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COVER STORIES

1) Exhausted enlisted crew members

aboard aircraft carrier USS Lexington, CV-16, sleep in tangled patterns after 24 hours at General Quarters, off Kwajalein Atoll, Dec. 5, 1943.

2) Leathernecks of the 24th Regiment, 4th Marine Division, assault Japanese positions on Namur during the American invasion of the Marshalls. 3) Soldiers make their way across the barren landscape in Kwajalein, circa 1944. 4) American forces bombard Kwajalein island with artillery during Operation Flintlock in 1944. Early February marks the anniversary of the battle for the atoll.



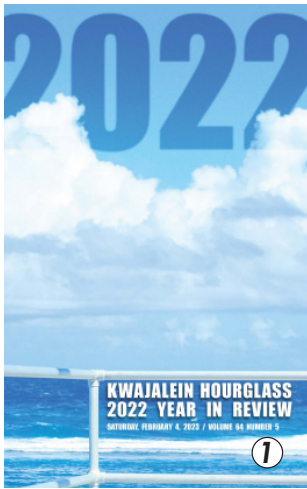
JANUARY IN PICTURES

instructions before landings on Roi Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Jan. 31, 1944. A chart of ship-to-shore movements for Roi and Namur Islands is on exhibit at right. 2) U.S. Navy Lt. Cmdr. John D. Schneidau was a photography enthusiast who captured images of wartime Kwajalein using his personal equipment. In January 1944, he wrote letters home to his wife, Katherine, as his tank landing ship, USS Addison County, LST-31, performed mission support operations. 3) Tinker, a dog who survived the bombard-

1) Sailors on board USS Bolivar receive final

ment of Kwajalein, is pictured here in this courtesy photo. Tinker befriended many U.S. service members until he died in 1962. 4) Marine Corps Col. Franklin A. Hart, left, commander of the 24th Marine Regiment, briefs his staff on Roi-Namur invasion plans during a Jan. 28, 1944 meeting on a ship of the coast of Roi. In attendance is Lt. Col. Aquilla James "Jimmie" Dyess, far right. Dyess posthumously received the Medal of Honor after falling in combat on the island of Namur Feb. 2, 1944. OPPOSITE: In this Kwajalein Hourglass archives photograph, a B-24J bomber flies over the island, softening up Japanese defense positions in anticipation of the ground assault.





COVER STORIES

1) The cover of the 2023 Year In Review. 2) Kwajalein Atoll, Feb. 2, 1944: Private 1st Class N. E. Carling stands beside the medium tank "Killer" on which is mounted a knocked-out Japanese light tank. The American tank is an M4 Sherman, the Japanese vehicle is a Type 94 tankette. 3) U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands Roxanne Cabral delivers remarks during the 79th annual Kwajalein Kamolol Day celebration on Ebeye, Feb. 9. 4) Spartans teammate Myles Sylvester, left, lines up a goal shot during the Feb. 18 MWR 2023 Inner-tube Water Polo Championships.



FEBRUARY IN PICTURES

1) Special guests, Army leadership and leaders from the Republic of the Marshall Islands commemorate Kamolol Day with a photograph on Ebeye. 2) Republic of the Marshall Islands President David Kabua, right, and First Lady Ginger Kabua receive traditional tokens of welcome during Ebeye's Kamolol Day ceremony. 3) Catamaran crew and students from Kwajalein High

School's National Honor Society unload donated gifts and toys for the community on Carlos. The annual gift drop, Holidays on Carlos, is a longstanding holiday service project and student-led outreach program. 4) Decorated in green, gold and purple, festive golf carts travel down Lagoon road in a community Mardis Gras parade. OPPOSITE: Kwajalein High School Director of Bands Kyle Miller conducts during a spring band concert at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room.



