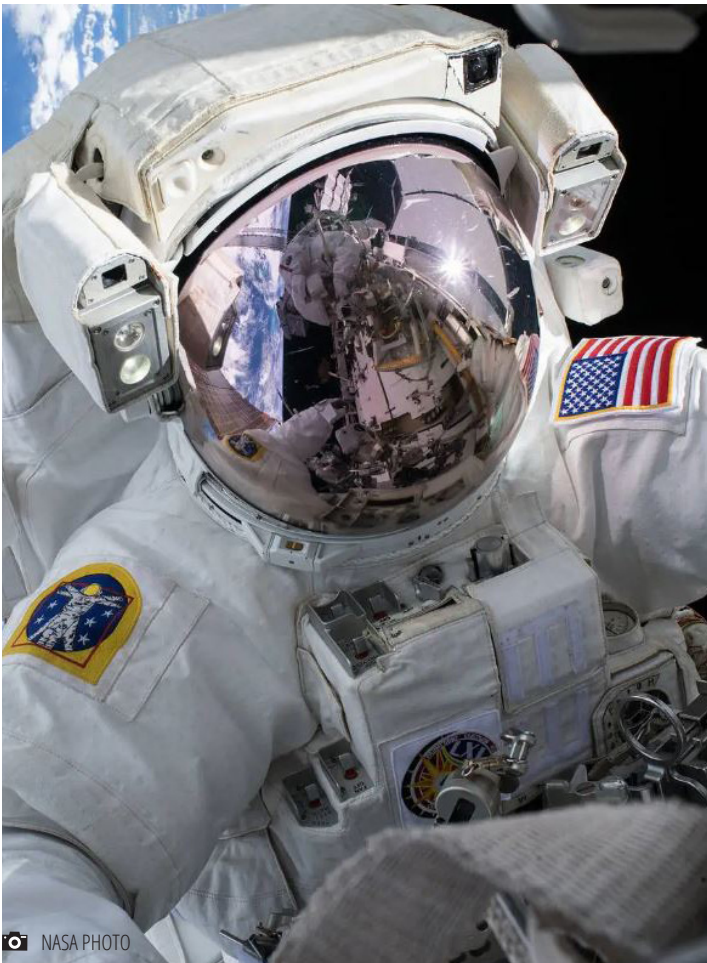
Now that I'm here and have become acquainted with Kwajalein, I realize that's why I was drawn to it—for all the same things that drew me to my military career and drew me to my NASA career. Those are all present here.

It feels even more rewarding now that I am applying those things and giving back. Every day has been exciting here.

I view this experience for me and for my family as a continuation of service. That's what really drives me: the idea that I'm serving something greater.

I've been a Soldier. I've been a medical doctor. I've been an astronaut. Each of those have been phases of my service to the nation. This is a continuation of that: Serving in the Pacific as a Soldier, as a leader.

It's my honor to serve now as the commander of the garrison and as a leader of this community, Team Kwaj.



NASA astronaut Andrew Morgan conducts a spacewalk at the Port-6 (P6) truss structure work site to upgrade International Space Station power systems.

YOKWE YUK WELCOME CLUB SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER AT ANNUAL LADIES LUNCH

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

By Stacey Morgan, Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club

In the spirit of friendship and festive joy, the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club hosted its highly anticipated annual Holiday Ladies Lunch on Dec. 11.

The event, a Kwajalein tradition, saw about 40 ladies, hailing from both Kwajalein and Ebeye, coming together at the warm and inviting home of Col. and Mrs. Morgan. Leading the delegation from Ebeye was Bwojenta Kabua, the daughter of Leroj Anta Kabua.

The day was a delightful celebration of camaraderie and cultural exchange, as the attendees engaged in various activities to mark the holiday season.

A highlight of the afternoon was the harmonious blending of cultures through the singing of Christmas car-



COURTESY OF BARBARA DAVIS

Stacey Morgan, center, Bwojenta Kabua, center left, and attending guests from Ebeye commemorate the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club Holiday Ladies Lunch with a photograph on Dec. 11 at Qtrs. 241.

ols in both English and Marshallese. Gift-giving added an extra layer of excitement to the event, as the ladies participated in a heartwarming gift exchange.

Games further enlivened the festive atmosphere, as laughter and friendly competition filled the air. The

Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club's Holiday Ladies Lunch once again proved to be a cherished occasion, transcending geographical and language boundaries to create lasting memories. As the event concluded, the women departed with a sense of connection, having celebrated the holidays

in a truly special way—a testament to the power of friendship and cultural exchange on Kwajalein Atoll.

For more information about the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club and how to join, find their info page on Facebook under "Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club" or email YYWCinfo@gmail.com.



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It's a full house for the holidays: Pictured here, Marshallese home helpers and guests perform a line dance in the living room of Qtrs. 241, home of Stacey Morgan and USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan, during the annual Home Helpers Holiday Party. The appreciation event is an opportunity for island employers of domestic and casual caregivers and domestic workers to thank them for their hard work and service throughout the year.

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIPS CELEBRATED AT ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOME HELPERS PARTY

BY JESSICA DAMBRUCH

U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Child and Youth Services recently hosted the Home Helpers Holiday Party, an annual appreciation event celebrating the contributions of Marshallese domestic workers and caregivers in households throughout the island community.

This year's gathering was held at the garrison commander's residence on Dec. 7. More than 60 guests attended and enjoyed gifts, games, a special holiday buffet and dancing.

The event was conceived by former island residents Kim Yarnes, who together with cohost Cari Dellinger, coordinated the effort to purchase and acquire donated gift items for the ladies. The afternoon celebration has continued, thanks to Yarnes' efforts to transfer sponsorship of the event to the USAG-KA Child and Youth Services Parent Planning Committee volunteers.

Though the volunteers and helpers have changed over the years, the dedicated effort to support the celebration has continued with the help of new island residents.

Stacey Morgan, spouse of USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan, welcomed the guests to her home and recognized the valuable role they play as members of Team Kwaj.