REMINDERS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tri-M lunch meeting Thurs, Feb 23 @ HS Band rm
- AVE - Extra rehearsals!
- Band BSG Registration!!!
- G6 Duet/Small ensemble play for Promotion Ceremony in May?
- March 3 MJOSSM Concert (Tri-M + AVE only)

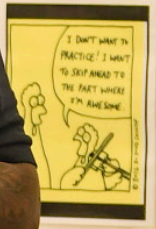
In Band, I can...

- read and perform music notation
- reflect on my performance and create a plan for improvement

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Instrument	Instrument
Flutes	Flutes
Clarinets	Clarinets
Saxophones	Saxophones
Trumpets	Trumpets
Low Brass	Low Brass
Percussion	Percussion

demonstrate myself



MARCH



COVER STORIES 1) Dennis Joji speaks at the Island Memorial Chapel during the Feb. 24 RMI workforce town hall and awards ceremony. 2) Matthew Davis performs original music during the Keystone Club Variety Show on March 5 at the Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room. 3) George Seitz Elementary School teacher aid Rosita Sawej prepares a lunchroom table for Ri-Katak students. 4) Boro Finton, left, and Langasho Clanry work together to build new MWR bike racks for the Kwajalein community at an island warehouse.



MARCH IN PICTURES 1) Ready to run for it, residents gather on Lagoon Road to begin the Kwajalein Running Club's Sweetheart Relay. 2) Seabees clean the playground at the Emon Beach park area as part of an Adopt-An-Area effort to protect Kwajalein's environment. 3) At the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Warrior Restaurant, visiting dining services manager Charles Wilson prepares this year's hit meal: Chicken Caesar Salad. 4) Ri-Katak students visit together at George Seitz Elementary School during a lunch break. **OPPOSITE:** Kwajalein Police Department Sgt. Kalvinjohn Bayona conducts a safety briefing for school children during the annual Bike Rodeo.



APRIL



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COVER STORIES

1) April Fools': A Marine Department technician descends from the catamaran USAV Ziggy Stardust during work operations to refresh the vessel's paint job this week. 2) USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, right, accepts the

garrison colors from USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley during the fall 2022 Assumption of Responsibility ceremony at the Island Memorial Chapel. 3) Kwajalein Dining Services employees Emlan Tabu, left, Harold Bulles and Jeblau Leslai received employee recognition awards during a recent ceremony at the Capt. Louis S.

Zamperini Cafeteria. 4) Kwajalein residents prepare to board a visiting MV-22 Osprey during a command engagement by U.S. Marine Corps personnel April 8 at Bucholz Army Airfield. 5) RustMan triathlete Mandy Melody crosses the finish line during the 44th annual RustMan Triathlon, April 24 at Emon Beach.



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APRIL IN PICTURES

1) Residents of Kwajalein Atoll transport supplies to faraway Ebaddon. Supplies and water were donated by the atoll community to mitigate the harsh effects of recent drought conditions. 2) Palepa Smith performs during the Kwajalein Yacht Club Spring Break Music Fest.

3) Range Generation Next OHSE Safety Lead Tina Hawkins distributes plastic bags to Kwajalein High School science students during a beach clean up. 4) Kwajalein Girl Scouts conduct an Earth Day beach clean up on oceanside Kwajalein. OPPOSITE: A member of the Kwajalein Police Department conducts a safety training for George Seitz Elementary School students during the annual Bike Rodeo.



MAY



COVER STORIES

1) U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Thomas Mastrocinque, left, and Hiroshi Reiher, practice boarding a vessel during a recent training course for Marshallese maritime law enforcement personnel. 2) From left: Kwajalein High School seniors Makoa, Maliana and Matai McCollum earned top honors

while completing their scout service projects. 3) Followed by her classmates, graduating senior Mary Naut dances off the stage during the May 14 Baccalaureate ceremony at the Island Memorial Chapel. 4) Kwajalein High School graduating senior Mia Wase accepts her diploma from USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley during the Class of 2023 Graduation Ceremony on May 19.