"Because someone very wise recognized that we needed the opportunity to acknowledge you are as part of Kwajalein Atoll and specifically, part of TEAM KWAJ," Morgan said.

"You may be quiet, ... but you are extremely important to how this island operates. You care for our children, you cook food for us, you clean our homes,

you live with us. You see us for who we really are. If you want to know somebody, clean their house. If you want to know someone's soul, take care of their kids. ... You are more than just our home helpers. You are our friends.

"We thank you for being part of our families. You truly are part of our families. I welcome you here to the commander's home on Team Kwaj because it is as much your home as it is the home of all the Americans who are temporarily living here, in your home.

"Thank you for being here. We appreciate you. We are privileged to cel-

ebate the holiday season with you. I personally am very much looking forward to coming over to Ebeye on Christmas and celebrating with you."

CYS values island home helpers and encourages new helpers to sign up for the CYS Caregiving Course. The free course is designed to help improve caregiving techniques. First Aid and CPR training are also provided in the course curriculum.

For more information about how you can contribute to the next home helper party, please contact CYS Central Registration at 480-2158.



1) Nikki Hensley hauls loaded gift bags inside the Morgan family quarters to give to attendees at the annual Home Helpers Holiday Party. The plastic wrap ball game is fierce but friendly competition. 2) Santa Claus made a special guest appearance at the end of the gathering to provide boxes of cookies and a photo opportunity for each of the guests.



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1) The plastic wrap ball game makes for fierce but friendly competition. The goal of the game is to unwrap as much of the ball as possible in the time allotted. 2) Guests at the Home Helpers' Holiday Party enjoy savory foods and sweet desserts provided by their employers and volunteers at the party buffet table. 3) A guest records holiday party activities in the Morgan family living room. 4) Stacey Morgan, left, and Banua Antibas perform during a lively holiday line dance routine. 5) Jackie Crowder moderates a the plastic wrap ball game as a fierce competitor unwraps chocolates, small prizes and other gifts.

SEATTLE VICTIM WAS KHS RI-KATAK PROGRAM GRADUATE

EXTERNAL REPORT

By Hilary Hosia, The Marshall Islands Journal

Families and friends of Ebeye native Malkie Loeak are still in shock following the horrific murder of Malkie in his home in Auburn, Washington two weeks ago.

Multiple news stories of the shooting said law enforcement are treating the incident as an active case and the search for the gunman is ongoing.

According to his wife Jeffrina, Malkie died on their doorstep after being shot. “Our four children and I were there when he got shot,” Jeffrina told the Journal though an online interview. “Especially our two-year-old daughter, she saw the whole thing unravel and she kept saying, mommy, dad’s head hurts,” Jeffrina said.

“At first there was a normal knock,” the wife told the Journal. “The knocks escalated to loud bangs because we didn’t open the door,” she said. My husband tried to identify who was knocking through the peep hole but whoever was outside had that blocked off. Then he got shot the second he opened the door.”

The 29-year old is the son of Shrue and Noda Loeak from Ebeye. His siblings are Goldie, Asako and Areshup.

The father of four enlisted into the US Armed Forces, Army following his graduation from the Ri-Katak Program at the US Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.

Malkie initially met the woman he would later marry and have children with back in 2014 in Springdale, Arkansas. But it wasn’t until 2020 that the two became an item.

“I had two kids of my own when Malkie came into our lives,” Jeffrina said.



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Malkie Loeak, far right, with partner Jeffrina and children Leila Loeak, 8, Lyle Loeak, 5, Maeli Loeak, 2, and Mylo Loeak, 1.

“He was so sweet with the children and treated them as his own from the beginning,” she said. The two would later have two children of their own.

Jeffrina describes Malkie as her blessing in disguise. She said he was selfless and had to work multiple jobs and long hours a week with only one day off and that he would take care of his parents,

her parents and their relatives without complaining.

“I know a lot of people cared about Malkie by the number of people reaching out to us in this time of need,” she said.

Family members have set up a GoFundMe account to assist with funeral costs. His mother Shrue said Malkie will be buried in Seattle.

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NASA ASTRONAUT ANDREW “DREW” MORGAN



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VAMPIRE SQUID

BY ANNE MARIE ZINK

The Kwajalein Hourglass presents island writer Anne Marie Zink in Kwaj Writes, a featurette dedicated to communications produced by USAG-KA's correspondents in community. Zink discusses an unlikely specimen of "vampire" resides under the sea—the vampire squid.

The *Vampyroteuthis infernalis* more commonly known as the Vampire Squid is a deep sea cephalopod known for its black-to-red color, its massive eyes and webbed tentacles covered in fleshy spines called Cirri. Despite many comparing them to the likes of the devil, they are completely harmless to humans and get to about a foot in length (about the size of the piece of paper you are reading this on).

Funky Squid Facts

- They have the biggest eye to body ratio in the entire animal kingdom
- To protect itself, Vampire squids can use their spiny, webbed tentacles as a sort of cloak
- Another way that vampire squids protect themselves is that they can release a bioluminescent mucus from the tips of their tentacles that can glow for up to 10 minutes.
- The Vampire squid is the only Cephalopod known to be detritivores
- Depending on the region they are found, their colors can vary from red to black

Diet

As mentioned before, vampire squids are the known Cephalopods to be detritivores, which means they are scavengers and consume dead organic material called Marine snow. Marine snow includes particles of rotting animals and feces.

Habitat

Vampire squids are found in temperate and tropical deep-water zones worldwide at depths of 600 to 1200 m.

This zone is a very difficult place for species to live in. There is little to no natural light, little food sources, very low oxygen levels, and high-pressure.

The vampire squid has evolved to be able to thrive in this type of environment, with its massive eyes and its scavenger diet, eating whatever dead thing floats by.

Reproduction

When Vampire squids mate, the male squid transfers the sperm to the female using his funnel, which cephalopods use for movement and respiration. Once the eggs are fertilized, the female releases them into the water column.

Abundance

There is a high abundance of Vampire squids in the world and they are not on the endangered species list. Though they are decently rare and difficult to find. Just because they are not on the endangered species list doesn't mean that they don't have any threats to their species.