MAY IN PICTURES

1) Materiel Control Specialist Henrién Juria, center, is joined by friends, family and coworkers as he earns a special certificate of appreciation for his work to support island logistics. 2) Kwajalein High School graduating senior Kendal Warren, right, accepts a hug from her mother, Carla Warren, during the 2023 Baccalaureate ceremony at the Island Memorial Chapel.

3) Ch. Brian Conner speaks during the Community Information Exchange. 4) Kwajalein music educators Ashley Wright, left, and Kyle Miller, right, award Joseph Naut, center, a certificate of achievement during the spring band concert at the Kwajalein High School Davye Davis Multi-Purpose Room. OPPOSITE: Wearing fresh flower wuts, young dancers get ready to perform at Emon Beach park in the annual McCollum family spring hula revue.





COVER STORIES

1) From left: Kwajalein Eagle Scout Andrew Strong, USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley, American Legion Post #44 Commander Shawn Hebert and USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller place wreaths of remembrance during the May 29 garrison Memorial Day Ceremony. 2) Kwajalein Police Chief Thomas Prim

serves on the leadership panel at the May 23 Kwajalein USAG-KA town hall. 3) Edgar Morales, left, and Capt. Mitchel McGee slice the Army birthday cake on June 14 at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Warrior Restaurant. 4) U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three SWCN Zachary Sherrill, left, and BUCN Michael Davidson, second from left, were promoted in an oceanside ceremony on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll.



JUNE IN PICTURES

Three commemorate their arrival on the atoll with a photograph following a promotion ceremony for two shipmates. 2) USAG-KA Protocol Officer Rick Krewson, left, and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Yessenia Johnson, right, place the celebratory cake for the U.S. Army birthday at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Warrior Restaurant.

3) USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan, NASA astronaut, visits with students at the USAG-KA Child Development Center. 4) Anywhere Atoll rocks the house during a concert at the Kwajalein Yacht Club. OPPOSITE: Incoming USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan, far center, with senior leadership during the Change of Command Ceremony. From left: Craig Deatrick, Installation Management Command-Pacific director, outgoing USAG-KA Commander Col. Tom Pugsley, and USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller.





COVER STORIES

1) USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, right, returns the garrison colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, right, for safekeeping, as outgoing Commander Col. Tom Pugsley, center left, and Installation Management Command Director Craig Detrick look on, during the June 28 Change of Command Ceremony at the fixed wing hangar. 2) A brilliant Fourth of July fireworks display lights up the night skies above U.S. Army Gar-

rison-Kwajalein Atoll. 3) Backdropped by the rotating earth, U.S. Army and NASA Astronaut Col. Andrew Morgan pauses for a photo opportunity during extravehicular activity 64, at the International Space Station's Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer worksite Jan. 25, 2020. 4) A view of the Indo-Pacific Region, as photographed from the International Space Station cupola window. 5) Optometric Assistant Cassandra Phillips, left, and Dr. William Black accept gifts from Ri-katak students after they received spring eyecare exams.



JULY IN PICTURES

1) CSM rocks out: USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, right, joined the 25th Infantry Division Lightning Jazz Project at Kwajalein's Fourth of July celebration. 2) Kwajalein Police Department Lt. Shawn

Delaney, right, and his spouse, Kristin, won the July USAG-KA Yard of the Month contest. 3) DJ Yastamon Bolkeim performs July 4 at Emon Beach. 4) Stacey Morgan, right, reads the names of audience members who won gifts at the TEAM KWAJ town hall. OPPOSITE: The July 4 fireworks display lights up the night sky over the Kwajalein Lagoon.



AUGUST



COVER STORIES

1) USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan, left, accepts a wut marmar from residents of Third Island during a recent visit to the communities on Third Island and Roi-Namur. 2) Guess the name of this island, photographed from the cupola window of the International Space Station, to join in the US-

AG-KA "Name-That-Island" Contest. 3) Environmental Safety & Health Engineer Charlie Gilles, left, and Environmental Engineer Aaron Brownwell hold up educational pamphlets about marine wildlife safety at the USAG-KA Health and Wellness Fair, Aug. 12. 4) An excavator takes a bite out of North Point Army Family Housing during the first day of demolition operations, Aug. 21.