Though in the deep they don't have many natural predators, vampire squids are threatened by ocean warming and decreasing oxygen levels in the water. They are also affected by overfishing and industrialization.

Sources

Monterey Bay Aquarium
Aquarium of Pacific



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WEATHER ALERT

Weather conditions will create very breezy conditions and strong wind gusts over the weekend and into early next week. A Small Craft Advisory is likely over the weekend, with rough seas and hazardous surf. Please stay alert and use caution during outdoor activities. Visit the RTS Weather Station website or channel for more detailed information. Please check island social media for updates to event cancellations.

ENVIRONMENTAL TAKES STEPS TO BEAT COCONUT RHINO BEETLE

HOURLASS REPORT

The coconut rhinoceros beetle, or CRB, is a potential ecological threat on Kwajalein. The beetle has been present in Hawaii since 2013 and in Guam since 2008.

It was recently identified on Majuro in September in the vicinity of the Amata Kabua International Airport, according to an October 13 article in The Marshall Islands Journal. Beetle larvae and numerous infested palm trees were identified near the airport vicinity.

The adult CRB does not bite or sting humans. It can grow to 1-2 inches in length and is known for aggressively attacking coconut palms and other tropical fruit-bearing plants, such as banana, agave, sugarcane and pineapple. The beetles will leave large holes ranging from one to two inches in the palm trees that will eventually kill the tree. It also attacks several other species of palm trees, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture website.

The beetles can infest mulch and green plant waste and is known to cross borders by traveling in international cargo and passenger luggage.

Keeping the CRB out of U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll is a priority for contract and Army environmental authorities who continue to work on plans to mitigate the hazards posed by the invasive species.

Environmental authorities on Kwajalein have discussed options with Army Environmental Command experts and technical advisors at the University of Hawaii to deter the invasive pests should they make their way to Kwajalein. University personnel have provided CRB traps to be deployed in areas where cargo and passengers may offload.



U.S. ARMY PHOTO



PHOTO BY HAWAII.GOV

1) An adult coconut rhinoceros beetle climbs atop a pile of coconut compost. 2) In this photo from Hawaii.gov, a CRB panel trap is installed in a tree. The beetles are attracted to the trap with the help of a pheromone, and are collected in the plastic cup located at the base of the trap. The community is asked to please not interfere with the traps after Vector Control personnel begin to place them around neighborhoods and worksites on island.

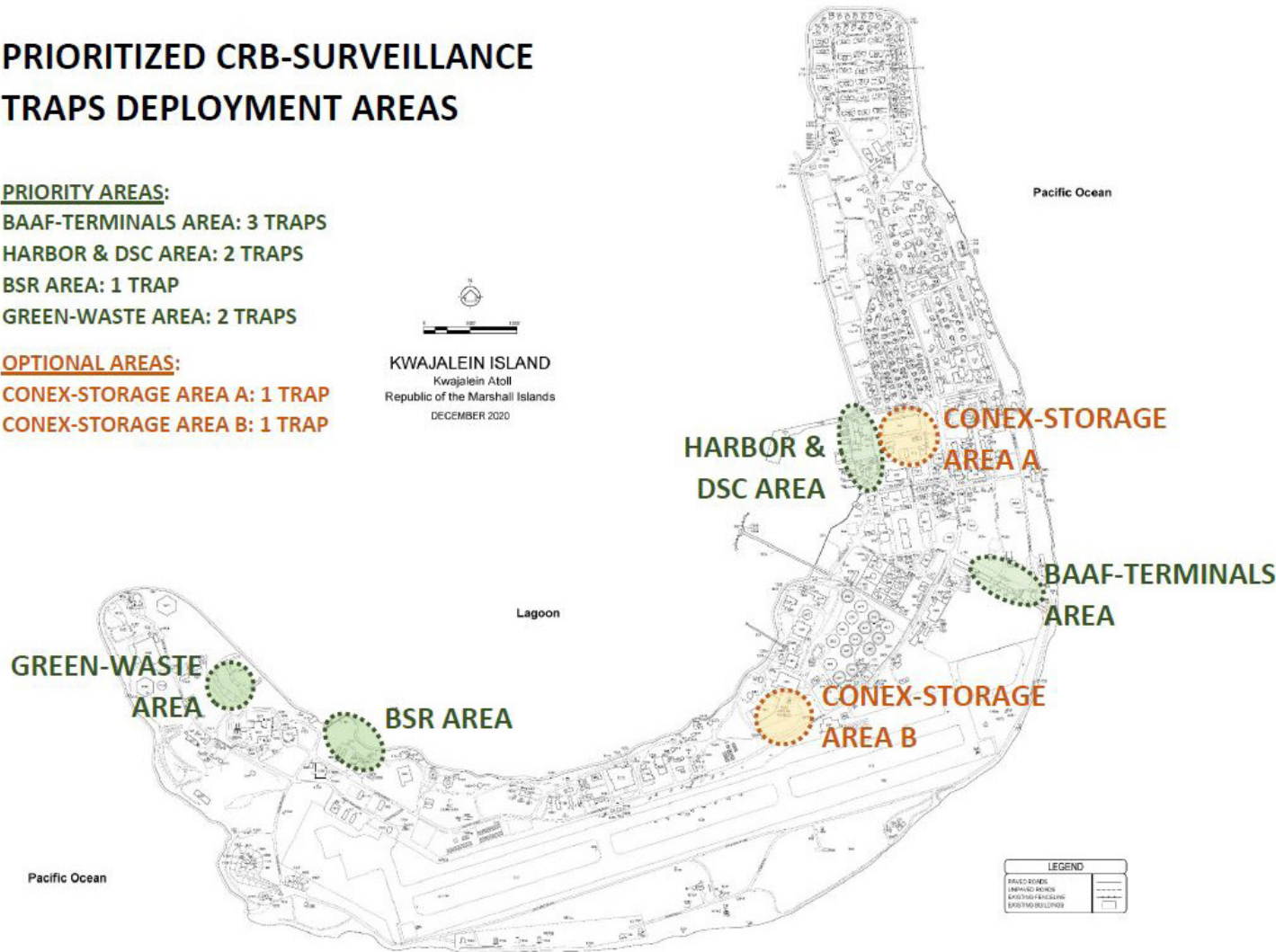
On Kwajalein, the long black traps will be deployed in areas near the main entry points, such as the air terminals and marine docking areas such as the Dock Security Checkpoint and the Barge Slip Ramp. Other possible deployment sites may include areas close to the ground near vegetation waste sites. No beetles have been identified to date, but with almost daily flights from Majuro and routine cargo vessels, the Garrison does not want to take any risk. Soon, the island's Vector Control team