AUGUST IN PICTURES

1) USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan snaps photographs of the Kwajalein High School Graduating Class of 2024 during the Senior Breakfast event at Qtrs. 241 on the first day of school. 2) Sgt. Gus Lelet, left, 25th Infantry Division, and USAG-KA Host Nation Activities director Maj. Daekwang Choi,

commemorate Lelet's visit home to the atoll with a photograph. 3) A softball player makes a run for second base during the MWR Softball Championship tournament. 4) U.S. Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal Veteran Troy Asbury, right, discusses UXO with a community member during the MWR Wellness Fair. OPPOSITE: Personnel from Pacific International, Inc., and Vectrus, commemorate the demolition of North Point housing.



SEPTEMBER



COVER STORIES

1) Community members join active-duty military personnel for a 6-mile ruck walk in support of the 25th Infantry Division exercise Mungadai on Aug. 6. Second from left: U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three SWCN Zachary Sherrill; Maj. Daekwang Choi, USAG-KA Host Nation Activities Office director; US-

AG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller; and USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan. 2) USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan, center left, and USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, right, commemorate the recent Kwajalein RMI workforce town hall with a photo at the Island Memorial Chapel. 3) Elaisa Riklon sings the National Anthem of the Republic of the Marshall Islands during the Sept. 12 US-

AG-KA Patriot Day ceremony. 4) Range Generation Next Antenna Lead Buck Polya, center, looks on as Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, right, awards a command coin to Manlift Operator Jien Tom during a visit to Roi-Namur. 5) You are invited to name that island, featured here in a photo captured from the International Space Station.



SEPTEMBER IN PICTURES

1) TEAM KWAJ members carry the colors while participating in a heritage walk. 2) Lt. Gen. Daniel Karbler, commanding general, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, center, leads TEAM KWAJ in a

favorite workout during an early morning physical training session. 3) USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan congratulates a member of TEAM KWAJ at the completion of a heritage walk. The activity is one in a series that counts toward earning the

TEAM KWAJ tab. 4) Members of the 25th Infantry Division haul a rib boat out of the water following training exercises on Kwajalein Atoll. OPPOSITE: Karbler thanks personnel from U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three for their work on the Richardson Theater construction project.





COVER STORIES

1) An island youth steadies a wooden pike for a traditional coconut husking demonstration during the USAG-KA Mani Day celebration. 2) You are invited to name that island, featured here in a photo captured from the International Space Station. 3) TEAM KWAJ participates in sunrise yoga during an Oct. 14 community fitness event near garrison headquarters. 4) USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller speaks during the Oct. 19 Community Information Exchange at the Davy Davis Multi-Purpose Room.



OCTOBER IN PICTURES

1) A werewolf snarls from atop an emergency services vehicle during the MWR Zombie Run. Multiple island departments participated in the event. 2) U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three Chief Matthew Beckham cuts the 248th Navy birthday cake at the Capt. Louis S. Zamperini Warrior Restaurant. 3) A Kwajalein firefighter gives Eb-

eye students a tour during a special visit to the Kwajalein Fire Station. 4) U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll Commander Col. Drew Morgan, center right, Stacey Morgan, and USAG-KA Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller commemorate an afternoon with members of the atoll community and Project Recover on Sept. 2. OPPOSITE: Members of TEAM KWAJ participate in an oceanside sunrise yoga session near USAG-KA command headquarters.



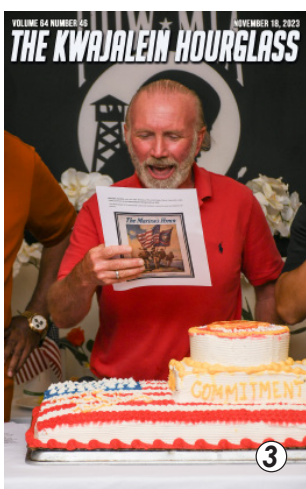
NOVEMBER



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COVER STORIES

1) Jan Potter, center, hands out candy to young visitors during a daylight trick-or-treat event on Oct. 28 for Child Development Center students. 2) Chaperones and students from the Ebeye Deaf Education Center commemorate USAG-KA Trick-

or-Treat Night with a photo on Nov. 3. 3) United States Marine Corps Veteran William Brooks sings the USMC fight song during a Nov. 10 birthday celebration honoring the Marines' 248th birthday. 4) Kwajalein Boy Scouts Philip Prim, left, and Janxian Kristoff Sales present the colors during the Kwajalein School System Veterans Day ceremony.



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NOVEMBER IN PICTURES

1) Members of the LOGCAP dive team place an orange boom in the lagoon during a spill response exercise. 2) Members of the Pacific Part-

nership visited Ebeye to provide dental and medical screenings to school children. 3) Buck Polya, left, and trusty sidekick Nuka are among the top winners at the annual Kwajalein

Running Club's Turkey Trot. 4) Halloween was rescheduled this year due to inclement weather. Pictured here, Floyd Corder, right, gives costumed visitors candy on USAG-KA Trick-or-Treat night. OPPOSITE: USAG-KA Command

Sgt. Maj. Ernest Miller, left, USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan and U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Three Chief Matthew Beckham cut the ribbon during the grand reopening of the island's Richardson Theater.





COVER STORIES

1) 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. 2) Staff Sgt. Richard Huddleston,

space NCOIC for 3rd Multi-Domain Task Force, standing, and Sgt. Robert Miller, space NCO, practice using satellite communication equipment in support of the INDO-PACOM theater-wide Joint Pacific Multinational Readiness Center 24-01 rotation. 3) Guests perform a line dance during the annual Home Helpers Holiday

Party, Dec. 7 at Qtrs. 241. 4) From left: USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Morgan, Stacey Morgan, Republic of the Marshall Islands President David Kabua, and Iroijlaplap Michael Kabua commemorate the Dec. 18 TEAM KWAJ holiday party with a photograph at Qtrs. 241. 5) The cover of the 2023 Year in Review.



DECEMBER IN PICTURES

1) Island employers of Marshallese home helpers pose with Santa Claus outside Qtrs. 241 following the annual celebration. 2) USAG-KA Commander Col. Drew Mor-

gan, right, leads Roi residents in a heritage walk in early December. 3) Families greeted Santa Claus at the Kwajalein Scuba Club's annual Scuba Santa night dive event. 4) Dancers perform with Santa's Sweets at the annual

Tree Lighting ceremony. The adult ladies' dance performance group is led by Allena Childress. OPPOSITE: Festive tokens of the winter holidays in the Marshall Islands are displayed in the vestibule of Qtrs. 241 to welcome guests and special visitors.

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.



Temporary Schedule Changes for C-badge Employees

Beginning Jan.1, 2024, Temporary Schedule Changes will need to be submitted at least one day prior by 4 p.m. at latest. Changes submitted after this deadline will not be accepted. Emergency Schedule Changes will need to be brought in by the Supervisor.

Employees will also need to have a copy of their Temporary Schedule Change with them when coming through the DSC.

For more information, call 480-4443 and 480-5059.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DFAC PRICE INCREASE. Effective Jan. 1, 2024, the food service rates at garrison dining facilities will increase. This is an annual Department of Defense initiative.

2024 Kwajalein Dining Services Meal Prices (for all cash customers)

Breakfast - \$4.35
Lunch - \$7
Dinner - \$6.05
Holiday - \$17.40

ANGEL TREE IS JAN. 14. The third annual Angel Tree program will take place 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 RMI Liaison Office is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

CRC GYM Closure. The Corlette Recreation Center Gym is now open to the public and will be utilizing open air circulation in place of the air conditioning unit. The gym will be warmer than usual while condensation issues are addressed. Call 480-9205 and email Richard.jameson1@gov2x.com with questions.