will hang detection traps and place improvised ground traps in and around luggage and transit areas in hopes of capturing these unwanted pests. The community is requested to avoid disturbing the installed traps. More details will be shared regarding the potential impact to island vegetation and any action needed in the coming weeks. In the event you observe or discover a large beetle, please contact the LOG-CAP Pest Control Department at 480-3434.

PRIORITIZED CRB-SURVEILLANCE TRAPS DEPLOYMENT AREAS

- PRIORITY AREAS:**
BAAF-TERMINALS AREA: 3 TRAPS
HARBOR & DSC AREA: 2 TRAPS
BSR AREA: 1 TRAP
GREEN-WASTE AREA: 2 TRAPS

- OPTIONAL AREAS:**
CONEX-STORAGE AREA A: 1 TRAP
CONEX-STORAGE AREA B: 1 TRAP





NOAA PHOTO

Some corals can live for up to 5,000 years, making them the longest living animals on Earth.

What are the oldest living animals in the world?

EXTERNAL REPORT

Studies show that some corals can live for up to 5,000 years, making them the longest living animals on Earth.

Scientific studies of elkhorn coral (*Acropora palmata*) in the Caribbean and off the coast of Florida show that coral genotypes can survive longer than expected. Genotype refers to the genetic makeup of an organism.

Scientists are now using a genetic approach to estimate the ages of corals.

The method determines when a coral egg and sperm originally met to form the genome of a coral colony. The researchers then track the number of mutations that have accumulated in the genome since that time. Because mutations tend to arise at a relatively constant rate, researchers can estimate the approximate age of the coral genomes in their study.

These studies can help clarify how corals will respond to current and future environmental changes. Though corals can be resilient and live for thousands of years, elkhorn corals are listed as threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

The corals have suffered recent population declines, indicating that there are limits to how much change even these resilient creatures can handle.



COCONUT CRABS ARE A PROTECTED SPECIES

This coconut crab, photographed by USAG-KA resident Art Bennis on Roi, is one of many on USAG-KA-maintained islands that are protected by environmental standards enforced by the Army and the Marshall Islands.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Environmental Standards for U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll identify the coconut crab as a protected species. For this reason, USAG-KA residents and personnel should not touch, harass, injure or kill coconut crabs.

The coconut crab (*Birgus latro*), known locally as barulep, is a type of land-based hermit crab. Unlike other hermit crabs, the coconut crab does not make use of a shell beyond the juvenile stages of its life. It is this characteristic that allows the coconut crab to grow so large in size.

Despite their name, coconut crabs have a varied diet which includes other fresh fruits and even meats, usually smaller crabs or dead animals. They use their strong sense of smell to locate food when they emerge from their burrows to hunt at night and, typically, remain inside their burrows during the day to protect themselves from the heat.

Coconut crabs can be found on many of the small islands throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans. The state of their population remains unknown. For this reason, some nations have given this species protected status.

VARIETY SHOW AUDITIONS!

Open to adults and 6th-12th graders

AUDITION #1
Saturday, Jan. 27
4 - 6 P.M.

Location:
MP ROOM

AUDITION #2
Saturday, Feb. 10
4 - 6 P.M.

Must be able to attend the DRESS REHEARSAL on Saturday, March 16 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. & the VARIETY SHOW on Sunday, March 17 starting at 6 P.M.



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



HISTORY WITH U.S. SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMD HISTORIAN

In preparation for the interceptor and system tests planned for the Spartan and Sprint missiles at the Kwajalein Test Site, on Dec. 5, 1966, representatives from the Nike X Project Office were in Washington, D.C.

The purpose of their visit was to present new briefings to higher authorities on the need for 200 additional family housing units at KTS.

As Kwajalein history would subsequently record, “family quarters again became scarce during the NIKE-X/SENTINEL build up, but in 1968, two large seagoing barges, carrying the answer to Kwajalein’s latest housing problem, appeared off Echo Pier. They brought several dozen 55-foot house trailers: the first of 191 trailers that arrived on Kwajalein by the end of the year. The trailers were positioned on the “contingency” fill at the north end of the island. This new trailer camp, with row upon row of mobile homes of gleaming aluminum promptly became known as “Silver City.”

Since 1959, the Kwajalein Missile Range was seen as the ultimate missile test range. Situated as it is in the Pacific Ocean, the range can support testing for both national and theater missile defense mis-

sions.

At the same time the range’s radars and telemetry provide a wealth of data to the Air Force for their Glory Trip program which evaluates the Minuteman missiles. Less well known is the relationship between Kwajalein Test Site—also called the Kwajalein Missile Range, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Reagan Test Site—and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Beginning with the Apollo program in the 1960s, Kwajalein radars have tracked NASA spaceships, satellites, and observatories. Since then, Kwajalein radars have participated in the Space Object Measurement Program, while the range has provided an equatorial launch site for variety of NASA research programs.

On Dec. 15, 1965, the Nike-Zeus Discrimination Radar and the Target Track Radar, on Kwajalein and at White Sands Missile Range provided support to the Gemini 6A manned space mission. During this 26-hour mission, astronauts Walter Schirra and Thomas Stafford were tasked “to demonstrate on-time launch procedures, closed-loop rendezvous capabilities, and station keep-

ing techniques with Gemini 7.” They were also “to evaluate the spacecraft reentry guidance capabilities, and conduct spacecraft systems tests and four experiments.”

As part of the NIKE-ZEUS system—the Discrimination and Target Track Radars were two of the four radars needed to operate the system. When a battery was assigned a cloud of threatening objects, the Discrimination Radar would assess all components differentiating between the lethal and non-lethal

elements. Once it designated the target, the data was transferred to the Target Track Radar which would provide continued data on the small highspeed targets throughout the terminal phase of flight and intercept.

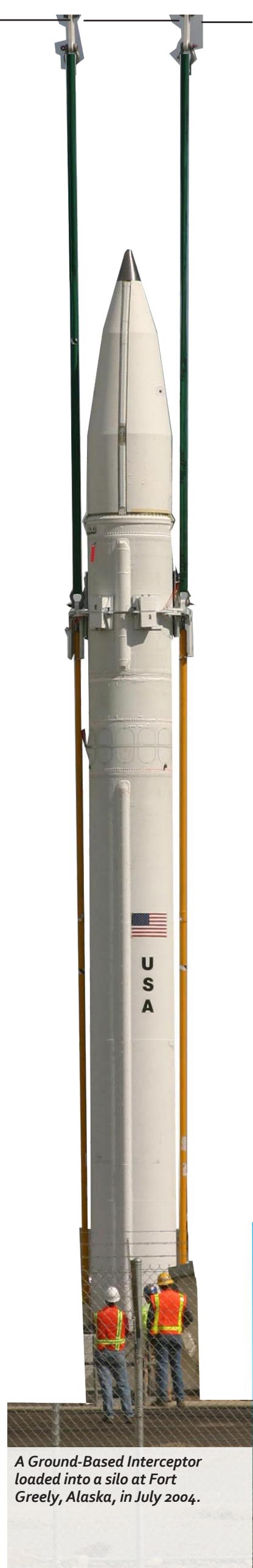
In a written statement on Dec. 17, 2002 President George W. Bush announced a plan to deploy, within two years, the first phase of a limited system designed to protect the United States against a ballistic missile attack.

“Throughout my administration, I have made clear the United States will take every measure necessary to protect our citizens against what is perhaps greatest danger of all—the catastrophic harm that may result from hostile states or terrorist groups armed with weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them.”

This initial system, which consisted of interceptor missiles based at Fort Greely, Alaska, was “a starting point for improved and expanded capabilities later as further progress is made in researching and developing missile defense technologies and in light of changes in the threat.”



Dec. 17, 2002, President George W. Bush announced a plan to deploy the first phase of a limited system designed to protect the United States against a ballistic missile attack within two years. The initial system consisted of interceptor missiles at Fort Greely, Alaska, like the one pictured here in this undated USASMD photo.



A Ground-Based Interceptor loaded into a silo at Fort Greely, Alaska, in July 2004.

U.S. ARMY SPACE AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND HISTORY

BY SHARON WATKINS-LANG, USASMDC HISTORIAN

Speaking at the Association of the U.S. Army Symposium in El Paso, Texas, on Dec. 7, 2000, Lt. Gen. John Costello, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense commander, announced a new operational concept for globally integrated missile defense which incorporates cruise, theater and national missile defense.

Costello observed that “the line between theater and global missile capabilities will become increasingly blurred as countries begin developing the delivery to reach the United States and to threaten our allies.”

Noting that these weapons could

be launched from platforms operating offshore or in the Western Hemisphere, the cruise and tactical missiles could be directed against the United States and our shorter-range interceptors would in fact be providing a defense for the nation.

Costello added that the theater commanders and the Commander in Chief, U.S. Space Command, use the same satellite constellations to detect missile launches and the same early warning networks to provide the necessary alerts.

This commonality should be extended to the interceptors to create “three families of systems completely interoperable with each other.”



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TRACK SANTA WITH HELP FROM NORAD

EXTERNAL REPORT

Every day of the year, NORAD defends North America using an all-domain and globally integrated approach to track everything that flies in and around Canada and the United States. On Dec. 24, NORAD adds a special mission: tracking Santa.

Like many origin stories, NORAD’s mission to track Santa began by accident. In 1955 a young child, trying to reach Santa, dialed the misprinted phone number from a department store ad in the local newspaper. Instead of calling Santa, the child called the Continental Air Defense Command (CONAD) Operations Center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Air Force Col. Harry Shoup, the commander on duty that night who answered the child’s phone call, was quick to realize a mistake had been made and assured the child he was Santa.

After more incoming calls, Shoup assigned a duty officer to continue answering calls and a tradition was born, that continued when NORAD was formed in 1958.

Each year since, NORAD has dutifully reported Santa’s location on Dec. 24 to millions of children and families across the world. Because of the support, services and resources generously provided

ed by volunteers and our government and corporate contributors, NORAD Tracks Santa has persevered for more than 65 years.

In fact, what started because of a typo has flourished and is recognized as one of the Department of Defense’s largest community outreach programs.

Each year, the NORAD Tracks Santa Web Site receives several million unique visitors from more than 200 countries and territories around the world. Volunteers typically answer more than 130,000 calls to the NORAD Tracks Santa hotline from children across the globe.

In addition to the phone line and website, children and the young-at-heart can track Santa through our mobile apps and our social media platforms:

- Facebook**
<https://www.facebook.com/noradsanta>
- Twitter**
<https://twitter.com/NoradSanta>
- YouTube**
<http://www.youtube.com/NORADTracks-Santa>
- Instagram**
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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.



Holiday Pallet Tree Contest Facebook Reaction Challenge

Post pics of your decorated tree in the Kwajalein Community Events Facebook thread Or submit pictures to Kara.Larson@Vectrus.com.

1 point for each “Like”; 2 points for each “Laugh” and 3 points for each “Love.”



**Prizes for top three pallet trees!
All voting ends 6 p.m. on Dec. 19**



ACTIVITIES

PARADE OF LIGHTS AND SCUBA SANTA 2023. Sponsored by the Kwajalein Yacht Club and the Kwajalein Scuba Club. Dec. 17 at sunset. MWR B-boat use for this special event is approved. Visit the Kwajalein Community Events Facebook page or the MWR Desk at the Grace Sherwood Library.

UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE BIRTHDAY. Enjoy a special lunchtime holiday meal event at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Warrior Restaurant Wednesday, Dec. 20, honoring the fourth birthday of the U.S. Space Force. Special meal rates apply.

HOLIDAY SCAVENGER HUNT, FOR TEENS. Thursday, Dec. 21. 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.

TEEN HOLIDAY PARTY. CYS-enrolled youth are invited to a potluck and white elephant gift exchange at the Namo 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 Namo Weto Youth Center. Saturday, Dec. 23 at 5 p.m. Register at the youth center. Call 480-3796 for more information.

VARIETY SHOW Auditions. Open to adults and students in grades 6 – 12 at the MP Room. Audition 1 is Saturday, Jan. 27, 4 – 6 p.m. Audition 2 is Saturday, Feb. 10, from 4 – 6 p.m. Participants must be able to attend the dress rehearsal on Saturday,

March 16 from 4 – 7 p.m. and the Variety Show on Sunday, March 17, beginning at 6 p.m.

8-BALL TOURNAMENT. Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Rec Center. For information, visit the MWR Desk in Bldg. 805 or the Kwajalein Community Facebook page at 480-4198. **FOOSBALL TOURNAMENT.** Dec. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Rec Center. Visit the MWR Desk in Bldg. 805 or the Kwajalein Community Facebook page at 480-4198.

NEW YEARS' EVE BEACH VOLLEYBALL. Sunday, Dec. 31 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Emon Beach. For more information, call 480-3133.

TEEN BBQ. Sunday, Jan. 21 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at the Namo Weto Youth Center. Students are required to register at the Youth Center to attend. For more, call 480-3796.

TEEN BEACH CLEAN-UP. Sunday, Jan. 27 at 1:30 p.m. Teens, do you need service hours? Do your part for the environment by meeting at the Namo Weto Youth Center at 1:30 p.m. to be part of a trash pick-up crew. Students are required to register at the Youth Center to attend. For more, call 480-3796.

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.

BIKES

Attention BQ Residents: All derelict bikes will be removed from parking areas by Jan. 1, 2024, by Sheltering and Billeting personnel. Before January 1, please remove any damaged and unserviceable bikes, or they will be retrieved and discarded at Solid Waste Management.

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.

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

ROI-NAMUR SMALL BOAT MARINA hours 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



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**

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

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 LCVKwajaleinFlyRoi@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 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.

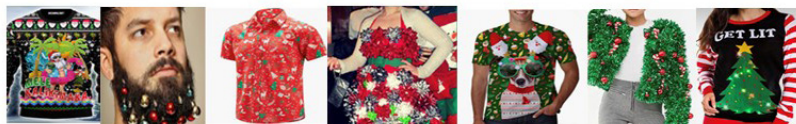
If you are not feeling well, please wear a mask when you are around others in the community.

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
- Cross-cultural adjustment issues in counseling

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@internationalsosgs.us or 480 – 5362.



UGLY HOLIDAY T-SHIRT & BEYOND CATEGORIES!



**Best Kwaj Inspired
Most Creative DIY
Best Couple Combo
Funniest
Most Likely to Regift
All-Around the UGLIEST**

'Tis the Season to be Tacky!

Saturday, Dec. 16

**Oceanview Club
8 p.m.**



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.

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>.

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 ap-

ply, 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.

TORCH TECHNOLOGIES seeks an MDA Support Analyst (Req#5588). The candidate will support the Missile Defense Agency on Kwajalein. This position is an on-island accompanied position with housing. Applicants must possess an active clearance. Please apply directly at <https://torchtechnologies.hua.hrs-mart.com/hr/ats/Posting/view/5588>. For questions, email dalia.kardaman@torchtechnologies.com.

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

HOLIDAY MAIL DELAYS



As a reminder, mail delays should be expected through the holidays.

Santa's elves and the U.S. Postal Service are working hard to get your cards and packages to you. Be aware of potential delays.

Santa and his elves
thank you for your
patience!



on social media or in public settings. Participate in Training: All employees on USAG-KA 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.

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 resourc-

es 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.

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. Call 480-4135.

SURFWAY DELIVERY
Surfway has discontinued delivery services of groceries until further notice due to absence of contractual specifications currently rendering the service as a personal service, which is not authorized. This is permanent until further notice.

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

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.



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. 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. Select modest tops that cover the shoulders and avoid low necklines or revealing clothing. Hats or caps are useful for protecting yourself from the sun, especially during the hot daytime hours. 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.

**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.
- 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 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.



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



What's the weather?
For weather information, please click the logo to visit the RTS Weather Station online.

SHORT ORDER MENU

USAG-KA WARRIOR RESTAURANTS

Beginning December 19,
served on Kwajalein, Meck and
Roi-Namur

- Grilled Zamperini Burger*
- Grilled Turkey Burger*
- Grilled Italian Sweet Sausage*
- Grilled Bratwurst*
- Shredded BBQ Pork*
- Philly Cheese Steak*
- Chicken Tenders*
- Chicken Nuggets*
- Corn Dog*
- Hot Dog*
- Vegan Black Bean Burger*
- Vegan Chicken Tenders*

- French Fries
- Onions Rings
- Tater Tots
- Sweet Potato Fries
- Jalapeño Poppers
- Grilled Onion Slices
- Grilled Mushrooms
- Chili
- Baked Beans
- Sliced American Cheese

**Starred items served daily*

Space Force's 4th Birthday Celebration!

Zamperini DFAC Luncheon

Dec. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Desserts and Drinks

- Chocolate Pudding
- Jello Fruit
- Apple Pie
- Chocolate Milkshake
- Strawberry Milkshake
- Vanilla Milkshake
- Infused Water
- Iced Tea

Main Course

- Grilled Ribeye Steak
- Baked Cornish Hens
- Cheese Manicotti (Vegetarian)
- Steamed Rice
- Mashed Potatoes
- Seasoned Asparagus
- Broccoli Combo

Short Order

Wing Day!