2024 PCB Management Training (ENV-190). Required training for contractors and tenants that manage PCB items will be conducted by the Environmental Services Department in January and February 2024. Kwajalein: Religious Education Building (REB) Conference Room. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, from 9 – 11 a.m. Roi-Namur: TRADEX Conference Room, Thursday, Feb.

1, 2024, from 9 – 11 am. Please call the Environmental Services Department at 480-2633.

DERELICT BIKE REMOVAL. All derelict bikes will be removed from BQ 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.

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.

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.

CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES. All youth must register at the US-AG-KA Child & Youth Services to participate in activities. Call 480-3796 for information.

CYS 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.

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

CYS 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.

CYS TEEN BEACH CLEAN-UP. Sunday, Jan. 28 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.

DINING
SHORT ORDER MENU
USAG-KA Warrior Restaurants
Available Now on Kwaj, Meck and Roi

- Grilled Zamperini Burger*
- Grilled Turkey Burger*
- Grilled Italian Sweet Sausage *
- Grilled Bratwurst*
- Shredded BBQ Pork*
- Philly Cheesesteak*
- Chicken Tenders*
- Chicken Nuggets*
- Corndog*
- Hotdog*
- Vegan Black Bean Burger*
- Vegan Chicken Tenders*
- French Fries
- Onion Rings
- Tater Tots
- Sweet Potato Fries
- Jalapeno Peppers
- Grilled Onion Slices
- Grilled Mushrooms
- Chili
- Baked Beans
- Sliced American Cheese
- *Starred Items served daily

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



VARIETY SHOW AUDITIONS!

Open to adults and 6th-12th graders

AUDITION #1

Sat., Jan. 27
4 - 6 P.M.

Location:
MP ROOM

AUDITION #2

Sat., Feb. 10
4 - 6 P.M.

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



more information, call 480-3376.

To register, email brian.arnett@vec-trus.com and kaisha.wilson@vec-trus.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.

EVENTS

Call 480-4198, visit the MWR Desk in the Grace Sherwood Library, Bldg. 805, and visit the Kwajalein Community Events Facebook page.

MWR FOOSBALL Tournament. Dec. 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Rec Center. Call 480-4198 for information.

MWR 8-BALL Tournament. Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Rec Center.

MWR NEW YEARS' EVE BEACH VOLLEYBALL. Sunday, Dec. 31 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Emon Beach.

MWR KWAJ NYE. Food vendors wanted for 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Emon Beach main pavilion or from 10 p.m. – 2 a.m. at the Oceanview Club under an event tent. To register, contact the event coordinator at kara.larson@gov2x.com. Proof of certificate is required before and during an event. Free courses are available at <http://alison.com>. All food and beverage vendors must be food safety certified. For more, contact Yessenia.johnson.mil@army.mil.

NYE BEACH VOLLEYBALL. Sunday, Dec. 31, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 480-3133.

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. Event sponsored by USAG-KA CYS.

E-WARENESS

Be Good Environmental Stewards

Trash may be found strewn all over the island, especially on beaches. Make sure to dispose of all trash in the appropriate trash receptacle. If you see trash, pick it up. Let's keep this island clean. Let's be good Environmental Stewards. If not you, then who?

Nien kobej ko komaron loi ibelaak in jukukin bed in, elaptata ilo beach ko. Kajjeon julak aolep kobej ko ilo nien kobej ko. Ne kwoj elolo kobej, boke. Jen debij wot erreo an aelon in. Jen koman bwe kejooy en ri-ke-jbarok jukjuk in bed in. Ne eban kwe? Enaj won?

FACILITIES & HOURS

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. 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.



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**

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.

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; AMI: 480-3469;
United: 480-4852 or 1-800-UNITED1;

2024 INNER-TUBE WATER POLO

Season starts Tuesday, Jan. 9

Registration details:

Cost per team is \$100.

Registration forms available in library.

Individual players can leave contact info at the library to be forwarded to team coaches.

Register now through Dec. 30.

Coaches' Meeting is 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 30 at the Millican Family Pool



To register, visit the Grace Sherwood Library or visit the Kwajalein Community Sports Page or call 480-4198



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
- 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 manage-

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Sunday, Dec. 31
10 p.m. – 2 a.m. at the Oceanview Club
DJ DMACK
CHAMPAGNE BAR
BALL DROP AT MIDNIGHT
FOOD VENDORS

Roi-Namur
New Year's Eve
Horseshoe Tournament, 5 p.m.
House Music, 6 – 8 p.m.
Fireworks, 8 p.m.
Party at the Outrigger Bar, 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.

ment 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.

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 employ-

ment opportunities on U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll and worldwide, visit usajobs.gov.

ARKEL International is hiring. Send CVs and resume to christopher.fuentes@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://qdynco.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 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.hud.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 some-



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



thing. 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
2024 Kwaj Post Office Closures
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 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.

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.



What's the weather?

For weather information, please click the logo to visit the RTS Weather Station online.

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. Choose knee-length shorts or trousers. Avoid wearing excessively short shorts or swimwear in public.

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. Sandals are easy to slip on and off when visiting home or certain establishments.



MLK DAY OF SERVICE

Community Beach Cleanup

Organized by Tri-M Music Honor Society at KSS

All students, families, and friends of the Band welcome!



Monday, Jan. 15
12:45 – 3 p.m.
Starting and Ending at Multi-Purpose Room
Bring: Water bottle, gloves, closed-toed shoes, sun protection





A Sweet Way to Support Education in the Marshall Islands!

Ice Cream Social

Monday, Jan. 15
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Emon Beach Main Pavilion

All proceeds benefit the Yokwe Yuk Welcome Club's Education Assistance Fund



Editor’s Note

Volume 64 of The Kwajalein Hourglass includes photographs and accounts shared by many talented photographers, historians and Kwajalein residents, both on island and abroad, whose lives and work have enriched our stories. Credits are provided throughout the volume.

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Thank you to the small, plucky team of Roi Rat reporters who contributed shots this fall and have promised more in 2024. When asked about her photographer impulse, Marcia Scott, had this to say: “It’s a TEAM KWAJ thing.”

Many thanks also to the exceptional island musicians and vocalists who have allowed their performances to be documented as part of island life and had the presence of mind to include XLR cables and guitars in their pack-outs.

This issue is dedicated to the memory of Dan Adler, Pat Cataldo, Mike Snyder, Claude Nelji, Master Sgt. Tim French and Col. Janice Mano Lehman.



Kwajalein MIA Project

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<https://kwajaleinmiaproject.us/>

KWAJ WEATHER WATCH

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

WEATHER DISCUSSION

Last week’s fairly wet weather pattern will transition to more ordinary dry season conditions over the upcoming weekend.

Another active trade wind trough will pass south of Kwajalein Atoll on Saturday, amplifying shower coverage and potentially producing thunderstorm activity, especially in the morning hours.

Isolated shower activity and mostly cloudy skies will likely persist throughout Saturday afternoon and Sunday due to increased moisture and low-level convergence accompanying this passing trough.

During this time, winds will generally be easterly with speeds in the lower to mid-teens due to a relatively loose pressure gradient.

After this wave of weather passes by Monday afternoon, the strengthening subtropical high pressure ridge will return to dominate the weather pattern once more.

This system will once again bring drier air to the mid-levels of the atmosphere, and winds will strengthen and become more northeasterly by Monday.

SATURDAY

Partly sunny with widely scattered showers in the morning, decreasing to isolated showers in the afternoon. Winds ENE-ESE at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

SUNDAY


Partly sunny with isolated showers. Winds ENE-ESE at 11-16 knots with higher gusts near showers.