8-BALL TOURNAMENT

Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

ADULT REC CENTER

For information visit us at the MWR office
BLDG 805 or the Kwajalein Community
Events Facebook Page 480-4198

FOOTBALL TOURNAMNET

Dec. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

ADULT REC CENTER

For more information visit us at the MWR office BLDG 805
or our Kwajalein Community Page 480-4198

Teens, do you need service hours?

Trash Clean Up For Teens!

Sunday, Jan. 27 1:30 P.M.



Teens, do your part for our environment by meeting at the Youth Center at 1:30 P.M. to be part of a trash clean up crew.

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

Youth Center Phone 480-3796



KEYSTONE

The Ultimate Teen Program

Sponsored BBQ for Teens!

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

Youth Center Phone 480-3796

Sunday, Jan. 21

5 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.



ZAMPERINI AND ROI DFAC

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MENU COST \$11.20

DEC. 25, 11 A.M.-1 P.M.

GUEST SPEAKER CHAPLAIN MICHAEL KLEIN

MAIN COURSE

Roast Turkey

Honey Glazed Ham

Steamship Round

Lobster Tail

Savory Bread Dressing

Loaded Mashed Potatoes

Macaroni and Cheese

Collard Greens

Corn on the Cob

Asparagus Spears

SALADS

Potato Salad

Shrimp Pasta Salad

Ambrosia Salad

Hey, little artists! Get your coloring game on because we've got a Gingerbread coloring station that's absolutely free for you at Zamperini DFAC!

FOOD VENDORS WANTED

Sunday, Dec 31

5:30 – 9 p.m. @ Pavilion 1 Emon Beach
and/or

10 p.m. – 2 a.m. @ Oceanview under a tent

*To register for food vendor table(s) contact event coordinator at
Kara.Larson@gov2x.com*

All food & beverage vendors shall be food safety certified.

Free online food service course at <http://alison.com>

Select the course per what you are selling.

Proof of certificate is required before & during event.

Questions contact: yessenia.johnson.mil@army.mil



A time for giving ...



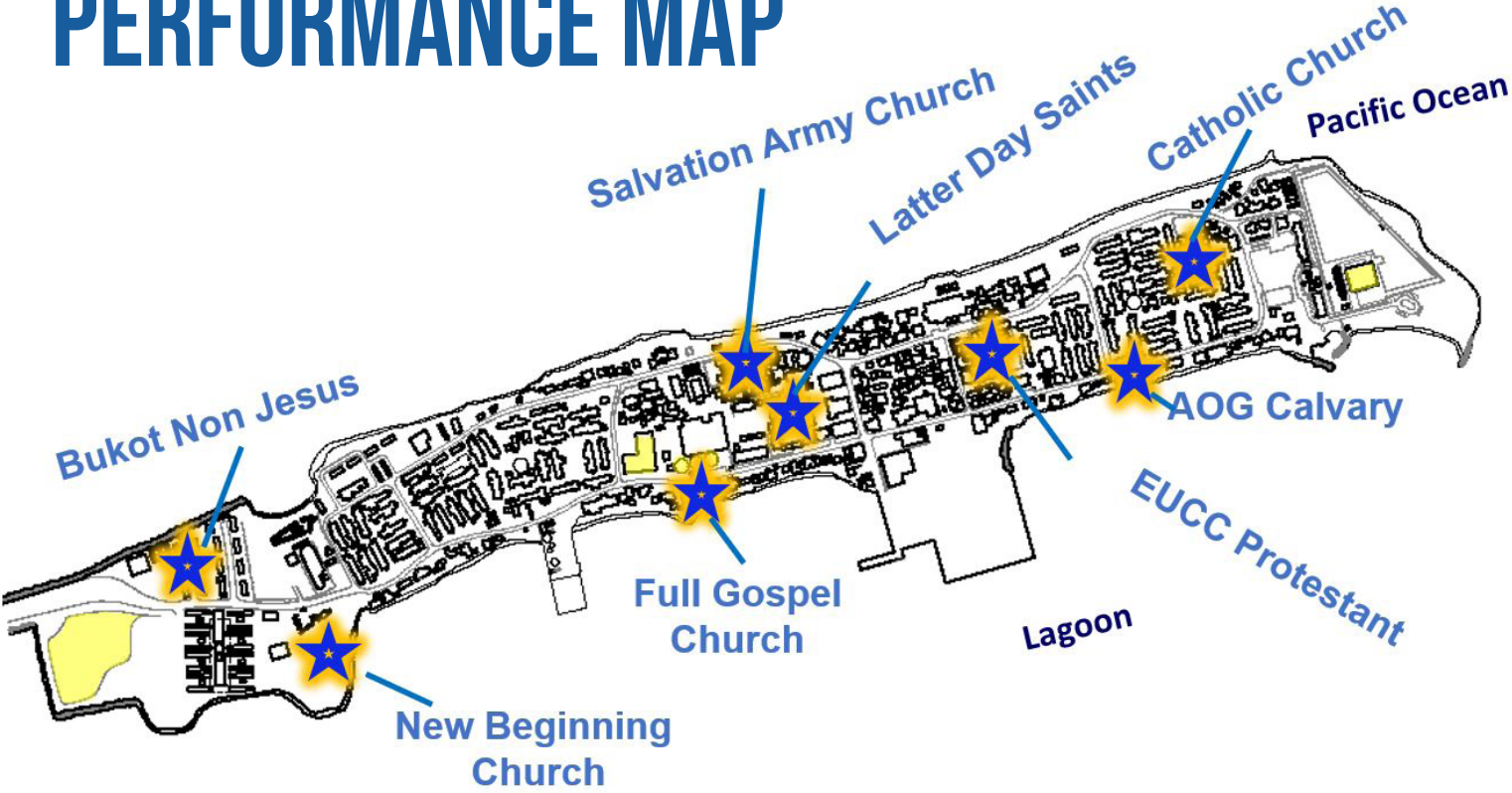
The 3rd Annual Angel Tree program is delayed!