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers in the morning, becoming mostly sunny with stray showers in the afternoon. Winds NE-ENE at 14-19 knots with higher gusts near showers.

NEXT WEEK

Typical dry season conditions with fresh northeasterly winds will likely persist throughout next week. Partly cloudy skies and low shower chances may be expected. With this weather pattern also comes an elevated risk for Small Craft Advisory conditions as surface winds speeds will potentially linger at and around 20 knots for extended periods of time. The highest chance for these elevated winds may be around the middle of the upcoming workweek.

 SUN-MOON-TIDES				
	SUNRISE SUNSET	MOONRISE MOONSET	HIGH TIDE	LOW TIDE
DECEMBER 31	7:03 a.m.	10:12 p.m.	6:34 a.m. 2.9'	12:40 a.m. -0.2'
	6:40 p.m.	10:12 a.m.	6:41 p.m. 3.9'	12:18 p.m. 0.2'
JANUARY 1	7:03 a.m.	10:57 p.m.	7:08 a.m. 2.8'	1:12 a.m. 0.0'
	6:41 p.m.	10:51 a.m.	7:13 p.m. 3.6'	12:53 p.m. 0.4'
JANUARY 2	7:04 a.m.	11:40 p.m.	7:45 a.m. 2.7'	1:45 a.m. 0.3'
	6:42 p.m.	11:27 a.m.	7:47 p.m. 3.3'	1:29 p.m. 0.7'
JANUARY 3	7:04 a.m.	-----	8:28 a.m. 2.6'	2:21 a.m. 0.5'
	6:42 p.m.	12:03 p.m.	8:27 p.m. 3.0'	2:14 p.m. 0.9'
JANUARY 4	7:05 a.m.	12:23 a.m.	9:26 a.m. 2.6'	3:03 a.m. 0.7'
	6:43 p.m.	12:38 p.m.	9:21 p.m. 2.6'	3:17 p.m. 1.2'
JANUARY 5	7:05 a.m.	1:06 a.m.	10:43 a.m. 2.6'	3:58 a.m. 0.8'
	6:43 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	10:45 p.m. 2.3'	4:55 p.m. 1.3'
JANUARY 6	7:05 a.m.	1:51 a.m.	12:10 p.m. 2.8'	5:12 a.m. 0.9'
	6:44 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	-----	6:49 p.m. 1.1'

MOVIES

All shows start at 7:30 p.m.

THE RICHARDSON THEATER

Saturday, Dec. 30
“Jack Frost”
(PG) 101 min.

Sunday, Dec. 31
“Home Alone”
(PG) 103 min.

THE YUK THEATER

Saturday, Jan. 6
“Expendables”
(R) 103 Min.

Sunday, Jan. 7
“Father Stu”
(R) 124 Min.

Saturday, Jan. 13
“Flags Of Our Fathers”
(R) 135 Min.

Sunday, Jan. 14
“How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days”
(Pg-13) 124 Min.

Saturday, Jan. 20
“Dumb Money”
(R) 105 Min.

Sunday, Jan. 21
“Free Guy”
(Pg-13) 115 Min.

Saturday, Jan. 27
“Kandahar”
(R) 119 Min.

Sunday, Jan. 28
“Mad Max – Fury Road”
(R) 120 Min.

ROI-NAMUR C-BUILDING

Saturday, Dec. 30
Murder on the Orient Express
(PG-13) 114 min.

Sunday, Dec. 31
Ant Man and the Wasp
(PG-13) 118 min.

Saturday, Jan. 6
Paul, Apostle of Christ
(PG-13) 108 min.

Sunday, Jan. 7
Solo: A Star Wars Story
(PG-13) 135 min.

Saturday, Jan. 13
Mama Mia! Here We Go Again
(PG-13) 114 min.

Sunday, Jan. 14
Rampage
(PG-13) 107 min.

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