Due to mail system delays, the 3rd Annual Angel Tree is postponed until Sunday, Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. in the AAFES Food Court.

Contact CW2 Nate or Melissa Elkins, or David House at 480-3421/0133 for more information. The RM1 Liaison Office is open Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.



EBEYE CHRISTMAS JEPTA CHURCH PERFORMANCE MAP



Kwajalein residents are fortunate to have the opportunity to visit Ebeye on Christmas Day and view community music and dance performances honoring the holiday. Check with Kwajalein's Dock Security Checkpoint for special holiday ferry hours of operation.

Jepta performances begin at 1 p.m. on Dec. 25. The ferry will run on the Monday weekend Schedule. Pick up a copy of the schedule at the Dock Security Checkpoint. When planning your Christmas Day visit, visitors to Ebeye are reminded to be respectful of social customs. Men are asked to wear long pants and nice shirts with sleeves. Neither shorts nor tank tops are permitted. Women should wear modest garments that cover shoulders and knees.



CAN YOU GIVE TWO HOURS A MONTH?

The Bargain Bazaar & Mic Shop are looking for new volunteers

Contact YYWCinfo@gmail.com for information on how to get involved



EOD OPERATIONS

FRIDAY, DEC. 22, 2023
EOD WILL BE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS AT UXO DISPOSAL SITE KWAJALEIN FROM 9:15 – 10:30 A.M. THE AREA INDICATED IN THE MAP BELOW WILL BE OFF-LIMITS UNTIL OPERATION IS COMPLETE.



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.




Pending Disaster
Two short blasts repeated five times at 25 second intervals




Evacuate to Shelters
One three minute warble



All Clear
One twenty second blast



Fire Recall
One minute blast



KPD Recall
One ten-second blast ten-second pause - ten-second blast – ten second pause repeated once.

KWAJ WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Our overall synoptic setup remains largely the same as it has been over the past week or so, as a robust subtropical high remains to our northeast, and a broad Near-Equatorial Trough is located to our south. This setup has resulted in a strong pressure gradient over the region and has been the reason for the breezy conditions we have been experiencing.

Periodic waves generated from the NET will bring us more showery conditions from time to time, and that will likely be the case at times this weekend.

In fact, a wave is expected to move close to the RMI this weekend and shower chances will likely increase somewhat as a result. This wave should stay to our south, keeping most of the stronger showers and thunderstorms south of the Atoll; however, the wave may deepen a bit which would further increase the pressure gradient over the RMI, further elevating our winds to the upper-teens to low 20s. In fact, model guidance has Sunday through Tuesday having sustained winds forecasted in the low 20s for an extended amount of time.

If this ultimately verifies, then a small craft advisory will be needed at times this weekend and/or at the beginning of the work week. Furthermore, showers throughout the weekend will be capable of producing an occasional gust in the low-to-mid 30s as well.

The good news is these elevated winds will help keep thunderstorm chances low as the mid-to-upper-level wind shear environment is rather unfavorable for thunderstorm development.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with isolated showers becoming widely scattered at times. Winds NNE-ENE at 15-20 knots with a few gusts in the upper 20s to low 30s near showers.

SUNDAY

Partly sunny to mostly cloudy with isolated showers becoming widely scattered at times. Winds NNE-ENE at 18-23 knots with some gusts in the low-to-mid 30s near showers.

MONDAY

Partly sunny with stray showers becoming isolated at times. Winds NNE-ENE at 19-24 knots with some gusts in the mid 30s near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Winds will remain elevated on Tuesday where a small craft advisory may still be necessary.

Afterwards winds look to return to being mainly in the upper-teens once again for most of the work week. Periodic showers will occur throughout the week from waves generated by the NET with plenty of dry periods in between.

A weak tropical circulation may form near the southern Marshalls during the middle of the work week next week, but no direct impacts are expected for the Atoll, as the west side of a strong mid-upper level trough is expected to shield Kwajalein from the circulation.

The main impacts expected are somewhat elevated winds mainly in the upper-teens and increased cloud cover, along with periodic periods of widely scattered to possibly scattered showers for a brief time.

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

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. 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	6:56 a.m. 6:33 p.m.	10:46 a.m. 10:47 p.m.	7:02 a.m. 2.8' 7:14 p.m. 4.1'	1:04 a.m. -0.3' 12:45 p.m. 0.1'
MONDAY	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	11:36 a.m. 11:43 p.m.	7:57 a.m. 2.7' 8:09 p.m. 3.7'	1:55 a.m. -0.0' 1:39 p.m. 0.5'
TUESDAY	6:57 a.m. 6:34 p.m.	12:21 p.m. -----	9:06 a.m. 2.6' 9:14 p.m. 3.3'	2:54 a.m. 0.2' 2:47 p.m. 0.8'
WEDNESDAY	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	1:05 p.m. 12:36 a.m.	10:31 a.m. 2.6' 10:35 p.m. 3.0'	4:03 a.m. 0.4' 4:19 p.m. 1.0'
THURSDAY	6:58 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	1:47 p.m. 1:28 a.m.	11:57 a.m. 2.9' -----	5:18 a.m. 0.5' 6:03 p.m. 1.0'
FRIDAY	6:59 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	2:31 p.m. 2:19 a.m.	12:02 a.m. 2.8' 1:05 p.m. 3.3'	6:26 a.m. 0.4' 7:24 p.m. 0.7'
DECEMBER 23	6:59 a.m. 6:36 p.m.	3:16 p.m. 3:11 a.m.	1:16 a.m. 2.8' 1:58 p.m. 3.7'	7:23 a.m. 0.3' 8:24 p.m. 0.3'

WEATHER ALERT

Weather conditions will create very breezy conditions and strong wind gusts over the weekend and into early next week. A Small Craft Advisory is likely over the weekend, with rough seas and hazardous surf. Please stay alert and use caution during outdoor activities. Visit the RTS Weather Station website or channel for more detailed information. Please check island social media for updates to event cancellations.